



# First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

## Weekly Newsletter

July 14, 2019



This week I ventured onto the Duck River west of Henry Horton for our annual youth kayak adventure. We generally had good weather: a bit overcast and one drenching rain shower followed by hot, drying sunshine. We had a great time and by the end of four and a half hours, everyone was ready to get into some air conditioning and have lunch.

I enjoy being with our youth, partly because I miss the time when my own kids were teenagers and partly because I learn so much from what they talk about when they think no one is listening. Yesterday, I was amazed to hear 1980's top forties hits (by the way, do we really need to hear Toto singing about African rain one more time?) and theme songs from so many 1990's situation comedies. Netflix must be cleaning up on subscriptions catering to young people.

I also learned that the young people of our church are attentive to one another. Whether in mock sarcasm or in curiosity, they are sensitive to what's going on in each other's lives. This week, they showed a real sense of community.

Our Children's Church program is also fostering a sense of community by learning Christmas carols each Sunday in July. In fact, this worship event is not just for children this month; youth of the church are invited too and, maybe, the result will be a connectional dynamic that invigorates a devotional relationship with Jesus among our young ones. They might even infect their elders!

In preparation for Rally Day in September, when we will be having a youth led service, our youth will be reading the Sunday scriptures from the pulpit during July and August. This week please listen to Ella Cobb reading the parable of the good Samaritan.

Vacation Bible School is also coming soon: July 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Please check the Sunday bulletin for VBS needs. This is another event that fosters community in which God is present. Please support VBS this year as you do every year.

See you Sunday,

*Allen*

**SUNDAY, July 14, 2019**

**Join us as we gather for worship**

**of our**

**Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

**New Testament: Luke 10:25-37**

**Sermon: "God and Neighbor"**

**Rev. Allen Cross**

**SERVING SUNDAY, July 14, 2019**

Lay Liturgist	Pat Marsh
Youth Lay Reader	Ella Cobb
Ushers/Greeters	Linda Anderton Tommy Anderton Michal Dobson Tony Matusek
Hall Monitor	Lisa Turner
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Kate Canady
Nursery	Maddie Hittle

**SERVING SUNDAY, July 21, 2019**

Lay Liturgist	Connie Crafton
Ushers/Greeters	Norma Zae Jensen DeAnn Idso Bailey Little Randy Reed
Hall Monitor	John Marsh
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Kate Canady
Nursery	Raychelle Flannagan

# Children's Church

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Children's Church at FPC for July is being called  
**"Christmas in July".**

During our **Children's Church** time, our children will be singing Christmas carols.

For **July and July only**...we are opening Children's Church up to our children through our youth age to join us following a Time for Young Christians for a little "Go Tell It on the Mountain" time!



Wednesday, July 31st following VBS



Fellowship Coffee Sunday, July 21st  
following Worship



July 28th through  
July 31st. 5-8pm

**V B S** is just

around the corner and we need your help to make it successful. Please check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and leave your donations in the Chapel.

Items needed: Mini Candy Bars, Small Flicker Lights, 4ft Cross, Washable Markers, Crayons, Rope Lights, Small Water Bottles, Juice Boxes

**Leave your donations in the Chapel.**  
Thank you in advance for your participation.

## 2nd Annual Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen Fundraiser Dinner

September 21, 2019 6:00pm—First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Friends helping friends is what the Soup Kitchen is all about. Every Tuesday night a hot, balanced and nutritious meal is provided for the growing homeless community in Bedford County. This is an important ministry for our church and the Bedford County Ministerial Association, so mark your calendar and look for more information to come.



**5 ¢ A Meal**

Banks will be collected September 8th  
Pick up a bank~located at the back of the Sanctuary

*A Friendly Reminder*

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