

Message from the Pastor

A story for you to consider:

Years ago, I was serving an inner city church, and a woman walked in with two young children just as the service was ending. One of the members came up to me a few minutes later and told me that this woman wanted to talk to the pastor and pay her tithe. The woman and I sat down in the front pew to talk.

The woman had walked over to church from the battered women's shelter, and was quite distressed to find that she had missed the worship service. She was going to be getting on a bus the following morning and heading to a new life in a city 1,000 miles away. The shelter had arranged for her to stay in a shelter in the new city while she searched for a job and housing and got herself on her feet. She had come to the church because she wanted to pay her tithe and have the pastor pray for her

before she set out to build a new life for her sons.

She talked about how difficult it would be, moving to this new city, and how she was going to have to trust God if she was going to make it. She had no church home, and knew that was something she was going to have to change when she reached this new city. It was the first of the month, and she had just received her welfare check. She very carefully counted out exactly 10% of it and handed it to me. I wanted to refuse her money, but as I opened my mouth to tell her to keep her money, something stopped me. I realized that the money (about \$33) would not make the difference between her making it in the new town and not making it, but that her giving it, and thus putting God first and living out her trust in God, might very well make the difference. So, I took the money. I delivered it to the counters in the office, and found her a Bible. I wrote down



some passages she might find helpful in the front of the Bible. I had a prayer with her. I sent her out the door and on her way to a new life.

I have no idea what became of that woman, and don't even remember her name. I do remember her determination that if she was going to make a success of her new life, she had to put God first and live out her trust in God.

May we all listen and learn...

Scripture of the Month — 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.



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Special dates of interest:

- Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 3
- Kirkin' of the Tartans—Nov. 3
- PW CT meeting—Nov. 4
- Officer Prep Meetings—Nov. 4 & 12
- Session Meeting—Nov. 10
- Veteran's Day—Nov. 11
- PW Circle meetings—Nov. 11
- Room in the Inn—Nov. 12 & 26
- Hope Recovery Gala—Nov. 12
- Presbytery meeting—Nov. 12
- With Meraki @ Pinecrest—Nov. 15-17
- American Recycles Day—Nov. 16
- Suicide Prevention—Nov. 17
- Communion Sunday—Nov. 24
- Playschool Thanksgiving Programs—Nov. 25 & Nov. 26
- Thanksgiving Holiday—Nov. 28-29



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SESSION

<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Leigh Anne Bentley	Benita Brown
Tammy B. Anderson	David Greene
Bryan Byrd	Russell Jones
James Harris	Stacey McAdams
Carol Sue Keathley	Kevin Pauley
Justin Smith	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.

Room in the Inn 2019-2020



Room in the Inn

ROOM IN THE INN HELPING THE HOMELESS FOR THIRTEEN YEARS

Our church will participate in Jackson's ROOM IN THE INN program for the Thirteenth 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:

Tuesday, November 12 – Fellowship Class
Tuesday, November 26 – Connections Class
Tuesday, December 10 – Seekers Class
Sunday, December 22 – Church Wide*
Tuesday, January 14 – Fellowship Class
Tuesday, January 28 – Connections Class
Sunday, February 9 – Youth
Tuesday, February 25 – Directions Class
Tuesday, March 10 – Swaim Class
Tuesday, March 24 – Mayo Class
Tuesday, April 14 – Fellowship Class
Sunday, April 26 – Youth

*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.

Lectionary Readings for November 2019

**November 3 ~ Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144;
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10**

**November 10 ~ Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Psalm 98;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38**

**November 17 ~ Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13;
Luke 21:5-19**

**November 24 ~ Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43**

Wednesdays at First



Wednesday Night Fellowship continues for another great year of fun, good food, and informative programming. Please join us each Wednesday at 5:00 PM for dinner, and then stay for the program/worship/study at 6 PM. We have separate programming for the Youth and for 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.

- Nov 6—** **MENU:** Asian Salad, Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Orange Glazed Carrots, Yeast Rolls, and Mandarin Orange Cake for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small groups—The Nativity Story, movie and discussion
- Nov 13—** **MENU:** Caesar Salad, Spaghetti, Creamed Spinach, Buttered Corn, Garlic Breadsticks, and Lemon Icebox Pie for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small groups—The Nativity Story, movie and discussion
- Nov 20** **MENU:** French Country Salad, Chicken & Dressing Casserole, Vegetable Medley, Baked Peaches, Buttered Bread, and Pineapple Upside Down Cake for dessert.
 PROGRAM: Small groups—The Nativity Story, movie and discussion
- Nov 27** **NO Wednesday Night Programming! Happy Thanksgiving!**

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: \$7 for adults, including children over age 12, \$5 for children ages 3-12, with a \$20 max per family.

Reminder: Take outs cost \$1 more for each meal, to help cover the cost of the extra packaging!

Stewardship News!

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GROWING IN
FAITH TOGETHER



GIVE



SERVE



ATTEND



GROW

If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in a pledge, it is not too late.

You can still make a pledge and help support the mission of this church in this community and the world, by filling out your pledge card and dropping it in the collection plate on Sunday, or by turning it in to the church office at your convenience.

You should have received a pledge card in the mail, but if not there are extra cards and envelopes available on the tables in the back and front of the sanctuary



SAVE THE DATE! Cornerstone Annual Holiday Brunch ~ December 5, 2019

Make your plans now to join us for our **Holiday Brunch** on **Thursday, December 5** at **11:30 AM** in Memorial Hall!

There is no charge.....this is our Christmas Gift to you! Everyone welcome! We hope you can attend.

Please make a reservation by calling the church office @ 422-1591.



PW of First Presbyterian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**CT MEETING—Monday, November 4
@ 9:30 AM in the Sun Parlor**

Circle meetings in November

Morning Circles: Nov 11 @ 10 AM
Abigail—meets with Benita Brown,
15 Siesta Dr. 424-5446

Baara—meets with Lark Taylor,
89 Stornaway, 410-8312

Evening Circle: Nov 11 @ 7 PM
Deborah—with Nora Alexander,
1723 N. Highland Ave. 424-2380

**TO ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH!!
All are welcome!**

Please contact Vivian Pauley 506-5545
or Kathy House 423-1065 if you would
like to participate in a Circle/Bible Study,
volunteer for a PW service project, be part
of the PW Prayer Chain, or learn more
about PW.

Service Opportunities:

RIFA Soup Kitchen —(Desserts)
November 1—Abigail
December 1—Baara

Helping Hands: meets on Monday,
November 4 at 9:30 AM.

Helping Hands makes whatever the
community is in need of. Two current
projects involve walker bags and bibs for
local nursing homes, and girls' dresses
and boys' shorts for Jan Crossett to
distribute on her world mission trips with
Compassion International.

Threads of Love: meets Tuesday,
November 12 at 9:30 AM.

Threads of Love makes burial gowns,
blankets and hats for families who have
an infant death at the local hospital.

PW Missions Day makes *discharge
packets* (100 per year). Discharge
packets are layette packets that include a
blanket, gown, onesie, and hat. They are
given to mothers in need to take their
newborn home in when discharged from
the hospital.

Used Eyeglasses for Guatemala: PW
collects used eyeglasses for Mark Harris
to take overseas on a mission project in
cooperation with Cumberland Presbyteri-
an Church.

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!

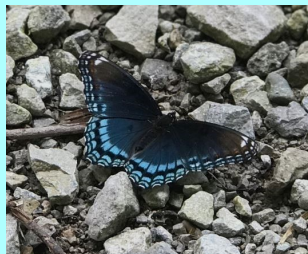


**Deadline for
December
edition
of newsletter**

November 18, 2019

PW 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.



With Meraki—What is it? A sleepover with art and soul for women **November 15-17**

Join us for a sleepover for women of all ages who like to laugh a lot, try something new, and pray in creative ways. And, no, you don't have to be an artist. You don't even need to be very creative. You're a work of art yourself. That's enough.

Local creative experts are excited to share their talents and coax some out of you, too.

Rev. Stephanie Patton leads intentional prayer times that loosely follow the divine hours.
Short, guided pockets of time to center your soul and give you space to breathe.

With Meraki at Pinecrest Camp is Friday evening from supper until Sunday after worship and brunch.

Tuition : Single Occupancy \$400 (queen bed/private bath)

Double Occupancy \$315 (queen or twin bed/shared bath)

Quad Occupancy \$225 (twin bed/shared bath)

Tuition includes lodging, meals, instruction, and most materials. Register: <http://camppinecrest.org/events-calendar/>

Membership Corner

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

Welcome New Members!



Ken and Madeline Yount

*joined by Reaffirmation of Faith
October 27, 2019*

2535 Cash School Rd.
Enville, TN 38332



CONGRATULATIONS!

**Brad and Melissa Hayes
are the proud
parents of a
new baby boy!**

**Hart Morrison Hayes
was born October 18, 2019!**



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, and special holiday services, beginning with our Advent services, children's program, and Christmas Eve services.



Congratulations to these newly married couples!

**Bill Dellastatious married Sandra Replogle
Wednesday, October 2, 2019**

**Katie Pauley married Joshua Bowman
Friday, October 11, 2019**

**Eden Abbott married Reagan Barnhart
Saturday, October 12, 2019**



THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT PINECREST

November 28 | Serving from 11:30-1:00
21430 Hwy 57 in Moscow, TN

Here's to
plenty of gratitude and *plenty* of turkey!
Join us for a homemade meal,
then enjoy our bonfires,
hayrides and rocking chairs



Adult	\$22
Child 4-10	\$15
Under 4	free

RSVP by November 21
901.878.1247 or pinecrestc@wildblue.net



Let us cook your
Thanksgiving Dinner

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
November 28, 2019**

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

THANKSGIVING AT NaCoMe!

WHEN: Thursday, November 28th at 1 PM

PRICE: \$16 for adults and \$10 per child (ages 3-12).

MENU: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, pies, cinnamon rolls, and much more!

This mouth-watering meal is something to be thankful for, and we hope you will stop by to enjoy it with us.

LODGING: Cabins are available if you want to stay overnight.

Cost is \$95 per room per night if you'd like to stay with us.

MEAL OR LODGING RESERVATIONS: Go to our website at nacome.org or email Sam Moore at retreats@nacome.org and we'll take care of the rest!

Pizza with the Pastor ~ September Gathering!



The September Pizza with the Pastor was a “musical” experience for FPC’s 4th and 5th graders.

After eating pizza with Pastor John, the kids asked many questions that were on their minds. They are definitely inquisitive and are keeping Pastor John on his toes.



Pastor John decided to take them on another adventure in the church. This time, they each took turns and climbed up the winding staircase of the Jackson Memorial Carillon. This Carillon is dedicated to the soldiers of Jackson-Madison County who offered and gave their lives for their country. Please visit our website at www.fpcjacksontn.org/carillon for more information.

Pizza with the Pastor is a great way for 4th and 5th graders to spend some quality time with each other and Pastor John while learning about the Presbyterian Church.

Upcoming dates for 2020 will be announced soon.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOUP KITCHEN DATES

Monday thru Friday, December 2—6, 2019

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!



Suicide Prevention ~ November 17

On Sunday, November 17, Virginia (Lynn) Julian of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network will share a Minute for Mission during our worship service.

She will also lead a Sunday School Class during Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. Lynn will share warning signs of depression and very basic suicide prevention skills. She will also share a very brief version of her experience as a survivor of suicide loss, and how Jesus is helping her cope. Please feel free to attend the Sunday School class presentation if you would like. All are welcome!

Playschool News



Every month we create a monthly activity calendar for our classes. Each month we note art projects, songs, stories, Spanish words and activities and other special activities. Each month is full and busy with many opportunities and options for everyone. Yet, each month really revolves around one distinct theme. September is **Friendship**, old friends and new friends and all the skills needed to be a good friend. October is **Pretending**, monsters, witches, ghosts and all things Halloween are fun to make believe. November is **Gratitude**, God has blessed all of us in so many ways, we always want to remember to say thank you. December is **Gifts**, gifts of love, the gift of Jesus and the gifts from Santa. January is **Nature** in the cold, there are so many of God's amazing and wonderful creatures that love the cold and it's fun to learn about them. February is of course, **Love**, loving God and loving one another. March and April are **Easter** and **Spring**, watching new life, leaves, flowers, butterflies and Jesus on the cross. Finally, May is **Growth**, how much we have grown and learned in nine months at Playschool, some growing into a new school, others growing into a new classroom at Playschool. This is what we affectionately call "Playschool Through the Seasons"!

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!



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

11/04	Aaron Tiede	11/18	Becky McKissack	11/26	Wilder Taylor
11/05	Ceil Cowles		Jamie Richardson	11/27	Pam Chambers
	Marge Stumpenhurst	11/20	Catherine Greene	11/28	Susan Harris
	Wade Thomson III		Ruth Montgomery		Patty Smith
11/07	Will Dunnivant	11/21	Jeanne Campbell		Evelyn Taylor
	Je'Delle Ross		John Hill	11/29	Evelyn Petterson
11/08	Alex Crossett		Diane Sklensky		
	Linsey Pickens	11/22	Julie Jones		
	Chuck Poole	11/23	Blair Erb		
11/10	Elle Jerge		Pat Vesper		
	Robert Reeves	11/24	Lesa Barton		
11/12	Trey Climer, III		Leigh Anne Bentley	11/23	Pat and Carl Vesper
	Bill Hatch		Laura Byrd	11/27	Jan and Tim Crossett
11/14	Charles Ames	11/25	Will East	11/29	Carol and Bob Green
11/17	Charlie Thompson		Jerry Kizer		
			Hannah Smith		

Happy Anniversary!

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 3 ~ John and Susan Anderson; Charlie and Suzy Collins; Tom and Nancy Strawn

November 10 ~ Ken and Madeline Yount; Mark and Susan Harris; Jeannette Hendricks

November 17 ~ Jeff and Marian Harbin; Jody, Linsey, Stone, Sarah-Tucker, and Elizabeth Pickens; Susie Sadler

November 24 ~ George and Patty Smith; John and Penny Kendall; Chris and Susie Alexander

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: **Charles H. Huffman, Brian Curtis Cox, Paula Jones Mathews, and Gertie Sue Rea Carruth**

ASSISTED & EXTENDED CARE

Jackson Meadows

Bill Dellastatious, #234

Brookdale Jackson Oaks

Helen Johnson, #D65

Betty Stewart, #M8

Dolly Mathis, #M32

Judi Wilson, #E85

Regency Retirement Village

Martha Stockard, #129A

Elmcroft

Bob Elam, #215

Northbrooke

Martha Hanserd, #16B

Rosemary Kipp Monegue, #204

Morningside of Jackson

Dorothy Prince (Carol Whitnall's mother)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jim Marple

Lark Taylor and family

Marvin Morton

Ron Taylor

Sid Spragins

Lisa Marcom

Rich McCune

Mandy Little

Charlie and Suzy Collins

Sylvia Showalter

Betsy Cox

Susan Blackmon

William Dabney & family

Clairey Purinton

Brenda Welling's father

Doug Jones

Dolly Mathis

Florence Bridges

Eloise Phillips

Debbie Lee (Lori Howell family)

Kay Engle Medlin (Judy Herron family)

Anne Garrard

Judy Harber

Joey Campbell

Marilynn Ames

Patricia White

Myra Deal (Greg Abbott's cousin)

John and Susan Anderson

Kathy Whitener

Betsy Babb

John and Susannah White

Richard and Liz Swaim

James Hargrove (Lori Howell's uncle)

Anderson Presbyterian Church

Cancer patients on our hearts

Mission Partners in Asia

Mission Partners in Peru

Search Committee & Search Process

Unspoken prayer requests

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

Military Veterans

Oak Street Community Presbyterian Church,

Union City, TN

First Presbyterian Church, Caruthersville, TN

Hunger & Homelessness



**The church office will be closed
Thursday, November 28
and Friday, November 29!**



Ruth Montgomery



Hello everyone!
I'm Ruth Montgomery.
I grew up in Jackson, graduated from Southside and received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Lambuth University.

After graduation, I worked seven years in the Admissions Office at Lambuth and then moved to Paris (TN) to work with the youth and young adults at Paris First United Methodist Church as their Director of Youth. Eventually, I fell in love, married and started a family. The "baby", Izzy, is now seventeen and a junior at Madison Academic. And, while I have enjoyed almost every moment of being mom, room mom, morning mom...it is time for me to put my gifts and talents to use in the working world. So, here I am, so excited to be back in a congregation setting as your new church secretary and to have the opportunity to work with a great staff of good, kind and caring people. I'm so grateful to work in a daily environment of such history and beauty. And, I consider myself blessed to be able to train with Nelda and hope to carry the torch as seamlessly as possible.

In my spare time, I love antiques, hiking, and all things Harry Potter. My life motto is simple...be kind.

NOTE: Ruth will work with Nelda Rhodes during November and December, and will assume her full responsibilities in January. We welcome Ruth to our Church Staff.

Small Group Study in November ~ The Nativity Story



The Nativity Story showcases the powerful story of Jesus' birth in a sweeping yet intimate film. The film offers contrasting pictures of those who trust in God and those who don't, presents various images of the journey of faith, and reveals God's faithfulness in keeping his promises to his people, even in highly unexpected ways. You will have the opportunity to reflect on the miraculous events of God's incarnation and the powerful models of faith for us today.

FPC
Wednesday
Small Group
during Advent

6:00 pm

November 6
November 13
November 20

Kirkin' of the Tartans—November 3, 2019

YE BONNIE LADS AND LASSES:

Worship with us for the "**Kirkin' of the Tartans**" service **Sunday, November 3, 2019** 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 "churching" 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. 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 **\$7.00** per person. **BRUNCH MENU:** Miniature Quiches, St. Paul's Heaven Casserole, Hash Brown Tattie Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Spanakopita, Scones w/Devonshire Cream, Fruit Tea, Coffee, Orange Juice, and Milk. If they choose to eat the Brunch menu, the cost will be **\$7.00**. Tickets will be sold through Tuesday, October 29, 2019, which is the deadline. Tickets may be conveniently purchased in the church office, and in the FPC Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings **beginning October 6**. 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!**



The Children's Corner



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

Children Are A Gift From God!



Ms. Laura Ms. Ellen Ms. Libby Ms. Lindsey



We love Pastor John White and appreciate all he does!



3-4 Preschool Sunday School Children are circle singing. We welcome Ms. Ellen McClune as their teacher, and appreciate the other volunteers and nursery workers who will be helping!



SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Caroling
Brookdale Retirement Center
December 15, 2019
Time to be announced!



**** YOUTH CONNECTION****

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY @ fpcmolly@eplus.net ****

***If you would like to sign up to bring dinner on a Sunday Night Youth Connection please contact Molly @ fpcmolly@eplus.net!



Molly Richardson
Interim Youth Director

The youth group took a field trip to Lexington to experience the Compassion Experience. They experienced other cultures, the realities of global poverty, and how children their age live half a world away. It was a very eye-opening experience.

Wesley also taught the youth group the very important life skill of how to properly spin a coin.

Remember no Sunday school on Kirkin' Sunday!



youth
group
SCHEDULE

Important dates
to remember:

Nov. 3—NO Sunday School;

NO Youth Connection on

Dec. 1 & 29;

Dec. 22—Youth Connection Party



FINANCIAL UPDATE – September 2019

	<u>Actual Year-to-date</u>	<u>Budget Year-to-date</u>	<u>Actual Last Yr to date</u>
2019 Pledges	\$ 451,632	\$ 470,303	\$ 476,985
Total Contributions	\$ 508,031	\$ 543,803	\$ 526,440
Total Income	\$ 628,292	\$ 679,541	\$ 631,156
Total Expenses	\$ 610,534	\$ 679,541	\$ 553,661
Net Income	\$ 17,758	\$ 0	\$ 77,495

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

Session Highlights

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, October 13, and conducted its usual business. The Session voted to:

- * **approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session on September 8, 2019; and Called Meeting minutes of September 8 and September 15, 2019 to be approved as written;**
- * **approve the financial report for September of 2019;**
- * **approve \$600 from the undesignated memorials fund to bind old bulletins of previous worship services;**
- * **allow the filming of an independent film one scene in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church;**
- * **to elect Elders James Harris and Barry Broughton as commissioners to the next meeting of Presbytery.**

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

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

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 2020 cannot be deducted in 2019, even if it is back-dated to 2019.

ONE EXCEPTION: checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2019 are deductible for 2019 even if the church does not receive them until 2020.
Please plan your contributions accordingly.

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 Machele 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.



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)



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS ON NOV. 3RD!**
Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!



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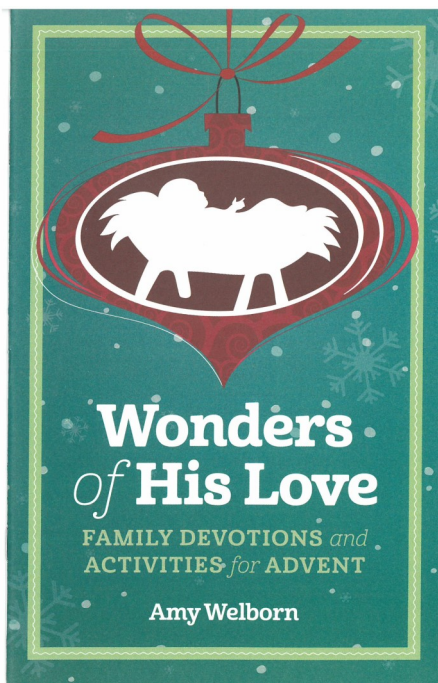
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OUR MISSION:

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. Articles will be used as
space permits and may be edited for length.
**Deadline for submissions are the 18th of each
month.***

Advent Devotionals ~ Wonders of His Love



Wonders of His Love—Family Devotions and Activities for Advent
by Amy Welborn

Before we know it, we will enter the Christmas Season! The Discipleship Committee has chosen this Advent Devotional booklet to turn our thoughts to the season of Advent. Since the first Sunday of Advent is on December 1st, and immediately follows the Thanksgiving holiday, we will make these available on **Sunday, November 24**. We ask that each family get one to share within their family so that we have enough for everyone.

Advent gives us all the tremendous opportunity to think about the many ways that God shows us the **“Wonders of His Love.”** It is a wonder that God sent his only begotten son, that Jesus humbled himself to be born in a manger and live in poverty. Celebrate those wonders, and many more, as a family!

Together, each day of the season, prepare for the coming of the Lord through Scripture, reflection, prayers and activities. Let us look to Jesus in the manger and welcome him into our hearts.

“Pray, Study, Help and Celebrate!”
