



# First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

## Weekly Newsletter

June 23, 2019



There was a photo of former president Jimmy Carter on the internet. He was standing with his hands on his hips, wearing a blue work shirt, a red bandana and a hat. A tool belt was slung around his waist with a metal square protruding from a pocket. Apparently the photo was taken at a building project in Haiti. Carter continues to do volunteer work well into his nineties.

The caption of the photo was a quote from Carter: *My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference.*

Carter is also still an active farmer as well and while my eldest son was enrolled in agricultural college in south Georgia it was no surprise for Carter to drop in to attend a particular class.

I offer neither praise nor ridicule for the former president, but several things do stand out about these circumstances.

First, he is neither too comfortable nor too successful nor too old nor too busy to serve.

Second, his service is an outgrowth of a faith that drives him into the wilderness of other peoples' lives.

Third, his use of the word *whatever* suggests that he holds nothing of himself or his resources back in his faith driven service.

Fourth, a person in their nineties who continues to go to school is a person who is not afraid to have their assumptions challenged or embrace new knowledge.

Next Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a lunch following church catered by Rowdy Ranch. This will be a great opportunity to be inspired to serve as a matter of faith and also to learn something new about the wilderness in which many in our community continue to live. Be sure to put this event on your calendar for June 30<sup>th</sup>.

See you next Sunday!

Godspeed,

*Allen*

**SUNDAY, June 23, 2019**

**Join us as we gather for worship**

**of our**

**Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

**New Testament: Luke 8: 26-39**

**Sermon: “Freedom and Fear”**

**Rev. Allen Cross**

<b>SERVING SUNDAY, June 23, 2019</b>		<b>SERVING SUNDAY, June 30, 2019</b>	
Acolyte	Jacob Flannagan		
Lay Liturgist	Charlotte Williams	Lay Liturgist	Pat Marsh
Ushers/Greeters	Tommy Anderton Helen Garner Geneva Melson Randy Reed	Ushers/Greeters	Aksel Jensen III Norma Zae Jensen Rob Marsh Roy Turner
Hall Monitor	Raychelle Flannagan	Hall Monitor	Lisa Turner
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady	A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton
Children’s Church	Connie Crafton	Children’s Church	Katherine Marsh
Nursery	Bea Marsh	Nursery	Maddie Hittle

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SUMMER SOCIAL



Tuesday, June 25th  
6:00pm

Bell Buckle Café

Order from the menu and pay at the café.



During the month of June, Presbyterian Women are collecting 'BINGO' prizes for The Waters Nursing Home. Suggested items: individual snacks, individual drinks, sugar-free snacks, lotion, etc.



*Just a thought....*

**TWEET**  
OTHERS  
AS  
YOU  
WOULD  
LIKE  
TO BE  
**TWEETED**



Youth Outing  
Wednesday, June 26th  
at  
Top Golf

## Mission Lunch June 30th following Worship

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a luncheon highlighting FPC's mission activities and partners. Come, enjoy table fellowship and learn more about how we are hands in the community.



Teachers are needed  
July 7, 14, 21, 28

Contact  
Lea Anne Windham or  
Call the Church Office

Volunteers for  
the Nursery are needed.



## GOOD SAMARITAN

Suggested Items for June

**Canned Meat & Tuna**

**Peanut Butter is always needed.**

**AWAKE**

Stay **awake** that you may see the many ways God is with you each day...stay **awake** and pay attention as You pass my way.

*D365 Daily Devotional*

As for me, I will be vindicated and will see Your face; when I **awake**, I will be satisfied with seeing Your likeness.

Psalm 17:15