

THIS WEEK AT FILBERT

Week of December 9, 2018

TODAY

9:00 am Early Prayer Meeting
9:45 am Opening Exercises in the Sanctuary
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
Ministry of Mercy Collection for PATH
5:30 pm Adult Choir Practice
6:30 pm Evening Service: FPCA Choir program:
“Hymns of Christmas”
Covered Dish Dinner to follow

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Prayer meeting
Children’s Christmas Program Practice

THURSDAY

7:30 pm Diaconate meeting

FRIDAY

5:45/6:00 am STRETCH

FILBERT FEATURES

WELCOME to Filbert PCA Church. If you are visiting, please fill out one of the visitor's cards and place it in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service. We are so glad to have you here!

THE FILBERT CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, "HYMNS OF CHRISTMAS" will be this evening at 6:30pm in our sanctuary, followed by a covered dish dinner and time of fellowship. Come join us as we celebrate Christ's first coming, and look forward to His return, through Scripture and song. Please bring a covered dish to share for the meal to follow. **Those who are singing a solo or duet are asked to be here at 5:00pm to practice. The rest of the choir is asked to be here by 5:30.**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING will be on Wednesday December 19, followed by a meal in our Fellowship Hall. The first group will leave at 5:30pm and go to the nursing homes in town. All other groups will begin leaving at 6:00pm to visit various homes in our area. Please join us for this ministry to our community. The more the merrier! **Please sign up in the foyer.**

NEW SERMON SERIES: Having completed our series on Isaiah, we have now begun a six-week series on Paul's letter to the Colossians. Following Colossians, we plan to study Paul's letter to the Philippians during our Cottage Bible Studies. As is our pattern, the sermons will follow the weekly Cottage Bible Study schedule.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held at **6:30 PM on Sunday December 23rd. Practices will be held on Wednesday December 12th 7:00 PM and Saturday December 22nd 10:00 AM.** Please contact CayLen Whitesides or Jen Ramsey if your child(ren) are interested in participating.

NOMINEES FOR CHURCH OFFICE: The following men are presented to the Filbert Congregation as nominees for their respective church offices:

Ruling Elder: Bob Hall

Deacon: Lee Hoffman, Travis McDaniel, Ken Siebert, John Templeton

Please pray over the coming weeks regarding these men and the process of electing men to these spiritual offices, that all our communing members may be ready to participate in our congregational meeting, which includes the opportunity to elect church officers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLEDThe Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday December 30, immediately following worship, for the purposes of electing new church officers and for receiving and voting upon the proposed 2019 Filbert PCA Church Budget.

(We do not need to elect new trustees this year. Our three trustees, serving the three-year term of 2017-2019, are Mark Palmer, Chad Parker and Chris Stephenson.)

COTTAGE BIBLE STUDY: We plan to have Cottage Bible Studies beginning in early January. We will be studying the book of Philippians, using a fill in the blank book from Crossway Publisher's "Knowing the Bible" series, which is the series we used for the study of 2 Corinthians in 2017. These small group Bible studies are designed for two main purposes.

First, they provide a time of focused Bible study on a particular section of Scripture. At the end of CBS, we hope to all feel more "at home" with Philippians. Second, they provide a time for small group fellowship and engagement with one another in study, prayer, and spiritual conversation. At the end of CBS, we hope to all feel more "at home" with one another as members of Christ's church at Filbert. So, make your plans to be a part of a CBS and possibly to host one! Sign up in the foyer to host

MINISTRY OF MERCY FOR DECEMBER: Our Ministry of Mercy Collection for the month of December is for PATH. Their most significant need at this time is personal hygiene items: shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, toilet paper, hair brushes, combs, etc.

NEW WORSHIP ORDER TO BEGIN JANUARY 6: The Session has approved some changes in the order of our Morning Worship. We have used the Nicene Creed for our congregational statement of faith now for just over a year, having begun on November 2, 2017. Beginning on January 6, we'll use the Apostles' Creed to state our faith in unison as a congregation. (Our other major options, beside the Nicene Creed, are questions from the Westminster Larger or Shorter Catechism or sections of the Westminster Confession of Faith.) We'll be trying to include more singing in the worship service, and we'll close the service after the Benediction by using the first verse of #730 "Benediction," in our Trinity Hymnal, a Trinitarian blessing, which begins, "May the grace of Christ our Savior...."

FLAVORING AVAILABLE: As a service to the families in our church, the WIC (Women in the Church) has available for purchase Southern Home Flavoring for baking. We offer these at cost. The church does not make money from the sales. The prices are marked on each bottle, and there is some variation, depending on what they cost when shipped. Available flavors are Vanilla, Clear Vanilla, Almond, Black Walnut, Butternut, Coconut, Lemon, Maple, Orange, Rum, and Strawberry. Flavoring is located in the church kitchen in the cabinet above the coffee maker and in the left upper cabinet in the kitchenette near the library.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE: It's that time of year again when you may be deciding on Christmas gifts. Consider giving a centennial cookbook! The Dinner Bell Rings Again is still available for sale for \$12.00 (although, of course, not on the Lord's Day). We have only **60** left! If you have questions, please ask Ruth Tinsley (hwtjr@comporium.net or 627-1745).

"STRETCH" MINISTRY FOR MEN meets every Friday at 6:00am (5:45 if you do Scripture memory work) in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. We are beginning to study Kevin DeYoung's book The Hole in our Holiness. This is a great time to jump in and join the group, if you have not already.

TITHE/OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN FOYER: Tithe/Offering envelopes are not required for giving at FPCA. They are simply a tool for our people to use. They are particularly helpful in training children how to tithe their income, setting aside the first ten percent when it comes in and having it available on the first day of the week, as indicated by Paul in the New Testament. Similarly, the envelopes can help adults write checks and set them aside or put cash aside as tithes when it comes in, in order to be prepared for the Lord's Day. Use the tools as you see fit.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULES AND SUGGESTIONS: Reading the Word of God or having it read to you one way or another, is very important for spiritual growth. The Great Commission directs us to disciple one another in contact with the Word of God to the extent that we are prepared to observe "all" that Jesus has commanded us (Matthew 28:20). Therefore, we have available in the foyer three options for reading through the Bible in one year:

(1.) Chronological, on light blue paper, (2.) Sequential, on white paper, and (3.) Old Testament and New Testament each day on green paper (front and back). If you would like to read the Bible in three years, simply follow the schedule suggested in the bulletin each week under "Y3B." The Y3B schedule is

primarily an opportunity to read the Bible at a rate of one chapter per day, with a few two-chapters-per-day thrown in. Finally, if you would like to read the Bible at your own pace, and potentially over an extended period of time, pick up one of the personal reading records, prepared by the Navigators ministry. It is a light blue half-sheet and is designed simply for you to mark off or highlight each chapter as you read it. You set your own schedule. You can read any particular book all the way through, as you see fit. When you finish a book, it will be obvious to you by your marking on the blue sheet. When you finish the Bible, at your own pace, you will know, because the entire sheet will have been marked off.

AT ANY RATE, READ GOD'S WORD FOR YOURSELF.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

Dear Filbert Family,

Thank you so much for my college exam box!! It is always so encouraging to receive one. They are such a sweet and thoughtful gesture and very much appreciated, especially during finals.

Love, Olivia Reed

CALENDAR:

Sun., Dec. 9	10:00 am Inquirers Class in choir room
	6:30 pm Filbert Choir Christmas Program: "Hymns of Christmas"
	Covered Dish meal to follow
Wed., Dec. 12	6:00 pm Family supper
	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
	Children's Christmas practice
Thurs., Dec. 13	7:30 pm Diaconate meets
Fri., Dec. 14	5:45/6:00 am STRETCH
Sat., Dec. 15	Winthrop graduation: Lauren Jones and Olivia Reed
	10:00 am Children's Christmas practice
Sun. Dec. 16	10:00 am Inquirers Class in Choir room
Wed., Dec. 19	5:30 & 6:00 pm Christmas Caroling
Thurs., Dec. 20	7:00 pm Session meeting
Fri., Dec. 21	5:45/6:00 am STRETCH
Sun. Dec. 23	10:00 am Inquirers Class in Choir room
	6:30 pm Children's Christmas Program

Tues., Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Wed., Dec. 26	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Dec. 27-28	Dave on vacation
Fri., Dec. 28	5:45/6:00 am STRETCH
Sun., Dec. 30	12:30 pm Congregation meeting
Sun., Jan. 6	10:00 am Inquirers Class in choir room
	11:00 am New Order of Worship
	12:30 pm Covered Dish Dinner
Jan. 7 -11	Dave take D.Min. Class at RTS
Sun., Jan. 13	10:00 am Inquirers Class in choir room
	11:00 am Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Sat., Jan. 26	9:00 am Fellowship Presbytery meets at FPCA

DECEMBER COVERED DISH DINNER CLEAN-UP: Glenn Jones, Barry Nicholas, Noah Rodgers, Jimmy Jones

DECEMBER USHERS: Glenn Jones, Noah Rodgers, Barry Nicholas, Jimmy Jones

FLOWERS: Today: Suzanne Hill Next Week: Kerrie Jane Taylor

NURSERY DUTY FOR THE WEEKS DEC. 9 AND 16:

Today	SS: Ann Pursley
	MW: John & Leslie Templeton, Heather Hall
	EW: Jen Ramsey
Wed.	PM Kaylee and Brooke Siebert
Next Sun.	SS: Stephanie Siebert
	MW: Sandy and Emily Dickson, Robin Houston
	EW: Kelly Hall

Y3B: THREE YEAR BIBLE READING SCHEDULE Year 2, Week 50

θ December 9	Lamentations 3-5
θ December 10	Jeremiah 11
θ December 11	Jeremiah 12
θ December 12	Jeremiah 13
θ December 13	Jeremiah 14
θ December 14	Jeremiah 15
θ December 15	John 20

DURABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR LOAN: Filbert has several pieces of medical equipment that can be borrowed. Items are kept in the closet in the Men's Sunday School Class. You can contact Robin Currence at (803) 209-0538 or rccrrnc@clermson.edu for assistance. You may also check out items on your own by signing the sheet placed on the inside of the closet door.

Items include:

Wheelchairs

Canes

“Ice Man” machine for post-op orthopedic

Arm sling & prop

Walkers

Oxygen hanger

Toilet seats

Shower chair/tub bench

crutches

Swivel car seat (adult)

Walker attachments & bags

other aids

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Folders are located outside the church office door, which are available for you to communicate with various people or organizations within the church. There are folders for the Deacons, Clerk of Session, Dave, WIC President, Anne Jones, Chris Stephenson, and for Filbert Features and Prayer Guide submissions. If you would like to submit suggestions or a request to any of these organizations within the church you may do so by placing them in the appropriate folder. Making those submission just prior to the time the Diaconate or Session meets would bring concerns or needs to their attention quickly.

If you would like to have an announcement placed in Filbert Features or add a prayer request to the Prayer Guide, you may contact our secretary, Janette Deas, either by calling the church office 684-6881, writing out the request and placing it in the blue folder marked “Filbert Features and Prayer Requests” on the office door, or emailing the church at filbertpca@comporium.net. **Janette’s workday at the church is Thursday of every week; therefore your request will need to be turned in by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you would like to have it published.**