

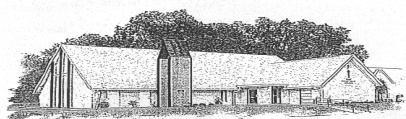


RECIPE CORNER

SNICKERDOODLE DIP

- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. softened unsalted butter
- 6 ounces cream cheese (can use the less fat cream cheese)
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Directions: Combine first 3 ingredients in the bowl and mix with hand/stand mixer. When smooth, add remaining ingredients and continue to beat until smooth. Ready to serve. Enjoy with apple slices, pear slices or for a salty sweet combination dip pretzels.



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Issue One

How Will You Use the Most Precious of God's Gifts— Your Life and Time this Year?

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Psalm 90:12
 Last night I stopped at a restaurant for dinner. I was alone and brought my datebook to plan for the next day. After ordering, I gazed at the datebook and realized the year was almost over. I flipped slowly through the pages of past days and weeks and reviewed the last twelve months.

I was amazed to discover all that can happen in a year. I had accepted a new professional position and moved from Texas to Georgia. Beth and I had witnessed the wedding vows of our first child Drew and welcomed our daughter-in-law Katie Alice into our family. Our son Luke had entered the insurance industry, and our daughter Jodi had graduated from Furman University. Somewhere in the middle of all this, I counseled with dozens of students, preached sermons, conducted funerals and wrote a book. These were just the major events; most of my hours were spent in the routines of living: sleeping, eating, exercise, repairing my car, mowing the lawn, preparing our income tax returns, going to movies, and all the other unremarkable events that fill everyone's days and nights.

As my food arrived, I realized that the real question confronting me wasn't, *How did I spend last year?* But *How will I use the most precious of God's gift—life and time?*

I can make long lists of things to accomplish and commit myself to New Year's resolutions. But I really need to do only two things: Love God with all that I am, and love my neighbor as much as I love myself. This is all that really matters.

Lord, keep me from seeing my days as something I own but rather as a gift that comes from You.

Amen

Scott Walker, *Guideposts*, December 26, 2011

May God bless us all in 2018
 Your Communications Team

COUNCIL ACTIONS
December 21, 2017

- **Worshiped and prayed together**
- **Approved the 2016 Financial Audit**
- **Discussed Session Retreat at Camp Gilmont**
- **Made Committee Assignments for 2018**
- **Reviewed the Church Roll**
- **Examined and approved Elders for Class of 2019**
- **Selected two session elders to serve on the 2018 CONC**
- **Moved Pipeline deadline date from Dec. 25 to Dec. 27**
- **Set January 7 as date to install Elders**
- **Approved 2018 Budget**
- **Had conversation about church safety in light of recent church shootings**



**A great big “THANK YOU”
to Weldon Gray for building
and installing the new cabinet
inserts!!**

**thank
you!**

**Wishing You
a New Year filled
with new Hope ,
new Joy &
new Beginnings.**

*Your Stewardship Committee,
Carol, Bill, John and Tom*



**Travis getting help ringing
the bell**





Presbyterian Women enjoyed Christmas blessings together at Sal's

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that one of the Christian Education Green Team writes songs? Yes, Tolly Dill writes songs to hymn tunes. This song was written to the tune "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" which was written by Edward Mote in 1834.

Care of Creation

To call the world "Creation" means
That Someone works behind the scenes.
That someone has revealed the name,
"The One Who Is,"
Always the same.

And we are called to create too
And care for that in all we do,
To care for that in all we do.

This world is such a wondrous place
All filled with beauty, love and grace.
But needing care, protection too.
So there's a need for our work too.

And we are called to create too
And care for that in all we do,
To care for that in all we do.

Tolbert Dill



WORSHIP TEAM

First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, your church! I know it means a lot to you as it does to me and the Worship Team - Kathy, Kelly, Jimmy, Fonta, Jan M., and Lynn, Chair. You have supported this church all year with your presence, your time, and your gifts, and we are continuing to press forward to 2018. We have worked hard to keep the services running smoothly with able and gifted worship leaders each week. Thanks to everyone who has helped as ushers, liturgists, and lighting and sound and recording sermons. Our small choir continues to meet even though we have no director at present. Thanks to Joshua Allen, we have music, and the organ can be prerecorded. Please be aware that we intend to continue to strive to provide services that you will be proud of. This is the beginning of a new year! Wouldn't you like to be part of the planning and provision for our services? We would love to have you! Our Worship Team usually meets once monthly following worship on the second Sunday of the month. Come be part of this team! Happy New Year!



Worship Committee

Happy New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

*From Your 2018 Session,
Bert, Lynn, Claudia, Mary, Bill, Tom W., and Kathy*

Numbers 6: 24-26

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As your Christian Education Ministry Team prepares for the New Year, we remind ourselves that our main goal is to help grow disciples of Jesus Christ. With that in mind, we look for the best curriculum and leadership available. We're happy to report that classes are in place and going well.

Led by Jimmy Chapman, the adult Bible class known as the Andrew Class will soon begin the study of the book of Judges. According to the contemporary Bible translator Eugene Peterson, "God, it turns out, does not require good people to do good work.... If God found a way to include these leaders ("judges") in His glorious conclusion, He can certainly use us and our sometimes impossible friends and neighbors."

The adult study group known as the Seekers Class is enjoying the study and discussion of *Grounded* by award-winning Christian writer Diane Butler Bass. Their next study will be announced soon. Join either group at 9:45am any Sunday.

One of our major goals this year is to offer a New Members Class, which will be open to anyone who would like to know more about what it means to be a Presbyterian. Many of us were raised in other denominations, so we know how interesting and important that class can be. If you are interested, please let us know. We value your input.

Happy New Year to all from Christian Education Team members—
Jimmy Chapman, Tolly Dill, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Kathy Porter and Bert Lowe, Team Leader



LET'S SPARKLE AND SHINE TOGETHER IN 2018
Looking forward to sharing another year of Fellowship.



WINTER GIFT

"God ... does great things beyond our knowing. He says to the snow, 'Fall to the earth'; likewise to his heavy, drenching rain. He shuts up all humankind indoors, so that all people may know his work" (Job 37:5-7, NABRE).

Snow, ice and cold can make winter a hassle. "Snow days" due to a blizzard may thrill students but usually inconvenience parents. But now and then, winter blankets the earth so heavily that it seems to quiet everything. We're granted permission to hunker down at home, snuggle close with family or pets, enjoy a book or movie, make cocoa or cookies, and rest. It's like a surprise sabbath — the gift of grace-time — when no one's expected to get out the door or the driveway.

Perhaps indeed, as Job declared, God sees fit on such days to put our busyness on hold and shut us all indoors so we pause and remember his work — his place — in our lives. Praise God for snow days!

—Heidi Mann



WE GET THANKS



A heartfelt "thank you" to your congregation for their donations to Henderson Interchurch Ministry Food Bank. Your generosity helped us to provide Thanksgiving Boxes to over 200 families in need.

Blessings to all,

Donna Huckins, Director



Session and Members of FPC,

Our brother and Uncle Jack (Gray) has been shepherded and cared for so well these past few years he's been homebound, and we appreciate your love so much. You have visited, sent cards, food, brought the Lord's Supper, and faithfully checked on him during this time. You have truly been the Body of Christ to him and to us. We thank you.

The Family of Jack Gray,

Delbert, Wendy, Jane (Blackie), Jean (Blondie), David & Linda Gray



Session and Members of FPC,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Your gifts were greatly appreciated.

The Staff of FPC,

Lisa, Bob and Marty

As we begin this new year, let us all be thankful for our many blessings, and keep in prayer the many people who are struggling with various issues. Member Care will try to meet the needs of the congregation in a personal and timely manner. We want our church members to be cared for during difficult and trying times. We hope and pray everyone has a blessed and Happy New Year!

Member Care Team : Patsy and Travis Reynolds, Cindy Ratliff, Carolyn Boren, Lavonne Schauwecker, Jan Mims, Mary Lowe-Chair, Lynn Tieken- 2nd Chair



Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Jan Mims, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Sue Williams, Session and Congregation of our church during this transition time

Connected Family: Billy Tapley (Bert's brother) and Dorothy Maloney (Kathy's mother)

For all the people who have been affected by hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and earthquakes



**DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:
Lynn Tieken**



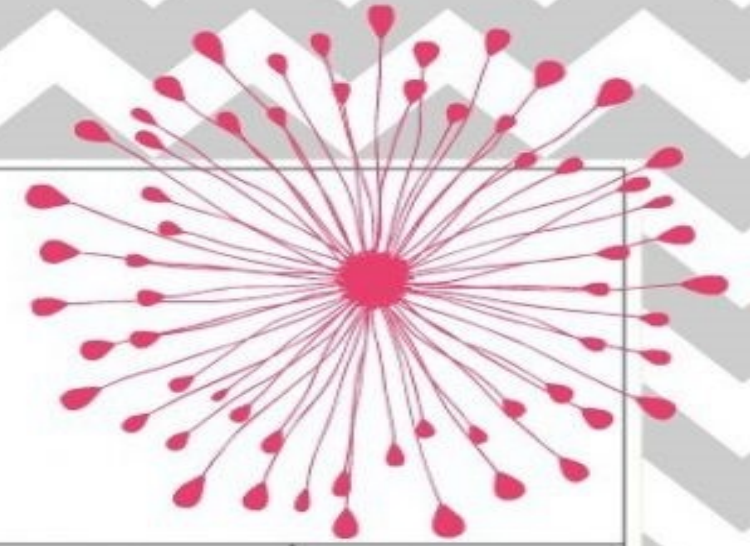
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Reminder

Bring H.I.M. donations the First Sunday of every month

January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Church Office Closed Mon. 1/1 & Tues. 1/2 for New Year's Holiday</i>	2 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	3	4	5 <i>Meals On Wheels Debbie Castro</i>	6
7 <i>Communion Bring H.I.M. Donations</i>	8 <i>Home Communion</i>	9 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	10	11	12 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	13
14	15 	16 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	17	18 <i>Session Meeting 6:30pm</i>	19 <i>Meals On Wheels Kathy Porter</i>	20
21	22 <i>Pipeline Deadline</i>	23 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	24	25	26 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	27 Juan Castro
28	29	30 <i>Choir Practice 5:00pm</i>	31			
<i>Notes</i>						