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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Bell



This and that from Pastor Greg Cartwright . . .

I have always been amazed, whether it be at a retreat or camp, how much young people seem to relish and enjoy Communion. Well, maybe I am not overly surprised . . . for some it is the excitement of the yummy bread we use. Who would not be excited over using "Kings Hawaiian Bread" for Communion? It is tasty, sweet, and at a retreat we tend to always have some extra to share after the sacred meal. Young people are awesome when they become enthusiastic about Communion . . . even if it is over the type of bread we are having and maybe not completely for the right reason. Yet, they are connecting, thinking, and working through this time at the table.

It can be challenging to think about Easter, given that we are barely into the season of Lent at the writing of this article. But Easter and the journey culminates in part with a meal around a table. No doubt it would be a challenging "last supper" for Christ and his disciples. There would be great love, servitude, and yet still disappointment in the decisions of some. Even so, that would not stop the forward movement of God, in agape love, to commune with humankind.

The question or wrestling, in part, with the season of Easter, beckons us to ask if we are really communing with the one who will give all, in love, to us. Christ loves to share the table with us! May we in turn share back with the one who comes in resurrection and to all that we meet and encounter in the life of service.

Peace,
Greg

Food Bank Needs: Crackers**March Leadership**

* denotes a communion Sunday

Ushers:

Jay Oberfeiting (H.U.)

3 Douglas Payne
Randy Harley

***10** Jay Oberfeiting

17 Zack Barnes
Eddie Barnes

***24** Nick Mitchell
Randy Harley

***31** Nick Mitchell
Jay Oberfeiting

Lectionary Readers

3 Nick Mitchell

***10** Andy Wehrle

17 Sally Causey

***24** John Smith

***31** John Maddux

Sanctuary Side Door Greeter:

3 Zan Walker

***10** Leeann Smith

17 Chris Kilday

***24** Chris Kilday

***31** Loretta Lyle

Main St. Door Greeters:

3 Nellie Blevins

***10** Sarah Kreeger

17 Peggy Bible

***24** Ann VanBuskirk

***31** Rebecca Scharding

Flowers:

March 3 and 17
are open and available

Food Bank Needs: Crackers**Save the dates:**

Every Wednesday in March: 12:00 pm
Lenten Service Series

March 20 TU Women's Soccer Teams joins us
for dinner and craft time.

March 24 Palm Sunday and
PW's Baked Potato/Salad Bar

March 28 Maundy Thursday

March 29 Good Friday Community Service @ FPC

March 30 Easter Egg Hunt @ TU Sam Doak house

March 31 Sunrise service @ 7 am at
Mt Bethel Cemetery plus
8:30 am and 11 am @ FPC

July 28 Church Picnic

October 27 PW Baked Potato/Salad Bar

The Winnie Prugh Circle's "Souper Bowl" was a great
success!

Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients, jars/lids,
to the volunteers who helped in the kitchen, and to those
who purchased soup. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Dinner Out Group

The March outing location will be
Rainbow Asian Cuisine in Johnson City
Contact the church office, 423.638.4533
if interested in joining us.



If you have restaurant suggestions, please send them to fpcscity@gmail.com

Easter Lilies for March 31

On Easter Sunday you can have Easter Lilies placed in Christ Chapel or the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones. Lilies are \$10 each. A portion of the proceeds will go to Community Outreach. If you would like to request one or more Easter Lilies, please complete this order form and drop in the offering plate, put in Chris Thorpe's mailbox, or drop off at the Church Office. Make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.

March 18 is the order deadline.

Easter Lily Order Form:

In honor/memory (circle one) of:

By: _____

Chapel _____ Sanctuary _____

In honor/memory (circle one) of:

By: _____

Chapel _____ Sanctuary _____

March Menu

3/6

Pulled Pork

3/13

NO WFC
Spring Break

3/20

Taco Salad
with all the fixin's

3/27

NO WFC
Holy Week

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Honorariums & Memorials

Given to General Fund

In honor of Jerry Ward on his birthday on January 30
By Pamela Shuman

Given to Stained Glass Windows Renovation Project

In memory of Jani Prugh

By Ray and Jean Adams
By Susan, Louis, and John Albert Hankins
By Paula Grubb
By Dan, Pat, and Heather Donaldson

In memory of Carolyn Ward

By Randy and Pam Harley

Given to Memorial Fund

In memory of Carrie Allison

By Diane Strimer
By Demetrios Balderes

Given to Capital Improvement Fund

In memory of Carrie Allison

By Deane Gray

**Save the Date: May 19
Simon Room 2-4pm**

The Harley's Baby Shower



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March Birthdays

1	Ashley Deans	16	Lauren Hinkle
3	Dr. Nancy Sallee	16	Maggie Ward
5	Betty Fletcher	16	Stewart Cowles
6	Cissy Kite	16	Caroline Barr
6	Tim Ward	16	Jared Stokes
7	Roy Klumb	16	Maggie Yancey
7	David Dalton	17	Kyle King III
7	John DeWit	17	Richard Delosh
8	Felecia Payne	18	Bryan Root
9	Noah Maxwell	19	Kay Payne
9	Rachel Schell	20	Tylan Lamb
12	Susan Jackson	20	Stan Shelton
13	Payton Hopkins	21	Dan Donaldson
14	Harper Cobble	21	Joy Schrotenboer
14	Barbara Freeland	23	Ian Self
14	Robert Foster	25	Ellen Ellenburg
14	Andy Wehrle	26	Melissa Dalton
15	Mike Laposky	31	John Albert Hankins

March Anniversaries

2	Dr. Nancy & David Sallee
8	Andy & Eva Wehrle
10	Glenn & Heather Doyle
16	Lynn & Debbie Collins
24	Ed & Ann Rice
26	Mike & Patti Hopkins
27	Bob & Chris Thorpe
30	Scott and Mandy Deans

Did I miss a Birthday or Anniversary?

You can send the information to my email

fpcscity@embarqmail.com

Thank you, Mindy

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APRIL Leadership

Date	Main St. Door Greeter	Lectionary Readers	Sanctuary Side Door Greeter	Flowers
7-Apr	Joyce Johnson	Beverly Selmeski	Beverly Selmeski	Open
14-Apr	Leeann Smith	Felecia Payne	Pam Harley	Open
21-Apr	Nellie Blevins	Jay Oberfeiting	Zan Walker	Nick Mitchell
28-Apr	Joyce Johnson	Joyce Johnson	Chris Kilday	Open

Gideons Report: Soldier(s) For Christ

Joel Diaz was doing his mandatory military service at the age of 18 when Gideons arrived to do a military distribution. His first reaction when he saw the Testament was to reject it because he thought he didn't need it. The problem was that the sergeant in charge was Christian. When the sergeant saw Joel with a displeased face, he approached him. He took the Testament and put it in Joel's chest pocket, saying, "From now on, I want to see you with this book on your chest every day; and I want to see you reading it regularly."

For Joel, this was punishment. However, he realized that he felt better every time he read the Testament. Within a few months, he approached the sergeant and began asking him questions about the Testament. He eventually prayed to give his life to Christ.

Joel thanks Gideons and Auxiliary for their unconditional work distributing God's Word.

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Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday March 10, 2024

International Women's Day (which is March 8) recognizes the extraordinary acts of courage and determination by ordinary women around the world. In 1908, National Women's Day was established in honor of the garment workers' strike in New York. Thereafter, women in the United States and Europe held rallies to express solidarity with other activists and the Russian women's peace movement during World War I. International Women's Day was first celebrated by the United Nations in 1975 and has continued its global connections. In worship and daily living, Christians are called to greater support of women's rights and their full participation in both political and economic arenas of life. The Presbyterian Church (USA) marks the Sunday nearest to March 8 as Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday.

General Fund Update

General Funds	January 2024	YTD
=====		
Budgeted	\$33,843.00	\$33,843.00
Expenditures	\$33,877.00	\$33,877.00
Offerings	<u>\$40,223.60</u>	<u>\$40,223.60</u>
	\$6,346.60	\$6,346.60

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Presbyterian Women



PW Coordinating Team meets Thursday, March 14, at 1 pm in the Church Library and via Zoom.

Agape Circle meets Thursday, March 21 at 11 am in the church library and via Zoom. Plan to join as Pastor Todd leads us in Lesson 7 of the PW/Horizons Bible Study "Sacred Encounters."

Team #4 will feed the Woodcutters March 2 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

A Baked Potato/Salad Bar hosted by PW is planned for Palm Sunday, March 24, immediately following the 11 am worship service. The cost is by donation with proceeds going to support the Capital Improvement Fund (building maintenance). Save the date and plan to join us for good food, fellowship, and homemade desserts.



With Sympathy

Our Sympathies to Sue Richard, family, and friends in the passing of her brother.

Our Sympathies to Jerry Ward, David, Tim and Jeff Ward, family, and friends in the passing of Carolyn Ward.

Our Sympathies to Phil Bachman, P.B. & Amanda Bachman, family, and friends in the passing wife and mother Martha Bachman.

Food Bank Needs: Crackers**Moment for Mission February 4, 2024
Radio Ministry**

Today's M4M is our Radio Ministry Programming. The FPC Radio Ministry is the enduring piece of an expanding menu of media offerings that reflects engaging our faith community with the technology they use on a daily basis. Our weekly broadcast is sent to WGRV to be played during the Sunday 11-11:30 AM time slot. Note that this is not a live broadcast, as it was many years ago, but a 30 minute 'PODcast' format that includes music, scripture, sermon, and one hymn with a one-week delay. This is done by editing both sound and video streams separately and adding a greeting, worship notes, events, and links to FPC's website. Our own Greg Cartwright is the architect of each episode and has mastered the digital editing and remixing to fit a broadcast time slot.

It is important to note that your regular Sunday giving to our church helps to make this broadcast possible. These individual weekly podcast programs are included on the website along with other media such as videos of All Saint's services, Wednesdays at First Presbyterian, Agape Circle, Special Events, Living Waters group, Holiday services, and more (archived back to 2020).

While radio seems quaint as a fading technology, we should remember that our "Mission and Outreach" in this community should remain inclusive for folks that still get the comfort from words broadcast on the radio dialed to WGRV. Those words become part of a digital legacy beyond radio; something seemingly small as a 30-minute program for radio has blossomed into our archive. Live video streaming of our services is presented every Sunday and becomes immediately available on our church Facebook page and church YouTube channel after the service concludes.

Or if the internet fails, hear the words of Randy Travis in his album 'Worship and Faith' – "Turn your radio on and get in touch with God, listen to the music in the air; Turn your radio on and in the glory share."

Thank you

Food Bank Needs: Crackers*2024 Community Lenten Services*

(a Community Lenten Worship Experience, brought to you by 6 downtown churches in Greeneville)

In-person and live-streamed by the host church.

Schedule

12:00 – 12:30 pm each Wednesday,
from February 21 through March 27.

February 21: St. James Episcopal
Guest Preacher: Casey Nicholson

February 28: First Presbyterian
Guest Preacher: Sylvia Countess

March 6: Trinity United Methodist
Guest Preacher: Todd Jenkins

March 13: Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian
Guest Preacher: Jerry Jones

March 20: Reformation Lutheran
Guest Preacher: Sarah Varnell

March 27: Asbury United Methodist
Guest Preacher: Ken Saunders

Food Bank Needs: Crackers**CHURCH BOOKMARKS**

If you attend in person the 8:30AM or 11:00AM worship service, you have probably noticed new 'Welcome to First Presbyterian Church' bookmarks which have been placed in the pew racks. On the front of the bookmark is a beautiful picture of the church and chapel. On the back is important and helpful contact information for connectional opportunities, calendar of events, and staff contact information.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE A BOOKMARK!

Remember in Prayer

Mission:

- Danny Sharpe & Hollman Mendoza (Vida Joven Nicaragua)
- Nicaragua's Santa Lastenia Clinic
- Please remember military and first responders with PTSD.

Charles Avery
Beverly Barwick
*Ellen Canupp
+Andrew Dalton
David Dalton
Lisa Deans
Shelia Fillers
Haskell Fox
Dr. Mark & Susie
Hannis

Jim & Sarah Hornsby
Ellas Hughes
*Jackson Jeter
*John Lopez
Mary Borden Neas
Susan Powell
Tim Price
Sherry Quillin
+Austin Riggs
+Anthony Sasscer

Maggie Joy Selmeski
Terry Stewart
+Charlie Wilcox
+Robyn Wilcox
+Wyatt Wilson
+Clay Yancey

• +Military serving stateside.

*Military serving overseas.

Food Bank Needs: Crackers**Moment for Mission February 18, 2024****Explore the Arts**

Our Moment for Mission this morning is to tell you about Exploring the Arts, an art project to help children in our community explore their creativity, build positive relationships, and have fun!

Your regular Sunday giving along with a grant from the TN Arts Commission and a donation from Youth Builders, makes this program possible.

Each winter-spring season (this is our third year), we work with about 40 2nd-6th graders to introduce them to the visual arts, musical arts, and improv theater. And we pick up children who need a ride! Mostly we meet here at the church on Saturday mornings and weekdays during Spring Break, but two weeks ago we took a field trip to downtown Johnson City to meet with mural artist, Jason Flack, and see his murals up close. While there, First Pres in JC generously allowed us to use their fellowship hall as a base for doing some drawing and eating pizza after walking around downtown. Having the experience of meeting with an artist in his own space, was so exciting to the kids—and the artist! For the last two weeks, the kids have been creating their own canvases. Next week we will take a field trip to Knoxville to meet the Knoxville Poet Laureate as we begin our musical journey. Our music sessions will also include singing in rounds, beat boxing, and trying out the band instruments at Tusculum University.

April 13 will be our big dinner and showcase when all the arts will be on display—more details to come!

If you are interested in knowing more or volunteering—we especially need drivers to pick up and take home the kids March 11-14—please see me after church, call me, or call the church office.

Sally

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March Lectionary Readings

March 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 10

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-44
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 24

Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1 - 15:47

March 25

Monday of Holy Week

Isa. 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Heb. 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isa. 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Cor. 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isa. 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Heb 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

March 28

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29

Good Friday

Isa. 52:13-53:12
Ps. 22
Heb. 10:16-25 OR
Heb. 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

March 31

Easter Morning

Acts 10:34-43 OR
Isa. 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor. 15:1-11 OR
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 OR
Luke 24:1-12

Easter Evening

Isa. 25:6-9
Ps. 114
1 Cor. 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

Holy Week Schedule

- March 24 Palm Sunday
830 am - Christ Chapel,
11 am - FPC Sanctuary
- March 27 Wednesday Lenten Service
12:00 pm @ Asbury UM Church
- March 28 Maundy Thursday
7 pm - FPC Sanctuary
- March 29 Good Friday Community Service
7 pm @ First Presbyterian Church
- March 31 Easter Sunday
7:00 am - @ Mt. Bethel Cemetery
8:30 am - Christ Chapel
11 am - FPC Sanctuary

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A big thank you to the congregation of FPC for all your prayers and support during our recent Living Waters for the World mission trip to Belize. As they say in Belize, it was unbelizeable!

We plan to share our experience with you at a WFC dinner soon.

We would like to express a very special thanks to Deane Gray who served as our publicity person sending pictures to our Facebook page. Also the biggest thanks to Andy and Eva Wehrle who drove us to Charlotte at the crack of dawn and came back 11 days later to bring us home.

Your Belize LWW team,
Jennie and Todd Jenkins, Chris Kilday, Tim Miller,
Jeanne Stokes, and Mary Alice Williams

Join US

We will welcome Tusculum University Women's Soccer Team to dinner on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:30.

Our church sponsors the team and this fellowship shows our gratitude to the hard working young people. Please make reservations with the church office for a Taco Salad meal, as you visit with the team.

There will be a simple craft for the children of the church to make with the team assistance.

Please make plans to join in the fellowship and fun.



The Food Bank

In January, FPC donated a total of 147 pounds of pasta, and miscellaneous food items to the Greeneville, Greene County Ministries Food Bank.

Last Month we collected jars of Peanut Butter.

This month we are collecting Crackers. Our goal is to collect 100 boxes.

Food Bank Needs: Crackers

Deacons Meeting
April 7, 2024
12 noon

Food Bank Needs: Crackers



Recycling update

2023 Totals

Steel & Aluminum cans:
\$ 592.65 = 8,156 lbs

Cardboard:
\$ 3,363.79 = 152,860 lbs

Pallets:
\$ 1,983.50 = 799 pieces

Total \$ 6,074.21
162,447 lbs

Cleaning out after the holidays???

Art Teachers are looking for pieces of fabric, ribbons, any small notions which their students could use to create collages. We are also collecting calendars with pictures, greeting card fronts, and cardboard tubes. Remember, one person's trash becomes another's treasure!!

APRIL Bell Article Deadline

Wednesday, March 20th

E-mail articles to: fpcscty@gmail.com



MARCH 2024

2	9:00 a.m. Exploring the Arts 12:00 p.m. Woodcutters Lunch (FH)	12	Spring Break No School 9:00 a.m. Exploring the Arts 5:30 p.m. Finance & Facilities
3	Third Sunday in Lent 5 Cents-A-Meal Offering 8:30 a.m. In-Person Worship in Christ Chapel 9:30 a.m. Sunday school In person and ZOOM meetings 11:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary FaceBook live Service 12:00 p.m. Punch & Cookies 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.	13	Spring Break No School NO Wednesday at First Church 9:00 a.m. Exploring the Arts 10:00 a.m. Chandelier Cleaning 12:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Greeneville Cumberland Church 6:30 p.m. Choir practice
6	12:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Trinity United Methodist Church Wednesdays at First Church 2:30 p.m. FPkidz and Youth 5:30 p.m. family meal 6:30 p.m. Choir practice	14	Spring Break No School 9:00 a.m. Exploring the Arts 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. N2N Free Showers 4:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach 5:30 p.m. Congregational Life
7	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. N2N Free Showers 6:30 p.m. E & E ZOOM mtg.	15	Spring Break No School
10	Forth Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time begins Spring Break 8:30 a.m. In-Person Worship in Christ Chapel 9:30 a.m. Sunday school In person and ZOOM meetings 11:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary FaceBook live Service 12:00 p.m. Home Communion 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.	16	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
11	Spring Break No School 9:00 a.m. Explore the Arts	17	Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:30 a.m. In-Person Worship in Christ Chapel 9:30 a.m. Sunday school In person and ZOOM meetings 11:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary FaceBook live Service 1:00 p.m. Session meeting 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.
		20	12:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Reformation Lutheran Church Wednesdays at First Church 2:30 p.m. FPkidz and Youth 5:30 p.m. family meal 6:30 p.m. Choir practice
		21	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. N2N Free Showers 11:00 a.m. Agape Circle meeting

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23	9:00 a.m. Exploring the Arts
24	Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m. In-Person Worship in Christ Chapel 9:30 a.m. Sunday school In person and ZOOM meetings 11:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary FaceBook live Service 12:00 p.m. PW Baked Potato/ Salad Bar fundraiser 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.
26	Holy Week 12:00 p.m. Faith & Grief <i>(Simon Room)</i>
27	Holy Week No Wednesdays at First Church 12:00p.m. Lenten Service @ Asbury Methodist Church 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
28	Maundy Thursday 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. N2N Free Showers 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service @ FPC
29	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Community Service @ First Presbyterian Church
30	12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt @ TU Sam Doak House Museum
31	Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service @ Mt. Bethel Cemetery 8:30 a.m. In-Person Worship in Christ Chapel 9:30 a.m. Sunday school In person and ZOOM meetings 11:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary FaceBook live Service 7:00 p.m. Library Class ZOOM mtg.

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