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# Submit Your Recipes



## ANNOUNCING THE PRESBYTERIAN PLATE!

Announcing The Presbyterian Plate, the sequel! Ten years ago, we published our first church cookbook, and it was a huge success! We would like to begin gathering your favorite, most requested, tried and true recipes for our next edition! Recipe categories will include, but are not limited to: appetizers, beverage, soups, salads, breads, main dishes, desserts and a miscellaneous category that can include jam, jellies, and marinades. Set aside your favorite crowd pleaser recipes for the cookbook! Or when you bake a birthday cake for that special someone, set aside the recipe! Or when you're preparing a dish for a potluck (or Family Night Supper), set that recipe aside! Don't leave out your easy week night suppers, weekend breakfasts, holiday traditions, or family favorites!

Please help us to fill our book with lots of delicious recipes! We are asking for a minimum of 5 recipe submissions per family. Recipes must be submitted on the recipe form provided, which are placed in several locations around the church (pink half sheet in Narthex, back hall, and kitchen of the church). If you would like a form emailed to you, please contact Heather in the Church Office. There will also be recipe request forms if you would like to request a specific recipe from someone in the church. Please text or call Roxanne at 865-696-4004 with any questions.

### From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

In late March, Rich Fifield, our Executive Presbyter, and I had lunch with Dr. Richard Ray, the Interim President of King University in Bristol. King is celebrating its sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) this year and we discussed how Holston Presbytery could be involved in those celebrations. On April 9, 1866, Holston Presbytery signed the Declaration of Purpose that would ultimately create King University. In the minutes of that 1866 meeting, the Presbytery noted the need for a place that provided a liberal education that provided a classical and scientific training combined with moral and religious training. In our discussions, Dr. Ray also highlighted the desire and hope of the presbytery in 1866 that the school would be a place of reconciliation among individuals on both sides of the Civil War.

In April, I invited Angie to join me for the meeting of the Council on Church Relations at Tusculum College. Tusculum is Tennessee's oldest college and the 23rd-oldest operating college in the United States. During the meeting, the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Heather Patchett, gave us an update on activities at Tusculum. One of the things that she highlighted is the number of students from the Appalachian region who are the first members in their families to attend college. From its inception, Tusculum has been a place to bring education to individuals who might not have an opportunity to go to college.

Rodney Norris, the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Rogersville, is on the Board of Church Visitors at Maryville College. Maryville was founded in 1819 and is one of the 50 oldest colleges in the United States. Both Maryville and Tusculum were founded by Presbyterian ministers and are still associated with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The reason I highlight these relationships and the importance that we, as Presbyterians, focus on education is because this month we will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 22nd. Danny Bates and Rachael Williams are graduating from high school and Carly Kirkpatrick and Matt Malavanti are graduating from college. We are so proud of all our graduates because they have worked hard to achieve these educational milestones.

The Rev. Dr. Calvin Metcalf in his essay on "Education versus Indoctrination" in his book *Now I Read Me Down to Sleep* wrote: "At its best, education exposes people with a learning disposition to all bodies of thought. It does not dictate what one should think but creates a framework of facts from which to draw personal conclusions. Education is the free and unhindered opportunity to

discover the truth that sets us free." He goes on to remind us that "[e]ducation is never a completed process."

As our graduates prepare for the new paths their lives are taking, let us encourage them to remember that learning is a life-long process and that in the midst of this change in their lives, God is ever present with them.

Blessings,  
 Diana

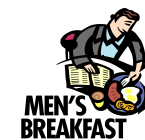
Calvin S. Metcalf, "Now I Read Me Down to Sleep" (Cleveland, TN: Mossy Creek Press, 2015), p. 121 (Education versus Indoctrination).

## Announcements

**out of office** Diana will be out of the Office the week of May 2-May 8. She will be back in the office on Monday, May 9. In the case of a pastoral need, please contact Heather or Angie.

### DIRECTORY/CALENDAR UPDATE

I am in the process of updating our address directory. Please let me know if you have changes to your phone/cell number, mailing address or email address. In addition, if your birthday or anniversary is missing from our monthly calendar, please let the church office know (865-475-2761 or fpcjctn@gmail.com).



### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. We will be at the home of Debby Rinehart (6980 Harmony Circle, Talbott). We will be studying Lesson Number 7. This will be the last meeting until fall so bring your Bibles and join in a great time of fellowship.



### SIT 'N KNIT GROUP



On Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. we will be having the Sit 'n Knit gathering at the home of Eva Zirkle (1454 Royal Dr.).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Communion</b> 1 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. <b>Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> <b>12:30-5:30 p.m.</b>  Fellowship & Evangelism 12:30 p.m.  Jim & Joyce Cornett	2	3	4 Mission Committee 6:30 p.m.  Worship Committee 6:30 p.m. Diana Out	5	6	7 Rich Harlan
8 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>  John Ryan Scarlett	9	10 Stewardship & Finance 2:00 p.m.  Church Street Café 5:00 p.m.	11 Session 6:30 p.m.	12	13 Charlie & Dian Wise	14 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.  Women's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
15 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 am  John Rinehart Doug Dykstra	16	17 Going-on Group  Connor Hypes	18 Family Night Supper 6:30 p.m.	19 Connie Harlan	20 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  Sit 'n Knit Group 7:00 p.m.	21
22 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Graduate Recognition  Jama Seahorn	23	24 Church Street Café 5:00 p.m.  J Moser	25 Christian Education 6:30 p.m.	26	27 Jack O'Hare	28 Hiking Club 8:00 a.m.
29 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. Five Cents a Meal	30 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	31	Youth Mission Trip			



### GOING-ON GROUP

The Going-On Group will be meeting Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Church at 11:30 a.m. We will be planning our activities for the 2016-2017 season. Bring a bag lunch. The drinks and dessert will be furnished. If any questions, please call Judy Finley at 865-292-5338.

### MAY FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

We will once again host the popular, second annual FPC Cake Walk! We are looking to have 15-20 cakes available, so dig up your favorite cake recipe if you are interested in making one for this fun night. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the back hallway. Everyone is invited to play, however if you have difficulty walking, we will have extra folks to stand in for you. So bring your covered dishes and your walking shoes... you may be going home with a yummy cake! If you have any questions, please see Roxanne Moser.



### SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING GROUP

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Group will meet on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and hike the Mt. Sterling Trail: A 5.6 mile round trip from NC 284 to the fire tower on Mt. Sterling. This is a steep trail, but the views from the fire tower are rewarding. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water and join us!

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We are hoping to fill up buckets for our graduates with cards, gifts, candy, or anything you would like to give them. We want them to know how special they are and how proud of them we are!! Danny Bates and Rachael Williams are graduating from Jefferson County High School. Carly Kirkpatrick will be graduating from the University of Tennessee. Matt Malavanti will be graduating from Carson Newman. Our Graduate Recognition Day will be on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The buckets will be in the library until Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Moser (865-696-4004).



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 1 – Communion – Rev. Diana Moore, preaching

May 8 – Dr. Christine Jones, preaching. Christine is an Associate Professor of Religion at Carson-Newman. She has her B.A. from Ouachita Baptist University, her M.Div. from George W. Truett Theological Seminary and her PhD from Baylor University.

May 15 – Pentecost – Rev. Diana Moore, preaching. Please wear red as a sign of the Holy Spirit. We will take up the Pentecost Offering on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and is about helping young people begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Congregations keep 40% of funds to support the local youth-focused programs they are most passionate about.

May 22 – Graduate Recognition Sunday – Bruce Robinson, preaching. Bruce and Deb Robinson work in northwest Haiti. Their work involves gravity (piped) drinking water systems and wells, irrigation and drainage to increase agricultural production, reforestation with fruit trees and integrated water resource management in the watershed, and church and church school construction. They are the recipients of one of our Mission Committee grants. Bruce and Deb will be making a presentation about their work in Haiti during the Sunday School hour.

May 29 – Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip participants – Rev. Diana Moore, preaching

### FINANCE REPORT

MONTHLY INCOME	
APRIL 3	\$4,040.00
APRIL 10	\$2,621.00
APRIL 17	\$1,955.00
APRIL 24	\$2,948.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,564.00</b>

YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES		
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$71,936.25	\$72,195.04
EXPENSES	\$53,544.31	\$75,244.51
YTD INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$18,391.94		

## STATEMENTS OF FAITH FROM OUR NEW ELDERS

### COLIN MCRAE

When asked, I tell people that I grew up in the Episcopal Church. That is where I was confirmed and where Jodi and I were married. However, in my early childhood, our family also attended both Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches, and on occasion, I also attended the local Methodist or Baptist Church with my friends.

As Jodi and I moved from Richmond to Houston to Clearwater, we always looked for a Church to join. But what we found was rather disappointing. There were large churches where no one knew if you were a visitor or long time member and where it seemed that the congregation was more concerned about “being seen” than they were about doing God’s work. These encounters, unfortunately, dissuaded us from joining a Church.

In June of 2008, Jodi and I were blessed with the birth of our first child, Aidan. Leading up to this point, we had many discussions about the values and lessons we wanted to instill in our children, the things we would and wouldn’t do as parents, and how our children would fare in life with all the pressures and choices that would be laid before them.

Moving to Jefferson County in 2013 was an exciting opportunity for our family. Through my work at the hospital and my involvement in Habitat for Humanity and Leadership Jefferson County, I came to befriend several members of First Presbyterian Church Jefferson City. Never once did I feel pressured to attend a service – I may not have even been invited - but the point is, my interest in FPCJC stemmed from my admiration of the members, the respect they had for one another, and the work they did in the Community.

My faith journey has taken me through no less than 5 denominations in my 41 years of existence. I joked this past year with a colleague who was attending Episcopal seminary that I was now a member of a Presbyterian Church. This colleague said to me, “the denomination makes no difference as long as it is a group of people who you enjoy worshipping with”. It then dawned on me that that was exactly what my parents had exposed me to for the first 18 years of my life.

While I’ve always considered myself a Christian, my relationship with the Lord grew stronger as I became a father. We ALWAYS bless our meals. We pray each night with our children, many times with them leading the prayer. I was a proud parent when Will memorized The Lord’s Prayer at age 5.

When Aidan and Will were baptized at FPCJC, my mother gave each of them a Bible. The book that Will received was a collection of age appropriate stories. For some reason, my mother chose to give Aidan a King James Version. The biggest test for me (and possibly the most educational) was to translate the King James Bible to language that a 7 year old can understand.

While Aidan and Will always doodle during the Church service or are seemingly preoccupied with a book or toy, Jodi and I inevitably are answering questions on the car ride home about Diana’s sermon or Phil’s message during Time with Young Disciples’. Children are sponges and extremely impressionable. Our family chose to join FPCJC because it is a Church that supports the values and Christian knowledge that we want for Aidan and Will.

I would tell you that I am early in my Faith Journey and it is one that grows each week as I strive to be the best father I can be. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Session and it’s a responsibility I don’t take lightly.

## JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

Sue Cooper who passed away. Her husband, Tommy, is Rodney McCash’s cousin.

### SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Jim Forney

Kay Gowan

Carly Kirkpatrick

Terry Jaros

J.V. Cline

Bob and Irene Shurden

Jim and Del Deaton

Bill Vest

Sara Piper

Barbara Wilson

Karenna Malavanti and her family, who were affected by the earthquakes in Ecuador

Inez Maddox, Arlene Peck’s cousin

Marilu Gomaz, Aunt of Karenna Malavanti

Brent Sykes, Kent and Susan Clouser’s son

Rhonda Masoner, a friend of Diana Moore

Skylar McMillan, Diana’s great-niece

Westminster Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, AL

The Pastor Nominating Committee

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

### MISSION INTERESTS FAR AND NEAR:

Ruth Brown, PCUSA missionary in Congo

Hope Unlimited

Recovery House

Safe Space

Samaritan House

Rural Clinic

Crossworld, Bruce and Deb Robinson’s Organization in Haiti

### CHURCH STREET CAFÉ:

Dale and Barb Hickey, health issues

David Brock, friend of Debbie Pyper, who is hospitalized

Tammy Staffon, for her son and daughter

Rachel Harmon, nursing student at CN working in Thailand for the summer

### ILL AND RECOVERING:

Will Wintermute, Steve’s brother, who is getting a pacemaker put in

Terry Igou, friend of Phil and Kay Williams, who is hospitalized and unresponsive

Rhonda Jones, friend of Delynn McCash, who suffered a heart attack

Delynn McCash’s father, who had a stint put in

Jannette Hypes, Connor’s mom, who is recovering from surgery

Doug Sexton, friend of the Rineharts, who is undergoing treatment for recurrence of leukemia

Carson Babb, who is recovering from surgery

Mary McCarter, friend of Gail Twine, who has been hospitalized

Jeri Henley, friend of Gail Twine, who is facing heart surgery

Kathy Ackerman, Dick Gombert’s daughter

Stephanie Hortman, friend of Eva Zirkle, a young mother, who has been diagnosed with a recurrent chestwall tumor

Linda Raines, friend of the Folsoms and Clousers, who is continuing chemotherapy treatments

Charlie May Bozeman, Mary Hodges’ mother

Brent McLean, Heather Hill’s brother, who had a stem cell transplant on April 13<sup>th</sup> and is in isolation for one month

### IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor, C.R. Vest

HERITAGE CENTER: Bonnie Young

JEFFERSON COUNTY NURSING HOME: Celeste Reneau, Lucille Tinsley

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT JEFFERSON RURAL CLINIC

### Cleaners

Time: 1.5 hours a month

When: Can be done anytime from Friday afternoon to Monday afternoon)

### Nurse

Duties: Taking vitals, height/weight, brief history at check-in of patients.

~ Must be proficient in drawing blood ~

Time involved: 1-2 half days a month

### Receptionist

2nd & 4th (& the occasional 5th) Monday morning of the month

### Clinic check-in person

Time required: 1 or 2 half days a month

### Sorting/cleaning donations

Time required: Approximately 2 hours a month

### Mini Yard Sale helper

1/2 day/month through warm weather

### Promoter of Donations from corporations

There are many corporate donations available for free clinics.

We just need someone to write to these companies letting them know of our needs.

Starter names of businesses available.

Gaile Miller Avent [www.jrclinic.org](http://www.jrclinic.org) [www.symphonyhill.com](http://www.symphonyhill.com)

[www.bichonfriseusa.com](http://www.bichonfriseusa.com)

# missions YARD SALE

22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL YARD SALE FOR MISSIONS

**Around the bend!** Please mark your calendars for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yard Sale for Missions, October 1, 2016. The recipients for this year's sale are Ruth Brown, mission co-worker in the Congo and Sunset Gap, Cosby, TN. Please give prayerful consideration for the ways...large or small...you can serve in FPC efforts to support missions. Trucks, drivers, crews (especially "lifters") are much needed.

**Large Ticket Items:** Boats, canoes, cars, trucks, campers etc. are especially popular with our shoppers. Please consider donating if you have an item that no longer needs to be in your driveway, garage, basement or storage building.

**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 is needed. Please note that limited space will not allow us to accept large upholstered couches and chairs. And for health/safety concerns, we cannot accept mattresses, bed pillows, infant car seats or cribs. Please call Linda Noonkesser, 865-216-0715, or Del Deaton, 423-353-4186, if you have questions. Please consider Appalachian Outreach for large sofas, chairs and mattresses. They can give those to families in need.

**Silent Auction Baskets:** With deep appreciation and gratitude, we thank Susan Clouser for her past years of pulling together all the baskets for our silent auction! Using items from our homes, businesses and other donations, the Silent Auction baskets and silent bid items have been our biggest money makers for the mission yard sales. Now, we are asking for your help....as a family or group of friends...to fill a basket for the Silent Auction. Tickets to ballgames, antiques, gift certificates, special toys and other goodies that will appeal to folks who want to "make a bid" or "buy it now" are possible choices for your basket contribution. Please consider filling a basket for the Silent Auction. Your basket is very much needed!

**Clothing for the Yard Sale:** As you reorganize your closets and shelves, please sort clean, useable clothing in good condition into white kitchen garbage bags to stash away until August. Label bags...Children, Women, Men...using permanent markers; tie bags in "bow" for easy/quick opening at yard sale time.

**Books:** Please note that cookbooks, novels and children's books sell especially well.

**Flower Pots:** As you plant your spring flowers, please save the pots for the Plant Store. Plastic pots or liners can be used for repotting for the yard sale. Please contact Eva Zirkle if you have any questions.

**Toys and Games:** Toys, games and children's play items are always sought after at the sale. Please remember to bring only toys, games and puzzles with no missing pieces. The toy store works hard to display the items for our shoppers but need your help in eliminating broken toys, those with missing parts or those without needed instructions.




## UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR



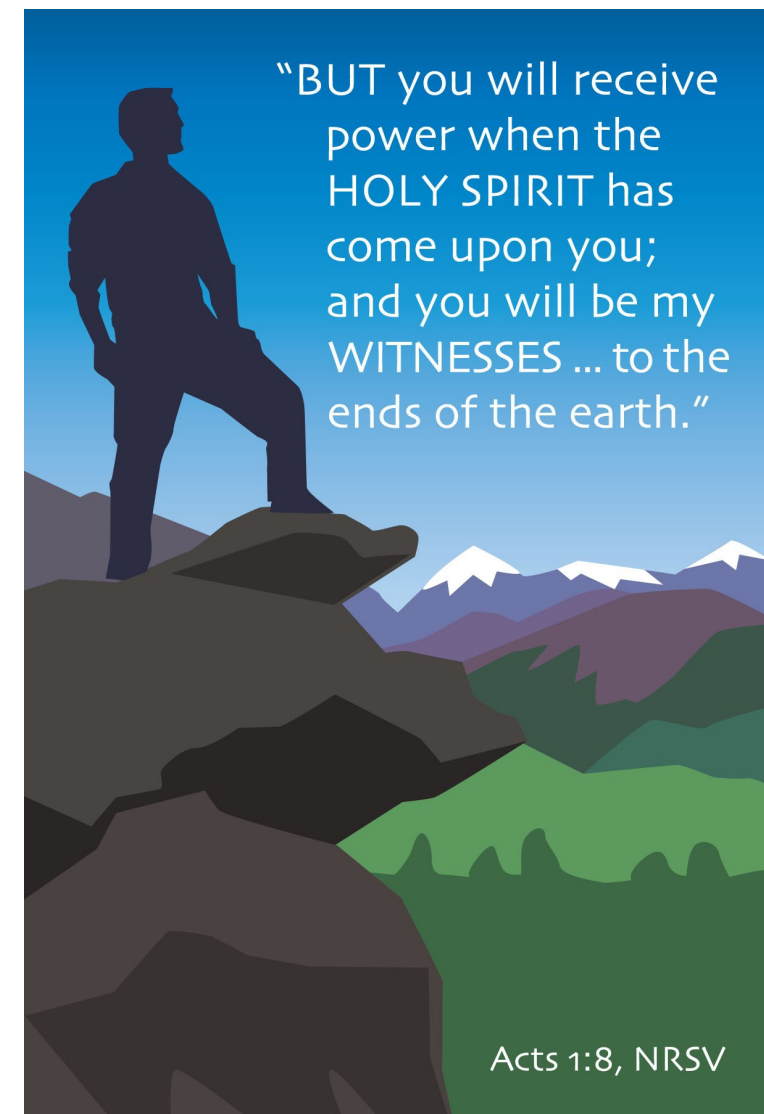
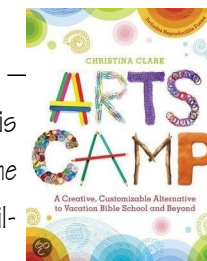
**Sunday, June 5** — Annual Church Picnic at the Patton's. More details to come as the date approaches.

**Sunday, June 19** — Gifts of Men Sunday. Our own Phil Williams will be preaching.



 **Monday, July 4-Friday, July 8** — Appalachian Outreach Feeding Week. Look for sign-up sheets in early June or see JoAnne Vest for more information.

**Sunday, July 17-Wednesday, July 20** — Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Arts Camp! Look for more information in the June and July Newsletters or see Kay Williams.



## RUTH—A PENTECOST STORY?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go ... Your people will be my people ..." [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: lovingkindness—all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth's story. For in it, God unites two enemy peoples for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.