

**FARMINGTON
CHILDREN'S HOME**

Make Christmas brighter
for the young people at the
Farmington Children's Home!

Once again First Presbyterian Church
will purchase Christmas gifts for the
young people who reside at Farmington
Children's Home. The staff at Farmington has
asked for a snowcone machine and a cotton candy
machine for parties and a metal picnic table for the lock
down facility to use. Donations are also needed for
Walmart gift cards to be used throughout the year for the
children's needs. In December, there will be a tree in
the Narthex. Anyone who chooses to make a donation to
help pay for the gifts purchased, may do so and then hang
a star on the tree.

We want to fill our tree with stars to represent
**sharing our
Christmas love
with these children.**

**Your donation should be made to First Presbyterian church and marked
"Farmington Children's Home". The gifts will be delivered to
Farmington.**

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

We are pleased you have joined us for worship this Sunday morning. We are a faithful congregation of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and within the bounds of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Worship is one of the many ministries that are facilitated by this historic and active congregation. A small group of Presbyterians began this ministry in 1835 and we are called by God to continue their faithful witness of Jesus Christ to our community and world. Bible studies and mission projects punctuate our weekly activities. If you would like more information about our ministries and/or becoming a new member, please call our church office during the week or talk to our pastor after worship. *Visitors and members alike are encouraged to complete the registration pad located on the main aisle of each pew.* Your contact information is never shared with any other entity.



Visitors Last Sunday were: Pat Rowland, Whitney Calvin, Carla Calvin, Allie Miller, Mark Calvin.



Pastoral Care: Ray Ritter, Barb Taylor.



In the Military: Michelle Bryan, CA; Jeff Parkinson, Qatar (Bob & Ann Parkinson's nephew); John Raimondo, Camp LeJeune, N. Carolina (Sharon Metcalfe's grandson); Ryan Bloomingdale, Ft. Campbell, Ky (grandson of Sharon Metcalfe) Eric Yocom, Air Force, Mountain Home, Idaho (Ray & Sandy Wilhelm's grandson)



Flowers for Worship: Flowers for worship may be shared to celebrate your anniversary, someone's birthday, or in memory of a loved one or friend. They can also just say "Thanks, God!" Please call the church office (335-2579) to sign up for flowers.

The flowers on the piano are in honor of Harold Buxton, who turns 95 on Friday, December 8. If you would like to wish him a happy day, please feel free to send him a card. He resides at The Chateau. Contact the church office if you need his address.



In support of our local FISH Food Pantry, the December Meal-a-Month is 2 cans white beans, 2pkg. Jiffy type cornbread mix, Can of fruit of choice. Please put in the box in the Narthex.



COFFEE will be available before church in the Atrium area off the Narthex. If you don't know where this is, ask an usher and enjoy a cup of coffee with others.

CALENDAR

Sunday 12/3	10:30 am	Communion Worship Service Ordination & Installation
	Noon	Reception & thank you for Rev. Terry Epling
Monday 12/4	Office	Closed
	6:30 pm	Property
Tuesday 12/6	Pray for	Randy Flowers (birthday)
		Deadline for ordering Poinsettias
Thursday 12/7	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday 12/8	Pray for	Dr. Harold Buxton (birthday)
Saturday 12/9	Pray for	Carol Miller (birthday)
Sunday 12/10	10:30 am	Worship Service Cantata



SECOND TUESDAY AT THE CHATEAU will **NOT** meet in December but will resume in January. Watch for the next newsletter for details.



The Book Club will **NOT** meet in December, but we have picked a book for the new year. The January book is "Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure. We will meet at the home of Jeanne Hirsch on January 10, 2018. All are welcome and the reading of the book is optional.

Thank you
Terry Epling
Thank you

The Session of First Presbyterian Church invites you to attend a luncheon after the worship service on today, Sunday, December 3, 2017, to help honor and express our gratitude to Reverend Terry Epling for his faithful Interim ministry to our church since October, 2016. Terry's wife, the Reverend Annie Epling and their children, will join us for worship and fellowship.



POINSETTIAS will once again fill the sanctuary beginning December 10th. If you wish to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one (or for any other reason of the season) please fill in the order blank below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate during Sunday worship by December 6th. The cost of the poinsettias will be \$8.00 each.

I/We would like to place a poinsettia in the church sanctuary.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Qty	Amt
_____	_____

From _____