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 Rev. Andrew C. Whaley, Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk...

In a recent conversation, a church member mentioned to me how beautifully the flowers and vases matched the colors of our renovated sanctuary on a Sunday a few weeks ago. She went on to say, "I just love how the sanctuary renovation turned out. I think it is just so beautiful every time I walk in."

Grateful as always for her comment, I shared my own reflection, "As someone who sees the sanctuary multiple times per week during my days in the office, I feel the same way, but I can tell you, the sanctuary is at its most beautiful when you all are in it."

Each Sunday morning as the choir lines up outside the loft, I quietly peek through the swinging door to look out at who is in worship this morning. I see people finding their seats, folks walking across the room to hug another person, and parents helping their kids pick up the dropped crayon. I get to see this bustle of activity, these saints of the faith coming together to worship God, and I am convinced each Sunday that our sanctuary could not be more beautiful.

As we move into August and more of our regular fall schedule begins to take shape, let me simply take a moment to let you know that I love you and love being with you. Whether it's in your presence in worship, in a conversation in a study group, over coffee in the office, or even in long session meetings, there is never a time I leave First Presbyterian that I do not give thanks to God for what joy and love you bring to my life.

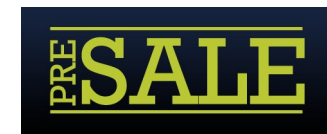
Now I realize that many of us have been in "summer mode," and so we have not seen as much of each other in recent months as we might like. I hope that with the start of school, the beginning of new Covenant Learning Groups, handbell rehearsals, and children and youth activities, we will find our routine once more in our life together, if for no other reason than that we love each other and wish to invest our time together growing in God.

So come and be part of the collection of people God calls together each Lord's Day to beautify

our sanctuary through song and prayer, in words of grace spoken and heard. With your presence, our sanctuary will be more lovely and love-filled than it has ever been before.

Gratefully,
 Andrew

Announcements



YARD SALE PRE-SALE

The Mission Committee will have a pre-sale at the Lodge building bays (hereafter to be known as the Annex) on the following dates: Friday and Saturday, August 1&2 from 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, August 15&16 from 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m. Come check out the chairs, sofa, desks and other furniture, along with nice clothing! Direct questions to Eva Zirkle or Linda Noonkesser.

YARD SALE MEETING

All Mission Yard Sale Co-Chairs are urged to attend an organizational meeting on either August 3rd at 4:00 p.m. or August 19th that 6:30 p.m. Please save the date!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starting on August 7th, the Thursday Night Women's Bible Study group will begin meeting again. 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 contact Rebecca Whaley (404-520-4544).



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ANNUAL YARD SALE FOR MISSIONS

Mark your calendars for the annual Yard Sale for Missions, October 4, 2014. The recipients for this year's sale are 1) Ruth Brown, mission co-worker in the Congo, 2) Girls, Inc., Morristown and 3) Friends of the Jefferson City Library. Please give prayerful consideration for the ways...large or small... you can help make this year's yard sale another record breaking event for FPC mission efforts.



Clothing for the Yard Sale: Please sort clean, useable clothing into white kitchen garbage bags. Label bags....men, women, children...using permanent markers; tie bags in "bow" for easy/quick opening at yard sale time.

Storage for Yard Sale: Collection of donated items for the yard sale will begin in August. Dates and times for receiving items in August and September will be announced. However, storage space is available before August if special circumstances arise that necessitate the early pickup or delivery of items to be donated. Please call Eva Zirkle or Linda Noonkesser, if you have questions or needs.

Silent Auction Items: If you wish to donate special items for the Silent Auction, you can do so at anytime. Please contact Susan Clouser (423-839-1331), if you have any questions.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING GROUP

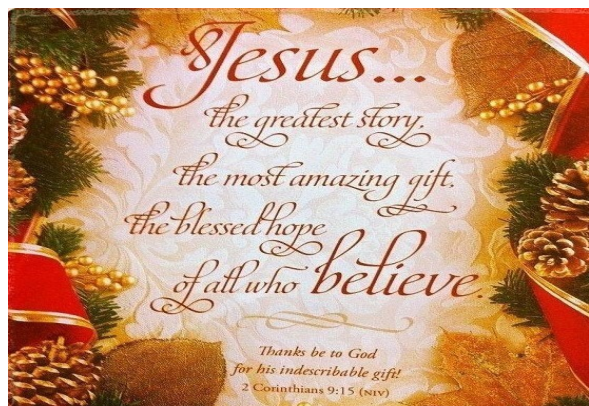


The Smoky Mountain Hiking Group will meet on Saturday, August 16th, at 8:00 a.m. We will be hiking to Baskins Creek Falls. This is a 3 mile round trip to the falls, with an optional side trip to an old cemetery. This is a less traveled trail in the Roaring Fork area. Elevation gain 900 feet over 1.5 miles. "Fairly Easy." Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER



Our first Family Night Supper of the fall will be on Wednesday, August 20th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program for this month will be a presentation by the youth about their Mission Trip to CROSS Missions in Charlotte, NC. The entire church family is invited to attend! Please bring a dish to share. Plan now to join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship!



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

December 6, 2014, 2:00 p.m.,

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

We will be holding A Christmas Tea for the women of our community. Women who are widows, military wives, women going through a divorce or are separated, women who have lost a parent, and the women from Samaritan House. Please consider doing a table for your friends. We are in need of 12 table hostesses. Let's transform Fellowship Hall into the Spirit of Christmas. Bring out your Christmas linens, dishes, and decorations and help these women get a head start on Christmas. Prayerfully consider helping with this outreach and also who you will invite. Sign-up for table hostesses will begin August 10th. If you have any questions contact Sue Rhein at 865-262-0130.

MEMORIAL DESIGNATIONS

Memorials given to the church for:



Johnny Reagan have been given to the Youth Endowment.

Heather Mirrada have been given to the Judy Sites Scholarship Endowment.

Gary Westra have been given to the Mission Endowment.

Former FPC Pastor Rev. Ralph Llewellyn have been given to the Youth Endowment.

Anonymous have been given to the Mission Endowment.

The Plantation Blinds in the church offices and the finishing of the closet in the Welcome Center have been completed with the funds from the Patrick Evans Building Fund and the Betsy Forney Building Fund.

HONORARIUM DESIGNATIONS

Honorariums given to the church for:

Sara Piper have been given to the Mission Endowment

Pat and Mary Ellen Patton have been given to the Mission Endowment.

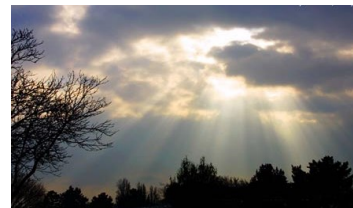
LOOKING AHEAD



On Sunday, November 2, immediately following worship, we will be hosting a Missions Fair in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will make plans to attend and learn more about different Mission opportunities in the church and the community. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne King.

2014 FALL COVENANT LEARNING GROUPS

AUGUST 17 THROUGH OCTOBER 12



Study 1: Contemplative Christianity -- Be Still and Know that I am God

Facilitator: Shannon Collins

Room: Fellowship Hall

This Covenant Learning Group will explore the practices, both ancient and new, of Christians who wish to deepen their experience of the presence of God. We will be introduced to several contemplative practices, and spend some of our time in reflection on how these practices can enrich our daily spiritual disciplines. Our topics will include the development of stillness (Centering Prayer), generative contemplation (Lectio Devina), creative contemplation (singing the Psalms), contemplative movement (walking the labyrinth), as well as how we can incorporate holy space into our daily routines. Please join us in this journey into an experiential encounter with God.

Study 2: Animate Bible

Facilitator: Kay Rutherford-Williams

Room: Upstairs Classroom

This Covenant Learning Group will explore seven different topics in the Bible. Sessions feature perspectives from Christian thought leaders on topics such as the canon, history, testaments, gospels, genre, interpretation, and grace. Animate: Bible poses questions people really have, and then encourages participants to respond—answers aren't included. In each Animate: Bible session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group.



Study 3: Sustaining Hope —The Days are Surely Coming and Dark Nights of the Soul


Facilitator: Peggy Hypes

Room: Parlor

This study will explore the hope Israel will experience as seen through the eyes of the prophet Jeremiah as told to him by the Lord. Jeremiah tells of God's promise to restore the fortunes of the people, Israel and Judah, and to reestablish the covenant with them. We will also explore the message of Habakkuk, Job, and the psalmist as they each experience hope and God's help during times when trouble turned sunshine days into darkness.

Coffee Fellowship will be from 9:30—9:45 a.m. each Sunday. The church will provide a light breakfast and coffee before Sunday School begins.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. YARD SALE MEETING 4:00 P.M. Sue Swilley	4 J and Susan Moser	5 	6 MISSION COM. 6:30 P.M. FINANCE COM. 6:30 P.M. Ted Folsom Jonas Moser Judy Finley	7 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.	8 David & Mala Skeen	9
10 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	11 	12 	13 FELLOWSHIP & EVANGELISM 5:30 P.M. SESSION 6:30 P.M.	14 	15 YARD SALE PRE-SALE 10:00-3:00 P.M.	16 HIKING GROUP 8:00 A.M. YARD SALE PRE-SALE 10:00-3:00 P.M. Sam O'Hare
17 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Dick & Mary Gombert	18 Rod McCash	19 YARD SALE MEETING 6:30 P.M.	20 FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER 6:30 P.M.	21 Joyce Cornett	22 	23
24 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Julie Moody Greg & Anne Woodruff	25 	26 	27 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 7:00 P.M.	28 John & Debby Rinehart	29 	30
31 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Betty Wolfe						



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

<p>1. "Happy are the POOR IN SPIRIT _____"</p>	<p>hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."</p>
<p>2. "Happy are those who _____"</p>	<p>pure in heart, for they will see God."</p>
<p>3. "Happy are the _____"</p>	<p>peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."</p>
<p>4. "Happy are those who _____"</p>	<p>persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."</p>
<p>5. "Happy are the _____"</p>	<p>poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."</p>
<p>6. "Happy are the _____"</p>	<p>merciful, for they will be shown mercy."</p>
<p>7. "Happy are the _____"</p>	<p>meek, for they will inherit the earth."</p>
<p>8. "Happy are those who are _____"</p>	<p>mourn, for they will be comforted."</p>

PRAYER CONCERNS

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Tyler and Rachel Cameron, Jennifer Bates' cousins, whose unborn child has been diagnosed with a multicystic kidney
 All members of the military and their families, especially those stationed overseas
 The unemployed

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Franci Manis, Ted Folsom's sister, who is recovering from a heart procedure
 Ava Swilley, Sue's mother, who has been moved to a nursing home
 Chris Jarrett, Debbie Rinehart's cousin, is experiencing recurrence of cancer in multiple areas
 Craig, Mary Ellen Patton's son, who is hospitalized
 Cheryl Rice, Roxanne Moser's sister, who is exploring options for cancer treatment
 Trevon Williams, Sara Piper's Great-Grandson, as he is hospitalized with viral encephalitis
 Nikki Seals, friend of Jennifer Gowan, who was recently diagnosed with LAM disease an incurable lung disease
 Rhonda McClanahan, Donna Jenkins' daughter, as she begins another round of chemotherapy and radiation
 Calvin Metcalf, former interim pastor of FPC
 Dawn Twine-Johnson, Gail's daughter, recovering from surgery and awaiting results
 Mark Knisley, Pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, who has been diagnosed with liver disease
 David Frazier, former member of FPC, who is continuing to recover at home following brain surgery

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US:

Lucille Tinsley Celeste Reneau

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

DARBY HOUSE: Betty Wolfe; Rachel McCurley

CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor

THE HERITAGE CENTER (Morristown): Bonnie Young

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

In June, we hosted a church cleanup day, where we accomplished many different tasks, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cleaning out and organizing the Janitor's Closet -Installing new shelves and pegboard in the furnace room -Cleaning out gutters on kitchen portico -Scraping and repainting the sign post on the east lawn -Erected tents for the pig-kissing contest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Weeding the garden plot -Cleaned parlor -Touched up paint in several areas -Repaired the doorbell for church office And several other small tasks. |
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A special thanks to Kerry Anotniewicz, Kent Clouser, Lyle Juroff, Sandy Long, Libby Moser, Susan Moser, Bob Rhein, Debby Rinehart, John Rinehart, Eva Zirkle, and John Zirkle for all your hard work!!