



GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! As we begin another year, let us pray for His peace in every heart and for every confidence in His promises!

WEATHER: January and February are traditionally the meanest weather months of the year, with frequent doses of ice and snow. When church events are cancelled or rescheduled due to weather conditions, we will notify you by e-mail. So before you strike out on icy roads to church, check your e-mail. Your safety comes first!

WORSHIP continues each Lord's Day at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service on January 4th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults, led by Rev. Tom Osterhaus, continues each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School for children 2-5 meets at 9:40 a.m. in the room across from the Nursery in the main building.

BIBLE STUDIES: The Ladies' Study Group will begin a new 6-weeks study on Tuesday, January 20th, at 10:00 a.m. using Sinclair Ferguson's video on "Who is the Holy Spirit?" Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to participate and to order the \$10 study guide. For more information, contact Joan Pretorius at (774)415-6660 or e-mail her at jgpretorius24@gmail.com. If Transylvania County Schools are closed or on a delayed start due to winter weather, the Women's Bible study will be cancelled.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE: Several plans to guide you in reading through the Bible in one year are available from Dr. Silman in the church office. Why not make a plan to do this part of your New Year's resolutions? It will "do you good and help you too!"

MISSIONS: As we begin another new year, let us remember our missions partners around the globe and the work they are doing. They savor the love and prayers we send them, so take a few minutes to e-mail them your thoughts. This month, we highlight the following missions:

1. Michelle De Leon in the Philippines..... michelleferedeleon@gmail.com
2. Brian & Mandy Stock in Thailand..... brianmandy@psmail.net
3. Alec Cotton with RUF in Boone, NC.....alec.cotton@ruf.org

FAITH PROMISES FOR 2026 totaled \$22,568. It is never too late to make your Faith Promise for 2026! We pray that you will be led to be a part of sending our missions partners into all the world to fulfill the Great Commission.

OUR PULPIT COMMITTEE reports that they are "very optimistic" that our next pastor is among the remaining active candidates. The Committee is no longer soliciting applications and we have removed our postings on the PCA and Reformed Theological Seminary websites. We have now moved into the next phase of our search to interview candidates. Please continue to pray that your Committee will depend fully on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in its work.

THE MONTHLY POT PROVIDENCE LUNCH will be held on Sunday, January 25th, at 12:15 p.m. following the worship service. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate whether you will bring an entree, a salad, a side dish, or a dessert to serve eight people.

FROM THE WIC OFFICERS: Ladies! Thank you for electing us to serve as the 2026-27 Leadership Team. We are humbled and grateful for your trust. We look forward to working together as we encourage each other as we grow in Christ. Stay tuned for meeting and activity updates SOON! (From Kelly Clark, Amy Holman, Suzy Greene, Joan Pretorius, and Holly Watkins)

THE MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14th, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and something to drink as we meet to discuss world affairs.

THE LADIES' MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCH: We celebrate the birthdays of the ladies of the church at a restaurant each month, providing fellowship for all. If you would be willing to organize and schedule these events (for several months or for the year), please contact Joan Pretorius at (774) 415-6660 or at jgpretorius24@gmail.com.

THE JANUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE: 4th Rebecca Hagedorn & Lou Vissers; 11th B.K. Decker & Gail Grissom; 18th Nancy Davis & Joan Pretorius; and 25th Karen McKee & Kathleen George.

THE SESSION will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29th, in the pastor's office.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Larry Martin (1st); Al Vissers (3rd); Butch Chapel (4th); Leslie Rowe (4th); Gerda Mullins (7th); Rodney Whitley (8th); Lennie Jean Anderson (11th); John Decker (12th); Larry Chapman (25th); Ellie Silman (27th); and Tom Evernham (28th).

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases their strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fail, But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40: 28-31)

With assurances like these, we can face the new year with confidence and gratitude! Hallelujah! and Amen!