

#### Fourth Tuesday of each month

If you have celebrated at least 55 birthdays,

this group is for you! They meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month for good food, good friends, and good conversation. Their next gathering will be March 24 at 11:30am. Destination to be determined. This is the perfect opportunity to spend time with others from your generation, so plan to join us. Contact Judy Mitchell for a ride, to suggest a place for lunch or for more information.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Fourth Monday of** each month

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



www.fpcshelbyville.org

Prayer Shawls for those going through transitions, joys or illness Hats, scarves and mittens for Head Start Beanies for premature babies Blankets for cancer patients

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. Contact Betty Alexander or any member of the group 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.

The next meeting date is Monday, March 23 at 1:00pm at Betty's house, 1507 Counselor Row. This is a great group who enjoy getting together to share their gifts with others.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT FPCSHELBYVILLE.ORG

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## The Lighted Spire March, 2020

## **NEWS & CALENDAR**



Winter 2020 Session ends this week

Celebration Dinner will be Friday, March 6 at 6:00pm Everyone is invited to come join for dinner to see what it's all about!

New Session set to start April 1!

#### Clay needs your help

Clay Browning, who is a student at the University off Southern Indiana, went on a mission trip to Florida for ten weeks last summer. Our congregation supported his efforts to make this possible and he is very appreciative of our support. Clay is asking for our support again this year. If you would like to make a donation toward his trip, you can either put cash in an envelope marked "Clay" or you can write a check to the church with "Clay" on the memo line.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING-WE KNOCKED OUT HUNGER!

Food was donated, counted and delivered to Human Services. Noisy cash was collected and was sent to Human Service. Our 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring has come to an end and was a great success thanks to your generosity.

Many thanks to Emily Campbell and Sharon, Jon, and Wren Orem for counting our items and delivering them to Human Services. We also thank all of our Souper Hero visitors for helping to show us ways that we can KNOCK OUT HUNGER!!!

Team A-L won our competition **514-470** over Team M-Z. As always, the food pantry at Human Services is the big winner of this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. In all, 984 items and \$335.29 will be put to good use through the efforts of the food pantry.

Shopping carts are at the church year-'round so you can donate non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items and paper products at any time.

#### Summer is coming

Summer will be here before we know it and Camp Pyoca wants you to make your plans now! Brochures are available in the hallway behind the



worship center or you can go online at **pyoca.com** to find more information about the summer's program and the camp itself. You can also fill out your registration online.

Summer camp at Pyoca is a wonderful experience. Our church will pay 1/2 the fee for children active in the church to attend camp at Pyoca. If you need assistance beyond what the church pays, there is scholarship money available. More information is available online about this as well.

#### **Small Groups**

#### **New Members Welcome!**

Statler Group meets in fellowship hall at 8:00am. Breakfast is served. The group will finish "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton on March 4. They will meet for their end-of-study breakfast at Cow Palace on March 11 at 8:00am. Contact-Carolyn Statler or Jane Runshe.

**Wednesday Women's Group** meets at 9:30am in the church parlor. This group will meet on March 11 and March 18 to watch *The War Room*. Contact-Marilyn Bushfield or Janet Orem.

**Afternoon Group** meets at 1:00pm in the church parlor. This group is on break. Contact-Sheila Palmer.

#### **Session Notice**

The Session will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm in the church parlor.

#### **Contact The Session**

Spiritual Growth
Christian Education/Worship

Chris Cox Sarah Smith Sara Roberts

Nurture & Evangelism
Fellowship/Congregational Care/Evangelism
Phil Howell Patti Stone

Aimee Tillison

Stewardship
Stewardship/Property/Personnel

Dave Fisher Jim Marshall
Dan Runshe

Clerk of Session Dawn Whitfield

### **Prayer Requests**

Robin Abney Betty Alexander Shane Appleton Shelby Bowers Ray & Charline Brown Clay Browning Vickie Butler **Charles Craft** Sandy Fisher Scott Gabbard Bonnie Harris Linda Howell Ashlev Johnson Debby McLeod Bette Moore Mark Morningstar Becky Murnan

Shirley Oeffinger Jamie & Janet Orem Sharon Orem Marilyn Phares Bill & Joyce Runshe Dan Runshe Patty Shuler Rollin Simpson Bill & Jonita Smith **Deloris Sorrell** Eric Sorrell Brooke & Holden Stephens Marilvn VanCleve Mary Ann Wasson Wilma Weaver & family **Bud Wertz** 

Dawn Whitfield

#### Church family and friends

Matthew & Michael Berndt, Steven Binder, Elizabeth Bir, Mary Brown, Wyatt Cameron, The Catt family, Betty Craft, Michael Craft, Bill Collins, Cory, Dakota, Teri, Amber, Britney & Justin Douglass, Esther Gahimer, Julie Harris, Deloris Hassebroek, Vicki Hassebroek, Ashley Hedges, Janna Craft Hedges, Hunter, Cammi Hooker, David Hunton, Jaxon, Mary Beth, Jeremy Klakamp, Betty Nichols, Brad Nigh, Chelsea Overhage, Patricia Overmyer, Jim Overmyer, Lynn Pitts, Jon Ross, Natalie Sargent, John Scudder, Chera Shaub, Kenzie, Bill Stephens, Peggy Trittipo, Mary Ann Wethington, Alice Wheeler, Cheryl White, Susan Wooledge

#### Those in military service

Blake McIntire Alex Dillon Deryk Smith Brett Walburn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Choir Warm up 10:00 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Gathering Time	6:00 Girl Scout	3 B-John Linton	4 B-Deb Hassebroek 8:00 Statler Group	5	6:00 OZ Celebration	7 B-Stephanie Rick
First Sunday	Troop 2465-fh 6:30 OZ Guitar	7:00 BRCC 8:00 AA	6:00 Youth Activities 7:00 Choir	5:30 OZ Cooking 6:00 OZ Boxing	Dinner	
9:30 Choir Warm up 10:00 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Gathering Time	9 B-Megan Alfano	10 B-Scott Gabbard 7:00 BRCC 8:00 AA	8:00 Statler Group Breakfast at Cow Palace 9:30 Women's Group 6:00 Youth Activities	12 6:00 Girl Scout Leaders	13	14 B-Wayne Hassebroek 1:00 Cole party (fi
15 B-Shirley Oeffinger A-Harry & Emily Campbell 9:30 Choir Warm up	16 6:00 Girl Scout	17	7:00 Choir  18  9:30 Women's Group	19	20	21
10:00 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Gathering Time ThirdSunday	Troop 2465-fh 7:00 Session	7:00 BRCC 8:00 AA	6:00 Youth Activities 7:00 Choir			
22 B-Greg Cox Communion 9:30 Choir Warm up 10:00 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Gathering Time	1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	24 11:30 CCC 55+	No Youth Group	26 B-Bill Runshe	27 B-Joanne Bubar B-Emily Campbell	28
Fourth Sunday		7:00 BRCC 8:00 AA	7:00 Choir			
29 B-Dan Runshe B-Kristi McLane  9:30 Choir Warm up 10:00 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Gathering Time FifthSunday	30	31 B-Dawn Whitfield B-Melanie Stevens 7:00 BRCC 8:00 AA	Wednesday Youth Activities 6:00 Doors open 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Groups Ends at 9:00pm	Deacons  Becky Gattis Glen Hobbs Ron Kramer Debby McLeod Sharon Orem Patti Stone	6 Mal	RCH
					B-Birthdays	A-Anniversaries



Wednesdays at 7:00pm Sundays at 9:30am

If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is the time. No try-outs! Rehearsals are held at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the choir room. They also warm up on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. If you have a love for music, come and see what choir is all about.



Thanks to all who donated to the School Supply project. As usual, your generosity made this year's collection a success. The items have been boxed and are ready to deliver to all the elementary schools in the county.



# 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

Please contact Pastor Mark if you would like to volunteer.



#### Age 3-5th grade

Our Sunday School classes are in full swing. Chris Cox and Jon Orem are our Sunday School teachers assisted by Sara Roberts.

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

#### Grades 6-12

Sarah Smith is the teacher for the Middle and High School students. They meet in the Wall Room upstairs.



Friends in Christ,

My family and I are happy to be settling in here in Shelbyville. Our house is mostly in order and so is my office at the church. In addition to all the

unpacking, we've spent the past week getting to know the neighborhood a little bit. Yesterday (March 1st) I took my first bike ride around town, we took Harper to the park, and our dog, Tucker, got a decent walk in the evening. So far, we've enjoyed every moment of being here as we've met so many people, both members of the congregation and people out in the community. Thank you for being so welcoming to us!

Here's a bit of introductory information about my family. I grew up in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, not far from Pittsburgh and I spent all of my life in that general area. I served two churches in New Castle, PA before pastoring First Presbyterian in Manchester, IA for the past three years. I met my wife, Heather, in college (Westminster in New Wilmington, PA) and we've been married for almost nine years now. Our daughter, Harper, is four years old and is full of energy and imagination. If you've met her, you already know this. If you haven't, you'll experience that soon enough! She will start preschool at Golden Bear this week and I'm sure she's looking forward to getting back on a normal schedule. We have three pets, a lab/hound mix named Tucker and two cats, Squeak and Apple.

Both Heather and I love to play music and sing. We're looking forward to playing guitar in worship on occasion. I've played in several rock and heavy metal bands throughout the years and I hope to get connected to local musicians here soon. I'm a big fan of movies of all kinds, but I'm particularly a sci-fi/horror fan. We love to take bike rides and go geocaching or hiking, so if you know of any good trails or parks in the area, we'd love to hear about them! Heather also enjoys knitting and we're both working on learning how to bake sourdough bread.

I look forward to getting started in my ministry here. Right now, I'm not entirely sure what sorts of projects/tasks I will be working on, but I know with Mark's help and the help of the elders and the congregation, God will be up to some new things in our midst. But, as I hope you are, too, I'm taking Sunday's sermon message to heart. This Lenten season is a time to slow down and to listen for God's voice and guidance. Over the next several weeks, I plan to do a lot of praying and listening to God and to voices in the church and community to try to discern where my "sweet spots" might be here in this place.

My top priority is getting to know members of the church and community, so please feel free to stop by my new office (near the choir room) and introduce yourself. Also, if you know of any community organizations or leaders I should speak with, please let me know. You can also reach me by email at <a href="mailto:muskamj@gmail.com">muskamj@gmail.com</a> or on my office phone at 317-398-8224, extension 103.

I'm very excited to see what God has in store for us as I join all of you in this journey of faith and service to God and God's people! May we seek the will of God together in all that we do.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Max Maxwell J Muska