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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

Mexican culture celebrates a similar day of remembering those who came before, *el día de muertos*. The **Day of the Dead** is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, in particular the Central and South regions, and by people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and helping support their spiritual journey. In Mexican culture, death is viewed as a natural part of the human cycle. Mexicans view it not as a day of sadness but as a day of celebration because their loved ones awake and celebrate with them.

Prior to Spanish colonization in the 16th century, the celebration took place at the beginning of summer. Gradually, it was associated with October 31, November 1, and November 2 to coincide with the Western Christian triduum of Allhallowtide: All Saints' Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day. Traditions connected with the holiday include building private altars called *ofrendas*, honoring the deceased using calaveras, aztec marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, and visiting graves with these as gifts. Visitors also leave possessions of the deceased at the graves.



Día de Muertos is observed because the Mexican government made it a national holiday based on educational policies from the 1960s; it has introduced this holiday as a unifying national tradition based on indigenous traditions. Holding on to and sharing the memories of lost loved ones keeps their spirit alive. If the memories are forgotten, their spirit disappears.

What a wonderful way to honor one's past and share memories and history with younger generations. What and how will your family and friends remember you? What items would they place on the "ofrendas", recalling them as your favorites? What stories will they tell? In who's faith journey will you continue to be a part?

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FESTIVALS

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

All Saints' Day—November 1

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11–23
Luke 6:20–31

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26)—November 3

Semicontinuous	Complementary
Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4	Isaiah 1:10–18
Psalm 119:137–144	Psalm 32:1–7
2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12	2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12
Luke 19:1–10	Luke 19:1–10

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27)—November 10

Semicontinuous	Complementary
Haggai 1:15b–2:9	Job 19:23–27a
Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98	Psalm 17:1–9
2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17	2 Thessalonians 2:1–5,
Luke 20:27–38	Luke 20:27–38

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)—November 17

Semicontinuous	Complementary
Isaiah 65:17–25	Malachi 4:1–2a
Isaiah 12	Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6–13	2 Thessalonians 3:6–13
Luke 21:5–19	Luke 21:5–19

Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 24

Semicontinuous	Complementary
Jeremiah 23:1–6	Jeremiah 23:1–6
Luke 1:68–79	Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11–20	Colossians 1:11–20
Luke 23:33–43	Luke 23:33–43

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 director with the following:

Dorothy Weitzmann cell (336) 337-3456

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.

Alternative Gift Market



Sunday, November 10
8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Give gifts this Holiday Season that will have an impact on a stranger. Maybe a flock of chicks in honor of your granddaughter, or a bed in honor of your spouse. Donate toward the purchase of Christmas food baskets in honor of your neighbors, and why not donate to Habitat for Humanity in honor of a co-worker. Step outside of the traditional “gift box” and give a gift that truly embodies the Spirit of Christmas.

*Join us for breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall and then shop in the Mulberry Room.*

VOICE YOUR CHOICE!

Are you interested in helping with the Outreach Committee and all their wonderful “hands on” work in the community, only you can’t attend their monthly meetings on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.? Then be sure to stop by the Outreach table at the Alternative Gift Market and share the day/time you can commit to meet. The committee will look at meeting in 2020 when the majority of committed volunteers are able to meet.



God's Kitchen is closing until January due to building and other issues. There is a possibility that it may not reopen. Pray for God's guidance and what the future holds for our downtown soup kitchen and for the folks who count on this one hot meal in their day.

JOIN US ON
Wednesday, NOVEMBER 6
Anytime between
12:00 noon & 4:00 p.m.
At the Serenity Center,
98 7th Street



Help distribute food to Shelby County residents.
We especially need folks to push grocery carts.

Bring plastic bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc.)



Love one another.

LOVE

Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

NOVEMBER 10
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.



The Outreach Committee is currently collecting canned goods that will supplement our Christmas Food Boxes. Please share any unexpired items by placing them on the kitchen counter.

OCTOBER 2019 OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT TO SESSION

Due to low funds, no families were helped this month.

A Place to Sleep

222 children have received beds in 2019 making a total of 1,948 children having received beds with 31+ on the waiting list.

The Shelby County High School National Honor Society will be organizing the warehouse on Friday, October 18.

There will be a Halloween Party at Talon Winery, Shelbyville on October 26. At that time, Dr. Carlen Pippin will be honored by the AARP as Volunteer of the Year.

Christ Community Churches in Shelbyville and Henry County continue to deliver beds on their "Love Shelbyville" Sunday.

Give a Kid a Brighter Day

Cadence Collins is collecting Halloween costumes to distribute.

Serenity Center

This church continues to volunteer at the Serenity Center on 7th Street the first Wednesday of each month. An age limit has been placed on volunteers. Carlen Pippin has been sharing extra food with God's Kitchen, Colonial Hall, and the Women's Renaissance Center.

Musical Instrument Ministry

115 donated instruments have been placed in the local schools to date.

God's Kitchen

God's Kitchen was cancelled in October due to work being done on Victory Baptist Church. We are so grateful to all the volunteers that help us, as well as those who bring treats. Desserts have been received from Frances Hall, Debra Masters, and the VonGruenigens which added to the food provided by our faithfuls, the Steinhilbers, the Lanes, the Phillips, Lucy Long, and Meme Lafferty.

Caps for Benches

The Shelbyville/Shelby County Parks System is still collecting plastic bottle caps for benches for the new Greenway Trail. Please take your caps to the Family Activity Center at the Park.

Christmas Food Boxes

We are collecting canned goods during the month of November and December to add to the Christmas boxes. The number of Christmas boxes may have to be reduced due to lack of funds and the loss of some of our largest supporters over the past year. Boxes will be assembled and distributed on Saturday, December 21, 8:00 a.m.

Country Mouse

The Country Mouse was very successful this year. Thank you to everyone who donated fresh produce and to those who were able to make donations and take items.

Alternative Give Market

The Alternative Gift Market will be held on November 10. Norma Beasey will "man" the Outreach Table.

Other

We took a moment to remember Judy Heidal who was the one who originally embossed the Bibles for our high school seniors and sold her equipment to the Phillips when she retired.

The next meeting will be November 3, 9:00 a.m., in the Caring & Sharing Sunday School Classroom upstairs. All are invited to attend.



A Place to Sleep

Since the last newsletter, we have provided beds to 235 children during 2019 for a grand total of 1,961. There are currently 54+ on the waiting list.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: *Our volunteers who made the Talon Halloween Event so successful.*

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We were honored to have the Shelby County High School National Honor Society organize A Place to Sleep's donations during October. Located in the back of Awake Ministries at 701 Washington Street, there is not a great deal of room to spread out and sort, but these volunteers had no problem getting our act together. Thank you, National Honor Society!



Here are some ways you can help A Place to Sleep without spending anything extra:

Quotes for Good

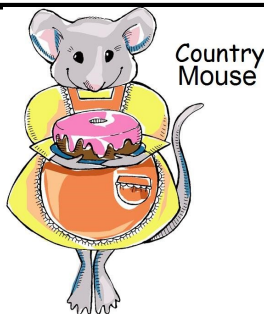
Chase Young State Farm Insurance has kicked off their Summer of Quotes for Good. Call or stop by their office, 201 Alpine Drive, Suite A, Shelbyville (502-513-5139) for a free auto or home insurance quote. Whether you decide to purchase insurance or not, they will donate \$10 to A Place to Sleep when you select us as your charity to support. They will continue doing this through 2019.

AmazonSmile.com

Support A Place to Sleep Inc by shopping at AmazonSmile. Link your Amazon account to A Place to Sleep Inc through <https://smile.amazon.com> and a donation will be made when you shop.

Flipgive.com

Download the Flipgive app, select A Place to Sleep to support, and shop at family favorites like Walmart, Starbucks, Sam's Club, Lowe's, Nike and more. You can also buy gift cards for restaurants, airlines, movies and many more. All you have to do is continue to buy the things you need. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to our nonprofit. (FYI—Eating at Cattleman's and Milano's automatically makes a donation!)



The Country Mouse has been a success. Thank you to everyone who donated excess produce, etc. As Jesus taught, we share what we have to help others.

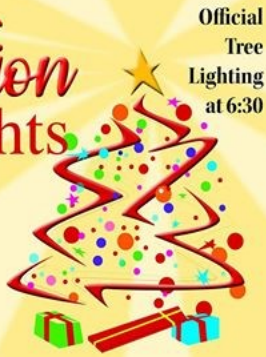
A PLACE TO SLEEP JOINS UNITE US



This is something we've been working toward for several years, the ability to connect electronically with multiple service providers in the area to better serve the community. By joining UNITE US, we are able to receive referrals from other groups who have a client in need of a bed for their child. At the same time, we will be able to refer people to other organizations who need help with food, clothes, housing, RX, utilities and all the other needs outside of beds for children. It also gives us the ability to see when, where and how an individual has been helped already. Thanks to the work of a subcommittee in the Shelby County Providers Group which meets monthly, this service is available to small non-profits like A Place to Sleep at no charge! Working together and smarter, not harder.

Celebration of Lights

November 9, 2019 • 4-8 p.m.
Main Street, Shelbyville
between 7th and 4th streets
• Crafts • Choirs • Food •
Downtown merchants
will be open



Official
Tree
Lighting
at 6:30

Sponsored by: Shelby Main Street
www.shelbymainstreet.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

A Place to Sleep will again have a presence at the Celebration of Lights and is looking for volunteers to take photos of folks wanting to capture a special Holiday moment. No equipment required, only the ability to take a snapshot using someone else's phone, share a brochure, and wish folks Merry Christmas. Any time you can spare between 4 & 8 pm on Saturday, November 9, will be great. Contact Lynn Whittaker 321-7116 or aplacetosleep@hotmail.com.

A PLACE TO SLEEP VOLUNTEERS

#ThisIsOurVillage
#MakingADifference

On the left are volunteers from Bulleit Distillery, Shelbyville, who come monthly after a full day's work to deliver beds locally.



On the right are volunteers from Christ Community Church, Governor's Square, who deliver beds in Shelby County every 4th Sunday morning of the month. Christ Community Church, Midland, delivers in their target area, behind Hardees, and Christ Community Church Henry County delivers any beds going to Henry County children. #LoveShelbyville



NO TRICKS THIS HALLOWEEN

It was all treats at A Place to Sleep's Halloween fundraiser held at Talon Winery on October 26. The weather outside was cold and rainy, but the delicious chili provided by Diann Cook and Diane Palmer along with a glass of Talon's best wine made it warm and cozy inside. There were so many door prizes and silent auction items, everyone must have gone home with at least one goody. Even the folks visiting Talon with no clue there was an event got into the spirit, making donations and cheering on our evening's honoree.

Charles Marshall, Executive Director of AARP Kentucky, and Aneshia Gray, also with AARP KY, were on hand to present Dr. Carlen Pippin with the 2019 AARP Kentucky Andrus Award. Carlen was recognized as the AARP Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in Kentucky for his activism as a Veteran with Veterans Rural Outreach and the building of tiny homes in Shelbyville for homeless Veterans; serving on the Board and heading up transportation for A Place to Sleep; serving on the Board for Awake Ministries and volunteering at the Serenity Center every week; speaking up and fighting for common sense public health policies; continuing to care about and support local animal shelters even though he's been a retired veterinarian for years; and all the other numerous ways Carlen gives back to the community, locally and beyond.

Along with his recognition came a \$2000.00 gift to the charity of his choice which he designated to A Place to Sleep. Thank you AARP and Carlen for the generous donation; to the Board for all your hard work putting this event together; to Talon Winery for donating the space, to the community for donating awesome prizes and auction items; and to everyone who helped set up, break down, and just have fun. Yep, it was all treats for Halloween!

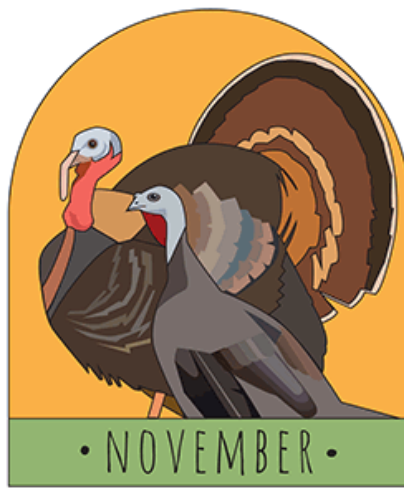
We were especially blessed to have these two young men in attendance. They received beds from A Place to Sleep approximately 10 years ago and came to show their support.



Board member Libby Pollett, right, shares a hug and photo with Maree Collins, mother of A Place to Sleep founder, Jessica Collins.

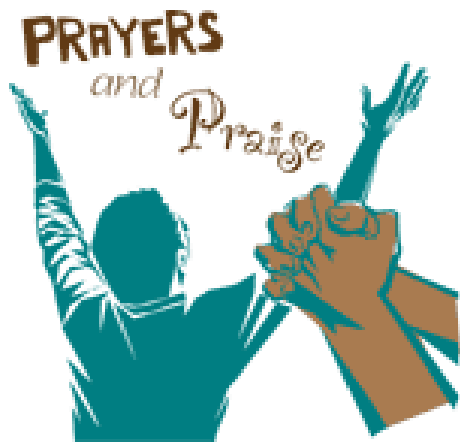
Cheesing it up really big below are (left to right) Charles Marshall, Carlen Pippin, Lynn Whittaker, and Aneshia Gray. Why not, it's a really big deal and a really big check!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00 AM A PLACE TO SLEEP BED DELIVERIES 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	28	29 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	30 6:00 PM "Am I Really a Presbyterian?" Fall Seminar 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	31	1 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	2 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:00 AM Outreach Ministry Meeting (date chg this month only) 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	4	5 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	6 12:00 PM Food Distribution at Serenity Center 6:00 PM "Am I Really a Presbyterian?" Fall Seminar 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	7	8 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	9 12:00 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting 4:00 PM CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
10 ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET LOVE SUNDAY 10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Worship 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	11	12 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 6:00 PM Session Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	13 10:00 AM PW Morning Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 10:30 AM FPC serves lunch at God's Kitchen	15 12:00 PM Newsletter articles due 3:30 PM Emerging Artists 7:30 PM NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	16 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.



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

Claire Reidy
 Cretchey Family
 Family of John Long
 Family of Terry Stower
 God's Kitchen
 Hudson August Won
 Lisa Beasey
 Mary Ann Soergel
 Roger & YLan Tate and Family
 Sam Hill
 Todd Phillips

We give thanks to God for:

All those celebrating birthdays, including Susie Phillips, Lynn Whittaker, Jenny Pippin, Sarah Campbell, Rachel Cook, and Callaway Zaring
 Joyful to be in worship
 The birth of Hudson August Won, son of Jason & Jessica Won, grandson of Fran & Gregg Neal
 The life of Judy Heidal



We continue to lift up:

Dan & Charlene Herrinton
 Joyce Dotson
 Lucy & Charles Long
 Nancy Pearce
 Mae Hodge & Hunter Hodge
 Marcia & Gary Mitchum
 The Garbat-Welch Family
 The Wakeman Family

We pray for our military family & friends:

Alaine Shepard, medic US Army, wife of Steve Shepard, daughter-in-law of Linda Shepard
 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
 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 the church office.)



- 11/03 Susie Phillips
- 11/05 Leslie McCarthy
- 11/05 Sue O'Malley
- 11/05 Jessica Rupert
- 11/05 Dottie Gail Verwest
- 11/09 Bobby Green
- 11/12 John Giltner
- 11/13 Billy Porter
- 11/13 Brooke Rodgers
- 11/14 Jerry Buecker
- 11/14 Brooke Caudill
- 11/17 Bill Porter
- 11/17 Flora Sherrod
- 11/18 Shirley Foley
- 11/18 Matt Pippin
- 11/21 Phyllis McCardwell
- 11/22 Kate Bemiss
- 11/25 Todd Hall
- 11/26 Nancy Sears
- 11/27 Billy Rupert

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.



- 11/1 Cam & Brittany Chenault
- 11/9 Rosalie & Jerry Buecker
- 11/9 Todd & Emily Dodd
- 11/18 Morry & Kathy Searcy
- 11/24 Bob & Ginger Chapman



Painted Stone Elementary is looking for adults to play chess with students any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 7:15-7:35 am. Commit to what your schedule allows. Playing chess, checkers, and other mind challenging games early in the morning is like a jog for the brain. It gets the "thinking juices" flowing for the rest of the day. For more information, talk to Amy Dickenson or call Painted Stone Elementary if you need more information.

**WE GIVE GOD THANKS
FOR OUR VETERANS
ON
NOVEMBER 11.
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SERVICE!**



VETERANS DAY



All women are invited to participate in our Evening Women's Bible Study Group held one Wednesday a month. The group determines which Wednesday based on schedules. Check with Ruth Welch for November's date.