



First Presbyterian Church

Shelbyville, Tennessee

Weekly Newsletter

March 15, 2020~Third Sunday in Lent



I know many of you are concerned about the COVID-19 virus that has been impacting lives all around the world. Responses to this illness have ranged broadly from hysteria to nonchalance. We hope to be smart in FPC's response but also continue affording the congregation ways to worship, pray, and serve.

As with any virus, the spread of the current one depends on human contact, most notably airborne germs that are inhaled or spread to the facial area by touch and then inhaled. So the number one thing we can all do at church is to keep our distance from others and, if we are sneezing or coughing and have fever and difficulty breathing, stay home. I do not imagine that our fellowship time in church and before or after church will contain less of God's Spirit if we don't hug. The other thing is to frequently wash our hands. There are hand sanitizer dispensers in the sanctuary and other parts of the church, but certainly washing with soap and water is still the best practice.

Starting this Sunday, please refrain from using water fountains. Also, please spread out in the pews and forgo passing the friendship registers. Bulletins will be available for you to pick up for yourself, but ushers will not pass them out.

I'm also asking the Session, in its meeting next week, to consider how we distribute communion elements and how we gather for congregational meals.

Certainly all of you who will volunteer for the backpack food event this Sunday at 5pm, please make sure that you are not coughing or sneezing and that you wash your hands as frequently as necessary.

Lastly, please be aware of anyone in our church community that may become ill and let me or a member of the pastoral care committee know about it. We most certainly don't want anyone to experience this illness shut-in alone.

As in all things, please remember that no matter how difficult the days before us become, God is with each of you and that nothing in life nor in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

See you Sunday!

God Speed, *Allen*

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020
3rd Sunday in Lent

Join us as we gather for worship of our Lord and Savior
JESUS CHRIST

New Testament: Mark 12:1- 12

Sermon: "In the Vineyard of God: Servant or Usurper?"

Rev. Allen Cross

SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020		SERVING SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020	
Acolyte	Walker Marsh		
Lay Liturgist	Connie Crafton	Lay Liturgist	Pat Marsh
Ushers/Greeters	Bailey Little Raychelle Flannagan Lisa Turner Roy Turner	Ushers/Greeters	Linda Anderton Tommy Anderton Ginny Saylor Terry Saylor
Hall Monitor	Rob Marsh	Hall Monitor	Theresa Blanton
A Time for Young Christians	Kate Canady	A Time for Young Christians	Connie Crafton
Children's Church	Cindy Lamb	Children's Church	Cindy Lamb
Nursery	Katherine Marsh	Nursery	Susan Spears

Sunday, March 15th



Saturday, March 14th Set-Up 10am

Sunday, March 15th at 5pm

Lenten Lessons Sunday, March 15th

Adults of All Ages Will meet in Fellowship Hall from **9:10am-9:40am** for an **issues discussion class** with coffee and scripture and conversation. This will be a time for fellowship and theological perspective on contemporary issues.

Class time is 9:20am-9:45am.

Children will meet upstairs in the Kid's Choir Room ~ Miss Cindy will teach lessons
"Speaking With Signs".

Youth 6th through 12th grades will meet in the Youth Room for a study with Kate Canady
"Exploring the Process of Growing-From 'Planting to Harvesting'"

Kid's Choir meets
every Wednesday Night
6-7:00pm
Come and bring a friend.



Community
EASTER EGG Saturday, April 4th
Hunt 11:00am-12:30pm

meetings & events this week

- ♦ Monday, March 16~Session 5:30pm
- ♦ Tuesday, March 17~Pastoral Care 10:00am
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 18th~Important Youth and Parent Meeting 7:15-7:45PM to discuss upcoming events and summer activities**
- ♦ Saturday, March 21~Men's Breakfast 8:00am

Update on our Egg Hunt

- ♦ Three age level hunts
- ♦ Two bounce houses
- ♦ Crafts
- ♦ Tattoos
- ♦ Face Painting
- ♦ A Balloon Artist
- ♦ A REAL Fire Truck
- ♦ Two Shelbyville Policemen to hide our eggs

We might have a LOT of people! We need your help. We need bags and bags of individually wrapped candy for our youth to stuff the eggs for the hunt. **Please bring your donation to the Chapel by Tuesday, March 31st.**

Thank you so much!



**MAY LOVE AND
LAUGHTER
LIGHT YOUR DAYS**
AND WARM YOUR HEART AND HOME

— HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY —

