

FPC news

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and we saw
that it was
good...

Dear Friends,

The re-entry of our sanctuary was a glorious day! The Christmas Miracle turned out to be the extraordinary efforts by so many in getting things ready and up and running. We had more than 1,600

worshippers at our two services on December 21st, and then on Christmas Eve we had nearly 2,000 worshippers at our three services. At our re-entry service, we paid tribute to

Temple Emanuel, First Baptist, Canterbury School and the Greensboro Grasshoppers, all who helped us in our near twenty-one month absence from the sanctuary. As part of the honoring, the session wrote a Proclamation of Gratitude that we read during worship and gave copies to our special friends. It was a good day... a very good day.

There are still a few things we are working on as we complete the renovation. The Welcome Center is open on

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Sundays, and we are working to have this open during weekdays starting in February. This space has a new entrance facing Fisher Park Circle and will be a combination coffee shop, book store, library, Ten Thousand Villages store, children's space, solarium, and a marvelous gathering area for Sunday worshipers and visitors; it will be Wi-Fi operational. The adjacent remodeled Garden Room is one of the great new spaces, and we will be able to walk from the glassed solarium across the courtyard to a new door that leads to the Mullin Center.

Staff offices are nearly ready and we will move from Shetler in late January. Pastors will be on second floor, music staff will be on third (along with several refurbished choir, children's and hand bell practice rooms). Christian Education staff will be in the newly redesigned and refurbished first floor, beneath the sanctuary, which also includes a large conference/meeting room. The all-so-important bride's room is still in its place, now with a makeover!

The sanctuary has never looked so good! The new and increased lighting has brought out as never before the artwork, the hand-painted stencils, the decorative ceiling, the craftsmanship, the lanterns,

the wood carvings, and the stained glass windows. A new audio system has made a significant difference in "the spoken word" – the system includes a new "hearing loop" that aids those with hearing impaired devices. A new video system will allow us to "live stream" our worship services and continue our ability to video-link the sermon to the Rejoice! service. As well, worship DVDs are being made for use at local retirement facilities that have in-house TV systems.

We were concerned about having only part of an organ as we re-entered. It has turned out better than we anticipated. The back organ has been in use for worship and the LeTourneau company returns in January to complete the re-installment, voicing and tuning of the entire instrument. There may be some Sundays when there will be scaffolding in the chancel area as LeTourneau completes its work.

It has been a long and important journey. It began well before the actual, near twenty-one month renovation, with ideas, assessment, dreaming, planning, architects, and a capital campaign.

Thank you! And welcome to an exciting future!
Blessings,



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Sympathy to FPC member **Irene Burton** upon the death of her son **David Bradshaw**, who died December 3, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Holly Bauer** upon the death of her brother-in-law, who died December 14, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Cheryl Crago** upon the death of her father, who died December 16, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Jane Brewer**, who died December 20, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Janet Blackburn Lewis**, who died December 21, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Richard Patten Bruce, Jr**, who died December 31, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Bonnie McElveen-Hunter** upon the death of her mother, **Madeline B. McElveen**, who died January 1, 2015.

ABOUT THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR



Schedules are always subject to change because of holidays, weather, or other events.

This month, "other events" will be happening as the staff and many events move to the Smith Building. Some room locations will change, and signs will be posted on doors.

The church will be closed Monday, January 19, for the MLK Jr. holiday. If you have an emergency, you can reach a pastor by calling the main church number, 373-0445, and entering 1-2-3-4 when the voice greeting begins. Leave a message that includes your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch.

In case of inclement weather, check fpcgreensboro.org or call the main number for updates.

THIS MONTH AT FPC

JANUARY

More: fpcgreensboro.org/events

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS: Sanctuary services, 8:30 & 10:45 am.
Rejoice! 10:45 am, Mullin Life Center.

January 11: Baptism Sunday. During 10:45 Sanctuary service, 4th-graders will be recognized for receiving Bibles for their Milestones of the Faith class.

January 18: Senior Pastor Sid Batts will be the preacher. No youth programs (Sunday School, Confirmation or Youth Group) today.

January 25: Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry, will be the preacher.

February 1: Pennies for Hunger collected, special offering for Souper Bowl of Caring.

MUSIC

Westminster Ringers – Intermediate handbell choir, 4:15 – 5:15 pm Tuesdays, Memorial 201.

Coventry Ringers – Advanced handbell choir, 5:45 pm Tuesdays, Memorial 201.

Children's choirs – Wednesdays:

- Joyful Noise Musical Experience (ages 2-3 & parents), 4:30 pm., Memorial 304.
- Cherub (ages 4-preK), 4:30 pm,
- Credo grades K-1), 5 pm.
- Canticle (grades 2-5), 6 pm, all in Memorial 303.

Chancel Choir – The adult choir welcomes new singers. Wednesdays, 6:45 pm, Memorial 304.

Youth Choir – Thursdays, Memorial 303:

- Genesis (middle school), 5:15 – 6:15 pm, come at 5 for snack.
- Exodus (high school), 6-7 pm.

Rejoice! band – Thursdays, 4 – 5 pm, Shetler 323.



A NEW RECORDING BY THE REJOICE! BAND IS AVAILABLE ON CD, IN THE WELCOME CENTER.



NEW



Coffee – in the new welcome center/ cafe space, Sundays before & after worship. First floor, Smith Building.

CONNECTION

Watercolor Class – led by Ron Bauer, Shetler 323, Mondays, 9-11 am. The only cost is for your painting supplies. Info: Dolly Jennings, 854-2663.

Functional Fitness – Exercise class for older adults, 10:15 am, Mondays & Thursdays, Memorial 304. Free for Silver Sneakers/United Healthcare & BCBS; \$3/class for other. Info: Carol Sellars, 288-2077, or Martha Sharpless, 282-0397.

Young adults lunch – Singles/couples in their 20s & 30s are invited to join FPC staffer Austin Carty for lunch after 10:45 worship on Sundays. Meet on Greene Street outside the Life Center.

Men's Fellowship – 7:30 am, Memorial 100. Info: Wil Courter at wcourter@earthlink.net.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 pm. \$7/ages 13+, \$5/ages 6-12; free/5-younger. Family max: \$25. RSVP by noon Tuesday, fpcgreensboro.org/wednesday-dinner or 478-4747. Each week: salad, fruit, rolls, dessert & drink, chicken nuggets for kids.

- January 14: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans.
- January 21 & January 28: No dinner because of staff move to Smith Building.

Third Annual FPC Women's Retreat – at The Carolina Inn, Pinehurst, January 23 – 25. Registration has closed.

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'Twas the week before homecoming ...

A worker stains the front porch doors at the new welcome center

Wayne Taylor, our resident Christmas expert, preps a tree in the welcome center.

Betty K Phipps and her ace assistant, Roy, arrange historical displays.

Suzanne Tilley returns dusted hymnals to the refinished pews



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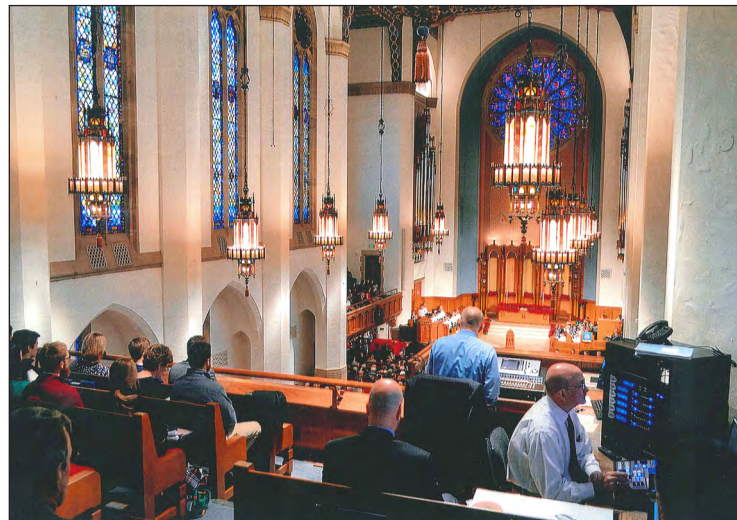
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And on that special day ...

During worship on Sanctuary Homecoming Sunday, December 21, Sid Batts thanks our friends and hosts for the past 20 months: Rev. Alan P. Sherouse from First Baptist, Donald Moore of the Greensboro Grasshoppers, Rabbi Andy Koren and Rabbi Fred Guttman from Temple Emanuel, and Burns Jones, Head of School of Canterbury School.

Bob Holden works the sound monitor in the rear balcony. A hearing loop in the floor automatically connects to nearby hearing aids.

After worship, the flock flocked to the new welcome center on the first floor of Smith Building. The exterior of the cafe/solarium shows the detailed work that blends the new with the historical.





O U T R E A C H

TRIAD CAREER NETWORK (formerly FPC JOBS) – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 am, Memorial 303. Anyone dealing with the effects of losing a job is welcome.

Hot Dish & Hope – 6 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays, Mullin Life Center. Share in the ministry that puts our faith into action as we serve dinner and a “measure of hope” to individuals and families in need. Info: Sheron Sumner, sksumnr@bellsouth.net, or fpcgreensboro.org/hotdish.


Community Service Group – 10 am Wednesdays, Redhead Hall. Women gather for fellowship and a devotional while hand-crafting blankets, lap robes and more items to be distributed to people in need in our community and beyond. Info: B.J. Williams, 288-8601; Hannah Britt, 288-9289; or Nancy Jewson, Well-Spring coordinator, 288-0333.

Friendship Day – 9:30 am – noon Thursdays in the Life Center. Ages 55+ have fun, devotion & fellowship. Stay for lunch, \$6.

the giving back garden guild



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NEW  **Giving Back Garden tour** – after worship on January 25. Learn what’s been going on in the garden this winter, and hear about the new GBG Guild. At Fisher Avenue & Greene Street, the garden is one way we address hunger locally. Garden expertise and leadership are needed for spring. Info: Jane Trevey, cptjw@aol.com or 617-6691.

StepUp Greensboro – Donate your unwanted clothing to Encore, StepUp’s new thrift store at Golden Gate Center. While you are there pick up info on other ways to support this ministry to help people build stable lives.

C H I L D R E N

Sunday morning classes – 9:30 am

Grades K-4, Corl Building

5th grade, Memorial 300

Elementary Milestone Classes:

On January 11, second-graders & parents begin “Touch the Water, Taste the Bread” communion education on third floor of Corl Building, and 4th-graders and parents meet in Memorial 305 for Bible Breakfast to begin “Getting to Know My Bible.” 4th-graders also receive Bibles, and will be recognized during 10:45 Sanctuary service.

Currie Library Preschooler Story Times – 9:30, 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m., led by Linda Watkins and Nancy Fuller. Open to all preschool children.

Preschool Chapel – Parents and preschoolers are invited to join children

from First School & Weekday Preschool for Children’s Chapel Wednesdays at 9:45 am, Memorial Chapel. We sing, move, and hear a Bible story.

Children’s choirs – Wednesdays:

- Joyful Noise Musical Experience (ages 2-3 & parents), 4:30 pm., Memorial 304.
- Cherub (ages 4-preK), 4:30 pm,
- Credo grades K-1), 5 pm.
- Canticle (grades 2-5), 6 pm, all in Memorial 303.

Kids Disciple Club Winter Fellowship

– Sunday, January 25, at Airbound Trampoline Park on High Point Road. \$10 per child/bring a friend. Must register by Wednesday, January 21, with Sara Manchester (smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org), and bring Airbound’s required medical release form.

Y O U T H

Confirmation Kick-Off – 9:30 am January 11, for 8th-graders beginning their confirmation journey,

Sunday morning classes – 9:30 am on the third floor of Shetler. Separate classes for middle school and high school.

Youth choirs – rehearsals Thursdays in Memorial 303:

- Genesis (middle school), 5:15-6:15 pm, come at 5 for a snack;
- Exodus (high school), 6-7 pm

Ski trip – to Massanutten Ski Mountain, Feb. 20-22. \$275 covers food, transportation, ski/snowboard rental, and indoor water park. Register online by Feb. 1, space is limited. Contact Nick Demuynck, ndemuynck@fpcgreensboro.org, for more info.



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

NEW ☞ **Sticky Faith** – Sundays at 9:30 am, Shetler 116, January 11-February 22. Companion class for parents of 7th-graders & confirmands; parents of teens are also welcome. Led by Jane Trevey & Wendy Duncan.

NEW ☞ **Social Justice: Jesus Incorporated** – Sundays at 9:30 am, Blair Hagan Room (Memorial 100). January 11 & 18, February 1 & 15. Led by Jack & Betsy Harrington, Margaret Arbuckle, and Dottie Blanchard; hosted by Commitment Class.

NEW ☞ **Basic Bible Skills** – 9:30 am, January 11-February 22, Memorial 305. For parents of 4th-graders in “Getting to Know My Bible” Milestone class and any other interested adults. Led by Rev. Neil Dunnavant.

Other Sunday classes, 9:30 am:

- Faith Matters, Memorial 202, *The Gospel According to Music*.
- Foundations, Memorial 303, *Real Kids Real Faith*.
- Homebuilders, Memorial 200, Richard Rohr’s *Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*.
- Agape, in Memorial Chapel, *Ecclesiastes: Our Stories – Life, Meaning, and Advice*, led by Sandie Gravett.
- Young Men’s Bible Class, Redhead Hall, *The Book of Amos*.
- Travelers Class, Memorial 304, *The Gospel According to the Academy Awards*, led by Austin Carty.
- Seekers Class, Shetler 214, *The Gospel of John* led by Gerard Davidson.
- Commitment Class, Blair Hagan Room (Memorial 100).

Weekday classes:

Further Readings in C.S. Lewis – 7 pm Mondays, Currie Library. Austin Carty leads this adult class in discussion of *The Great Divorce; The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*; and *The Screwtape Letters*.

Navigators: Moms of Teenagers – 11 am Wednesdays, January 14-February 18. Current study: Gary Chapman’s *The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers*.

NEW ☞ **Growing Deeper – Introduction to Spiritual Formation: The Way of Christ** – 6 – 7:15 pm Wednesdays through February 11, Redhead Hall. Sid Batts leads.

NEW ☞ **Growing Deeper – Responding to Our Call: The Work of Christ** – 6 – 7:15 pm Wednesdays through February 11, Currie Library. Donna Chase leads.

Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton – 6:15 – 7:15 pm Wednesdays through February 11, Memorial 200. Steve Fogarty leads this Bible study.

NEW ☞ **Beth Moore Study** – FPC members Gail Kinser and Sally Marsh invite all women to a new Beth Moore Bible study meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21-March 18, in Shetler 106. You can buy the work book for the study, titled “Children of the Day,” at Lifeway Bible Bookstore on Wendover or online.

Living the Covenant – 6:30 – 8 pm Thursdays through February 26, Shetler 214. Wendy Duncan, director of adult education, leads.

Presbyterian Women Circles –

- January 12, 10:30 am: Mary and Martha Circle, Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100;
- January 12, 10:30 am: Rachel Circle, Shetler 214.
- January 20, 10:30 am: Ruth and Naomi’s Circle, Memorial 100
- January 19, 10 am: Hearts & Minds, members’ homes.
- January 19, 11:45 am, Deborah’s Dining & Discussion, Shetler 106.

Currie Library Book Clubs:

- 10:30 am January 12 in the library. Sara Stuart facilitates *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Info: Sara Stuart, 545-9440, or Nancy Fuller, 478-4731.
- 1:30 pm January 13. *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton. Marilyn Cotton-McMichael facilitates. Info: Brenda Frost, 288-0509.

Centering Prayer – Noon Mondays in Shetler 109, led by Rev. Frank Dew.

GIFT in the Morning – Currie Library, 9:15 am Mondays. This Growing In Faith Together group is for women with preschool & elementary-age children. Rev. Dolly Jacobs leads. Child care is provided with a reservation. Info: Ashley Winton, 697-8562 or mwinton@triad.rr.com

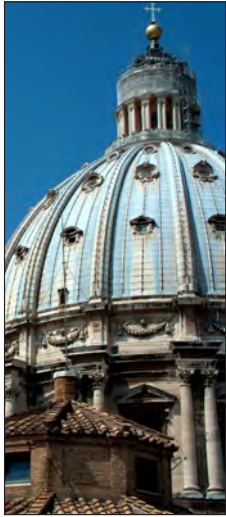
GIFT in the Evening – Growing In Faith Together, a Bible study for professional women in their 20s, 30s & early 40s. Meets in members’ homes Tuesdays at 6:45 pm. *Love Does* by Bob Goff is the study. Info: Aimee Scotton, acscotton@co.randolph.nc.us

Currie Library – open 9 am – 3 pm, Monday through Thursday, 9 to noon Friday, and 9 to 10:20 am Sundays. Info: 478.4731 or nfuller@fpcgreensboro.org

NEW ☞ **The Bible in a Year Challenge: A Virtual Academic Study** – ongoing online study. Join Professor Sandie Gravett in reading the complete Bible in a year, with academic study of the text. Follow at twitter.com/sandiebible, subscribe at sandiesbibleblog.wordpress.com, or send a friend request to “Sandie Daily Bible” on Facebook.

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