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THE AMBASSADOR

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Annual Congregational Meeting & Meeting of the Corporation

Sunday, January 28th, @ 12:15 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Lunch provided by the Scouts

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Ash Wednesday Service
Communion and Imposition of Ashes
February 14, 7pm

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The Lent Ambassador deadline is Thursday, January 25th at 5:00pm. Articles may be submitted to fpchurch1889@stillwaterfpc.org.



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Staff Notices/Travel

- Pastor Kati is continuing her Doctorate of Ministry studies with Southern Methodist University. January 3-4 & 9-12 she will be taking professional leave to focus on her dissertation on the intersections of motherhood and ministry. Pastor Kati will lead worship on January 7th, 14th, and 28th, but she will take January 21st as a vacation day. Pastoral Care Associate Sharon Bennett will be leading worship and providing the sermon on January 21st.
- Rebecca te Velde, Organist and Director of Music, will be out of town through January 10th.

Sunday School Classes resume January 14 @ 9:45am

Classes for Children & Youth ages 4-12th grade

- Children ages 4-5th grade meet in the Worship Center
- Youth grades 6th-12th meet in the Youth Suite

Two Offerings for Adults

- "Feasting on the Word" - led by Denise Rex and meets in the Upper Room (south end of 2nd floor).
- "Faith & Fellowship" - facilitated by Tim Hardin meets in the Multipurpose Room.

Children & Worship

- For ages 3 years to 3rd grade meets during most 11:00am services in the Westminster Room.



January Seasoned Adults - Monday, January 15th, 2024

Shall We Dance? Race Relations and American Arts
presented by Dr. Belinda Bruner

During the twentieth century, our nation was still grappling with the repercussions of the civil war, and musical theater developed. While these two events might seem worlds apart, there is actually a strong connection. Dancing and singing together is a way of embracing. The beauty of musical and physical harmony is undeniable, and leaves no place for hatred or intolerance. When people of a minority race enter the Art world, or when individuals from different cultures dance together, there are fascinating reasons and beautiful results. We will look at intercultural relationships through dance in the musical *The King and I*, and discuss the ramifications of power and whiteness with regard to American ballet. In this lively tribute to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, our own Belinda Bruner will lead us in discussion of the cultural impact of BIPOC's entry into dance.

RSVP by responding to the email that will go out on January 8th or by calling the Church Office at (405) 372-5580. RSVP deadline is 5pm on January 12th.



Youth Ministry

For ALL 6th-12th graders

Sunday evenings

PYG is a time for connection, fellowship, discipleship, and living our faith. At PYG, we play, laugh, pray, study scripture, serve, ask big questions, and grow as faithful disciples. Join us!

January

- 12-13 - Lock-In (8:00pm-8:00am)
- 14 - No PYG
- 21 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)
- 28 - PYG (5:00 - 6:30pm)

2024 January Series Changes

The January Series is an award-winning program featuring experts who offer informed perspectives on a wide range of today's most relevant social, personal, and religious issues. It's broadcast live from Calvin College to more than 50 remote sites. While FPC is not serving as a remote site host in 2024, you're invited to tune in to the series beginning January 15th and running through February 2nd. The live broadcast is from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Monday - Friday and each program can be watched until midnight CST that same day. Find more information at calvin.edu/january.



Youth Sunday

February 11 @ 11:00 am

In Fellowship Hall

Worship is planned and led by our youth on the theme of "All Are Welcome."

YOUTH LOCK-IN



**January 12 @ 8:00 pm
to January 13 @ 8:00 am**

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to a full night of fun! Bring a snack to share and a friend!

From the Organ Bench

Soli Deo Gloria Organ Recital

Friday, January 19, @ 7:30pm at

First Presbyterian Church

Highlighting our pipe organ's capabilities, performers Dr. Gerald Frank, Bradley Newcomb, Todd Howard, Rebecca te Velde, and pianists Amy Boatman and Dr. Valerie Manning will share a fun hour of music. Admission is free and a reception will follow in the Hospitality Area. And all are welcome to visit the organ console afterwards!

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 17th, 7:00-8:15pm. Anyone 7th grade and older is invited to join as we kick off a new year of music-making and ministry. Please contact Becky te Velde to get the "choir code" for keypad entry at the narthex door.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship at First Presbyterian

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Hybrid Worship Service

Midweek Prayer

Wednesdays 12:10pm via Zoom

Office Closures

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Obsvd
Monday, January 15, 2024

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater is called for Sunday, January 28th, 2024 at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

For the purposes of:

- Receiving Annual Reports
- Receiving 2024 Operating Budget
- Receiving of Critical Capital Needs Report
- Affirmation of FPC Core Values

Also:

- Annual FPC Corporation meeting
- Introduction to Legacy Giving Materials

All members of FPC are strongly encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. Anyone can attend; only members may vote.

Troops 820 and 888 and Pack 3842 will be preparing and serving lunch and there will be door-prize desserts.

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther

KING JR. 2024

Spreading hope, courage and unity starts with YOU getting to know others in our diverse Stillwater community. Let's engage in these conversations at the Stillwater-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations.

- **Gathering on Sunday, January 14th at 6:00 pm** at Stillwater Community Center for refreshments and conversation following singing and comments from Nate C. Todd, Asst. VP for Institutional Diversity at OSU
- **MLK Day Unity March on Monday, January 15th.** The March will begin at Southern Woods Park on 12th Street at 1:00 pm.