



First Presbyterian Church of North East

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WEEKLY SERVICES AND OTHER NEWS TO KNOW

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. We collected 26 boxes to help bless children around the world!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM (ET). Services are offered in-person and online via Facebook LIVE. If you are able, come on out for worship and fellowship with your church family! The bulletin and announcements are posted at FPCNE.ORG.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION IS HELD EACH WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM (ET) ON FACEBOOK LIVE. Spend a few minutes with Pastor Gregg for a mid-week time of prayer and devotion.

A CONGREGATION MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS will be held on December 12 immediately following the morning worship service. Please plan to attend. We will meet in the sanctuary.

EACH YEAR, IT IS OUR JOY AS A CHURCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NORTH EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BOXES. Like last year, the Council is planning to provide a Food Gift Certificate to Sander's Market to each approved applicant. The goal is to provide a \$100 gift certificate per average family size. This is a great way to help minister to our community and bless needy homes in a way that glorifies the goodness and love of Jesus Christ. If you'd like to contribute, please make your donation payable to "Community Christmas Boxes" and mail to: Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, c/o Anne Bardol, 51 West Main Street, North East PA 16428. Applications are available in the Assembly room and need to be submitted to Pastor Gregg for signature.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DECORATE THIS YEAR'S SANCTUARY CHRISTMAS TREE. To follow along with our Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" backdrop, we are decorating our tree Victorian style! Feel free to go on Pinterest to get great ideas using old Christmas cards. We also have craft bags available for you to take home to make and bring back to our Advent Program on December 5 at 4:00 PM.

COME CHRISTMAS CAROLING WITH US on December 19 from 6:00-7:30 PM. We will carol around a few neighborhoods and then return to the church for cookies and hot chocolate. Please speak with Pastor Gregg or Jane if you'd like to participate or to make suggestions for folks to visit. We plan to do a combination of walking and driving. Should be fun!

GIVING YOUR TITHE AND GIFTS BEYOND

There are four easy ways to give your financial gift to the church:

1. For in-person worshippers, place your envelopes in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Send in your financial support via the **USPS to 25 West Main Street, North East PA 16428.**
3. Contact the church office (814-725-8641) to set up **direct deposit** from your bank account to the church.
4. You can also now give through **PayPal**. Just click on the link: paypal.me/fpcne. Or click on the “Shop Now” button on the church Facebook page, which will take you to the link.

CONTACT INFO YOU MIGHT NEED

- Contact Pastor Gregg anytime at (814) 460-3123 (call or text) and pastortownsend@yahoo.com.
- Contact music director Jane Livingston at (814) 504-1135 (call or text) and jlivingston@neo.rr.com.
- Please send announcements or calendar events to Jane.

WE'RE HIRING!

FPCNE CHURCH IS SEEKING TO FILL TWO PART-TIME JOB OPENINGS. Persons interested in one or both positions should contact Pastor Gregg.

- **Youth Worker and Director of Christian Education** is responsible for planning, overseeing, and directing Sunday School, special events such as Vacation Bible School, and leading the church Youth Group. They should demonstrate a deep faith commitment to Jesus Christ, a basic understanding of Christianity and the Bible, an ability to work well with volunteers, and a passionate concern for children and youth.
- **Communications Administrator** is responsible for overseeing and promoting church announcements, events, and information both within the congregation and in the community (e.g. Facebook posts, press releases, and webpage uploads) along with a few basic office administration tasks. Interested persons should demonstrate a knowledge of Microsoft Office, social media applications and website maintenance.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR ADVENT: MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **November 28, 10:30 AM – First Sunday in Advent**
- **December 5, 10:30 AM – Second Sunday in Advent**
 - **December 5, 4:00 PM – Advent Program and Reception**
- **December 12, 10:30 AM – Third Sunday in Advent**
 - **December 12, 4:00 to 6:00 PM – Holiday Open House at Pastor Gregg & Jane’s Home, 20 Gibson Street**
- **December 19, 10:30 AM – Fourth Sunday in Advent**
 - **December 19, 6:00-7:30 PM – Christmas Caroling**
- **December 24, 7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
- **December 25, 10:30 AM – Christmas Day Service**
- **December 26, 10:30 AM – A Service of Songs, Carols & Readings**

