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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 Matussek
March 22	William Matussek
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 14th

James & Lori Smith



March 18th

Jim & Donna Sepull

March 26th

Charles Stimpson &
Carol Magnuson





Congratulations

to

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ikard

*who were married in our
sanctuary on*

Saturday, February 11th!

Best wishes to Jim and Cathy.



FRIENDS



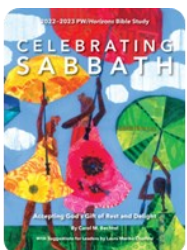
The Children's Music & Mission worked on a Mission project for Valentine's Day. They decorated hearts, attached them to the bags, and then delivered the bags of cookies to the Shelbyville Police Department.



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.

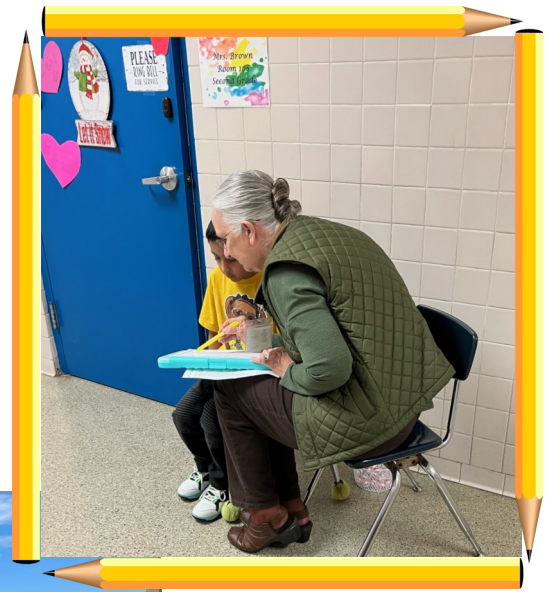


EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



East Side Elementary Outreach

On January 25th, five of our six eager volunteers gathered at East Side Elementary School to kick off our Sight Words Assistance Program in 1st and 2nd 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 2nd 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 285th 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



PDO would like to send a huge thank you to Clement's Dental who came out to teach the kids about 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 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."



YOUTH

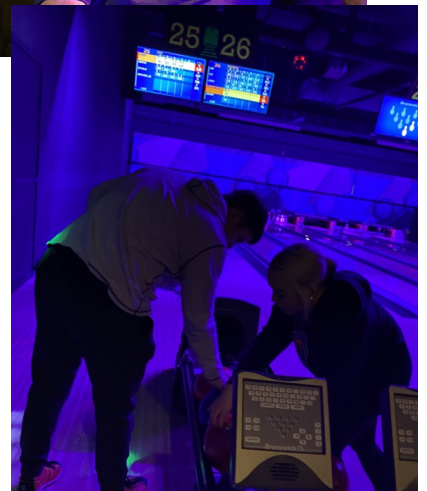
Sunday Youth Dinner's
are every Sunday, unless otherwise
noted, from 4:00-6:00pm.



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



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!



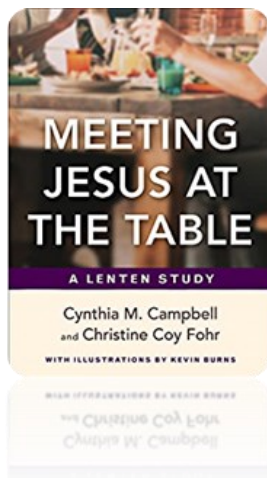
Congratulations to Jacob Flannagan who was recently named to the District 7 2A All District Boys Basketball Team!!

The Youth are in need of volunteers to provide Sunday dinner for them. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin boards if you are able to help. If you have any Youth related questions contact Jennie Kate Pendergrass.



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!



Come one and all to the Lenten Bible Study

We will start on Wednesday, March 8th

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)



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



Elaine Holcombe

For Greg Garner Fund

Belinda Craig
Pat & Mary Marsh

Evelyn Davidson

For Greg Garner Fund

Belinda Craig

For Backpack Fund

Billie Crowell
Gordon Smith
Donna Waldrop

For Memorial Fund

Roy & Lisa Turner

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.



American Red Cross

Blood Services

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 or call 1-800-733-2767.



Sunday, March 5, 2023

Ushers/Greeters

Christy Jensen

Pat Thomas

Roy & Lisa Turner

A Time for Young Christians

Pastor Jim

Hall Monitor

Rob Marsh

Children's Church

Belinda Craig

Nursery

Bea Marsh

Communion Prep: Kate Canady & Belinda Craig

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

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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REMINDER

**Our next collection date
for 5 cents-a-meal
is March 19th**



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Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*, Download the FREE app to begin. You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.



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. They can be made by Venmo, Vanco, Check or Cash.

