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11.20.2011-12.3.2011 FPC NEWSLETTER

## Send Yourself to the Nation(s)

Make a 2% Commitment:  
Commit 2% (7 days or 168 hours)  
of Your Year to Missions.

During Advent, we celebrate that our God sent Himself to earth in Jesus Christ. This season, consider sending yourself to the same world to which Jesus was sent, so that the least, the lame, the last and the lost might know the love of God.

This is the **PRA·X·IS** of faith. This is the story of Christmas.

*Pick up a Send Yourself to the Nation(s) brochure at the Welcome Desk for all details.*



### PRA·X·IS:

#### THE EXPERIMENT

Nov. 20: The Power of Prayer:  
Christ in Us

Numbers 20:2-13; John 17:24-26

Nov. 27: Send Now;  
Arrive Before Christmas  
Isaiah 6:1-8; John 1:1-18

#### Decorating the Church with Poinsettias for Christmas!

Give a poinsettia in honor or in loving memory  
of someone this Christmas Season.

Visit [www.fpcnorfolk.org](http://www.fpcnorfolk.org) for more information

#### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 23, 6:00 p.m.

A service for the entire family; dress is casual.

#### Marketplace Wednesday Prayer

Every Wednesday through November 23, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The Armstrong Chapel

*Praying for God's movement in our City during these difficult economic times.*

#### Healing and Wholeness Service

Sunday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

A time for prayer, beautiful music and reflection.

# MEN



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Breakfast & Teaching  
November 22, 7:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays in  
First Hall

# FPC101

Sunday, December 4  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For those interested in learning  
more about our church.  
Childcare and meal are provided.  
Please register online.

# SENIORS FIRST

Birthday Luncheon  
Wednesday, December 7, 12:00 p.m.  
Call the church to register.

# THE ARTS

Advent Choir Rehearsals  
Wednesdays, 7:30-8:00 p.m.  
Beautiful arrangements of Christmas Carols to be sung  
with instrumental accompaniment Sunday, December 11.  
All singers are welcome!

# WOMEN

Norfolk Night MOPS  
(Mothers of Preschoolers)  
1st and 3rd Thursdays  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

# JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH

Sunday November 20  
12:20-1:00 p.m.

## Confirmation Informational Meeting for Grades 9-12

Confirmation classes will begin January 8th.  
If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, attend this  
meeting and get all information about confirmation classes.

Sunday, Nov. 27

## The Muppet's Movie @ MacArthur Mall

Email Josh for time and place to meet up: [josh@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:josh@fpcnorfolk.org).

# MISSION & OUTREACH

*Can you help us help those less fortunate this holiday season?*

## GAM Coat Drive

Bring your used coats to  
the Crate in The Common.

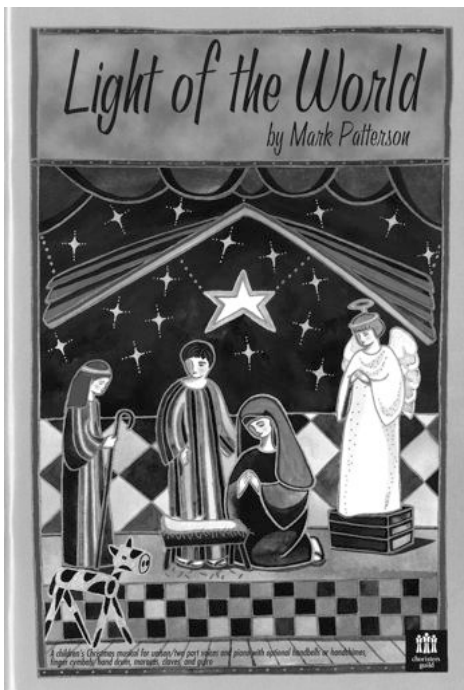
## Thanksgiving Baskets

Bring to the old Fellowship Hall by Nov. 20  
Thanksgiving devotionals available at the Welcome Desk.

## N.E.S.T. Hygiene Kits

Once again our church will host overnight guests of the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team the week of Christmas. We would like to provide our guests with hygiene kits. If you are able to participate, please place the following items in a plastic grocery bag and return the grocery bag to the crate in The Common where we are also collecting the coats: Travel size deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, and toothpaste; white tube socks.

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES



## Christmas Pageant and Family Dinner Sunday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Students currently enrolled in Creative Kids for Christ are busy preparing for the annual dinner and Christmas pageant, on Sunday, December 18 at 5:00pm.

*Light of the World*, by Mark Patterson, is an exciting musical rendition of how Jesus came to be the "Light of the World," beginning with the story of creation and leading up to His birth! If your child would like to have a primary role in the upcoming performance, please contact either Hunter Johnston or Lucy Gates to discuss the potential of enrolling your child in the current session of CKC.

All students who are part of the pageant are required to attend a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17. For more information, please contact [hunter@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:hunter@fpcnorfolk.org) or [lucy@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:lucy@fpcnorfolk.org).

Seeking Christ; Sharing His Love

## Grand Toys That Teach and Last

In the Loft Bookstore beginning Sunday, November 20th

What can I buy for my grandchild? For any child in your life, purchase toys that are teaching tools and that will not be broken and discarded in a week. For young children, stay away from television series related toys, electronics and even Disney. They will get enough of those eventually! Does it make any sense to encourage them to watch television and DVD's?

Beginning Sunday, November 20, visit The Loft between services and chat with Lucy Gates. Pick up a list of age appropriate toys that teach and see some samples.

## STEWARDSHIP

### 2012 Campaign Update

As of November 13, there has been \$1,749,926 pledged and 223 pledge cards

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Our Missionaries:** Dana & Brandi Bates/Romania; Jeff & Marilyn Greenway/Nicaragua; Brandi Hammock/Uganda; Chuck & Antoinette Smiley/Cambodia; Tim & Gloria Wheeler/Honduras

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests can be made through our parish visitor, Grace Weedman, [grace@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:grace@fpcnorfolk.org)/625-1697.

**Pastors on Call:** M-W-F-Jim Gates-625-1697(O); 615-1799(C)

T-Th-Weekend-Valena Hoy-625-1697(O); 627-0810(H); 287-0812(C)

**Parish Visitation:** Contact the church office (625-1697) if you desire a visit or pastoral care or are homebound and would like to receive communion.

### Sanctuary Flowers:

November 20 - In loving memory of Richard Baylor, given by his family.

November 13 - In loving memory of Ruth Eure, given by Mella, Charlie, Mason and Chris.

To the Church Triumphant  
Doris Nichols Clements  
November 12, 2011



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Go 2 Blocks!** 1 Block Sunday School + 1 Block Worship  
Please park 2 blocks away to make room for visitors!

**Caroling on Colley** Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. on the Steps of Blair Middle School.  
*An old-fashioned sing along with our neighbors on Colley Avenue ~ come out and join the fun!*

### Mission Market Dinner

Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m.

It's time to put the fabulous Mission Market on your calendar. This is a very special evening that helps bring in the holiday season for families. There are wonderful gifts that have been made by our very own First Presbyterian hands as well as gifts from around the world. It is a great time to do some of your Christmas shopping.

There are fun and exciting crafts to be made, beautiful Christmas carols to be sung, and of course delicious lasagna to eat. You may register for dinner online or by calling the church at 625-1697. For more information contact [Sheryl@fpcnorfolk.org](mailto:Sheryl@fpcnorfolk.org) or [Lucy@fpcnorolk.org](mailto:Lucy@fpcnorolk.org).

