

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

## JANUARY 6, 2019



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST RESUMES ON 1/9, 7:00 A.M. (PAD)

### PRAYER LUNCHEON/HEALTH EDUCATION LUNCHEON

Plan to come Wednesday, January 9 for the latest in our series of Health Education Luncheons. Parish Nurse Lisa Marisiddiah will walk us through health topics. The program is free beginning at 12:30 p.m.; lunch is available for \$6.00 at noon. Come a few minutes late or leave a few minutes early as needed to make this work with your schedule. RSVP to the Reception Desk by Monday, 1/7/19.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR "CELEBRATE JOHN FRYE DAY"

Sunday, January 13 will be "John Frye Day" as we worship together on his final Sunday at FPC with one service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and a reception 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Children's Sunday school will not meet; some adult classes will meet at 9:00 a.m.)

### LOVE OFFERING FOR DR. FRYE

The church is collecting a love offering to show appreciation to Dr. Frye upon his retirement. Gifts can be made any time between now and January 6. Please make out checks to "First Presbyterian Church" with "love offering: John Frye" in the memo line.

### HELP HOST FAMILY PROMISE

There is a spot for you to join in the fellowship and service! We host January 13-20. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Sign up at [www.fpcgastonia.org](http://www.fpcgastonia.org).

### FOOD DRIVE FOR CAM

In January, we will collect non-perishable food items for Crisis Assistance Ministry (CAM). Look for baskets near the entrances where you can bring these items to help our neighbors.

### FAITH AND FICTION

Faith and Fiction will meet on Sunday, January 6, at 4:00 p.m. at Covenant Village. We will meet in the Living Room on the 3rd Floor of the B-Building. We will discuss *Adnan's Story* by Rabia Chaudry. Our hostesses will be Esther Nelson and Vicky Wilson.

### FPC TO HOST JANUARY 26 PRESBYTERY MEETING

Join us as we welcome ministers and elders from across the presbytery for worship, the work of the church, and lunch. Roger Rizk is recruiting greeters. Rissie Bryant and Mary Sumner could use your help providing hospitality through decorating and food. We will also need Communion stewards (see Nancy Harrill). Plan to pitch in as we make this a presbytery meeting to remember!

#### GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF FPC GASTONIA

The Women's Council of First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia has allocated \$20,000 for multiple small grants to further its mission or for other nonprofit activities. Interested members should prayerfully consider completing the application form enclosed in this issue of First Press and returning it by the January 31st, 2019, 5:00 p.m. deadline. All applications must be sponsored by a member of FPC. Please direct questions to Barbara Yarbrough, Presbyterian Women's Moderator at 704.867.0887 or [byarbrough03@gmail.com](mailto:byarbrough03@gmail.com). Applications are also available at the front desk at FPC. The Women's Council looks forward to your interest in this one-time opportunity to strengthen our church and community!

#### 2019 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP

Current high school seniors and college students, it is time to apply for this scholarship. Application information is available at the Reception Desk and is due to the presbytery no later than February 15, 2019. Ask for the blue scholarship folder and follow the guidelines to apply.