

First Presbyterian Church
721 Church St.
Jefferson City, TN 37760

MISSION CORNER

Our Church's Mission Committee continues to support the various needs of our community during these uncertain times.

1) KARM continues to give us gift cards for use in their thrift store which we offer to our Church Street Cafe clients as we continue to donate our surplus items to their local store. As you are doing your seasonal cleaning out, remember this ministry and the fact that we have volunteers who can pickup and deliver items to KARM for you. 2) The Necessities Pantry at the Neighborhood Center where many apply for public assistance like Food Stamps, have a Necessities Pantry to which we contribute much needed items like personal and household cleaning supplies laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, etc. Our collection box for donations is in the back Sunday School Hall.

We greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide! For more information about you can help us help others, call Eva Zirkle@ 865-640-88745 or 865-475-4329

Please pray for our missionary friends Bruce and Deb Robinson of Crossworld/ODRINO in northwest Haiti. They've asked for 10 people to pray for their ministry this year; will you be one of the ten? They are praising God for drinking and irrigation water they have been able to provide in their area. They ask for prayers for their and their coworkers' safety to keep doing their work, and that the food and drinking water crises would abate so they can get back to building churches and schools.

October 2022 Newsletter, Rev. Robert White, Interim

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GUEST PREACHER

GUEST MINISTER—On Sunday, October 2nd, we will be having Rev. Dr. Rex Rogers joining us for worship. Rev. Dr. Rogers has been in the ministry for over 35 years. He received his Master of Divinity from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986 and is Doctor of Ministry from there in 2013. He is currently the consultant to the President for Pastoral Relations at Judson University.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Sunday, October 2nd, is World Communion Sunday. On this Sunday we will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Through our participation, our church extends Christ's peace throughout our community with 25% of the offering being used locally and sent to The River in Johnson City. The River has served thousands of women and children in need. Many are without support networks and are at severe risk of falling between the cracks into greater poverty, homelessness, and desperation. We believe that every woman has gifts and strengths that she can build on to be successful and it is our hope that The River can bring new life!

Founders Day

FOUNDERS DAY—Join us for Founder's Day! Since 1867, the Presbyterian church at Mossy Creek has served God in this community. Come celebrate with us as we remember God's faithfulness through the ages. This year's celebration will be Sunday, October 9th, and our minister this year is Rev. Karen Russell, the Transitional Stated Clerk of Holston Presbytery. Immediately following the service, we will be having a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be provided by the Fellowship and Evangelism Committee. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to come and share this special day with us!



HEATHER OUT—OFFICE CLOSED—OCTOBER 9-14

Heather will be on vacation from Sunday, October 9-Saturday, October 15. During that time the Church Office will be **CLOSED**. *Bulletins for the weeks of October 9 and 16 will be printed on Thursday, October 6th. While the office is closed, if there is an emergency or you need pastoral care, please contact Ted Folsom at 423-748-2810 or tw3folsom@yahoo.com.*



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at 8:00 a.m., at Perkins in Dandridge.



CHURCH STREET CAFÉ DELIVERY—We are in need of volunteers to help with our next delivery of food from Midwest FoodBank on Wednesday, October 12th at 11:30 a.m. We will need help unloading, sorting and stocking the goods.



PIZZA, PAINT, AND PUMPKINS! —All the young and young at heart are invited! Please join us on Sunday, October 23rd, immediately following worship for a pizza and pumpkin painting party outside in the west lawn! Pizza, art supplies, and pumpkins will be provided. Please let Whitney Drees (423-748-2811) know by Thursday, October 20th if you'll be able to attend!

B&G CORNER

The repair and repainting of the east church sign is about three-quarters complete. The goal is to hang it back up during the week of 2 October as long as weather allows.

Back in June and July the B&G Corners mentioned the forming of an Audio-Video Task Force. The goal of the Task Force was to better understand the audio-video livestreaming church service technological landscape and submit a grant request for funds to the Synod of Living Waters. The grant request has been submitted so we are awaiting feedback from the powers that be. The group has met with consumers of the technology (i.e. representatives from other churches) as well as a couple of full service vendors. We have received two sets of proposals in which the Task Force is still weighing the pros and cons.

Finally the ice machine has been acting up. We have had a repair company out multiple times in the recent weeks and we think it is finally fixed. Hopefully the church water bill will reflect the completed repair!

			
MONTHLY INCOME			
SEPT. TOTAL—\$6,985.00			
(\$16,140 is needed monthly to meet budget)			
YTD ACTUAL INCOME YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) INCOME/EXPENSES			
	ACTUAL	PRORATED	YTD
INCOME	\$147,070.48	\$128,175.45*	\$138,802.50
EXPENSES	\$117,036.71		\$189,478.31
ACTUAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$30,033.77			
YTD PRORATED INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$11,138.74			
** Some members pay their entire yearly pledges in January. This number has been adjusted to reflect what actual giving through September would be, if completed yearly pledges, were divided out monthly.			

- SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**
- Session approved vacation for Reverend White for October 2 through October 9 2022.
 - Approved moving Communion from October 2 to October 9, 2022. The pulpit supply minister on the 9th is Presbyterian. Approved pulpit supply for the 2nd is Rex Rogers and on the 9th is the Stated Clerk of Presbytery Karen Russell.
 - Approved to offer to Presbytery an invitation for our church to host the quarterly meeting on November 7, 2023.
 - Received the Pastor’s Report as information.
 - Received an update from the PNC. Thus far, 70 individuals have reviewed our MIF. The committee has received 51 PIF’s and are examining them for those considered to be worthy of further examination.
 - Lyle Juroff gave a review of the last meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery is seeking increased participation by ruling elders on the Presbytery’s various committees. Presbytery wants to improve relations between itself and its churches. FPC Kingsport has an exemplary program for homeless women which was highlighted.
 - The application for the technology grant from Presbytery, from the Synod, has been submitted. Reverend Greg Cartwright, FPC Greenville, will offer a technology class for churches interested in learning more about this method to widen their presence to the community.
 - Received a very comprehensive report from Building and Grounds on their activities for the last quarter. Big items are completion of the sanctuary floor repair of termite damage and installation of the four new benches at the Memorial Brick space. Repairs were made to the ice machine and dehumidifier in the basement.
 - Received report from Christian Education. The new education materials have been received and use begins soon. The Adult Class will continue meeting by Zoom because we have attendees who visit remotely from outside this area.
 - Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for October 30, 2022.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Hybrid Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. (Rev. Rex Rogers)	3 Jackson Drees Keely Needs Barbara Wilson Ted & Beth Folsom	4 Building & Grounds Meeting 6:30 pm.	5 MISSION COM. 11:00 A.M.	6	7 Dail & Ruth Meadows	8
Robert out						
9 Communion Hybrid Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (Rev. Karen Russell) 10:45 a.m. FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON 12:00 P.M. Robert out Troy & Jessica Evans	10 Kent Clouser Anne Woodruff	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Church Street Café 4:30-6:00 p.m.	12 CSC DELIVERY 11:30 a.m.	13	14	15
Heather Out/Office Closed						
16 Hybrid Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.	17 Whitney Drees Carol Antoniewicz	18	19 Worship Com. Meeting 10:00 a.m. Session 6:30 p.m.	20 Abby Reagan	21 David Noonkesser	22
23 Hybrid Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Pizza, Paint, & Pumpkins 12:00 p.m.	24 Jessica Evans	25 Church Street Café 4:30-6:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29
30 Hybrid Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	31 Kylie Drees					