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From the Pastor's Pen

My friends in Christ,

Every year we are called by God to consider what we give to the church on Stewardship Sunday. A good way to look at stewardship is from a very biblical perspective: the need of the giver to give, not the church to receive. The central question is not, "What do the bills total?" Instead, the key question addresses our spirituality as faithful Christians.

Jesus told the rich young man in Matthew 19:16-22, who wanted to know what he could do to inherit eternal life, "If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said, "I have! What do I lack?" Jesus responded, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Stewardship isn't about money, but relationship with God instead.

Church growth guru and consultant the Reverend Herb Miller suggests that the central question for stewardship is "What does God call me to give as an expression of my relationship with God?" (116, *The Vital Congregation*) Stewardship is a very spiritual act between you and God. Miller writes about stewardship and the tithe in Hebrew society being like income tax paid to the "Department of Eternal Revenue." Miller then writes:

(T)he tithe was to perform their basic duty. They assumed the first 10 percent belonged to God already....

Yet, there is another sense in which the tithe is not what Jesus is talking about. Jesus answers the question of 'How much is enough?' by saying that this is not the question! As Jesus does in all his teaching, what he says about giving goes far beyond any legalistic use of the Old Testament. Jesus teaches that our giving to God cannot be reduced to a 10 percent formula. Our most basic stewardship is to give our whole heart to God's work (God's spiritual kingdom). Our gift of money is a symbol of that total self-giving, but money itself can never be classified as our ultimate stewardship; that is always a matter of the heart. The Pharisees tended to 'materialize their spiritual relationship with God' into rituals and offerings. Jesus did the opposite: He 'spiritualized the material' into an expression of loving relationship with God and unselfish giving to help the less fortunate.

(52-53, *Money (Isn't) Is Everything: What Jesus Said about the Spiritual Power of Money*)

So, to practice our stewardship, we give our whole heart to God and respond out of gratitude to God for all God's blessing and especially for the love of God we know through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus. When we come to offer our stewardship to God and the church, thanks is really all we are saying to God for such a blessed relationship. Let us cheerfully say, "Thanks!" on this Sunday, November 6th.

May the peace and joy of our Lord be with you,

Jim





November 5	Lisa Hittle
November 9	Gail Luna
November 10	Terry Saylor
November 11	Barbara Singleton
November 17	Geneva Melson
November 18	Everette Marsh
November 18	Paul Frisby
November 19	Pat Thompson
November 20	Grace Wilhelm
November 20	Isabella Cobb
November 23	Betty Endsley
November 27	Kristin Wilhelm
November 29	Benjie Canady
November 30	Doug Treadway



Meetings

Property Committee

Monday, Dec. 12th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee

Monday, Nov. 14th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, Nov. 8th @ 10:00am

Faith Development Committee

Monday, Nov. 14th @ 6:00pm

Worship & Music Committee

TBD

Cong. Life & Fellowship Committee

TBD

Session

Thursday, Nov. 21st @ 5:30pm

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, Nov. 8th @ 10:00am

Happy Anniversary



November 16th

Aksel & Christy Jensen

November 27th

Kyle & Ashley Segroves



November 29th

Bailey & Trena Little

Wondering what Sunday School is all about?

It's not too late to come join in on Sunday School! You can come to Sunday School anytime you want.

Worried about joining in the middle of a lesson? **DON'T**

All Sunday School classes will welcome you at any time throughout the year.

So, join us **THIS** Sunday at 9:00am for Sunday School



N O V E M B E R

November 1	AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
November 2	Adult Choir 5:00pm Wonderful Wed Dinner 6:00pm Bible Study & Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm
November 3	AA Meeting 7:00pm
November 4	AA Meeting 1:00pm
November 6	Stewardship Sunday Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
November 7	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
November 8	Presbyterian Women Circle 10:00am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
November 9	Adult Choir 5:00pm Wonderful Wed Dinner 6:00pm Bible Study & Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm
November 10	Last Day to Order Butter Braids AA Meeting 7:00pm
November 11	OFFICE CLOSED AA Meeting 1:00pm
November 14	Mission Meeting 5:30pm Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
November 15	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
November 16	Adult Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Wonderful Wed Dinner 6:00pm Bible Study & Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm
November 17	BUTTER BRAID PICK UP 6:00-7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
November 18	Book Club Meeting in Fellowship Hall 9:00am AA Meeting 1:00pm
November 20	Congregational Meeting following worship Hanging of the Greens 11:00am Youth Group Potluck Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
November 21	Session Meeting 5:30pm
November 22	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
November 23	Adult Choir 5:00pm
November 24	OFFICE CLOSED
November 25	OFFICE CLOSED
November 28	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
November 29	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
November 30	Adult Choir 5:00pm



Wonderful on Wednesday's



We need your help. We are looking for volunteers to provide dinner on a Wednesday night. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the offices. Please pick a date if you are able to help in making Wednesday's wonderful.

Book Club



The Book Club is meeting Friday, November 18th, 9:00am at FPC, in the fellowship hall. They will be discussing "Soulful Simplicity: How Living With Less Can Lead to so Much More" by Courtney Carver.

Up and coming...

December	"Letters From Father Christmas"	J. R. Tolkien
January	"True Grit"	Charles Portis
February	"Seabiscuit: An American Legend"	Laura Hillenbrand

*Please join us for fun, food and fellowship
at the*

First Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party

6:00pm

Tuesday, December 13th

River Bend Country Club

Menu: Chicken Breast, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Cheesecake

****Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange***

Cost is \$20.00 (This includes dinner, drinks, tax, and gratuity.)

Payable to Ginny Saylor

**All Ladies
are
Invited!!!**

Please make your reservation and payment by Dec. 4th



**Next Circle Meeting is
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 10:00am**

Currently we have only one Circle group but if there are those who would like to meet at night, please call the church office and let us know. If there are enough folks that wish to continue having a night meeting, we will do so.

Be looking for other PW activities that are coming this Fall as we enjoy the fellowship with the women in our congregation. Circle is not the only activity in which you can become involved.



Pastoral Care

**Next meeting is
Nov. 8th at 11:00am
in the ELA Room.
Everyone is encouraged
to attend.**



Thank you to everyone who helped make Trunk or Treat a huge success. Thank you to those who dressed up, decorated trunks, handed out candy, prepared dinner and handed out dinner. It would not have run as smoothly as it did without EVERYONE of YOU!



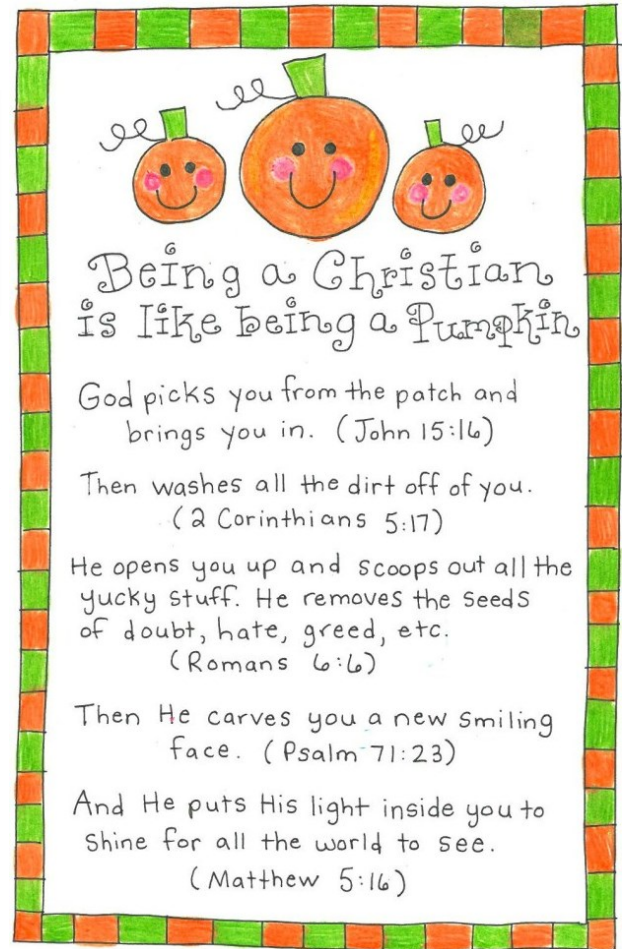
Update

October's Red Cross blood drive netted 22 pints of blood which the Red Cross representative tells me will actually serve 66 people. Thanks to all from our congregation who donated lifesaving blood. Thanks also to volunteers who manned the registration and snack table: Adrian Bomar, Connie Crafton, Mary Jane Sinuefield, Mary Gore, Michal Dobson, Helen Garner and Melanie Hamilton. We cannot forget the key role our church secretary, Chenel, plays in making blood donor day work successfully. Our next scheduled blood drive will be held **January 18**. The blood supply continues to be low in our area making these blood drives extremely important.



A great lesson that
Parents' Day Out
goes over every
year with the kids.

They had so much
fun picking out
and decorating
their pumpkins.





Parents' Day Out
had a lot of fun,
kids and grown ups,
when the
Shelbyville Fire
Department stopped
by for a visit.





Parents' Day Out
has been busy since they started back.
The kids are having a great time.



Farm Day



Fall Festival



YOUTH GROUP

LOCK IN



This year's opportunities to worship at First Presbyterian during the Advent Season thru Epiphany are listed below.

Join us! Bring a friend! Tell your neighbors! Let's celebrate this time together!

The Season of Advent at First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville

November 20, 2022 (Sunday) "Hanging of the Greens" at 11:00am Lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity to help out and fellowship. "Many hands make light work"

November 27, 2022 (Sunday) 1st Sunday of Advent "Hope" – Worship Service at 10:00am

December 4, 2022 (Sunday) 2nd Sunday of Advent "Peace" – Worship Service at 10:00am with communion
The children will present: "The Nativity Through Song and Scripture." Come watch our children tell the story of Jesus' birth while we all sing some familiar Christmas songs and get ready for this special season.

Cantata at 2:00pm – A special program performed by the choir at First Christian Church.

December 11, 2022 (Sunday) 3rd Sunday of Advent "Joy" – Worship Service at 10:00am
Join us after worship for a Christmas Luncheon hosted by our Presbyterian Women

December 18, 2022 (Sunday) 4th Sunday of Advent "Love" - Worship Service at 10:00am
Special Christmas Joy Offering

"Blue Christmas" Service at 5:00pm - Bring your sadness and leave with HOPE.

*See the attached flyer for all the information on the Blue Christmas Service

December 24, 2022 (Saturday) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion at 5:00pm

December 25, 2022 (Sunday) Christmas Day – Worship Service at 10:00am

January 1, 2023 (Sunday) 1st Sunday of Christmas – Worship Service at 10:00am

January 6, 2023 (Friday) Epiphany of the Lord Service – Worship at 7:00pm

January 7, 2023 (Saturday) "UN-decorate Church" at 10:00am This is a great opportunity to help out and fellowship. "Many hands make light work"





Azayla (Granddaughter of a friend of Brent & Kate Canady)
Marian Alexander (Friend of Christy Jensen)
Katelyn Carter (Friend of Helen Garner)
Lana Craig (Member)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Edwin Holcombe (Member) **Fred Hunt** (Member)
Shirley Luscinski (Friend of the congregation)
Carolyn Matusek (Members)
Jamie Monk (Jennie Kate Pendergrass' Cousin)
Family & Friends of Harold Moore (Nephew of Bailey & Trena Little)
Jo Newton (Friend of many in the congregation)
Jennie Schutte-Patrick (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)
Rachel Rudolf & Family (Friend of Christy Jensen)
Willa Kate Shofner (Member)

LT Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)
Those in Military Service and their families
Those who are serving abroad and at home

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.



In
Loving
Memory
of

Elaine Holcombe

For Backpack Fund
Mike & Karisa Matusek



FPC Youth are selling **Butter Braids!!!**

Just in time for the holidays!

Proceeds will go to support youth missions and activities.

Sales dates: Oct. 27th – Nov. 10th Pick up: Thursday, Nov. 17, 6-7pm





Gift Fund Requests

The Church Gift Fund Committee is receiving requests from members of the church, groups and/or committees for disbursements from the Memorial Fund. These requests for funds will NOT be used in the everyday operating expenses of the church.

These requests **MUST**:

- Be made in writing and turned into the church office
- Be very specific in purpose and amount
- Have NO more than one request from a particular group or individual

Each request submitted will be evaluated based on the following guidelines:

- To provide furnishing for the church, including worship accouterments, furniture, equipment, decorations, library resources, landscaping or other items to enhance the church, its worship, its work and/or its programs.
- To respond to special and/or unanticipated opportunities for outreach within or beyond our community
- To help provide support for members of our church engaged in the theological education in preparation for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Gift Fund Committee members are:

Pastor Jim Moran, Katherine Marsh (Clerk of Session), Helen Garner, Melanie Hamilton, Bailey Little, Rob Marsh, Kathy Smith (Trustee), Richard Smith

***Need more information, have questions...speak with a committee member or call the church office.

Request MUST be received by: Wednesday, November 30th





5th Sunday Potluck



Steve Young
shared a
wonderful
sermon with us
about life,
service and
Living Waters.



Rob & Walker
Marsh's Chili won
1st Place
in the traditional
category.



Terry & Ginny
Saylor's Chili
won
1st Place
in the
non-traditional
category.





Sunday, November 6, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Frieda Bone	Pastor Jim	Belinda Craig
Melanie Hamilton	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Roy & Lisa Turner	Kathy Smith	Lauren Smith
Communion Prep: Frieda Bone & Susan Spears		
Communion Servers: Brent Canady, Christy Jensen, Katherine Marsh, Drew Turner, Kristin Wilhelm		
Flowers: Helen Garner		

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Welcome Guest Pastor, Rev. Ellen Hill

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Christy Jensen	Connie Crafton	Pat Marsh
Melanie Hamilton	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Charlotte Williams	John Marsh	Bea Marsh

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Helen Garner	Kate Canady	Christy Jensen
John Marsh	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Richard & Kristin Wilhelm	Rob Marsh	Lisa Turner

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Michal Dobson	Marylyn Caperton	Katherine Marsh
Melanie Hamilton	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Charlotte Williams	Pat Thomas	Christy Jensen



Stewardship Sunday will be November 6th

We will be mailing out letters next week so keep an eye out for those.

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as

you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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SESSION

Class of 2022
Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

Class of 2023
Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

Class of 2024
Brent Canady,
Katherine Marsh (Clerk of Session),
Lori Sain-Smith, Drew Turner

TRUSTEES

Class of 2022
Pat Thomas

Class of 2023
Tommy Anderton

Class of 2024
Bailey Little

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

We have a variety of options for tithing and offerings.
They can be made by Facebook, Venmo,
Vanco, Check or Cash.

