

Announcements

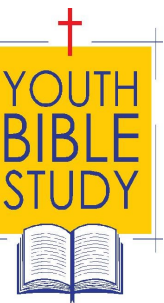


BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

School is just around the corner! Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes becomes a part of everyone's schedule. On Sunday, August 7, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students, preschool through adult, are asked to bring backpacks or lunch boxes to worship on August 7th. The service will lift up not only children and students of all ages but also teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cooks, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The youth will be having monthly Bible study on the first Sunday of each month. The Bible study resource will be "The Call-The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul" by Adam Hamilton. Their first meeting will be on Sunday, August 7th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided by Esther O'Hare. If you have any questions, please see Diana.



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER



Our first Family Night Supper of the fall will be on Wednesday, August 17th, 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!

SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

On Friday, August 19th, at 7:00 p.m., we will be having the Sit 'n Knit gathering at the home of Mary Ellen Patton (7472 Circle Pointe Dr., Talbott).



SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING GROUP

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Group will meet on Saturday, August 20th, at 8:00 a.m. We will be hiking to Hen Wallow Falls, another favorite in the Cosby area. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!

From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

One of the wonderful things about this congregation is the recognition that anyone and everyone can be a worship leader. Our children and youth have been wonderful worship leaders several times this past year. We have had a number of the youth participate as liturgists during the time I have been here. They also play handbells and provide beautiful music as part of our worship.

We have also had three worship services that have been led by the children and youth. During Advent last year, the children and youth led worship with their presentation of "Christmas Presence." In April, we had the youth lead worship with their reflections on Micah 6:8. "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" And in July, we had the wonderful presentation by the children and youth of their Bible School theme "Praise!" These services have reinforced one of our Presbyterian beliefs: every one is a minister. We have had our children and youth minister to us in worship and what a great ministry they have provided for us.

Recently our youth got together to plan activities for the coming year. Although they did want to participate in fun activities, they were more concerned with Bible study and mission and community. They wanted not only distance mission opportunities; they also wanted local volunteer mission opportunities. They wanted interaction with each other, but also interaction with the congregation. Their planning for the year emphasizes all of those things. As a congregation, we can support them by bringing meals for their monthly Bible studies (1st Sunday of every month), by offering to be an adult volunteer during some of their activities; and supporting them in their fundraising during the year. Our young people are working at building themselves as Christians in all their activities. Let's support them!

—Diana

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- August 7** – Communion – Rev. Diana Moore, presiding. Allison LeClercq, liturgist. Blessings of the Backpacks. The scripture reading is Genesis 1: 1-5, 31.
- August 14** – Rev. Diana Moore, preaching. The scripture readings are Exodus 16: 1-4, Isaiah 64:8, and 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21. This is Bible Presentation Sunday for those entering first grade.
- August 21** – Gifts of Women Sunday. Gail Twine, preaching.
- August 28** – Dr. Carolyn Blevins preaching. Peggy Hypes, liturgist. The scripture readings are Proverbs 3: 1-6 and Matthew 20: 1-16.

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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. So, while planning your holiday cookout, 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,

Submit Your Recipes



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, which can be found in several locations in 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.

SESSION NEWS

—The Session received Janice and Steve Wintermute as new members on letter of transfer from Hebron Presbyterian Church.

—The Session approved the realignment of two Sunday School rooms upstairs. The Youth and Adult Sunday School rooms will be switched and the youth will re-paint both rooms.

—The Session discussed with Madison Meadows how the session and the church could assist with Armanii Russell. John and Madison have been granted custody of Armanii.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Janice & Steve Wintermute—Janice is retired from Eastman Chemical Company where she was employed for 47 years. She is active in the Sit-N-Knit group. Steve has been a newspaper columnist for 26 years. He likes helping with the Yard Sale. They live in Kingsport and spend weekends in Piedmont, Jefferson County.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your many prayers, food, flowers, cards and good wishes. Our prayer shawls have meant so much to us during this time. We feel very blessed to belong to the Church family.

—Wayne and Margy King



APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK

From July 4th until July 8th, a mission team from FishHawk Fellowship Church in Lithia, Florida, close to Tampa, worked on projects in our region. Two teams worked on home improvement projects in Cocke County and the other members provided Bible School activities in two housing areas in Jefferson City. During the week they were here, we provided breakfast and dinner for the mission team and for the Appalachian Outreach personnel who assisted them in their work. During the week, we served **837 people**. Additionally, we sent meals to some of our homebound members during that same week. Many, many thanks to JoAnne Vest for overseeing the meal preparation and the teams that assisted.

The morning team which was there by 6:00 a.m. every morning consisted of JoAnne and Bill Vest, Angie and Nancy France, Pam Kustermann, Martha Sanders, Peggy and Connor Hypes, Sue Swilley, Rick Pinkerton, Annabelle Tilton, Lyle Juroff, Doug Moses, and Lea White-Akers.

The evening team consisted of JoAnne and Bill Vest, Angie and Nancy France, Martha Sanders, Jama Seahorn, Barbara Wilson, Jama Seahorn, Jennifer Curreton, Doug and Cynthia Moses, Peggy and Connor Hypes, Sue Swilley, Annabelle Tilton, John and Eva Zirkle, Anni Locher, Rick Pinkerton, Sandy Long, Kate Pinkerton-long, John and Debby Rinehart, Kent and Susan Clouser, Larry and Mev Musick, and Doug and Juanita Dykstra.

Many thanks also to the Moser's for donating corn and the Gowan's for donating tomatoes.



JUDY SITES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIAL FUND

In 1998, following the untimely death of his wife, Tom Sites, member of First Presbyterian Church, created a scholarship fund in her memory. Judy Sites was a native of Greeneville, Tennessee and grew up at the First Presbyterian Church there. Later in Jefferson City, she was a member of our congregation, raising two sons here with Tom. Judy was also an educator in the Jefferson County Schools and believed strongly in the value of education to shape and change young lives. Education was the key to success.

Judy died of cancer far too young, but this scholarship in her memory is a way for her love of learning to continue to impact young people in our congregation. The scholarship established in her memory is set up with these criteria for its disbursement: *"Applicants should be of good character, perform well academically and be active in the community. Given the area of career specialization of Mrs. Sites, special consideration should be given to those with special needs, or those who are planning a course of study pertaining to the provision of education or other services to those with special needs."*

Rachael Williams is the recipient of the Judy Sites Educational Scholarship for 2016. Rachael has been active in all activities of the church. She sings in the choir, plays handbells, helps in the nursery, and has been active in the youth group and attended mission trips. She plans to go to Walters State and get a degree in a health care field. Taylor Anne Bates and Dallas McCash were two previous recipients.

YOUTH ACTIVITY



Sunday, August 28th – Realignment and painting of upstairs Sunday School rooms. Lunch and painting after church – 12:15 – 4:30 P.M. (Sandy Long and Kate Pinkerton-Long adult volunteers).

GOING-ON GROUP

The Going-On Group is a monthly social outing (which always includes lunch) that takes place September through May. It has been "Going-On" in our church for over twenty years. Since it generally happens during a weekday, it is planned and usually attended by retirees in our church and friends of our church's members. But it is open to anyone who is interested and might be free when an activity takes place. Keep watching the monthly newsletters and weekly bulletins for each month's activities beginning next month.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – ART CAMP

"Praise" as the theme of our Bible School this year. The 16 children who attended learned what it means to praise, when we should praise, and whom we should praise. Because we utilized an art camp course for the children, the Adult Bible School also focused on art. Twenty plus adults attended the presentation each evening by Chad Airhart on "Images of Jesus – Past and Present."

Many thanks to our Bible School Director Jennifer Gowan and her Art Team of Doug Moses, Jama Seahorn, Angie France, Tiffany Wymer, and Kathy Juroff, the Music Team of Jennifer and Kay Gowan, the Recreation team of Matt Gowan, Kim LeClercq and DJ and Tyler Needs, the Refreshment Team of Roxanne Moser, Pam Kustermann, and Jodi McCrae, and the Class Monitors of Allison and Cameron LeClercq, Jackie Scarlett, and Rachael Williams. Lyle Juroff ensured that the adult class was set up and Peggy Hypes did the introduction and monitored the breaks. Martha Sanders made the nametags and Kay Rutherford Williams did one night's Bible study. Thanks to everyone for the tubes and buttons for our craft projects.

THANK YOU

Since Janice and I began attending First Presbyterian Church of Jefferson City, I had heard people say how much the prayer shawl/scarf you gave them meant to them and how much it helped them face difficulties. I always took it with a grain of salt...just a scrap of yarn.

Then I faced a difficulty and you gave me a prayer scarf and a card signed by you telling me that you were praying for me.

I now understand what others have told us of the effect of your gifts and prayers.

My prayer scarf was with me every moment. It gave me strength and courage. As did the knowledge that you were praying for me.

Your scarf and card gave me something else just as important. Perhaps more so... they enabled me to see the face of God and hear God speak to me.

Wearing the scarf I saw the face of God. I know without a doubt that I did.

Reading the card I heard the voice of God. I know without a doubt that I did.

So what does the face of God look like? It looks like yours...and yours...and yours...and yours. You are the face of God to the hungry you feed, the naked you clothe, the homeless you shelter, and to those, like me, you give a prayer shawl or scarf so that they know you are always present with them in their time of difficulty.


And what does the voice of God sound like? It sounds like yours...and yours...and yours...and yours. You are the voice of God to those, like me, for whom you pray whether in spoken prayers or the prayers you write by signing your name on the shawl/scarf cards.

—Steve Wintermute



A BIT OF HISTORY

Did you know that our congregation established an endowed scholarship fund at Tusculum College? In 1996, when Rev. Dr. Robert Reno was pastor here, the Session voted to establish an endowed scholarship fund at Tusculum with a commitment of \$10,000. This fund gives scholarship preference to able and deserving students from Presbyterian Churches within Holston Presbytery, and then to other Presbyterian students, and finally to other able and deserving students. The fund was established through the Partners in Ministry Campaign among the then 69 churches of Holston Presbytery. Tusculum College is the oldest co-educational college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MISSION COM. 6:30 P.M.	2 BUILDING & GROUNDS 6:30 P.M.	3 HEATHER OUT	4 J and Susan Moser	5	6 Ted Folsom Jonas Moser Judy Finley
7 Communion Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 5:00-7:00 P.M.	8	9 CHURCH STREET CAFÉ 5:00 P.M.	10 STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MEETING 2:00 P.M. SESSION 6:30 P.M.	11	12 Tom & Stacy Kirkpatrick	13 FE MEETING AT YODER'S 10:00 A.M. Jeff & Whitney Drees
14 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.	15	16 Sam O'Hare Doug Moses	17 FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER 6:30 P.M. Brian Williams Dick & Mary Gombert	18 Rod McCash	19 SIT 'N KNIT 7:00 P.M.	20 HIKING GROUP 8:00 A.M. Anni Locher
21 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY Jim Deaton	22	23 CHURCH STREET CAFÉ 5:00 P.M. Wayne & Margy King	24 CHRISTIAN ED 6:30 P.M. Julie Moody Greg & Anne Woodruff	25	26 Lyle and Kathy Juroff	27
28 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. YOUTH ACTIVITY 12:15 P.M. John & Debby Rinehart	29 DIANA OUT	30	31			

JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

John and Madison Meadows and Armanii
 Bob and Irene Shurden
 Tanya, Roxanne's sister, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer
 Carolyn Armstrong, Arlene Peck's sister
 Rev. Ron Ramsey, Pastor at First United Methodist
 Seth, Morgan, and McKenzie Hollingshead
 Skylar McMillan, Diana's great-niece
 Brent Sykes, Kent and Susan Clouser's son
 The Pastor Nominating Committee
 All members of the military and their families, especially those stationed overseas.

Judy and Lynn Watkins
 Mary Winslow

Terry Jaros
 Doris and Jackie Langford

MISSION INTERESTS FAR AND NEAR:

Hope Unlimited
 Ruth Brown, PCUSA missionary in Congo
 Hillary Reneau, Bili Ledgerwood's granddaughter, who is a youth missionary in Swaziland, Africa
 Crossworld, Bruce and Deb Robinson's Organization in Haiti

Recovery House
 Samaritan House

Safe Space
 Jefferson Rural Clinic

CHURCH STREET CAFÉ:

Nathan Williams
 Dale & Barbara Hickey, health issues
 Shirley Chambers, recovering from eye surgery
 Chris Parks, friend of Adrian Blanc, who is on dialysis
 The Babb Family—Carson (4) going through chemotherapy, Tiffani (mom) has a brain tumor, Daniel (dad) other health issues, and Alayna
 Tiffany Adams
 Darlene White, health issues
 Jennifer Chambers, liver issues

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Argie Saylor, Del Deaton's mother, who broke a bone in her hand
 Dianne Levy, friend of Kay Williams and founder of SafeSpace, who has cancer and is in hospice
 Carson Strong, friend of Arlene Peck's grandson, who has a brain tumor
 Daniel Gray, family of Jennifer Gowan's cousin, who was in a bad car accident
 John Fain, friend of the Pryors and former member of FPC, who has terminal lung cancer
 Rusty John, family of Gail Twine's daughter, who has stomach cancer
 Janice Veal's husband, friend of Sue Swilley, who has cancer and is in hospice

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor, C.R. Vest
 HERITAGE CENTER: Bonnie Young
 JEFFERSON COUNTY NURSING HOME: Celeste Reneau, Lucille Tinsley
 LIFE CARE CENTER of JEFFERSON CITY: Charlie May Bozeman



FINANCE REPORT

MONTHLY INCOME		YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES	
		YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
JULY 3	\$4,900.00		
JULY 10	\$2,049.87		
JULY 17	\$4,441.00	INCOME	\$116,738.81
JULY 24	\$1,880.00	EXPENSES	\$95,494.72
JULY 31	N/A		
TOTAL	\$13,270.87	YTD INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$21,144.91	