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Food insecurity refers to the USDA's measure of lack of regular access to nutritional food for an active and healthy life. According to Dare to Care, during 2016, the food insecurity rate in Shelby County was 11.5% of the total population or 5,100 people. The child (under age 18) food insecurity rate was 15.1% or 1,620 children.

Hard to believe, but there are kids in our community who are only eating at school. As a community, we have rallied around this gap by creating The Backpack Project. As a result, backpacks filled with food go home with kids every Friday and sustain them throughout the weekend. The Shelby County Backpack Program provides supplemental meals for Shelby County students during weekends, fall break, winter break, and spring break. Without the backpack program, these children may not have the means to eat any meals while they are not at school. (Wonder if and/or how they are getting enough to eat during the recent snow days when school is out unexpectedly?)

The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Its vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend (the weekend of the first Sunday in February) into America's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Young people collect monetary and food donations during the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. 100% of the money and food is then given directly to local charities of the group's choice.

Started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, the Souper Bowl of Caring has branched out to include schools, businesses and congregations of all faiths. Together, they have raised more than \$50 million in monetary and food donations. In 2008 alone, more than 14,000 groups collected over \$10 million.

The Souper Bowl of Caring has gained national attention, securing partnerships with nine different NFL Teams, in addition to finding National Advocates in former President and Mrs George H.W. Bush and former President and Mrs Jimmy Carter.^[4]

In honor of the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 4, we are hosting a Souper Bowl Challenge to aid the Shelby County Backpack Project. Bring canned soups with flip tops, individual servings of crackers or chips, single serve Jello and pudding, Poptarts, etc. Use your item to vote for the NFL or AFC. No matter who wins the game, the children will be the recipients of our fun.

*"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those who are
without a bowl of soup to eat."*



**FEBRUARY 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.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany—Feb. 4

Isaiah 40:21–31
Psalm 147:1–11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16–23
Mark 1:29–39

Transfiguration of the Lord—Feb. 11

2 Kings 2:1–12
Psalm 50:1–6
2 Corinthians 4:3–6
Mark 9:2–9

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 14

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 *or* Isa. 58:1–12
Psalm 51:1–17
2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21

First Sunday in Lent—Feb. 18

Genesis 9:8–17
Psalm 25:1–10
1 Peter 3:18–22
Mark 1:9–15

Second Sunday in Lent—Feb. 25

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16
Psalm 22:23–31
Romans 4:13–25
Mark 8:31–38



If winter weather (snow/ice) creates unsafe driving conditions, please tune to either WAVE 3's or WDRB 41's list of closings and delays for any change in First Presbyterian Church plans.

FEBRUARY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Feb. 4—Jason Collins
Feb. 11—Janet Kalmey
Feb. 18—Stephanie Schmidt
Feb. 25—Mary Steinhilber

FEBRUARY GREETERS & USHERS

Feb. 4—Mark Whittaker, Norma Beasey, Roger Tate
Feb. 11—Martha Flood & Jacquie Lier
Feb. 18—Mary Ann Soergel, Meme Lafferty, Bill Logan & Judy Schostkewitz
Feb. 25—Janet & Joyce Kalmey, Ruth & Doug Welch

FEBRUARY LITURGIST

Joyce Dotson



2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES - If you would like to have offering envelopes for the New Year, please pick-up a box of envelopes from the Information Center in the Assembly Room. To ensure proper credit to your contribution statement, please print your name on the envelope log sheet. You may also call the office at 633-2693 to request envelopes.



**Annual
Congregational
Meeting**

IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH SPONSORED BY SESSION



Submitted by Tom Seacat, Director of Music Ministry

The beginning of a new year always gives us the opportunity to make new resolutions and promises. I would like to thank everyone who has given their time, talents, and financial support to the music department here at First Presbyterian Church. Your gifts have proved to be a blessing to the church and its families. I would like to see 2018 as a year of music here at church.

The Christmas Concert on December 3, 2017 was an exciting and very musical experience. It has always been our hope that the community sees our church as the place to come to start their Advent season. The attendance is always very good, and people from all over the community come. Each year the members in the program give many hours of their time so that we can accomplish this.

The family Christmas Eve service was outstanding due to the many young people who were part of it. We are blessed to have such talented young people in our church. I would also like to thank Emma and Katie for their participation in the 11:00 p.m. service. They helped to make it a very meaningful experience. Our choir is doing an outstanding job, and we are always looking for new members. We have been blessed to have a few new members. We are rehearsing on Sunday mornings due to the inclement weather and long distances some of the members have to travel. If you have been unable to come on Wednesday evenings, please come and join us on Sunday mornings and give it a try. We have music, a folder, a robe, and a seat for you.

All of the compliments that we receive are really appreciated. However, I would ask that if you like a particular piece, anthem, or song that you tell that person(s) responsible. Everyone likes to receive praise.

Come join us and be part of the musical family here at First Presbyterian Church.



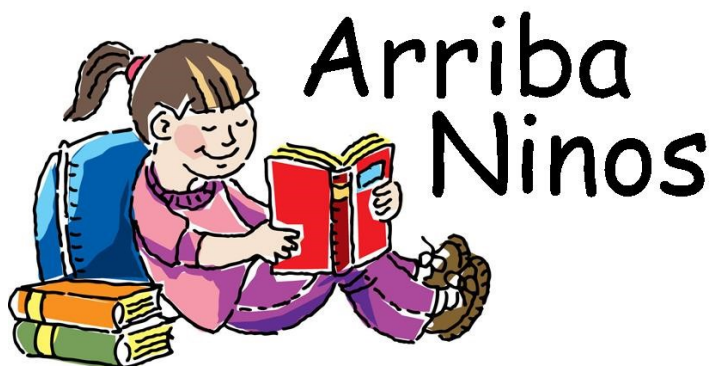

Installation
of Officers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

*Ash Wednesday
February 14
6:00 pm Simple Supper
7:00 pm Communion Service*

Our Spring Session is scheduled to start back Monday, February 5, and run through March 19, a six-week session. No session on February 19, Presidents Day. Please let Diann Cook know of your availability to help tutor our young Hispanic neighbors.

**Monday Evenings
6:00-7:30 pm
First Christian Church**




**MORNING
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, February 14
10:00 a.m.**



02/17 Katy Rupert
02/18 Mary Ann Soergel
02/19 Judy Schostkewitz
02/22 Katie Hodge
02/25 Norma Beasey
02/27 Brent McCarthy
02/29 Rhonda Nash
02/02 Renee Shepard
02/03 Jon Henson
02/04 Alexander Delgado
02/04 Bridget Green
02/07 Chris Kremer
02/12 Sara Callaway
02/13 Brad Harris
02/14 John Davis



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM "Good Grief" 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	29	30 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	31 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	1	2 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	3 10:00 AM Knit-Wits 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
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11 INSTALLATION OF NEW SESSION CLASS LOVE SUNDAY 9:00 AM Outreach Ministry Meeting 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM "Good Grief" 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	12 6:00 PM Arriba Ninos Tutoring Program 6:30 PM Book Club (Brooke Caudill)	13 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 6:00 PM Session Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	14  Four Seasons Garden Club (use of main floor/sanctuary - ALL DAY) HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 AM PW Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Supper & Communion Service 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	15 Four Seasons Garden Club (use of main floor/sanctuary - ALL DAY) 12:00 PM Newsletter articles due	16 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	17 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
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Go out and preach the Gospel, using words if you have to.

Outreach



Ministries

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

**Help distribute food to Shelby
County residents.**



**Serenity Center
Food Bank**

Bring plastic bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc.)

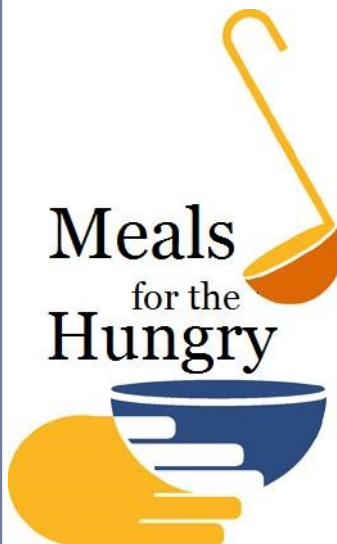


**HELPING OUR
NEIGHBORS
IN NEED**

FEBRUARY 11
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.

**Meals
for the
Hungry**



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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
10:30 A.M.**

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



Winter has arrived, and many children are without hats and gloves. The Mitten Tree in the Mulberry Room is decorated with your donations of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. If you know of someone needing gloves, etc., please feel free to take a set to them.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT TO SESSION FROM JANUARY 2018

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Two families were helped with electricity this month.

ADOPTED FAMILY

Eggs are not available from the adopted family since the hens are not laying since it is so cold.

A PLACE TO SLEEP

1,460 children have received beds with 266 in 2017. There are 77 on the waiting list.

Christ Community Church has volunteered to help on each of their Love Shelbyville days if needed. (Love Shelbyville days are normally the 4th Sunday of each month.)

GIVE A KID A BRIGHTER DAY

Cadence Collins provided pajamas and books for 75-80 children in our Christmas baskets. She has submitted this project in hopes of receiving a Youth Service America (YSA) Kindness Rising grant.

SERENITY CENTER

This church volunteers at the Serenity Center, 98 7th Street, the first Wednesday of each month, 12-4pm. Feel free to volunteer any Wednesday. They also need volunteers to help pick up donations from stores (Walmart, Kroger, etc.) and to help at Dare to Care in Louisville for a few hours once a month. Anyone interested in helping at Dare to Care with no long-term commitment may call the Serenity Center at 647-5555. Carpooling available.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PROGRAM

The Musical Instrument Program was started several years ago with the mission of providing musical instruments for students who were unable to rent or purchase one of their own. The instruments are donated to the church and given to the Shelby County Public Schools where any repairs are made. They remain the property of the school system and are loaned to students under the supervision of the band/orchestra instructors. With **100** instruments placed in the schools to date, Gary Steinhilber, director of the program, is still accepting donations. He placed a notice on the Community page of the Sentinel News which has received a good response.

GOD'S KITCHEN

This church also volunteers at God's Kitchen, a local soup kitchen operated out of Victory Baptist Church, 715 Main Street, on the 2nd Thursday of each month. On January 11, Meme Lafferty, Lucy Long and Susie Phillips provided desserts. Meme also brought cornbread to accompany Boyd Phillips' soup beans and Gary Steinhilber's potato soup. Leftovers were taken to Colonial Hall. The next day for us to serve at God's Kitchen will be February 8. Anyone with desserts should bring them to the church by 10:00 am and those wishing to help serve should be at Victory Baptist by 10:30 am.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLES

Reports from the Salvation Army were that a great number of donations were given to us on Christmas Eve. Well done Presbyterians!

MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree remains up until the cold weather is over. You may put more gloves and scarves on it or take anything you need. Teachers, feel free to take to your students.

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

Cancelled stamps are being collected for the American Indians.

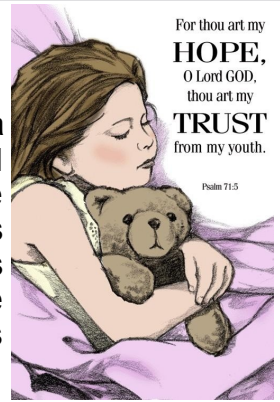
Shoes are being collected for the water project.

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

The next meeting will be February 11.

A Place to Sleep

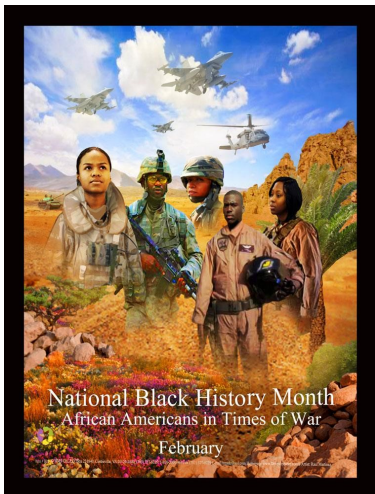
Jessica never dreamed there would still be children without decent beds. It's been a little over eight years now, and God continues to allow A Place to Sleep to bless and serve. 1,460 children have received beds with 266 in 2017. There are 77 on the waiting list. Having already helped one child in 2018, we are gearing up to set dates for out-of-county pickups and in-county deliveries. Christ Community Church has graciously offered to help with anything we need on each of their Love Shelbyville days again this year. January's date is Sunday, January 28 when, weather and funds permitting, they will help us deliver beds. They are also praying for us daily.



Current needs are for twin 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. That has been a huge barrier for families. Some Family Resource Center staff, Family & Children's Place, and our own Collins High School Football Coaches have helped, but we really need a consistent provider, say once a month or once a quarter, to take a load of beds to Jefferson County. If you have any connections or ideas, please let us know.

We continue to be blessed by Awake Ministry. Just being in the same building, sharing concerns and ideas, working together to help many of the same families is a gift from God. The men and women in the recovery houses help us whenever time permits (they have very full schedules), and it is always with a hug and a smile. They encourage us!

We are also blessed with a wonderful Board of Directors and congregation who allow us to "do our thing" while being there to help sort out any problems or jump in when help is needed. **THANK YOU.**



Each year beginning on February 1, an entire month of events are planned nationwide honoring the history and contributions of African Americans.

The theme for Black History Month in 2018 is "**African Americans in Times of War**" honoring those brave men and women who served their countries in the armed forces, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending the American ideals of freedom and democracy.

During World War II, for example, more than 2.5 million black men registered for the draft and one million served as draftees or volunteers in every branch of the armed forces. A decade before the first glimmers of the American civil rights movement, most black men were assigned to segregated combat groups.

Even so, more than 12,000 black men who served in the segregated 92nd Division received citations or were decorated for "extraordinary heroism" on the battlefield. Perhaps more famously, the Tuskegee Airmen also became legendary for their heroic feats, and in total received a Distinguished Unit Citation, several silver stars, 150 distinguished flying crosses, fourteen bronze stars, and 744 air medals.

At war's end, recognition of the African-American contribution to the war effort would eventually lay the groundwork for the civil rights protests of the 1950s and 1960s.



The church office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents Day.

CHAD WAITS' ART TO BE SHOWCASED

Sixth and Main Coffeehouse will present Kentucky artists and authors. Original works will be for sale at each event. Chad Waits, son of Fred & Cathy Waits, will have his art showcased on February 21 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Others to be included are:

Ben Nay, artist, 2:00-4:00 pm, Jan. 24
Elizabeth Lauer Sharrett, photography, 2:00-4:00 pm, March 28
Luke Sharrett, photography, 2:00-4:00 pm, April 25
Mark Lenn Johnson, artist, 2:00-4:00 pm, May 23
Mary Slinger, artist, 2:00-4:00 pm, June 20

Dates/times subject to change. For more information, go to their website: www.6amcoffee.com.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

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*"...remembering the words of the Lord
Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed
to give than to receive.'"
Acts 20:35*

January 4, 2018

First Presbyterian Church
629 Main St.
Shelbyville, KY 40065

Dear Partners in God's Mission,

Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Mission! Your generous and faithful giving allows all of us who work together in God's mission to bring the gospel of Christ to all corners of the world. It provides the funds to help bear the burdens of those in times of crisis, those in poverty, those who are in need. Thank you for partnering with us in that call.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On December 11, 2017, we received \$1,685.00 for the Africa Community Health Facilitator-Jeremy & Luta Garbat-Welch.

As people of faith who have received this greatest of gifts, we give thanks that our own generosity grows from the very heart of God. Thank you for living as God's generous people.

Again, thank you for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ. You are a valued partner in mission. Please let me know how I can support your efforts.

Blessings,

William McConnell

Mission Engagement Advisor – South Region

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Ash Wednesday is Valentine's Day this year: How should Christians celebrate?

*By Laura DeMarco, The Plain Dealer
ldemarco@plaind.com*

CLEVELAND, Ohio - Having a romantic Valentine's Day dinner might be a bit complicated for Christians this year. School Valentine's parties might see some changes, too. For the first time since 1945, Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday will fall on the same day.

Ash Wednesday is a somber occasion that marks the beginning of the 40-day period of Lent observed by Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestant faiths. On this day, Christians attend services and receive ashes upon their forehead, usually with the words *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

It is an official day of fasting for practicing Catholics and Anglicans. For Catholics, it is a particularly observant day, with fasting and abstinence for those between the ages of 14 and 59. That means only one full, non-meat meal should be eaten all day, accompanied by two smaller meals (that don't add up to the full meal). So, while you could still skip lunch and go out for that candlelight lobster dinner and be following the letter of the law, it's not necessarily in the spirit of the day. "We see this day as a full and solemn observation of the start of Lent," says Bob Tayek, Director of Media and Public Relations for the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

For this reason, the Diocese is sending a recommendation to local Catholic Schools that they move Valentine's Day parties to another date that week as a way to keep the day solemn. "We're recommending a combined Valentine's Day/Mardi Gras celebration the day before," says Tayek.

They're recommending adult Catholics also celebrate another day that week, too. "Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Paczki Day, whatever you call it, that's a day to go out and celebrate already," says Tayek. One local restaurateur says when Valentine's Day falls mid-week, many postpone their celebrations anyway. "Usually people will celebrate Valentine's Day when it is in the middle of the week the weekend before or the weekend after," notes Terry Tarantino, owner of La Dolce Vita restaurant in Little Italy. "I suppose most Catholics will be celebrating the weekend before, or the weekend after, depending on what they decide to give up for Lent."

For the record, St. Valentine, a third-century Roman martyr, IS a recognized saint in the Roman Catholic Church, even if February 14 has not been observed as his Saint's Day since 1969. Since so little is known about his life besides the fact he was martyred, he was removed from the official calendar. He still sells a lot of greeting cards, though.



**Save the Date
Shelby Touched Twice Clinic
Saturday, March 17, 2018**

**They need us to collect canvas and vinyl tote bags for them
that will be used to hold free clothing.**



**MAREE COLLINS NEEDS THE FOLLOWING FOR
PAINTED STONE ELEMENTARY'S ART NIGHT
Tuesday, March 20th**

Balloons (all shapes and sizes)
Hand held air pumps for balloons
Masking tape
Plastic grocery bags all colors
White liquid glue
Borax (only 1 box)
Food coloring
Ziplock sandwich bags
Toothpicks
Individually wrapped, peanut-free candy
Shaving cream

Sharpie markers (any colors / sizes)
White fabric (old sheets/pillowcases/solid t-shirts)
Rubbing alcohol
Spray bottles (can be washed recycled bottles)
Clothes pins
Rainbow looms (to borrow or to have)
Pony beads
Index cards (any color or size)
Face paint
Essential oils (any scent)
Sachets (any scent - the ones that come in paper bags)
Dried herbs/flowers
Small sea shells
Glitter (any color)
Glycerin cubes (for soap making)
Toilet paper tubes
Newspaper
Duct tape
Silk flowers
Fancy ribbon

We would also benefit from borrowing an old microwave

The art room is in constant need of:

Paper of any kind (e.g., computer, construction, scrapbook, etc.)
Toilet paper/paper towel/gift wrap tubes
Flat cardboard....any kind any thickness....including but not limited to cereal boxes
Any interesting objects to add to our construction corner.....Such as drink carriers,
old game/puzzle pieces, wood pieces, etc.
Polyester fiberfill
Knee high hose

PLEASE PLACE ANY DONATIONS IN OR ON THE TUB IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.





We give thanks to God for:

All those celebrating birthdays, including Al Cook,
Jason Collins, Fred Waits and Frances Hall
Sally Zaring's friend visiting
The birth of Davis, great nephew of Brooke Caudill

Since our last issue, we lift up the following in our prayers:

All those suffering from flu and flu-like illnesses
Becky Bura
Carolyn Clayton
Chuck Pollard
Don & Anne Armstrong
Gregg Neal & Family
Jerry Simpson
Lisa Beasey
Peggy Igleheart
The Family of Don Prather
The Family of Marie Holmes
The Family of George Tichenor
World Peace

We continue to lift up:

Alaine Shepard & Family
Amy Wakeman & Family
Bob & Jacquie Lier
Dan & Charlene Herrinton
David Hines & Family
Dee Hochstrasser
Dottie Segretto
Jewel Davis and daughter, Brenda
Jim & Jan Bonner
Joe Kline
Joyce Dotson
Lynne Chenault
Mary Ann Soergel
Mary Steinhilber
The Garbat-Welch Family
The Jasper 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.)

This note is from Carolyn Clayton's daughter, Jennifer.

I wanted to let you know my mother is still hospitalized in the ICU in California, but she is awake, alert and lonely! She told me that she really is a Presbyterian and misses everyone terribly. Please pass along to others that I said (not her, of course) that she would be very comforted by cards or notes. She is on oxygen and has hearing loss from the ventilator so is unable to talk on the phone. But cards and letters/notes would be so appreciated!

Her mailing address is through my P.O. Box :

**Carolyn Clayton
P.O. Box 6257
Albany, Ca 94706**

Thank you so much for spreading the word.



Dear Pastor or Women's Ministry Leader,

We would like to extend a special invitation to you and your Women's Ministry Team to join us for the 2018 Fresh Grounded Faith Conference **on Friday and Saturday, September 28-29, 2018 at Shelby Christian Church in Shelbyville, Kentucky.** Fresh Grounded Faith has asked Shelby Christian to be the host church. We hope to link arms with dozens of churches from central Kentucky. We would love for your church to be involved!

If you are unfamiliar with Fresh Grounded Faith Conferences, they are Kingdom-minded events hosted by Bible teacher and best-selling author, Jennifer Rothschild, meant to connect women in local churches with one another to reach their community.

Fresh Grounded Faith is for women who have never encountered Jesus and for those who have been walking by faith for many years. Everyone will be welcomed, accepted, and loved. The ultimate goal of Fresh Grounded Faith is to have one event, with many churches, for every woman. Shelby Christian is thrilled to partner with Jennifer and to link arms with you, our sister churches, to reach women in our area!

We hope you will be a part of Fresh Grounded Faith! In order for the conference to be a success we need co-host churches, volunteers, and prayer warriors. There are opportunities for all women, regardless of your talents or time availability.

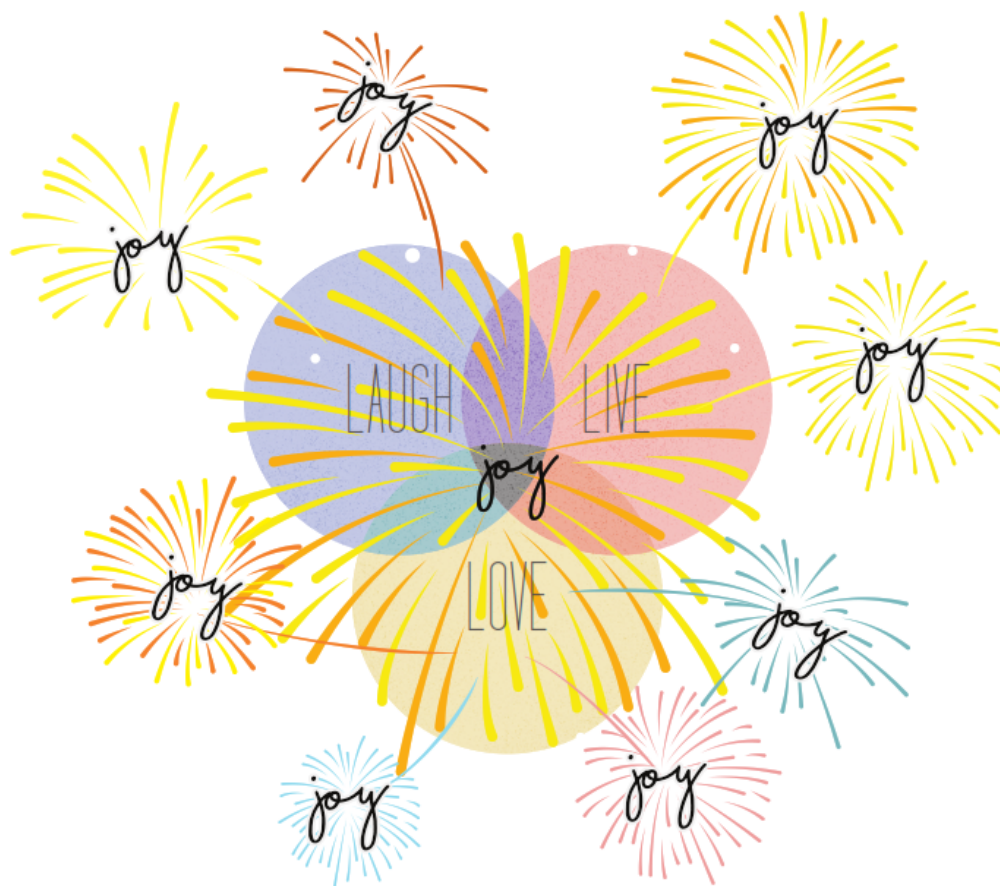
Please RSVP by emailing shelbychristianfgf@gmail.com if you'd like to help. Please pray about this opportunity and join us in some way. Whether you become a co-host church, bring a group of women to the conference, or step out and volunteer, God will be honored and lives will be touched!

In Christ,

Kim Hamlin

Shelby Christian Church

P.S. Mark your calendars for our Kick-Off Rally on February 27, 2018 @ 6:30 PM!



The Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference

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LAUGH, LIVE, LOVE WITH *joy*

ARW 2018: MAY 7-12, 2018



CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP



Bill Buchanan - Worship Leader

Bill is a pastor, Christian educator, youth worker, father, husband, and friend. He is the Executive Director of Youth Mission Co, which includes the youth mission immersion programs of Asheville Youth Mission, Raleigh Youth Mission, and Memphis Youth Mission. He loves live music, cooking, and watching college basketball.



Eric Nanz - Music Leader

Eric is an accomplished instrumentalist, vocalist, song leader and songwriter. A professional instructor, he teaches guitar, piano, voice, bass, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, songwriting and music theory at his private studio in Fort Myers, Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree in music industry from James Madison University, where he majored in classical guitar and sound engineering. Eric currently helps lead music for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers, as well as for retreats and conferences.

pre-conference event

ARW Scholarship Golf Scramble
Monday, May 8, 8:00 a.m.
Black Mountain Golf Course

For more info visit re-create.cc

WORKSHOP CHOICES

Participants will choose either TWO 2-day Morning or ONE 4-day Morning Workshop along with ONE 4-day Afternoon Course

Tuesday & Wednesday (2-day) Morning Workshops

- Inter-religious Dialogue - *Matt Hoffman*
- Mosaic Garden Stones - *Joe Eberly*
- Songwriting: The Expression of Faith Through Music - *Eric Nanz*
- Fused Glass - *Roger and Brian Maness*

Thursday & Friday (2-day) Morning Workshops

- Power, Privilege & Difference - *Marisol Jiménez*
- To Dye For - *Darci McKinnon*
- Fused Glass Wind Chimes - *Roger and Brian Maness*
- And they shall beat their swords into hooks and their spears into bottle openers (Beginning Blacksmithing) - *Scotty Utz*

4-day Morning Workshops

- Bringing God's Word to Life - Drama, Storytelling & More - *Michael Harper*
- Energize Me! - *Steve Price & Eric Dillenbeck*
- Popcorn Theology - *TBD*
- Heartbreak and Humor: Laughing Again After Loss - *Ashley Anne Masters*
- Create A Game Ottoman - *Leslie McCarthy*
- The Promise of Play - *Beth Gunn, Sophie Maness & Glenn Bannerman*
- Fitness Flight - *Julie Shannon & Jayn Lando*

4-day Afternoon Workshops

- Living Liturgy: Words & Movement - *Jo Nygard Owens*
- Holy Stories Coming Alive - *Lynn Turnage*
- You're Invited - *Kris Adler-Brammer & Nancy Myer*
- Advanced Youth Ministry - *TBD*
- Community Building 2018 Style - *Steve Price & Eric Dillenbeck*
- Space for Spirit - Altered Board Book Journals - *Deb Guess*
- That One Time We Made a Terrible Church Video - *Josh Richard*
- Stained Glass - *Brian & Roger Maness*
- Spirituality & Fly Fishing - *Kris "Bubba" Brammer*
- Toy Transformation - *Marilyn Werst*
- Come to Art Camp! - *Jayn Lando*

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

Shelby County Parks & Awake Ministries

Are Partnering Up For
Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 10th, 2018

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Waldridge Center & Gym

— Eat & Greet —

Vietnam Era - 60's & 70's Music & Dance

FREE "EVERYTHING"

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

to end Homeless Veterans in Shelby County

Contact Barry Campbell: 502-655-1199



Knit-wits will meet on Saturday, February 3 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:
Plastic bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc.)
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.