

From the Interim Pastor's Desk...

"O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works." 1 Chronicles 16: 8-9

"See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you." 1 Thessalonians 5: 15-18

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3: 14-17

In the month of November, perhaps more than in any other month, we are reminded of all the things for which we are thankful. We are thankful for our family, for our friends, for the food we share together. Some of us may be thankful for football games and parades. We are thankful for our nation and the ability to elect our leaders. We have much to be thankful for.

On Sunday, November 6th, we will elect elders for the Class of 2019. The individuals who will be elected will join a session that cares about our congregation and our community. I am grateful for the leadership provided by our session. I know that the pastor who will be called will be thankful for the excellent leaders on our session.

Sunday, November 13th, will be Stewardship Dedication Sunday. That is a day we can all give thanks to God with our pledges of monetary support for the coming year. Our God is a generous God and our pledges reflect our gratitude for all the blessings that God has provided for us.

On Sunday, November 20th, during our morning worship service, we will celebrate the baptism of Pearl Rae Belton, Pat and Mary Ellen Patton's great granddaughter. We are thankful for all the generations who will be present to celebrate that special event.

In the evening of the 20th, we will celebrate Thanksgiving at a Community Thanksgiving Service. For a number of years, churches in the area have gathered together on the Sunday

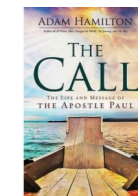
before Thanksgiving to worship and praise God together. Our denominations are set aside as we all give thanks together for our many blessings.

Sunday, November 27th, is the First Sunday of Advent, the first Sunday of the liturgical year. As we anticipate the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, we give thanks that God loved us so much that he sent his son to live among us.

Although November may be the month in which we think about the things we are thankful for, every moment of every month, we should remember to give thanks to God. The psalmist reminds us in Psalm 107: "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." Let us give thanks to God for all our many blessings not only in November but in all the days of our lives.

In grateful thanksgiving for God's many blessings,
Diana

Announcements



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

The youth will continue their monthly Bible study on Sunday, November 6th, from 5:00-7:00. The Bible study resource is "The Call-The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul" by Adam Hamilton. Dinner will be provided by Kay Gowan. If you have any questions, please see Diana.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing excerpts from *Gifts of the Dark Wood* by Eric Elmes. If you enjoy biscuits, bacon, and the Bible, join us for a new year of study and fellowship.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Women's Prayer Breakfast and Bible study will be on **Saturday, November 19th**, at 9:00 a.m. Please watch your bulletins for further information.

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CHRISTMAS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

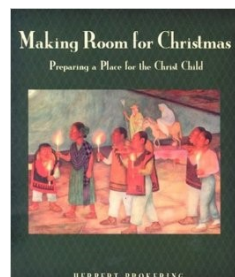
Christmas in Jefferson County is a program of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce that brings together all the resources of the community to provide food and toys to needy families of Jefferson County. We are collecting **1,000** boxes of Macaroni & Cheese for Christmas in Jefferson County. If you wish to give monetarily, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and note "Christmas in Jefferson County". Donations need to be at the Church by Sunday, November 27th. If you have any questions, please call Heather in the Church Office or see David Nowell.



ADVENT LITURGIES

During Advent, we will be using excerpts from *Making Room for Christmas – Preparing a Place for the Christ Child* by Herbert Brokering for our Advent Candle lighting liturgy. He has written a beautiful collection of dialogues that recall Mary and Joseph's journey and their search for lodging in Bethlehem. This Christmas "journey" is patterned after the Latin American tradition of *Los Posadas* – Spanish for "the inns" – in which villagers reenact the Holy Couple's search for an inn or shelter where the Christ Child can be born.

The dialogues offer a glimpse of Mary and Joseph at the door of a house, asking for lodging. The "houses" in these dialogues represent universal situations and experiences – hearts and homes of the poor, the aged or infirm, prisoners, families who are splintered or hurting, sick and dying persons, celebrants, joyous and rejoicing hopes – places where Christ seeks entrance not only at Christmas but throughout the year.



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Family Night Supper will be on Wednesday, November 16th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sunset Gap, one of our Yard Sale Recipients, will provide the program. The entire church family is invited to attend! Bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship!



NOVEMBER GOING-ON GROUP

The Going-on-Group will be going to the Old Mill Section of Pigeon Forge on Thursday, November 17th. We will meet at the front entrance to the Pottery House Cafe at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. There are a lot of activities to do in this area. Those that would like to carpool can meet at the church by 10:15 a.m. Please let Judy Finley know if you plan on going by Monday, November 14th. Telephone 865-828-4559 or 865-292-5338 or email her at finleyfarm2@netzero.com.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. There are bags in the narthex for the Appalachian Outreach Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please share your bounty with others by filling up a bag with non-perishable food items. We hope you will come and join the community for this time of Worship.



SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

The Sit 'n Knit group will be meeting on **Friday, November 18th**, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Eva Zirkle (1454 Royal Dr., Jefferson City). If you have any questions, please see Eva.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING GROUP

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Group will meet on Saturday, November 19th, at 8:00 a.m. We will be hiking the *Old Settlers Trail*. We'll start in the Greenbrier section and hike out 3-4 miles, then return. The elevation gain is about 500 feet. There are numerous old rock walls and chimneys. Don't forget to pack a lunch and some water, and plan to join us!



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will close on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 12:00 p.m. through Friday, November 25th.



POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT



One of our cherished traditions is to decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias during Advent. These beautiful flowers are placed in front of the church in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones. We will only order a specific number of the flowers, so please be sure to check the box on the order form if you would like to take yours home after the Christmas Eve service. Look for the order form in the Sunday bulletins. The cost is \$10 per plant.

**SAVE THE DATE! FAMILY/SKI RETREAT
JANUARY 27-JANUARY 29, 2016**

Now is the time to mark your calendars and make plans to attend our Family/Ski Retreat weekend at Holston Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, North Carolina. The retreat will begin on Friday evening and go through Sunday worship. Look for sign-up sheets and more information in the Sunday bulletins beginning in December. For more information, call the church office at (865) 475-2761.

DISPLAY AT THE CREEK



Be sure to stop by The Creek Café in downtown Jefferson City through the month of November to check out the photos on display by our own Dr. John Zirkle.

HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF

We are all concerned about the Hurricane Mathew damage in our country and in Haiti. In the past, our Church has supported Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Heifer International, and Bruce Robinson in Haiti.

Those wishing to channel any donations to support the work of these in hurricane relief can send contributions as follows:

- 1) Presbyterian Church (USA), designate disaster relief in memo line, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
- 2) Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202
- 3) Crossworld, 10000 N Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64155

Those wishing to give on line can go to that organization's website.

Continue to pray for those individuals, families, and communities dealing with this disaster. So many are hurting and will be for some time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 MISSION COM. 6:30 P.M. WORSHIP COM. 6:30 P.M.	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 5:00 P.M.	7	8 CHURCH STREET CAFE 5:00-6:30 P.M. Jake Moser	9 SESSION 6:30 P.M.	10	11	12 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8 A.M.
13 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY Mary Beth Williams	14 CSC TRUCK DELIVERY	15	16 FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER: YARD SALE RECIPIENTS 6:30 P.M.	17	18 SIT 'N KNIT GROUP 7:00 P.M. Tyler Needs	19 HIKING GROUP 8:00 A.M. WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 9:00 A.M.
20 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 6:00 P.M. Brian & Ashley Williams	21	22 CHURCH STREET CAFE 5:00-6:30 P.M.	23 Tom Kirkpatrick Phil & Kay Williams Larry & Mev Musick	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25	26 Ken Winslow
27 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m. FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT HANGING OF THE GREENS Harry & Judy Finley	28 Rachael Williams	29 Jim & Del Deaton	30	<h1>November</h1> 		

FINANCE REPORT

MONTHLY INCOME		YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES	
		YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
OCTOBER 2	\$4,539.00		
OCTOBER 9	\$1,840.78		
OCTOBER 16	\$3,138.00	INCOME	\$158,614.67
OCTOBER 23	\$609.00	EXPENSES	\$153,509.63
OCTOBER 30	N/A		\$180,487.60
		YTD INCOME OVER EXPENSES:	\$5,105.04
TOTAL	\$10,126.78		

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

From the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 12th.

- ♦ Session reprogrammed funds in the Mission Budget. The Session had approved \$2,500.00 for Yard Sale expenses for the year. Expenses were \$3,576.00, an over-expenditure of \$1,076.00. Money was reprogrammed from the Church Street Café account. \$5,500.00 had been approved for that account for the year and only \$1,672.00 has been spent so \$1,076.00 was reprogrammed, thus reducing the amount to Church Street Café to \$4,424.00.

From an email vote on Sunday, October 26th.

- ♦ Session approved the baptism of Pearl Rae Belton on Sunday, November 20th. Pearl is the great granddaughter of Pat and Mary Ellen Patton.

NEW ADDRESSES FOR OUR MEMBERS

Anni Locher
8800 Walther Blvd.
Apt. # 3220
Parkville, Md. 21234

Pat and Mary Ellen Patton
129 Mossy Creek Dr., Apt. 117
Jefferson City, TN 37760

“Greed says the more you get, the more you have. Christ says the more you give away in love, the more you are.”

—Frederick Buechner

A PRAYER OF UNITY

It’s a prayer of unity that I lift to You this day, O Lord.

I pray for unity in our world where conflicting nations have chosen war as a means of settling their differences.

Give those who participate in such strife a reasonable spirit so that hostile guns may once again be silent.

I pray for unity in our country as opposing politicians seek to blame one another for our economic and social ailments.

Give those in authority a responsible disposition toward the issues of our time.

May they turn their mental energies toward solutions instead of accusations.

I pray for unity within our church, as the lust for power is no respecter of institutions.

Give those who have a following a sense of stewardship about their popularity.

May they humbly and responsibly represent the cause of Christ.

Help us all to be cooperating Christians in a body of believers who understand that love will keep us strong.

I pray for a kind of unity where good people have a right to disagree agreeably.

Help us to monitor our own feelings in keeping with the spirit of Jesus.

Show us again and again that publicans, fishermen, zealots, and a variety of folk can still function as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

—Calvin S. Metcalf, *Now I Read Me Down to Sleep*, (Cleveland, TN: Mossy Creek Press, 2015), p. 156.

PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

Bili Ledgerwood, who passed away on Tuesday, October 25th

Jason Hodge, friend of Heather Hill, who passed away unexpectedly on October 20th

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Johan and Ineke Koppier

Bob and Irene Shurden

Skylar McMillan, Diana’s great-niece

Seth, Morgan, and McKenzie Hollingshead

Greg Piper, son of Sara Piper, who will be undergoing surgery on November 17th

Christina Glimpse, Mary Ellen Patton’s granddaughter-in-law

Madison Gillam, friend of Rachael Williams

The Pastor Nominating Committee

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

Terry Jaros

Kenneth and Mary Winslow

Carolyn Armstrong, Arlene Peck’s sister

Capi Thomas, Esther O’Hare’s father

MISSION INTERESTS FAR AND NEAR:

Hope Unlimited

Safe Space

Jefferson Rural Clinic

Bruce and Deb Robinson, mission co-workers in Haiti

Hillary Reneau, Bili Ledgerwood’s granddaughter, who is a youth missionary in Swaziland, Africa

Recovery House

Samaritan House

Ruth Brown, PCUSA missionary in Congo

CHURCH STREET CAFÉ:

Dale & Barbara Hickey

Paula McCarter, Ruth Reece’s daughter

Rod, Jayden’s dad

Shelia, Takota and Gerald Nelson

Mary Metcalf

Nathan Reed, Ruth Reece’s grandson

Damreus, Jimmy, Ashley, Joyce and Ginger

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Madison Meadows, who is recovering from surgery

Linda Moore, friend of Arlene Peck, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Cordelia McIntyre, friend of Arlene Peck, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Leonard Bakker, Rich and Connie Harlan’s son-in-law, who has been diagnosed with throat cancer and will be undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments in the coming weeks

Debby Hayes, colleague of Sandy Long, whose cancer has returned

Craig Livesay, Carol Bergman’s son-in-law, who has portal vein thrombosis

Barbara Hayes, Cindy Moses’ aunt

Mike Newman, friend of the Patton’s, who is having various health problems

Kay Gowar’s sister, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Tanya, Roxanne’s sister, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer

Kathy Miller, Del Deaton’s sister, who is recovering from cancer related surgery

Stephanie Hortman, family member of Eva Zirkle, chest-wall tumor is growing and she has developed neurological issues

Butch Moody, friend of Neal Beck, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer

IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor, C.R. Vest

HERITAGE CENTER: Bonnie Young

JEFFERSON COUNTY NURSING HOME: Celeste Reneau, Lucille Tinsley

SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE of JEFFERSON CITY: Charlie May Bozeman, Paulette Bozeman, Pat and Mary Ellen Patton