

*307 Gates Avenue SE, Huntsville AL 35801*

## ***IMPORTANT NOTICE!***

**January 28, 2018**

**The 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
will be held in the Sanctuary  
this Sunday.**

## ***Welcome to Our New Senior Pastor***

***Rev. Tara W. Bulger***



**First Presbyterian Church is pleased to introduce The Rev. Tara W. Bulger as our new Senior Pastor. Rev. Bulger previously served as Senior Pastor at Friendship Presbyterian Church in Athens, Georgia. She is married with two daughters. She will begin on March 1, 2018.**

**Please be in prayer for her and her family as they make the move to Huntsville.**

## ***A Retirement Celebration!***

**Dr. Frank Contreras will be retiring after many years of dedicated service at First Presbyterian Church.**

**Please join us this Sunday,**



January 28, for a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 am worship service to celebrate and remember his music ministry to our church.

If you would like to contribute to an honorarium that he will receive at the reception, please send a check to the church on or before January 25.

## *CHILI COOK-OFF TIME!*

**The Gather Cluster & Bicentennial Committee**

**invites everyone to our**

**Annual Chili Cook-off**

**February 18, 2018 after the 10:30 a.m. service  
Fellowship Hall**

Get your favorite chili recipes ready! We would love for any group, individual, scout troop, or Sunday school class to participate.

We will also welcome Dr. John Kvach, professor of history, who will be presenting a program for us on the last 200 years of history in Huntsville in preparation for our upcoming **Bicentennial Celebration on June 17, 2018.**

**Sign-up at the bulletin board today!**

## *Meals Request*

Joyce Bond will begin medical treatment next week and the church has created a sign up for church members to assist Joyce and her family with meals several times a week.

If you would like to take a meal to Joyce and her family, go to the following link:

<https://takethemameal.com/>

In the "Find" section, enter the recipient's last name (Bond), and the password (5736).

## *A Loss in Our Church Family*

### **In Memoriam**

**Mavis Daniell joined the church triumphant on Tuesday evening, January 23, 2018.**

**Visitation will be on Saturday, February 3 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with the service immediately following in the sanctuary.**



## *WNL Class 2018 - REGISTER NOW!*

WNL will be offering a new adult education opportunity beginning January 10, 2018.

1. "Mark's Good News!" Join us on Wednesday nights in January and February for an introduction and overview of the shortest, and first, telling of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Gospel According to Mark.

2. John Dominic Crosson, one of the world's foremost historical Jesus scholars, examines this question in the Living the Questions DVD series "Violence Divine".

["Violence Divine"](#)

["Mark's Good News"](#)

[For more details about WNL](#)

[Click here for Adult Registration](#)

[Click here for Children/Youth Registration](#)

## *Meet the Author*

**On Sunday, January 28th, we are so fortunate to have Suzanne Matthews, author of UNLOCKING BELIEF, join us during the Sunday School hour to share her thoughts and pictures from a recent trip to Israel with Walt Kaiser and BSF. As a retired**

teaching leader of Bible Study Fellowship in Huntsville, she is well known and loved by many. All classes are invited to join us.

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## *Mission Trip to Haiti*

FPC is sponsoring a mission trip to Haiti February 13-20, 2018: eight group participants will help our mission partners, the Rideouts, with several projects including an eyeglasses fitting clinic. Contributions from the congregation are welcome and will be applied to the highest priority projects. Please make checks out to FPC and note "Haiti Mission Projects".

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## *Early Christian Study Group*

"Early Christians study group continues to meet at 7:45 a.m. Saturday mornings in the library. Currently reviewing and discussing Bart Ehrman's New Testament lectures via The Teaching Company. Just now on Acts. All are invited to view and discuss. Come as you are, and no commitment to attend every week is necessary or expected."

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## *A Study of Romans*

Anyone interested in an in depth Bible Study is invited to join a class studying the book of Romans during the SS hour. It's a great time to start as we are only in chapter 5. We meet downstairs in the SS wing. The class is taught and facilitated by Judy Howard.

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## *Celebrating First Presbyterian's First 200 Years in Christ*

**\$200 for 200 Years  
Mission/January Devotional**

## *Bicentennial News!*



## BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**Sunday, June 17, 2018**

## *From the Stewardship Committee*

**Church members who requested 2018 pre-printed offering envelopes** may pick them up this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall before and after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**If you have not submitted a pledge card, please consider indicating your plan to contribute to the Church's work by contacting:**

**Ellen DeAngelo - [finance@fpchsv.org](mailto:finance@fpchsv.org), (256) 536-3354 Ext 136**

As we turn the page on 2017, we are setting the 2018 budget based on your generous pledge to support the many ministries of First Huntsville that live out our Mission -

*"drawn into community, nurtured by God's Word, called into the world".*

## *DEADLINE REMINDER*

**The deadline for all announcements for the bulletin and/or the weekly email is Wednesday morning by 9:00 a.m.**

Please submit your announcements to Cynde Tannehill at:

[administrator@fpchsv.org](mailto:administrator@fpchsv.org)

## Worship This Week



### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2018

Rev. Rosemary McMahan  
Interim Pastor

*"Whose Voice?"*

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary

Scripture this week:

[Psalm 111](#); [Mark 1:21-28](#)

[View Bulletin](#)

## Sermons Online

In Keeping with Presbyterian tradition, the hearing of God's word in Scripture and preaching is central to each Sunday service of worship at First Presbyterian Church.

For those who were unable to be with us, and for those who want to reflect further on a sermon or save it, you will find below the online text of the most recent sermons. Simply click "Audio Sermon."

For a PDF of the Sunday worship bulletin, click on the service time.

**Sunday, January 21,  
2018**

***"Something Old,  
Something New"***  
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

[10:30 a.m.](#)

**Sunday, January 14,  
2018**

***"Playing God"***  
Rev. Dr. James Roberts

[8:30/10:30 a.m.](#)

Audio Sermon

Audio Sermon

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

***"Living Our Baptisms"***

Rev. Rosemary McMahan

[8:30/10:30 a.m.](#)

Audio Sermon

**Sunday, December 31,  
2017**

***"The Impossible Possibility"***

Rev. Dr. Carol Tate

[10:30 a.m.](#)

Audio Sermon

## *Music at FPC*



# THE MUSIC MINISTRY *of* FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### ***January 28:***

- **We would like to invite you to a Choir Retreat on February 25 at 11:30 am.** We will study *The Seven Last Words of Christ* in preparation for our Holy Week and Easter celebration. Please join us. (Lunch will be provided)
- **If you would like to join the Chancel Choir,** please join us on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We would love to have you.
- **Handbell rehearsals** are Sunday at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:30 service.

Dr. Patricia Hacker, Director of Music  
256-536-3354, ext. 126  
[music@fpchsv.org](mailto:music@fpchsv.org)



# Children and Youth Ministries

## Announcements



### Schedule

- Nursery provided from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Church - 10:30 a.m.



### January/February

**1/28** – PYC @ 5-7pm  
“God’s Got This”

**2/4** – PYC @ 5:15-7-ish  
Super Bowl Party

**2/11** – PYC @ 5-7pm  
“Tug-of-War”

**2/18** – No PYC Presidents  
Day

**2/25** – *Mary Poppins* @ 2pm

Louise McCallion,  
Director of Youth Ministry  
256-536-3354, ext. 131  
[youth@fpchsv.org](mailto:youth@fpchsv.org)

## First Friends Preschool



*First Friends Preschool provides a loving and nurturing Christian education program for children ages twelve weeks through Pre-Kindergarten. Established in 1982, First Friends Preschool's mission is to nurture children of First Presbyterian Church and the community and to serve as a preparatory school for entrance into public or private school Kindergarten. \*Click the photo to visit our website.\**

Lacy Guthrie, Director of First Friends Preschool  
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[ffdirector@fpchsv.org](mailto:ffdirector@fpchsv.org)



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## Upcoming Events

[View our Church Calendar Online](#)

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## Flower Dedications for Sunday

### Flower Dedications for 2018

Flower Dedications are given to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones or in honor of special a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding, or anniversary.

A donation of \$50 will sponsor a flower arrangement by the Flower Guild.

Flower Dedication cards/envelopes are located at the back of the sanctuary, or at the bulletin boards, or can be picked up at the church office.

### Upcoming available Sunday dates:

**Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25;  
March, April, May...**

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## Prayer Requests

*We are here to pray for you . . .*

**Members:** Anne Boles, **Joyce Bond**, Charlie Bonner, Emily Butler, Marlyn Harris, David Hatch, J. R. Howard, Kara Howard, Billie Jones, Cay Lambert, Sage Lyons III, Sanders Pair, Amy Ricks, John Shaver, Jr., Dolly Shuey, Fred Stucky, Jr., and Anita Verble.

**Friends & Relatives:** Alice Contreras Anaya - Sister of Frank Contreras; Joany Bass - Sister of Nancy Lundy; Kolebi Baxter - Friend of Roger and Irmie Hamner; Mary Nell Beam - Daughter of Gene and Alicia Beam; Colleen Bolton and Holly Bolton - Daughters-in-Law of Bill and Miriam Bolton; Kim & Jeanne Chamberlin - Friends of Frank Contreras; Kimberly Daniels - Friend of Carol Cotney; **Sheriff Blake Dorning - Friend of Houston Matthews;** Claudia Fahrner - Friend of FPC; Stella Fair - Sister of David Galloway; Calhecia Francis - Sister of Eliza Francis; Jimmy Ford – Son of Jean Forbes; Susan Gillespie - Friend of FPC; Donna Hester - Sister-in-law of Anne Peters; Tina and James Hester - Parents of Anne Peters; Frances Kyser - Friend of Patricia Hacker; Lori Lee - Friend of Beverly Wills; Beverlee Leo - Mother of Lori Smith; Markes Little - Brother of Peggy Galloway; Kevin McCarley - Brother of Roy McCorkle; Beth Lee McCormick - Friend of the Fowler Family; Glenn Myers - Friend of Beverly Wills; Diana Rose -

Mother of Serena Neely; Scott Sedlitz - Steps on of Annwhite Fuller; **Fred Stucky, Jr. - Father of Fred Stucky**; Lucy Vedane - Friend of LaRhue Johnson; Billy Wallace - Brother of Beverly Wills.

**Members and Relatives in Specialty Care:** Elissa Green (Brookdale Hampton Cove); Jeanette Hollis (Harbor Chase); Pat Ivy (Redstone Village); Darwin Perkins (Brookdale Place); Ray Rose (Diversicare of Big Springs); Marge Sharp (Birmingham).

**The Church:** Incoming pastor, Rev. Tara Bulger, and her family; First Presbyterian Church, the Session, the North Alabama Presbytery, and for all the church staff.

**Military & International:** All those serving in the armed forces.

**Our Nation:** President Trump and our representatives.

**First Presbyterian Missions & Ministries:** Appalachia Service Project (ASP); Good Samaritans; International Missionary Fellowship (HaitiHospital.org); The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children; Second Mile Preschool; Kids to Love; and the CUP program.

**Other Prayers:** Let us remember all those who have suffered and continue to suffer from natural disasters, our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and other benevolent agencies.

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## *First Presbyterian Church Staff & Leadership*

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Office: 256-536-3354; Fax: 256-536-3038**

### **THE CHURCH STAFF**

**Rev. Rosemary McMahan**, *Interim Pastor*; ext. 132; [pastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:pastor@fpchsv.org)

**Dr. James Roberts**, *Interim Associate Pastor*; ext. 127; [associatepastor@fpchsv.org](mailto:associatepastor@fpchsv.org)

**Dr. Patricia Hacker**, *Director of Music*; ext. 126; [music@fpchsv.org](mailto:music@fpchsv.org)

**Dr. Frank Contreras**, *Organist*

**Louise McCallion**, *Youth Director*; ext. 131; [youth@fpchsv.org](mailto:youth@fpchsv.org)

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**Quentin Fitzpatrick**, *Sexton*

### **THE SESSION**

**Class of 2018:** Vicky Goodwin (Care); Marshall Schreeder, Jr. (Sustain);

Danny Bryant (Gather); David Galloway (Maintain); Bob McKemie (Worship); Karen Madison (Share); Woodward Howard (Grow).

**Class of 2019:** Mary Adams (Care); Steve Cornelius (Sustain); Sheila Fogle (Gather); Brian Clayton (Maintain); Leslie Ecklund (Worship); Charles Bozeman (Share); Leigh Brown (Grow).

**Moderator:**

Rev. Rosemary McMahan, *Interim Pastor*

**Clerk of Session:**

Lou Horn

**Moving Clerk:**

Amy Stucky

To view Current session minutes, click [HERE](#).

**DIACONATE (DEACONS)**

**Class of 2018:** Ryan Parker (Sustain); Sue Garrison (Worship); Joe Lundy (Gather); Annewhite Fuller (Care); Andrew Bevel (Share); Jesse Guthrie (Maintain); Ben Peters (Grow).

**Class of 2019:** Rick Rawls (Sustain); Anne Brigance (Worship); Bryce Connor (Gather); Jane McBride (Care); Nancy Lundy (Share); Joe Sparks (Maintain); Stephanie Hyatt (Grow).

**TRUSTEES**

**Class of 2017:** Bill Johnson and Jay Stowe

**Class of 2019:** Bill Lummus and Jim Daughtry

**Class of 2020:** Andy Watson and Sara Graves

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