

### THE FIRST WORD

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### This is Not Your 20th Century Confirmation Class!

It's been at least 10 years since FPC has offered a Confirmation Class for our young people. Much has changed in the congregation, in the community, in the world. The way we used to hold Confirmation Classes has changed. The way we offer New Member classes is different. The way we do Adult Education has evolved.

In response to these realities, we're rolling out a new thing! Introducing a **Congregation-Wide Confirmation Community**.

**Congregation-Wide** . . . the experience is open to all people in the congregation, whether you're a long-time member or a relatively new visitor. Whether you're 10 or 50 or 80 or anywhere in between.

**Confirmation** . . . the experience gives people opportunity to reflect on their personal faith and the tenets of the Presbyterian brand of Christianity, to confirm God's grace-filled "yes" in their lives.

**Community** . . . the experience is designed to build and strengthen Christian community. It is a program for the faith community to enhance our community of faith.

Pastor Jay has been sharing God's message about discipleship and Christian community in his sermons recently. He has been challenging us to get to know what it is to be a community of God's new covenant. He's been suggesting ways to build community between long-time members and new folks. He's been urging us to grow closer to one another as a community of faith.

The **Congregation-Wide Confirmation Community** will embark on an 8-week series of community gatherings in people's homes. Gatherings will include dinner, interactive guided exploration of 12 "Big Themes" of the Reformed faith, and small group interaction. The gatherings are scheduled so those who feel called may confirm their faith and commitment to God's work through First Presbyterian Church on June 3, 2018 – the day we mark 125 years of worship in our church building.

The invitation to participate in this initial 8-week experience is open to youth and adults – anyone who is interested! Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Jay with more information and consider your interest in participating in this new thing. To plan for meals and meeting space, please register your interest by calling the church office at (502) 633-2693.

Details for the Spring cohort of a **Congregation-Wide Confirmation Community**:

Meet Saturdays, April 14 through June 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for dinner and exploration in community.

First gathering includes group-building activities, with extended time from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 3, during worship: Confirmation Commitment Event (for those who choose to join the church).

We're asking for participants to commit to the learning experience. The decision to make a formal commitment to church membership will not be required. It is more important to explore and grow as disciples in Christian community.

# APRIL 2018 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FESTIVALS

We are encouraged and invited to read and reflect on these scripture passages as a part of our preparation for each worship service.

#### Resurrection of the Lord / Easter—April 1

Acts 10:34–43 *or* Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 *or* Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 *or* Mark 16:1–8

#### Easter Evening—April 1

Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 114 1 Cor. 5:6b–8 Luke 24:13–49

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter—April 8

Acts 4:32–35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19–31

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter—April 15

Acts 3:12–19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48

#### 4th Sunday of Easter—April 22

Acts 4:5–12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16–24 John 10:11–18

#### 5th Sunday of Easter—April 29

Acts 8:26–40 Psalms 22:25–31 1 John 4:7–21 John 15:1–8

#### APRIL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

April 1—Abby Dew April 8—Maree Collins April 15 –Jason Collins April 22 –Janet Kalmey April 29—Stephanie Schmidt

#### **APRIL GREETERS & USHERS**

April 1—The Schmidt Family

April 8—Mike & Phyllis McCardwell, Fred & Cathy Waits

April 15—Carlen & Jenny Pippin, Nancy Sears

April 22—Joyce Dotson, John & Sue Davis

April 29—Mark Whittaker, Norma Beasey, Roger Tate

#### APRIL LITURGIST

Brian Jasper



#### A MESSAGE FROM TOM SEACAT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Beginning Sunday April 8th, Choir will resume their normal rehearsal schedule of 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings. Summer break will be June 17th through July 29th. Choir resumes again, Sunday, August 5th with 10:15 a.m. rehearsals.



## FINANCE REPORT FEBRUARY 2018

In February, we collected \$13,603.53. On the expense side, we spent \$23,506.21 We spent \$9,902.68 more than we collected. Questions? Please call Fred Waits (502) 321-5128.

	Last Month	Year to Date	
Pledges Received	\$9,588.53	\$20,003.46	
Kroger Gift Card	\$0.00	\$368.44	
From Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Income	\$4,015.00	\$716.50	
Designated Funds	\$10.00	, and the second	
Total Income	\$13,613.53	\$21,148.40	
OPERATING INCOME	\$13,603.53	\$21,088.40	
Personnel Expense	\$16,286.80	\$29,610.00	
Utilities	\$3,116.60		
Building Maintenance	\$3,469.94		
Youth & Education	\$0.00		
Music	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Office	\$424.43	\$886.49	
Shared Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Per Capita	\$0.00	\$3,834.54	
Other	\$208.44	\$1,724.30	
Designated Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$23,506.21	\$43,368.87	
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$23,506.21	\$43,368.87	
Summary 2018	Income	Expense	Difference
December			
November			
October			
September			
August			
July			
June			
May			
April			
March			
February	\$13,603.53	\$23,506.21	(\$9,902.68)
January	\$3,149.80	\$19,821.82	(\$16,672.02)

#### **Updated Church Directories Now Available**



If you'd like the latest copy of the church directory, please contact Donna Wilson in the church office (502-633-2693 or 1pchurch@bellsouth.net) and let her know which format you would like (electronic or printed).

Please update your directory with the following:

Sarah Lashford 656 Belmont Bay Drive Woodbridge, VA 22191-5404

Carol Henson email: Carolhenson352@gmail.com Brian and Taunya Jasper 2783 Mount Eden Road Shelbyville, KY 40065

Please review your information in the latest edition of the directory and let us know of any corrections or additions that need to be made.



1st Quarter Giving Statements will be available for pickup in the back of the Sanctuary the next few weeks. Take yours home and save the church the cost of mailing.





# MORNING PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, April 11

10:00 a.m.



On June 3rd, 1893, the present building of the First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville was dedicated after the work was completed and the building readied for use. On Sunday, June 3rd, 2018, we will be worshiping in that same building 125 years later.

Let's celebrate this milestone! If anyone is interested in helping put together a celebration on this day, let Pastor Jay know by email, snail mail, phone call, text, or in person.

## Outreach



JOIN US ON
Wednesday, APRIL 4
Anytime between
12:00 noon & 4:00 p.m.
At the Serenity Center,
98 7th Street

Help distribute food to Shelby County residents.







APRIL 8 Remember Love Sunday

Funds collected on Love Sunday are used to help many individuals in the community needing assistance with utilities, prescriptions, school supplies, and more. Payments are made directly to the vendors, and cash is never given to an individual. Individuals may request assistance once in a 12-month period with a \$ limit per request. Make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark it for LOVE SUNDAY.



VOLUNTEER TO SERVE LUNCH AT GOD'S KITCHEN 715 Main Street Downtown Shelbyville

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 10:30 A.M.

INTERESTED? Talk to Boyd or Susie Phillips about how you can help. Desserts are always needed.

Save the Date!!

Operation Care
6th Annual
Mercy-Omega Gala

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Claudia Sanders Dinner House

Shelbyville, KY

Social Hour & Registration 5-6pm

Program 6pm

Keynote Speech:
"Building A Lasting Legacy"

by Byron Crawford,

"Kentucky's Storyteller"

#### THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT FROM MARCH 2018

Two families were helped with electricity this month.

Eggs are available from the adopted family.

#### A Place to Sleep

- 1496 children have received beds with 95 on the waiting list.
- Grafenburg Christian Church and Corpus Christi Academy both donated blankets and pillows.
- A table will be set up providing information at Touched Twice on March 17.
- Steve Flairty, columnist at the Northern KY Tribune, is writing a book about unknown heroes. He has gone to Bowling Green to interview Jessica Collins.

#### Give a Kid a Brighter Day

- Cadence Collins' Leadership TAG team is sponsoring "Wear Orange to Prevent Gun Violence".

This church is volunteering at the Serenity Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Street the first Wednesday of each month, 12:00 noon—4:00 p.m. Prayers are requested for transportation of food from Dare to Care in Louisville to the Serenity Center. Carlen Pippin has been sharing extra food with God's Kitchen, Colonial Hall, and the Women's Renaissance Center.

Gary Steinhilber received a piano which was donated to the choral department at MLCHS. This makes 101 instruments donated and placed in the schools. Gary has placed a notice on the Community page of the Sentinel News.

God's Kitchen was March 8. Meme Lafferty provided potato soup, Boyd Phillips made the bean soup, Berry and Elaine Harrison Lane brought cornbread, Susie Phillips provided bologna sandwiches, brownies, and apple sauce, and Lucy Long provided chocolate chip cake. Leftovers were taken to Colonial Hall. The next day for us to serve at God's Kitchen will be April 12. Anyone with desserts should bring them to the church by 10:00 a.m., and those wishing to help serve should be at Victory Baptist by 10:30 a.m.

The Bible forms are in the hands of seniors at both MLCHS and SCHS. The forms will be due before Spring Break. A \$100 donation was given to Project Graduation.

It was suggested that a brick or cornerstone be placed in the church yard stating the date this church was built for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary which is in June.

Coupons are being collected for the military.

Flip tops are collected for Ronald McDonald House.

Donations for the Backpack Project and BooBoo Buddies are being collected.

Maree Collins can use toilet paper rolls and cardboard such as cereal boxes.

Cancelled stamps are being collected for the American Indians.

Shoes are being collected for the water project.

Magazines are collected for A Second Time Around.

Plastic caps are being collected by Carlen Pippin for a bench for the Park.

The next meeting will be April 8.

Go out and preach the Gospel, using words if you have to.

#### A Place to Sleep

To date, we have helped 1,496 children with beds and bedding in 23 Kentucky Counties, 37 during 2018. With 97 children on the waiting list, our next delivery date is Sunday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. All are welcome to meet us in the parking lot behind Awake Ministries, 701 Washington Street, to help.

Current needs continue to be twin and full sheet sets and comforters, funds to purchase mattresses and frames, and a church, group or business in Jefferson County to provide transportation for families there with no means to pick up their beds. If you have any connections or ideas, please let us know.







#### **2018 Shelby Touched Twice Clinic Statistics**

546 volunteers from 61 churches 42 zip codes

Served 596 guests from

28 cities with the farthest from Shelbyville being Cincinnati and Worthington, OH, This family has relatives living near that shared about our clinic. They drove down here just for the event. It is a good thing they came because one family member learned they have really high eye pressure.

Sharing the love of the Lord through:

Vision checkups 114

Haircuts 92

Family photo 63

Children's area 33 children attending activities

Manicures 59

Massages 40

Chiropractor 41

Medical 75 blood glucose, 105 medical patients

Mortenson Dental 28 patients having a total of 65 teeth extracted and 64 people having their teeth cleaned

Kirby Dental 39 people having their teeth cleaned and 19 extraction guests with two of those having all of their teeth removed

Mobile unit- NAMB Dental Van 26 people having their teeth cleaned

A Place to Sleep 19 children from 13 families placed on the list to receive a bed. Numerous offers of donations of frames, blankets, bed, etc.

To see pictures, go to: <a href="https://taradalmatian.smugmug.com/ShelbyTouchedTwice">https://taradalmatian.smugmug.com/ShelbyTouchedTwice</a>



Awake Ministries is comprised of many services to help and love people in the community.

**Recovery**—Operating both an Open Door of Hope for Men (211 8th Street, Jon Walker, Director) and Open Door of Hope for Women (818 College Street, Marcia Mitchum, Director), the vision is to give hopeless men and women hope through the love of Jesus Christ. Upon entry into our program, residents receive a safe place to sleep, meals, recovery through a 12-step Christian recovery program and one-on-one discipleship counseling. A holistic recovery approach is offered which includes spiritual, mental and emotional formation.

To further their community outreach, Awake Ministries has added a new Intensive Out-Patient program led by Director Kevin Goss. This program format offers to the general public the same resources once offered only to our in-house residents:

Continued Education—Jefferson Community & Technical College Financial Education—Citizens Union Bank Parenting Class—A Loving Choice Job Readiness—Kentucky Career Center Group Therapy—AA, Recovery Dynamics, Celebrate Recovery

Under the direction of Kim Hamlin, Awake Ministries is also offering Christ-centered lay counseling to their program residents, Intensive Out-Patient participants, and the community at large. They approach life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups from a biblical perspective, encouraging each person to deal with the past, experience the present, and look forward to the future.

Gerald Sebree and his host of committed volunteers at The Serenity Center (98 7th Street) continue to bless our community with their tireless efforts; serving on average 425 families (approximately 1,500 individuals), 120+ senior citizens, 45+ veterans, and 275+ children through the Backpack Program each week.

Food is available every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

Must bring a valid Shelby County ID or utility bill showing your name and address and your own container for food (box, basket, etc.)

1st Wednesday-Produce

2nd Wednesday-Produce

3rd Wednesday-Produce

4th Wednesday-Produce/Meat/Canned Goods

In addition, Senior Citizen food boxes are distributed the 4th Thursday of each month from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There is an application process that must be completed in order to receive this additional box of food. Call 647-5555 for more information about the application process.

Food is donated by the Dare to Care Food Bank, local Shelby County farms, churches, businesses and other organizations. The Serenity Center does not discriminate, and offers food to all who are in need.

If you are in an emergency situation and have an immediate need of food, please call (502) 647-5555.

Free clothes and household items are distributed the first Friday of each month, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at The Serenity Center.



We are hoping to create and host a multigenerational Vacation Bible School with an emphasis on service. Our tentative plans are to meet after church each Sunday in June.

There are many opportunities to share your talents. Let Libby Pollett or Sally Zaring know if you are able to help with:

- •Food- quick and easy lunch preparation
- •Arts- Lead or prepare crafts, music or art
- •Service Project Leader- Coordinate/Brainstorm activities at locations such as A Place to Sleep, Awake Ministries, Serenity Center, Colonial Hall, etc.
- •Provide one to four sessions of adult Bible school (30 minutes)
- •Provide one to four sessions of children's Bible school (15 minutes)
- •Games- Lead 15 minutes of active games for children

Your help is needed and appreciated! We look forward to hearing from you.

Libby: <u>libbypollett@gmail.com</u>
Sally: <u>sally.zaring@shelby.kyschools.us</u>



4/01 Emily Gimm 4/11 Pate Giltner 4/23 Sondra Powers 4/03 Tom Seacat 4/12 Charles Long 4/23 Mary Hamlin Sherrod 4/25 Tommy Rempe 4/04 Jacquie Lier 4/14 John Chenault 4/06 Phillip Newman 4/15 Bob Pearce 4/26 Beth Herrinton-Hodge 4/06 Nolan Thomas 4/15 Linda Shepard 4/26 Janis LeMaster 4/06 Lincoln Weible 4/17 Linda Powell 4/26 Maya LeMaster 4/09 Corey Gill 4/28 Meme Lafferty 4/21 Olivia Sherrod 4/10 Chris Dew 4/22 Kennedy Collins 4/29 Jenni Walker-Noyes 4/10 Jim Henson 4/22 Vic Schostkewitz



4/01 Gary & Mary Steinhilber 4/02 Brooke & Paul Caudill 4/21 Bill & Barbara Porter If you know of someone whose birthday or anniversary aren't included, please contact the church office so we can add their information to our records.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eastern  HOLY COMMUNION ONE Great Hour of Sharing Offering 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM "Good Grief" 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	2	3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	4. 12:00 PM Food Distribution at Serenity Center		<b>6</b> 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	7 10:00 AM Knit-Wits 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
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Earth Day 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM "Good Grief" 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	23	3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	25	26	<b>27</b> 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	28 Confirmation Community Program 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
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#### Since our last issue, we lift up the following in our prayers:

Daniel, a homeless friend at God's Kitchen
Elaine Harrison Lane & family on the passing of her brother
Kenneth Terrell
Rodman Brown
The family of Don Armstrong
The family & friends of Peggy Igleheart
The Castillo Family
The Terrell Family

#### We give thanks to God for:

All those celebrating birthdays, including Cadence Collins, Dee Hochstrasser, Kelsey Hodge, Lawson Zaring, Sally Zaring and Ruth Welch

Donations for the Castillo funeral

The birth of Noah Woodard, Nancy Sears' great grandson

#### We continue to lift up:

Alaine Shepard & Family Amy Wakeman & Family Ann Armstrong & Family Becky Bura Bob & Jacquie Lier Bob & Nancy Pearce Carolyn Chesher Carolyn Clayton Charlene Herrinton Cliff Bramblett David Hines & Family **Dottie Segretto** Jeff Quire Jerry Simpson Jewel Davis & Daughter Brenda Jim & Jan Bonner Joyce Dotson Libby Nethery Linda Casev Linda RoBards Lisa Beasey Lynne Chenault Mary & Gary Steinhilber Marie Ridgeway The Garbat-Welch Family The Jasper Family The Neal Family

#### We pray for our military family & friends:

Alaine Shepard, medic US Army, wife of Steve Shepard, daughter-in-law of Linda Shepard, deployed to Iraq

Brandon Pettyjohn

Brandon Brouillet, father of Tyler Brouillet

Carmen Aragon Corum, sister of our childcare workers

Daniel Ehrichs, nephew of Joanne Burke

David Luebke

Frank Renner, US Navy, Leslee Bottorff's son

Gabriel Romeo, US Army, brother of our childcare workers

Hannah Riddle, US Air Force, granddaughter of Carlen & Jenny Pippin

Hunter Moore, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew

Jack Walters

Jared Bentley, US Marine Corps, Tom & Brenda Seacat's nephew

Jonathan Bowman

Lt. Col. Marshall MacClellan, US Air Force chaplain, currently stationed in GA, nephew of Nancy Sears Matthew Harper, Alaine Shepard's son, US Army

Ryan Donaldson, grandson of Joanne Burke

Seth LeMaster, US Marines, family of Lynn & Mark Whittaker

Spencer Goetzinger, US Army, husband of Bobbie Renner Goetzinger, son-in-law of Leslee Bottorff Todd Dillon, US Army, friend of the Whittakers

(If you have additional information regarding any of the folks listed above or have someone else to add to the list, please contact Lynn Whittaker or leave with the church office.)

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THE FIRST WORD

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Articles for May's First Word are due by 12:00 noon, April 15.

The Serenity Center has plenty of plastic bags right now, so we can stop bringing them to church until further notice.

Please continue to recycle them in the receptacles at Kroger or donate to Operation Care.

Better yet, try using cloth or vinyl reusable bags.



Knit-wits will meet on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. at church. Knit-wits is open to all who want to creatively come together to make a difference or simply enjoy each other's company.

Norma Beasey, self-proclaimed "Bag Lady", is still collecting:

Box tops for Education for local schools

Coupons current or expired for military personnel

Old cell phones for military personnel

Ink cartridges from ink jet printers

Pull tabs from cans (soda, soup, etc.)

Postage stamps cancelled

Shoes any condition for Water Step

Magazines for Second Time Around

Eye glasses, cases, etc.

# CONTINUE SAVING PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS FOR THE PARK

Carlen Pippin is collecting plastic bottle tops to recycle into a bench for Shelby County Parks. Just like you did for Painted Stone Elementary, collect and save all those plastic tops and lids. Give them to Carlen or leave in the Fellowship Hall.