



News of *Fountain City Presbyterian Church*

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WOW October 24— 5:30 p.m. **Dinner** – Menu: spaghetti night, salad, bread, dessert; 6:30 p.m. **Program:** Chapters 3,5 & 6 of *Our Connectional Church*. Sign up for dinner by using the reservation forms found in the pewholders or email the church office.

What: Caregiver Support Group for Dementia Diseases

Where: Fireside Room

When: Second Thursdays

Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m Lunch Provided

Cost: Free

Facilitators: Susan Espiritu/ Kathy Castenir

Our focus will be to:

- ~ Gain understanding about the disease
- ~ Share approaches to care giving,
 - ~ Lift each other up
- ~ Take care of ourselves as we take care of our loved ones
- ~ Find ways to give to others as they travel this journey
- ~ Most importantly, remembering to laugh and live life, even through this process

First meeting will be on November 15th and all future meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month.

Fellowship Event - Sunday, October 28- annual **Trunk or Treat & Hayride** at the Babelay Farm (5820 Babelay Drive) beginning at 4:00 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring chili, side dishes, or smore's makings, and Halloween candy for trunk or treating. Don't forget to dress up in your best costume. Join us for fun with the following: Pumpkin Smashing, Bon Fire, Animals from the John Knox [Nature Center](#), Bounce House, Say Hello to our Donkey's Caillou and Doris and Family Photo opportunity.

Fountain City Elementary School will be having their PTO Grounds Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 27 from 8-noon. Anyone who can help will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a **congregational meeting on Sunday, October 28** during worship to approve the *Session class of 2021* – Denna Grogan, Michael Limbaugh, Lisa New, Jeff Thomas and Tony Tuk and *Trustees class of 2021* – Brett Miller and David Noel.

The PNC has been interviewing candidates for our pastor position that has been open since the retirement of Max Reddick in the summer of 2017. Most recently, we are digging deeper with a smaller group of candidates from a wide spread area geographically. The PNC has been using the Zoom video conferencing app so as to have real time on screen with each person to assess which of these, assuming the field is narrowed further, will be brought in for a sermon and worship service offsite somewhere in East TN that will be attended surreptitiously by your PNC. We have had a total of 41 Personal Information Forms submitted through the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection site (the matchmaking link from PCUSA for churches and ministers) and have been hard at work evaluating them since late June. We pray for God's light in this discerning process in hopes that we will be led to the one person God has already picked out so we can move forward with the approval and transition process. We hope that you will continue in your prayers for us and we ask for your continued patience with this process.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." MATTHEW 19:14, NIV

Over the past 25 years, Operation Christmas Child has delivered more than 157 million shoebox gifts to children in need around the world. These tangible expressions of God's love allow churches to share the Gospel in areas they might not otherwise access, transforming entire families and communities. It is an opportunity for individuals of all ages (including you!) to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project that reaches out to suffering children while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift.

Assembled shoeboxes are available by the bulletin board in the hall outside the sanctuary. Each shoebox contains the following information inside: a label to designate age and gender of intended recipient, an envelope for contributions for shipping, and details about permissible contents). You may also wrap your own standard-size shoebox (base and lid separately) or use a plastic box the size of a standard shoebox. Fill the box with small gifts (suggestions noted below), place a rubber band around the box, include a contribution of \$9 to cover shipping and project costs, note the age and gender of the intended recipient on the label provided, and return it to the church no later than **November 18th**. (DO **NOT** WRAP, TAPE OR SEAL THE BOX CLOSED.) Then continue to pray for the child who will receive your gift. Please consider this opportunity to share the joy of Christmas and the message of God's love by participating in Operation Christmas Child!

GIFT IDEAS

“WOW” TOY: Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

OTHER GIFTS: Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

A PERSONAL NOTE: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

Need more information? Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>