



First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City

Chronicles

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ADAM

Friends of the Church

On October 17, 2019 the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (FUPCDC) voted to bring back the “**Friend of the Church**” membership designation that our church had at its founding in 1972. Changes in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2012 allowed this special designation to be reinstated.



So, what exactly is a “Friend of the Church?” What does this mean for FUPCDC? This recommendation was made with the dual desire of accurately maintaining the rolls of the church in compliance with the standards of the PC (USA), while also maintaining loving, treasured connections with persons who for various reasons are not actively participating in the church’s life, or who for a variety of reasons might wish not to become an official Active Member of FUPCDC.

The Book of Order of the PC(USA) only designates three categories of membership (G-1.04): Baptized Member (children), Active Member, and Affiliate Member (typically folks who are only temporarily living in our area such as a college student or military family, who are already a member of a PC(USA) church in another city or state). **Before this change, if a person didn’t fall into one of these categories they wouldn’t be an official member of our church, or if they were no longer actively participating in the life of our congregation, they would be removed from the church rolls.**



As you can imagine, there are lots of folks who fall outside one of these three categories of membership. Folks may wish to maintain their historic membership in their families’ church in another state. A family may not want to create discord or conflict in their family by changing their membership. A parent or grandparent of a grown child of the church may want their child or grandchild moved to the Friend of the Church Roll instead of being removed from the church membership rolls altogether, denoting a less involved, but still valued status and loving connection.

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So, if a person becomes an official “Friend of the Church” what rights and privileges does this afford them? Friends of the Church will be welcome and may participate in the life and worship of this church and receive its pastoral care (including being assigned a Deacon) and instruction. They shall be extended every privilege of an Active Member including invitation to the Lord’s Supper and the possibility of presenting children for Baptism in conformity with the Book of Order (G-1.0404) and the Directory for Worship (W-3.0409 and W-3.0403) and other privileges extended in this particular church to Active Members **with the exception of** voice and vote in a Congregational Meeting and the ability to hold office. Any “Friend of the Church” may be moved to the Active Member roll, or deleted from the church rolls altogether only by action of Session.

If you are not currently a member of First United Presbyterian Church, and would like to become an official **Friend of the Church**, or if you would like to know more, please don’t hesitate to contact me: adam.bowling@fupcdc.org or 703-670-7834 (office). Know that we value each and every person who comes to worship, learn, and grow as a part of this community of faith. To God be the Glory!

On the Journey with You,
Pastor Adam



The following is a list of ways congregations, and more specifically you as a member of First United Presbyterian, can love any and all who walk through our doors. This list is adapted from the book *Now Go Forward* by J. David Eschelman, who says, “Loving unbelievers the way Jesus did is the most overlooked key to growing a church...The command to love is the most repeated command in the New Testament, appearing at least 55 times.”

1. Every church member is a **host** and not a **guest**. Making visitors feel welcome is primarily the responsibility of members, not the nebulous “church.”
2. The most important person for a visitor to talk to in order to feel at home in a new church is **you**. It is not the pastor, or the greeter, but a regular attender. Eschelman says “One of the most impressive gestures we can extend to first time visitors is for people with no official position to take the initiative and welcome them.”
3. Treat first time visitors as **guests of God**, not **strangers**.
4. Smile at **everyone** and offer your **hand**.
5. Look people **in the eye and smile**.

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6. Take the **initiative**, don't wait for visitors to initiate conversation with you.
7. Learn people's **names** and remember them.
8. Use [only] appropriate and allowed **touch** such as a hand shake or a gentle pat on the back.
9. Ask **questions** and learn about **your guests**. It is better to express interest in them than it is to try to “sell” your church.
10. **Listening** is a very effective way to show love.
11. Greet children at **their level**.
12. Let children be **children**. Yes, families love children's church and child care. We also love it when you allow us to decide if our children should remain with us in worship. And even more, when you love our kids as kids (crying, playing, singing!) and don't expect them to be grown-ups.
13. Invite visitors to join you at **something, anything!** Invite them to today's fellowship meal, next Sunday's Christian Education hour, or to a restaurant for some one on one time.
14. Never let new people **sit alone**. Eschelmann says, “New people should **never** have to sit alone. Take initiative and go to them without delay.”
15. Help visitors find **seating** that suits their **families' needs**.
16. Help first time visitors by being their **tour guide** and helping them find worship **resources**. Visiting a new church is like a cross-cultural experience, even for those of us who have visited dozens of other churches.
17. Invite people to fill out your church's **visitor registration card or information**.
18. Tell people you're **glad** they are **here**.
19. **Pray** for them throughout your week.
20. **Be yourself!** You are loving! You have a good thing going! You have the capacity to love more people, and to love more deeply. Eschelmann says, “Practice making people feel special, and what you give to others will be returned to you.”

Hospitality is not a given among Christians, it's a calling which requires a specific skill set.

At the October meeting, the Session approved a new category of membership as allowed by the Book of Or-

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der. People who would like to maintain ties to the church but do not desire full membership for various reasons may ask to be listed as Friends of the Church. In the early days of FUPCDC we had a listing of Friends of the Church and we are now offering it again. Friends may be people who are regular attenders, other people who are active in congregational activities, those who hold membership in another church that is special to them, those who cannot physically attend worship, recent graduates who have not yet found another church home, and so on. Friends may participate in committees and other aspects of congregational life with the exception of voting and holding office as elder or deacon. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Church, please speak with Pastor Adam.

The Session approved joining the "Matthew 25" initiative sponsored by PC(USA) which encourages congregations to follow the ministry set forth in Matthew 25 to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned, or poor and to pursue congregational vitality. Our responses will be worked out over the coming year. We are already doing some of the appropriate activities, such as Spread the Bread and Spread the Warmth.

The Pianist/Organist job description was updated to allow six Wednesdays and Sundays to support the Contemporary worship service once a month beginning January 2020. The Contemporary Worship Director's job description was updated to include supporting the youth choir.

The Session has called a congregational meeting on November 17 at 9:40 AM to elect church officers and to approve the Terms of Call for Pastor Adam.

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The annual Fall Clean-up is scheduled for November 2 with rain date of November 9. The Men's Breakfast is at 8:00 AM on November 2, so come and participate in both.

Mission and Outreach will be having the annual pie sale on October 27, with pies to be delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

Congregational Connections will host "Celebrating Our Advent Traditions" on December 8 at 9:45 AM in the Triple Room. Watch for more information about participating.

Session approved a request from the New Dominion Choraleers to use the church facilities for their rehearsal and presentation of the annual spring concert on May 2 at 7:30 PM and May 3 at 3:30 PM.

Submitted by Sara Porter, Clerk of Session

Stewardship Committee

FUPCDC is blessed with a caring and giving congregation. A sincere “thank you” to all who showed their commitment to God’s work, in and through this church, by turning in your pledge cards on Dedication Sunday. If you did not get the opportunity to make your commitment, there is still time to do so. Pledge cards will be available in the Narthex Welcome Center and you may provide completed ones to the ushers during the Service of Giving or turn them into the church office during the month of November. We are also thankful for all who took time and added answers to the question, “How have you seen God weaving mission, study, worship and fellowship through our church family?” on the strips of cloth attached to the weave frame. The frame is now a visual collective symbol of God’s impact on our lives.

Your continuing commitment of time, talent and treasure will ensure the continuing opportunities that make FUPCDC a special place to worship.

“That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ.” Colossians 2:2 (ESV)





MATTHEW 25

On October 17, 2019 the Session of First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (FUPCDC) voted to become a “Matthew 25 Church” as part of the initiative of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by recognizing Christ’s urgent call to be a church of action where God’s love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious. Convicted by Matthew 25:31-46, and in response to the exhortation of the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) of the PC(USA)

we plan to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. By doing so, we pledge to embrace these three areas of focus: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Scriptural Basis: Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



- Building congregational vitality
 - Dismantling structural racism
 - Eradicating systemic poverty
- www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, FUPCDC can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission. There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with them to help embrace these three focuses:

- **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.



You will be hearing more about the Matthew 25 initiative in the coming months and next year. Until then, you can learn more here: pcusa.org/matthew25

Saturday, November 16th
Climate-friendly supper at 6:15 PM, program at 7:00 PM:
“Our Religious Response to Climate Change”

presented by

Joelle Novey

Director, *Interfaith Power and Light (DC-MD-NoVA)*

BA, Harvard University, *magna cum laude*

Co-author of “Green and Just Celebrations”

Former Editorial Associate at [Green America](#)

[Collaborator, D.C.’s New Solar Panel and Pollinator Garden Park](#)

Joelle Novey on YouTube: [Faith in Action DC](#); [CSPAN - Power Plants and Carbon Emissions](#)



Free and open to the public – bring your friends and neighbors!

October 19th: Cathy Alves Davis, Author of “*Myrcles: A Story of Miracles, Hope, and Inspiration*”



FUPCDC Earthcare Group

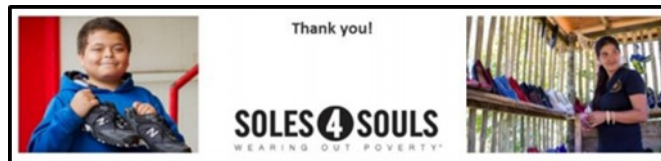
October Shoe Drive Was a BIG WIN for the Planet!

Congratulations! As of this writing our congregation and Little Hands Pre-school families donated 80 pairs of shoes and ten boxes/bags of clothing during October's [Soles4Souls](#) donation drive!



We couldn't be more grateful for your generosity. This outcome would be a success even if it only diverted these items from the landfill. But rest assured, the *Soles4Souls* charitable organization provides a global impact that can't be beat! While they may hand out some of your donations to natural disaster victims in the US and abroad, others may be used to launch micro-enterprises in impoverished countries to foster entrepreneurship and independence, strengthen local economies, and maintain recipient dignity by providing them at an affordable price rather than as hand-outs. Finally, Soles4Souls will recycle any non-wearable donations, so nothing is wasted.

Again, thank you so much for your help. Please take a look at these short videos or go to [soles4souls.org](#) for more information: [Soles4Souls Presents: Olivos - Help This Village Thrive](#); [Soles4Souls Presents: Helping Here at Home](#); [Soles4Souls Presents: Barefoot Sunday](#)



FUPCDC Participates in Regional "Climate in the Pulpits" Weekend



During the weekend of **November 15-17**, pastors, rabbis, imams, and other faith leaders in Maryland, DC, and Virginia congregations will focus on Creation care and climate change impacts in their sermons and learning programs. The "**Climate in the Pulpits**" initiative was launched in the fall of 2018 through the joint efforts of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions, Interfaith Power & Light, and regional faith leaders. Find additional details at [vaipl.org/climate-in-the-pulpits](#). You are invited to participate in this regional event at FUPCDC in the following ways:

Saturday, November 16th: Listen as Joelle Novey, Director of [Interfaith Power and Light \(DC-MD-NoVA\)](#), presents "**Our Religious Response to Climate Change**" at the **Fair Share Community Speaker Series** event (supper at 6:15 PM, and program at 7:00 PM; free of charge and all are invited).

Sunday, November 17th: Listen as Pastor Adam Bowling provides a Biblical perspective on Creation care at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services.

Become a member of FUPCDC's Earthcare Group by emailing Nancy Hummer at nanhummer@gmail.com.

Mission and Outreach

The Holidays are upon us and soon the Narthex Welcome Center will be displaying the UN Trim A Christmas Tree. The UN Trim A Tree is hosted by the Mission & Outreach Committee under the leadership of Verna Swift. The church works with Prince William County (PWC) to obtain 50 names of children in need. The county will do research on the families and working with the parents of the children, are provided what the child has requested. Each child's name will have 2 separate tags that will be placed on the Tree. The county asks that the minimum spent on a gift is \$35; maximum is up to the giver. Each year the county sends guidelines to assist the buyer in buying the child's gift. Please take a few minutes to review the guidelines, to assist you in buying the gift.

Please follow the criteria as set Prince William County:

- If the gift requested does not cost \$35; purchase the gift (PWC understands some gifts may be less than \$35);
- Buy the gift that is described on the tag as it is the gift the child asked their parents to buy (i.e. the gift request is for an Under Armour shirt, don't buy a 'knock-off; Ariel bed spread, buy Ariel, not another Disney character etc.); **Note: if a different gift is bought, it will either be used for another child or given away to another charity and the UN Trim A Tree team will need to buy the correct gift.**
- Provide wrapping paper and tape, as one of the parents JOY is wrapping their child's gift (gift bags are welcomed);
- IF the tag does NOT request food items (candy, nuts, etc), do not add them to the gift (we are not aware of the child's/family's food restrictions);
- Buy the child the one gift that is listed (there is no need to provide more gifts; extra gifts will be donated to another charity)
- No card to the child is needed, as the gifts are either going to be given from the parent(s) or maybe Santa;
- Bring the gifts in on the date listed or earlier (if the the gift is not received by the stated date, the UN Trim A Tree team will need to purchase the gift(s);
- Should you misplace your tag, please contact Verna Swift (703-589-8941 C) or Lora Nedimyer (703-680-5526 H; 703-577-3352 C);
- Should an emergency come up and you are not able to purchase your gift, please contact Verna or Lora (see above);
- More than one church family can choose one tag and split the cost of the gift.

Thank you in advance for your loving support and making a child's Christmas. If you have any questions regarding the criteria, please contact Verna or Lora at the numbers they have listed.



Holy Fitness



Holy Fitness is now accepting new members. This exercise program is based on a program sponsored by George Mason University. We meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

The program is designed to help older adults prevent falls by improving balance, strength, and stamina.

If you are 55 or older and interested in joining us for fun, fellowship, and exercise, please contact Fred Menke, fhmenke@verizon.net.

Be A Garden Angel



Do you like to see the various flowerbeds outside of our church look cared for and beautiful? It is a big job, but with many hands, the work is light.

Please volunteer to adopt a flowerbed by signing the sheet on the easel in the Narthex Welcome Center.

Also, feel free to join the Church Clean Up Day on **Saturday, November 2** at **9 AM**.

If this is not a convenient time, you can tend your garden at your convenience.

Questions? Contact Debbie Boisvert, Deb@Boisverts.us.

Congregational Connections



'TIS THE SEASON TO CELEBRATE OUR ADVENT TRADITIONS!

PLEASE JOIN US

DECEMBER 8, 9:45 - 10:45 AM IN THE TRIPLE ROOM

Hosted by Congregational Connections

Let's continue to learn more about each other...

We invite you to bring an Advent item, one which has become a meaningful tradition that you display each year.

Such as:

A Nativity set (or part of one), a meaningful Advent ornament or table item, perhaps an item which has been handed down through your family, a wall hanging, etc.

TELL OTHERS YOUR STORY!

Pick up a cup of coffee or tea in the Narthex and join us.

We'll gather together to enjoy light refreshments.



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive is an opportunity to connect and grow while enjoying a dinner each Wednesday night followed by Pastor's Bible Study and Chancel Choir rehearsal. The first Wednesday of each month is a potluck, and on the following Wednesdays enjoy a delicious homemade meal. Salad, drinks and dessert are also provided each week.

There is no charge for the dinner, just a donation to help cover the cost of the food.

Please join us for FOOD, FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

NOVEMBER:

Nov. 6 - Potluck "Comfort Foods"

Nov. 13 - South Dakota "Indian" Tacos

Nov. 20 - Beef Stroganoff and Noodles

Nov. 27 - No WNA



Annual Pie Sale to benefit Mission and Outreach Activities

October 27-November 10

Pies will be delivered November 20



Poinsettias

It is once again time to order Christmas poinsettias in honor or memory of someone. Please be looking for an envelope in the welcome center. The worship team will be taking orders from November 24 through December 9 at 12 noon. Both orders and money are due at this time. The cost is \$15.00. Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM one worship service on Dec. 29.

"GRATITUDE IS NOT ONLY THE GREATEST OF VIRTUES, BUT THE PARENT OF ALL OTHERS."

MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO



Little Hands Preschool's First Annual Night of Sharing Dinner and Auction

You are cordially invited to our First Annual Night of Sharing Dinner and Auction. It will take place in the FUPCDC sanctuary on **Tuesday, November 19 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.** During this event we will have free food, a preschool performance and a silent auction. To ensure that there is an accurate count, please RSVP for yourself and any others that will be in attendance with you. You may RSVP by contacting the Preschool Director **no later than Tuesday, November 12** via phone: 703.878.2366 or by email: littlehands@fupcdc.org.

All proceeds from the silent auction will help to raise money to enable us to reach our goal of at least \$10,000 to purchase new preschool playground equipment and shaded areas for the playground. In order to meet this goal, we have been accepting donations from the community and Little Hands Preschool families. These donations will be used to create gift baskets that will be auctioned during the Night of Sharing event. We are currently collecting items to make a Spa Themed Basket and gift cards (in any amount) to create a Gift Card Tree Basket.

If you would like to donate items for either of these baskets, please put them in either the LHP Checks Box located outside the Preschool Director's door or in the box located outside of the Preschool Director's office. **Please submit all donations by Tuesday, November 12.**

Thank you for your continued support of the preschool,

Tiffany Ramsey
Little Hands Preschool Director

Little Hands Canned Food Drive

Please help us to collect nonperishable food items to be donated to ACTS Food Pantry. The food bank serves many families in need within our community.

ACTS is requesting the following items: breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc.) peanut butter and jelly, canned or dry beans, honey, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats (tuna, chicken), whole grain pasta, canned tomato sauce, brown rice, instant dry milk, cooking oil, canned soup, coffee.

Please drop off your items in the wagon labeled LHP Canned Food Drive. It will be located near the Preschool Director's office.

Friday, November 1st – Friday, November 15th

Thank you in advance for your generous donation,

Tiffany Ramsey
Little Hands Preschool Director

One *Can* Make
a Difference!



Little Hands Pajama Program Donations

Little Hands Preschool is teaming up with Scholastic Book Clubs to donate pajamas and books to agencies in our area that support at risk youth. We will be collecting donations from: **Monday, November 18** - **Friday, December 13**. Please place them in the hamper located in front of the Preschool office.

When donating pajamas please follow these guidelines:

Pajamas must be brand-new.

Pajamas in all sizes are needed—from newborn to adult.

Pajamas must be in complete sets or nightgowns

Pajamas in children's sizes must be manufactured as pajamas—this ensures that they are flame retardant and safe.

Collectively we accomplish so much more. Thank you in advance for your willingness to make a tremendous difference in the lives of children.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations,

Tiffany Ramsey
Little Hands Preschool Director



Deacons

Special Announcement

Due to the upcoming influenza season, spread of germs, dietary restrictions and severe allergies present amongst our church family, there will no longer be snacks offered in the Narthex Welcome Center after services. We appreciate your understanding.

The ministry of a Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ (Mark 9:35). It is the duty of Deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any others who may be in distress. The role of Deacons at FUPCDC is designed to be a ministry of compassion and care manifested by Deacons developing caring relationships with assigned members encouraging those members to be active participants in the life of the congregation. Deacons once ordained or installed serve a three-year rotation with the church. Feel free to reach out to any of the Deacons on the 2019 Board of Deacons with questions or encouragement.

2019 BOARD OF DEACONS A Ministry of Compassion and Service

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*We love to hear from you. **If you need to be connected with your Deacon**, please contact Denise Parris or Carol Schwalm by calling the number listed above or the Church Office.*



DEACONS
Leading through Serving.

This is Chikondi Mbewe (and the Albrechts). We first met Chikondi with Bethany Wolstenholme and Urban Promise. Chikondi stayed in our home with 5 very active boys. He has since gone back to his home country of Malawi to work with youth of Rise Malawi Dream Center. We have kept in touch through Facebook all along. Here we are at Giorgio's for dinner.



He was recently in the US and spent some time with Pastor Adam and even came to Wednesday Night Alive. I hope you were able to meet him. “Chickondi” means Love, and this is truly appropriate. Chikondi has chosen his life work, or should I say God chose him. A modern day follower of Jesus just like you and me. He speaks for the children of Malawi. Please visit the web site for a full explanation of Rise Malawi.

www.risemalawi.com

Lighthouse Drama Camp raised money for Rise Malawi with donations, a basket raffle and profit from fees. We, the congregation, were able to send a check for \$2,500 to the Dream Center. It always amazes me how God weaves things together..... Mission work in Delaware, Mission Work in Malawi, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger too!

*a gift from Tabitha,
Chikondi's bride*



And we know that for those who love God **all things work together** for good, for those who are called according to his purpose....Romans8:28



This newsletter covers events from November 1 - November 30.
Exceptions: Poinsettia orders and Advent event in December

**Passion for Christ—Compassion for Others
Loving God—Loving Others
Connect—Grow—Serve**