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## From the Pastor's Pen

My friends,

Lent began Ash Wednesday, February 22 and lasts until the first day of Holy Week, April 2, which is Palm Sunday. The season of Lent includes six Sundays and the biblical “forty” weekdays. (David Steel, Preaching Through the Year, 56) What is the purpose of the season of Lent? Over the years Lent has stretched from a two-day fast to forty days of preparation for Easter. I cannot imagine fasting for forty days! At first, Lent was primarily a time when those who were to be baptized were trained in the Christian faith. The Companion to the Book of Common Worship describes Lent:

... The Lenten season seems to have developed as a period of learning with a focus on what it means to be a follower of Christ. Those preparing for baptism learned the creed, the teachings of Jesus (perhaps the Sermon on the Mount), and the disciplines of the Christian faith. (p. 109)

This Lenten journey that began on Ash Wednesday is also the time to reflect on our mortality. Ashes were imposed on our foreheads or wrists with the words: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19) We remembered we are finite human beings created by God who loves us. We also remembered we are sinners totally dependent on God for both our lives and our salvation.

On Sundays, “little resurrection” celebrations of worship, we will walk with Jesus to his “triumphal entry” into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. Jesus knew he was going to Jerusalem to suffer and die. In Jerusalem we shall walk with Jesus so that we may be near Him in the fellowship of His suffering – the Last Supper, the betrayal, the mocking and beating, the trial – and to stand with His mother Mary at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. Come make the Lenten journey. We shall reflect on our sinfulness and God’s grace. We shall share the hope we have in our crucified Lord, who suffered death on the cross, that symbol of suffering and shame: “Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”

May the love of God be with you,

Jim





March 1 Deborah Obenchain  
 March 3 Bud Saunders  
 March 3 Ruthie Shepard  
 March 5 Donna Sepull  
 March 8 Lisa Neese  
 March 9 Theresa Blanton  
 March 10 Richard Smith  
 March 11 Will Cares  
 March 12 Trena Little  
 March 13 Elizabeth Windham  
 March 15 Ross Beavers  
 March 16 Barbara Frisby  
 March 18 David Windham  
 March 19 Andrew Matusek  
 March 22 William Matusek  
 March 22 Mary Jane Sinquefield  
 March 23 Billie Crowell  
 March 27 Henry Smith  
 March 27 Debbie Kee  
 March 28 Adrian Bomar  
 March 28 Kate Canady

## Meetings

Property Committee  
Monday, March 13th @ 5:00pm

Mission Committee  
Monday, March 13th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care Committee  
Tuesday, March 21st @ 10:00am

Faith Development Committee  
Monday, March 6th @ 6:00pm

*Worship & Music Committee*  
Thursday, April 27th @ 5:00pm

Cong. Life & Fellowship Committee  
TBD

Session  
Monday, March 20th @ 5:30pm

Circle  
Tuesday, March 14th  
@ 10:00am



Happy  
Anniversary

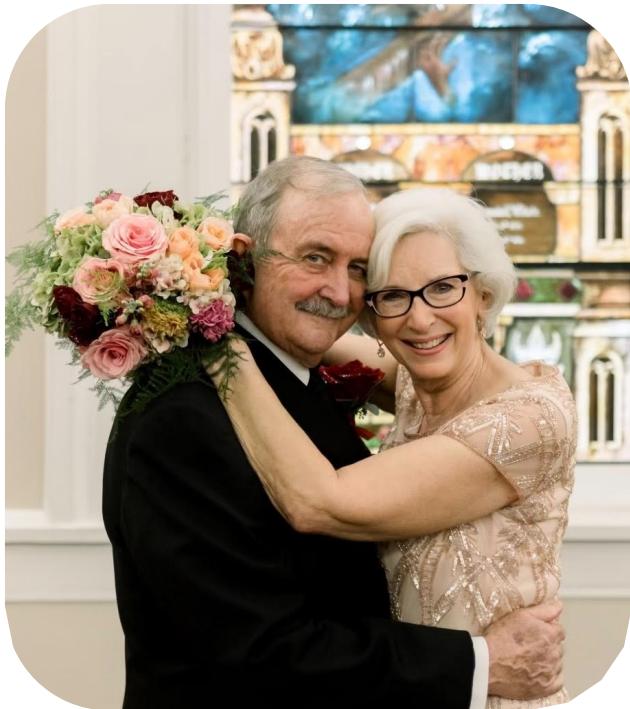
March 14<sup>th</sup>  
James & Lori Smith



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

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





*Congratulations*



*to  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ikard  
who were married in our  
sanctuary on  
Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>!*

*Best wishes to Jim and Cathy.*

**FRIENDS**



The Children's Music & Mission worked on a Mission project for Valentine's Day. They decorated hearts, attached them to the bags, and then delivered the bags of cookies to the Shelbyville Police Department.



**Circle**

Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 14th at 10:00am. We will be collecting the "Birthday Offering" at this meeting. We will continue studying from the PW Bible Study, Celebrating Sabbath. Hope to see you there.

**Circle is open to all women in the church.**

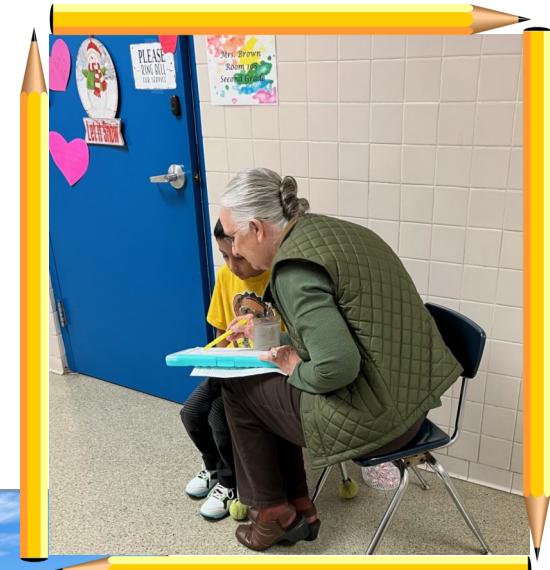


# EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## East Side Elementary Outreach

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, five of our six eager volunteers gathered at East Side Elementary School to kick off our Sight Words Assistance Program in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Sight words are foundation words of reading such as your, because, maybe, red, they, etc. There are 700 sight words to be taught in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Our volunteers test students individually on these words which are provided by the teachers. Teachers utilize this vital data to individualize instructional support for each student. The volunteers enjoyed interacting with the students and teachers. We all felt our interventions had provided needed assistance for students and teachers.



An additional project we are supporting is the "Weekend Food Backpack Program". On the second week of each month our church will supply food and prepare 40 backpacks. These are designated for students known to have limited or no food availability over the weekend. The funds for the food purchases are provided by the Mission Committee. Our youth group will prepare the 40 backpacks each month.



Out of 1,041 schools in Tennessee, East Side Elementary ranks 285<sup>th</sup> for total students on the breakfast and lunch assistance. It ranks significantly higher, 93%, than the state average of 61.6% indicating a higher level of poverty than the school average across the state.

"Beloved children, our love can't be an abstract theory we talk about, but a way of life demonstrated through our loving deeds."

~1 John 3:18 TPT



## East Side Elementary School

Principal Layne Talbot (right)

Principal of the Year for Bedford Co.

Assistant Principal Jennifer Simons (left)

Don't hesitate to reach out to Marylyn Caperton with any questions you may have.



# March



March 1 Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
Family Game Night Dinner 6:00pm  
Family Game Night 6:35pm

March 2 AA Meeting 7:00pm

March 3 AA Meeting 1:00pm

March 4 Youth Lock-In 7:00pm

March 6 Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm  
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

March 7 AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm

March 8 Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm  
Lenten Bible Study 6:35pm  
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm

March 9 AA Meeting 7:00pm

March 10 AA Meeting 1:00pm

March 12 Bring your Good Sam Donations  
Youth Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm

March 13 Property Meeting 5:00pm  
Mission Meeting 5:30pm  
Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

March 14 PW Circle 10:00am  
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm

March 15 Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm  
Lenten Bible Study 6:35pm  
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm

March 16 AA Meeting 7:00pm

March 17 AA Meeting 1:00pm

March 19 Bring your 5-cents-a-meal donations

March 20 Session 5:30pm

March 21 Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am  
AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm

March 22 Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm  
Lenten Bible Study 6:35pm  
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm

March 24 Book Club Meeting 9:00am  
AA Meeting 1:00pm

March 27 Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

March 28 AA & Al-Anon Meetings 7:00pm

March 29 Chancel Choir 2:00pm  
Wonderful Wed. Dinner 6:00pm  
Lenten Bible Study 6:35pm  
Children's Music & Mission 6:35pm

March 30 AA Meeting 7:00pm

March 31 AA Meeting 1:00pm



# Parents' Day Out

## Dental Health



## Ash Wednesday



The Children's Cherub & Joy Choir performed "Kum Ba Yah" on our Ash Wednesday Service. Joy choir had to soloist perform, Emily Anne Windham and Gray Turner.

## 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 Katherine Marsh, Clerk of Session, 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."



# YOUTH

Sunday Youth Dinner's are every Sunday, unless otherwise noted, from 4:00-6:00pm.



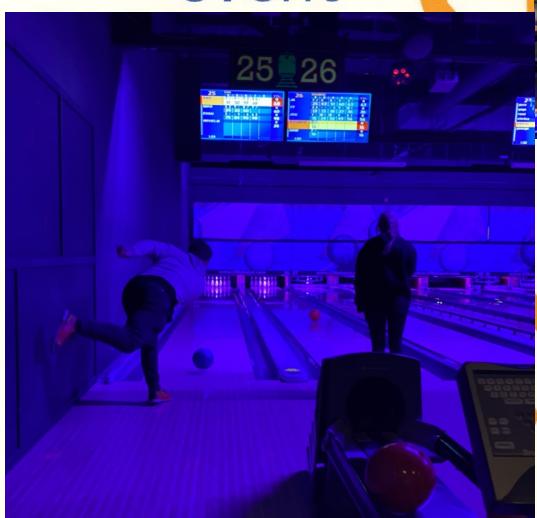
# let's go bowling!

February 19, 2023

Youth / Parent  
event

## lockin

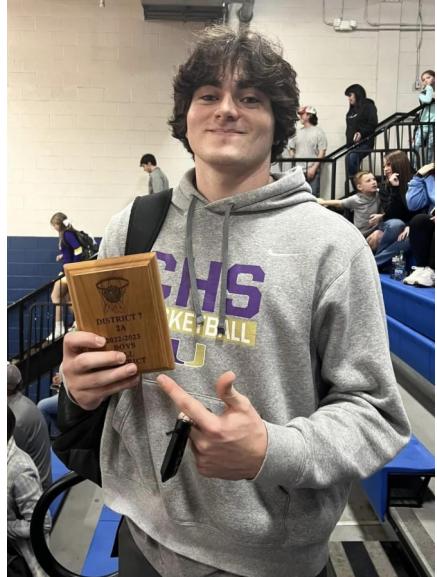
Don't Miss Out On The Fun  
March 4th at 7:00pm



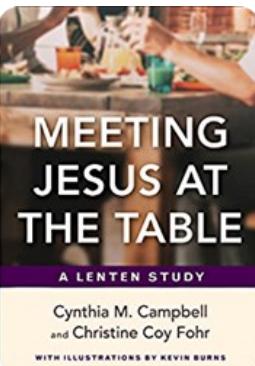


Bring your Good  
Samaritan  
Donations on  
Sun., March 12th

Good Sam is particularly in need of:  
VEGETABLES, Vienna Sausage, Tuna,  
Canned Protein, Peanut Butter,  
Crackers, Rice, Cereal



Congratulations to  
Jacob Flannagan  
who was recently named  
to the District 7 2A  
All District Boys Basketball Team!!



## Come one and all to the Lenten Bible Study

We will start on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Have you ever sat at your family table at home and looked around at your family/friends gathered and thought, "I am so thankful"? Sometimes maybe you smiled happy; at other times, sadness may circle the table. The table is the center of both our family and church life. During Lent on Wednesday nights, we will sit at table with Jesus, his disciples, and would be followers and share in the fellowship and stories of our Lord Jesus. I invite you to join us at table with Jesus on Wednesday nights to overhear the conversations between Jesus and his friends and critiques through familiar gospel stories. If you have not previously participated on Wednesday nights recently, please let the church office know so a book can be purchased for you and enough food can be provided for you and/or your family. (Books are \$11.00)



## New Children's Furniture

We are enjoying our new furniture  
for the children!

**Thank you** to the church for  
supporting our FPC Kids!

We invite everyone to come and see  
our new table & chairs!



Isabella Craig was recently crowned  
2023 USA National Miss Lookout

Mountain Jr. Teen! She will be competing  
in Nationals in July in Hollywood, Florida.  
Isabella's platform's name is Cell Power  
which includes the consequences of  
cyber-bullying.

Good luck Isabella!



# Prayer Requests

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.

**Family & Friends of Ann Adamson**  
**Marian Alexander** (Friend of Christy Jensen)  
**Corey Bates** (Friend of Roy & Lisa Turner)  
**Blaine Bowling** (Friend of the Turner's)  
**Family & Friends of Mary Channell** (Linda Anderton's Mother)  
**Brent Canady** (Member)  
**Sandra Crowell** (Relative of Donna Sepull)  
**Family & Friends of Randy Cunningham** (Friend of Mary Brown)  
**Cliff Garrard** (Member)  
**Edwin Holcombe** (Member)  
**Fred Hunt** (Member)  
**Carolyn Matusek** (Members)  
**Danielle Moore** (Daughter of Jim & Donna Sepull)  
**Jennie Schutte-Patrick** (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)  
**Family & Friends of Jim Patterson** (Brent & Kate Canady)  
**Michael Powell** (Melanie Hamilton's nephew)  
**Patty Sepull** (Friend of Jim & Donna Sepull)  
**Ann Shofner** (Member)  
**Family & Friends of Kerri Lemmon Yarbrough** (Daughter of Pat Lemmon)



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



*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

## Elaine Holcombe

**For Greg Garner Fund**  
Belinda Craig  
Pat & Mary Marsh



**For Memorial Fund**  
Roy & Lisa Turner



## For Greg Garner Fund

Belinda Craig

**For Backpack Fund**  
Billie Crowell  
Gordon Smith  
Donna Waldrop

## Mary Channell

**For Greg Garner Fund**  
Nancy June Brandon  
Belinda Craig  
Pat & Mary Marsh

**For Backpack Fund**  
Ann Farrar

**For Memorial Fund**  
Roy & Lisa Turner

## Book Club



The Book Club is meeting Friday, March 24th, 9:00am and the location is dependent on the weather. They will be discussing "The Beekeeper of Aleppo" written by Christy Lefteri.

### Up and coming...

April "Redeeming Love" Francine Rivers

May "The Nurse's Secret" Amanda Skenandore

## Parents' Day Out



## Valentine's Day



Wonderful on Wednesday's Children's Music & Mission.



**April 26th 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.



### Sunday, March 5, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

**Christy Jensen**

**Pat Thomas**

**Roy & Lisa Turner**

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

Communion Servers: **Jim Ikard, John Marsh, Katherine Marsh, Drew Turner, Kristin Wilhelm**

A Time for Young Christians

**Pastor Jim**

Hall Monitor

**Rob Marsh**

Children's Church

**Belinda Craig**

Nursery

**Bea Marsh**

### Sunday, March 12, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

**Nancy June Brandon**

**Melanie Hamilton**

**Belinda Craig & Pat Marsh**

A Time for Young Christians

**Connie Crafton**

Hall Monitor

**Kathy Smith**

Children's Church

**Christy Jensen**

Nursery

**Charlotte Williams**

### Sunday, March 19, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

**Helen Garner**

**Rob Marsh**

**Bailey & Trena Little**

Flowers: **James & Lori Smith**

A Time for Young Christians

**Kate Canady**

Hall Monitor

**Pat Marsh**

Children's Church

**Katherine Marsh**

Nursery

**Mary Marsh**

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

**Kathy Smith**

**Charlotte Williams**

**James & Lori Smith**

Flowers: **Billie Crowell**

A Time for Young Christians

**Marylyn Caperton**

Hall Monitor

**Roy Turner**

Children's Church

**Lisa & Maddie Hittle**

Nursery

**Christy Jensen**



### **East Side Elementary Blessing Box needs your help**

This is a blessing box located at East Side Elementary School. Right now the teachers and staff are donating to the box. This box is to help students or others who may need it. Anyone is welcome to take what they need. Staff has seen kids using the box. It would be much appreciated If you are able to help donate food to the East Side Blessing Box. Just go to the school and put your donations directly in the box. Please contact Marylyn Caperton with any questions.



Our Little Library seems to be in constant need of books lately. If you are able to bring books please put them in the little library or just inside the door by the carport. Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep the Little Library stocked.





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**Billie Crowell**

Music Director

**Diane Green**

Nursery Director

**Teresa Phillips**

Parents' Day Out Director



### REMINDER

Our next collection date  
for 5 cents-a-meal  
is March 19<sup>th</sup>



## SESSION

### 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 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.  
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