

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

LECTIONARY

September 4 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149:1-9
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 11 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114:1-8 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 18 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 25 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Meetings This Month

Worship Mtg.—September 7th at 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship & Evangelism Mtg.—September 14th at 6:00 p.m.
Session—September 14th at 6:30 p.m.
Mission Committee—September 14th at 8:00 p.m.
Christian Education Mtg.—September 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report August 2010

August 7	\$4,949.00
August 14	\$3,552.00
August 21	\$3,243.20
August 28	\$3,286.00
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TOTAL	\$15,210.20

*(We need \$15,387.83 each
month to meet budget.)*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Comunion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p><i>Susan Clouser</i></p>	<p>Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><i>Jamie Gates</i></p>		<p>Worship 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Lyle Juroff</i></p>		<p>Women's Breakfast 9 a.m.</p>
<p>FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p><i>John Meredith</i></p>			<p>Fellowship/Evangelism Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Session — 6:30 p.m. Mission — 8:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Claud Gowan Ken & Mary Whislow</i></p>	<p><i>Thomas Dykstra Johnny & Dianne Reagan</i></p>		<p>Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.</p>
<p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p> <p><i>Daniel Reese</i></p>		<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Going-On Group 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Family Night Supper at the Dam 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Russell Sites</i></p>			<p>Hiking Club 8:00 a.m. Children's Group — CN Football Game</p> <p><i>Paul Moody</i></p>
<p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Charlie Wise</i></p>		<p>CE Meeting 6:50 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Jason Pedone Delynn McCash John & Sally Meredith</i></p>	<p><i>Gary Bates Jay Smith</i></p>	
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Rev. Andrew C. Whaley, Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk...

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9.

Jesus reminds us in the very beginning of his Sermon on the Mount that being his disciple is working to create peace in places of violence and discord. As we hear of violence in the Middle East and famine in Somalia, as our children return to school where they face temptations to join in bullying others or suffer from bullies in their classrooms, as we see domestic violence and drug abuse in our neighborhoods, Jesus' words ring true in our ears. The world desperately needs peacemakers.

What a gift to serve in a church that seeks to be peacemakers! I am so delighted to experience my *first* First Presbyterian Yard Sale in October and even more excited to learn more about the ministries of Sunset Gap from our youth and the Crossworld mission work of Bruce and Deb Robinson in Haiti. These are organizations that strive, by providing for the physical and spiritual needs of people, to create peace in their communities. What a joy that our yard sale proceeds will benefit these ministries.

In addition to our annual yard sale, in September you will begin to see inserts in your bulletin highlighting the work of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. I had the privilege of sitting on the Peacemaking Committee at the 211th General Assembly in Minneapolis and learned much about the important work of this organization. On this committee, we heard from the moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia and the vice-moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. Our denomination partners with these churches to help them as they engage their communities and seek peace amidst drug trading and prolonged drought.

The Peacemaking Program also produces materials for study in churches, including Bible studies and devotional materials focusing on conflict resolution, theology and ethics of non-violence and anti-racism. I would encourage our Sunday school classes to consider using one of these studies.

During September, we will be collecting an offering for the Peacemaking Program. 50% of the proceeds will go to the General Assembly to develop future curricula, fund trips for Presbyterians to travel abroad to learn from our mission co-workers, and continue to foster relationships with Christians in other countries as we strive to be peacemakers together.

25% of the offering will go to the Holston Presbytery to support its work of Peacemaking. It has been the practice of our presbytery to use this funding to bring an international peacemaker to our area each year to share with us about our Church's work around the globe. Unfortunately this year we were unable to schedule the peacemaker who Holston Presbytery brought to the area (Hopewell Presbyterian beat us out in schedul-

ing him for Sunday morning!), but I hope we can learn from one of the speakers who comes to our area in the future.

25% of this offering will be used to support a peacemaking organization in our own area. The mission committee has designated the Samaritan House as the recipient of this year's peacemaking offering. Their work in counseling, housing, and social services helps to create peace in the lives of many people who find themselves in turmoil and chaos.

Let us in all our lives continue to heed Christ's call to be peacemakers!

Gratefully,
Andrew

Learn more about Peacemaking: Presbyterian Peacemaking Program:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/peacemaking/>

Announcements Announcements



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our next Women's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd from 9 to 11 a.m. Please see Libby Moser if you have any questions. We hope you can join us for a morning of fun and fellowship.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next breakfast for the men in our church family is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th at 8 a.m. Please plan on joining us for this time of fellowship.



Installation of New Minister

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Installation of Andrew Clark Whaley as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, Tennessee, by the Holston Presbytery will be held September 11, 2011 at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Deborah H. Mullen, Dean of the Faculty and Executive Vice President of Columbia Theological Seminary, will be preaching. There will be a reception will immediately follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on Friday, September 16th at 7 p.m. at the home of Libby Moser. If you have any questions, please see Libby.



GIFTS OF MEN SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 18th will be having our Gifts of Men Sunday. Please plan on attending this special Sunday to honor the men in our Church family. If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please see Andrew.



Sunday School Class

TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN CLASS

We would like to invite you to participate in a special Sunday school class called "To Be a Presbyterian" beginning September 18th and running through October 23rd. The title of the class comes from a book by the same name by Louis B. Weeks that we will be studying during our time together, meeting in Andrew's office from 9:45 to 10:30 each Sunday. While the invitation to participate is open to the entire congregation, we specifically wanted to invite those who are regular attenders but have not officially joined our congregation as "members" to explore more deeply what it means to be a Presbyterian Christian. Because we need to order books and organize our meeting space, please call the church office (865-475-2761) or e-mail Andrew.fpcjeffcity@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

GOING-ON-GROUP

The Going-on-Group will meet at the home of Pat & Mary Ellen Patton on Tuesday, September 20th at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and drinks will be furnished. Be sure to bring your good ideas with you, we will be planning our outings for the year! If you plan on attending please let Pat or Mary Ellen (423-585-0822) know by Sunday, September 18th.



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Our Second Family Night Supper of the fall will be on Wednesday, September 21st, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Grainger County Pavilion. The entire church family is invited to attend! Bring your favorite picnic food to share - meat and drinks will be provided. The program this month will be introducing our Sunday School Teachers. Plan now to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship!



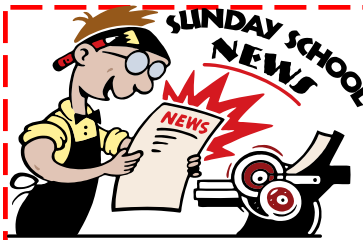
SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, September 24th at 8 a.m. We will be hiking to **MOUNT STERLING:** We'll do a 6 mile round-trip to the old fire-tower, through an area where Methodist Bishop Frances Asbury was a circuit rider, and where militias were active during the Civil War. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!



CHILDREN'S GROUP

On Saturday, September 24th the Children's Group will be going to the Carson-Newman Football game, time to be announced. Kids under 13 are free admission and CN plans children's activities for that day as well. Please watch your bulletins for more information as the date approaches.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 2011-2012

Sunday School classes will be beginning our fall quarter on September 4th. We have classes for all ages!! Our children through young adults will be starting our new curriculum, Feasting on the Word, which is closely aligned with the lectionary that Rev. Whaley uses to prepare his sermons. For adults we offer, The Upper Room, which uses a variety of different materials for discussion; The Parlor Class, which uses the Uniform Lesson Series; and The Fellowship Hall Class, which uses a variety of topical materials to engage learners in a variety of styles. Bring your family and come, make a visit and we think you will want to stay!

Sunday School Teachers:

- Preschool-Grade 1: *Melissa Needs & Samantha Wymer*
- Grades 2-5: *Kathy Juroff and Rebecca Whaley*
- Youth: *Gary Bates, Delynn McCash, and Madison Minor*
- Young Adults: *John Zirkle and Phil Williams*
- The Upper Room: *Kay Rutherford-Williams*
- Parlor Adult Class: *Peggy Hypes*
- Fellowship Hall Adult Class: *Eva Zirkle and Lyle Juroff*



USHERS/GREETERS/ NURSERY WORKERS

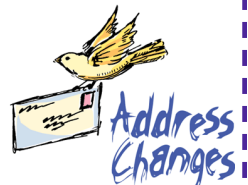
I will be creating the Usher, Greeter and Nursery Assistant Schedules for the 4th quarter soon. If you would like to be removed from the lists or are interested in being added to any of the lists, please contact Heather in the Church Office by September 18th. A finalized list will be mailed out the following week.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

On Tuesday, October 18th a Flu Shot Clinic will be held at Jefferson Heart Consultants from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The clinic is open to everyone and no appointment is necessary. They will bill your insurance or the cost without insurance is \$10.

Bob and Suzanne Fearnside have moved to Arizona to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. Their new address is:

Bob & Suzanne Fearnside
7560 E. Ridgecrest Rd.
Cave Creek, AZ 85331



"He who labors as he prays lifts his heart to God with his hands."

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



September 2011 Ushers, Greeters, Nursery and Breakfast Schedule

SEPTEMBER 4

Ushers —Rich Harlan and Doug Dykstra
Greeters —John and Debby Rinehart
Nursery —Dianne Reagan

SEPTEMBER 11

Ushers —Charlie Piper and David Noonkesser
Greeters —Kent and Susan Clouser
Nursery —JoAnne Vest

SEPTEMBER 18

Ushers —John and Debby Rinehart
Greeters —Bill and JoAnne Vest
Nursery —Bili Ledgerwood

SEPTEMBER 25

Ushers —Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
Greeters —Mike and Pam Kustermann
Nursery —Juanita Dykstra



August Eldertorial By Janie Gates

“REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS...

...AGAIN I WAY REJOICE!” This is one of my favorite *Praise* songs that frequently finds its home in my head lately. This congregation has had the opportunity for an extraordinary amount of rejoicing this past month. We have a new pastor in place: REJOICE! We were able to joyfully serve the AO mission volunteers meals every morning and evening for a week: REJOICE! During that week I worked, laughed and ate more than I have in what seems like a lifetime: REJOICE! We had a successful YBS: REJOICE!

On a more personal level, I have experienced the sense of belonging and peace that is a result of God’s adoption for each one of us (as was expressed in one of Andrew’s sermons). I learned so much during “AO week.” Anyone’s occasional *oops* was magically recognized, fixed and often laughed over, just as happens when we work with God. I was able to come to know several people on a much deeper level by working with them, just as happens when we work with God. I found that I am neither lonely nor alone when I am with God’s people.

Finally, I don’t believe for one nanosecond that I am the only one that REJOICES in every hug I get or give! May this song find it home in YOUR head and heart!



PRAYER CONCERNS

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All members of the military and their families, especially those stationed overseas
The unemployed

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Lucca Tosh, 7-month old grandson of Susan Clouser’s cousin, who has had two brain tumors removed and is waiting test results

Harriette Waldburger, mother of a friend of Susan Moser, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer

Charlie May Bozeman, mother of Mary Hodges, who continues to be hospitalized for therapy following her car accident

Courtney, co-worker of Madison Minor, who have been diagnosed with MS

Tommy Warwick, Cindy Holt’s father, who may need to have a tumor removed.

Nita Jean Randle, Rebecca Whaley’s grandmother, who is in rehabilitation for her stroke at a facility in Houston, TX

Quinten Flynn, Charlie and Sara Piper’s great-grandson, who is in the neonatal ICU

Nancy Johnson, Debby Rinehart’s sister-in-law, who is undergoing chemotherapy

Adina Dalton, friend of the Rinehart’s who is undergoing chemotherapy

Cheryl Rice, Roxanne Moser’s step-sister, who is beginning aggressive cancer treatment on an inoperable tumor

Bob Barton, Frances Wolf’s brother-in-law, whose cancer has returned

Aiden Gentry, 10-month old son of David and Stacy Gentry, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Marie Nickle, who is undergoing chemotherapy

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

Freida Hunley, Judy Finley’s daughter, whose cancer has returned and is undergoing chemotherapy

Sandy Jaros, who is undergoing another round of chemotherapy

Gene Inzer, Judy Finley’s brother-in-law

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

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US:

Lucille Tinsley

Bonnie Young

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

DARBY HOUSE: Betty Wolfe

CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor, Helen Hodges

ELMCROFT (Knoxville): Aileen Wilson

JEFF. COUNTY NURSING HOME: Elizabeth Felknor, Frances Woodruff, Isabel Sites

YARD SALE PREPARATIONS!!!

Donations are being collected for the 17th Annual Yard Sale to be held October 1st in conjunction with "Old Time Saturday".

Please clean out your closets, garages, etc., and remember to set aside good, clean salable items. We can convert them into cash for missions! Large items are especially desired and with early publicity can bring lots of dollars. In the past, we have sold riding mowers, cars, trucks, a boat, and a huge front-loading earth mover. Please contact Eva Zirkle or Linda Noonkesser ASAP so that we can "get the word out" to sell these large items! We are also collecting gold jewelry. Please keep these items separate and give to Helen Jolley, Linda Noonkesser, or Eva Zirkle, so that we can receive top \$ for these items! Remember - Your large donation may be tax deductible.

Many low income families in our community benefit greatly from the sale and we, in turn, earn extra money to support mission projects. This year's recipients include the Appalachian Mission in Cosby, *Sunset Gap* and the Haitian Mission of Bruce and Debbie Robinson.

Donations are being collected at the church Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wednesday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Bring in your donations of goods now!! Recycle your surplus!!

Pick-ups are available. For questions and information call Linda Noonkesser, Carolyn Berryhill or Eva Zirkle.

Yard Sale dates to remember:

Wednesday, September 7th, 6:45 p.m. - "Packing the Pod" - This is an all hands on deck event to empty the Fellowship Hall for a reception September 11th. Please come & help!

Sunday, September 18th, 12 p.m. - Yard Sale Meeting, all volunteers are asked to attend.

October 1st, 7:00am - Lots of volunteers needed to set up!

Eldertorial

By Linda Noonkesser

PACK THE POD? WHAT POD?

What pod, indeed? "God provides," Grandma always stated firmly. And you know, she was right then, as a widow raising eight children during the Depression. In this time and place God provides for us at First Presbyterian as we make plans for our annual yard sale. Due to the ingenuity of some members, we will for the first time **PACK THE POD** (located near the west lawn) with donated goods **starting September 2nd**, a new challenge as we look forward to a very successful October 1st sale day.

Some of us "seniors" will remember Gumby, a cartoon character who stretched in all directions. Gumby could easily pop back into shape, none the worse for wear; whereas we, as church members, find our resources both physical and spiritual, at times almost stretched be-

yond repair. There is grace in God's mercy, however, that fills us with "the strength to go on" as a choir anthem recently emphasized. "Going on" is what we at First Presbyterian do best! There are pressing needs to be met with the money raised on yard sale day: **Haiti - Clean Water and Irrigation Project and Sunset Gap Rural Outreach.**

What impact have YOUR time, energy, and donations in past years made both locally and abroad? Records indicate that over \$120,000 has been raised through the annual yard sale and distributed to agencies and organizations such as these:

Living Waters of the World
Haiti- school/church house- also feeding program site
Medical Benevolence Fund- mission medical care
Samaritan House-building program
Safe Space- building program
Safe Harbor- child advocacy center
ALPS- Morristown Alzheimer adult center
MATS- teen shelter
Boys and Girls Club-Jefferson County
Jefferson City Library- building fund
Jefferson Rural Clinic (2 years) - uninsured care
Jubilee Project
Habitat for Humanity- Jefferson County
American Red Cross- Jefferson County
Daily Bread
Disaster Relief in Afghanistan
Holston Camp and Retreat Center
Senior Citizens Home Assistance- Jefferson County

The total amount generated each year is equally divided between the designated recipients and fulfills the original goal of the church yard sale: significantly increase mission giving by our congregation.

Recycling of goods and fellowship opportunities are obvious benefits as well! An important component of the sale each year is to raise the church's visibility in the community as we greet people as shoppers, friends; God's children in need of bargain priced clothing, household goods, books, furniture, electronics, or maybe a friendly word.

We are often joined in this mission by non-members who are generous with their time, money, and items. Their efforts linked to our own give us strength and purpose!

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

AND

PACK THE POD!

"It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do."

—Jerome K. Jerome

"God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking."

—William Arthur Ward

"Conscience is the perfect interpreter of life."

—Karl Barth