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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION OF FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From the Session of Ruling Elders:

January 2018

“New Beginnings”

January of each year denotes new beginnings for the new year. New diet. New exercise regimen. New commitment to God and the church. And, this year, a new minister!

The Session is pleased to announce that Reverend Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer has been named Interim Minister of Fellowship Presbyterian Church effective January 16, 2017. Nancy's first Sunday in the Pulpit will be January 21, 2017. This will be a single service Sunday at 10:00am. There will be a pot luck lunch after the service to help welcome Nancy. Please bring a covered dish.



The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer is a life-long Presbyterian who grew up in Sylvania, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. She graduated from Alma College (Alma, MI) with her B.A. in Speech and Theatre and certification for Secondary Education. Following graduation Nancy served as a Director of Christian Education for three years at The Presbyterian Church in Circleville, Ohio. While there, she discerned a call to parish ministry and moved to Princeton, NJ, where she attended Princeton Theological Seminary. Nancy was ordained in August 1991 and her first call was

to Manassas Presbyterian Church in Manassas, VA as associate pastor, serving there over nine years.

Nancy began a new call as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Homewood, IL in 2001. In 2007 she received her Doctor of Ministry degree in Parish Revitalization at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. Over the past ten years she has focused her ministry on church transformation, working with her congregation to develop deeper connections to their community with meaningful, relevant ministry in Jesus' name. Two areas that have brought delight and growth to her and the congregation have been leading a Bible study at Panera Bread and serving a free, weekly community dinner at the church.

Nancy's husband Chris is the new Organist at Christ United Methodist Church in Greensboro. Their son Andrew is a young adult who just completed a three month course with the National Outdoor Leadership School in Wilderness EMT and Rescue Training in Wyoming. He is currently living in the Chicago area. Nancy enjoys music, theatre, traveling, and Scrabble.

Please welcome Nancy when she arrives to Fellowship!



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Equipped to share Christ's teaching,
Committed to serve Christ in the world!*

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Julie Davis, Dick Lee, Chuck Morgan,
Ned Steele

Class of 2019
Gary Anderson, Tom Harrison, Linda
Kershner, Charles Layno

Class of 2020
Tracy Dobbins, Mimi Carter, Susan
Harman, Jim Spain

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January 2018 Pulpit Supply

January 7 – Amanda McGuire
January 14 – Amanda McGuire

Children's/Youth Ministry

Youth group (REACH) is open to 3rd grade and up!

REACH also has a special youth group Sunday school meeting in between the two services in the Youth Room! Come on down after traditional worship and before contemporary worship!

Remember, we have children's church during both services for children ages 3 to 5th grade. We will leave service for a special worship time for the children!

New HVAC Systems

In the first weeks of January, two new HVAC heating and air conditioning systems will be installed in the Office/Fellowship Hall area and in the Classroom area replacing the two current systems that date back from when that part of the building was built in the late 1990's. Both systems are well beyond their life expectancy with parts becoming more difficult to find and expensive to replace as well as the inefficiency in cost to operate the units. The church should see a positive cost benefit due to a savings in repair and operating expenses.

Both units are being paid for by the new Building Fund Campaign. The amount pledged so far is slightly more than what is needed to replace both units. Two more units will need to be replaced sometime in the future, including the one for the Sanctuary which dates back even further than the two units being replaced at this time.

Have you made your pledge to the Building Fund Campaign yet?

Epiphany

Many Christians around the world annually celebrate Epiphany on January 6. It is a public holiday in many countries and marks two events in Jesus Christ's life, according to the Christian Bible. The first event was when the three wise men, or kings, visited infant Jesus. The second event was when St John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

Church Directory

An updated Church Directory is available on our website <http://fellowship-presbyterian.com/> under the tab "Life Walk." For assistance downloading an electronic .pdf version, please email lindaueiland@gmail.com. Call the church office to pick up a printed version.

God Speak

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

-- Isaiah 43:18-9 ESV

Session Workings

The Session of Fellowship Presbyterian Church met in stated session on December 19 at 7:00pm in the Church Parlor. Attending were Rev Jim Rissmiller, Supply Moderator, Wil Gible, Clerk of Session, and Session Members Dan Dobbins, Greg French, Jim Spain, Julie Davis, Chuck Morgan, Gary Anderson, Tom Harrison, Linda Kershner, Charles Layno. Also in attendance were Class of 2020 members Tracy Dobbins, Mimi Carter and Susan Harman who were granted voice and vote for the meeting.

After the Devotional and opening prayer, the required Examination of New Elders were conducted and the Class of 2020 Elders were accepted as members of the Session upon ordination and installation scheduled for January 7, 2017.

Session then heard reports from the Stewardship/Finance and Transition Committees. The Transition Committee reported on the finding of an Interim Pastor Candidate. Terms of the contract were reported and discussion followed. The candidate was approved by unanimous vote of the Session.

Reverend Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer, after Presbytery COM approval, will assume the Interim Minister of Fellowship Presbyterian Church on January 16, 2018 with her first Sunday being January 21, 2018. A welcome pot luck lunch will proceed after the single service on that Sunday.

A facilities request was presented and approved. The annual White Elephant gift exchange was held.

The Congregational People of Special Concern and Closing Prayer were conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Christmas at Fellowship

This Christmas season at Fellowship was not your normal run of the mill Christmas season. With no regular minister, members of the congregation, as well as Session and church committees came together to pull off a remarkable Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 3, Fellowship celebrated the "Hanging of the Green" service where the Sanctuary was decorated for Christmas in preparation for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Then on Sunday, December 17, the Music Department presented their annual Festival of Lessons & Carols. Then on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, the church celebrated the birth of the Christ Child with the regular Sunday morning service and the annual Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm with music and scripture of the reciting of the birth of Jesus and having our Music Director, Blake Tickle, also serve as Pulpit Supply for both services and Rev Jean Rodenbough giving Communion at the Christmas Eve service. To finish out the month and year, December also had a Fifth Sunday. Showing that the true ministers of the church are its people carrying forth the Word in this time of great joy and happiness.

Bible Tidbit

The number 666 is used in reference to two people in the Bible; once in the Book of Revelation and once concerning how much Solomon had taxed the people and had really fallen from grace and had become a type of antichrist.

Lessons and Carols

Again, this year the FPC Music Department went out for their annual Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17. Not only were there performances of the FPC Chancel Choir, FPC Ringers, but also Harpest Grace Wepner-Ludtke performed. Some of the music included "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by Grace Wepner-Ludtke on the Harp, "On This Day the Earth Shall Ring" by Fellowship Ringers and "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" by the Chancel Choir.



January Sunday Schedule

Traditional Service – 9:45am

Children's Church 10:00am

Adult Christian Ed –10:00am/11:15am

Tapestry Contemporary Service – 11:15am

REACH Youth Christian Ed 11:15am

REACH Youth Group Meeting – 5:00pm

January 21 - One Service at 10:00am



Church Committees

Session Liaisons

Stewardship/Finance - Jim Spain

FPC Day School - Dick Lee

Personel & Administration - Tom Harrison

Mission & Outreach - Julie Davis, Ned Steele, Tom Harrison

Congregational Care - Chuck Morgan, Linda Kershner

Fellowship - Dick Lee, Gary Anderson

Discipleship (Christian Ed) - Jim Spain, Dick Lee, Chuck Morgan, Linda Kershner

Growth, Evangelism, Membership - Jim Spain, Charles Layno

Worship & Music - Julie Davis, Charles Layno

Building & Grounds - Ned Steele, Gary Anderson, Wil Gibble

January Birthdays

January 1	Jared Stevens
January 2	Sarah Wilkinson
January 3	Elizabeth Hildreth
January 4	Geneva Camp
January 5	Mary Turner
January 10	Judy Meyler
January 11	Bill Brooks
January 18	Steve Lindahl
January 25	Katie Steele
	Whip Urbine
January 29	Jerry McGrady

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group is gathering donations for Pathways Center of Greensboro Urban Ministry (a group home for families as they transition from homelessness to permanent homes). Pathways provides the bedding and towels as families enter, and the residents take those with them when they leave for their new homes; consequently there is constant need for new linen.

Also, our group is collecting old towels and bedding to give to the Guilford County Animal Shelter. They are in dire need for the well-being of the animals.

We invite you to join us to donate to either or both groups. There are tubs in the Mission Room between the Dogwood Lobby and the Narthex for collection of goods through January.



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