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From the Pastor's Pen

My First Prez Friends in Christ,

Saturday, February 8th Middle Tennessee Presbyterians will gather from east and west, north and south to meet at First Prez for the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Middle Tennessee Presbytery. Registration is from 8:00am to 8:30am. Promptly at 8:30am, the meeting shall be convened in the sanctuary. If you wish to attend the meeting itself, you may listen and share in the meeting, but without voice nor vote. You will have to register to do so. Otherwise, without registering, everyone is welcome to attend worship and a short fellowship to follow. A mammoth "THANK YOU" to elders Katherine Marsh and Lori Smith for planning, recruiting, and using their many gifts to prepare our church to host and to everyone who has volunteered to serve: to help park, welcome, participate in worship, set up, provide hospitality, and clean up before and afterwards. It is a huge service and blessing for our church to host our Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

We are truly a Presbyterian church because we participate in the biblically based structure of government and ministry in our Presbyterian history from John Calvin to John Knox to John Witherspoon to George Newton to Robert Cogswell. We could not be Presbyterians without our confessing church and governmental underpinnings we have in our *Book of Order* and *Book of Confessions*. So, if you are able, come February 8th to celebrate and honor our Presbyterian faith and heritage by participating in our day of hosting the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

As the month of February passes, we shall have time to remember love with the sermon focus on 1 Corinthians for several Sundays and St. Valentine's Day coming up. The prolific writer and Swiss Reformed theologian Karl Barth (1886-1968), the main author of the *Barmen Declaration* in our *Book of Confessions*, commented on 1 Corinthians 13: "It is love alone that counts; it is love alone that triumphs; it is love alone that endures" (Church Dogmatics IV/2:824-40), as scholar Gordon Fee says, "All to the one end that they (the Corinthians) eagerly desire 'gifts of the Spirit' (14:1) for the sake of the common good (12:7)." (696, New International Commentary of the New Testament, 1 Corinthians) This love that counts is the agape love Paul writes about to the Corinthians then and Shelbyvillians now.

May we all live in and by such love,

Jim





February 1	Tommy Anderton
February 2	Steve Conley
February 2	Avery Turner
February 4	Alex Moran
February 4	Denise Moran
February 5	Aiden Edwards
February 10	Benjamin Turner
February 12	Miles Baker Smith
February 13	Roy Turner
February 13	Gattlin O'Neal
February 15	Maddie Hittle
February 22	Charlotte Williams
February 22	Kate Marsh
February 22	Katherine Marsh
February 23	Max Beavers
February 25	Hudson Cobb
February 28	Hunter Wilhelm

Happy Anniversary



February 12th
Jim & Cathy Ikard



February 14th
Tony & Caryolyn Matusek

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



Don't forget to bring your donations for Good Samaritan on Sunday, February 9th.



Our church will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. Since this is our regular Sunday to bring food for Good Sam, we are asking that cans of soup be brought instead on Sunday, Feb. 11th. Monetary donations can also be made. Let's celebrate Super Bowl Sunday by giving to Souper Bowl of Caring.

February 2025



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Memorial Meal for the family and friends of June Taylor Locke. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. It was a blessing for her family and provided some much needed fellowship.



February 2	“The Gathering” 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Children’s Music & Mission 4:30pm-6:00pm Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
February 3	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
February 4	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
February 5	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
February 6	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
February 7	AA Meeting 7:00pm
February 8	AA Meeting 1:00pm
February 9	Middle TN Presbytery Meeting “The Gathering” 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Bring your Good Sam Donations for Souper Bowl Children’s Music & Mission 4:30pm-6:00pm Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
February 10	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Mission Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
February 11	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm Circle 10:00am
February 12	AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm
February 13	Chancel Choir 6:00pm
February 14	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
February 16	AA Meeting 7:00pm
February 17	AA Meeting 1:00pm
February 18	“The Gathering” 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Session Meeting 5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
February 19	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
February 20	Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm
February 21	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm
February 23	Worship & Music Meeting 5:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm
February 24	AA Meeting 1:00pm
February 25	“The Gathering” 8:45am Youth Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am-9:45am Worship Service 10:00am Children’s Music & Mission 4:30pm-6:00pm Youth Group 4:30pm-6:00pm
February 26	Sermon Roundtable 10:00am Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
February 27	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm
February 28	Parents’ Day Out 9:00am - 2:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Book Club Meeting at FPC 9:30am AA Meeting 1:00pm

faith
hope
love



We are thrilled to welcome our new Director of Christian Education, Jessica O'Neal to the First Prez family. We are thrilled to have her, her husband, Chris, and their children joining us.





Thank You!!!!

American
Red Cross

Red Cross Blood Mobile

We had 17 people who showed up to give blood Wednesday January 29th. With 3 being unable to give for various reasons, 14 units of blood were collected. Because each unit of blood can serve up to 3 people, the blood collected on Wednesday will serve 45 individuals. Thanks to our church members who gave and those who assisted with registration and concessions. And a huge thank you to the teachers at PDO who moved furniture so the room would be ready for the Red Cross workers. Our next scheduled blood mobile is April 30th.



Presbyterian Women

PW Circle began a new Bible study in January using the study book "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call To Care For Neighbors and All Creation". There are still a few study books which can be found in the church office. Circle will continue each month through May, meeting at 10:00am the second Tuesday of each month at the church.

At the recent PW Council meeting a date was chosen for our Spring Salad supper to be held April 15th, in the the fellowship hall at 6:00. 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.



Servers



Sunday, February 2, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians
Helen Garner	Pastor Jim
Grace Wilhelm	Hall Monitor
Roy & Lisa Turner	Frieda Bone

**Children's Church
Bea Marsh
Nursery
Mary Marsh**

Lay Liturgist: **Charlotte Williams**

Communion Prep: Adrian Segroves & Pat Thomas

Communion Servers: **Mary Brown, Jim Ikard, John Marsh, Sarah Natale, James Smith**

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians
Melanie Hamilton	
Charlotte Williams	
Bailey & Trena Little	
Lay Liturgist	Hall Monitor
Pat Marsh	Belinda Craig
	Acolyte

Children's Church
Kristin Wilhelm
Nursery
Christy Jensen
Flowers
Candy Magee

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians
Pat Thomas	Kate Canady
Pat Marsh	Hall Monitor
Willie & Debby Snell	Christy Jensen
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte
Jim Ikard	

Children's Church
Belinda Craig
Nursery
Grace Wilhelm
Flowers
Matusek's

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians
Frieda Bone	Kate Canady
Sarah Natale	Hall Monitor
Richard & Kristin Wilhelm	Jim Ikard
Lay Liturgist	Acolyte
Grace Wilhelm	

Children's Church
Jessica O'Neal
Nursery
Raychelle Flannagan
Flowers



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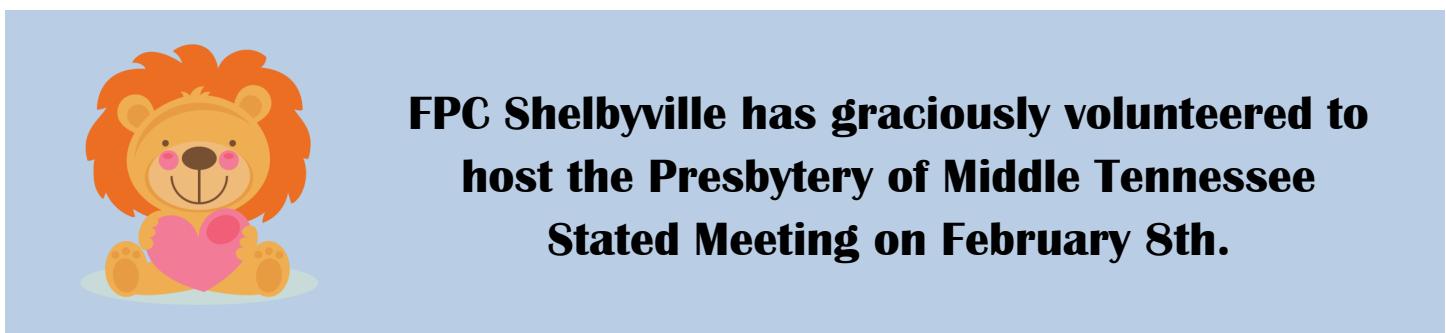
Due to the generosity of the Greg Garner Memorial and Buchanan-Hall Funds First Presbyterian Church has been blessed to have the opportunity to award scholarships to graduating seniors planning to further their education after high school. For those youth that have actively participated in the life of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



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)
Brent Canady (Member)
Donna Cox (Tommy Anderton's Sister)
Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)
Tim Flannagan (Member)
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)
Family & Friends of June Taylor Locke (former church member)
Naomi Luna (Member)
Carolyn & Tony Matusek (Member)
Kyle Moore (Nephew of Bailey & Trena Little)
Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)
Josh Rice (Great Nephew of Bailey & Trena Little)
Barbara Singleton (Member)
Kenneth Smith (Cousin of James & Lori Smith)
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.



The next Book Club is meeting Friday, Feb. 28th, 9:30am at FPC in the fellowship hall. They will be Discussing "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson
Up and coming...
March "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner



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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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