



Anchor Links

November 2021

My friends,

November 14th is a huge day of *celebration* in the life of our Congregation, as we prayerfully pledge our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure to the body of Christ called First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville. As you and I blend our ministries together, we stand in the footprints of those who willingly sacrificed for God's kingdom, and we forge new footsteps into the future, remembering their legacy! What will our legacy be to those who will follow us?

Please prayerfully consider your pledge of your Time, Talent, and Treasure (the "3T's") to the church for 2022. I believe our stewardship represents our relationship with God and our gratitude for the innumerable blessings we have received from God. The widow in Mark's Gospel did just that as she gave in response to her close relationship to God. After observing the crowd putting money into the "treasury trumpets" and many rich people putting in large sums, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said: "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)

The widow is an example of what Jesus is going to do and did, "put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Jesus put in everything he had: His life! Whoever would have thought that a widow, for whom the Jewish Temple and synagogue was to provide care, was to be the *Christ figure* for how we are to practice stewardship?

Canadian Reformed Theologian Dr. Douglas John Hall, in his marvelous book [The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age](#), defines holistic stewardship:

Stewardship is . . . the care and nurture of life, the healing of the one who fell amongst thieves, the feeding of the hungry and freeing of the oppressed, the befriending of the friendless, the equitable distribution of earth's bounty, the passion for justice and peace, and dialogue with all who hunger and thirst for authenticity. That is the essential attitude of Christian stewardship. . . our incorporation into the being and work of the One who came to serve and not to be served, the chief steward Jesus. (249)

Foreshadowing Jesus' giving of His life, the widow "gave all she had to live on." As we blend our ministries together, how will we forge our footsteps into the future?

May we follow the widow and return to God and to this body of Christ a portion of His gifts of Time, Talent, Treasure to the glory of God!

In thanksgiving and service, I send you God's

Peace,
Jim





November 2	Leo Skelton
November 4	Ben Townes
November 5	Lisa Hittle
November 9	Becky Woodruff
November 9	Gail Luna
November 10	Terry Saylor
November 11	Barbara Singleton
November 13	Ashley Jennings
November 14	Susan Spears
November 17	Geneva Melson
November 18	Everette Marsh
November 18	Woody Woodruff
November 18	Rhett Jennings
November 18	Paul Frisby
November 19	Pat Thompson
November 20	Grace Wilhelm
November 20	Isabella Cobb
November 23	Betty Endsley
November 24	Brent Lamb
November 27	Kristin Wilhelm
November 29	Benjie Canady
November 30	Doug Treadway

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Property

Monday, Nov. 8th @ 5:00pm

Mission

Monday, Nov. 8th @ 5:30pm

Pastoral Care

Tuesday, Nov. 16th @ 10:00am

Worship & Music

TBD

Faith Development

Monday, Nov. 1st @ 6:00pm

Session

Monday, Nov. 22nd @ 5:30pm

Officer Training

Sunday, Nov. 7th @ 5:00pm



Sunday School

A great study of the Ten Commandments is going on NOW for all Sunday School classes and continues through November 21st. Haven't made it yet? Don't worry and don't stay home. You will be able to jump right in. Come join us for donuts and study at 9am.



Happy Anniversary

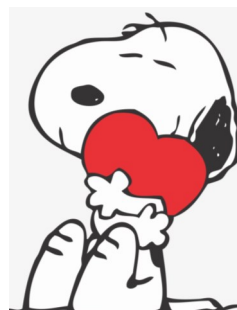
November 16th

Aksel & Christy
Jensen, IV



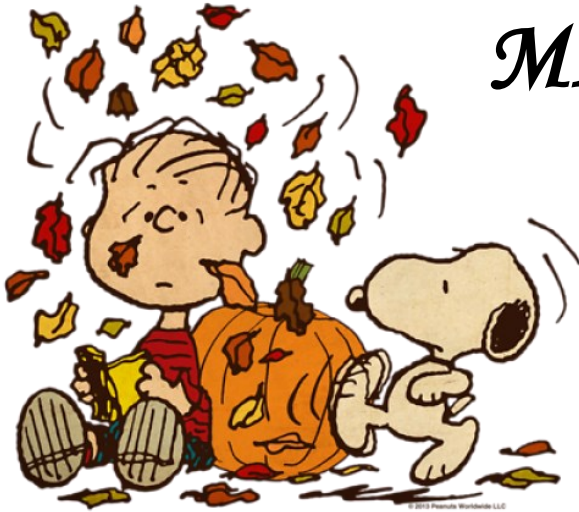
November 29th

Bailey & Trena Little



November 27th

Kyle & Ashley
Segroves



MISSION NEWS

PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Christmas time is coming and if you listen to your various news media pronouncements, all our gifts are in cargo ships off the coast of California. There are other options for gift giving to those interested in remembering family and friends by honoring them instead of giving an actual gift. Your Mission committee is suggesting you check out the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to fulfill your gift giving needs. This catalog contains items ranging in price from \$15 to \$5000. You purchase something like a sewing machine or hive of bees or kitchen kit just to name a few and these items are given to folks in developing countries to assist them in making a living. A card is sent to you or the person you are honoring, announcing the gift. You are invited to pick up one of these catalogs which have been placed on the small table at the back of the sanctuary or on the table outside the church office and check out alternatives to your usual gift giving. Our youth are using the receipts of their butter braid sales to purchase something from the catalog that will give some help and hope to families struggling to live.



SOUP KITCHEN BREAKFAST

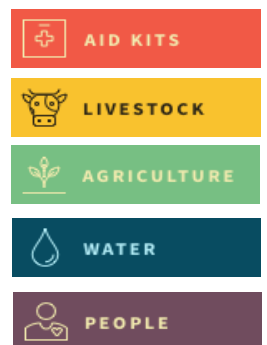
SKB on the second Saturday of each month continues to increase in the number of people fed. There are now 4 church groups engaged in this event so all Saturdays are covered. It was noted that there are 5 Saturdays in October so FPC offered to cover that day also. It is hoped that this example will encourage the other 3 groups to cover the remaining 5th Saturdays. A huge thanks to our core group who does the work of organizing and carrying out the Breakfast event. If you would like to help in this endeavor, please feel free to show up at 7:30 the second Saturday of the month.

Blood Drive

October 27th
19 units
Collected

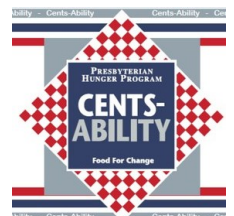


THANK YOU!!!!



OFFERING UPDATE

5 cents a meal offering to date is \$730.05 which covers the first 3 quarters of 2021. Our next collection date is December 19, 2021.





PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Bake Less Bake Sale



For many years the Presbyterian Women have sponsored a Bake Sale in November. In 2019 we decided to not have our bake sale. The bake sale was not held in 2020 because of COVID restrictions. In 2021 the Presbyterian Women would like to have a Bake Less Bake Sale.

The last few years we have found that our crowd at the bake sale has decreased, and that we were mainly buying from each other in the church at the sale. Our women are also not getting any younger. Cooking and preparing before the bake sale and on the day of the sale was hard on many of our ladies.

The money from our bake sale is used to support benevolences in our community and surrounding communities. These include Boys and Girls Club, Blue Monarch, Caregiver Relief Program, Community Development Center, Contact Lifeline, Imagination Library, Skills Development Center, Good Samaritan, and Worldwide Missions through Presbytery and our Synod. We also help with projects at the church such as donating to a new Christmas tree, helping with the kitchen remodeling, and other projects.

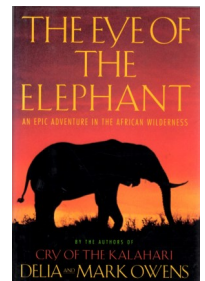
With approval from the Session, we are having a Bake Less Bake Sale this year. We are asking for a generous donation from members to help support our benevolences. We realize that this time of year there are other needs to support in the church, but we ask that you consider a donation to our Bake Less Bake Sale. We will be receiving donations from Nov. 1-15. Checks may be made to Women of the Church. Envelopes will be provided at the back of the church in which to place your donation, or they can be mailed to the church.

Thank you for your consideration of this donation to our Bake Less Bake Sale. Just think of all the calories you will be saving with your donation!



Book Club

meeting at 10am at
Never Rest Park
Date will be decided
at a later time
They will be discussing:



Night Circle

Join us Tuesday, November 9th at
6:00 P.M. in the Russell Classroom.

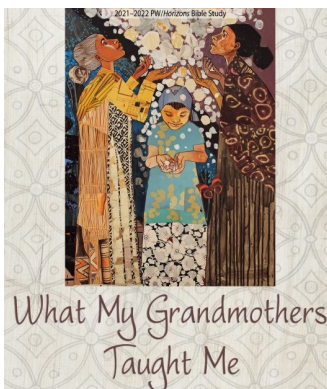
We are beginning a new study: What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus, by the Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study.

Books are \$10.00 and are in the

church office if you would like to purchase one before the meeting on November 9th.

Night Circle is open to all women in the church.

Hope to see you as we begin this new study.



Pastoral Care

Our meeting will be on
Tuesday, November 16th
at 10:00am. We will be
delivering Thanksgiving
Bags and have a special
treat on that day.

Hugh H. Parker

1935 - 2021

Hugh Parker was born and grew up in the Flat Creek community; throughout his lifetime, Mr. Parker farmed hundreds of acres of land and owned hundreds of cattle. He graduated from Central High School in Shelbyville, TN, and served in Verdun, France and Murnau, Germany with the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. He attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro before accepting a position to sell farm equipment for the Gehl Company in 1960.



Having never met a stranger, Mr. Parker was known for remembering names and faces, always being ready with a funny story to tell, and offering an eager and helping hand to anyone in need. He was happiest around the people and places he loved—working the hayfield or taking care of his animals; running errands with his dog, Mikey; talking to his grandsons about the farm; celebrating holidays surrounded by family and good, southern food; watching a ballgame or car race with a friend; cheering on his favorite horse and rider at a horse show; or spending the afternoon on the front porch watching the birds and squirrels.

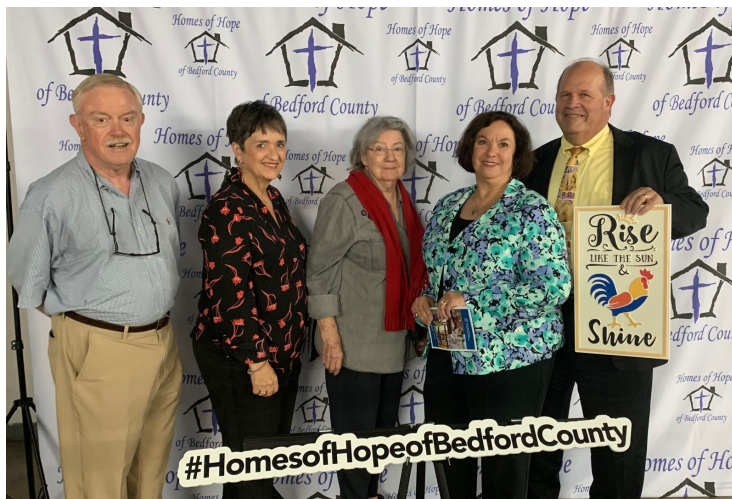
A treasured asset to his community, Mr. Parker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served for several terms as a deacon. He also helped build the Flat Creek Volunteer Fire Department building and volunteered as a firefighter.

He enjoyed a simple life and only ever wanted to be surrounded by loved ones and God's creation. He had a strong work ethic, valued loyalty and honesty in his friends, and instilled a sense of selflessness in his children and grandchildren. He could repair almost anything with a motor, he grilled a delicious steak, and his sense of humor and light-hearted nature made him truly unforgettable; everyone he met fell in love with him.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." —Psalm 116:15



Maddie Hittle won Defender of the Year for Shelbyville Central Soccer



Homes of Hope Fall Dinner & Auction

FPC was invited because of the generous donation made to Bedford County Homes of Hope from the Bailey Evans Trust



SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER



Date	Ushers/Greeter	Hall Monitor	A Time for Young Christians	Nursery
Nov. 7	Bailey Little & Trena Little	Brenda Skelton	Kate Canady	Norma Zae Jensen
Nov. 14	Richard Smith & Kathy Smith	Norma Zae Jensen	Connie Crafton	Mary Marsh
Nov. 21	Frieda Bone & Pat Thomas	Kathy Smith	Kate Canady	Aksel Jensen, III
Nov. 28	John Marsh & Melanie Hamilton	Roy Turner	Connie Crafton	Christy Jensen

Parent's Day Out is off to an utterly great start.

In September they had Farm Day where, Keely & Isaac McGee, brought out many great animals for the kids to enjoy.

Mr. McGee is Hugh Parker's grandson and Mrs. McGee is the daughter of one of our PDO teachers, Mrs. Allison.



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Farmer Layne Lovvorn was having a great time feeding the goat.

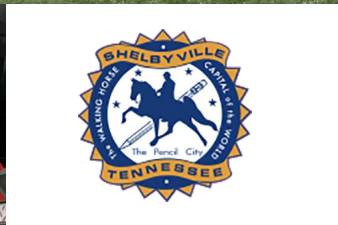


The kids had a ball "sheering" the sheep. Instead of wool and clippers they used shaving cream and foam brushes.

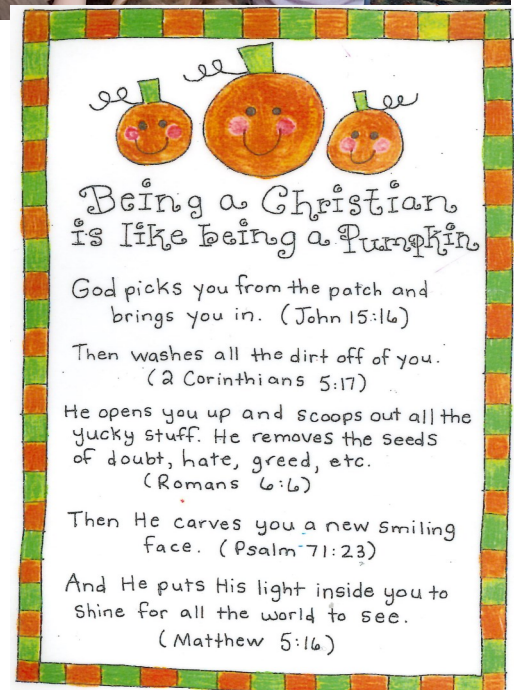
In October the Shelbyville Fire Department was kind enough to come out, give the kids a demonstration with their gear and let them all check out the fire truck. The kids all had a blast that day, as they do most days.



Mary Ruth Marsh



Evie Marsh







Patti Jo Bennett (Sister of Jim Sepull)
Carissa Craig (Belinda Craig's Daughter-In-Law)
Billie Crowell (Music Directory)
Mary Channell (Linda Anderton's mother)
Ken Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Family of Frank Douglas (Friend of Terry & Ginny Saylor)
Diane Green (Nursery Director)
Fred Hunt (Member)
Carolyn Matusek (Member)
Family of Hugh Parker (Member)
Family and Friends of Nowlin Taylor (Former Member)

All those in Military Service

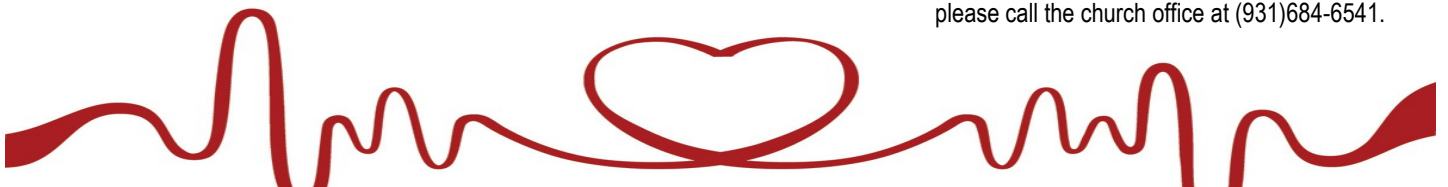
LT Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

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.



The October 27 blood drive netted 19 units of much needed blood. FPC is working to establish ourselves as a regular blood donation site for Red Cross and have scheduled the next drive for January 19, 2022. A big thank you to those who volunteered at the registration and refreshment tables and those church members who also gave blood. For such an event to be successful it takes the assistance of many people. Our church secretary, Chenel, has been invaluable in doing the behind the scene work. Thanks to the blood donors, Mary Brown, Mary Gore, Jim Moran, Richard and Kathy Smith and Ellen Treadway and to those who volunteered to work the registration and refreshment tables; Adrian Bomar, Connie Crafton, Ellen Treadway and Mary Gore who get gold stars for both donor and helper status, Melanie Hamilton and the folks from the community Jane Tucker, Diane Lorenze and Nancy Rubio-Lopez. And to those unnamed members who dispersed posters and brochures advertising the blood drive, your efforts are much appreciated.



Meet Your Class of 2024 Officers

Katherine Rieder Marsh

Born in Tullahoma, TN and married to Rob Marsh. They have four children: Walker 9, Maddie 8, Anna 5, Kate 2

She is a stay at home mom and has been a member of FPC, Shelbyville for about 10 years. She is actively involved with youth and children's activities at FPC. She has served on several boards in the community, like the Imagination Library and Child Development Foundation Board. Although currently she is busy taking her children to sports and activities throughout the community and helping out at the kids' school. She enjoys cooking and taking walks in her spare time.

"The most meaningful part of my church membership is experiencing the intergenerational love and support for our children."

Charles Andrew (Drew) Turner

Born in Shelbyville, TN and married to Blair Turner. They have one child: Charleigh 2

He works at Cooper Steel as a controller and has been a member of FPC, his whole life. He was baptized at age 10 and confirmed at age 13. He has previously served in small capacities for FPC, Shelbyville but most recently he was on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. He was active as a youth in the church and participated in youth service activities. He enjoys spending time with his family and watching sports in his spare time.

The most meaningful part of his church membership is: "I'm proud that I grew up in this church and can serve this congregation. I greatly value the relationships I have developed during my life with members of this congregation. My fondest memory would be mine and Blair's wedding at the Church."

Brent Canady

Born in Shelbyville, TN and married to Kate Canady. They have two children: Andy 29 and Benjie 26

He is a Retired U.S. Navy Banker and has been a member of FPC, Shelbyville for 8 years. He and Kate were married at FPC, Shelbyville and both of their sons were baptized here. He also served as an Elder with the Class of 2017. He is active in the community by serving on the Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library Board of Directors and serving as a Blue & Gold Officer for the U.S. Naval Academy, (interviewing local candidates for appointments). He enjoys yard work and watching college football in his spare time.

The most meaningful part of his church membership is: "Growing together in our Christian faith and watching our youth grow into young adults."

Lori Sain Smith

Born in Bell Buckle, TN and married to James Smith. They have two children: Jacob 23 and Susanna 16

She is an Interior Designer and has been a member of FPC, Shelbyville for just over 5 years. Lori originally joined in 1989 and rejoined in June of 2021. She led the youth group in 1993 & 1994. She is active with the American Heart Association, the State of TN Advocacy Council, Charity Circle, Junior League and Unitedway of Rutherford County. She enjoys attending sporting events, traveling, tennis and gardening.

The most meaningful part of his church membership is: "Reconnecting with the First Presbyterian and Bedford County community has been so gratifying, especially while emerging from a pandemic. This church is home for us in every sense."

Trustee: Charles Bailey Little, Jr.

Born in Sparta, TN and is married to Trena Little. They have two children: Lisa Turner and Sheri Emerson





He is a Retired Banker, Accountant and has been a member of FPC, Shelbyville since May of 1961. He has served several terms as a member of the Board of Deacons, Session of Elders and as a Trustee. He also served as Treasurer of the Trustees for many years. He is 60 year member of the Shelbyville Lions Club and previously held the position of President. He was previously a Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration and has been the Treasurer of the Bedford Railroad Authority since 1984. In his spare time he enjoys reading, walking and supporting grandchildren and great-grandchildren in sports or anything that they are involved in.

The most meaningful part of his church membership is: "I am glad for the great friendships nurtured through the years in this congregation of believers. My church family is a most important aspect of my life and something that I value deeply. Living in the Christian faith is especially joyful with God's help and love."



November

2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>ALL SAINTS' DAY</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>7</p> <p>Officer Training 5pm</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Mission 5:30pm</p> <p>Property 5pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Night Circle 6pm</p>	<p>10</p>	 <p>Happy Veterans' Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Soup Kitchen Breakfast Prep 7:30am Handout 9am</p>
14	15	<p>16</p> <p>Pastoral Care 10am</p>	17	18	19	20
<p>21</p> <p>Hanging of the green w/ lunch after worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Session 5:30pm</p>	23	24	 <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>		27
<p>28</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p>	29	30			<p>SUNDAY SERVICE LIVESTREAMS</p> <p>EVERY WEEK AT 10 AM</p>	

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Billie Crowell
Music Director

Chenel Gervais
Church Secretary

Diane Green
Nursery Director

Teresa Phillips
Parents' Day Out Director

*Session minutes are available in the church office
for any member of the congregation to review.*

FPC Shelbyville Youth Group
Fundraiser



Order By: November 5th

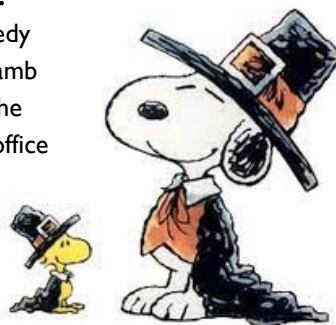
Pickup Date: November 18th @6:00pm

Where is the money going?

Thanksgiving Boxes for the needy

?Questions? contact Cindy Lamb

Order forms are available in the
e-weekly, bulletin and church office



SESSION

Class of 2021
Rob Marsh, Leo Skelton,
Margaret Smith,
LeaAnne Windham (**Clerk of 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 202
Brent Canady, Katherine Marsh,
Lori Sain-Smith, Drew Turner

TRUSTEES

<u>Class of 2021</u> Kathy Smith	<u>Class of 2022</u> Pat Thomas
<u>Class of 2023</u> Tommy Anderton	<u>Class of 2024</u> Bailey Little

Holy Communion

Preparation

November 7

Frieda Bone & Susan Spears

December 5

Karisa Matusek

December 24

Pat Thompson



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If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

This is a free app. Please register and look at your information. If your information is not correct you can go to the drop down menu to edit family OR just let Chenel know and she will get it corrected.

*****Currently is has your address, phone number and email listed. If you don't want others to see it please let Chenel know.
Only members you can see when you are logged in can see your information.

Please keep in mind that it is just getting started. Questions, Comments, Concerns...please don't hesitate to contact Chenel