

Christmas Joy Offering

Leadership: Past, Present, and Future. One of the most powerful things that Christians claim is that God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, a gift that brought God and humanity closer together. God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ, offered the power of being with us. We offer our own gifts during this Advent Season through the Christmas Joy Offering. Your donations will help fund the care of church leaders, past and present, who are in critical financial need, as well as prepare future leaders by giving to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please give generously. Envelopes may be found in the pew racks, the Narthex, and at the Info Kiosk in the Foyer. **Received on December 22.**

Christmas Eve

We will celebrate Christ's nativity together at 5:00 and 7:00 pm on December 24. **The 5:00 service** is a bright, family-friendly service with a special Christmas Story. The combined choirs, handbells and brass group all participate. **The 7:00 service** will be a quieter service. Perhaps just the thing you may need to calm your spirit and prepare for the arrival of the Prince of Peace. Plan to make one or both distinct worship experiences a part of your personal holiday experience.

Hosted Concerts

A Christmas Ring and Sing-along. This FREE concert on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 pm is presented by the FM Area Music Club together with the RRV Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Seven area organists; the women's choir, The Noteables; and the community handbell choir, BELLissimo are participating in this family-friendly event with narration from Pastor Mary. First Presbyterian is well-represented in the membership of these groups! Christmas goodies will be served.

FMSO Holiday Brass Concert. Held in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 pm, the program is a community favorite featuring Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces and contemporary holiday music. **FM Youth Symphony Concert,** held the same day, is at 7:00 pm.

Got a Little Time?

The office is looking for a Tuesday volunteer to cover the desk/phones weekly from 11:45 am-2:00 pm or earlier. Working in the office is a great way to give a **little** of your time and help in a **big** way. Duties include answering the phone and letting people into the building, along with the occasional project. If interested, contact Monica Gelinske, Administrative Assistant, at mgelinske@firstpresfargo.org.



Oct. FINANCIAL SUMMARY General Fund Only

	YTD Oct. Actual	YTD Oct. Budget
Income	\$676,039	\$633,608
Expenses	670,916	736,914
Net	\$5,123	-\$103,307
Insurance Proceeds/Repairs		
	99,982	Proceeds
	-99,982	Repairs
	0	Net Proceeds/Repairs
	\$5,123	Total Net/Shortfall

Attention Snow Birds

Please make sure you notify the office of your winter address along with the start and end date for using that address. We need all of that info to keep the system (and thus, the communication) in working order. Most items are mailed at special non-profit rates and those items are not forwarded even if you have a forward order at the post office. Your help keeps the lines of communication open and we thank you for helping us with this task.

Heart-n-Soul Com. Café

The November dinner was a huge success with the menu including turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole and pumpkin pie bars. 64 meals were served plus an additional 10 meals to servers and volunteers. Congregant, Brynn Johnson, contacted the South High Key Club and 4 great students volunteered to be servers. The meal generated donations of \$400 with 3 guests not being able to pay, and 20 guests choosing to pay-it-forward. The food costs were about \$300 plus \$100 to FPC for restocking kitchen supplies. This FPC Mission is sustaining itself based on the "pay as you can" model. We are blessed by many volunteers from FPC and the community. In 2020, FPC will continue to serve from 5:00-6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

ManUP

ManUP, a men's Bible study, **convenes at 6:45 am on the second Tuesday of each month**, October through May, in the Jennie Roberts Room. Coffee and pastries are served. Intended to help men understand what the Bible says in relation to what is expected of a Christian man, the study this year examines the apostle Peter's first letter. A copy of the study guide can be obtained at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/firstpeter.pdf> or you can request a copy from Bruce Maylath at ring4linguist@yahoo.com. No advance preparation is required for each month's study.

Church Events Calendar for December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION Sunday Schedule <i>No Confirmation</i> 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous	2 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fargo Fry'n Pan) 12:00 Flower Order Deadline 5:30 B&G Cmt. + Personnel Cmt. 7:00 FM Area Music Club Concert -FREE	3 8:30 Bulletin Deadline 10:00 PW Board 12:00 S&E Board 1:00 PW Christmas Tea 5:30 Worship Cmt. 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 Mission Cmt.	4 Wednesday Schedule 7:00 Pilgrimage Guides	5	6	7
8 Sunday Schedule 2:00 FMISO Holiday Concert 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 FMYSO Holiday Concert	9 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fargo Fry'n Pan) 5:30 EduCon Cmt.	10 6:45 ManUP 8:30 Bulletin Deadline 1:00 Staff 5:00 H&S Community Café 6:00 Board of Deacons 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous	11 10:00 PW Bible Study Leaders 1:00 Library Cmt. Wednesday Schedule <i>NO Genesis Ringers</i> 5:30 CbyC Orchestra 6:30 Compass Group #4 7:00 Youth Group Shopping	12 3:00 Cook & Serve Meal @ Churches United 6:00 Compass #5	13	14 10:00 CbyC Rehearsal + Leah Circle 12:00 Youth Gift Wrapping & Cookie Decorating + Lefse Making
15 9:15-12:00 Cookie Walk 9:15 Children's Family Christmas Party Sunday Schedule 11:30 Congregational Meeting 6:30 Carols by Candlelight + Narcotics Anonymous	16 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fargo Fry'n Pan) 6:30 Session	17 8:30 Bulletin Deadline 9:30 Naomi Ruth Circle + Esther Circle (off site) 1:00 Staff + Rachel Circle 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous	18 Wednesday Schedule <i>NO Genesis Ringers</i>	19 12:00 M&F Cmt. 5:30 Compass Group #2 6:30 Compass Group #3	20	21
22 <i>No Sunday School for All</i> 10:30 Worship Service <i>No Confirmation</i> 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous	23 8:30 Bulletin Deadline 8:30 Messenger Deadline 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fargo Fry'n Pan) 5:00 Stewardship Cmt.	24 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED <i>No Wed. Night Activities</i>	26	27	28
29 <i>No Sunday School for All</i> 10:30 Worship Service <i>No Confirmation</i> 6:30 Compass Group #1 + Narcotics Anonymous	30 9:00 Mon. Morning Breakfast Group (Fargo Fry'n Pan)	31 8:30 Bulletin Deadline 1:00 Staff 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous			Sunday Schedule 9:15 Sunday School for All 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Warm-up 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Time for Fellowship 12:00 Confirmation	Wednesday Schedule 5:30 St. Andrew's Brass / + Genesis Ringers 6:15 Children/Youth Choirs 6:30 Westminster Ringers 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Sanctuary Choir