



# First Presbyterian

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The Lighted Spire May 2024



## Mark Your Calendars and sign up to help

Please make sure you have July 7, 2024 marked on your calendars as we will have special events to mark the 200th anniversary of the church. Plans are being made to make this a memorable day. We will start with worship and plan to end the festivities around 3:00.

Please be sure to let people who have been associated with the church over the years know about this special celebration. If you have current contact information for someone connected with the church, please turn that information in to Jane in the office.

**If you would like to help with the planning for this special day, there will be a meeting on Monday, May 20, at 6:00pm in the Noah's Ark Room.**

Please talk to Pattie Stone or Sarah Smith if you have questions or ideas!



## Vacation Bible School June 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>!

Vacation Bible School will run June 3rd to June 7th 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at First Christian Church (118 West Washington St., Shelbyville, IN 46176).

Combined with First United Methodist & First Presbyterian Churches. Kids will enjoy dinner, lessons, games, songs, and activities.

**Preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG](http://FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG)

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Gretchen Schneider, Transitional Pastor

Max Muska, Associate Pastor

Cynthia Morningstar, Director of Music

Jane Runshe, Office Manager

Sara Roberts, Sunday School Coordinator

Dan Runshe, Sexton

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### Statler Study Group

Fellowship Hall Breakfast Served  
Wednesdays at 8:00am

What's So Amazing About Grace? by Philip Yancey  
New members & visitors always welcome!



### CCC's

On May 2,  
the CCC's  
traveled to  
The Branch  
in Greens-



burg and had yummy dessert, coffees and a good time (see picture). Next month on Thursday, June 6, they will travel to Zaharakos in Columbus at 1:30. Please let Sheila know if you would like to ride in the van and talk to her if you have any questions.

### Walker Place 2216 North Riley Highway

Pastor Gretchen and Pastor Max are leading worship services on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00pm at Walker Place. Please feel free to attend, or if you would be willing to help with one of these services, please talk to Gretchen or Max.



End of Season Party  
May 15 7:00pm  
Choir Room

We also would appreciate knowing about people who might be willing to help with special music over the summer months. Talk to Cynthia or a choir member.

## Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team has organized for the coming year. We have two groups on the team which can be seen on the Church Officers sheet elsewhere in the *Spire*. The months they serve are listed. Every third month will be “volunteer” month when we are asking families to sign up for one Sunday to plan, prepare, serve and clean up for our time of fellowship. There is a dry-erase calendar in fellowship hall by the kitchen where you can pick a Sunday for your family to serve. The choir has volunteered to take the month of June, so the next month for volunteers is September. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Gretchen or Jane.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Fourth Monday of each month **1:30-3:30pm**

**Because of holidays and scheduling, the Prayer Shawl Meetings For May and June will be combined into one meeting on June 10.**

**They will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 in the church parlor.**

Guests are always welcome to come and join this ministry.

If you like to knit or crochet, come and check out this group. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, they will be glad to teach you and get you started. This group is open to men and women. Even if you don't want to knit or crochet, you can always just come and enjoy the company.



### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am to 4:00pm

May be closed during lunch time

Office will be closed on Fridays

### **Sunday School**

The children go with Jon Orem and Sara Roberts for their lessons following the Children's Time in worship.



**Grades 6-12** Sarah Smith teaches our Middle and High School students at this same time. They meet in the Wall Room upstairs.

Nursery care is provided for **infants and toddlers** during worship.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Sunday School, please talk to Jon, Sarah, or Sara.

### **Sound and Screen Update**

We offer our thanks to Cate Crouch and Karla Crouch for learning to run the sound and video equipment for Sunday mornings. More volunteers would be welcome, so please let Gretchen, Max or Jane know if you would be interested in learning.

### **FINAL YOUTH GROUP**

The final Senior High Youth Group before the summer will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00pm at Rupert's Arcade. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Max.

## Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class continues to meet with Pastor Gretchen. Watch your emails for meeting dates and class information.

Please talk to Gretchen if you have any questions.



## Session Meeting

Elders are reminded of their stated Session meeting on Monday, May 13 at 7:00pm in the church parlor. Please let Pastor Gretchen, Pastor Max or Clerk Dawn Whitfield know if you will be unable to attend.

Materials for the meeting will be in your mailbox in Jane's office on Sunday.

## Prayer Requests

Betty Alexander	John & Jody Linton
Shane Appleton	Judy Mitchell
Jeanne Boback	Janet Orem
Shelby Bowers	Sharon Orem
Charline Brown	Bill & Joyce Runshe
Joanne Bubar	Jonita Smith
Marilyn Bushfield	Megan Smith & Dahlia
Vickie Butler	Kevin & Penny Springman
Woody Collins	Deloris Sorrell
Annette Craft	Eric Sorrell
Bert & Irene Curry	Walter Stone
Hugh Garner	Marilyn VanCleve
Becky Gattis	Wilma Weaver
Phil & Linda Howell	Dawn Whitfield
Ron Kramer	Nancy Wittekind

### Church family and friends

Matthew & Michael Berndt, Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Kristi Burton, Wyatt Cameron, Bill Collins, Betty Craft, Lida Craft, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebroek, Vicki Hassebroek, Ashley Hedges, Hunter, Cammi Hooker, Jaxon, Betty Nichols, Chelsea Overhage, Lynn Pitts, Jon Ross, Mark Rowe, Darryl Runshe, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Shannon Trimnell, Peggy Trittipio, Brady Vanes, Cheryl White, Susan Woolledge

### Those in military service

Curtis Bridgewater	Alex Dillon	
Rocky Iaria	Deacon Marshall	Blake McIntire
Adam Smith	Deryk Smith	Brett Walburn

If the situation for any of these people has changed or someone needs to be added to our list, please let the church office know.

## Family pictures

The Easter/Spring photo booth in the Apple Entry is all ready for you to take family pictures for Mother's Day or just spring. The photo booth as it is decorated will stay this way until mid-June when it will be updated for our 200th celebration.



If you would like to come to worship on Sunday mornings, but don't have a way to get there, Jon and Sharon Orem are offering to pick people up on their way to worship. Please call them by Saturday if you would like a ride so they can make plans.



### Rides Available

For more information or to schedule a ride, call Sharon Orem (317-512-1842) or Jon Orem (317-517-1341)



# Earth Day Celebration

We had a wonderful time on April 28 as we celebrated Earth Day. The food was terrific and there were games, give-aways and activities for everyone! The beautiful plants you see outside the church were potted and placed to make the church more inviting. See the pictures below for all the fun!



# Church Officers

## Session

### **Christian Education/Nurture**

Becky Gattis  
Sarah Smith  
Pattie Stone

### **Property/Finance**

Glen Hobbs  
Phil Howell  
Jim Marshall  
Dan Runshe

### **Worship/Evangelism/ Benevolence**

Sheila Palmer  
Melody Skipton  
Mike Whitfield

### **Clerk of Session**

Dawn Whitfield

### **Treasurer**

Glen Hobbs

## Deacons

Sharon Orem—Moderator  
Emily Campbell—Treasurer  
Carolyn Statler—Secretary  
Jim Browning  
Linda Howell

Debby McLeod  
Judy Mitchell  
Jon Orem  
Ron Kramer

## Hospitality Team

### **Jan-Apr-Jul-Oct**

Glen Hobbs  
Debby McLeod  
Sharon Orem  
Deb Hassebroek

### **Feb-May-Aug-Nov**

Shane Appleton  
Vickie Butler

### **Mar-Jun-Sep-Dec**

Volunteer months  
See calendar in  
fellowship hall to  
sign up

**Alternates** - Ron Kramer &  
Pattie Stone

***You do not need to be a member of the church to be  
on the Hospitality Team***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 4 B-Harry Campbell <b>Tyler &amp; Vima Orem Wedding</b>		<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:30 Choir warm-up 10:00 Worship - sanctuary and on-line Following children's moment: Children's and Mid-High Sunday School upstairs 11:15 Time of fellowship	1 8:00 Statler Group-fh  6:00 HS Youth-fh 7:00 Choir-cr	2 B-Theo Iaria (4) 1:30 CCC's ~ Dessert at The Branch in Greensburg	3 <b>Office Closed</b>	4 B-Harry Campbell <b>Tyler &amp; Vima Orem Wedding</b>
5 B-Amelia Roberts (5) A-Melody & Scott Skipton <b>Sunday Schedule</b> 2:00 BRYC Concert	6	7 6:30 BRYC - final 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	8 8:00 Statler Group-fh  7:00 Choir-cr	9 B-Nancy Wittekind 6:30 Stone Craft Group-fh 	10 <b>Office Closed</b>	11
12 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> 	13 7:00 Session-p	14 7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	15 8:00 Statler Group-fh  6:00 HS Youth-final 7:00 Choir Party-cr	16 23 A-Jim & Becky Hedrick	17 <b>Office Closed</b>	18
19 <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>Max preaching</b> 	20	21 B-Jake Teal A-Liz & David Wheeler  7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	22 8:00 Statler Group-fh	24 A-Ron & Peggy Sethman	25 <b>Office Closed</b>	25
26 B-Ciindy Leahy <b>Sunday Schedule</b> <b>Guest speaker</b> 	27  <b>NO Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	28 B-Amy Hill  7:00 BRCC-cr 7:00 AA-fh	29 8:00 Statler Group-fh  5:30 Head Start Graduation - s, fh	30 B-Ron McDaniel	31 <b>Office Closed</b>	B-Birthdays A-Anniversaries fh-fellowship hall p-parlor nar-Noah's Ark Room s-sanctuary cr-choir room k-kitchen