



# THE FIRST WORD

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## Frequently Asked Questions about the Presbyterian Worship Service

*Submitted by Pastor Jay Hodge*

*Other churches often have the sermon at the end of the service. Does the sermon have to be in the middle of the service? Why?*

Everything we Presbyterians *do*, whether in worship or in the world, is supposed to center around the Gospel of Jesus Christ (the Word). It is only appropriate that our worship should be built around the same Scripture that tells us all about this Gospel of Christ. Our Call to Worship, Opening hymn, and Prayer of Confession prepare us to receive the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as the Word is proclaimed. The "Time for Silent Reflection", "Hymn of Response" (second hymn following the sermon), the Offering, and the Sacraments (baptism and communion, when they are offered), are all responses to hearing the Gospel proclaimed. We sing because we have heard the reason to sing; we give because we have heard the reason to

give; we accept the grace of God through our sacraments because we have heard the call from God to accept it. To put any of these before the Gospel would serve to disconnect our response from the very thing to which we are responding.

*Why do we say our confession out loud? Why can't we just say our confession in silence?*

We of the Reformed Faith (this includes Presbyterians) understand that the Church Universal is a community in and of itself – connecting us all together through the working of the Holy Spirit. And even though the church is called into being by God, it is not perfect and is indeed in need of forgiveness. The part of the confession we read together is a confession of the sins of the whole church, not of the individual. Now, because they are sins of the whole community of faith, we understand to have a hand in these sins in some sense and so by our confessing we help the Church in general with its sin.

*After the Confession, why do we "pass the peace" as a part of the service?*

It's not just a second time to say hello to your neighbors. It's much more than that. If you'll note, we pass the peace among the congregation right after the Confession and Assurance of Pardon. There really is a reason for it's being here. Throughout the Old and New Testaments we are taught that before we come before God, we need to be reconciled with our sisters and brothers in faith. After corporately and personally confessing our wrongs to God, we are given the opportunity to reconcile ourselves with those who are worshipping around us. It may seem like we are breaking the flow of the worship service but we are actually participating in worship as we pass the peace of Christ among the Body of Christ.

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*What are the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion actually?*

They are a symbolic representation of something that is very real and actively happening to those of us who participate in the Sacraments. We cannot see what God is *actually* doing because we are merely mortal and confined to the senses of the physical world. So God has given us these two Sacraments that use objects of the physical world to show us what God is doing for us and to us in spiritual sense.

In baptism, when we see the water poured over another (whether infant or adult), we are shown in that symbolic act what God *actually does*. God *does* seal us with God's name, marking us as God's child. God *actually does* wash our sin away...*actually does* have us die with Christ and raised to new life. We do baptism only once because if God has already sealed us with God's name, we do not actually need another "sealing".

The same goes for communion. When we eat the bread and drink the grape juice or wine, God *actually* does feed us with the spiritual food of Christ. God give us nourishment for our soul's sake and we are *actually* made stronger in spirit each time we partake of communion. In this case we offer communion as much as possible so that our very souls are strengthen all the more for discipleship.

*If you have any other questions about being Presbyterian or our practices, Pastor Hodge is always glad to talk with you. He can be reached at the church office (502 633-2693) Mondays through Thursdays or at the church on Sundays before and after the worship service.*

*Likewise, if you have any question regarding the strengthening of your ties with our community of faith here at First Presbyterian, Pastor Hodge and any members of our board (known as our Session) will be glad to help. Our Session members for 2018 are Sue O'Malley, Brian Jasper, Anne Greenwell, Abby Dew, Libby Pollett, Todd Hall, Beth RoBards, Linda Shepard, and Joyce Dotson. You may reach one of these folks on any given Sunday during worship, or you may leave a message for one of them at the church office.*



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

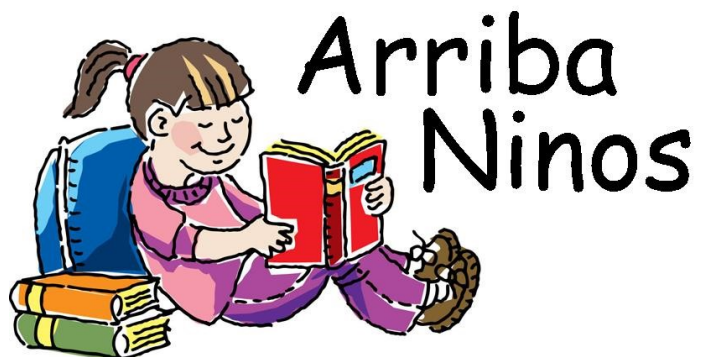
**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

36% Presbyterian Hunger Program  
32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
32% Self-Development of People

We will receive this special offering on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Our Spring Session continues Mondays  
through March 19.

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



**MARCH 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.**

**Third Sunday in Lent—March 4**

Exodus 20:1–17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18–25  
John 2:13–22

**Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 11**

Numbers 21:4–9  
Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22  
Ephesians 2:1–10  
John 3:14–21

**Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 18**

Jeremiah 31:31–34  
Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16  
Hebrews 5:5–10  
John 12:20–33

**Passion/Palm Sunday—March 25**

*Liturgy of the Palms*  
Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16  
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29  
*Liturgy of the Passion*  
Isaiah 50:4–9a  
Psalm 31:9–16  
Philippians 2:5–11  
Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)

**Monday of Holy Week—Monday, March 26**

Isaiah 42:1–9  
Psalm 36:5–11  
Hebrews 9:11–15  
John 12:1–11

**Tuesday of Holy Week—Tuesday, March 27**

Isaiah 49:1–7  
Psalm 71:1–14  
1 Corinthians 1:18–31  
John 12:20–36

**Wednesday of Holy Week—March 28**

Isaiah 50:4–9a  
Psalm 70:1–5  
Hebrews 12:1–3  
John 13:21–32

**Maundy Thursday—March 29**

Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14  
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19  
1 Corinthians 11:23–26  
John 13:1–17, 31b–35

**Good Friday—March 30**

Isaiah 52:13–53:12  
Psalm 22:1–31  
Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9  
John 18:1–19:42

**Easter Vigil—March 31**

Genesis 1:1–2:4a  
Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26  
Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13  
Psalm 46:1–11  
Genesis 22:1–18  
Psalm 16:1–11  
Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21  
Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18  
Isaiah 55:1–11  
Isaiah 12:2–6  
Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6  
Psalm 19:1–14  
Ezekiel 36:24–28  
Psalm 42:1–11 and Psalm 43:1–5  
Ezekiel 37:1–14  
Psalm 143:1–12  
Zephaniah 3:14–20  
Psalm 98:1–9  
Romans 6:3–11  
Psalm 114:1–8  
Mark 16:1–8

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

### MARCH LITURGIST

Paul Schmidt

### MARCH NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

March 4—Linda Shepard  
March 11—Beth Herrinton-Hodge  
March 18—Sally Zaring  
March 25—Joyce Kalmey

### MARCH GREETERS & USHERS

March 4—Mary Steinhilber, Duke Owens, Diane Palmer  
March 11—Barbara Troyer, The Jasper Family  
March 18—The Zaring Family, Marshall Long,  
Brooke Caudill  
March 25—Diann Cook, Geo & Billy Cook



Callaway Zaring & Riley RoBards say,  
“Nothing beats spending time with  
your friends at church!”



### 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](mailto:1pchurch@bellsouth.net)) and let her know which format you would like (electronic or printed).

Please update your director with the following:




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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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Second Sunday in Lent <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Special thru Easter) <b>12:15 PM</b> "Good Grief" <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Arriba Ninos Tutoring Program	<b>27</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Science and Theology Chat	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> World Day of Prayer <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Knit-Wits <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>4</b> HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday in Lent <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Special thru Easter) <b>12:15 PM</b> "Good Grief" <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Arriba Ninos Tutoring Program	<b>6</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Food Distribution at Serenity Center	<b>8</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> FPC serves lunch at God's Kitchen	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>11</b>  Remember! <b>Time Changes this Sunday!</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent LOVE SUNDAY <b>9:00 AM</b> Outreach Ministry Meeting <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Special thru Easter) <b>12:15 PM</b> "Good Grief" <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Arriba Ninos Tutoring Program	<b>13</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>6:00 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Morning Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Newsletter articles due	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>18</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Special thru Easter) <b>12:15 PM</b> "Good Grief" <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Arriba Ninos Tutoring Program	<b>20</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Congregational Care	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>25</b> PALM SUNDAY <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal (Special thru Easter) <b>12:15 PM</b> "Good Grief" <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Science and Theology Chat	<b>29</b>  Maundy Thursday HOLY COMMUNION <b>6:30 PM</b> Supper <b>7:30 PM</b> Communion Worship Service	<b>30</b>  GOOD FRIDAY <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year!

I pray that you entered 2018 filled with joy and peace. We spent a few days enjoying Lake Malawi as a family and 2018 seemed to enter in quietly. Now here we are already a month later!

When Jeremy and I first moved to Malawi, we were struck by the deforestation that has devastated Malawi and the poor soils we saw everywhere. Regular flooding (as a result of the hard soil and deforestation) causing significant damage to homes, crops and lives occurs each rainy season even while the rains are sporadic at best. This leads to food insecurity and hunger which is directly connected to the malnutrition rate of 64% in children under 5. You cannot escape issues of hunger and farming in Malawi – it is an ever present topic of conversation. How many bags of maize did you harvest this year? How are the rains in your area? If God would only have mercy on us and send the rains, we are suffering.

While the work we do with CCAP is not directly related to agriculture, it has become our side interest – just like every Malawian you meet has a maize field somewhere, we have our little piece of land in our yard that we cultivate. Since arriving in Malawi we have been watching, listening and learning from individuals in Malawi who practice permaculture. Google describes permaculture as “the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient”. Those who practice permaculture in Malawi speak of the abundance of food available in Malawi, and the amazing indigenous food resources, if people would look beyond maize as being the only food available. Even in periods of sporadic rains, such as what we are experiencing now, people who implement permaculture techniques have plenty of food to spare.

Jeremy and I have been particularly attracted to permaculture because of the foundational philosophies which mirror philosophies we follow in CHE and in pastoral care. There’s a focus on using local resources, designing and building sustainable, holistic food systems and caring for people. Jeremy and I do not have backgrounds in agriculture, but we have seen how critical food systems are to the foundation of our work – lack of food security and food diversity directly impacts health which directly impacts spiritual and psychological well-being.

I yearn to use our garden as an example of the abundance that Malawi has to offer. But our attempts at gardening are slow going – our design is still in implementation phase, our garden is rife with aphids, when it rains water still stands on the ground and we are not maximizing our use of grey water. I still have so much to learn about indigenous plants. It is easy to become overwhelmed by it all. But my garden continues to be a place where God nudges me to deeper truths. I am reminded, that just as I must continually point people back to Christ who is author of our abundant lives, I should also continue to point people towards Malawians who have changed their lives through the implementation of



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permaculture instead of trying to be at the center of people's interests. I am reminded that trying new things, failing, asking for help, and learning some more is in itself a witness to those around us of God's grace and creativity. And it puts me once again in the right place here in my home that is not my home, under the care of Malawians.

Finally it is good to celebrate the steps we have taken: Look at that yard! In September I sent a picture of our backyard that we have covered in mulch to heal and prepare the soil. Several of you have asked how our garden is doing. Things have really sprung to life with the rains, even sporadic as they have been this year. Look at that yard! We have more than enough for our family, and plenty to share. Our housekeeper and I processed our first batch of moringa powder right from our garden! The bird population and diversity has doubled. We are letting much of the yard lay still, and we are finding gems of local plants that have grown up. We have been picking up beer bottles from our neighborhood to edge some of our garden beds and meeting neighbors and building community in the process. Our garden and because of it, our lives are transforming, pang'ono pang'ono (little by little). I have said many times in many of our letters, the work of CHE is slow. The work of pastoral care, healing hearts is slow. But this slow, deep work will bring true healing and transformation to our hearts, minds, souls and soil!

I pray that God is also doing slow deep work in your lives and communities!

Blessings to you,  
Luta



# Outreach



# Ministries

**JOIN US ON**  
**Wednesday, MARCH 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**



**HELPING OUR**  
**NEIGHBORS**  
**IN NEED**

**MARCH 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, MARCH 8**  
**10:30 A.M.**

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



Winter hangs on, and children are without hats and gloves. The Mitten Tree in the Mulberry Room is still 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  
FROM FEBRUARY 2018**

One family was helped with electricity this month.

Eggs are not available from the adopted family since the hens are not laying.

**A Place to Sleep**

-1463 children have received beds.

-An offering taken during the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators Conference will be given to A Place to Sleep.

-Christ Community Church has committed to helping once a month during 2018.

This church is volunteering at the Serenity Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Street the first Wednesday of each month. Carlen Pippin continues to share extra food with God's Kitchen, Colonial Hall, and the Women's Renaissance Center as available.

God's Kitchen was February 8. Meme Lafferty, Susie Phillips, and Lucy Long provided desserts. Meme Lafferty brought cornbread to accompany Boyd Phillips' soup beans and Mary Steinhilber's potato soup. There were no leftovers. The next day for us to serve at God's Kitchen will be March 11. Anyone with desserts should bring them to the church by 10:00 and those wishing to help serve should be at Victory Baptist by 10:30.

The Souper Bowl provided 238 items for the Shelby County Backpack Program. The Patriots had 35 items, Neutral had 67 items, and the Eagles had 136 items. We thank everyone for supporting the children of Shelby County.

Bibles for high school seniors requests will begin in March.

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 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.

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

The next meeting will be March 11.



**EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**

Cost \$10.50 each

Please make check payable to FPC and mark it for "lily."

LAST DAY TO ORDER MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

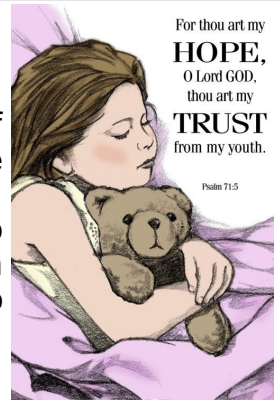
2) \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(This will be the listing for the bulletin)

## A Place to Sleep

We have provided beds for 23 children so far in 2018. That brings us to a grand total of 1482 children since December 2009. There are currently 77 children on the ever-growing waiting list. We are continuously in of crib, twin, and full sized sheets, blankets and comforters; twin, full, bunk bed, crib and toddler frames; and funds to purchase those items not donated. We can also use more volunteers to help with deliveries, organization, etc. If you are interested in getting more involved, speak to Lynn Whittaker, 321-7116.



For thou art my  
**HOPE,**  
O Lord GOD,  
thou art my  
**TRUST**  
from my youth.

Psalms 71:5



Christ Community Church volunteers delivered beds Sunday morning, February 25. They divided into 3 teams and delivered beds to 11 children. We are so blessed to have their help and support.



Trucks were piled high with mattresses on the way to give children a place of their own to sleep.



This sweet girl recently arrived from Guatemala with her family. Now she has a bed on which to sleep and new friends in the community to share Christ's love with her.



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

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PREPARE!!!**

- Cutting grocery bags into strips
- Punching holes sewing cards
- Gluing art to banners
- Hanging art banners (1 week prior to event)

- Masking tape
- Rubbing alcohol
- Spray bottles (can be washed recycled bottles)
- Rainbow looms (to borrow or to have)
- Duct tape

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.



God, our promised land;  
Christ, our way,  
Our journey has become long and hard  
Because we wander about  
Like nomads  
Not knowing where to go.  
We are strangers in our own land,  
Without bread, a roof, a future,

But you came to find us  
With your life-giving breath.  
You, who are also displaced.,  
Have become an exile with us  
You offer us a new and promised land.  
Your spirit urges us toward  
That joyous homecoming.







2018 Shelby Touched Twice Clinic  
Saturday, March 17, 2018  
Shelbyville First Baptist Church



### How Can I Help?

#### Pray

For the Shelby Touched Twice Clinic, for volunteers, For Clinic attendees to meet Jesus, for donations, for wonderful weather for the Clinic and Clinic activities

#### Volunteer

We need people to be Shepherds. Shepherds escort the visitors through the Clinic sharing Jesus while showing love and making the visitors feel special. We also need kitchen helpers, clean-up crew helpers, Hairstylists, Prayer Warriors, Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Hygienists, Chiropractors, Registration workers, along with volunteers to work other areas. We need people to just come and show love to those who need to feel special. Visit [www.shelbytouchedtwice.com](http://www.shelbytouchedtwice.com) to register

#### Donate

Financial donations: Would be greatly appreciated as this clinic is funded by donations only. Financial donations may be mailed to Salem Baptist Church, 8311 Mt. Eden Rd., Shelbyville KY 40065

Food Pantry items: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, peanut butter, boxed meals, juices, please watch expiration dates

Toiletry Items: diapers of all sizes, shampoo, soap, deodorant, comb, hairbrush, tooth paste & toothbrush etc.

Clothes Closet: We are asking for gently used spring and summer clothes and hangers.

Bibles: We will be collecting Bibles to give to our guests. We will need them in both English and Spanish translations for both adults and children.

The donations may be dropped off at Ferrell's, LLC, 6036 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065, 502-633-2665, during normal business hours or at the Shelby Baptist Association Office, 120 Henry Clay St., Shelbyville, KY, 40065, 502-633-1198 during normal business hours.

Prayer Vigil, Thurs., Mar. 15 5-8pm  
Friday, March 16, 2018  
Come after 12 noon to help set up  
for the clinic  
Dedication Service at  
First Baptist Church 7:00 pm  
Friday evening

Saturday, March 17, 2018  
Registration begins 7:00 am  
come as early as 6:00 am to  
minister to the early guests  
Prayer service 9:00 am  
Clinic hours 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Clean up after the clinic

Join us as we further God's work at our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Shelby Touched Twice Clinic  
For more info: <http://www.shelbytouchedtwice.com>

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



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: [libbypollett@gmail.com](mailto:libbypollett@gmail.com)

Sally: [sally.zaring@shelby.kyschools.us](mailto:sally.zaring@shelby.kyschools.us)

### *A New Opportunity Coming Confirmation Community!*

*The Confirmation Community is being organized as a process for those in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade leading to possible confirmation. It is also open for those who wish to explore their Presbyterian faith in more depth. We plan on starting Saturday evenings in April for approximately 6 weeks. We will explore our faith through community building activities, Bible study, videos, discussions with mentors and quiet reflection. The process could lead to decisions to join the church. Those wanting to participate are expected to make a commitment to all the sessions.*

*We are also looking for those who would like to assist by hosting a dinner and space at their home one of the evenings, who would like to assist in leadership, are able to provide music opportunities. Look for more information coming up.*

*Questions??? Talk to Ruth Welch.*



***We give thanks to God for:***

All those celebrating birthdays, including Sam Hall, Mary Ann Soergel, Judy Schostkewitz and Norma Beasey  
Austin & Emma Redmon expecting a son, Henry James Redmon

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

All those suffering from flu/flu-like illnesses  
Charlene Herrinton  
Claudette & Marshall Long  
Iva Jean Runyon  
Jeff Quire  
Jim Bonner  
Jim Stanley Dawson  
Kenneth Terrell  
Kristy Hall  
Libby Nethery  
Mary & Gary Steinhilber  
Our newly elected elders: Linda Shepard, Joyce Dotson & Beth RoBards  
Peggy Igleheart  
Ryan Munoz  
Shelby County & Martha Layne Collins High School Bands & Choirs headed to Disney World  
The family of Don Armstrong  
The family & friends of Joe Kline  
The school in Florida

***We continue to lift up:***

Alaine Shepard & Family  
Amy Wakeman & Family  
Becky Bura  
Bob & Jacquie Lier  
Bob & Nancy Pearce  
Carolyn Chesher  
Carolyn Clayton  
Chuck Pollard  
Cliff Bramblett  
David Hines & Family  
Dee Hochstrasser  
Dottie Segretto  
Jackie Welch  
Jerry Simpson  
Jewel Davis & Daughter Brenda  
Jim & Jan Bonner  
Joyce Dotson  
Libby Nethery  
Linda Casey  
Linda RoBards  
Lisa Beasey  
Lynne Chenault  
The Garbat-Welch Family  
The Jasper Family  
The Neal Family



Uspiritus

**The Easter Bunny needs your help**

The Easter Bunny gets busy this time of year, so we're hoping to get some friends to help make his life a little easier. Uspiritus needs volunteers to donate Easter baskets and to help stuff and hide the hundreds of plastic eggs that make up their annual Easter egg hunt on March 31, at their Brooklawn and Bellewood campuses. If your church group, Sunday school, civic club or family would like to be part of this time-honored tradition at Uspiritus, please contact MaryClare Coffey at (502) 515-0434 or email her at [maryclare.coffey@uspiritus.org](mailto:maryclare.coffey@uspiritus.org).





- 3/01 Joanne Burke
- 3/02 Leslee Bottorff
- 3/02 Cadence Collins
- 3/04 Emily Dodd
- 3/05 Jane Elkin Thomas
- 3/05 Carol Henson
- 3/05 Kelsey Hodge
- 3/07 Rob Bohnsack
- 3/07 Alexis Kremer
- 3/08 Sally Zaring
- 3/09 Dee Hochstrasser
- 3/09 Gina Rempe
- 3/09 Lawson Zaring
- 3/10 Ruth Welch
- 3/12 Catie Kelly
- 3/14 Don Armstrong
- 3/17 Helen Walters
- 3/22 Boyd Phillips
- 3/22 Stella Wakeman
- 3/24 Elizabeth Carriss
- 3/24 Debbie Logan
- 3/25 Jackson Kelly
- 3/26 Patrick Rigney
- 3/30 Beth RoBards
- 3/31 Will Logan, IV

- 3/09 Bob & Karen Pratt Jr.
- 3/16 Shirley & Darwin Foley
- 3/16 Jim & Sue O'Malley
- 3/28 Jon & Carol Henson



**We Need The Following:**

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.

***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.)*

## FINANCE REPORT DECEMBER 2017

In December, we collected \$19,422.94. On the expense side, we spent \$16,723.03. We spent \$2,699.91 less than we collected. For the year, we spent \$6,868.99 more than we collected. We moved \$22,000.00 from savings to cover day to day operations. At the current rate of income and expense, we only have 2 years of savings to cover our shortages in the future. Questions? Please call Fred Waits (502) 321-5128.

### FPC Shelbyville Budget Summary as of December 2017

	Last Month	Year to Date	
Pledges Received	\$14,439.00	\$134,219.47	
Kroger Gift Card	\$0.00	\$878.84	
From Savings	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	
Other Income	\$4,983.94	\$48,227.83	
Designated Funds	\$959.00	\$25,600.53	
Total Income	\$20,381.94	\$230,926.67	
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$19,422.94</b>	<b>\$205,326.14</b>	
Personnel Expense	\$13,199.29	\$163,905.47	
Utilities	\$2,228.73	\$18,564.46	
Building Maintenance	\$234.00	\$15,670.51	
Youth & Education	\$0.00	\$1,161.97	
Music	\$125.00	\$558.00	
Office	\$491.12	\$5,962.37	
Shared Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Per Capita	\$0.00	\$4,662.16	
Other	\$444.89	\$1,710.19	
Designated Expenses	\$330.00	\$25,373.40	
Total Expenses	\$17,053.03	\$237,568.53	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$16,723.03</b>	<b>\$212,195.13</b>	
Summary 2017	Income	Expense	Difference
December	\$19,422.94	\$16,723.03	\$2,699.91
November	\$13,935.00	\$17,127.60	(\$3,192.60)
October	\$10,890.83	\$17,008.50	(\$6,117.67)
September	\$14,184.00	\$13,528.05	\$655.95
August	\$4,169.88	\$21,777.53	(\$17,607.65)
July	\$28,244.69	\$14,686.59	\$13,558.10
June	\$9,356.00	\$14,884.22	(\$5,528.22)
May	\$20,267.65	\$21,443.51	(\$1,175.86)
April	\$17,238.36	\$16,871.70	\$366.66
March	\$16,841.43	\$19,267.83	(\$2,426.40)
February	\$15,905.50	\$17,311.14	(\$1,405.64)
January	\$8,047.06	\$20,887.44	(\$12,840.38)

## FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 2018

In January, we collected \$3,149.80. On the expense side, we spent \$19,821.82. We spent \$16,672.02 more than we collected. Questions? Please call Fred Waits (502) 321-5128.

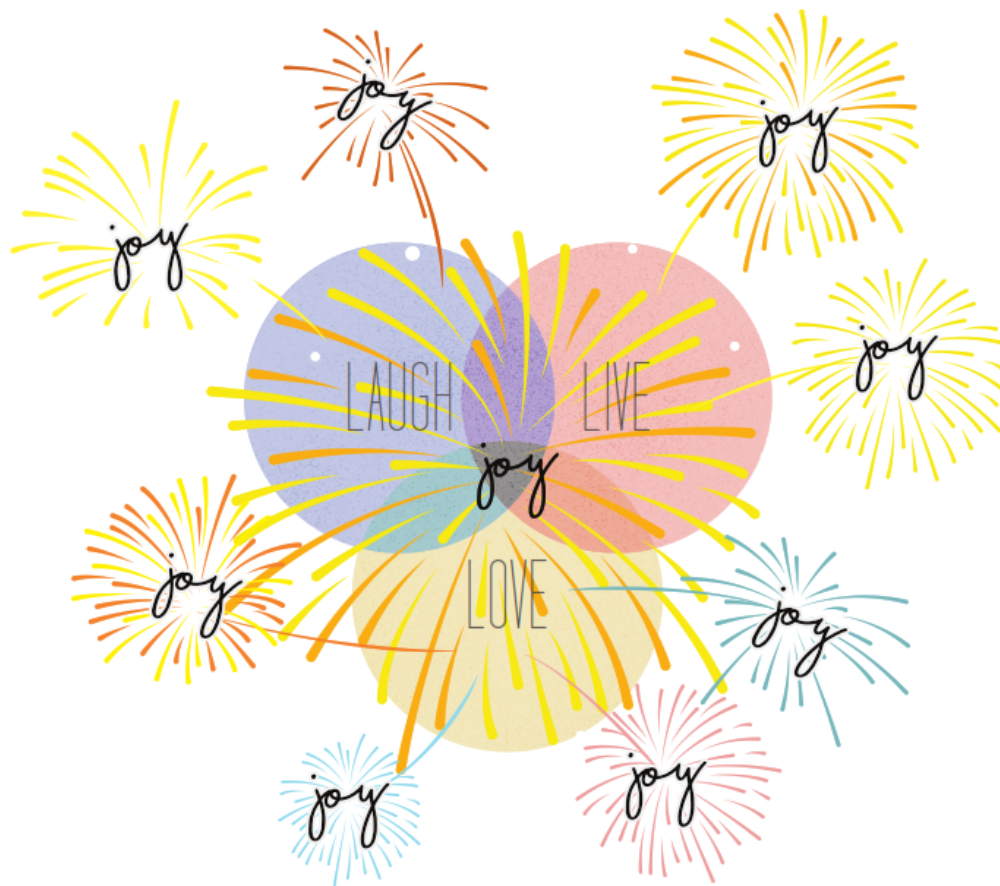
FPC Shelbyville Budget Summary as of January 2018		
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	Last Month	Year to Date
Pledges Received	\$5,804.00	\$7,971.96
Kroger Gift Card	\$368.44	\$368.44
From Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income	(\$3,022.64)	(\$3,022.64)
Designated Funds	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Income	\$3,199.80	\$5,367.76
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,149.80</b>	<b>\$5,317.76</b>

Personnel Expense	\$13,323.20	\$13,323.20
Utilities	\$517.69	\$517.69
Building Maintenance	\$130.17	\$130.17
Youth & Education	\$79.14	\$79.14
Music	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office	\$421.22	\$421.22
Shared Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00
Per Capita	\$3,834.54	\$3,834.54
Other	\$1,515.86	\$1,515.86
Designated Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$19,821.82	\$19,821.82
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,821.82</b>	<b>\$19,821.82</b>

Summary 2018	Income	Expense	Difference
December			
November			
October			
September			
August			
July			
June			
May			
April			
March			
February			
January	\$3,149.80	\$19,821.82	(\$16,672.02)





## The Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference

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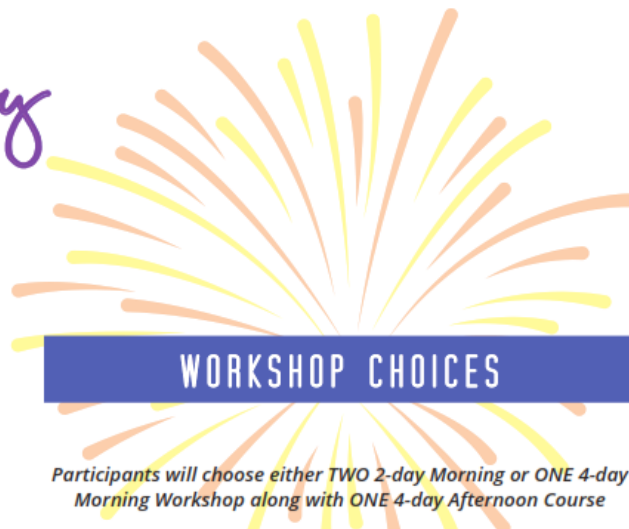
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CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP



**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.

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*

*pre-conference event*

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

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*THE FIRST WORD*

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