

Announcements for January 14 – January 21

Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 18

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:29-42

Scripture Readings for Sunday, January 25

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Matthew 4:18-25

Daily and Sunday Lectionary Readings can be found at <https://pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary>.

Join us every Thursday for **Lectionary Lunch** in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00 to read the scripture for the upcoming worship service. Bring a lunch along and join us for an informal conversation.

UPCOMING Events

January 14—Outreach Committee, 6:00pm, Conference Room
January 15—Endowment, 4:30pm, Conference Room
Ladies' Bible Study begins, 9:30am; Middle House
January 18—Third Sunday Lunch, 11:30pm, Fellowship Hall
January 19—Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21—Movie Club, 10:00am, Middle House
Finance Committee, 6:00pm, Conference Room
Communications Committee, 7:00pm, Conference Room



ALL are welcome to join us for Sunday Lunch on January 18 after the 10:30am worship service in the Fellowship Hall for a time for food and fellowship.

The lunch menu will be soups, salad, bread, and cookies and PB&J as an alternate. Lunch will be provided by the Meditation Group. There is no cost; however, donations are always welcome. Please help us "Share the Warmth" for our community by bringing hats, gloves, scarves to be placed on our Winter Clothesline.

LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study—From the Wedding in Cana at the start of Jesus's ministry to the Miraculous Catch of Fish at the Sea of Tiberius before the ascension of Jesus, we will explore the context of the miracles - where was the miracle, when did it occur, what kind of miracle, and what was the impact. Join us in the Middle House at 9:30am for refreshments, fellowship, and Bible Study. Contact Debe Garrison or Nancy Raines for more information. All are welcome.

Movie Club—The movie club will discuss "The Piano Lesson" (2024 on Netflix) on **Wednesday, January 21**, 10 AM in the Middle House. Bring your own drinks and/or snacks. Contact Karen Johnson if you have any questions.

"Separation of Church and Hate" Books—The church has purchased copies of "Separation of Church and Hate" for our upcoming LIFT class and they should be here by Sunday morning! If you would like to purchase a copy for \$20, Natasha will have them available in the Church House Parlor before LIFT classes begin, during the community gathering time between LIFT and worship, and after worship.

YOUTH NEWS

The new year brings a new opportunity to provide meals for our youth group meetings! Youth group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and begins with dinner at 5:30pm. Meals should feed about 15 teens and adults, and don't need to be anything complicated! Individuals, families, or groups can sign up to provide dinner. We are thankful for all the ways the congregation supports our youth! Sign up in Realm. <https://bit.ly/TPCYouthDinners>



The 2026 Stewardship Campaign is in full-swing! By now, you should have received a letter in the mail along with a commitment card as we give thanks to God for the blessings we have received and seek to "be a blessing" through the ministries of our congregation. We will explore this theme together every Sunday this month and invite you to return your commitment card in worship on February 1. You may also complete it online in Realm, or return it to the church office anytime. Thanks be to God for all we have received and the ways in which God multiplies those blessings as we serve Christ together! [Click here for the Online Pledge Form](#).



Sanctuary Flowers—If you would like to order flowers, in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please contact Sharon Humes, pshumes1@gmail.com. The cost of the flowers is \$70.00. You are welcome to take the flowers with you, or our deacons will arrange for them to be taken to members who are home-centered or recovering from surgery or illness.

Outreach



Help fill the Clothesline

Our "Share the Warmth" Clothesline Ministry is in need of gloves, hats, scarves, socks and warmers for men, women and children. Please place the items in a Ziploc-style bag before hanging them on the church fence or put them in the donations tub in Fellowship Hall. If you're not a shopper, monetary donations are welcome. Simply note that the gift to the church is for the Clothesline Ministry. For more information, contact Linda Benn at lkbrab@verizon.net or 540-370-1646.

Help with a hot breakfast after a cold night —Early risers are needed on Saturday mornings in January to mid- March to host breakfasts at our church after Micah's Cold Weather Shelters are open the night before. Volunteers arrive at the Education Building at 6 a.m. and help our unhoused neighbors off Micah buses to get a hot meal in the Fellowship Hall. Duties include helping the breakfast teams, visiting with neighbors and cleaning up. We're done by 9 a.m. To sign up in Realm, click on Serving, Opportunities, Browse by team, and go to "Outreach—CWS Breakfast". Once you have submitted your interest in joining the team, you will be added to the team and will be able to schedule your availability. You may also contact Jim Toler and he can add you to the team and schedule your available dates. For questions or assistance, contact Jim Toler at jimtoler80@gmail.com, 540-207-1202.



Micah Lunch Makers Needed in 2026

Every Friday, our congregation gives out 30 to 40 bag lunches to our unhoused neighbors. Groups, families, or individuals are needed to make 140 lunches each month for this Micah Ministries effort. Sandwiches may be assembled and the snacks bagged in the Church House as a fun group event or they may be brought in and stored in the Church House kitchen during the last week of each month. Shopping lists and instructions are available. Please help fill up the "Lunch Making for Micah" calendar for 2026. Open dates are the weeks of Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, June 29, July 27, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, and Dec. 28. To sign up in Realm, click on Serving, Opportunities, Browse by team, and go to "Outreach—Lunch Making for Micah". Once you have submitted your interest in joining the team, you will be added to the team and able to schedule your availability. You may also contact Jim Toler and he can add you to the team and schedule your available dates. For questions or assistance contact Judy Lowman at jelowman@aol.com, 540-845-0098 or Jim Toler at jimtoler80@gmail.com, 540-207-1202.



It's not too late to make a New Year's resolution. Resolve to donate blood and be someone's reason for a second chance this year.

You can be a part of this life saving mission by signing up for our next blood drive on Tuesday March 17 from 11:00a.m.- 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are being taken now at redcrossblood.org. (Enter FredericksburgPresbyterian for the sponsor code) or 1-800 733-2767. For more information, please contact Linda Benn @ lkbrab@verizon.net or 540 370-1646.

Need volunteers For Property Lock-up for 2026 —Our Property Lock-up Guild is looking for new members. The task involves serving as the last person after Sunday worship to inspect the Row Houses, Sanctuary, and Education building to make sure all doors are locked and secured. If interested, contact Jerry Zekert or Debe Garrison .

Officer Nominations Needed!

We are currently accepting nominations for individuals to serve the church in the offices of elder, deacon, and trustee as well as youth members to serve in a special one-year term for elder and deacon. Please assist us by giving prayerful consideration to the nominations of those individuals you feel have demonstrated gifts of leadership and commitment to the life and ministry of our church. **The deadline to submit nominations is Sunday, January 25th.**

Definitions for all the positions can be found on the form. You may submit multiple nominations or self nominate. Please click [HERE](#) to access the form. Paper copies are available in the Education Building on the bulletin board as well as in the back of the Sanctuary. Nominations may also be made by contacting any CNC member.

The 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee Members are Kathy Pecka (chair), Eleanor McCord, Bill Nix, Nancy Raines, Patty Toler, Joe Valasko, and Gary Vaughn.