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From the Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year, My First Prez Friends!

Christmastide lasts through Sunday, January 5, 2025 where we gather for first Sunday communion. Epiphany is coming on Monday, January 6, 2025. We shall have an Epiphany worship service at 7 p.m. so that we may remember the Light of the World manifested in Jesus Christ. If you read Matthew 2:1-12, you will see that the Holy Family is no longer in the stable without a room, but now in a house. The wise men finally arrived to worship Jesus and found him and his parents in a house rather than a palace or the stable. At Epiphany we remember these wise men and that very light of God that shined in “the thick darkness” that covered the peoples. As we begin our New Year, may we remember that we reflect that light of Jesus Christ, the very light of the world. The light of Jesus Christ shines through us to others, just like the sunlight shines through our church’s beautiful stained-glass windows to tell the story of God’s love. May the light of Jesus Christ shine through us to reveal the story of the love of God we know in Jesus to all the world.

As you may know, I like my *Peanuts* comic strip and keep a rolodex on my desk. On the third day of the year on this *Peanuts* rolodex, given to me by my young friends Caiden and Maddox several years ago, Lucy and her little brother Linus with his blanket in hand have a discussion. Lucy is jumping rope. Linus curiously asks, “Do you every pray, Lucy?” Lucy stops and looks Linus directly in the eye, as only a big sister can, and says, “That’s kind of a personal question, isn’t it? Are you trying to start an argument?” In the third scene, Lucy yells in the face of Linus, “I SUPPOSE YOU THINK YOU’RE SOMEBODY PRETTY SMART, DON’T YOU? I SUPPOSE YOU THINK....” In the final scene Linus is sitting on the curb with his thumb in his mouth and blanket in hand next to Charlie Brown and says, “You’re right ... religion is a very tough subject!” (January 3, *Peanuts*, 2011 Dayspring Cards, Inc., Peanuts Worldwide) Two subjects difficult to discuss with one’s family and friends are religion and politics. It is possible that religion and politics can bring a group of like-minded people closer, but these two touchy subjects can create a nuclear explosion, too. I have a feeling that it will only get touchier this year 2025. It is best we focus on loving God and loving neighbor with all we got for our New Year.

May the gentle, loving spirit of Jesus Christ be with you,

Jim





Happy Birthday

January 3	Sydnee Carvell
January 5	Jennie Kate Pendergrass
January 5	Jim Singleton
January 6	Allen Haynes
January 6	Ben Craig
January 6	Mary Gore
January 6	Pat Marsh
January 7	Abby Hittle
January 12	Kathy Smith
January 13	Lisa Turner
January 16	Candyce Magee
January 19	Gavin Segroves
January 19	Kyle Segroves
January 19	Walker Marsh
January 23	Mike Bone
January 23	Phillip Frisby
January 25	Paul Haradon
January 26	Diane Green
January 26	Holt Parsons
January 28	Richard Wilhelm



Don't forget to bring your donations for Good Samaritan on Sunday, January 12th.



Happy Anniversary



January 7th
Pat & Mary Marsh



January 24th
David & Debbie Kee

Committee Meetings

Mission Committee

Monday, Jan. 13th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 21st @ 10:00am

Faith Development Committee

Monday, Feb. 3rd @ 6:30pm

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, Jan. 9th @ 5:00pm

Session

Monday, Jan. 27th @ 5:30pm

Circle

Tuesday, Jan. 14th @ 10:00am

January 2025

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Greg & Bob Garner

Knox Pitts

For Memorial Fund

R. Layne Holley

For Greg Garner Fund

Bill & Kathy Garner

Elaine Keene

For BackPack Fund

Lynne Sain

Troy Turrentine

For BackPack Fund

Lynne Sain

In honor of Helen Garner

For Greg Garner Fund

Bailey & Trena Little

In honor of Bailey & Trena Little

For Backpack Fund

Helen Garner

In honor of Roy & Lisa Turner

For Backpack Fund

Helen Garner

In honor of Sherri Emerson

For Backpack Fund

Helen Garner

January 1	Office Closed
January 2	AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 3	AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 5	“The Gathering” 8:45am
	Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am
	Worship Service 10:00am
January 6	Epiphany of the Lord Service 7:00pm
January 7	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
January 8	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
January 9	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	Worship & Music Meeting 5:00pm
	AA Meeting 7:00pm
	AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 10	“The Gathering” 8:45am
January 12	Youth Breakfast 9:00am
	Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am
	Worship Service 10:00am
	Bring your Good Sam Donations
	“Un-Decorate” Church following worship
January 13	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
	Mission Meeting 5:30pm
January 14	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	Circle 10:00am
January 15	AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
January 16	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
January 17	AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 19	AA Meeting 1:00pm
	“The Gathering” 8:45am
	Youth Breakfast 9:00am
	Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am
	Worship Service 10:00am
January 20	Office Closed
January 21	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am
	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
January 22	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
January 23	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 24	AA Meeting 1:00pm
January 26	“The Gathering” 8:45am
	Youth Breakfast 9:00am
	Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am
	Worship Service 10:00am
January 27	Office Closed
	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	Session Meeting 5:30pm
	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
January 28	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
January 29	Blood Drive 10:00am - 4:00pm
	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
January 30	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
	AA Meeting 7:00pm
January 31	Book Club Meeting at FPC 9:30am
	AA Meeting 1:00pm



American
Red Cross

Blood
Services

January 29th
10:00am- 4:00pm

Our next blood drive will be here before we know it.

It's not too early to go online and register. Please join us in giving a pint.
For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.



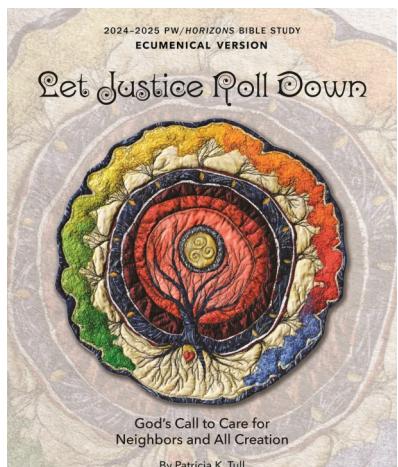
The next Book Club is meeting Friday, Jan. 31st , 9:30am at FPC in the fellowship hall. They will be Discussing
"The Women" by Kristen Hannah
Up and coming...
Feb. "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson

**FPC Shelbyville has graciously volunteered
to host the Presbytery of
Middle Tennessee Stated Meeting
on February 8th.**



*Presbyterian
Women*

The first PW Circle meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 14th at 10:00am in the young adult room at the church. We will begin a new study entitled "Let Justice Roll Down". Study books are available in the church office.





Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Party





Blessing of the “Chemo Caps”

Gracious, loving and healing God, may your grace and blessings permeate these chemo caps, so they might warm, comfort, enfold and embrace those who receive them. May they be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this congregation. May they provide sacred places of hope and well-being. May those who receive them be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and covered in love. Remind them that they are not forgotten in their sickness, pain, and treatment. We dedicate these chemo caps to your glory, knowing your great love for all your precious children, as we thank you for guiding the hands that have made them. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Gentle Healer we pray. Amen.



Children's Choir Christmas Performance





BackPacking We packed 150 backpacks! Thank you to all those who came out to help. The boxes were distributed out by the school counselors this past week. All 150 were allocated. Our latest collection has our bill for December covered. Thank you to all who donated.





Servers

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Melanie Hamilton	Pastor Jim	Christy Jensen
Christy Jensen	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Bailey & Trena Little	Roy Turner	Bea Marsh
Lay Liturgist: Charlotte Williams		
Flowers: Candy Magee		
Communion Prep: Michal Dobson & Mary Gore		
Communion Servers: Jim Ikard, Richard Smith		

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Freida Bone	Kate Canady	Belinda Craig
Sarah Natale	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Willie & Debby Snell	Mary Marsh	Katherine Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Pat Marsh		

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Nancy June Brandon	Kate Canady	Grace Wilhelm
Michal Dobson	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Richard & Kristin Wilhelm	Raychelle Flannagan	Lisa Turner
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Jim Ikard		

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Belinda Craig	Connie Crafton	Cathy Ikard
Pat Thomas	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Terry & Ginny Saylor	Willie Snell	Debby Snell
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte	Flowers
Grace Wilhelm		

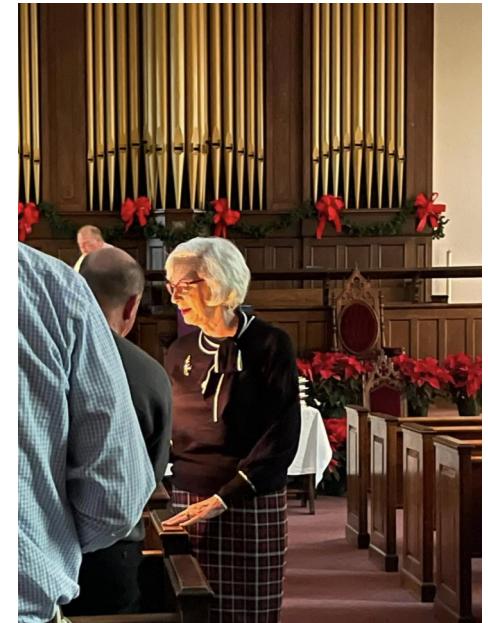


Prayer Requests

LCDR Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)
Airman Caleb Fletcher
(Grandson of Susan Spears)
Pvt. Oscar Taylor
(Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)
Airman Anna Powell
(Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)
WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran
(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)
Those in Military Service and their families.
Those who are serving abroad and at home.

Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)
Kyle Brown (Friend of the Church)
Mary Brown (Member)
Renea Collins (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Catherine Daugherty (Former Member)
Kay Dennis (Friend of the Ikard's)
Cliff Garrard (Member)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)
Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)
David Kee (Member)
Naomi Luna (Member)
Carolyn & Tony Matusek (Member)
Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)
Josh Rice (Great Nephew of Bailey & Trena Little)
Barbara Singleton (Member)
Kenneth Smith (Cousin of James & Lori Smith)
Barbara Steinke (Member)
Chris Stephens (Son in Law of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)
Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)
Doug Treadway (Member)
Weaver Family (Friends of the Pendergrass')
Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)
Kaemey Young (Daughter of Tuner Family Friend)

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please call the church office at (931)684-6541 or send an email to first.pres.church600@gmail.com.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service



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Director of Music

Jessica O'Neal
Director of Children's Education

Chenel Gervais
Church Secretary

Teresa Phillips
Parents' Day Out Director



WORSHIP

EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:00 AM



SESSION

Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

Class of 2026

Linda Anderton, Belinda Craig,
Mike Matusek, Richard Smith

Class of 2027

Kate Canady, Aaron Crafton,
Sarah Natale, James Smith

TRUSTEES

Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

Class of 2026

Kathy Smith

Class of 2027

Pat Thomas

Session minutes are available in the church office for any member of the congregation to review.

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