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SPECIAL DATES

New Year's Day, January 1, 2019
Epiphany, January 6, 2019
Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019
Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday, January 15, 2019
2nd Sunday after Epiphany, January 20, 2019
Session Workshop, January 19, 2019
3rd Sunday after Epiphany January 27, 2019

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NEWS FROM THE HUB AND THE HILL



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Dear Friends,

Thank you! Thank you to each of you who helped make this past Advent and Christmas season so special.

I am grateful to those who beautifully decorated our two sanctuaries. The Crestview sanctuary has a new tree, garland, wreaths, bows, and ribbons. The Laurel Hill sanctuary has two new trees (one inside and one outside). The ambience was wonderful!

I am grateful for how the folks who lit the Advent Candles each week helped set the tone for the worship services. And I am grateful for the latitude you allowed for learning a couple new "Advent Hymns." I know they were new, but very pretty, meaningful, and definitely a part of the season.

I am grateful for how the Crestview choir did a marvelous job with this year's Lessons and Carols service. They led worship at both congregations to help bring alive once again the prophecies of the coming of our Lord, and the fulfillment of those prophecies.

I am grateful for the Christmas play at the Crestview church done by the children. I am especially grateful to all the adults who worked so hard to make it all happen.

I am grateful for the musical talents of Leon Curenton and Ryan Mabry and for their worship leadership, for Tim Crawford for his tireless work making the new Christmas figures for our rooftop display, for Jean West for her hard work during this particularly busy season, for Charles Gage for his diligent attention to detail in keeping the Crestview facility clean and ready to receive worshipers of all ages, for Brenda Majors who keeps the Laurel Hill facility spotlessly clean, for Clarissa Hufer who so faithfully and lovingly cares for the children so well, for Brian Hughes who created a beautiful and special bulletin for Christmas worship.

I am grateful for the smiles that are shared among church members and friends, for the support given one another in times of challenge, for the joys that are shared so freely.

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WORKING, WORSHIPPING, AND PLAYING



ANNUAL PLANNING DAY

The Crestview Session will hold its annual Planning Day on

Saturday, January 19, 2019. It will be from 9:30 – 2:00. This is an opportunity for the Elders to pray together, learn, discern what their ministry is called to do this coming year and in the next few years ahead. This will be a January/February combined meeting.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATIONS

According to our Bylaws, our two congregations will hold their annual meetings on



Sunday, January 20, 2019. The Laurel Hill meeting will start at 9:00 a.m., the Crestview meeting will start at 12:00 p.m. Plan to attend to receive reports on the successful ministries shared this past year, review the 2019 annual budget, vote on the pastor's Terms of Call, and share celebrations of how the Lord has been at work in our congregations.

WINTER MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Florida will hold its Winter Stated Meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019. It will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Walton Beach starting at 9:00 a.m. Our Commissioners are Elder Brian Hughes of the Laurel Hill congregation, and Elder Jim Gaylord of the Crestview congregation. All meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Because it is so close and on a Saturday, you are encouraged to attend, even for a short time, to observe the Presbytery in action. We are part of a connectional system, and *we* – each of us – is the Presbytery.

JUBILEE CIRCLE

The ladies of the church will meet Thursday, January 17 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come and join us ladies!



PRAYING FOR UNITY

Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical "octave," or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus' prayer to his heavenly Father in John 17:21 that his followers "may all be one ... so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn't want to learn more about him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue."



The Gentiles are ...
sharers together
in the promise
in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:6, NIV





- 4 Riley Barton
- 5 Jessie Williams
- 11 Cynthia Hall
- 20 Trecia Chedister
- 21 Elaine Courtney
- 25 Madge Fountain
- 29 Erin Barton
- 29 Bobby Barton
- 30 Rose Barnhill
- 31 Jo-An Williams

No Anniversaries this month

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I am grateful for each of you who touch my heart and life in unique and meaningful ways, that I have the privilege of serving our two congregations, that I have the joy of being your pastor.

In case you haven't picked up on it... I am grateful! Happy New Year!

Sursum Corda,
Mark



What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

Bible Quiz

COME LET US ADORE HIM



The Sanctuary and Narthex were decorated to a tee. It was absolutely gorgeous. Thanks to all that did a great job in preparing for this Wondrous and Blessed season.



JANUARY 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Office closed 	2 Choir 7:00 pm	3 Bible Study 6:30 FH	4 Soup Kitchen 11 am (FH)	5
6 Epiphany of the Lord Youth 5:00 PM (FH)	7	8	9 Choir 7:00 pm	10 Bible Study 6:30 FH	11 Soup Kitchen 11 am (FH)	12
13 Baptism of the Lord Youth 5:00 PM (FH)	14	15	16 Choir 7:00 pm	17 Jubilee Circle (FH) 11 am Bible Study 6:30 FH	18 Soup Kitchen 11 am (FH)	19 Session Workshop 9:30 am-2pm (FH)
20 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Youth 5:00 PM (FH)	21 Office Closed 	22	23 Choir 7:00 pm	24 Bible Study 6:30 FH	25 Soup Kitchen 11 am (FH)	26
27 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Youth 5:00 PM (FH)	28	29	30 Choir 7:00 pm	31 Bible Study 6:30 FH		

TRUST
yourself
TO THE
God
WHO MADE YOU

WORSHIP LEADERS

LAUREL HILL

6 Celia Broadhead
13 Brian Hughes
20 Tracy Curenton
27 Anne Campbell

CRESTVIEW

Greg Machmiller
Linda Williams
Bobby Barton
Greg Myers

CRESTVIEW HEAD USHER

Jerry Williams

