

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Jefferson City, Tennessee
Organized in 1867 as The Presbyterian Church at Mossy Creek

August 2026 Newsletter

Sunday School Options: Generations of Faith and Coffee & Conversation

Beginning Sunday, September 6, at 9:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church will launch a new Sunday School opportunity: Generations of Faith, which will pull together The Parlor Class, The Youth Class, and Little Presbyterians. This new multi-generational class is designed for every one of every age. It is rooted in the conviction that faith is best nurtured in community and that every generation has something valuable to offer the others. Those who have walked with Christ for many years bring wisdom, experience, and stories of faith to share. At the same time, children, youth, and young adults remind us to see the world with fresh eyes, ask honest questions, and embrace new ways of learning (and perhaps even teach the rest of us how to update our computer software).



Generations of Faith will begin each Sunday with all ages—children, youth, college students, and adults—meeting in the Fellowship Hall where a light breakfast will be available. Once folks are settled, we will share prayer, Scripture, conversation, and videos or other media as we explore a common biblical theme. Midway through the class, adults—and older youth who wish to continue the discussion—will remain together for deeper conversation, while children and younger youth move to separate spaces to explore the same lesson through activities designed especially for their age group.

If you are looking for a casual, off-site Sunday School option for adults, Coffee & Conversation meets each Sunday at 60 Beans Coffee for coffee, fellowship, and thoughtful discussion centered on questions and themes inspired by the upcoming sermon and the practice of faith in everyday life. Parents who attend Coffee and Conversation may simply drop off their children in the Fellowship Hall or Nursery at 9:30 a.m. before heading to the coffee shop.

If you are interested in attended Sunday School this year—on site or off—please join us for our Sunday School Kickoff August 30th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with a delicious breakfast and then preview the curriculum and format for the Generations of Faith class, as well as introduce some new technology that will allow us to incorporate online resources more effectively, improve hybrid participation, and create an even more engaging learning environment for learners of every generation.

As we begin this new year of Christian education at First Presbyterian Church, we hope you will give Generations of Faith or Coffee & Conversation a try. Gathering in a small group to explore the ways of Jesus with fellow believers strengthens our relationships, deepens our faith, and helps us grow together as the body of Christ.

Grace & Peace,
Dr. Glenda Hollingshead

Blessing of the Backpacks



We invite our children, teachers, and all school personnel to bring backpacks, bags, or briefcases to the front of the sanctuary for a special blessing during worship.

August 2 at 10:45 a.m.

I-Day VBS For All Ages



Saturday, August 8
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year we will explore The Wild Garden. Join us for a Book Walk, Bible Study, Bingo, and much more. Lunch is provided!



Join us for the annual church picnic
at the Drees' house on Cherokee Lake!

Sunday, August 9
2pm to 6pm
3031 Lee Ridge Road
Morristown, TN 37814

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share!
(Church will provide drinks)

Activities include:

Boating on the lake
Bounce house
Lawn games
Relaxing on the porch



Meals for the Evans Family



Jessica Evans will undergo surgery on August 10. As she recovers, her family would be grateful if our church family could provide a few meals during the two weeks following her surgery. For those who would like to help, a SignUpGenius email will be sent next week for volunteers to provide meals during the weeks of August 10 (Tuesday and Thursday) and August 17 (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).



The family enjoys typical American fare-such as pasta, pizza, and chicken tenders-as well as Mexican food (nothing too spicy).



Thank you in advance for your kindness, generosity, and care as we support Jessica and her family during her recovery.



Men's Breakfast



Tuesday, August 11th
at 9:00 a.m.

Perkins in Dandridge





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
721 CHURCH STREET
JEFFERSON CITY, TN

CHURCH STREET CAFE

August 11th 4:00-5:30 p.m.



@fpcjeffcity.org



Packing Bags for CSC



Those who are available and willing, please plan to stay about half an hour after the service Sunday, August 30th, to pack grocery bags for Church Street Café in the Fellowship Hall.
Thank you!





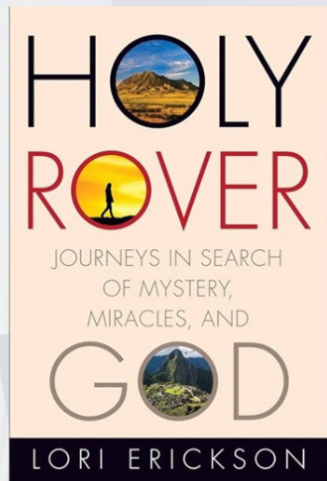
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Moving Together in Faith & Fellowship

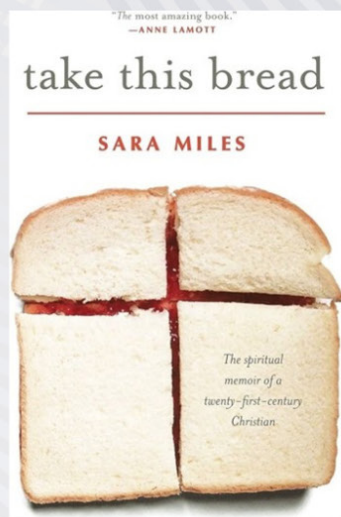


Make plans to join the fun!
Kayaking at Cherokee Dam
Saturday, Aug 22nd at 10:00 a.m.
and Hiking at Panther Creek after
Worship, October 4th.

Remaining Books for Holy Conversations in 2026



In *Holy Rover: Journeys in Search of Mystery, Miracles, and God*, travel writer Lori Erickson blends memoir and pilgrimage as she visits sacred sites around the world. Each journey—from Lourdes to Iona to Machu Picchu—becomes a lens for reflecting on faith, doubt, and the search for the holy in everyday life. Drawing on encounters with people from many spiritual traditions, Erickson provides a meaningful and often playful exploration of what it means to seek God across cultures and landscapes. The result is an engaging invitation to see travel itself as a spiritual journey. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 p.m., when we will gather on Zoom to discuss this book.



In *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion*, Sara Miles tells the story of her unexpected journey from atheism to Christian faith after wandering into a church and receiving Holy Communion for the first time. The experience transforms her life and leads her to start a food pantry that feeds hundreds of people each week. Through vivid storytelling, Miles connects the sacrament of bread and wine with the real hunger of the world, showing how faith can take shape through acts of radical hospitality. The result is a moving memoir about conversion, community, and the power of sharing bread with strangers.

If you would like us to add your family Tartan to our Kirkin' of the Tartan's service in October please contact Heather in the church office by Sunday, August 16.

MISSIONS

Thanks to everyone who has brought personal care or cleaning products in for the Neighborhood Center's Necessities Pantry during July – or will in the future. As you know, the need is ongoing, and the bin is in the back hallway.

Your Mission Committee has decided that we will once again collect items to support the two county animal shelters during August as our monthly Mission focus. The items will be dedicated and delivered in September. Here is the list provided by each shelter:

CARE (Companion Animal Rescue & Education):

Pedigree Dog Food - dry	Pedigree Puppy Food - dry
Purina Cat chow - dry	Dog treats
Purina Kitten Chow	Canned cat food (any brand)
Cat and Dog toys	Canned kitten food (any brand)
Liquid Laundry Detergent	Nitrile Exam Gloves (medium & large)
Clorox Wipes	Bleach
Fabuloso	Antibacterial Hand Soap
Paper Towels and Toilet Paper	Blue Dawn Dish Soap
Heavy duty 50-gallon contractor trash bags	Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
Blankets, washcloths, towels	Copy paper

They also could use volunteers, though it would be hard to leave those on the Amen corner pew through August(!), and could always use monetary donations. If you wish to do that, please make donations directly to the shelter.

Humane Society of Jefferson County:

Fabuloso (gallon jugs)	Dog Food (wet and dry)
Cat Food (wet and dry)	Cat Litter (any kind, preferably World's Best cat litter)
Bleach	Laundry detergent
Dawn Dishwasher Liquid	Leashes
Hard dog toys	Dog harnesses (all sizes)
Throw blankets	Dog bowls (any size)

Prayers for our Mission partners: We always ask, as part of the Mission grant process, how we may pray for them. Here is the request from our friends Bruce and Deb Robinson: Because of the security situation in Haiti, we are praising God that we can even be in Haiti and keep working. It is harder and more expensive than ever to work in Haiti, but the needs are greater than they have ever been. Pray that we can continue working effectively in Haiti and that there would be a harvest of souls at the jail. And that the crowding conditions can be improved.

Please contact chair Carol Antoniewicz or any other member of the committee (Del Deaton, Linda Noonkesser, and Linda Raines) with any ideas or comments you have on Mission or Creation Care.

A "Save the Planet" Moment brought to you by Creation Care



If you have school-age kids or pack your own lunch for work, make a change this school year that moves you away from single-use plastic baggies or disposable wraps. Make an investment in some high-quality, re-usable containers or cloth snack bags. If you don't pack lunches for anyone in your family, is there a family you know to whom you can gift such containers?

And, with the back-to-school season upon us, shop at a second-hand store or organize a clothing swap for what the kids need this year, rather than buy all new clothes, backpacks, and school supplies. Over-consumerism and the desire for new things contribute to an unsustainable economy that continues to deplete the earth of natural resources. Remember the old saying, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without." © The Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.

Please continue to collect your clean glass bottles and jars, no lids, and let Carol know when you bring some to church for her to collect to take to the Blount County recycling center. Thanks!

Though they didn't mention it in their email, they did on the phone: please continue to bring in your old newspapers for the CARE animal shelter, and put them in the back hallway next to the bin for the Neighborhood Center.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTHLY INCOME
June Total

\$9,913

YTD ACTUAL INCOME YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD)
INCOME/EXPENSES

	ACTUAL	PRORATED	YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$109,597	\$104,587*	\$104,686
EXPENSES	\$108,923		\$112,531

ACTUAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES: \$623

YTD PRORATED INCOME OVER EXPENSES: (\$4,336)

Some members pay their entire yearly pledges in January.
This number has been adjusted to reflect what actual giving through June would be, if completed yearly pledges, were divided out monthly.

SPECIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR JUNE

Five Cents a Meal

Church Street Cafe

Zirkle Estate Sale Funds for Church Street Cafe



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks	3 Sue Swilley	4	5	6 Ted Folsom	7	8 1-Day VBS 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
9 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Church Picnic 2:00-6:00 p.m.	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Church Street Café 4:00 p.m.	12 Tom & Stacy Kirkpatrick	13 Jeff & Whitney Drees	14	15
16 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Session Meeting Zoom 6:00 p.m. Sam O'Hare Doug Moses	17	18 Rod McCash	19	20	21 Jim Deaton	22 Kayaking at Cheerokee Dam 10:00 a.m.
23 Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26 Lyle & Kathy Juroff	27	28	29
30 Sunday School Kickoff 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Packing CSC Bags	31					

Adulting Together Ministry You're Invited!

For adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s

Our next Adulting Together Ministry event is on Sunday, September 6th after worship. Parents are invited to leave their children at church, where they will be fed and entertained, while the adults enjoy a child free afternoon. Whether you're single, married, with kids, or without - come connect, relax, and grow in community.

Prayer Concerns

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Arlene Peck

Bill Vest

Doug Moses

Jama Seahorn

The health and wellbeing of our country and those who live within its borders

Members of the military & their families

Peace in Ukraine, The Holy Land, Iran, and other war-torn nations

ILL AND RECOVERING:

Wayne Hershberger, Jessica Evans' uncle, who has aggressive lung cancer

Terri, Ted Folsom's cousin, who is undergoing chemotherapy

Mike Frost, Janice Wintermute's nephew, who is recovering from surgery

Wayne King, who is having health issues

Angelia Ramsey, wife of Jim Deaton's friend, James, who has cancer

Kris Ridyard, who is undergoing immunotherapy

Paul Sorey, Linda Noonkesser's brother

Jane Sorey, Linda Noonkesser's sister-in-law

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who are invested in reflecting the love of Christ Jesus to the world.*

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