Announcements 11-2-26

NO WNS THIS WEEK

We'll take a break from dinner and regular programming this week to give our kitchen staff and staff a break after the Stewardship Dinner. Our 2026 New Members and their First Friends will enjoy a social at City Walk Brewery at 5:30pm this Wednesday.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

Both of our groups will begin a 4-week study of *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups in preparation for Advent. We will begin this week, Monday mornings 10:00am via Zoom with Amy Poston and Shannon Pleasant and Tuesday evenings 6:30pm with Lynn James-Smith (Zoom and in the Room). EVERY WOMAN IS INVITED and encouraged to bring a friend!

SIGN UP FOR MONTREAT XIX THIS WEEK

Join us for *Rock the Boat* in Montreat on February 5-7, 2027. There will be something for all ages and all interests as we practice an active faith through our core values: Embracing, Imaginative, Humble, and Generous! Contact beth@hickoryfpc.org with questions. Please sign up by this Thursday, November 5.

ALL SAINTS GIVE TO PAM

As we have done the past two years, FPC is pleased to contribute $1,500 to the annual fund of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM). PAM supports and enriches worship, music, and the arts in Presbyterian congregations and beyond. Among its best-known programs is the annual Worship & Music Conference at Montreat, which brings together musicians, pastors, and worship leaders for a week of learning, inspiration, and fellowship.

YOUNG LIFE CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Catawba County Young Life is selling Christmas wreaths through November 6 to raise money for students to go to weekend and summer camps. Wreaths can be picked up on November 24 at Corinth. Order link: **https://cv.younglife.events/2026-wreath-sale**.

NEXT FPC BOOK CLUB READ

Our book club will discuss *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett on November 9 at 7pm in the parlor. Please join us!

RING THE BELL FOR OUR LOCAL SALVATION ARMY

Sign up online to ring the Salvation Army bell with your friends or family on Saturday, December 12 to raise money to fund community services and emergency programs. More details are on the sign-up.

ACT OF LOVE

We'll take a break from Wednesday night activities on November 4, but plan to join us on Wednesday, November 11 and 18 for our next *Act of Love* event. We will have updated booklets for recording your information and final wishes for your family as well as a panel and discussion.

MINISTRY MATCH NEWS

Thank you to all who have participated in our Ministry Match survey. We are excited to begin using these results as we prepare to kick off a new year! We hope you will consider any opportunities suggested by our engagement committee. If you have not taken the survey, we hope you will take a few minutes to discover matches at FPC for your interests and skills.

STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are making a stock contribution to the church, please let us know at accounting@hickoryfpc.org. We want to make sure that credit is given to the correct contributor.

FPC PHOTOS

We love pictures of everything going on around the church and are always in need of photographers! Please share any pictures you have or take with beth@hickoryfpc.org

FPC EMAIL LIST

A few of you have mentioned that you are no longer receiving our emails. Please let us know if you are not receiving our communications and would like to receive them. It is easy to unsubscribe by accident, and we would love to help.

ELDERS NEEDED TO SERVE COMMUNION

All ordained elders are welcome to sign up online to serve communion throughout the year.

MAIN FPC BUILDING

We have a keyless entry system on most of the doors into our main church/administrative building, and your old church keys will no longer work. Contact Sarah (sarah@hickoryfpc.org) with questions about keys or Sarah or Beth (beth@hickoryfpc.org) to add anything to the church schedule to ensure access.

FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national organization that builds beds for children without one. A new Hickory chapter is looking for volunteers and donations, and Bobbi Trick (bobbitrick@gmail.com) can provide details on how your family can serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We have an additional option for submitting prayer requests. You'll find this form online with our sign ups. The submissions will go directly to our ministerial staff.

REALM

We invite you to sign up for Realm, our church database that will allow you to have access to our online directory. We would love for everyone to sign up soon to make sure the information we have is correct. Please contact Beth Taylor (beth@hickoryfpc.org) if you need help signing up or have questions.