

Message from the Pastor

Have any of you good folks out there made a New Year's resolution? How about resolving to become more active in our church? I think as we start the New Year, we would do well to remember that attending worship and Sunday School is both a privilege and a discipline. "What?" you may say. "How is going to church a privilege?" Well, just think about it for a minute. How you would feel if the government suddenly told you that you could no longer assemble with fellow Christians for worship or fellowship? Can you imagine the loss we would all experience if we were unable to come together with brothers and sisters in Christ? Can you imagine not being able to pray for one another in worship, or hear 200 voices singing "Amazing Grace" together? Can you imagine guards being posted at the entrances to our property to keep you out?

Those things are happening in certain parts of the world. Worship and Sunday School attendance are indeed a privilege. And they are also a discipline.

Sometimes you may not feel like going to church. It may be too cold, or the kids may be cranky, or you would rather go to the river, or you need to go blow up some unsuspecting deer or duck or turkey ... whatever! Some things you do simply because you know that doing them is the right thing to do for yourself and your family. Even if you don't always feel like paying your mortgage every month, or going to the gym, or avoiding those tempting French fries, but you do these things because you know that in the long run, you will be a better person because of it. Church is the same way. Most



of the time it is a joy to be here, but even when you have to talk yourself into coming to church, you always feel better when you do, and you know it is the right thing to do for yourself and your family.

If you're out of the habit of attending church, get back in the habit! Treat your time spent at church as a privilege and a discipline. You will be a better person, and family, if you do.

Scripture of the Month — Proverbs 3:5-8

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

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Special dates of interest:

- February is Black History Month
- February 3—Cornerstone Trip to Reelfoot Lake/Eagles
- February 4—Souper Bowl & New Member Luncheon
- February 5—CT Meeting
- February 11—Congregational Meeting
- February 11—Service Fair
- February 11—Session Meeting
- February 12—PW Circle Meetings
- February 14—Happy Valentine's Day
- February 14—Ash Wednesday Worship
- February 24—Handbell Festival at FBC
- February 6, 18, & 27—Room in the Inn
- February 26—PW Mission Work Day



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Catherine Carls	Leigh Anne Bentley
Virginia Conger	Tammy Buchanan-Anderson
Mike Dunnavant	Bryan Byrd
Joey Howell	James Harris
Jody Pickens	Carol Sue Keathley
Molly Richardson	Justin Smith

Class of 2020

David Greene
Russell Jones
Stacey McAdams
Kevin Pauley
Bill Sipes
Stephannie Williams

OUR VISION

First Presbyterian Church is called to be a faithful and inclusive congregation which enthusiastically glorifies God in our worship, education, nurture and service through the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Music and Worship News at FPC

The Chancel Choir will sing a series of anthems during our season of Lent. These anthems will be taken from Theodore Dubois' *"The Seven Last Words of Christ."* These beautiful and poignant works bring us to the cross as we hear Jesus bear his suffering and torment. The choir and soloists will sing one word each Sunday of Lent with the last word on Maundy Thursday. The seven sayings (words) form part of a Christian meditation that is often used during Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday. The traditional order of the sayings are:

1. Luke 23:34: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.
2. Luke 23:43: Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.
3. John 19:26-27: Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.
4. Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34 My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?
5. John 19:28: I thirst.
6. John 19:30: It is finished. (From the Greek "Tetelestai" which is also translated "It is accomplished", or "It is complete".)
7. Luke 23:46: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

Traditionally, these seven sayings are called words of 1. *Forgiveness*, 2. *Salvation*, 3. *Relationship*, 4. *Abandonment*, 5. *Distress*, 6. *Triumph* and 7. *Reunion*

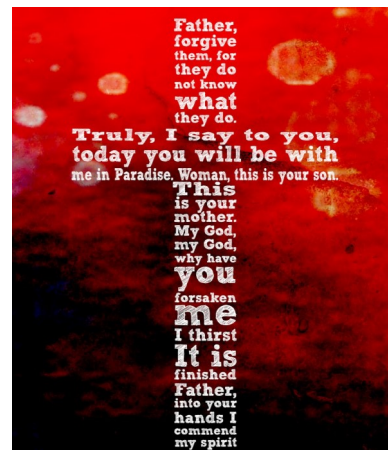
We welcome new choir members Debbie Hurt and Jennifer Flanagan to the ranks of the Chancel Choir. Nothing like new voices to boost the choir's spirit! We will truly joyfully welcome any and all congregants to join us as we begin the Lenten season. Singing this music will be an inspiration! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm.



HANDBELL CONCERT

HANDBELL FESTIVAL: The Jackson Area Handbell Festival will be held **Saturday, February 24, 2018**. Handbell choirs from the West TN area will be participating. The clinician is Christine Anderson, a well known performer and clinician. She is widely published and editor of Handbell Magazine. Currently, she is artist in residence at the Master's University in Santa Clarita, CA.

The festival will be held in the fellowship hall of **First Baptist Church, Jackson, TN**. The choirs will rehearse Saturday morning and present a concert at **2:00 PM**. **Admission is free.** Our very own handbell choir will participate.



Lectionary Readings for February 2018

February 4 ~ Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11 ~ 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 18 ~ Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

February 25 ~ Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Wednesdays at First



Wednesday Night Fellowship is a time of midweek renewal, where you can enjoy fun, good food, wonderful fellowship and informative programming. Make your plan to join us each Wednesday at **5:15 PM** (*unless otherwise noted*) for dinner, and then stay for the program/worship/study at 6 PM. We have separate programming for the Youth and our younger friends at **Launch Pad Kids** and **Blast!**, while the adults are involved in their activity. A nursery for our toddlers and babies is also provided.

- Feb 7 —** **MENU:** Strawberry Salad, Herbed Pork Loin, Green Bean Casserole, Roasted cauliflower, Buttered Bread, Applesauce Cake for dessert.
PROGRAM: Small Groups
- Feb 14—** **MENU:** Pear Grape Salad, Pecan Chicken Casserole, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Yeast Rolls, and Red Velvet Cake for dessert.
PROGRAM: Ash Wednesday Worship
- Feb 21—** **MENU:** Salad Bar, Baked Taco Pie, Black Beans, Steamed Broccoli, Buttered Bread, and 3-Milk Cake for dessert.
PROGRAM: Small Groups
- Feb 28—** **MENU:** Garden Salad, Creamy Chicken and Noodles, Vegetable Medley, Baked Pears, Yeast Rolls, and Chocolate Cobbler and Ice Cream for dessert.
PROGRAM: Small Groups

All meals include Bread, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Beverages (tea, lemonade, coffee or water), and “Kids’ Foods”. Children’s menu will vary weekly, but will be kid-friendly foods. Juice boxes and milk provided. Peanut butter, jelly and bread is always available for our more selective eaters.

Reservations required in church office by Monday at 4 PM (422-1591).

Cost: \$6 for adults, including children over age 12, \$4 for children ages 3-12, with an \$18 max per family.

Small Group Studies

Dare to be UNcommon - by Tony Dungy (Men’s Study). Tony Dungy says it’s time... for every man to choose an Uncommon life! This Super Bowl-winning coach has spent his life shaping young men. Now, Tony Dungy is ready to share core truths he wants every man to understand, live by, and pass on to others. Examine your life—and aspire to a life of renewed integrity...influence...and faith. With this Bible study you’ll tackle key principles found in Tony Dungy’s *UNcommon*. You’ll explore Scripture, engage in discussion, encounter character-building insights—and uncover what it means to live a life of true significance.

Moses - by Adam Hamilton. Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt. Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses’ life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of his life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways.

The 10 Greatest Struggles of your Life: Finding Freedom in God’s Commands by Colin Smith.

In *The 10 Greatest Struggles of Your Life*, pastor Colin Smith opens up the Ten Commandments to show how there is more to them than meets the eye. Moving from dos and don’ts to matters of the heart, they become barometers of your love for God. You’ll discover areas of your life that are out of sync with His will, and you’ll receive wisdom for living in greater love, strength, and freedom in Christ.



THANK YOU!

*Dear Angel Tree Ministry,
Thank you so very much for blessing our children
this Christmas. May you each be blessed as you
give.*

Sincerely, Gail Gustofson



Congregational Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
February 11, 2018

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for February 11, 2018, immediately following the morning worship service for the purpose of voting on the change in the terms of call for Rev. John H. White. Please plan to join us for worship, the meeting, and all the other scheduled activities.



PW of First Presbyterian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CT MEETING:

February 5 @ 9:30 AM

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle meetings—February 12

10:00 AM

Abigail—meeting with Benita Brown,
15 Siesta Drive, 424-5446

Baara—meeting with Virginia Conger,
590 Westmoreland Pl. 427-2626

7:00 PM

Deborah—meeting in Memorial Hall,
with hostess Kathy House

the church who would like to participate in a Circle/Bible Study, please contact Jennifer Flanagan 668-5722 or Katy Justice at 616-6026. *All are welcome!*

Service Opportunities:

Helping Hands: First Monday of each month @ 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall, (we will meet in February!)

Threads of Love: Second Tuesday of each month @ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall, (we will meet in February!)

RIFA Soup Kitchen —(Desserts)
February 1—*Mary*
March 1—*Abigail*

Collect Eyeglasses for Mark Harris to take overseas.

PW MISSIONS DAY:
February 26, 2018 (details below)

TO ALL LADIES!! To all ladies of

Missions Day ~ February 26, 2018 @ 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Each year our Presbyterian Women sponsor a Missions Day at the church, where we make layettes for area hospitals, and prepare meals for our church's Friends at Home.

All hands are needed! There is something for everyone to do!

Please bring: 1 volunteer bring 1 Iron and 1 Ironing Board; we encourage you to bring your own sewing machine, as we have so few now, and it's easier to use one you are familiar with; everyone please bring a pair of scissors.

Our setup: We will have 3 ironers, 3 packers, and 3 sergers. Everyone else will be sewing, unless working in the kitchen.

Lunch will be provided by Presbyterian Women and will be served AFTER we finish our work.

Lunch will also be provided and delivered to our Friends at Home. Drivers needed!

Questions? Contact Karen Broughton 422-1681.



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest...

—Galatians 6:9



MEN' S TUESDAY COFFEE GROUP

**9:00 AM Sun Parlor,
Memorial Hall**

If you would like free coffee and free food, as well as great fellowship and lively conversation, why don't you come and join us? It's casual - we gather at 9 AM and finish up about 10 AM-ish....and you are welcome to come and go as needed. We would love to have you join us! Just show up on Tuesday morning!



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

As we enter into the season of Lent, we are reminded of our sinfulness. Punishable by death, sin engulfs us and leaves us little hope as we live our lives. However, ***"For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life (!)"***

We will gather on Wednesday evening on February 14 at 6 PM in the sanctuary after our Wednesday dinner to worship God together and acknowledge our desperate need of a Saviour. We will confess our sins and ashes will be imposed as we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return – without the saving grace of our Heavenly Father.

Please join your church family and begin this somber Lenten journey together which will end gloriously at the empty tomb Easter Sunday morning!

Membership Corner

**“In Christ, we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5**

New Member Luncheon



FEBRUARY 4 ~ Join us for our New Member Luncheon, in conjunction with the “Souper” Bowl Luncheon.

We want to take this opportunity to recognize all our new members who joined the First Presbyterian Church family after last year’s recognition in March of 2017.

They are:

Jace Bodiford and Kristin Bodiford, September 3, 2017

Jeff Harbin and Marian Harbin, November 12, 2017

Jill Johnson and Phil Johnson, November 12, 2017

Bob Redding and Helen Redding, November 12, 2017

**CONFIRMANDS: Ava Marie Cox, Mae Browning Howell,
Gabrielle Elizabeth Jerge, Joseph Hayes Puffer, Lilly Kate Varino**



CONGRATULATIONS to **Tim and Katy Justice**, and Sean, Sam and Libby, on the birth of **Kathelene Marie (Kate) Justice**, on **Thursday, January 25, 2018** at 9:52 AM. Baby Kate is 20 inches long and weighs 8 lbs 12 oz. Welcome to the FPC family!!

CONGRATULATIONS to **David and Debbie Browne**, who have a new granddaughter, and **Garrett and Jenny Brown**, who are celebrating the birth of their first child, daughter **Stella Marie Brown**, on **Monday, January 29, 2018**, in Franklin, TN.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers!



DEADLINE
For
March Issue
is February 18!



Can't be at worship?

JOIN US by connecting online with our new livestream service.

You can catch the service as it happens, or catch up by viewing the services that are archived.

Go to our website: www.fpcjacksontn.org

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO BECOME PART
OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH FAMILY,
PLEASE CONTACT
CEIL COWLES
OR JOHN WHITE
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE
422-1591**

**FROM CONGREGATIONAL
CARE COMMITTEE:**



**Need a ride to church
or to church activities?**
Call Virginia Conger
731-427-2626




***Are you unable to attend
church and would like home
communion?*** Call the church office 422-1591, and you will be contacted when communion is observed, and a convenient time will be scheduled.



Can You Give a Lift to a Friend?

Occasionally, on Sunday mornings people need a ride to church from different areas of the city. If we have a need in your vicinity, can we call on you? If you are available, please call **Virginia Conger at 427-2626**.

“Souper” Bowl & New Member Luncheon ~ February 4



**February 4 Souperbowl of Caring Soup
Fundraiser lunch following Sunday school.
Hosted by the Youth Group and the Membership
Committee.
Celebrate and give thanks for our members who
have joined FPC in the last year!**



souperbowl.org



himself being
the chief
corner stone ...
Ephesians 2:20

Cornerstone Group—February 3, 2018

CORNERSTONE TRIP TO REELFOOT:

On Saturday, **February 3, 2018**, the Cornerstone group is going to Reelfoot Lake to see the Eagles.

We will be leaving by church van at 9:00 AM from the church parking lot.

A sign up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall, or call the church office at 422-1591.

Lunch will be at the Blue Bank Resort Fishhouse Restaurant, and will be Dutch-treat.

For more information: Reelfoot Eagle Festival <http://reelfoottourism.com/reelfootlake/attractions/eagles-waterfowl-tours/> Fishhouse Restaurant <http://www.bluebankresort.com/fishhouse-restaurant>



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

Birthday blessings to the following members who celebrate their special day this month!

02/01	Ken Brasfield	02/20	Tom Blackmon
	David Greene		Jim Campbell, III
02/05	Kathleen Huneycutt		Catey Beth Donnell
02/06	Joey Howell		Ben McGregor
02/07	Crystal Climer		Kendra Smith
02/08	Pam Bowers	02/21	Charlie Crenshaw
02/09	Joyce Elam	02/23	Jeannette Hendricks
	Jaxon Reynolds		David Ide
02/10	Kristen White	02/24	John Norwood
02/14	Stephanie Gordon		Gordon White
02/15	Steve Carls	02/25	Tom Brimm
	Darcy Puffer	02/26	Eleanor Cahill
02/18	Albert Alexander		
	Ana Taylor		
	Sophie Varino		
02/19	Callie Dollar		



Happy Anniversary!

02/09	Sandra and Ken Brasfield
02/18	Lynda and David Vince
02/27	Polly and Mo Pledger

Create in me a
clean heart,



and renew a
right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10, ESV

Please let the church office know your birthday and anniversary! If your February birthday or anniversary is not listed, we don't have it on record in the church office. We don't wish to miss anyone and would appreciate you calling the office (422-1591).

Prayer Concerns

PRAYER PROGRAM

Each week we randomly select individuals or families for whom we encourage everyone to pray. During the coming weeks, please pray for:

February 4—Jimmie and Ann Moore; Kevin, Vivian, and Katie Pauley; John Singleton

February 11—Wayne Monks; Wesley, Molly, Sidney & Liam Richardson; Richard and Elizabeth Swaim

February 18—Vicki Pope; Patrick and Sue Ryan; Ted and Sylvia Showalter

February 25—Diane Sklensky; Nathan, Emily, and Harvey Smith; Betty Stewart

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: *The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to family and friends of Carlene March who died December 27, 2017; to Tausha Alexander and family upon the death of her grandmother, Dollie Cartwright; to Thomas & Tina Varughese and family upon the death of their son, Micah; to John Hill and family in the death of his brother-in-law, Craig Powell; and to John White and family in the death of his stepmother, Virginia Neville White.*

ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

Jackson Meadows

Sylvia Henson, #307

Jackson Oaks

Helen Johnson, #D65

Robert & Dolly Mathis, #C43

John Singleton, #B25

Betty Stewart, #M8

Judi Wilson, #E85

Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

Elmcroft

Charles Huffman, #107

Northbrooke Nursing Home

Rosemary Kipp Monegue, #204

PRAYER CONCERNS

Becky McKissack

Claire Purinton

Tom Blackmon

Bill Sipes

Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)

Paula Mathews

Bill Hatch

Stan Baskin

Paula Smith (Gabi Cox's mother)

Susan Atwood

Jerry Martin

Judy Melton (Tammy Buchanan's mother)

Henry Harrison

Lt. Cmdr. Clay Bridges

Ray Tanner

Charles Abbott (Greg Abbott's father)

Carol Sue Keathley (recovery from surgery)

Lynn Townsend

Brian Fowler (cancer)

Benny Houston (chemo)

(Prayer concerns....continued)

Linda Houston (recovery from surgery)

Rhonda Johnson

Dr. Daniel Musselman & family

Phillip Pickens (cancer)

Tom Williams

Doris Rhodes (cancer)

Margaret Falls and family

Rui and Ezra Stevenson and family

Billy Futrell

Bill Dellastatious

John Meriwether

Bobby Benson

Jim Marple

Rick Havner and wife Judi

Bill Cole (Susan Anderson's brother)

Chase Mobley

Emily Evans (cancer)

Margaret Suttle

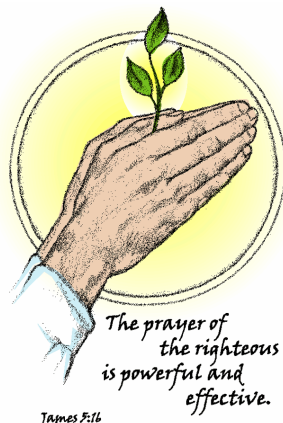
Richard and Liz Swaim

James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)

Cancer patients on our hearts

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Houston

Mission Partners in Asia



SERVICE FAIR 2018



SERVICE FAIR February 11, 2018

The Service, Benevolence, and Stewardship Committees, together with the Presbyterian Women are holding the first Service Fair at First Presbyterian Church during Sunday School from 10:30 am til noon. **(Adult Sunday school classes will NOT meet; Children will meet in their regular classes.)**

Come learn about opportunities for service in the church and community in the areas of hunger relief, poverty relief, missions, and so much more. Displays by church committees and community organizations, documentation, and representatives will be available to answer your questions.

Refreshments will be served and sign-up sheets will be available.

We need **YOU** to be the hands and feet of our church.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
(1 Peter 4:10).



Playschool News

As a congregation you are surrounded by so many blessings! Playschool is certainly one of your blessings. As active church members you receive priority Playschool registration and are eligible for church member tuition rates. Our Pre-K class has enrollment options of Monday through Friday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday. Our 2 year old class has either Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday enrollment. If you are interested in your 2, 3 or 4 year old attending Playschool next fall please call Playschool at 424-6515 to arrange a visit. Children enrolling for the first time should be 2, 3 or 4 by August 15, 2018.

If you are a returning Playschool family please note the registration times below. If you know another Jackson area family that may be interested in Playschool, please share this registration information and encourage them to look at fpcjacksontn.org and give Playschool a call at 424-6515.

The dates for the 2018-2019 school year registration are as follows:

Monday, March 5 – church members; grandchildren of church members 9:00 AM (Playschool building)

Tuesday, March 6 – presently enrolled Playschool families:

9:00 Returning 4-year-olds and their siblings (Gym building lobby)

10:30 2-year-olds moving up to 3 & 4-year-old class and siblings of children who are not returning (Gym building lobby)

1:00 Children of families whose siblings or parents have attended Playschool (Gym building lobby)

Wednesday, March 8 – Children new to Playschool 9:00 AM (Gym building lobby)

*****In case of inclement weather please check the FPC website for updates about registration times.*****



Room in the Inn

ROOM IN THE INN
HELPING THE HOMELESS
FOR ELEVEN YEARS

Our church will participate in Jackson's ROOM IN THE INN program for the eleventh consecutive winter. This program, operated by Area Relief Ministries (ARM), provides food and shelter for the city's homeless men. We have agreed to provide this service on twelve separate dates during the upcoming winter season. Fifty Jackson churches assisted in the program last year, providing more than 3,000 beds and 6,000 meals. ROOM IN THE INN fulfills a need for a local homeless shelter that is not provided by any other agency.

We pick up the men from Area Relief Ministries at 5:30 PM using the church bus, and immediately bring them to the church Fellowship hall for a delicious meal. Adult Sunday school classes and our church youth volunteer to provide the evening meal and fellowship for the men. Following the meal, the men go to the gym where they will set up their cots; blankets, towels, and toiletries are provided. They may watch a movie, take a shower, play basketball, or simply go to sleep in a warm place. In the morning they are given a hot breakfast along with extra food items for lunch, and delivered back to ARM or their place of employment.

We need volunteers to help with preparing and serving the evening meal, cooking breakfast, staying overnight in the church gym, entertaining and socializing with the men, and cleaning up. Anyone wishing to provide food and/or assist with meal preparation should contact Mike & Lark Taylor (410-8312). All other volunteers should contact Ted Showalter (660-5348). Following are the dates and assignments for First Presbyterian Church this winter:

Tuesday, November 14 – Ironmen Bible Group
Tuesday, December 12 – Fellowship Class
Tuesday, December 26 – Connections Class (John White's class)
Tuesday, January 9 – Swaim Class
Sunday, January 21 – Youth
Tuesday, February 6 – Seekers Class
Sunday, February 18 – Youth
Tuesday, February 27 – Directions Class
Tuesday, March 6 – Mayo Class
Tuesday, March 20 – Fellowship Class
Tuesday, April 10 – Connections Class (John White's)
Tuesday, April 24 – Church Wide



Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	
Jesus and Nicodemus: Nic at Night!	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25	
K-2 3-5	Art Art	Drama Cooking	Cooking Drama	Video Video	

MEMORY VERSE: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will never die but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT! Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Nicodemus Rotation, including Vivian Pauley, Jennifer Flanagan, Callie Dollar, Stacey McAdams, and Gabi Cox.

And God Created (ART): Make a valentine craft for homebound church members
Focus: Light vs. darkness

Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING): Create heart pancakes
Focus: Focus on the change in our hearts that comes with spiritual rebirth

MasterPeace Theatre (DRAMA): Back to back drama, younger children will act out story sentences.
Focus: Learning the story, exploring the theme of light and spirit

First Century Cinema (VIDEO): Watch a movie about people who met Jesus
Focus: Learning the story.



First Sunday of Lent — February 18th!



The Children's Corner



Grow, Proclaim, Serve!
Growing our Faith by Leaps and Bounds!



Ms. Laura Ms. Ellen Ms. Libby

**Children Are
A Gift From God!**



Rotation Sunday School Attendance Recognition



WELCOME NEW NURSERY WORKERS!

Marley Skelton



We are launching our lessons on *Fruits of the Spirit*!!

These are our "fruity" Blast kiddos!!



THE FRUIT of the SPIRIT

Alexis Patterson



If you have any questions feel free to contact:
Laura Byrd laurah.byrd@yahoo.com, Ellen McClune emmccclune@gmail.com
OR Libby Smith fpclibby@eplus.net and don't forget to follow us on **Facebook!**



youth connection



Molly Richardson
Interim Youth Director



Important dates
to remember:

"Souper" Bowl of Caring
February 4

Super Bowl party
February 4 @ 5:30 PM

Room in the inn
February 18

Montreat Youth Conference
July 15-21

Youth News!

IMPORTANT: If anyone would like to volunteer to provide dinner for Youth Connection on Sunday nights, please email Molly fpcmolly@eplus.net !

The youth had a fun and busy holiday season!



JOIN US
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
2018

FINANCIAL UPDATE – December 2017

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2017 Pledges	\$586,424	\$ 603,062	\$ 534,470
Total Contributions	\$644,217	\$ 701,062	\$ 682,293
Total Income	\$781,604	\$ 828,905	\$ 805,643
Total Expenses	\$749,213	\$ 828,905	\$ 805,643
Net Income	\$ 32,391	\$ 0	\$ 0

Pledges can now be paid using ACH bank drafts on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Pope at 422-1591.

For questions or more details on the financial report, contact Carol Sue Keathley (Finance Co-Chair), at 431-1262, Bill Sipes (Finance Co-Chair) at 668-7148, Russell Cook (Treasurer) at 694-1991, or Vicki Pope (Financial Secretary) at 422-1591.

Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on January 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM and conducted its regularly scheduled business. The Session voted:

- ♦ to approve the minutes of the stated meeting of December 10, 2017;
- ♦ to transfer the excess income of \$32,391.00 on the December 31, 2017, balance report to the Restricted Reserve Fund;
- ♦ approve the budget for 2018 for a total amount of \$857,911.00;
- ♦ to allow the youth to participate in the receiving of donations of the “Souper” Bowl for Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4, 2018, with proceeds from the fundraiser to go to the RIFA Soup Kitchen;
- ♦ to hold Youth Sunday and Baccalaureate Sunday on May 20, 2018;
- ♦ to remove Katie Shaw from the church rolls and to move Giovanni McCoy to the inactive roll of the church;
- ♦ to hold a new member luncheon on Sunday, February 4, 2018, to coincide with the “Souper” Bowl of Caring;
- ♦ to approve the following dates for Communion for 2018: Sunday, January 28; Sunday, March 4, 2018; Maundy Thursday, March 29; Sunday, May 6; Sunday, June 3; Sunday, August 26; Sunday, October 7; Sunday, November 25; and Christmas Eve, December 24 at 11:00 PM service;
- ♦ to approve Communion for NaCoMe Family Camp, home-bound Communion to be served as needed by Rev. John White, and the service of Communion during Session meetings;
- ♦ to set a Congregational Meeting for February 11, 2018, immediately following worship for the purpose of voting on the changes in the terms of call of Rev. John H. White.

NEXT SESSION MEETING
February 11 @ 5 PM



SAVE THE DATE!

**NaCoMe
Church Family
Camp**

July 20-21-22

**Please make plans
NOW
to join us!**

60 Year Celebration!

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CHURCH SPRING WORK DAY!

**MARCH 10
8 AM–1 PM**

**Rain Date:
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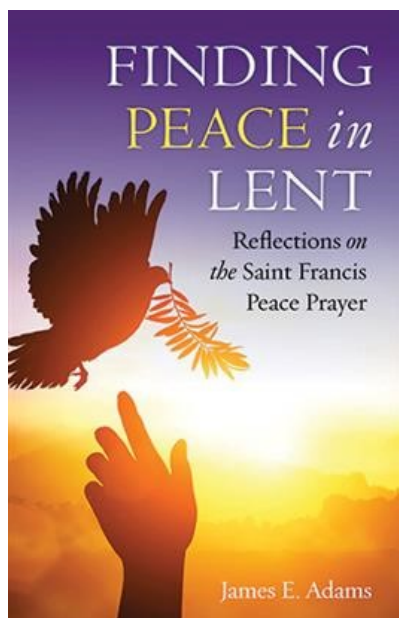
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preaching, the study of scripture,
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Deadline for submissions are the 18th of each
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Lent Devotional Booklets



FINDING PEACE IN LENT by James E. Adams
Reflections on the Saint Francis Peace Prayer

The Discipleship Committee and Pastor John White selected this Lenten Devotional Booklet for 2018 for daily reflections during the Lenten season. Booklets will be made available beginning on February 4th - 18th, one per family please.

Finding Peace in Lent gives us the opportunity to enliven our prayer lives by reflecting upon and praying the St. Francis Peace Prayer. This devotional will also prepare us to put our prayers into action each day of Lent, bringing us and others closer to the peace of Christ.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*