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Class of 2021

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Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

Class of 2023

Helen Garner, Christy Jensen,
Kristin Wilhelm, Terry Saylor

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



Dear Friends,

I came across this list recently in my reading and I wanted to share them with you. When I read this list of trends, I was stunned to see how many of the things about the way we do church may be impacting our congregation. Some of these were not new to me but some really caught my attention because they are so much a part of who we are as a theologically reformed and Presbyterian congregation.

The four things that jumped out at me were (1) people are less interested in an intellectual approach to faith and are drawn to the experience; (2) people wanting certainty over information or knowledge; (3) The visual replacing the verbal as a major avenue for communicating the church's message; (4) the role of worship changing from strengthening the believer's faith to evangelism.

Some of these trends we can address, others we must live. It is what it is, but as the old saying goes, knowledge is power.

I encourage each of you to please spend some time thinking about and praying over how these trends may impact our thinking as we move forward in these "anxious times."

If FPC is going to continue to survive and thrive in the future, it's going to take all of us working together and contributing to the work and witness of FPC not only through our financial resources, but also our time and talents.

I do want to say a word of appreciation for the many ways many of you currently contribute to the life and witness of First Presbyterian Church. We may not be a mega-church (a good thing in my opinion), but there is still lots of vitality in this congregation. Let's keep putting that vitality and our human resources to good use.

And now for the quote. It is taken from a book Dr. Peter Steinke published in 2006 entitled, "Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times." Dr. Steinke wears several hats. He is a pastor, an educator, a therapist for clergy and an internationally respected congregational systems consultant. Here is what he says:

"Some prominent shifts affecting congregations include:

- People are less interested in an intellectual approach to faith and increasingly drawn to the experience of faith.
- Fewer and fewer people are following in the footsteps of the family's denomination and more are shopping for a church.
- Congregational membership is less organized around an immediate neighborhood area and more around a regional area.
- Authority in the congregation is sifting from vertical dimension (top-down) to the horizontal structure (network, teams).
- People are attracted to churches that offer certainty more than to churches that offer information or knowledge.

- The visual is replacing the verbal as a major avenue for communicating the message the church wants to convey.
- Churches experience greater competition for members. Those that meet the needs of the “consumers” are favored.
- Loyalty to an institution is being replaced by participation in meaningful groups or networks.
- The role of worship is changing from a strengthening of the believer’s faith to a way of evangelizing.”

As members of this congregation, you have a vested interest in the life and witness of First Presbyterian Church now and what it will look like in the future.

I look forward to where the Spirit may lead us as we continue to faithfully proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in our homes, in our life together, in our places of work and in our larger community. As Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians, “in Christ, we can do all things.”

Finally, I will share with you a slightly altered quote from the Reverend Dr. Robert Shuler. I have found it both encouraging and challenging. “I would rather attempt to do great things for God and fail, then attempt nothing and succeed.”

In that case, success is not an option. Let’s step out in courage and attempt to do great things for God. If we fail. So be it. Let’s take what we learn from those failures and use that knowledge to our benefit. Some of the best lessons I have learned in my life and in my minister were from my failures.

Take care and stay safe.

Grace and Peace,
Taylor



Our Youth are invited to join us at the beach!

We have rented a house just steps away from the beach at Ft. Morgan, Alabama.
We will leave the church on Sunday, May 23rd and arrive home on May 27th.
We will have devotions, relationship building activities, and FUN!
Cost: \$100.00—**Please see Miss Cindy if you are interest in going.**



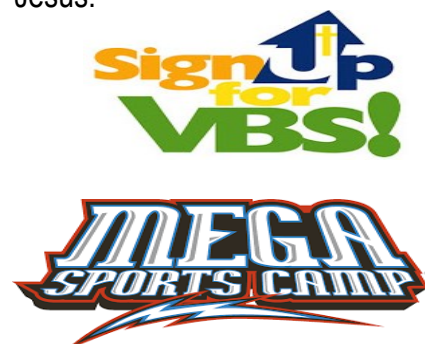
Every athlete loves to win! At MEGA Sports Camp VBS., kids discover how to become champions—both in sports and in their faith. They'll enjoy action-packed sports training sessions mixed with fun rallies where kids in our community will be introduced to their true Champion—Jesus.

Children ages 4-5th grade will pick their favorite sport: soccer, flag football, cheerleading, or crafts/cooking. High energy rallies and relationship building small group huddles allow kids to discover how God helps them in life and in sports.

Camp will be held June 21-24 from 5:30-7:30pm.

Register online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/manage/events/151379715805/tickets>



May Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 						1 MAY DAY
2 Worship 10:00am with Holy Communion	3	4 Faith & Development 6:00pm Nt'l Teachers Day	5 Nt'l Astronaut Day	6 Nt'l Nurses Day	7 Nt'l Day of Prayer	8
9 Worship 10:00am Senior Day Good Sam food donation Mother's Day	10 Mission 5:30pm	11 Night Circle 6:00pm Russell Classroom Last meeting until fall.	12	13 Ascension of our Lord	14 Nt'l Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 Nt'l Armed Forces Day
16 Worship 10:00am	17 Session 5:30pm Gift Fund Deadline	18	19 Nt'l Devils Food Cake Day	20	21	22
23 Worship 10:00am Day of Pentecost	24 Nt'l Brothers Day	25	26 Blood Drive 2-6:00pm	27	28 Nt'l Hamburger Day	29
30 Worship 10:00am Trinity Sunday	31 Memorial Day					

WALTER HIGGINS for Memorial Fund

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from Mary Gore

Dear Dr Todd and Session —
On behalf of the Finance
Committee of the Presbytery of Middle
Tennessee. I am writing to thank you
and your congregation for your
generous financial support for the
Presbytery. Your financial gifts
enable us to meet our budgeted
commitments in pursuit of our mission
and ministry goals, including our
support of our three UKirk campus
ministries and NaCoMe.

We also want to thank you for
returning your Intended Giving
Commitment form for 2021. We

recognize the significant
commitment that your congregation
has made and appreciate your
partnership in this ministry.

May God bless you all,

Melinda Sanders

Book Club

The Murmur of Bees

By Sofia Segovia

**Date, Time,
and Location
will be announced later.**



Serving in May



May	Ushers	A Time for Young Christians	Hall Monitor	Nursery Help
2	John Marsh Pat Thompson	Connie Crafton	Pat Marsh	Katherine Marsh
9	Aksel & Norma Zae Jensen	Cindy Lamb	Richard Smith	Christy Jensen
16	Richard & Kristin Wilhlem	Cindy Lamb	Mike Matusek	Bea Marsh
23	Bailey & Trena Little	Rev. Todd	Nancy June Brandon	Mary Marsh
30	Aaron & Connie Crafton	Connie Crafton	John Marsh	Mary Marsh

Holy Communion Preparation

May 2 Richard & Kathy Smith
June 6 Aksel & Norma Zae Jensen
July 4 Kristin Conley & Melanie Hamilton

HAPPY Birthday!

May 2 Blue Jay Farrar
May 3 Chris Matusek
May 5 Colton Knott
May 5 Jim Sepull
May 6 Evie Anderton
May 6 Tyson Winnette
May 7 Polly Dodson
May 7 Travis Townes
May 9 Patricia Farrar
May 11 Sarah Caperton
May 11 Anne Cares
May 11 Eliza Claire Neese
May 12 Tim Flannagan
May 13 Elaine Holcombe
May 22 Ean Matusek
May 24 Patrick Ridner
May 26 Nancy June Brandon
May 26 Rachel Hutto
May 27 Mary Ruth Marsh
May 28 Melita Bradley-Melson
May 29 David Beavers
May 31 Zoe Jensen

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Faith Development
Tuesday, May 4th-6pm

Mission
Monday, May 10th—5:30pm

Session
Monday, May 17th—5:30pm

Presbyterian Women

NIGHT CIRCLE
Tuesday, May 11th—6:00pm
Russell Classroom
Lesson #6

Last meeting until fall.

**Please
wear a
mask**



May 7 Ed and Elaine Holcombe
May 16 Rob and Katherine Marsh
May 28 David and Linda Brown

Happy Anniversary

Parent's Day Out



Kindergarten



MISSION NEWS

RED CROSS BLOOD drive will be held at our church in the fellowship hall on **May 26, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. One has to make an appointment in order to donate which can be done by going to RedCrossBlood.org and following directions given there. If you have other questions you can go customer-care@redcross.org.

Please consider donating and spreading the word that our church will be the location for the blood mobile May 26, 2021.

TONY RICE CENTER wish list fulfillment is our project for April through June. We enjoyed hearing Sam Hillis from TRC give information about the organization during worship service minute for mission recently. A basket will be available in the sanctuary for items on all Sundays and during the week there will be a box in or near the church office. A list of needs has been posted on the bulletin board in the hall outside the church office, if you need a quick reference. The items needed are for new residents who frequently get to TRC with only the clothes they are wearing. As items are collected they will be delivered until the **project ends in June**. Thanks in advance for your support of this project.

You will find a thank you card and financial report from Good Samaritan on the bulletin board outside the church office. Representatives from Good Sam are always vocal in their appreciation of food that Adrian delivers after our second Sunday offering and frequently follow that with a printed thanks. I think we can all agree that our bellies are rarely empty and hunger is just not something we experience. Good Sam, with the help of those of us with more resources, makes it possible for hungry folks to eat. Thanks for your support of that program.

There is a list of items needed in the Sunday Bulletin and on the bulletin board across from the Chapel.

Class of 2021

Join us Sunday, May 9th at 9:00am for "Donuts in the Garden." Honoring our Graduating High School Seniors.

Ella Cobb
Aiden Edwards
Abby Hittle
Molly Jensen
Hunter Wilhelm



May 15th

Today is the day to honor all those brave men and women who have served and are serving our country with **Bravery, Dedication, and Self-sacrifice.**



Feeding the hungry in our community!

Serving 4:30 - 5:30 pm every Tuesday at 126 S Cannon Blvd, Shelbyville, TN

Send your donation to:
Shelbyville Soup Kitchen, 122 North Public

