

CALENDAR ITEMS

Sunday, December 3

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – After God’s Own Heart
11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play
12:00 noon Advent Party (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 4

5:00 p.m. ECWS
5:15 p.m. Nominating Committee (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Legacy Committee (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 5

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

5:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, December 7

10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home Service

Sunday, December 10

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – After God’s Own Heart
10:00 a.m. Alternative Gift Market (Fellowship Hall)
(Closes at 11:00 a.m. for worship)
11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play
12:00 noon Alternative Gift Market and Lunch

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Announcements for December 3, 2023

Godly Play will meet today following the “Time with Children.”

The **childcare center will not be staffed today**. Parents are welcome to use the childcare room and stay with your children. You can watch the service with your cell phone.

Join us Today for:

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. “After God’s Own Heart” led by Scott Gruhn.

Worship and Godly Play at 11:00 a.m.

Advent Party at 12:00 noon

ADVENT PARTY IS TODAY!

Join us in Fellowship Hall today following worship for our Advent Party. The party will include a simple lunch for you to enjoy with others followed by activities for you to make that will help you experience the Advent season. Some of the activities include making an advent wreath, decorating Christmas cookies, making Christmas cards for the Deacon gift bags and writing a note in a card for one of the women at the Hiland Correctional Center. At 1:00 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary and help decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Christmas. Advent devotionals and other resources will be available for all ages. Bring a friend!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET NEXT SUNDAY!

FPC is hosting an Alternative Gift Market next Sunday, December 10 in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (closed during worship). This market will provide an opportunity for you to honor the true spirit of the holidays with gifts that inspire change through humanitarian and environmental causes. The Presbyterian Women will be having a back sale. Bring cash or checks as some of the vendors won’t have credit card options. Lunch will be available. If you would like to help with the Alternative Market, please contact Marcus Geist or Danna Larson.

BRING JOY TO OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

1. Buy Socks for the Gambell Presbyterian Church Christmas Party

Help us collect 500 pairs of warm socks for the Gambell Presbyterian Church Christmas Celebration. Each year FPC sends candy canes and winter socks for their Christmas party. Bring your gifts of socks to the church by Sunday, December 10, as we will be mailing the socks and candy canes on December 12. Thanks for sharing with our brothers and sisters this season.

2. Write Christmas Cards for Women at Hiland Correctional Center

We hope to send 250 Christmas cards to the women at Hiland this year. You can either use your own cards or stop by the table in the narthex and write a note of cheer to the ladies. Cards are appreciated by all ages. We will mail the cards on December 18.

3. Christmas for ECWS Families

The ECWS area church leaders will be meeting on December 4 to finalize the Christmas plans for the ECWS family shelter. We will know then the ways we can support the families during the holiday season. FPC will be responsible for the December 25 evening and overnight hospitality since this is Monday, so for sure we will need a meal and volunteers to help us from 5:00 p.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

4. F.I.S.H. Service Project

Bring pasta to help us collect 100 pounds of pasta for Christmas baskets that F.I.S.H. will be making. Help the children bag rice on December 31 following worship.

5. Food Bank of Alaska Box Build for the Elderly

Join others from FPC on Wed. December 20 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Food Bank. Go to the Food Bank of Alaska to sign up as an individual or contact Danna Larson or Rich Wilson for the FPC volunteer link.

6. Epiphany Gifts

Begin collecting baby items for our Epiphany “Baby Shower for Jesus” on January 7, 2024. Our gifts will be donated to one of the ministries of Covenant House to support houseless new mothers.

EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER (ECWS)

Can you lend a hand on Monday nights:

1. Evening Meals Needed for: December 11, December 18, and January 1.

2. Evening Hospitality Volunteers needed: December 11 (2 volunteers); December 18 (3 volunteers); December 25 (2 volunteers); and January 1, 2024 (2 volunteers).
3. Overnight Hospitality Volunteers needed: December 4 through January 1, 2024 – need 4 volunteers each week.
4. Snacks: orange and apple juice, muffins, oatmeal (single packages), individual size fruit cups, bread, and fresh fruit.
5. Clothing: mittens, warm caps, snow pants, winter jackets, and winter boots. Bring gently used items or if you would like to buy new let Danna Larson know and she can get you the sizes of those needing items.

Contact Danna Larson or Marcus Geist for additional information.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AT DOWNTOWN HOPE CENTER

First Presbyterian Church will be serving a Christmas Breakfast to the women at the Downtown Hope Center on Christmas morning. We will gather at Hope Center at 8:00 a.m. to prepare and serve the breakfast to 70 guests. There are two ways to get involved:

1. Come and help prepare breakfast. Contact Danna Larson if you are interested.
2. Donate to help pay for the breakfast supplies. Make your check to FPC and earmark it Downtown Hope Center Christmas Breakfast.

Thanks for helping us to share Christ’s love with the women on Christmas morning.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Want to be a part of this year’s Christmas Pageant for the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service? We will be practicing on Sundays in December during our Godly Play time in worship (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon). We will have extended practices on Sunday, December 10 and 17 at 10:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal is Saturday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available! Contact Danna Larson at 907-538-7313 or dllsitka@gmail.com for additional information and to let her know who in your family can be a part of the pageant.