

The Amen Almanac—October 2013

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Rev. Andrew C. Whaley, Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk...

As we move into October, we have many things to celebrate as a church. On the first Sunday of this month we celebrate the completion (almost) of our building renovation, and we will dedicate this project to God on that date (October 6). This experience has stretched us as a congregation, as we have juggled delays, changing spaces, reconfiguring activities, and working through the nausea caused by paint fumes and flooring stains. I want to thank all of those who have worked to make this project a reality, and I am grateful to be a part of this congregation during this exciting time in our history. May it bring glory to our Lord!

The day before we celebrate the completion of our renovation, we will join together as the body of Christ for our annual Mission Yard Sale. What a wonderful witness this event is each year to our community, both as a sign of what it means to be a family of faith and as a witness to the mission of Jesus, as we give away every dollar that we raise through these efforts! Please look for ways to be involved in this project, and if at all possible, be here on the day of the sale, as this day does more to shape our collective congregational identity than any other event in which we participate each year.

And how fitting, after we dedicate our refurbished facility, and after we join together in Christ's mission in our Yard Sale, we will come together on the second Sunday in October to remember the faithfulness of this church through the ages. It is a treat to have the Rev. Dr. Calvin Metcalf in our pulpit again. Calvin served as interim pastor in our congregation in the early 2000s after a long career in ministry, most of those years spent at the Central Baptist Church of Fountain City, Tennessee. I know that Calvin will inspire us to press forward with the mission of Jesus as we have been since 1867!

This October we will do much celebrating of the past and we will seek to serve and dedicate ourselves to our God in the present. Once the Yard Sale settles and the festivities of worship have passed, perhaps we would each do well in this month to sit in the silence and ponder where God is leading us into the future. What pain is God calling us to address? What person who is hurting or alone or in need of direction might meet the risen Jesus amidst our community of faith? What issue of justice in our community might God be leading us to champion? We celebrate the past, we serve in the present, but we keep our eye on that future of God's, pressing ever onward toward the goal, toward the prize, who is Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gratefully,

Andrew

Announcements

IT'S YARD SALE TIME AGAIN!!

Don't forget that our Annual Yard Sale for Missions is Saturday, October 5th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Eva Zirkle (475-4329) or Linda Noonkesser (216-0715).



BAKE SALE



Bake Sale

The Bake Sale tent at the Annual Yard Sale always draws a big crowd & we need your help to fill our tables! Huge sellers for us in the past have included quick breads, layer cakes, bundt cakes, cookies, and bars. This year we would like to offer a larger assortment of homemade goodies such as: sugar, gluten, & nut free items, pies (hand pies too), scones, biscuits, rolls, fudge, granola, brittle, caramel corn, whoopie pies, & dog treats. Please remember to avoid making items that need refrigeration. We also ask that you include a recipe or ingredient list for us to have handy should someone ask. In order for us to plan for packaging etc., we need to know what you will be baking. Please see or email Roxanne Moser (themosers5@charter.net). Items should be dropped off in the church kitchen on Thursday, October 4th and Friday, October 5th starting at 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP

The Youth will be meeting at the church on Sunday, October 6th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to start a monthly study on Questions of Faith. The question for this month is: "Did people God used have second thoughts?" Dinner will be provided. (865-850-0407 or mlminor24@gmail.com)



YOUTH GROUP

Women's Bible Study

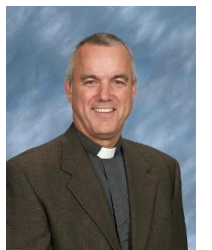


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On October 10th, the Thursday Night Women's Bible Study group will meet and continue to discuss the women of the Old Testament through *A Faith of Her Own* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Join us at The Creek from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month as we grow in faith together through education, discussion, and companionship. If you have any questions, please see Rebecca Whaley.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th, at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. As we continue our study on the Book of Revelation, we will be joined by the author of our Study



Guide, *Interpretations*, Rev. Dr. William Pender. Dr. Pender is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville and will join us to share an overview of the letter. If you enjoy biscuits, bacon, and the Bible, join us at 8:00 a.m. for a new year of study and fellowship.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



There is NO Women's Breakfast for October. Our next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Sue Rhein (1240 Groseclose Rd., Jefferson City). In November, we will begin our study on *Growth: Training vs Trying*. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please see Sue.

FOUNDER'S DAY

In October of 1867, a group of Presbyterians moved to this location on Church Street in Mossy Creek, TN and organized a new congregation. For the past several years, we have been dedicating a Sunday in October to celebrate our founding and to give thanks for God's continued blessings on our church family. This year's celebration will be Sunday, October 13th, our guest speaker this year is Rev. Calvin Metcalf. Immediately following Worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon. The church will provide the meat, bread, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, please see JoAnne Vest or Janie Boley. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to come and share this special day with us!



HAYRIDE & HARVEST PARTY

On Sunday, October 27th at 5:30 p.m. we will be having a harvest party and hayride at the home of Jake and Roxanne Moser. The entire church family is invited to attend! The church will be providing hot dogs, drinks, and the makings for s'mores. Everyone is asked to bring either a dessert or chips to share. Please watch your bulletins for more information as the date approaches! We hope you plan on joining us for this evening of fun and fellowship!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Throughout the month of October the Youth will be selling quarts of soup, to help raise money for their Mission Trip in the Summer of 2014.



All soups will be sold in quarts for \$10.00 each. Our youth will have them packaged and ready for pickup immediately following each Sunday's service. Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall, Church Office, or by contacting Roxanne Moser or Pam Kustermann. Please note that you will need to order at least one week in advance to ensure your soup will be available. *Limited quantities may be available for direct purchase each Sunday.*

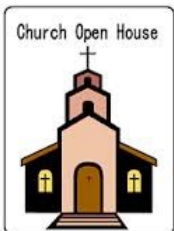
October 6: Chicken Tortilla and Potato*

October 13: Chili and Roasted Tomato Basil*

October 20: Beefy Cream of Mushroom and Vegetarian Vegetable*

October 27: Chicken and Rice Flu Chaser and Winter Minestrone*

*Vegetarian option



OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, October 14th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. we will be opening the church for a community-wide open house, to showcase the renovations that have been completed over the last several months. We hope that you will invite your family and friends to see all the changes we have made! We will also be providing punch and cookies in the Fellowship Hall.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Our Family Night Supper will be on Wednesday, October 16th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program for this month will be Missionary Ruth Brown (see more information about Ruth on page 5). The entire church family is invited to join us for an evening of food and fellowship! We hope to see you there!!



SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on Friday, October 18th at 7 p.m. at the home of Libby Moser. If you have any questions, please see Libby.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, October 19th at 8 a.m. for our eighth hike of the season. We will be hiking to **MAX PATCH**: This is our most requested hike, and one which offers beautiful fall colors. There's a short hike up to the bald, with an optional loop of several miles for those who wish to walk farther. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!



If you could donate 5% of your grocery expenses to our mission projects, would you? The mission committee is exploring a program through Food City that would allow us to buy gift cards to be purchased by our church family and Food City would then give us 5% of that to be used as we choose. You would use the cards to purchase anything at Food City and your receipt would show the balance left on the card. We are considering asking you to tell us what amount you would purchase each month and then the cards would be available to be picked up in the church office. We are asking you to think about it and also to pay attention to what you spend each month on groceries at Food City. Five percent of what ALL of us spend each month would be a significant amount of money. The money raised through this project would expand what we are already doing in our community. We will keep you posted on this project. If you have any questions, please ask Kay Rutherford-Williams.



Eldertorial
HERE I AM, LORD. IS IT I, LORD?

Janie Gates

In times past we purchased gas at a **service** station - they pumped the gas, cleaned the windows, checked the oil, and aired our tires if we asked - for ten times less per gallon than we now pay to DIY. Oh! And then we paid more for ethyl whereas now we pay more for no-ethanol. Go figure. Well, back to the subject, which is: **Service**. Military **service** is revered. Community **service** is sometimes deemed punishment. We attend church **services** and funeral **services**. Politicians **serve** a term in office. Criminals **serve** time. The British **serve** tea. Christians **serve** communion. Keep reading. I'll get to the point soon enough.

My middle school physical education classes are currently playing volleyball which, you all know, requires a **serve** to initiate the play. Without a **server** there would be no game, no points, no opportunity to hone skills, nor any chance to interact with other players. Everyone takes their turn at **servicing**. Some are more skilled and self-assured; Some are unsure and even fearful. But if they want to play, they take their turn to **serve**. So, what's the point?

Are we, the congregants of First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, honing our skills and anticipating our turn to **serve**? God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Romans 12:4-8 addresses the gifts (skills) that are given to the members of the body of Christ and we are instructed to use these gifts (skills). It is quite possible that we are not aware of our gifts until we challenge ourselves...or, God challenges us. Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? "But," says my middle school student, "I don't want to **serve**. I suck at it. I just want to play volleyball!" No person that I know is immune to uncertainty, especially when the task of doing something they are unsure of is placed squarely in their life's path, and is further complicated by the "feeling" that perhaps this is something that they should do. Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? "*Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear. Except a creature be part coward it is not a compliment to say it is brave.*" (Mark Twain) If we don't take our turn to **serve** we will never hone that skill (gift). Remember: God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Seriously, Janie? Are you trying to rally everyone to **serve** on the session? Oh my goodness gracious NO! Perhaps I am suggesting a "non-competitive hike" (figuratively speaking, John Zirkle) to a new destination such as **servicing** on a committee, singing in the choir, helping in the nursery, attending a covenant learning group, signing up for (the soon-to-be-renamed) Salt Shakers, coming to Family Night Supper (and NOT bringing a dish), attending Vacation Bible School, going on the church retreat, going to the men's/women's prayer breakfast (just ONE time), going on a real non-competitive hike (you're welcome, John), even sitting with someone new in worship, OR HELPING WITH THE YARD SALE! "*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.*" (2 Corinthians 8:12NIV)

Three years ago my life's path provided me with only one choice: "**Serve** the Lord with fear and rejoice with

trembling." (Psalms 2:11NIV) Being asked to **serve** on the session was only a tiny fraction of the path I was to follow and am following still. My journey's destination is distant and unknown, so I am perpetually thankful that God is my guide. I live a life of gratitude because God is doing for me what I could never do for myself! Perhaps your heart song is: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER GUEST SPEAKER
RUTH BROWN



Ruth Brown is a Mission co-worker in Congo, serving at the invitation of the Presbyterian Community of Congo.

Ruth brings 25 years of public health experience to mission service and a deep commitment to serve Christ by empowering people. "This building up of people is the work of social justice, which,

according to what my family and my church have always taught me, is the will of God," she says.

Ruth's history with the African continent goes back to 1979, when she served in the Peace Corps first in the Ivory Coast, where she taught English, and then in the Central African Republic, where her focus was health promotion.

Her experience with the Peace Corps made a lasting impression on her. "The joy and faith of the people, their courage, hard work and good humor, and in particular the determined will of the women to assist their children and their families have been powerful examples for me," she says.

As a seasoned public health professional, Ruth brings a deep storehouse of knowledge to her duties. Yet she knows she has much to learn from African friends and colleagues with whom she serves. "I am looking forward to working with and learning from members of the Presbyterian Community of Congo such as Medi Kanda, who has developed over 100 functioning community coalitions for agriculture, literacy, environmental sustainability and microfinance," she says. "I will greatly enjoy serving with these leaders."

Ruth was a health service specialist with Rural Family Development in Onancock, Virginia, an agency of the Virginia Council of Churches, from 1999 to 2010. Previously she was director of health promotion for the Somerset County Health Department in Westover, Maryland. She has also been a health education coordinator for a tri-state migrant health program on the Delmarva Peninsula, a homeless center manager in Virginia, and a high school English teacher in North Carolina and Virginia.

Ruth says the guiding Scripture for her life is Micah 6:8: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

"During his life on earth, Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled what the Lord requires," Ruth says. "As Christians, we are to show our love with such action."



PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Johnny Reagan, who passed away on September 21st

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

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

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Lauren Drees, Whitney Folsom Drees mother-in-law, who is undergoing surgery for cancer of the lymph nodes followed by chemotherapy
Robin Ganntte, friend of John Zirkle, who has been diagnosed with cancer
Rhonda McClanahan, Donna Jenkins' daughter, who is recovering from breast cancer surgery
Adyson Tilton, Annabelle Tilton's cousin, who has been diagnosed with leukemia
Ineke Koppier, who is going through rehab from shoulder replacement surgery
Frances Martin, Shannon Collins' aunt with stage four liver cancer, cancer is growing again
Randy Housely, friend of JoAnne Vest, who is undergoing chemotherapy
Karen Burchfield, a former organist at FPC, who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer
Susan, Matt LeClerc's mother, who has been diagnosed with cancer

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US:

Lucille Tinsley Bonnie Young

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

DARBY HOUSE: Betty Wolfe
CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor
JEFF. COUNTY NURSING HOME: Elizabeth Felknor



OCTOBER 2013 USHERS & NURSERY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 6

Ushers: Johan Koppier
Doug Dykstra
Nursery: Juanita Dykstra

OCTOBER 20

Ushers: Jim Deaton
Phil Williams
Nursery: Dianne Reagan

OCTOBER 13

Ushers: Ted Folsom
Kerry Antoniewicz
Nursery: Kate Pinkerton-Long

OCTOBER 27

Ushers: Dick Gombert
JoAnne Vest
Nursery: Stacy Kirkpatrick

EMAILS

Dear Church Family,

I have heard from several of you that you are not getting the announcement emails from the church. Please be sure to double check your spam folders. If you have any questions, please contact me in the Church Office (475-2761). Thanks, Heather

MEMORIAL DESIGNATIONS



In consultation with the family, memorials given to the church for:

Johnny Bill Hudson have gone to purchase the new lectern in the Fellowship Hall and to support the Patrick Evans Memorial Building Fund.

Danny and Janice Sutter have gone to support the Judy Sites Scholarship Fund.

Isabel Sites have gone to support the Judy Sites Scholarship Fund.

Ellouise Whaley have gone to support the Youth Endowment Fund.

Helen Hodges have gone to support the Youth Endowment Fund.

Virginia Harlan have gone to support the Music Endowment Fund and the Youth Endowment Fund.

Ann Balch have gone to support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Frances Woodruff have gone to support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and the Music Endowment Fund.

Vivian Gerber have gone to support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

May these gifts be used to the Glory of God and honor the lives of those we have loved.

LECONTE 2014

Unbelievably, it's time to start thinking about LeConte Lodge reservations for 2014!

We are making plans for next summer's overnight hike to Mt. LeConte. If you're getting this memo, it's because you have hiked with us in the past, you have said that you'd like to hike with us, or—in some cases—because we just think you should hike with us. (I apologize if you get multiple copies of this email; I have several email lists for potential hikers, and there is some duplication.) Here's how things will work:

We must contact the lodge on the first working day in October to secure a date and ascertain the price for the year; when we have the date and price, we'll email them to you, along with a registration form. Please note the deadline (on the form) for registration forms to be back to us, as we must have the money to the lodge before the end of the month in which they are made.

We will try to obtain all 60 slots at the lodge on the date we get; we will reserve spots on a first-come, first-served basis; if more than 60 persons wish to sign up, we will place the extra people on our wait/alternate list, as we invariably will have cancellations as the date nears. (If you may want to go, but don't wish to reserve now, tell us and we can put your name on the wait/alternate list.)

If you reserve a slot, you can expect periodic emails between now and the date, reminding you to begin conditioning, giving you a check list of things to pack, descriptions of the various trails to the top, directions to the trail heads, etc.

We realize it's difficult to commit in October for a date eight or nine months away, but that's the way it works. If you wish to read more about the lodge, you may visit their website at www.lecontelodge.com.

Thanks, John Zirkle



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Fellowship/ Evangelism 5:15 p.m. Mission Committee 6:30 p.m. Finance 6:30 p.m. Angie France	3 Keely Needs Barbara Wilson Ted & Beth Folsom	4 Susan Evans Sue Rhein	5 YARD SALE 8 a.m.
6 Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Group 5:00-7:00 p.m.	7 Dail & Ruth Meadows	8	9 Session 6:30 p.m. Bob Rhein	10 Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Kent Clouser Anne Woodruff	11 Bryce Kivlighn	12 Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.
13 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Founder's Day/ Potluck Lunch Open House 2-4:00 p.m.	14 John & Sylvia Ribbe	15	16 Family Night Supper 6:30 p.m. Pat & Mary Ellen Patton	17 Whitney Drees Carol Antoniewicz	18 Sit 'n Knit 7:00 p.m. Dennis & Jennifer Cureton	19 Cameron LeClercq
20 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	21 Donna Jenkins Bili Ledgerwood	22	23 Harold Hicks	24	25	26 Hiking Club 8:00 a.m. Matt LeClercq
27 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Harvest Party 5:30 p.m.	28 Johan Koppier	29	30 Brianna Kivlighn	31 Chet Bergman		

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LECTIONARY

20th Sunday after Pentecost—October 6

Lamentations 1:1–6
Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1–14
Luke 17:5–10

21st Sunday after Pentecost—October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7
Psalm 66:1–12
2 Timothy 2:8–15
Luke 17:11–19

22nd Sunday after Pentecost—October 20

Jeremiah 31:27–34
Psalm 119:97–104
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
Luke 18:1–8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost—October 27

Joel 2:23–32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18
Luke 18:9–14

Meetings This Month

Fellowship & Evangelism Mtg.—October 2nd at 5:15 p.m.
Mission Com. Mtg.—October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
Finance Mtg.—October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
Session—October 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report September 2013

September 1	\$3,362.00
September 8	\$3,834.00
September 15	\$4,756.27
September 22	\$3,833.00
September 29	
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TOTAL	\$15,785.27

(We need \$18,309 each month in order to reach our monthly budget.)