

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 12, 2024

TODAY:

- **It is Baptism of the Lord Sunday.**
- **Randy and Melissa Werner will be presenting their daughter, Hannah for baptism.**
- **You can select a Star Word Gift from the basket in the Gathering Place.** The gift is simply a star-shaped piece of brightly colored paper with a single word printed on it. During 2025, ponder how God might be speaking to you about the idea or concept represented by the word.
- **Session meets at 6:30pm in the Church Library and on Zoom1.** If the church campus is closed, the meeting will still take place on Zoom1.

ARE YOU NEW TO FUPC? We would like to get to know you. Please use the QR Code **on the back of this page** or type fupcfay.org/links in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons. Please select the button that says, "New to FUPC?" Let us know how to contact you and how we can best help you. Thank you!

CONTACT INFORMATION can be found in the Instant Church Directory App. If you need assistance with connecting with a church member or information about the app, please **call the Church Office (442-4411)** and the church staff will be happy to assist you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

- If there is inclement weather on a Sunday morning, the church campus will be closed, and worship will occur remotely. Worship will be via YouTube at 11:00am. A decision will be made by 8:00am and will be announced shortly after that. Specific instructions will be added to the yellow bar at the top of the church website www.fupcfay.org.
- On weekdays, if the Fayetteville Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church campus will be closed. This will also be announced on the yellow bar on the website.
- Prior to coming to the church campus, please check your email, the church website and Facebook for updates in the case of road conditions being icy.

The **PW MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet at 9:45 am in the Church Library, Tuesday, January 14, 2025. If you wish to participate by Zoom, please contact Barbara Verdery.

The **PW EVENING BOOK STUDY** will meet at the home of Lara Miller at 6:15pm, Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Contact Katie Jackson for more information.

The **FRIDAY NOON WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume meeting Friday, February 7 in the Church Library and on Zoom 1. The group has chosen to use Adam Hamilton's *LUKE: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* as their resource for studying the Gospel of Luke together for about 7 weeks. Nancy Cain is the contact person for the group and the discussions will be led by Lorraine Brewer.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed on Wednesday evenings to assist with **YOUTH GROUP** from 6:00-7:30pm. If you feel called to support this important ministry of our church, please contact Amanda McDonald, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (youthandyoungadults@fupcfay.org). She hopes to find a group of volunteers to help on a rotating basis.

Our **Christian Education Hour** will resume weekly on Sunday mornings at 10:00am beginning January 12. There are two adult discussion groups that meet at that time.

- The Present Word group focuses on specific biblical texts and relevant themes (Calvin 201). Their Winter 2024-2025 curriculum is titled *A King Forever and Ever*.
- The Thoughtful Christians group discusses various spiritual and theological topics in depth (Church Library and Zoom 1). Beginning in January 2025, the group will be discussing *The Jesus We Missed* by Patrick Henry Reardon.

The FUPC Worship team can use your retired iPhone 11 or later model iPhone if it still works. Weak batteries are not an issue. If you've upgraded to something newer and didn't trade in your old one, we'd be happy to put it to good use in our worship services. Your data will be erased before we use it. Please contact Greg Merrell (fupctech@fupcfay.org) for more information.

Blessing Bags are available in the Gathering Place. These bags contain items needed by the unhoused. Pick up a few and bless those you see who are in need.

COOPERATIVE EMERGENCY OUTREACH (CEO) CURRENT NEEDS: dish soap (regular size), saltine crackers, and shampoo (regular size) **ALWAYS NEEDED:** canned soup (hearty, chunky).

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES: (more information about these organizations and how you can help can be found in our weekly email newsletter, The Weekly Update.)

- **CEO needs volunteers!** They are looking for substitutes for their regular volunteers. If you are interested, please call or text David Clay.
- **Circles of NWA needs volunteers** to assist with Wednesday evening meal prep and cleanup at FUPC. If you are interested, there is a link in the Weekly Update to sign-up or call Elizabeth Houle.
- **Canopy NWA is looking for volunteers** to join their Circle of Welcome teams that help local legal refugees. More information is available at canopynwa.org.

The **BROWNBAGGERS' BOOK GROUP** will meet this semester starting January 21. The group meets on Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 on Zoom. This spring semester we are reading *Humanly Possible: Seven Hundred Years of Humanist Freethinking, Inquiry, and Hope* by Sarah Bakewell. Contact Sally King for more information and the Zoom link. The group, sponsored by United Campus Ministry, began in the 1950s.

There are several ways to make **FINANCIAL GIFTS** to the church. One is by texting GIVE to 479-323-2609. More information and options can be found at fupcfay.org/give.

MODERATORS AND CONNECTION GROUP CONTACTS: Please be sure to let BOTH Office Manager, Beth Benham (officemanager@fupcfay.org) and Communications Coordinator, Amy Rossetti (communications@fupcfay.org), know when and where your group is meeting in a timely manner so that an accurate Church Calendar can be maintained, and scheduling conflicts can be avoided.

Please submit any announcements for **the bulletin or Weekly Update** to Amy Rossetti (Communications@fupcfay.org) **by Thursday at noon.**

NEED A LINK? Use the QR code to the right or type fupcfay.org/links in your browser. You will see a menu of buttons to access:

- First Worship Guide
- Late Service Bulletin
- Announcements
- Giving Form
- Contact Information Form for Visitors
- Current Issue of Weekly Update (contains sign-up links and details)



Calendar for January 13-17

Tuesday	9:45am	PW Morning Bible Study (Church Library)
	5:30pm	Properties Ministry Meeting (Zoom1)
	6:15pm	PW Evening Book Study (Home of Lara Miller)
	7:00pm	Young Adult Dinner (Upper Witherspoon)
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Village Inn)
	6:00pm	Youth Group (Upper Witherspoon)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday	6:00pm	Fellowship Ministry Meeting (Library and Zoom1)
Friday	10:00am	Hooks and Needles (Upper Witherspoon)
	Morning	7hills Meal Prep (Main Kitchen)