



# First Presbyterian

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## The Lighted Spire

October, 2017



### Sunday School - age 3 to grade 5

Our Sunday School class is doing a unit called "Gardening With God." We are studying Bible readings about plants and learning some things about plants and their importance. One of our projects will be to raise money to purchase seeds and a container garden through the PCUSA Giving Catalog as donations to the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We plan a "Noisy Offering" during worship on October 15 to collect money to support this mission. Also, our class decorated

bags as part of the Day of Caring. We will be passing out decorated bags and ask that the bags be returned with items to the front of the worship center. World Food Day is October 16, and we hope to collect lots of food from this project to donate to Human Services. Watch the bulletin board in the hall at the back of the worship center for news and updates about our studies and our mission projects. All children from age 3 to grade 5 are welcome to attend Sunday School.

**BRING A FRIEND  
TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**



Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers.

### Four12 - grades 6-12

**Sunday mornings 10am to 12 noon**

**Start in worship, then head upstairs after Children's Moment**

Every Sunday youth are welcome to come together to learn more about God, to worship Him and spend time with other teens. Four12 is our theme and directs our focus. There will be lots of snacks, so you can have breakfast on us. Sarah Smith and LaDonna Hamlin will be leading each Sunday morning.

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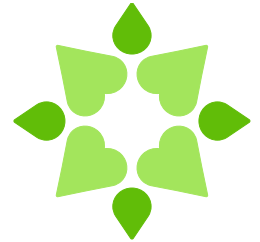
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## Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	Daniell Johnson
Bob Ardery	Lois Mitchell
Shelby Bowers	Mark Morningstar
Ray & Charline Brown	Becky Murnan
Clay Browning	Shirley Oeffinger
Ann Bruner	Jamie Orem
Vickie Butler	Sharon Orem
Naomi Catt	Tyler & Josh Orem
Randi Catt	Marilyn Phares
Charles Craft	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Bill English	Bill & Jonita Smith
Gordon Hamlin	Deloris Sorrell
Bonnie Harris	Gene & Marilyn VanCleve
George & Marian	Mary Ann Wasson
Hobbs	Bud Wertz
Linda Howell	Dawn Whitfield
Ashley Johnson	Miriam Willey
	Keith & Vickie Williams

## Church family and friends

Vicki Alexander, Paul Binder Sr., Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Wyatt Cameron, Alva Catt Jr., Amanda Catt, Betty Craft, Michael Craft, Bill Collins, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebrook, Vicki Hassebrook, Ashley Hedges, Janna Craft Hedges, Hunter, David Hunton, Jaxon, Jeremy Klakamp, Tammy, Teresa Marshall, Betty Nichols, Brad Nigh, Chelsea Overhage, Patricia Overmyer, Jim Overmyer, Lyn & Mary Kay Pitts, Marsha Pyle, Janet Roberts, Jon Ross, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Peggy Trittipo, Alice Wheeler, Cheryl White, Sally Willis, Susan Woledge

## Those in military service

Blake McIntire	Alex Dillon
Deryk Smith	Brett Walburn



Join us as we will celebrate World Communion at an outdoor service under the white tent in the side yard of the church. Worship will be held at 10:00am as usual.

Come, join us as we celebrate Communion with the world.

## Pastor Mark update

On September 20, Pastor Mark had surgery to clear out the blockage in his right carotid artery. Recovery is still on track, but will be taking some time for doctor visits and rest between now and Christmas. He will continue to preach on Sundays and will also work with the youth groups on Wednesday evenings. If you have a need, please call the office and let us know. As always, please keep Mark in your prayers.



**We offer our congratulations to Jake and Paige (Kenney) Teal who were married on Saturday, September 23 at an outdoor ceremony near Morristown. We offer our best wishes to the happy couple.**

## Small Groups

New members always welcome!



**Statler Group** meets in fellowship hall on Wednesdays at 8:00am. Just finished *The Shack* and will watch the movie on October 18. Will start a new 4-week Advent study about Joseph on November 15. Contact Carolyn Statler (317-395-4037).

**Wednesday Women's Group** meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the church parlor. They are studying *The Gospel According to Jonah*. Contact Janet Orem (317-398-7984) or Marilyn Bushfield (317-392-3165)

**Thursday Group** meets on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 in the church parlor. They are studying *Moses, in the Footsteps of the Reluctant Profit* by Adam Hamilton. Contact Janet Orem (317-398-7984) or Sheila Palmer (317-392-3322).



## D Deacons need your help!

Our collection of school supplies for the 2017-2018 school year is still going strong. The collection will continue until the end of January. Please take strips of paper from pockets on the large "pencil" in the parlor hallway. Return the supply named to either the collection basket beside the "pencil" or to the collection basket in the basement. Please help us to help the teachers and students in our community!

## CCC 55+

### Fourth Tuesday of each month

This fun group is for all who have had 55 birthdays! They will gather for lunch at Denny's in Shelbyville at 11:30am on October 24. Join the group for good food and fun conversation. Contact Judy Mitchell for a ride or for more information - 317-392-3038.

**New order of shirts has arrived-lots of sizes!  
\$8 each  
Youth & adult sizes!**



## Session Notice

The Session will meet on Monday, October 16 at 7:00pm in the church parlor. Please let Pastor Mark, Sandy Fisher, or Jane know if you are unavailable to attend.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Fourth Monday of each month

This small but mighty (and fun) group knits and crochets:

Prayer Shawls

for those going through transitions

Hats, scarves and mittens for Head Start

Beanies for premature babies

Blankets for cancer patients (new!)

Guests are always welcome to come and join this ministry. If you like to knit or crochet, come and check out this small, fun group. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, they will be glad to teach you and get you started.

The next meeting of this group will be on Monday, October 23 at 1:00pm at the home of Betty Alexander, 1507 Counselor Row. Call Betty (317-398-6940) if you have any questions, if you would like to donate any of these items, or if you know of someone who needs a prayer shawl.



# Day of Caring

Wow! What a weekend!

The Day of Caring kicked off a day early with a large group from the church going to the Shelbyville/Shelby County Animal Shelter on Saturday to volunteer.

Starting off with prayers, hymns, and a service of commissioning, Sunday sent a great group of us off to volunteer. Work included cleaning out and replacing mulch around the trees, clearing an over-grown fence line on the little ones' playground, and trimming bushes at Head Start and replacing a toilet, cleaning out gutters, trimming shrubs, clearing brush, and painting at five different houses through the local Board of Health. Work at the church had people writing thank you notes, packaging cookies, making thanksgiving decorations to share, decorating bags for the upcoming food drive, preparing meals and snacks for some of our members who were not able to join us, and preparing lunch for all the workers. Those going to visit with the members went off to share food and conversation. Once the cookies were packaged, groups of children and adults spread out over the city to deliver the goodies to the police department, the sheriff's department, and the fire stations. Check out some pictures from the Day of Caring! If you have pictures to share from your project, please email them to Jane.





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2017





## A View from the Pew — Day of Caring

We gathered — 70+ of us — from age 80+ to ages 1 year and 9 months (the last two gave us inspiration and joy). Mark led us in a short service of prayers and hymns. Then David Fisher (great job!) gave us our assignments and we fanned out over Shelbyville, fellowship hall, and our kitchen. The story on a previous page shows what we accomplished.

In fellowship hall, ladies were arranging hundreds of home-baked cookies on large platters and wrapping them with clear wrap and big bows. My favorite part was when the plates were handed to our primary school age kids. All the kids wore big smiles as they left to take the cookies to all those who work to keep us safe.

In the kitchen, folks were busy fixing lunches for our workers and our homebound members.

It was quite a sight as the workers returned for lunch. The neat green shirts were covered with paint, dirt, sweat and other unknown things. Faces were covered with smiles as they laughed and shared stories.

We worked to help others — and we did. But this year, as last year, we discovered that we had gained more than we gave. We had a feeling of service to our Lord. As we left I heard someone say, “Maybe we could do this more often than once a year...”



### World Food Day Challenge

As a part of the Day of Caring, the children from our 3-5th Sunday School class

decorated shopping bags for a special food drive challenge. The bags are now available for you to take home, fill up, then return to the front of the worship center so we can watch our collection grow! Even if you can't get to the church to pick up a bag, fill one of your own and bring it in. One special need that Human Services requests is size 4 or 5 diapers. World Food Day is October 16, and we hope to collect **lots** of food from this project to donate to Human Services' food pantry.

### Contact The Session

#### *Spiritual Growth*

#### *Christian Education/Worship*

Chris Cox

Sarah Smith

#### *Nurture & Evangelism*

#### *Fellowship/Congregational Care/Evangelism*

Dave Fisher

Dawn Whitfield

Harold Weaver

#### *Stewardship*

#### *Stewardship/Property/Personnel*

Jeff Clark

Scott Gabbard

Rollin Simpson

#### *Youth Elder*

Ethan Tillison

#### *Clerk of Session*

Sandy Fisher





The Choir is back for the fall, helping to lead us in worship each Sunday. They rehearse at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. On Sunday mornings they gather in the worship center at 9:30am to warm up.

If you have a love for music, come join this fun group. If you have questions, ask Cynthia or a member of the choir.

## **Sisters of Strength**

**New dates have been announced**

**October 1    November 5    December 3**

Once again First Presbyterian's "Sisters of Strength" is offering an opportunity for women to spend time with other women at the church. Our October gathering will be on October 1 at 6:30pm in fellowship hall. Cynthia Morningstar will be our guest speaker and yummy snacks will be provided. We will also provide child care. Our speaker in November will be Janet Orem, so mark that date on your calendar as well as December 3 and watch for further details.



## **Who can pass up a clearance rack???**

Check out our clearance display in fellowship hall to do some early Christmas shopping or to get something nice for yourself. We have wooden replicas of the church, and cookbooks. Quantities are limited so don't delay. **SHOP EARLY!** These are available for a \$5 donation each which will be used to help enhance our gift-giving through the Warm Fuzzy Tree at Christmas.

## **Wednesday Youth Activities for grades 6-12**

- 6:00** Doors open for free time.
- 7:00** Dinner for all
- 7:30** Separate Christ-centered programs for middle and high school ending at 9pm



As always, adult volunteers are a tremendous reason that our Youth Group is such a success. We're seeking volunteers to help in a variety of ways and for whatever time you have to give on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Pastor Mark or LaDonna if you would like to volunteer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 B-Peggy Sethman  <b>Outdoor Worship under the tent</b>  	2	3 B-Megan Smith  6:00 Girl Scout 2465 7:00 BRCC Practice 8:00 AA	4  8:00 Statler Group at Cow Palace 9:30 Women's Small Group  6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	5 A-Jake & Melanie Stevens  1:00 Study Group  6:30 Mother Wise - Parlor 7:00 BSA OA	6	7
8	9 B-Betsy Suarez	10 A-Kyle & Melissa McLane  7:00 BRCC Practice 8:00 AA	11  NO Statler Group 9:30 Women's Small Group  6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	12  1:00 Study Group  6:30 Mother Wise - Parlor 6:30 Craft Club - fellowship hall	13	14
15  Noisy Offering	16 A-Cynthia & Mark Morningstar  7:00 Session	17 B-Jenna Gunnoe  6:00 Girl Scout 2465 7:00 BRCC Practice 8:00 AA	18  8:00 Statler Group - movie 9:30 Women's Small Group  6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	19  1:00 Study Group  6:30 Mother Wise - Parlor 7:00 BSA OA	20 B-Crystal Kent	21 A-Mike & Mandy Bunton
22 B-Kathy Schmucker	23 B-Randi Catt  1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	24 B-Becky Gattis  11:30 CCC (55+)  7:00 BRCC Practice 8:00 AA	25  NO Statler Group 9:30 Women's Small Group  6:00 Youth 7:00 Choir	26  1:00 Study Group  6:30 Mother Wise - Parlor 7:00 BSA OA	27	28 A-Bill & Shelle Cline
29 B-Steve Drake	30 B-Jim Marshall	31 B-Patti Stone    7:00 BRCC Practice 8:00 AA	Deacons Christi Drake Deb Hassebroek Wayne Hassebroek Aimee Tillison  B-Birthdays A-Anniversaries			

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Choir Warm up  
10:00am - Worship Service & Sunday School  
11:00am - Gathering Time

## WEDNESDAY YOUTH SCHEDULE

Youth Group - grades 6-12  
6:00 PM - Doors Open for Youth  
7:00 PM - Dinner  
7:30 PM - Youth Group  
9:00pm - Youth Group ends