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From the Pastor's Pen

My Advent and Christmas friends,

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight!" we can hear John the Baptist cry out from the waters of the Jordan River. John spoke to the faithful who came to be baptized. Scripture says, "They were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when (John) saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance.'" This name calling judgment makes me squirm a little bit because the Pharisees and Sadducees were the "church leaders" of the day. They were the respected around the community. Being good synagogue goers and examples of faithfulness, those faithful servants of God were the men you would want your children to emulate. From what we know of the Pharisees and Sadducees in the New Testament, however, they were as good at sinning as any synagogue worshipper. Kind of like the church today, isn't it? Elders and regular worshippers alike, we are all sinners standing in the need of God's mercy. We all need to hear John the Baptist crying out from the Jordan River to all us sinners to prepare for the coming of the Lord and to get on the straight and narrow path of the Lord. You and I may feel like we got all the time in the world to prepare. But really, do we?

The Advent songs and Christmas carols remind us, too, of our need to prepare the way of the Lord. One of the less familiar Advent hymns we shall sing the Second Sunday of Advent: "Savior of the Nations, Come." This hymn looks to the birth of Jesus to the virgin Mary. The reformer Martin Luther (16th century) took the hymn originally written by Ambrose of Milan (4th century) and rewrote it. In verses 3 and 4, Luther's version speaks of our being saved from sin through the Holy One who is coming: "You, the chosen Holy One, Have o'er sin the victory won. Boundless shall Your kingdom be; when shall we its glories see?"; "Brightly does Your manger shine, glorious is its light divine. Let not sin o'er-cloud this light; ever by our faith thus bright." The Advent hymn looks to the hope we sinners have in Jesus, whose manger shines bright with divine light and forgiveness through faith in him. This December, let us make this journey of Advent together to the manger side on Christmas Eve. Have faith, Christmas is coming!

May the Hope and Joy of the season be with you,

Jim





December 8	Anna Marsh
December 8	Pat Lemmon
December 12	Graham Turner
December 16	Christy Jensen
December 16	Tony Matussek
December 17	Emily Anne Windham
December 18	Edwin Holcombe
December 18	Robert Windham
December 19	Margaret Smith
December 20	Mary Marsh
December 21	Dana Edwards
December 21	Lewis Obenchain
December 21	Michal Dobson
December 23	Karisa Matussek
December 26	Sara Flannagan
December 26	Blair Turner
December 31	Ellen Treadway

Meetings

Property Committee

Monday, Dec. 12th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee

Monday, Dec. 12th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 13th @ 11:00am

Faith Development Committee

Monday, Dec. 12th @ 6:00pm

Worship & Music Committee

TBD

Budget/Finance Committee

Wednesday, Dec. 7th @ noon

Cong. Life & Fellowship Committee

TBD

Session

Thursday, Dec. 19th @ 5:30pm

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, Jan. 10th @ 10:00am

Elder & Trustee Elect

Sunday, Dec. 18th @ 11:15

Time & Talents for 2023

If you have not filled one out yet please do so.

They are in the back of the Sanctuary on the Gold Paper.



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December 19th

Mike & Karisa Matussek

December 27th

Linda & Cliff Garrard

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

The Season of Advent at First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville

December 11, 2022 (Sunday) 3rd Sunday of Advent "Joy" – Worship Service at 10:00am The children will present: "The Nativity through Song and Scripture." Come watch our children tell the story of Jesus' birth through Christmas songs and get ready for this special season.

Join us after worship for a Christmas Luncheon hosted by our Presbyterian Women

"Joy to the Lord..." Christmas Caroling is at 4:00 - 7:00pm Fun for all ages. Bring your friends. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall. This will be cancelled if it is raining.

December 18, 2022 (Sunday) 4th Sunday of Advent "Love" - Worship Service at 10:00am with a Special Christmas Joy Offering
"Blue Christmas" Service at 5:00pm - Bring your sadness and leave with HOPE.

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"



"Joy to the Lord..." Christmas Caroling
Sunday, Dec. 11th 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Fun for all ages. Bring your friends. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your phones and/or flashlights for light. We will be visiting our members on the Shut-In List. Upon returning to the church from caroling we will have hot chocolate & lite refreshments. This will be cancelled if it is raining.





Book Club

The Book Club is meeting Friday, December 16th, 9:00am at Coffee Break.
They will be discussing "Letters From Father Christmas" by J. R. Tolkien

Up and coming...

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

All Ladies
are
Invited!!!

Tuesday, December 13th

River Bend Country Club

Menu: Chicken Breast, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Cheesecake

6:00pm

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

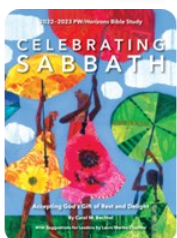
Cost is \$20.00 (This includes dinner, drinks, tax, and gratuity.)

Payable to Ginny Saylor

*Please make you reservation and payment by **Dec. 4th***



JOY



Presbyterian Women study books for Circle are now available at a cost of \$11 and are available in the church office. If paying by check please make it to Presbyterian Women.

Now is a great time to join circle as we start this new study. Please join us on Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 10:00am.



December



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| December 4 | Cantata at First Christian 2:00pm
Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm |
| December 5 | Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm |
| December 6 | AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm |
| December 7 | Budget/Finance Meeting noon
Chancel Choir 5:00pm
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm
Bible Study 6:35pm
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm |
| December 8 | AA Meeting 7:00pm |
| December 9 | AA Meeting 1:00pm |
| December 11 | ANGELS are DUE back Unwrapped
Children's Performance during worship
Christmas Luncheon after worship
Christmas Caroling 4:00-7:00pm |
| December 12 | Property Meeting 5:00pm
Mission Meeting 5:30pm
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm |
| December 13 | Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am
PW Christmas Party 6:00pm
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm |
| December 15 | PDO Christmas Open House 12:30-2:00pm
AA Meeting 7:00pm |
| December 16 | Book Club Meeting at Coffee Break 9:00am
AA Meeting 1:00pm |
| December 18 | Elder & Trustee Elect Meeting 11:15am
Blue Christmas Service 5:00pm
Youth Dinner 4:00-6:00pm |
| December 19 | Session Meeting 5:30pm |
| December 20 | AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm |
| December 22 | AA Meeting 7:00pm |
| December 23 | AA Meeting 1:00pm |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Communion Service 5:00pm |
| December 25 | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| December 27 | AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm |
| December 29 | AA Meeting 7:00pm |
| December 30 | AA Meeting 1:00pm |





Veterans Day at Parents' Day Out
Special thanks to
Steve Northcutt & Matt Doak



HOPE



Bring your Good Sam donations Sunday, Dec. 11th
Good Sam is particularly in need of:
VEGETABLES, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, Canned Protein, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Rice, Cereal (Right now they are blessed with an Overabundance of soup & canned spaghetti O's, canned ravioli, etc.)

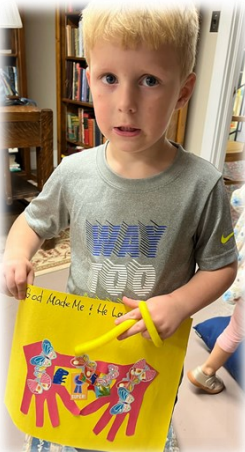


Children's Music and Mission

We will be meeting and practicing this Wed., Dec. 7th. The children will present Christmas in Scripture & Song during Worship on Dec. 11th.

As there will be no costuming this year, the children are invited to dress in Christmas or seasonal colors.

Your Children's Team is so grateful that you share your children with us! We are so blessed by their presence and laughter.





BackPacking- it is that time again!

So for your current update-

A. We are going to pack 150 boxes **this Sunday, Dec. 4th**, night! More than we've ever done. Please- if you've ever helped- come on back! And bring your knife or box cutter. We'll have a brief word from Pastor Jim @ **5:00pm**, a bit to eat to keep our energy up- and then circle the room assembly-line style.

It'll be a Party for a couple of hours!

B. If you'd like a little more involvement- at **10:00am on Saturday, Dec. 3rd**, we need about a dozen or so to break the pallet loads down and wheel cases into the Fellowship Hall. Usually about an hour or so, and some good muscle work. Please let Richard Smith know if you'd like to play in this game. RT.Smith@Live.com 931-580-7630

C. And for those who feel called- remember the little brown envelopes in the pew racks?

Total budget for this school year is at least \$13,500. So every little bit counts.



PEACE

Parents' Day Out

Special thanks to
Kate Canady
for coming in and
enthusiastically reading
to the kids.





Angels are on the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall.

Please note the Angel Tag is the **ONLY** way we will know who the gifts belong to.

Please return **UNWRAPPED** gifts with the Angel attached by **Dec. 11th.**

JOY



The Pastoral Care Committee put together bags for all of the Shut Ins and delivered them. They were full of goodies



Next Pastoral Care meeting is
Dec. 13th at 11:00am
in the ELA Room.
Everyone is encouraged to attend.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

January 18th 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.



Azayla (Granddaughter of a friend of Brent & Kate Canady)
J.L. & Helen Barker (Father & Mother of Raychelle Flannagan)
Katelyn Carter (Friend of Helen Garner)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Denise Geenen (Friend of James Smith)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)
Carolyn Keely Latham (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Shirley Luscinski (Friend of the congregation)
Carolyn Matussek (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)
Family of Mary Grace Phillips (Friend of many & Al-Anon Leader)
Family & Friends of Rachel Copeland Pickett (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Family & Friends of Bob Scruggs (Former Pianist/Organist & Friend)
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 Memorial Fund
Ginger Shofner

Bob Scruggs

For Memorial Fund
Ginger Shofner

Virginia Delatorre

For Memorial Fund
Ginger Shofner



Danny Reed

For Memorial Fund
Ginger Shofner



LOVE



Sunday, December 4, 2022 "Peace"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Norma Zae Jensen	Pastor Jim	Marylyn Caperton
Nancy June Brandon	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Margaret Smith & Belinda Craig	Pat Marsh	Mary Marsh

Communion Prep: **Mike & Karisa Matusek**
 Communion Servers: **Brent Canady, Katherine Marsh, Lori Sain-Smith, Terry Saylor, Kristin Wilhelm**
 Advent Readers: **Mike, Karisa & Ean Matusek**

Sunday, December 11, 2022 "Joy"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Brent Canady	Connie Crafton	Belinda Craig
Marylyn Caperton	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Helen Garner & Kathy Smith	Richard Smith	Norma Zae Jensen

Advent Readers: **Rob, Katherine, Walker, Maddie, Anna & Kate Marsh**

Sunday, December 18, 2022 "Love"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Melanie Hamilton	Kate Canandy	Bea Marsh
Charlotte Williams	Hall Monitor	Nursery
James & Lori Smith	Evan Pendergrass	Pat Thomas

Advent Readers: **Jim Ikard & Cathy Powell**

Sunday, December 18, 2022 "Blue Christmas" 5:00pm

Ushers/Greeters	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Melanie Hamilton		

Saturday, December 24, 2022 "Christmas Eve" 5:00pm

Ushers/Greeters	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Rob Marsh		Lauren Smith
Ginny Saylor		
Kristin Wilhelm		

Communion Prep: **Pat Thompson**
 Communion Servers: **Brent Canady, Terry Saylor,**
 Advent Readers: **Aaron & Connie Crafton**

Sunday, December 25 2022 "Nativity of the Lord"

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	
Frieda Bone	Pastor Jim	
	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Roy & Lisa Turner	Belinda Craig	Katherine Marsh



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Advent

hope • peace • joy • love

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

Class of 2025

Mary Brown, Jim Ikard
John Marsh, LeaAnne Windham

TRUSTEES

Class of 2022

Pat Thomas

Class of 2023

Tommy Anderton

Class of 2024

Bailey Little

Class of 2025

Lisa Turner

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.

