

Message from the Pastor

Soooo..... What are you giving up, or taking on, for Lent?

At Staff meeting today, I told our church staff that I wanted to give each of them a day off... with one catch. The catch is this: they are to spend that day "off" in prayer and communion with God. No cell phones or house cleaning or cooking or laundry washing or "catching up." Don't take the dog to the vet or go to the grocery store. Just spend a day with God.

They reacted just like most of us would react – they were very resistant to the thought of giving up a day of work and family and errands and electronics to basically do nothing except experience fellowship with God. Our calendars and responsibilities really do have a tight grasp on us, don't they? But remember that first commandment... *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."*

It is so tempting for all of us to put other things ahead of God. Some of us may even take a wee bit of pride in working so hard that we don't have time for prayer. But let me ask you this: if Jesus can go to the cross for us, why can't we take just one day to consciously open ourselves to His presence?"

I'm going to take my day. As pastor, I believe I not only have the responsibility to talk about Jesus, but I must also actively seek to deepen my relationship with Jesus. I am not the savior of the church – I am only a tiny conduit of the grace and love and presence of Christ, and if I am to share His light, I must first receive His light. His light – not my own.

Remember Mary, who sat at the feet of Jesus while Martha did all the cooking and serving? Jesus praised Mary, and told Martha that she could cook and serve any day, but to sit at the feet of Jesus was a rare privilege.



I'm taking my day, and claiming that privilege.

When you see them, ask our staff if they took a day, and if they did, how it went.

Come to think of it, why don't YOU take a day – I dare you!

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
Matthew 6:33

Scripture of the Month — Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

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Special dates of interest:

- **Presbytery Meeting—March 3**
- **Communion Sunday—March 4**
- **Playschool Registration—March 5**
- **Room in the Inn dates-Mar 6 & Mar 20**
- **Spring Work Day—March 10**
- **Daylight Savings Time begins—Mar 11**
- **Session meeting—March 11**
- **Circle meetings—March 12**
- **FPC Kids Sing in worship—March 18**
- **Play in the Pines—March 23 & 24**
- **Palm Sunday—March 25**
- **Holy Week Services @ Noon—March 26—March 29**
- **Maundy Thursday—March 29**
- **Breakfast with the Bunny—March 31**
- **Easter Sunday—April 1**



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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.

Lenten Sermon Series

Lenten Sermon Series 2018

The journey has begun ...

come walk with Jesus.

February 18

The call to follow Jesus Christ (Mark 1:16-20)

February 25

Passionately pursuing discipleship (Acts 17:22-28)

March 4

The character of the Christ (Matthew 6:33)

March 11

Loving one another (John 13:34-35)

March 18

Faith gives birth to works (James 1:22-25)

Palm Sunday

Practicing sacrificial servanthood (Luke 19:28-40)

Lectionary Readings for March 2018

March 4 ~ Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 11 ~ Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 18 ~ Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 25 ~ Mark 11:1-11; John 12:12-16; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Good Friday ~ Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

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.

- March 7 —** **MENU:** Salad Bar, Vidalia Onion Pork Loin, Wild Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Buttered Bread and Chocolate Pie for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Lenten Study
- March 14—** **MENU:** Garden Salad, BBQ Chicken, Baked Mac & Cheese, Roasted Okra, Coleslaw, Yeast Rolls, and Apple Crisp for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Lenten Study
- March 21—** **MENU:** Asian Salad, Pepper Steak with onions & bell peppers, Jasmine Rice, Baked Peaches, Buttered bread, and Orange cake for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Lenten Study
- March 29—** **Maundy Thursday (no Wednesday Dinner this week)**
 MENU: Southwest Salad, Rotel Chicken, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, Texas Toast, and Lemon Chess Squares for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Maundy Thursday Worship Service & Communion

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDY 2018

The Season of LENT is a religious observance on the Christian calendar. It begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends approximately 40 days later, on the day before Easter. In our church, Lent is a time to focus on the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem; his journey to the cross.

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 we will take a break from our small group studies to join together for a Common Lenten Study in the Fellowship Hall. This study is built around the Lectionary Gospel readings for the five Sundays in Lent and Palm/Passion Sunday. These passages have been selected by the Lectionary to explore the great themes of Lent.

The great Lenten themes found in this study include:

- Temptation
- Atonement—Why the Cross?
- Theodicy—Why do good people suffer?
- The Breadth of God’s grace
- The place of wealth
- The significance of Palm Sunday

Come join us on Wednesday Nights from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM as we use this Season and this Study to prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent ~ A Season of Reflection

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

March 29, 2018 at 6 PM
in the FPC Sanctuary



What is a Maundy Thursday Service?

The Maundy Thursday service is a special worship service called a **Tenebrae Service**. The word “Tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows”, and this “service of shadows” dates back to the 4th century. Through scripture, music, and the extinguishing of candles, we will remember the events leading to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We will also observe communion during this special service of remembrance. The service ends in silence and near total darkness. The service is unfinished and we depart in silence because the end of the story does not occur until Easter, when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

Join us for dinner at 5:15 PM (reservations required) and then this meaningful service in the sanctuary as we prepare our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter Sunday!





PW of First Presbyterian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CT MEETING:

NO CT meeting in March

MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle meetings—March 12

10:00 AM

Abigail—meeting with Eleanor Cahill,
108 Barrett Place, 731-217-5609

Baara—meeting with Susan Boutwell,
14 Windover Rd., 661-9889

7:00 PM

Deborah—meeting with Nora Alexander,
1723 N. Highland Ave., 424-2380

TO ALL LADIES!! To all ladies of 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)
March 1—**Abigail**
April 2—**Baara**

Collect Eyeglasses for Mark Harris to take overseas.



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!

PW Missions 2018



SHARING BRINGS JOY

TO OTHERS, TO GOD, AND TO US



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING PC(USA)

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected at the Easter worship service on **April 1**. What is this offering?

Theme this year: Isaiah 58

*You Shall be Called Repairers of the Breach.
Sharing God's Love with
our Neighbors-in-Need*

*...you shall be called the repairer of the
breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
Isaiah 58:12b NRSV*

By giving to this offering you will be joining tens of thousands of Presbyterians who are answering the ways God has called us to share in Isaiah 58. You are supporting ministries working in direct response to help provide access to sustainable food systems, aid and shelter for those who are impacted by disaster, and resources for communities working to loose the bonds of oppression and injustice.

Three Objectives

Self-Development of People
Presbyterian Hunger Program
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
(Hurricane Ravaged Puerto Rico)

Membership Corner

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



GEORGIA WELLBORN
joined February 18, 2018

220 Hermitage Place
Jackson, TN 38305



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 11!**
Be sure to run your clocks
FORWARD one hour
before going to bed
on Saturday night.

SPRING FORWARD!





DEADLINE
For
April Issue
is March 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**.

Memorial Lilies 2018



Easter Lily Memorial Fund 2018



If you would like to donate to our sanctuary
Easter Lily Memorial Fund
in memory of or in honor of someone
this Easter, your contribution can be sent
to the church office or dropped in the offering plate
any time **before Tuesday, March 27**.
Names will appear in bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1.

(Funds received in excess of our Lily decorations
will be used to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary for Sunday worship.)

Please make your check payable to
"First Presbyterian Church"
and in the memo line indicate "Memorial Lilies".

Fill out the form below to include with your check.

I would like to make a donation
to the Easter Lily Memorial Fund.

(please print as you would have it appear)

☐ In Honor Of _____

☐ In Memory Of _____

By: _____



MARK YOUR CALENDARS....
(more info to follow when
schedule is completed)

Palm Sunday—March 25—Worship and Palm Processional at 9:30 AM

JAMA Holy Week Services—Monday thru Friday at Noon (TBA) *

NO Wednesday Night Dinner at FPC on March 28

Maundy Thursday Dinner, March 29, 5:15 PM, Service at 6 PM, includes Communion

Easter Sunday Service—Sunday, April 1, at 9:30 AM

**JAMA service is planned for First Presbyterian at Noon on Wednesday, more details later*



ADVANCE DIRECTIVES....

It's been some time since we have highlighted one of the resources available at our church to our members and their families.

As you think through Memorial or Funeral service wishes for you or a family member, you might want to get the form that is available in the church office to help you gather information and your thoughts and wishes.

This is a very helpful resource for family members and the church staff, at such time as that information is needed. We keep the completed info on file, and will be glad to make copies for your personal files as well, or for additional family members, as needed.



SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 23-24
6 PM—10:30 AM

**For elementary aged campers &
their favorite adults!**
Get acquainted with summer camp!

\$40/adult; \$30/child
**Cost covers 2 meals, lodging for one night,
and program**

TO Register: email
lucygc@bellsouth.net



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

Cornerstone Group

On Saturday February 3, the Cornerstone group travelled to Reelfoot Lake to attend the Eagle Festival. We took our church van and ate a delicious meal at

Boyette's. The weather was cold but clear. After lunch we were treated to a private tour by one of the park guides. We spotted almost twenty mature Bald Eagles, a few immature ones also, and a wide assortment of ducks and geese too numerous to name.

We are going to postpone our trip to Patti's 1800's settlement and restaurant until a later date.

We hope you will join us for our next adventure! Everyone welcome!

For more information, please contact Nora Alexander at nora@eplus.net or 424-2380.

(See Mr. Owl in his "close up" on page 5)



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

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

03/01	Jason Kolakowski	03/12	Mary Jane McWherter
03/02	Joe Richardson	03/13	Jan Burland
03/03	Tillie Gilliam		Rachael Cook
	Michael Martin	03/14	Carrie Beth Henson
03/04	Bill Lawrence	03/16	Harbert Alexander, Jr.
	Edith Spaulding	03/21	Hudson Smith
03/05	Jo Ann Birmingham	03/23	Jenny Craig
	William Ide		Penny Kendall
	Vivian Pauley		Branch Thomson
	Carole Stewart	03/25	Caroline White
03/08	Emma Barron	03/27	Dustin Hickerson
	Jacob Barron	03/28	Wynn Smith
	Patty Lawrence	03/29	Benita Brown
03/09	Mary Catherine Campbell		Callum Donnell
	Laim Richardson		Cynthia Stedman
03/10	Jace Bodiford		
03/11	Bob Redding		



Happy Anniversary!

03/07	Ginny and Tom Brimm
03/12	Evelyn and Jim Petterson
03/29	Judy and Bruce Herron



Dear FPC Church
family and friends,
Words can't ex-
press just how

much I appreciate you, and all the many
prayers, thoughts, cards, calls, words of
encouragement, visits, etc. that you have
offered on my behalf. Your love and kind-
ness has been such a blessing!

Love, Dolly Mathis

Please let the church office know your birthday and anniversary! If your March 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:

March 4—Stan and Debbie Harris; Sylvia Henson; Jan, Julie and John David Jones

March 11—Bill Hatch; Kevin, Elizabeth, Elle and Annika Jerge; Bill and Patty Lawrence

March 18—Margaret Hewitt; William, Teresa and David Ide; Steve and Sandra Lawson

March 25—Dot Holt; Randy and Vivian Jones; Carol Sue Keathley

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: *The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dr. Don Lewis and family upon the death of Patty Lewis on February 8, 2018; and to Mary Jane McWherter and family upon the death of her father, Elbert Allen Wooten, on February 24, 2018.*



ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

Jackson Meadows

Sylvia Henson, #307

Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Tillie Gilliam, #M2

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....continued)

Jeff Hendricks

Susannah White

Sue Carruth

Becky Crockarell & family (death of brother)

Elane Elder (Marlie Richardson's aunt)

Harbert Alexander, Sr.

Sandra Teague

Dorothy Prince (Carol Whitnall's mother)

Brenda Welling (recovery from surgery)

Destinee Haynes (Tamara's granddaughter)

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

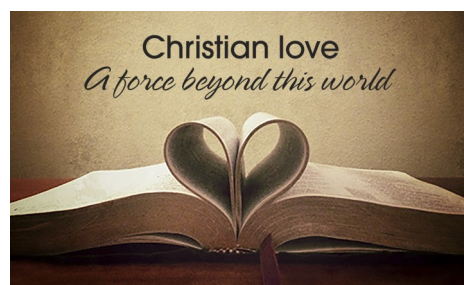
St. John's Presbyterian Church, Houston

Mission Partners in Asia

We are united in the Spirit when we pray for our brothers and Sisters in Christ in our Presbytery and around the world.

During the month of March, please pray for:

First Pres Church, Caruthersville;
Collierville Pres Church, Collierville;
Cordova Church, Cordova;
First Pres Church, Dyer, TN



I deeply appreciate all the prayers, cards, phone calls, delicious food, and welcomed visits from many friends within our church during my recent recuperation from knee surgery. The kindness expressed by so many of you is truly overwhelming. The love and concern have helped in my recuperation in ways that I could not have even imagined. I look forward to returning to worship with you in the near future.

With much gratitude,
Carol Sue Keathley



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

Youth Serving Guests at RITI →



**SOUP KITCHEN WEEK
APRIL 2—APRIL 6**

(Monday thru Friday)

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our Soup Kitchen week begins on Monday, April 2 and we serve all that week through Friday. Volunteers are needed each of the days for two shifts. A sign up board will be set up in the Fellowship Hall a little closer to time.

If you want to go ahead and reserve your day and time, just call the church office at 422-1591.

The spots needed to be filled are:

**Each day for prep: 8:30 AM—10:30 AM,
1 volunteer**

**Each day for serving: 10:30 AM—1:00 PM,
4 volunteers**

Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	
PALM SUNDAY <i>Jesus is the One!</i>	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	
K-2 3-5	Cooking Games	Games Cooking	Art Art	Video Video	

MEMORY VERSE: *"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

Matthew 21:9

OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT! *Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Palm Sunday rotation, including Susannah White, Lyn Parliment, The Jerges, and Stacey McAdams.*

And God Created (ART): Make a palm leaf handprint fan for our "Special Friends" at home.

Focus: Remembering the story and its meaning.

The Synagogue School (GAMES): Students will participate in a Bible Game Show that reviews and compares important Palm Sunday details from all four Gospels. Students will finish with a "Hoop-sanna" reflection game.

Focus: How we can get closer to Jesus.

Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING): Students will make "heart of palm" dip.

Focus: Remembering the kind of heart Jesus wants us to have.

First Century Cinema (VIDEO): Students will watch the DVD *"Rez, the Rock that Rolled,"* about the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

Focus: Having the strength to follow Jesus.



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!**



**PARENTS!
SAVE THE DATES!**

- ♦ **Sunday, March 18**—Launchpad & Blast Children sing in worship
- ♦ **Sunday, March 25**—**PALM SUNDAY**
All children 3 and older may participate in the **Palm Branch Parade** prior to worship in front of the sanctuary.
- ♦ **Saturday, March 31**—Breakfast with the Bunny and Egg Hunt, 9:30 AM—10:30 AM
- ♦ **Sunday, April 1**—**EASTER SUNDAY**
Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior
- ♦ **June 11-14**—**VBS, Monday thru Thursday! Rolling River Rampage!**
Watch for exciting details! Be one of the first to Volunteer and be a part of this fun adventure. The first 15 helpers to volunteer will win a prize!!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

**Bunny
Breakfast
& Easter
Egg Hunt**

Bring your
camera to
take lots of
pictures!

*For God so loved the
world that he gave his one
and only Son, that
whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have
eternal life. John 3:16*

SATURDAY 9:30 - 10:30 AM
MARCH 31 FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please bring
2 dozen filled
eggs for each
child that hunts.



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



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS MARCH 11!**

**Don't forget to change
your clocks!**



Youth News!



Molly Richardson
Interim Youth Director



Important dates
to remember:

**Youth Sunday
& Baccalaureate
May 20**

**Montreat Youth Conference
July 15-21**



Super Bowl 2018

Having a "ball" at Youth Connection!



**Wishing You
LUCK &
BLESSINGS!**

*(See photo of youth serving
guests @ RITI on page 11!)*



FINANCIAL UPDATE – January 2018

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2018 Pledges	\$161,984	\$ 51,804	\$ 125,137
Total Contributions	\$168,134	\$ 60,036	\$ 127,777
Total Income	\$171,840	\$ 72,065	\$ 129,111
Total Expenses	\$ 69,021	\$ 72,065	\$ 61,808
Net Income	\$ 109,819	\$ 0	\$ 67,303

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.

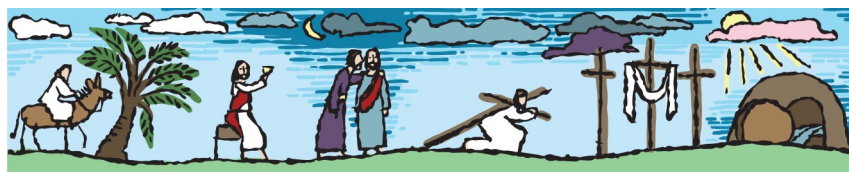
For questions or more details on the financial report, contact Carol Sue Keathley (Finance Co-Chair), at 431-1262, Bill Sipes (Finance Co-Chair) at 668-7148, Russell Cook (Treasurer) at 694-1991, or Vicki Pope (Financial Secretary) at 422-1591.

Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on February 18, 2018 at 5:00 PM and conducted its regularly scheduled business. The Session voted:

- ♦ *to elect David Greene as Acting Clerk for the meeting in the absence of Clerk James Harris;*
- ♦ *to approve the minutes of the Stated, Called, and Congregational Meetings;*
- ♦ *to continue the 2017 \$5,000 salary bonus for John White into 2018, as the money is in the budget, and change his terms of call to reflect the change;*
- ♦ *to approve collection of One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, with the discretionary funds going to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for Puerto Rico;*
- ♦ *to approve Security Team's recommendation to park a JPD patrol car on the FPC property, and to investigate the possibility of hiring an off-duty police officer to patrol the FPC campus during Sunday services;*
- ♦ *to approve the Worship Committee's new Policies and Procedures Manual as a foundational "fluid" document;*
- ♦ *to approve the Annual Statistical Report for year 2017 and order it forwarded to Presbytery;*
- ♦ *to elect Catherine Carls and James Harris as commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, March 3 at Parkway Gardens in Memphis, with Virginia Conger as an alternate, if needed.*

**NEXT SESSION MEETING
March 11 @ 5 PM**



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**THE PALMS
ON PALM SUNDAY
March 25**

The palms in our Palm Processional for the last couple of years and again this year are Eco-Palms and are part of our effort at FPC to be an environmentally friendly church. The palms are completely natural; they are grown in a rain forest without any chemicals or other barrier from the environment. Our use of Eco-Palms helps support the harvesting communities and families that harvest and select the palms. In addition, we help to protect the environment by protecting the rainforest in which the palms grow.

For more information:
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preaching, the study of scripture,
engagement in worship, faithful stewardship
and service to others
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*If you have an article for the newsletter, please
send it to Nelda Rhodes, Church Secretary at:
fpcnelda@eplus.net. Articles will be used as
space permits and may be edited for length.
**Deadline for submissions are the 18th of each
month.***

Choir News at FPC

During this season of Lent, our Chancel Choir is singing a series of anthems 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.

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

