

# Tidings

## Monthly Newsletter

January 2026



### Mission Update

Your '26 Mission Team will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m., in Room 2 of Fellowship Hall. Anyone may attend. We always open with scripture and then review correspondence sent to us from organizations we help support. A list showing who we support is posted on our bulletin board located in the alcove by the drive entrance along with notes and letters recently received.

We continue to collect donations for local food pantries, used eyeglasses, items for Head Start, and things suitable to be sent with the Beckers to Guatemala. These are year-round collections.

For first time visitors, we offer them a cup with church information as a form of outreach and as part of the PCUSA, we participate in the three special offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, World Communion, and Christmas Joy. We now have church business cards so if you want to get a few to share with others, ask the Elder on duty. BTW, do you ever view our church website? Or our Sunday service online? or our Facebook page or let others know about them and us?

At our meeting we will make plans for a Mission Sunday on February 1<sup>st</sup> and decide what other events we will participate in throughout the year. We do have a tentative February COSI event featuring our pastor, Charlotte Allen and other members.

If you have any questions about what we do or who we help support, please come to a meeting or ask any current member: Beverly Davidson, Bonnie Laverty, Edna Melton, Elizabeth Clark, Susie Nobles, Debbie Purdy, Karen and Doug Palmer, or me.

Chuck Davidson, Chair

### Special Dates

- **Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> –Communion Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary**
- **Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> –Epiphany of the Lord**
- **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> –Mission Team Meeting, 11:15 a.m., FH**
- **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of the Lord; Fellowship Luncheon after the Service (no Bible Study)**
- **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> –Mission PW Circle Meeting, 1:30 p.m., FH**
- **Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> –Session Meeting, 3 p.m., FH**
- **Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> –Communion Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary**
- **Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Naomi's Sisters, 1 p.m., FH**
- **Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Book Club, 11:15 a.m., The Bull Shack**

**Sundays:** Friendship Bible Class, 9 a.m., FH; **Worship Service, 10 a.m.**, Adult Bible Study, 11 a.m. (except on Luncheon Sundays)

**Wednesdays:** Choir practice, 10 a.m., Sanctuary; Prayer Group, 1 p.m., FH; Bible Study, 2 p.m., FH



## Elder Cindy McMahon

**Cindy was ordained as Elder at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 7, 2025.**



## Naomi's Sisters

Naomi's Sisters will be moving their normal meeting date and time to the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be January 19 at 1 p.m. We will meet for games and pizza in the Fellowship Hall.

Naomi's Sisters is a group for widows to get together and socialize and support each other. We are open to all widows whether newly widowed or long-term widowed, who are looking for a group of women who are in a similar chapter of their lives. We get together once a month to talk or do an activity and often call or get together throughout the month.

Debbie Phillips

## 2025 FPC Livingston Christmas Parade Float



Parade participants are pictured here, center photo taken at the church and the others as they waited for the parade to begin on N. Washington Ave.

## Book Club

Book club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 11:15 a.m. at the Bull Shack (201 Southpoint Dr.) Our next meeting is January 28. We will be discussing *The Divine Dance* by Richard Rohr. In February, we will discuss *Learning to Hear God's Voice* by Herman Riffel. In March we will discuss *Many Waters* by Madeleine L'Engle.

Book Club started meeting at The Bull Shack in August of 2025. We discuss a variety of books and share recommendations for other books. In 2025 we discussed *Unoffendable* by Brandt Hanson, *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis, *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff, and *Two From Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes.

Debbie Phillips



- Leah Vogely, 01/01
- Edna Melton, 01/02
- Braylon Heredia, 01/15
- Cindy McMahon, 01/16
- Rick Nobles, Jr., 01/19
- Kathy Koman, 01/25
- Nina Dobyys, 01/26
- Lee Jones, 01/30

- Paul & Bonnie Laverty, 01/18

### Elder of the Month:

**Paul Laverty**



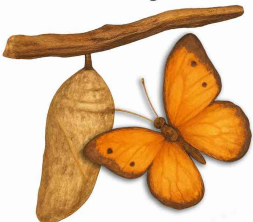
### *Loving God, Loving People*

At First Presbyterian Church of Livingston, our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ. Our vision is to feed the people of Polk County: emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

If you are new to the Livingston area, just visiting, or looking for a church home, please join us for worship and fellowship. Sunday Worship starts at 10 a.m. We will share our love for Christ and each other! Connect with us at: [www.fpclivingston.com](http://www.fpclivingston.com)

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Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from 2 Corinthians:  
 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”



A) Creation

B) Beginning

C) Season

D) Covenant

Answer: A (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)

“Belief is truth held  
in the mind; faith is a  
fire in the heart.”  
—Joseph Fort  
Newton

### Communion at FPC-Livingston

All who trust in Jesus are welcomed to the Lord’s table regardless of denomination. Home-bound communion is available to those who cannot attend worship. Please make your request by the Wednesday preceding Communion Sunday.