

# Message from the Pastor

Ezra was a Scribe and Priest, and following the Babylonian Exile, he led a group of Jewish exiles back to their home city of Jerusalem. Once there, he reintroduced the exiles to the Torah (the law) and began the effort to rebuild the Temple which had been destroyed by the Babylonians. In the Book of Ezra, we are told that a freewill offering was taken to fund the Temple project, and the exiles gave *1,100 pounds* of gold, *3 tons* of silver, and 100 priestly garments! Wow! That is a wonderful example of commitment.

Make no mistake about it... stewardship is primarily about commitment, obedience, and thanksgiving. But there is another element to faithful stewardship: just like the exiles, we are called to faithfully care for the gifts with which we have been blessed, including the gift of our facility.

At First Presbyterian, we have been given a wonderful facility. None of us contributed to the construction of Memorial Hall or the carillon or the sanctuary.

Those things were built by our predecessors and given to us. Our job is to responsibly and faithfully care for those things that have been placed in our trust. And that is no easy task.

As just one example, just in 2016 and 2017, we had to deal with \$244,525 in *unbudgeted* capital property expenses! That includes 6 new roofs, 3 new heating/air units, 1 new gym floor, a new sidewalk, repairs to a column (Memorial Hall), and paving of our back parking lot. We have a couple of funds which we used to cover these expenses, but that amount of funding definitely strained our resources.

At First Presbyterian, we believe we have been called to a particular mission in service of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we have been given resources to accomplish that mission. We also believe that it takes ALL of us, working faithfully and in concert, to bring those resources together and achieve that to which Christ calls us.



So let us each do our part and faithfully take up the mantle of stewardship as we are able, that we may long serve our Lord and Savior in this place!



## Scripture of the Month — 1 Corinthians 12:27

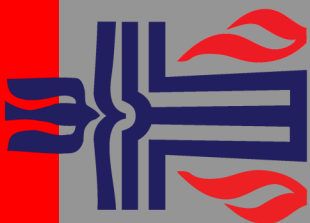
*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

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- *Box City*—November 2
- *Daylight Savings Time ENDS*—Nov 4
- *Kirkin' of the Tartans*—November 4
- *Service of Healing & Wholeness*—Nov 4
- *Women of Hope Gala*—November 6
- *Parents' Night Out*—November 9
- *Bells of Peace*—November 11
- *Session meeting*—November 11
- *PW Circle meetings*—November 12
- *Presbytery meeting*—November 13
- *First Room in the Inn*—November 13
- *America Recycles Day*—November 17
- *Thanksgiving Holiday*—Nov 22-23
- *Communion Sunday*—November 25
- *Organ Tuning*—November 27





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### SESSION

<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Catherine Carls	Leigh Anne Bentley
Virginia Conger	Tammy Buchanan-Anderson
Mike Dunnivant	Bryan Byrd
Joey Howell	James Harris
Jody Pickens	Carol Sue Keathley
Molly Richardson	Justin Smith

### *Class of 2020*

Benita Brown  
David Greene  
Russell Jones  
Stacey McAdams  
Kevin Pauley  
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.*

## Room in the Inn-2018/2019



Room in the Inn

### ROOM IN THE INN HELPING THE HOMELESS FOR TWELVE YEARS

Our church will participate in Jackson's ROOM IN THE INN program for the Twelfth 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. 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. **We ask that all food arrive at the church by 5:00 PM.** 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 then delivered back to ARM or their place of employment.

Following are the dates and assignments for First Presbyterian Church this winter: **(REVISED!)**

Tuesday, November 13 – Connections Class (John White's class)  
Tuesday, December 4 – Fellowship Class  
Sunday, December 23 – Seekers Class  
Tuesday, January 8 – Swaim Class  
Sunday, January 13 – Youth  
Tuesday, January 29 – Fellowship Class  
Sunday, February 10 – Youth  
Tuesday, February 19 – Connections Class (John White's class)  
Tuesday, March 5 – Directions Class  
Tuesday, March 19 – Mayo Class  
Tuesday, April 9 – Fellowship Class/Church Wide\*  
Tuesday, April 23 – Connections Class/Church Wide\*

\*Class will accept money, food or volunteers from church membership not involved in a Sunday School Class but who wish to help in this Church Mission.

### YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the collection plate in January 2019 cannot be deducted in 2018, even if it is back-dated to 2018.

**ONE EXCEPTION:** checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2018 are deductible for 2018 even if the church does not receive them until 2019. *Please plan your contributions accordingly.*



### Lectionary Readings for November 2018

**November 4 ~ Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34**  
**November 11 ~ Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44**  
**November 18 ~ 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8**  
**November 25 ~ 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37**

## Wednesdays @ First



Join us Wednesday nights for fun, good food, and informative programming. Dinner is at 5:15 PM, with special programming at 6 PM. There are separate activities for the Youth and for our younger friends at **Launch Pad Kids** and **Blast!**, while the adults are involved in their activity. A nursery is also provided.

- Nov 7—**      **MENU:** Italian Salad, Rosemary Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Creamed Spinach, Cheesy Beer Rolls, and Peanut Butter Pie for dessert.  
                 **PROGRAM:** *TBA*
- Nov 14—**    **MENU:** Salad Bar, Pecan Chicken Casserole, Sweet Potatoes, English Peas, Yeast Rolls, and Blueberry Bread Pudding for dessert.  
                 **PROGRAM:** *TBA*
- Nov 21—**    **NO Wednesday Night Dinner due to Thanksgiving**
- Nov 28—**    **MENU:** Garden Salad, Taco Pie, Black Eyed Peas, Corn Casserole, Texas Toast, and Cherry Delight for dessert.  
                 **PROGRAM:** *TBA*

*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.



**The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23!**



## First Presbyterian Church at Your Fingertips! FPC APP!

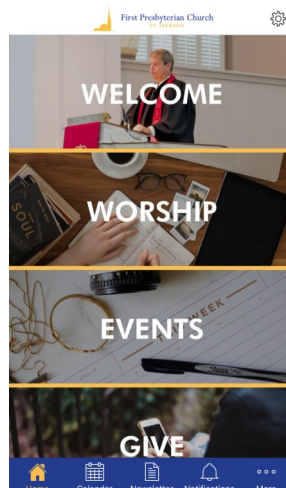
### DIRECTIONS TO GET APP!

1. Text “**fpcjacksontn app**” to **77977** . (note the space between “tn app”)
2. Click the link provided and follow the steps.
3. Download the app and enter the provided keyword.
4. Open the app and confirm that this is your church.
5. Enjoy!



- Share the new app with friends and family with a click of a button.
- Register for events online and share these events with friends.
- View the FPC calendar and newsletter.
- Give anywhere—anytime.
- Watch the sermon live.
- Be notified of upcoming services and events.
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- And so much more...

**Stay connected anytime, anywhere!**







## PW of First Presbyterian

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**CT MEETING:** (if needed)

**CT meeting November 5 @ 9:30 AM**

#### **NOVEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Circle meetings—**

**Monday, November 12**

**10:00 AM**

**Abigail**—meets with Liz Swaim, at apartment in town, Creekside Apts, #D27 102 Murray Guard Dr., 234-0008

**Baara**—meets with Penny Kendall, 319 Edenwood, 668-4765

**7:00 PM**

**Deborah**—meets with Susannah White, 223 Tuckahoe Rd., 664-7252

**THANK OFFERING:** Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have funded aid programs through the **Thank Offering**. This offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and lift up the lives of women and children throughout the world. **Money will be collected at November circle meetings.** If you are not able to attend your circle meeting, or are not a member of a circle, and would like to make a contribution, please send your check to:  
**Presbyterian Women, c/o Susan Boutwell, 14 Windover Rd., Jackson, TN 38305.**

## Bells of Peace ~ November 11



#### **Bells of Peace 11/11/11**

*(the Eleventh Hour, of the Eleventh Day, of the Eleventh Month)*  
**Centennial of Armistice Day**

On November 11, 1918, at 11:00 AM, the guns of World War I fell silent. The war lasted four years, caused the deaths of 40 million soldiers and civilians worldwide, and destroyed the eastern part of France and large territories in Eastern and Southeastern Europe. Its direct costs were \$ 186 billion, its indirect costs \$ 151 billion. It changed Europe irrevocably. A total of 4.5 million Americans answered the call to serve; 117,465 soldiers and civilians died in the conflict.

**On November 11, 2018,** the congregation is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments immediately following the worship service. Elder Catherine Carls will have a brief presentation of the events leading to this remembrance program. The congregation will gather around the carillon tower shortly before 11 AM to hear the ringing of the bells. At 11:00 AM, Carillonneur Kathleen Huneycutt will ring the bourdon eleven times.



**TO ALL LADIES!!** To all ladies of the church who would like to participate in a Circle/Bible Study, please contact Katy Justice at 616-6026 or Kathy House 423-1065. *All are welcome!*

#### Service Opportunities:

**Helping Hands:** First Monday of each month @ 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall,

**Threads of Love:** Second Tuesday of each month @ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**RIFA Soup Kitchen** —(Desserts)  
**November 1—Abigail**  
**December 1—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!



### **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**

**Saturday,  
November 17, 2018  
9 AM—1:00 PM**

**Fire Training Station  
in front of the Fairgrounds**

**Electronic Recycling:**  
**Computers & peripherals,  
radios, cd/dvd players,  
game systems, ipods**

**NO Televisions, please.**

**Medication Take-Back  
Document Shredding  
(limited 10 boxes)  
Warm Clothes for the Dream Center  
(Women's & Children's Clothing)**



# Membership Corner

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



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
November 22, 2018

*Let someone else do the cooking  
and the cleanup!  
Just come and relax!*

## **THANKSGIVING AT NaCoMe!**

**NACOME MEAL:** The Thanksgiving meal will be served at 1 PM  
**COST:** \$16 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under.

**LODGING:** Rooms are available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening for \$95 per room per night you'd like to stay with us.

**HOW TO SIGN UP:** Call (931) 729-9723 and we'll take care of the rest!

## **THANKSGIVING AT PINECREST!** *Plenty in the Pines*

**PINECREST MEAL:** Serving lunch from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
**COST:** \$22/adult \$15/child 3-10 under 3 free

**WHAT?** A Laid-Back Thanksgiving Lunch and more!  
Wear your jeans, enjoy a traditional menu, gather 'round the fire, and go on a hayride

**Reservations necessary** Call 901-878-1247 or email [pinecrestc@wildblue.net](mailto:pinecrestc@wildblue.net)



The Membership Committee would like to encourage you to invite people to join us for worship and fellowship anytime, but particularly for our special services and events. Maybe your guests will even become regulars and join our church family in worship and service.

Upcoming opportunities to invite people to are the Kirkin' of the Tartans, Service of Healing and Wholeness, and special holiday services beginning with Advent.

## **NaCoMe Update!**

We had a blast this summer at NaCoMe and are already planning for 2019.

**Mark your calendars for  
July 19-21, 2019.**

Check out our fun video at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10h-goIvEn5t4l4Vn-WZAvNR5fYMyjxWy/view>

## **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.

**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**



**Deadline for  
December Issue  
November 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](http://www.fpcjacksontn.org)



## **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**.

# Chir Music News! Cantata—December 9!

*We don't make music in worship to make beautiful music.  
We make music in worship to make beautiful people .....  
to make people compassionate, loving, hopeful and faithful.*

-Tom Trenney

Our chancel choir is preparing for the Advent Cantata, "*The Work of Christmas.*" All singers are welcome every Wednesday evening from 7-8 pm. Your music and rehearsal CD are awaiting. Come sing with these compassionate, loving, hopeful and faithful people!



## *The Work of Christmas*

*An Advent Cantata*

*presented by*

*First Presbyterian Chancel Choir*

*December 9, 2018*

*9:30 A.M.*

*1573 N. Highland  
Jackson, TN*

*Helen Redding, Director  
Terry McRoberts, Organist*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILIES!**

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018**

**5:30 PM—8:30 PM**

FPC—Enjoy a Parents Night Out as your children (ages birth—5th grade) participate in fun activities at the church.

Dinner for the children will be provided.

**Register NOW! Space is limited to the first 30 children!**



*It's Almost Time!  
Foster Care Christmas Sponsors*

Sponsorship of kids for Christmas is fast approaching. Please feel free to start finding deals on gift items: basketballs, footballs, stuffed animals & jewelry are things that most kids enjoy. We hope to have our list the end of November. Watch for further details!



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOUP KITCHEN DATES**  
**Monday thru Friday, December 3—7, 2018**

**Mark your calendars now for these dates!**  
**A sign up board will be available in November in the Fellowship Hall.**  
**This is always a popular Service event during the holiday season.**

**We will need volunteers each day for two shifts: 8:30 AM—10:30 AM (prep) and 10:30 AM—1:00 PM to serve. Grab a friend or two, and make plans to help!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**



# Playschool News



Autumn is in the air at Playschool. We are talking, reading and singing about fall and Halloween. Halloween is always a perfect opportunity to talk about pretending and make believe. In the mid 20th century the preschool years were coined the "Magic Years" because preschool age children are developmentally ready to spend wonderful time in the land of make believe. Pretending is a way children can "try on" roles of the future; police officer, firefighter, dancer, doctor, mother, father, etc. At Halloween children have the opportunity to pretend in ways that will never be real, but teach them they don't have to be afraid of the unusual or unknown. Pretending to be a monster doesn't mean you are a monster or that monsters are even real. Once a child understands that concept, then a dark room doesn't need to be scary either.



In our grown up years we need to remind ourselves that just because something is unusual or different from what we know we do not need to be fearful. Take the time to learn and get to know the new and different and then maybe it won't be scary. A Playschool lesson that can be used even as adults.

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

11/05	Ceil Cowles	11/20	Catherine Greene
	Marge Stumpenhorst	11/21	Jeanne Campbell
	Wade Thomson, III		John Hill
11/07	Will Dunnivant		Diane Sklensky
	Je'Delle Ross	11/23	Blair Erb
11/08	Alex Crossett		Pat Vesper
	Linsey Pickens	11/24	Leith Anne Bentley
	Chuck Poole		Laura Byrd
11/10	Elle Jerge		Lesa McNeal
	Robert Reeves	11/25	Will East
11/12	Trey Climer, III		Jerry Kizer
	Bill Hatch		Hannah Smith
11/14	Charles Ames	11/27	Pam Chambers
11/17	Charlie Thompson	11/28	Susan Harris
11/18	Becky McKissack		Patty Smith
	Jamie Richardson		Evelyn Taylor
		11/29	Evelyn Petterson

## Happy Anniversary!

11/23	Pat and Carl Vesper
11/27	Jan and Tim Crossett
11/29	Carol and Bob Green



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

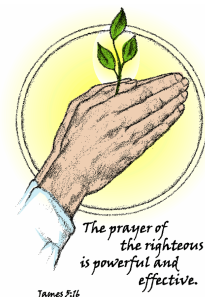
**November 4** ~ Greg, Patti, Eden & Grace Abbott, Tanner & Alison Ivey ; Charlie & Suzy Collins; Jeff & Marian Harbin

**November 11** ~ Blake & Tammy B. Anderson; Bill Dellastatious; Bruce & Judy Herron

**November 18** ~ Jace, Kristin, Will & Trey Bodiford; Jimmy & Lynn East; Jeannette Hendricks

**November 25** ~ Florence Bridges; Jake & Carly Fry; Benny & Linda Houston

**IN REMEMBRANCE:** *On Kirkin' Sunday and in honor of All Saints Day, we will remember the following saints who have died since this time last year:* Dr. James Cecil Jones, Jr., November 2, 2017; Carlene March, died December 27, 2017; Patricia Pyeatt Lewis, died February 8, 2018; Mary Jean "Tillie" Gilliam, died June 25, 2018; Margaret Maclin Falls died June 30, 2018; Robert H. Mathis, died August 12, 2018.



## ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

### Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233

### Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Helen Johnson, #D65

Dolly Mathis, #C43

John Singleton, #F95

Betty Stewart, #M8

Judi Wilson, #E85

### Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

### Elmcroft

Charles Huffman, #107

### Northbrooke Nursing Home

Rosemary Kipp Monegue, #204

### Bells Nursing and Rehab

Sue Carruth, #219

### Morningside of Jackson

Dorothy Prince (Carol Whitnall's mother)

### Alexandria Place

Sylvia Henson, B1

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Jennifer Deberry, has a sick child

Lisa Samarrippas (thyroid cancer)

Anne Garrard

Alex Harris

Joyce Jones

Bill Duke

Harbert & Nora Alexander

Bobbie Jones

Betsy Babb

Martha Hanserd (Transitional, B102)

Terry McRoberts

James Harris

Linda Taylor and family

Eloise Phillips

Rose Kolakowski

Will and Elizabeth Johnson, and baby Elin

Eleanor Cahill

Carl Vesper

Florence Bridges

Dot Holt

Bert Bankston

Susan Allison

Bobby Benson

Jessica Fail Young

Hannah Smith

Rich Hellinger

Mike Taylor

Janie Cary

Ty-8 yr old needing a kidney

Emily Evans—cancer

Mason West—head injury

Felicia Cobb—John Ross' sister

Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)

Clairey Purinton

John and Susannah White

Tom Blackmon

Bill Sipes

Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)

Paula Mathews

Paula Smith (Gabi Cox's mother)

Lt. Cmdr. Clay Bridges

Brian Fowler (cancer)

Phillip Pickens (cancer)

John Meriwether

Jim Marple

Chase Mobley

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

Fires out west & displaced families

Hurricane areas

Flooding victims

*We are united in the Spirit when we pray for our brothers & sisters in Christ in our Presbytery and around the world. This month please pray for:*

First Presbyterian Church, Somerville, TN  
Tiptonville Presbyterian Church,  
Tiptonville, TN  
Oak Street Community Presbyterian Church,  
Union City, TN  
Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, TN  
Hunger & Homelessness



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## Kirkin' of the Tartans ~ November 4, 2018

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### YE BONNIE LADS AND LASSES:

Worship with us for the "**Kirkin' of the Tartans**" service **Sunday, November 4, 2018** at 9:30 AM, followed by a Brunch in the FPC Fellowship Hall.

Rev. John White will bring the message during worship. Immediately following the worship service, a brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The Brunch menu will be prepared and catered by Michelle McFarland. And, like last year – there will be FREE pizza for children in the Gym and Ed Bldg (based on age). There will be no Sunday School!

The Kirkin of the Tartans service celebrates the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church, and will include a blessing of tartans, music by the **Wolf River Bagpipes and Drums**, readings from the Geneva Bible and Psalter, and special music provided by the Sanctuary Choir.



"Kirkin' of the Tartans" refers to the "churaching" or "blessing" of Scottish tartans (plaids). If you have a family tartan, you are encouraged to bring it to worship that Sunday and come forward to the chancel rail for a blessing. Tartans and other Scottish articles can be ordered from the Scottish Lion. You may access their website: [www.scottishlion.com](http://www.scottishlion.com). Extra tartans will be available if you do not already have one, or if you simply wish to participate in the blessing ceremony. You don't have to be Scottish to join in the celebration!

**Brunch Tickets** are \$6.00 per person. **BRUNCH MENU:** Miniature Quiches, St. Paul's Heaven Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Spanakopita, Scones w/Devonshire Cream, Fruit Tea, Coffee, Orange Juice, and Milk. Children will be provided FREE pizza. If they choose to eat the Brunch menu, the cost will be \$6.00. Tickets will be sold through October 30, 2018, which is the deadline. Tickets may be conveniently purchased in the church office, and in the FPC Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings **beginning October 7**. Your ticket will indicate the number of Brunch meals purchased, the number of children who will be eating pizza, and the number of children who will be participating in the Flag Recessional at the end of the worship service. (More details will be provided in an informational letter to parents.)

A portion of the worship service on this Sunday is also dedicated to All Saints Day. In memoriam, the names of the deceased Saints from within FPC congregation since the last All Saints Day are read, a bell will toll for each, a litany will be read, and the hymn, *For All the Saints*, will be sung. Plan to join in this Service of Worship, Celebration and Honor.

**\*Note- Daylight Saving Time also ends on this day – remember to change your clocks! **Fall Back** one hour before going to bed Saturday night!**

## Kirkin' for Kids ~ 2018

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Parents,

Kirkin' of the Tartans will be a very special Sunday again this year!

We encourage everyone to join us in worship at 9:30 AM and for the brunch immediately following the service. (Remember there will be no Sunday School). We are including the children ages 4- 5th grade in worship. **There will be no Time with the Children** but 2 and 3 year olds and 4 year olds through 2nd graders will travel to the Education Building for nursery/Children's Church as usual at one point in the service.

**Toward the end of worship, children 4 years old through second grade will return to the sanctuary to participate in the Recessional.**

If parents of 2 and 3 year olds would like to have their children participate, they are welcome to bring them back to the sanctuary. **We may need some extra hands** to help escort children back into the sanctuary. Each child will hold a Scottish or American flag and will recess from the sanctuary following behind the Kirkin' bagpipe band. The children will then proceed to the Educational Building/Gym for their meal. Adults will remain in Fellowship Hall for the brunch.



A nursery will be provided and our Launchpad children (ages 4-PreK) will be served FREE pizza and drink in the Preschool SS room then play on the playground, weather permitting. If weather is inclement, they will watch a movie. BLAST children (ages K- 5th) will have their free pizza/drink in the gym then have gym time.

If 4th and 5th graders would like to attend the luncheon with their families instead of being in the gym for pizza, they will need to make reservations. The cost will be \$6.00 and parents must purchase tickets in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Smith or Sylvia Showalter.

It should be a very exciting day in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

**\*Note- Daylight Saving Time also ends on this day – remember to change your clocks! *Fall Back* one hour before going to bed Saturday night!**





## 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!**



### IMPORTANT DATES!

**November 3 ~ Kirkin' Service**  
Children ages 4 and older will recess with the Bagpipers.

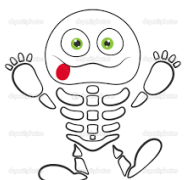
**November 9 ~ Parents' Night Out**

**December 2 ~ "Carols, Cards & Cookies"**  
Brookside Assisted Living—More info to follow.

**December 8 ~ Happy Birthday Jesus!**  
Children will rehearse their program immediately following the party.

**December 12 ~ BLAST Children's Christmas Program**

*Don't Miss What's Coming Up!!*



**We LOVE our Playschool teachers and families!!**

**Thank you Tamara for all you do  
for everyone at FPC!**



**FUNNY BONES 2018 is a wrap! Lots of fun, a huge crowd, and very creative costumes! Thank you for your participation!**





# youth connection

## Youth News!

*Our youth group is doing amazing work inside and outside of the church!  
And still finding time to have fun.*

\*\*\*\* If you would like to provide dinner for a Youth Connection Sunday night  
please email Molly @ [fpcmolly@eplus.net](mailto:fpcmolly@eplus.net)\*\*\*\*



Molly Richardson  
Interim Youth Director

*Congratulations to  
Lilly Kate Varino  
on helping take her  
soccer team to  
the State  
Quarter Finals.*

*Having fun at Youth Group!  
Come Join Us!*



*The youth are the future of  
our church. It's amazing to see  
them being active in worship.  
Great job Mari!*



*We are so proud of Joy McKissack  
and her academic achievement.*



**youth  
group  
SCHEDULE**

**Important dates  
to remember:**

**November 2**  
Box City  
**November 21**  
NO Wednesday Night Program  
**November 25**  
NO Youth Connection  
**December 5**  
Advent Worship Service  
**December 12**  
Children's Christmas Program  
**December 16**  
Youth Christmas Party  
**December 23**  
NO Youth Connection  
**January 13, 2019**  
Room in the Inn  
**February 10, 2019**  
Room in the Inn



## FINANCIAL UPDATE – September 2018

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2018 Pledges	\$475,490	\$ 462,539	\$ 410,607
Total Contributions	\$524,770	\$ 536,039	\$ 444,718
Total Income	\$629,486	\$ 643,433	\$ 545,945
Total Expenses	\$553,234	\$ 643,433	\$ 569,313
Net Income	\$ 76,252	\$ 0	(\$ 23,368)

**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 Chair), at 431-1262, Russell Cook (Treasurer) at 694-1991, or Vicki Pope (Financial Secretary) at 422-1591.

## Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 5:00 PM and conducted its usual business.  
The Session:

- ♦ *voted to approve the minutes of the Stated Session meeting of September 9, 2018;*
- ♦ *voted to approve the minutes of the Congregational meeting of September 30, 2018 to elect new officers for Class of 2021 and a replacement for Bill Sipes, who has resigned. Benita Brown will fill the unexpired term of Bill Sipes. Elders elected to Class of 2012 are: Mary Jane McWherter, Russell Cook, Barry Broughton, Patty Smith, Greg Abbott, and Debbie Hurt.*
- ♦ *received a report from Carol Sue Keathley, Chair of Budget and Finance that September financials appear to be in line with budget expectations, and a budget for 2019 will be created as soon as the Stewardship campaign is completed;*
- ♦ *received a report from Virginia Conger, Chair of Congregational Care, who stated that gift cards are being sent to our college students;*
- ♦ *voted to approve request by Property Committee that \$5,000 from the Property Trust Fund be used to hire Glenn A. Tharp to paint and perform minor repairs to exterior of church campus;*
- ♦ *received a report from Mike Dunnivant, Chair of Stewardship Committee, that Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for October 21, 2018; and that some challenges had been encountered with the new PushPay application in the reconciliation process, but are expected to be rectified soon;*
- ♦ *received a reminder from Tammy Buchanan-Anderson, Chair of Worship Committee of the Kirkin' of the Tartans service on November 4, 2018, and the upcoming Tuesday Advent services and Christmas Eve services;*
- ♦ *voted to elect Elders Virginia Conger and James Harris as commissioners to the November 13, 2018 Presbytery meeting at Pinecrest, with alternate Molly Richardson on standby if needed.*

All members of the Session encourage questions or comments at any time.

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

## WHEN MAKING PURCHASES FOR THE CHURCH:

Since FPC has a tax-exempt status, and we have a sales tax exemption number, all persons making purchases for the church should use the tax form and number when making purchases.

As part of our latest audit report, we are not to reimburse anyone for sales tax as part of a receipt/request for payment. You may get a Tax Exempt form upon request from Vicki Pope to use when buying items for the church, which should be provided to the retailer at point of sale.

***The church will no longer reimburse for sales tax paid.***



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
ENDS ON NOV. 4TH!**

**Remember to set your clocks BACK  
one hour before going to bed  
on Saturday night!**



**RIFA SNACK BACKPACK  
ITEMS NEEDED:**

Pop-Tarts;  
Ramen Noodles (chicken or beef);  
Microwave Popcorn  
(individually wrapped);  
Apple Sauce (with foil lids);  
Oatmeal (single serve packs);  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
(with pop-tops);  
Ravioli (single serve with pop-tops);  
Macaroni & Cheese  
(individual packets/bowls).



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**OUR MISSION:**

First Presbyterian Church  
seeks to provide opportunities  
for people to encounter the life changing  
presence of Christ through:  
preaching, the study of scripture,  
engagement in worship, faithful stewardship  
and service to others  
in the church and community.

*If you have an article for the newsletter, please  
send it to Nelda Rhodes, Church Secretary at:  
[fpcnelda@eplus.net](mailto: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.***

## ***Advent Devotionals—Living the Gospel Life***



**Believe it or not, the Christmas season is almost here!** You know how exciting it is to tell everyone all about that special gift you receive each year?! No matter the year, we know without a doubt that there is no greater gift than the gift of our Savior. Why not share that gift with everyone and celebrate throughout the season of Advent?!

In the spirit of discipleship, this year we ask that everyone take a devotional for your family and an extra two to share with others. They will be available **November 25th** to pick up in the Fellowship Hall. Share the devotional, tell a friend what it means to you, and spread the excitement the season brings as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior!

**ABOUT THE BOOKLET:** After reviewing several, the Discipleship Committee chose this one!

**LIVING The Gospel Life \* The Season of Advent**

*Daily Devotions for Christians on a Mission*

David Mead, Editor Mark Zimmermann & Carol Geisler, Assistant Editors

In the booklet, each day there is a Devotion, Scripture and a Challenge.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To inspire, challenge and equip Christians in a missional approach toward a faith in action: a faith seeking to express itself in the home, the neighborhood, the workplace, the school, the community and the congregation.