



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter



Dateline: Friday the 13th

This morning I watched the local news from San Antonio, Texas on the internet to see what's going on where my son lives. The anchors mentioned that today is not only Friday the thirteenth, but that tonight there will be a full moon. The local weatherman then jokingly predicted a 30% chance of werewolves. Everybody on the set mimicked fright. Yuk, yuk, ha, ha.

But tonight there is real reason for concern in the Bahamas where high tide will occur at 8:32 pm, boosted by tropical cyclone #9. This new storm is following the path of Hurricane Dorian which just days ago slammed the upper Caribbean, the Bahamas, and coastal South and North Carolina. What's frightening is to see a functioning community become a dysfunctional catastrophic scene in twenty-four hours.

Damage from Dorian has been well documented: whole communities smashed flat by 185 mph winds as if a bomb had hit, trees stripped of leaves, homeless family fragments camped out on hot pavements without supplies, no relief in sight from the Bahamian government.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance agency has jumped into the middle of this situation, both in the Bahamas and in the Carolinas. PDA is working with relief agencies as well as local ministries and local church pastors to bring aid to families which have lost everything. With local infrastructure demolished, PDA is also establishing relief distribution processes.

If you wish to love your storm impacted neighbors as yourselves, you can make a donation to Presbyterian relief efforts this Sunday by writing a check to First Presbyterian Church Shelbyville with "Dorian" written on the memo line. The church will then send a congregational donation to PDA.

As pastor John Donne wrote centuries ago: *Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*

See you Sunday,

Allen

SUNDAY, September 15, 2019

**Join us as we gather for worship of our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ**

New Testament: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sermon: "Legacies"

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, September 15, 2019		SERVING SUNDAY, September 22, 2019	
Acolyte	Maddie Hittle	Lay Liturgist	Pat Marsh
Lay Liturgist	Edwin Holcombe		
Ushers/Greeters	Frieda Bone Michal Dobson Helen Garner John Marsh	Ushers/Greeters	DeAnn Idso Bailey Little Tony Matusek Donna Sepull
Hall Monitor	Pat Thomas	Hall Monitor	Janice Womble
A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton	A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady
Children's Church	Bea Marsh	Children's Church	Kristin Wilhelm
Nursery	Geneva Melson	Nursery	Abby Hittle



...."Come with Me by yourself to a quiet place
and get some rest".

Mark 6:31

Community Soup Kitchen

Fundraiser

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

6:00pm

First Methodist Church on the Square
In the Fellowship Hall

Youth will serve.

Meetings

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Pastoral Care 10am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Session 5:30pm



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00AM

ELA Classroom

Gospel of Mark

Russell Classroom



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH
CONNECTION

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

September 18th

Dinner 5:45-6:15pm

Children's Bible Study 6:15-6:45pm

Children will be dismissed

Youth Bible Study 6:15-7:15pm

men's breakfast

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:00am

GATHER

"The Young and the Rest of Us"

Join us for dinner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 5:00PM

at the home of

Mike & Karisa Matusek

Entree will be provided—Bring a side dish to share

*RSVP to the Church Office ~ 684-6541
by Monday, September 16th*