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## From the Pastor's Pen

My First Prez Friends,

The forty days, not counting the “little resurrection” Sundays, begins this first week of March. On March 5, the church gathers for a delicious pasta dinner at 6:00pm kindly provided by the Congregational Life Committee so that we may share table fellowship with one another. Afterwards, we shall go up to the sanctuary to share in an Ash Wednesday service, a time of worship where we shall receive ashes upon our foreheads or wrists to remind us that we are finite human beings who shall return to the dust. The music and liturgy will help prepare us for our almost six-week journey to Easter Sunday. Come Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> to begin the journey together with supper at 6:00pm and worship at 7:00pm.

Our Book of Common Worship tells us about Lent:

“Lent” comes from an old English word for springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. In ancient Christian practice, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of Baptism at Easter. In many churches, it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for Baptism or confirmation, and for the whole community of faith to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship. Reconciliation is a key theme in the season of Lent—reconciliation with God and with one another through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Lent is the period of forty days before the resurrection of Jesus, Easter Sunday. You can look through the Bible and see many stories that use the timeframe of forty days: the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Sinai, Elijah’s journey, and Jesus’ time of testing and temptation in the wilderness, which we shall read from the Gospel of Luke on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days because every Lord’s Day is a “little resurrection” celebration. The Book of Common Worship says that “Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter.” You may also remember that “Maundy” comes from the Latin Vulgate version of the Upper Room in the Gospel of John, where Jesus washed the disciples’ feet and said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34). May we keep the mandate of Jesus: to love one another.

May the peace and hope of Easter be with you,

*Jim*





<b>March 1</b>	<b>Deborah Obenchain</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Bud Saunders</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Ruthie Shepard</b>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Donna Sepull</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Lisa Neese</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Theresa Blanton</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Richard Smith</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Will Cares</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Chase Cares</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Trena Little</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Elizabeth Windham</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Ross Beavers</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>David Windham</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Aven O'Neal</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Andrew Matusek</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>William Matusek</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Mary Jane Sinuefield</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Billie Crowell</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Debbie Kee</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Henry Smith</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Adrian Segroves</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Kate Canady</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Daisy O'Neal</b>

# Happy Anniversary



**March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**David & Adrian Segroves**



**March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**James & Lori Smith**



**March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jim & Donna Sepull**



**March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Charles Stimpson**  
**& Carol Magnuson**

## Committee Meetings

### Mission Committee

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

### Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am

### Faith Development Committee

Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm

### Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00pm

### Session

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

### Circle

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am



**Don't forget to bring your**  
**donations for Good**  
**Samaritan on Sunday,**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

# March 2025



**The Congregational Life & Fellowship Committee presents an Ash Wednesday Dinner for all on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Ash Wednesday Service will follow at 7:00pm. Please join us for Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service.**



JOIN US FOR...

## FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY

Sunday, March 30th

10:00 am

First Presbyterian Church-Shelbyville  
Come for worship followed by a potluck lunch  
Presbyterian style!

March 2	"The Gathering" 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Youth Group at Matussek's 4:30pm-6:00pm
March 3	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
March 4	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
March 5	Ash Wednesday Dinner 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
March 6	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
March 7	AA Meeting 1:00pm
March 9	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Children's Worship Service 10:00am Bring your Good Sam Donations Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
March 10	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Mission Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
March 11	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Circle 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
March 12	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
March 13	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
March 14	AA Meeting 1:00pm
March 16	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Bring your 5 cents-a-meal donations Children's Music & Mission 4:30pm - 6:30pm Youth Group 4:30pm - 6:30pm
March 17	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
March 18	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
March 19	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
March 20	Parents' Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
March 21	Office Closed AA Meeting 1:00pm
March 23	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
March 24	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am
March 25	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
March 26	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
March 27	AA Meeting 7:00pm
March 28	Book Club Meeting at SBC Public Library 5:30pm AA Meeting 1:00pm
March 30	"The Gathering" 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Friends & Family Sun. Worship Service 10:00am 5th Sunday Potluck following worship Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
March 31	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm





Our FPC children have been working to participate in a Children's Sunday, which will be on March 9th. The older elementary children will be leading Worship and have worked hard, discussed what each section of Worship means in our denomination, written many of the pieces of the Worship Service, and selected scripture. We are so proud of them! All of the children will be singing an anthem and leading the choral benediction on that day.

For parents and grandparents, as a reminder, we will be practicing during the Sunday School hours on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in the ELA room and the Chapel.

In addition, we hope to sing on Easter Sunday, as well. In preparation, we will be meeting at 4:30pm for practices and dinners on the following Sunday afternoons: March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Many thanks to those who coordinate our dinners and those who provide the meals! What an awesome Team at FPC!**



As we prepare for the season of Lent, particularly Ash Wednesday, tonight our Youth...otherwise known as "The Big Kids" gathered to burn our palm branches from Palm Sunday of last year so that those ashes can be used for the imposition of ashes this Wednesday night.







# Dental Health

# Parents' Day Out



# Nutritional Health



# Valentine's Day





First Presbyterian-Shelbyville was honored to host the 159<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Middle Tennessee Presbytery on Saturday, February 8, 2025. There were 130 people in attendance with 108 of those serving as voting Elders.



Many hands and hearts from our church provided the kind of hospitality for which our church is known. Many members worked together to prepare our church prior to the visit, provide welcoming smiles and information at the registration table, serving as greeters and ushers, singing in the choir, serving as hosts during breaks and listening sessions, and being in prayer.



Dear FPC of Shelbyville,  
Thank you so much for your hospitality Saturday. It is no small undertaking, and all our church representatives felt that it was not only well-organized, but it was also thought-provoking with an opportunity for meaningful discussion. And the breakfast - WOW! It was delicious. Again, many thanks!  
Nena Egli, FPC Murfreesboro



Dear Session and Congregation and Pastor of First Shelbyville,  
Thank you for your gracious hospitality in hosting the February 8 stated meeting of the presbytery. From your warm welcome to beautiful surroundings to delicious refreshments to meaningful worship it was indeed a lovely day. We appreciate your demonstration of what it means to be a conventional denomination.  
Warmly, Mary Catherine Sevier







Our youth group packed up loads of goodies Sunday night in care packages. These will be mailed off soon to our college kids. This project could not be done without the amazing generosity of our congregation.

"But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good."  
2 Thessalonians 3:13



## ATTN: SENIORS



Due to the generosity of the Greg Garner Memorial and Buchanan-Hall Funds First Presbyterian Church has been blessed to have the opportunity to award scholarships to graduating seniors planning to further their education after high school. For those youth that have actively participated in the life of First Presbyterian, applications are to be submitted to a Session Member, by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The application shall consist of a letter stating the youth's intended path of study and their desire to be considered for the award.



PW Circle bible study is using the book "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call To Care For Neighbors and All Creation". Circle will continue each month through May, meeting at 10:00am the second Tuesday of each month at the church.

Spring Salad supper to be held April 15<sup>th</sup>, in the fellowship hall at 6:00pm. Our speaker will be Doug Murphy who will bring us up to date on what is happening with the Duck River, one of our county's environmental treasures.

We also decided to make it official that Circle will be an opportunity for book exchanges if you wish to participate. We have many readers with varied interests who would like to share the wealth of books they have collected.

Finally, we voted to renew the Bakeless Bake sale event which we started a few years ago. Stay tuned for more information about this event which will take place later in the Spring.



The next Book Club is meeting Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at SBC Public Library. They will be Discussing "Prodigal" by Phyllis Gobbell

### Up and coming...

April "James" by Percival Everett

May "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meisner

June & July "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson



**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Michal Dobson**

**Christy Jensen**

**Jim & Cathy Ikard**

Lay Liturgist: **Rob Marsh**

Communion Prep: **Kate Canady & Belinda Craig**

Communion Servers: **Belinda Craig, John Marsh, Mike Matusek, Sarah Natale, James Smith**

A Time for Young Christians

**Pastor Jim**

Hall Monitor

**Pat Marsh**

Children's Church

**Jessica O'Neal**

Nursery

**Bea Marsh**

**Sunday, March 5, 2025      Ash Wednesday 7:00pm**

Ushers/Greeters

**Terry Saylor**

**Grace Wilhelm**

Hall Monitor

**Jim Ikard**

Nursery

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Nancy June Brandon**

**Helen Garner**

**Roy & Lisa Turner**

Lay Liturgist

**Walker Marsh**

A Time for Young Christians

**Children's Service**

Hall Monitor

**Ginny Saylor**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Children's Service**

Nursery

**Christy Jensen**

Flowers

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Grace Wilhelm**

**Rob Marsh**

**Terry & Ginny Saylor**

Lay Liturgist

**Pat Marsh**

A Time for Young Christians

**Sandy Yount**

Hall Monitor

**Pat Thomas**

Acolyte

Children's Church

**Jessica O'Neal**

Nursery

**Lisa Turner**

Flowers

**James & Lori Smith**

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Belinda Craig**

**Pat Marsh**

**Bailey & Trena Little**

Lay Liturgist: **Charlotte Williams**

A Time for Young Christians

**Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor

**Lisa Turner**

Children's Church

**Jessica O'Neal**

Nursery

**Debby Snell**

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

Ushers/Greeters

**Melanie Hamilton**

**Christy Jensen**

**Rickard & Kristin Wilhelm**

Lay Liturgist: **Jim Ikard**

A Time for Young Christians

**Kate Canady**

Hall Monitor

**Cathy Ikard**

Children's Church

**Jessica O'Neal**

Nursery

**Mary Marsh**





**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.**

**Jenny Baker Barber** (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

**Mary Brown** (Member)

**Brent Canady** (Member)

**Donna Cox** (Tommy Anderton's Sister)

**Kay Dennis** (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

**Cliff Garrard** (Member)

**Edwin Holcombe** (Member)

**Fred Hunt** (Member)

**Anna Kaiser** (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

**David Kee** (Member)

**Family & Friends of Connie Sue Smith** (Heather Knott's Mother)

**Naomi Luna** (Member)

**Carolyn & Tony Matusek** (Member)

**Chris & Savanna Morton** (Family Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)

**Joe Powell** (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

**Shelia Shavers** (Friend of Mary Brown)

**Barbara Singleton** (Member)

**Margaret Smith** (Member)

**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 Turner 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](mailto:first.pres.church600@gmail.com).



## Space Day



**PDO**



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**Chenel Gervais**  
Church Secretary

**Teresa Phillips**  
Parents' Day Out Director



**American Red Cross** | Blood Services

**April 30th 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](http://redcrossblood.org)  
or call 1-800-733-2767.



## 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

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