

First Presbyterian Church
721 Church St.
Jefferson City, TN 37760

LECTIONARY

May 1 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16:1-11
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

May 8 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

May 15 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 22 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 29 (6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21



Meetings This Month

Worship Mtg. — May 4th at 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship & Evangelism Mtg.— May 11th at 6 p.m.
Session—May 11th at 6:30 p.m.
Mission Committee — May 11th at 8 p.m.
Christian Education Mtg.—May 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report April 2011

April 3	\$8,303.00
April 10	\$2,175.00
April 17	\$3,847.71
April 24	\$4,108.83
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Total	\$18,434.54

(We need \$15,387.83 to meet the monthly budget.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>FAMILY RETREAT —</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Worship Committee 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p> Claud & Kay Gowari</p>	<p>6</p> <p> Kent & Susan Clouser</p>	<p>7</p> <p> Rich Harlan</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Fellowship Sunday Sunday School-9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>YOUTH SUNDAY MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p> Sally Meredith  John Ryan Scarlett</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Fellowship & Evangelism 6 p.m. Session 6:30 p.m. Mission Com. 8 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p> Doug Berryhill</p>	<p>13</p> <p> Charlie & Dian Wise</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p>YOUTH LUNCHEON</p> <p> Doug Dykstra  John Rinehart</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Family Night Supper 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p> Connie Harlan</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p> Jama Seahorn</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p> J Moser  Michael Tuchek</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CE Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p> Jack O'Hare</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hiking Club 8 a.m.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p> MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31</p>				

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From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

Making New Year's resolutions has never been a high priority for me. I have only made one that I can remember, and I am happy to report that I was successful in keeping it. Shortly after I completed my education and began my teaching career in the early 70's, I resolved to call a friend out of my past each week for at least six months, thereby touching base with about twenty five important people in my life. It proved to be an inspirational activity for me and a lucrative one for the long distance carrier I was using at the time.

I conversed with high school buddies, former college classmates, fellow graduate school students, parishioners of weekend churches I had served while in college and seminary, and even a former girl friend. I don't remember that Irene was present when I made that last call. Learning what was transpiring in their lives and sharing with them about mine reminded me how meaningful friendship is to the attainment of a quality life. All of them, even the high school friends who knew me before I began my journey of faith, were professing Christians. They served as my extended church. Upon completion of the project I realized how much I was indebted, not only to family, but to individuals who had accepted me, listened to me, taught me, learned from me, supported me, and laughed and cried with me.

The phenomenon of Facebook with over 600 million social networkers has also served to help me reconnect with many persons out of my past. The messages from former students I taught at Mississippi College and others who were in my classes at Carson-Newman have been both informative and affirming beyond measure. None of us knows how significant our work will be in the lives we touch as we function in our chosen professions. It is hard to explain the pride I experienced when a former student from Mississippi College from 1973-1975 became the President of Carson-Newman.

As this congregation approaches, ever so nearer, to the experience of a permanent, full time minister, Irene and I want to share how much your friendship has enriched our lives.

You have gotten to know two. We have added many, young and old, to our circle of friends. Some of you were acquaintances with whom we have become much closer. Others of you we knew by name, or not at all, and our sense of friendship with you now is almost indescribable. You have ministered to us with attentiveness, affirmation, hugs, humor, breakfasts, lunches, gifts of all kinds, and we are the better for it. Loving friendship must characterize the body of Christ. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." We anticipate with great joy our remaining days with you as we attempt to become prepared for exciting new pastoral leadership.

Announcements

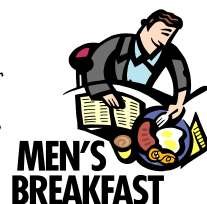


YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, May 8th. Please plan to attend this Service lead by the Youth and Children of our Congregation.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next breakfast for the men in our church family is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP SANDWICH LUNCHEON

We will be having a Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, May 15th following church as a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip to Sunset Gap. Orders may be placed for eat-in or take out. Please check your bulletins in the coming weeks for an order form. If you have any questions, please see Kay Rutherford or Roxanne Moser.



GOING-ON GROUP

We will be going to Greeneville on Tuesday, May 17th for lunch at the General Morgan Inn at noon. We will spend the afternoon touring the Andrew Johnson tailor shop, home and cemetery. Departure time from the church at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please see Tom Sites.

MAY FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Our Family Night Supper for this month will be on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. The program will be Dr. Richard Carter, a local physician, who will talk to us about his background, including his dual interest in medicine and his pursuit of ordination as a rector in the Episcopal Church. Please plan on joining us for good food, fellowship and information.



SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on Friday, May 20th at 7 p.m. at the home of Libby Moser. If you have any questions, please see Libby.

I  Mom

Don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN (NONCOMPETITIVE) HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, May 28th at 8 a.m. for our third hike of the season. We will be hiking to **RICH MOUNTAIN LOOP**: Originating in Cades Cove, this trail is a 5.5 mile loop, with the option for a drive through the Cove to follow. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water and plan to join us!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

This year we will be honoring our 2011 graduates with a special breakfast. If you know someone graduating, please be sure to give their name, degree earned, and academic institution to Heather in the church office by calling or emailing her at fpcjctn@bellsouth.net later Sunday, May 22nd. Please be sure to watch your Sunday Bulletins for the date!



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Has this ever happened to you...you're sitting in your pew during announcements while someone is reminding the congregation about an upcoming event and you simply missed some important detail? In these cases, I usually look to Pam with the hope that by her expression, she'll sort me out later.

Now I'll admit that I'm the type who doesn't like to ask for directions on the roadway or when working on some sort of gadget. Then I was thinking that with all the hard work that Heather puts in by keeping the church calendar up-to-date...what if I can spare myself and possibly others, one of those awkward moments that sound like: "see honey, like I told you".

Well now there is a solution, all of Heather's calendar entries are posted on the church website for all to see. Yes, the calendar is on the monthly bulletin, but it's updated frequently to serve as a simple reminder of what's happening, to who, when and where.

So take a look at the front page of the church website at <http://www.discoveret.org/fpcjctn> and click on the link for "weekly agenda" or "calendar". It's quick, easy and up-to-date.

Mike Kustermann

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry is a vital prayer ministry of our church. Many thanks to everyone who participates - those who make the shawls/scarves and those who pray over and sign the prayer cards. If you request a prayer shawl for someone, please remember to pick it up after the church service so you can deliver it as soon as possible. Thank you, Mary Ellen and Libby



ADDRESS DIRECTORY UPDATE

We will be updating our address directory this month. If you have any address, email or phone number changes since our last directory please contact Heather by Sunday, May 22nd.



UPDATE



SAVE THE DATES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK is fast approaching. Our week is Monday, July 4 - Friday, July 8, 2011. We need many VOLUNTEERS to help us cook, serve and clean-up. For Breakfast (Monday-Friday) times are 6:00 a.m. preparation and 7:00 a.m. serve and Dinner (Monday-Thursday) with a 4:30 p.m. preparation time and a 5:30 p.m. serve. On Thursday, the dinner will be served at the new Pavilion on the property that has been acquired by Appalachian Outreach for the future Samaritan House building. Sign-up sheets for those who wish to help will be posted on one of the back hall bulletin board soon! JoAnne Vest already has the menus planned.

We will have 60 AO workers to feed. Thanks in advance for your help to make this Mission Project a success.

If you have any questions, see Sue Swilley at 865-397-8914 or sswilley@aol.com.

HAITI

The Mission Committee has received a Newsletter from Bruce and Deb Robinson who are friends of Eva and John Zirkle and serve as business missionaries in Haiti. We sent them funds last year to help with their efforts to help Haiti recover from the effects of the earthquake. The Newsletter reports on what has happened in Haiti since the earthquake...Hurricane Tomas, then cholera... and their response to these natural disasters. Eva contacted Bruce by E-mail to ask if he had any special needs now. His answering E-mail addresses their most pressing needs. You can read the Newsletter and his E-mail on a Bulletin Board in the back hall. You could also read them on our FPC website. The Mission Committee plans to send them a gift this month, but we would like to send them a larger gift later in June, and give you an opportunity to add a gift of your own to the Mission Committee funds. If you choose to do so, write your check to FPC and put Haiti Relief on the memo line.

PNC UPDATE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) extended Terms of Call to Mr. Andrew Whaley to be our next pastor, and Andrew accepted our Terms of Call. Andrew has to be approved by the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) on April 28th and by our Congregation at a called Congregational Meeting sometime in mid May. Then he will graduate from seminary, be ordained at his home church, and be installed as our pastor probably in August. If all goes well, Andrew and his wife, Rebecca, will be moving to Jefferson County, and Andrew will begin as pastor July 1, 2011. The PNC wants to thank the Congregation for the support and prayers throughout our search, and we are excited to welcome a new pastor.

REMINDER

Just a reminder, if you have an event at the church please check to make sure ALL doors are locked and lights are off when you leave.



MAY 2011 Ushers, Greeters, & Nursery Schedules

MAY 1

Ushers — Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
Greeters — Charlie and Sara Piper
Nursery — Suzanne Fearnside

MAY 8

Ushers — John Zirkle and Dick Gombert
Greeters — Doug and Juanita Dykstra
Nursery — JoAnne Vest

MAY 15

Ushers — Phil Williams and Johan Koppier
Greeters — David Noonkesser and Phil Williams
Nursery — Dianne Reagan

MAY 22

Ushers — Ted Folsom and David Noonkesser
Greeters — Ted and Beth Folsom
Nursery — Bili Ledgerwood

MAY 29

Ushers — Rich Harlan and Doug Dykstra
Greeters — Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
Nursery — Juanita Dkystra



“In the time of your life, live —so that in that wondrous time you shall not add to the misery and sorrow of the world, but shall smile to the infinite variety and mystery of it.”

—William Saroyan

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (206)

This fund was established to provide the pastor a means of immediately meeting the needs of all God's children who are in distress, and with whom he comes in contact in his day-in-day-out activities in the community with agencies of the community. Memorials may be directed to this fund. The pastor is responsible for the administration of this fund, with oversight by the Mission Committee. This is one of many church restrictive funds. The fund is used to *help pay* many different bills, such as electric, water, housing, gasoline and just about anything for those in need. The normal process is for the person in need of assistance to get screened by the Jefferson County Neighborhood Center. Then the Neighborhood Center contacts the pastor with a request for funds, either partial or full amount. If the church has the funds in this restrictive fund, it will be paid to the company and not the requesting individual (i.e. Appalachian Electric, water utility, landlord, etc.). *With so many people in need in our community our fund is currently empty. Please take time to contribute, so that our church can continue to help all those in need.*



SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Ina Hoxha Carhart
Members of the military and their families
The unemployed

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Ethan Carhart, son of Ina Hoxha Carhart, who has had complications following surgery
Linda Noonkesser, who will be undergoing radiation in the coming weeks
David Nester, who is undergoing treatments following successful surgery
Carl Vandiver, friend of JoAnne Vest, who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer
Kevin Taylor, Seth Jolley's brother-in-law, who is undergoing treatment for 2 brain tumors
Carol Winger, Anna Prather's sister, who will be undergoing shoulder surgery
Darlene Stover, Anna Prather's sister in law, who will be having her left kidney removed
Nancy Johnson, Debby Rinehart's sister-in-law, who has completed her radiation treatments
Freida Hunley, Judy Finley's daughter, whose cancer has returned and will be undergoing radiation
Irene Young, friend of Frances Wolf and Linda Eisenhour, who is undergoing chemotherapy
Sandy Jaros, who is undergoing another round of chemotherapy
Gene Inzer, Judy Finley's brother-in-law
Jan Haney, friend of Martha Sanders, who has suffered a stroke and is undergoing extensive therapy
Tim O'Neill, Frances Wolf's brother, who has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease
Lauren Drees, mother of Whitney Folsom's fiancé, who is undergoing chemo therapy
Jean Orth, Bili Ledgerwood's sister-in-law, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer
Chris Jarrett, Debby Rinehart's cousin, who is undergoing treatment for cancer
Lennis Williams, Phil Williams' mother
Ardelia Evans, Allen Evans' mother
Annette Hall, Deborah Scarlett's mom, whose cancer has returned

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US:

Lucille Tinsley Bonnie Young

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

DARBY HOUSE: Pam Rutherford, Betty Wolfe
CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor, Helen Hodges
ELMCROFT (Knoxville): Aileen Wilson
JEFF. COUNTY NURSING HOME: Elizabeth Felkner, Frances Woodruff,
Isabel Sites

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

—Marcel Proust

