

## Message from the Pastor

Our world is one in which disagreement, brokenness, and division are the norm. Those are not the ways in which we are called to relate to one another as Christians.

I read the story about a couple named John and Sandy, who were talking about their relationship. John said to Sandy, "You know, we've never had an argument. Maybe we ought to argue like other people." Sandy responded by asking, "But how do we start an argument?" "It's very simple," answered John. "I take a brick and say, 'It is mine,' and then you say, 'No, it's mine,' and then we have an argument."

So the couple sat down and John took a brick and said, "This brick is mine." Sandy looked kindly at John and said, "Well, if it's yours, take it!" And so Sandy and John did not argue.

Sometimes arguments are necessary and even good, but when our government shuts down because our leaders cannot agree about what is best

for our country, something is very wrong.

As we begin the Lenten Season, we are called to look closely at ourselves and repent of those things that divide us. In *A Cry for Mercy*, Henri Nouwen provides an apropos prayer:

*"Help me, O Lord, to let my old self die, to let die the thousand big and small ways in which I am still building up my false self and trying to cling to my false desires. Let me be reborn in you and see through you the world in the right way, so that all my actions, words, and thought can become a hymn of praise to you."*

*I need your loving grace to travel on this hard road that leads to the death of my old self and to a new life in and for you. I know and trust that this is the road to freedom. Lord, dispel my mistrust and help me to become a trusting friend."*

As Dr. King so famously said, "...all life is interrelated. We



*are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."*

This Lent, let us do what we can to understand and respect those who may have different skin tones, or patterns of behavior, or beliefs than we do. At the end of the day we may not agree with them, but we can love, honor, and serve with them.

### Scripture of the Month — Luke 10:27

**Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."**

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#### Special dates of interest:

- Mar 2—Presbytery Meeting
- Mar 3—Reception for Vicki
- Mar 4—Playschool Registration
- Mar 5—Room in the Inn
- Mar 6—Ash Wednesday Worship
- Mar 10—Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 10—First Sunday of Lent/ Communion Sunday
- Mar 10—Session Meeting
- Mar 11—PW Circles meet
- Mar 14—Rhodes College Singers
- Mar 17—St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19—Room in the Inn
- Mar 20—First Day of Spring
- Mar 28—Jonathan Dimmock Organ Concert



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### SESSION

#### Class of 2019

Leigh Anne Bentley  
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Bryan Byrd  
James Harris  
Carol Sue Keathley  
Justin Smith

#### Class of 2020

Benita Brown  
David Greene  
Russell Jones  
Stacey McAdams  
Kevin Pauley  
Stephannie Williams

#### Class of 2021

Greg Abbott  
Barry Broughton  
Russell Cook  
Debbie Hurt  
Mary Jane McWherter  
Patty Smith

### 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.*

## Annual Spring Work Day—April 6



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CHURCH SPRING WORK DAY!**

**April 6**

**8 AM—12 Noon**

We will be weeding, spreading leftover mulch on shrub beds, cleaning windows, and pressure washing concrete walks. There will be something for everyone to do!

**Rain Date:**

**April 13**

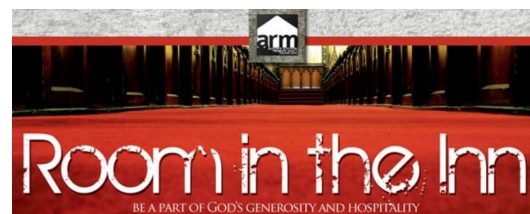
**Mark Your Calendars!**

**PC(USA) Big Tent Event**

**August 1-3, 2019**

**Romans 12:2**

**Theme: *Called to a Movement beyond Institution***



**UPCOMING DATES!**

**March 5—Directions Class**

**March 19—Mayo Class**

**April 9—Fellowship Class/church wide**

**April 23—Connections Class/church wide**



### Lectionary Readings for March 2019

**March 3 ~ Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43**

**March 10 ~ Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13**

**March 17 ~ Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35**

**March 24 ~ Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9**

**March 31 ~ Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

## Wednesdays @ First



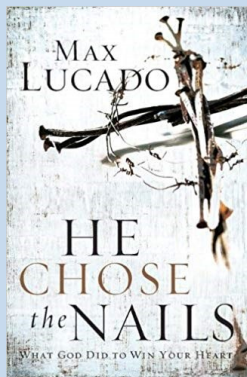
Join us Wednesday nights for fun, good food, and informative programming. Dinner is at 5:15 PM, with special programming at 6 PM. There are separate activities for the **Youth** and for our younger friends at **Launch Pad Kids** and **Blast!**, while the adults are involved in their activity. A nursery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

- Mar 6—** **MENU:** Caesar Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Buttered Noodles, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Breadsticks and Lemon Icebox Pie for dessert.  
**PROGRAM:** Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- Mar 13—** **MENU:** Salad Bar, Vidalia Onion Pork Loin, Wild Rice, Baked Squash & Onions, Hot Rolls, and Chocolate Cake for dessert.  
**PROGRAM:** Lent Small Groups.
- Mar 20—** **MENU:** Garden Salad, Chicken & Dressing with gravy, Roasted Sweet Potato, Vegetable Medley, Baked Pears, Buttered Bread, and Cheesecake & toppings for dessert.  
**PROGRAM:** Lent Small Groups.
- Mar 27—** **MENU:** French Country Salad, Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Yeast Rolls, and Peach Crisp & Ice Cream for dessert.  
**PROGRAM:** Lent 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.



### OUR LENTEN STUDY ~~~~begins March 13 thru April 10!

**Max Lucado—He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart**

*Linger on the hill of Calvary.*

*Rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand.*

*Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow.*

*Touch the velvet dirt, moist with the blood of God.*

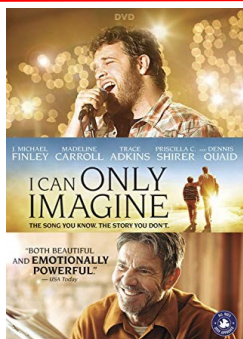
*Allow the tools of torture to tell their story.*

*Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart.*

*Join us for Wednesdays in Lent at FPC March 13– April 10*

*Dinner @ 5 PM; Video at 6 PM*

## Family Movie Night ~ Sunday, April 7



**Save the Date!**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ~ Sunday, April 7th**  
from 4—6 PM

**Adults will watch “I Can Only Imagine” (rated PG) in the Fellowship Hall, with our new projector.**

**The children will watch a child-friendly move in the Rotation Sunday School theater.**

**More details will follow later.**



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

**BEGINS MARCH 10!**

**Be sure to change your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.**





## PW of First Presbyterian

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**CT MEETING:** (if needed)

**CT meeting March 4 @ 9:30 AM**

#### **MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Circle meetings—**

**Monday, March 11, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Abigail**— meets with Martha Kizer,  
5 Broadfield, 423-4621

**Baara**— meets at the church in the  
church Library with Robbie Rodgers,  
hostess 217-4409

**7:00 PM**

**Deborah**—meets at the church in Memorial  
Hall

**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)  
*March 1—Abigail*  
*April 1—Baara*

**Collect Eyeglasses** for Mark Harris to  
take overseas.



#### **NEWSLETTER**

#### **DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE**

**March 18, 2019**



#### **MEN'S TUESDAY COFFEE GROUP**

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



Our Men's Coffee Group is GROWING!  
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!



#### **NaCoMe 2019 - Mark your calendars for July 19-21, 2019**

We had a blast last summer at **NaCoMe** ! Check out our fun video at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10h-golVEn5t4l4Vn-WZAvNR5fYMyjxWy/view>

**What is NaCoMe?** It is a wonderful time for fun, spiritual growth, and fellowship in God's  
natural setting. This is an awesome annual tradition for the *ENTIRE* Church family – there is  
something for all ages!

If you haven't been to NaCoMe, you have been missing a treat! NaCoMe has modern cabins  
with air conditioning, a COLD swimming hole, a creek for crawdad hunting, excellent food,  
and wonderful fellowship with your Church family!

NaCoMe Camp & Conference Center is located in Pleasantville, TN on the Western Highland  
Rim. Check out their website: [www.nacome.org](http://www.nacome.org)

# Membership Corner ~ Welcome New Members!!

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

## **Thank you from the Membership Committee:**

On February 3rd it was a joy to celebrate our 22 new members who joined the FPC family in 2018 ! The Christian Education Committee gave all new members engraved study Bibles.

The Membership Committee would like to thank the entire Congregation for their efforts in inviting and welcoming people to visit FPC.

***Just who is on the Membership Committee? WE ALL ARE!***

The entire congregation is actually the true Membership Committee. These new members chose our church for many reasons. They were invited by some of you. Or when they visited, maybe you went out of your way to introduce yourself and invite them to Sunday School or Wednesday night. So, whatever it is you are doing...keep doing it. It is obviously working!

Praise be to God for these newest members of our church family.



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.

## **NEW MEMBERS 2018**

Georgia Wellborn  
George and Paula Moschovas  
Elizabeth and Will Johnson  
Christen Reynolds  
Jimmie Womble  
Rick and Nelda McCune  
Ann Schmidt  
David and Clara Smith  
Blake Anderson  
Gary and Shirley Nelson  
Wallace and Ruth Potter  
Stan and Carol Carnell  
Cynthia Jones

Matt and Mary McCaslin (2019)

## **HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE!**



Do you have a need to hear the worship service better in the Sanctuary? Hearing assist devices are available for your use. Please let Nelda Rhodes in the church office know of your need by email [fpcnelda@eplus.net](mailto:fpcnelda@eplus.net) or call 422-1591.

We will mark a unit with your name, identified for your use, and place it in the basket on the usher table at the rear of the sanctuary.

Kevin Pauley or Ken Stumpenhorst can provide instruction for use, if needed.



## **SPRING GREAT BANQUET: Men ~ April 25-28, Women ~ May 2-5, 2019**

This 72-hour experience is for anyone who wishes to strengthen their spiritual life.

If you are interested in learning more about the Great Banquet, or to register for an upcoming Banquet, please contact:  
John White [fpcjohn@eplus.net](mailto:fpcjohn@eplus.net)  
or Ceil Cowles [fpcceil@eplus.net](mailto:fpcceil@eplus.net)

## **A NEW DIRECTORY!**

We have new members and have had many changes in addresses, phone numbers, etc. since the last printed church directory. We are in the process of creating a new directory with updated info.

If you have had any family changes, addresses, phone numbers, etc. please forward them to the church office **to the attention of Nelda** by either calling 422-1591, or emailing to [fpcnelda@eplus.net](mailto:fpcnelda@eplus.net) !



**VICKI CELEBRATION DAY! Sunday, March 3!** Vicki Pope, our Financial Secretary for the past 27 years, is retiring! **Sunday, March 3** we will recognize Vicki during our worship service, and thank her for her service. After worship, at 10:30 AM we will begin a reception for Vicki in Memorial Hall, which runs until Noon. We are also receiving a **love offering** for Vicki. You may make out your check to **FPC** and mark it **“for Vicki”**, drop it in the offering plate, drop it by the church office, or mail it to the church. If you mail it, please mark the envelope **ATTN: Machele**. Thank you Vicki, for your many years of service to the FPC church family.



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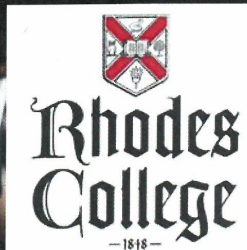
# *Music Concert*

presented by the Rhodes College Singers

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THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
FPC SANCTUARY

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing  
and make music. Psalm 57:7



# Playschool News



**Kindness.** We try to model and lead by example for our students. We talk about “kind and gentle” regularly, so when we have a spate of unkind behavior at school we are always a bit taken aback. This year “Miss” Alison led a lesson with the big kids about kindness that gave the children a way to understand how unkind words and deeds hurt the hearts of their classmates. Each child was given a colorful paper heart that was in pristine condition. They talked about what it felt like when someone was unkind to them; it hurt their heart.



Everyone had to crumple up the beautiful heart to represent how unkind words hurt. “Miss” Alison asked what we should do when you hurt someone, and the children responded, “say your sorry”. Then they were instructed to smooth out the crumpled hearts and asked to decide if saying your sorry made everything completely better. They realized that saying your sorry can help make things better, but your heart is never exactly the same as it had been. The children could see for themselves that it is a much better choice to not be unkind in the first place.



## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

03/02	Joe Richardson	03/10	Jace Bodiford	03/29	Benita Brown
03/03	Michael Martin	03/11	Bob Redding		Callum Donnell
03/04	Bill Lawrence	03/12	Mary Jane McWherter		Cynthia Stedman
	Edith Spaulding	03/13	Jan Burland	<b>Happy Anniversary!</b>	
03/05	Jo Ann Birmingham		Rachael Cook		
	William Ide	03/14	Carrie Beth Henson	03/07	Ginny and Tom Brimm
	Vivian Pauley	03/16	Harbert Alexander, Jr.	03/12	Evelyn and Jim Petterson
	Carole Stewart	03/21	Hudson Smith	03/29	Judy and Bruce Herron
03/06	Paula Moschovas	03/23	Jenny Craig		
03/08	Emma Barron		Penny Kendall		
	Jacob Barron		Branch Thomson		
	Patty Lawrence	03/25	Caroline White		
03/09	Mary Catherine Campbell	03/27	Dustin Hickerson		
	Liam Richardson	03/28	Wynn Smith		



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:

**March 3** ~ Stan and Debbie Harris; Betty Stewart; Carol Whitnall

**March 10** ~ Robbie Rodgers; Cynthia and Elizabeth Thomson; Gary and Susan Boutwell

**March 17** ~ Rich and Debbie Rosser; Judi Wilson; Dot Holt

**March 24** ~ Wade, Adriana, Anabelle and Wade IV Thomson; Albert Alexander; Billy, Debbie and Rebecca Hurt

**March 31** ~ John, Susannah, Forrest and Kathelene White; Bill and Patty Lawrence; Jerry and Margaret Ann Lucas

***“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”***

Martin Luther

## ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

### Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #233

### Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Jeannette Hendricks, #K112

Helen Johnson, #D65

Dolly Mathis, #C43

John Singleton, #F95

Betty Stewart, #M8

Judi Wilson, #E85

### Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

### Adamsville Healthcare and Rehab

Charles Huffman, #515

### Elmcroft

Bob Elam, #215

### 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

Kelly Deere

Lark Taylor

Linda Houston

Jerry Barnes

David & Eleanor Hooper

Joan Harville

David Smith

Patty Smith

John and Susan Anderson

Walter Lockhart

Barbara Day

Ellen McClune

Maddy McKissack

Kathy Whitener

Bill Duke (recovery from surgery)

Mildred Brimm

Billy Brimm and family

Bob Beare

Ron Taylor

Evelyn Taylor

Eloise Phillips

Hunter and Kelsi Gray

Izzie Green, and baby Iris & family

Mike Taylor (recovery)

Hannah Smith

Janet Dollar

Mo Pledger

Lisa Samarrippas (thyroid cancer)

Anne Garrard

Alex Harris

Joyce Jones

Harbert & Nora Alexander

Bobbie Jones

Betsy Babb

Martha Hanserd

James Harris

Bobby Benson

Felicia Cobb—John Ross' sister

Jean Wilson (James Harris' grandmother)

Claircy Purinton

John and Susannah White

Tom Blackmon

Bill Sipes

Gina Fortner (Bill Sipes' sister)

Paula Smith (Gabi Cox's mother)

Brian Fowler (cancer)

Phillip Pickens (cancer)

John Meriwether

Jim Marple

Chase Mobley

Richard and Liz Swaim

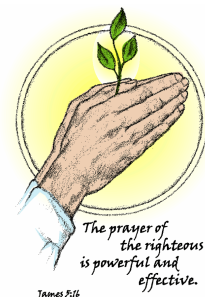
James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)

Cancer patients on our hearts

Mission Partners in Asia

Mission Partners in Peru

Disaster victims: fire, flood, hurricanes



***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:***

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian—Big Sandy, TN  
Celebrate the Gifts of Women;  
First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, TN;  
Health Awareness, and Prayers for Healing & Wholeness;  
Collierville Presbyterian Church, Collierville TN;  
Pray for Justice;  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ministry;  
Cordova Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN;  
First Presbyterian Church, Dyer, TN;  
Presbyterian World Missions



**I have been greatly blessed through the years by my caring & loving church family.**

**Thank you for your prayers, calls, delicious food, and many offers of help.**

**Thank You!  
Sincerely,  
Dot Holt**



## Organist Jonathan Dimmock ~ Concert @ FPC, March 28—7 PM

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Concert organist Jonathan Dimmock has distinguished himself through his dazzling and highly sensitive performances in churches, major concert halls, music festivals and cathedrals throughout the world. Lauded for his diverse repertoire and his engagement with audiences, his performing is marked by both musical depth and a distinctive personalness, causing audiences immediately to warm to him. Hailed by the *Eskilstuna-Kuriren* (Sweden) for “power and flaming brio,” cited by the *Natal Mercury* (South Africa) for “musicianship, taste, and unostentatious virtuosity,” and described by the *Adelaide Advertiser* (Australia) as playing in such a way that “the organ has rarely sounded more clear and multi-hued than in his very expert and virtuoso hands and feet,” Jonathan is considered by many to be one of the leading musicians in his field.



Organist Dimmock is well-known internationally as a concert soloist of exceptional merit. He is the Principal Organist at the Legion of Honor Museum, Organist for the San Francisco Symphony, and Music Director at both a church and synagogue in San Francisco. A graduate of Oberlin and Yale, he had the unique privilege of being the only American to serve as Organ Scholar of Westminster Abbey under the tutelage of Simon Preston. Continuing his career in the United States, he served three Episcopal cathedrals: St. John the Divine (New York), St. Mark's (Minneapolis), and Grace (San Francisco). Jonathan lives in San Francisco, where, for over twelve years, he was Music Director at St. Ignatius Church (the largest Jesuit church in the United States) and where he bases his extensive freelance career. He is one of the few organists in the world to tour on six continents and is especially renowned for his interpretations of the music of Bach and Messiaen.

Jonathan has recorded more than fifty CDs including a Grammy Award-winning CD of Mahler Symphony 8 with the San Francisco Symphony. In addition to hundreds of listings on YouTube, iTunes, Spotify, and other online music sites, he has been interviewed and featured on numerous radio and television stations including National Public Radio, Radio France, BBC3, ABC (Australia), MTV2 (Budapest), BCC (Barbados), and SABC (South Africa). His teachers and mentors include Olivier Messiaen, Gillian Weir, Jean Langlais, Peter Hallock, Haskell Thomson, William Porter, Thomas Murray, Ton Koopman, Harald Vogel, Naji Hakim, and Frédéric Blanc.



Jonathan's intellect and creativity are decidedly those of a visionary. His numerous blog writings, his vocation as a teacher, his passion for communicating, and his personal focus have been the impetus for his founding of five non-profit organizations, including the highly acclaimed American Bach Soloists (ABS), Artists' Vocal Ensemble (AVE), and, most recently, The Resonance Project – using live music to transform conflict and find common ground. This project ([www.Music-Resonance.org](http://www.Music-Resonance.org)) has led him to interview some of the greatest musicians in the world, all of whom share his excitement about the interface between music and neuroscience. The project has garnered attention from the United Nations, the U.S. Dept. of State, and President Obama. Jonathan is deeply committed to sharing the transformative power of music with the whole world.

For more information you may visit his website @ [www.JonathanDimmock.com](http://www.JonathanDimmock.com).

# Rotation Sunday School



Rotation Story:	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:	
<i>The Parable of the Lost Sheep</i>	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31	
K-2 3-5	Video Games	Games Video	Drama Cooking	Cooking Drama	

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 15:6b

*"Be joyful with me. I have found my lost sheep."*

**OUR CHILDREN LOVE IT!** *Many thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help teach our Parable of the Lost Sheep rotation.*

**MasterPeace Theatre (DRAMA):** Children will act out the story.

**Focus:** Learning the story, experiencing the emotions of being lost and found.

**The Synagogue School (GAMES):** Children will play a life-sized board game.

**Focus:** Review facts about the story, explore the meaning of the story.

**Mary and Martha's Kitchen (COOKING):** Children will make and eat Happy Sheep cookies.

**Focus:** Learn the story, explore the emotions of the story.

**The First Century Cinema (VIDEO):** Children will watch the video *"Stories Jesus Told – Parables for Kids"*.

**Focus:** Learning the meaning of parables.





## 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!**



**Save the date...**

**It's going  
to be great!!!  
VBS...**

**June 10th-13th**

**Life is Wild...  
God is Good!!!**

**When life is unfair...God is good!**



***"We Appreciate You!"***

***How blessed we are to have these wonderful  
nursery employees! We love them and  
they love our covenant children.  
If you see them, take a moment  
to show your appreciation!***



**Our children are active in church!**

**Picture above: Sunday School  
Attendance Recognition**

**Picture left: Rotation Sunday  
School, Cooking in the Kitchen**

**Picture right: Launch Pad Kids  
singing in worship**





# youth connection

## Youth News!



**Molly Richardson**  
Interim Youth Director



**WE HAVE BEEN  
BUSY SERVANTS OF GOD,  
AND HAVE BEEN HAVING  
A LITTLE FUN  
AT THE SAME TIME!**



**Please pray for our 2019 Confirmation Class  
and their Sponsors.**

### CONFIRMAND

Jacob Barron  
Emma Barron  
James Howell  
Annika Jerge  
Stella Crenshaw  
Lara McCaslin  
Catey Beth Donnell  
Callum Donnell  
Ava Beller

### SPONSOR

Jim Campbell  
Mona Campbell  
Randy Jones  
Nelda Evans  
Ann Mayo  
Kim Dunnavant  
Stephannie Williams  
Robert Reeves  
Lynn East

**\*\*\*\* IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE YOUTH  
DURING YOUTH CONNECTION ON SUNDAY NIGHTS  
PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY @ [fpcmolly@eplus.net](mailto:fpcmolly@eplus.net) \*\*\*\***



The Youth did a fabulous job hosting the annual  
SOUPer Bowl of Caring Lunch and raised **\$2,332.50**  
for our local RIFA Soup Kitchen!

***Thank you to everyone who brought soup  
and to everyone who donated!***



ABOVE: Serving  
Room in the Inn



**Important dates  
to remember:**

**March 1-3**

**NaCoMe Youth Retreat**

**June 9-15**

**Montreat Sr. High  
Youth Conference**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE – January 2019

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2019 Pledges	\$ 66,292	\$ 52,047	\$ 161,984
Total Contributions	\$ 70,329	\$ 60,181	\$ 168,134
Total Income	\$ 74,248	\$ 75,202	\$ 171,840
Total Expenses	\$ 81,025	\$ 75,202	\$ 69,021
Net Income	(\$ 6,777)	\$ 0	\$ 102,819

**Pledges can now be paid using ACH bank drafts on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please contact Machelie Daniel-Hall 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 Machelie Daniel-Hall (Financial Secretary) at 422-1591.

## Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Tennessee, met on Sunday, February 10, 2019, at 5:00 PM in Memorial Hall and conducted its normal business.

The Session voted to:

- ⇒ *Appoint Carol Sue Keathley as Acting Clerk for the meeting in the absence of Clerk James Harris;*
- ⇒ *Elect commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, March 2 at Idlewild Presbyterian Church—Greg Abbott and Barry Broughton*
- ⇒ *Approved the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be received Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019;*
- ⇒ *Accept recommendations of the Membership Committee to move two members to Inactive Rolls due to change in family status;*
- ⇒ *Accept request of two members to be removed from the church rolls*

The Session was reminded of the Lasagna Luncheon fundraiser for youth programs on February 24, and of the Organ Concert by Jonathan Dimmock on March 28.

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

**NEXT SESSION MEETING  
March 10 @ 5 PM**



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**  
Wednesday night, March 6, 2019  
6 PM in the Sanctuary

*We will gather 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.*

## 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 Machelie 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.***



**WELCOME MACHELIE!** Hello! My name is Machelie Daniel-Hall. I was born and raised in Chester County, which is where I am currently residing. My parents are Steve and Dorothy, and I am the oldest of three children. I have two sons, Tyler, age 23, currently enrolled in the University of Oklahoma Law School, and Cody, age 20, enrolled in Oklahoma State University. I have two dogs that keep me company, Nico and Mia. I am SO thankful to be here among such amazing, kind-hearted, caring, helpful and loving people. I look forward to working with and helping each and every one of you in any way that I can. I can never replace Ms. Vicki, but hopefully I can start to fit in the large shoes that she has left for me to fill.



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**SPRING SOUP KITCHEN DATES!**  
**April 1—5, 2019**

**A sign up board will go up mid-March in the Fellowship Hall!**



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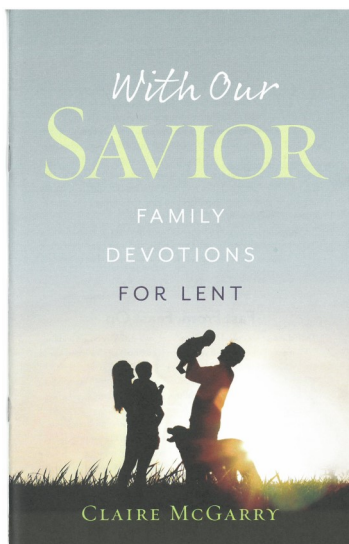
**OUR MISSION:**

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.***

## ***Devotional Booklets for Lenten Reflection***

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**DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS FOR LENT:** This year we have two devotional booklets available for Lent - one for family use with children and one for individual use.

***“With Our Savior”*** by Claire McGarry is a family devotional with scripture, reflection, prayer, and activities for each day. This devotional will be sent home to each family, with the children, from Sunday School.

***“Sermon on the Mount”*** by Dean Nadasdy is a devotional booklet based on the teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount. This devotional will be available to pick up Sundays beginning Sunday, February 24 on the tables by the doors to the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall.

***One per family, please!***

