



# THE FIRST WORD

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

629 Main Street  
Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065  
(502) 633-2693

Email: [1pchurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:1pchurch@bellsouth.net)

Web Page: [www.fpcshelbyvilleky.com](http://www.fpcshelbyvilleky.com)

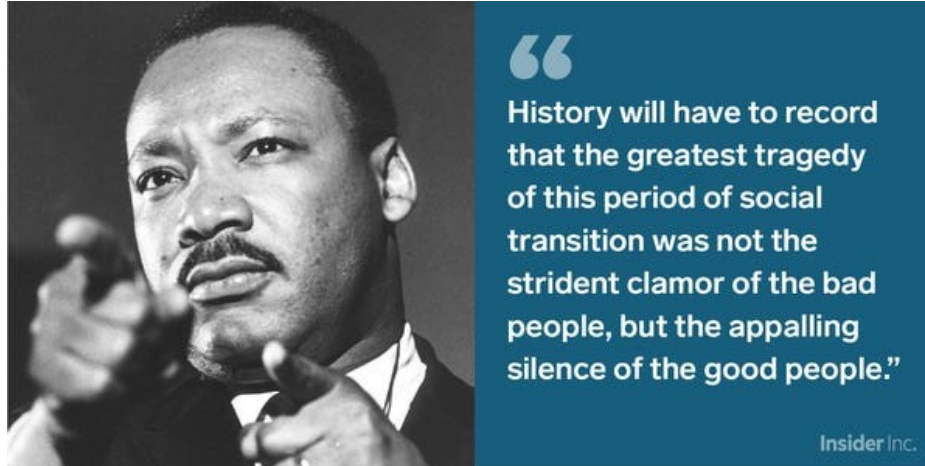
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FPCShelbyville](https://www.facebook.com/FPCShelbyville)

Office Hours 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday



Volume XXXVII, Number 2

February 2020



First Presbyterian Church members Paul Schmidt, Libby Pollett, Beth Hodge, and Doug Welch joined others recently to view the movie ***Just Mercy*** about Bryan Stevenson, who, after graduating from Harvard, heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. One of his first cases is that of Walter McMillian, who is sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian's life. It is a great movie and they had a great time!

## **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.**

### **Sunday, February 2**

Micah 6:1–8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18–31  
Matthew 5:1–12

### **Sunday, February 9**

Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]  
Psalm 112:1–9 [10]  
1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]  
Matthew 5:13–20

### **Sunday, February 16**

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 or Sirach 15:15–20  
Psalm 119:1–8  
1 Corinthians 3:1–9  
Matthew 5:21–37

### **Transfiguration of the Lord—February 23**

Exodus 24:12–18  
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16–21  
Matthew 17:1–9

### **Ash Wednesday—February 26**

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12  
Psalm 51:1–17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10  
Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21



## **IT'S LEAP YEAR!**

### **PER CAPITA GIVING**



There's still time to include your per capita donation in your 2019 giving. Per capita is a per member assessment that we pay to the Presbyterian Church (USA) each year to help fund the ministries of our presbytery, synod and general assembly. For 2019, the per capita amount is \$25.00 per member. If you have already made a donation for 2019, please know that your Session greatly appreciates your support.



**2020 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 Mulberry Room. To ensure proper credit to your donations statement, please print your name on the envelope log sheet. You may also call the office at 633-2693 to request envelopes.

## FINANCE REPORT DECEMBER 2019

In December, we collected \$30,987.53. On the expense side, we spent \$19,946.19 We collected a total of \$11,041.34 more than we spent. Questions? Please call Fred Waits (502) 321-5128.

	Last Month	Year to Date
Pledges Received	\$10,063.00	\$122,139.72
Kroger Gift Card	\$290.46	\$1,206.92
From Savings	\$10,000.00	\$24,000.00
Other Income	\$10,634.07	\$64,825.14
Designated Funds	\$739.96	\$1,519.96
Total Income	\$31,727.49	\$213,691.74
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$30,987.53</b>	<b>\$212,171.78</b>

Personnel Expense	\$14,300.37	\$160,587.07
Utilities	\$1,530.94	\$19,069.80
Building Maintenance	\$3,665.06	\$17,295.31
Youth & Education	\$107.67	\$1,787.34
Music	\$75.00	\$225.00
Office	\$234.80	\$4,330.50
Shared Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00
Per Capita	\$0.00	\$3,875.00
Other	\$32.35	\$2,824.09
Designated Expenses	\$1,740.00	\$3,328.88
Total Expenses	\$21,686.19	\$213,322.99
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,946.19</b>	<b>\$209,994.11</b>

Summary 2019	Income	Expense	Difference
December	\$30,987.53	\$19,946.19	\$11,041.34
November	\$8,822.80	\$14,582.52	(\$5,759.72)
October	\$16,043.13	\$17,383.94	(\$1,340.81)
September	\$25,806.00	\$16,416.10	\$9,389.90
August	\$14,672.69	\$19,682.10	(\$5,009.41)
July	\$17,253.95	\$14,712.00	\$2,541.95
June	\$14,473.45	\$14,858.41	(\$384.96)
May	\$12,397.00	\$18,973.00	(\$6,576.00)
April	\$19,513.35	\$18,330.56	\$1,182.79
March	\$19,094.38	\$19,673.23	(\$578.85)
February	\$20,846.00	\$18,836.19	\$2,009.81
January	\$11,061.50	\$16,635.30	(\$5,573.80)

# Ways you can **SERVE**



Love one another.

## **FEBRUARY 9 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**.

### **JOIN US ON**

**Wednesday, FEBRUARY 5**  
**Anytime between**  
**12:00 noon & 4:00 p.m.**  
**At the Serenity Center,**  
**98 7th Street**



**Help distribute food to 400+ Shelby County families.**

Bring plastic bags (Kroger, Walmart, etc.)

**Presbyterians usually at the Serenity Center:**  
**Herb VonGruenigen**  
**Carlen Pippin**  
**Lynn & Mark Whittaker**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

## **Souper Bowl Sunday**



Whether you cheer for the AFC or the NFC, we can all be winners! The Outreach Committee has decided to support the Veteran's Village with your donations this year. Let's help stock their pantry with non-perishable household items such as:

Canned Soup  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Liquid Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Fabric Softener  
Disposable Razors

We are also collecting supplies for Sleep Armor, Inc., run by Rebecca Jew. Sleep Armor is dedicated to providing handmade weighted blankets to US Veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI, anxiety and other associated problems. They need the following supplies for each blanket:

Thread (red, white or blue)  
Fabric (2 yards, 100% cotton, patriotic theme, 45" wide)  
Fabric (2 yards, 100% cotton backing fabric, 108" wide — no muslin)

Place your donations in one of the boxes set up in the Mulberry Room.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT TO SESSION January 2020

Three requests for help with rent were received.

### A Place to Sleep

- 295 children received beds in 2019 and 6 have received beds in 2020 making a total of 2027 children having received beds with 31 on the waiting list.
- Christ Community Church has agreed to continue to deliver beds on the 4th Sunday of each month.
- Donations of hospital blankets and baby blankets were received.

### Give a Kid a Brighter Day

- Cadence provided 70 gift bags with pajamas, a book, and a toy for children in the families of our Christmas boxes.

### Serenity Center

- This church is volunteering at the Serenity Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Street the first Wednesday of each month.
- Musical Instrument Ministry: 115 instruments have been placed in the schools to date.
- God's Kitchen remains closed.
- The Parks Department is collecting plastic bottle caps for four benches for the new Greenway Trail. Take the caps to the FAC.
- The Mitten Tree will remain up until the gloves are no longer needed.
- The Super Bowl Challenge is on! We are collecting items for the veterans.
- Christmas boxes were assembled and delivered on December 21. The food, clothing, and toys which the congregation donated allowed those who picked up their boxes to have extra. In addition, we were able to provide boxes to four additional families making a total of 54 food boxes this year. We appreciate and thank everyone who donated money or food, prayed, and helped to assemble and deliver the boxes. Way to go 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterians!!
- Thanks to everyone who participated in ringing the Salvation Army bells. All slots were filled, and we helped many people.
- The next meeting will be February 9, 2020 at 9:00.



After all the final Alternative Gift Market donations were calculated, we EXCEEDED our 2018 total by nearly \$1,000!

**Grand Total 2019 = \$6,635.17**

***Thanks Be To God***

## AWAKE MINISTRY'S VETERANS VILLAGE UPDATE

### It's Happening!!!

As Project Coordinator, Carlen Pippin oversees the daily progress. While a great deal of progress has been made, this week produced visual progress which creates excitement. Sewer and waterlines in; footers are being poured. Thanks be to God!

Want to honor  
a loved one?  
Buy a brick!



Help pave the path... for only \$150!

This Christmas, we would like to give you an opportunity to honor a loved one, military or otherwise, by purchasing an engraved brick that will literally pave the path to the doorway of our heroes' homes at Veterans Village!

Engraving may include up to 18 characters per line (2 lines) each additional line is extra.

Please contact Marcia Mitchum at Awake Ministries:  
502-647-5555 ext.221 | [Marcia@awakeky.com](mailto:Marcia@awakeky.com)



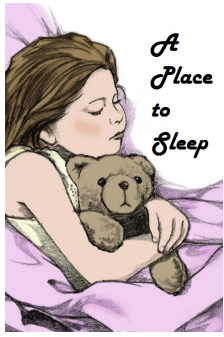
\$150



### Photo update January 21, 2020



Moving right along...  
Awake Ministries' Veterans Village.  
There are several ways you can help:  
(1) To make a financial donation go to our website, [awakeky.org](http://awakeky.org), or mail to 701 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY. (2) Go to our volunteer page at [serveshelbycounty.com](http://serveshelbycounty.com) and plug in. Can we build it? Yes, we can!!



## A Place to Sleep

Since the last newsletter, we have provided beds to 6 children during 2020 for a grand total of 2,027. There are currently 31+ on the waiting list.

**THANKS BE TO GOD FOR:** Christ Community Church continuing to serve us the 4th Sunday of every month during their Love Shelbyville Days.



A place to sleep assists us in so many ways and provide Beds for families that need in so many ways.

Thank you  
Jaron R

A Place to Sleep

For all you've  
**DONE!**  
we are very  
Thankful for everything ya do  
for us.  
Starr  
Love  
CONNER

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

[AmazonSmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

Support A Place to Sleep by shopping at AmazonSmile. Anytime you shop, AmazonSmile donates to A Place to Sleep!

Simply go to: [smile.Amazon.com/ch/83-2952455](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-2952455)

[Flipgive.com](https://www.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—Once you join, eating at Cattleman's and Ditto's Grill automatically makes a donation!)



## ART NIGHT SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR PAINTED STONE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

*Submitted by Maree Collins*

Here's what we are using at art night if you'd like to help. Please bring items to Painted Stone Elementary and drop at the front office for the Art Class.

Different colored sharpies or other brand permanent markers (lots)  
Masking tape any size (lots)  
Scotch tape or other brand (lots)  
Elmers glue sticks or other brand (lots)  
Washable markers all colors (lots)  
1 pair wire cutters to have or borrow from Feb 1 until March 10  
1 large tree branch no longer than 4 feet, circumference no bigger than 5 inches, must be sturdy with or without bark  
Stickers any kind (lots)  
Face paint (lots)  
Hand held pencil sharpeners (Dollar Tree sells a 9 pack) (lots)  
Liquid glue any brand regular size bottles (lots)  
Wire coat hangers - lots  
Plastic pony beads with large holes (lots)



### WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The following message is from the Exodus Saints Motorcycle Ministry Apostle Chapter:

*"Let's talk about **GOD** being good and the blessings He provides through His children. Yesterday we met up with a good friend, Big R (Rickie Long) who is apart of the Founding Sons Veteran Motorcycle Chapter located in Shelbyville, KY. BIG R (pictured on the right with the white beard) was so awesome! BIG R delivered some amazing donations to help out THE DEAYER FAMILY!"*

*Thank you A PLACE TO SLEEP for donating the remaining mattresses, box springs & even a toddler bed for Colton.*

*Big R's donation didn't stop there! BIG R also delivered bags of toys, comforters, sheets and pillows! Now the family of 6 has their own bed and complete bedding to sleep on!!!*

*Exodus Saints Motorcycle Ministry and the Deaver Family want to thank BIG R, FOUNDING SONS and A PLACE TO SLEEP for getting these donations to help out the Deaver Family who recently lost everything in a fire."*



**You Are Invited  
Sunday, February 9  
Sweetheart Brunch  
Following Worship**

**Proceeds go to help send Jessica Collins to Africa!**

"As many of you know, I am entering my first semester of nursing school this spring with the expectation of having RN BSN follow my name by December 2021. I'm sharing this because you've played a role in my life and/or educational journey in some way thus far. I have been faced with an amazing opportunity this summer. It is the opportunity to earn 6 practicum credit hours while in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. I will earn these hours working in a clinic for individuals diagnosed with HIV, volunteering at an orphanage, and gaining hands-on experience with labor and delivery. I'm most excited to work with the new mothers during delivery. I'll get to experience delivering a baby independently, an opportunity that only doctors get here in the United States. This trip has been a dream of mine since I heard about it my Freshman year of college. The cost of the trip is \$4,975 plus airfare, with airfare being an estimated \$1,500. I have already been accepted into this program which is a huge accomplishment due to its very competitive application process. This trip will not only be an amazing experience for me, but it will also help me in the future as it will set me apart from other applicants in the workforce and when applying for practitioner school. I am writing you this not only to inform you about the journey I'm about to partake in, Lord willing, but also to ask for any monetary assistance you feel led to give. As you can tell from the cost I stated earlier, this is not a cheap venture. When it comes to this trip, finances are something that I've had to put in the Lord's hands. The scholarships I've earned in order to attend college do not apply towards this trip; therefore, it's on me to raise money for my education in a different way than I have in the past. I believe I am supposed to go on this trip, and I know the Lord will provide. If you are so moved, I am asking you to please donate however much you can. If you are not able to financially give, I ask you to share this with your business and/or other friends who may be able to help. I am also asking for prayers leading up to my trip that the Lord will be able to provide financially, for God to grant me wisdom, and of course, prayers during my trip for safety and good health.

Linked below is the trip's webpage where you can find more information about it and the organization I'll be going with. KIIS is independent from Western Kentucky University; however, the trip is faculty led by a WKU professor."

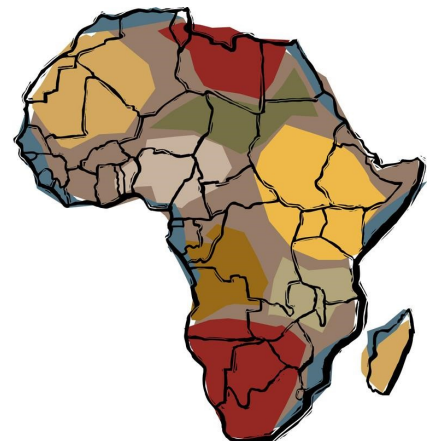
THANK YOU in advance,  
Jessica Collins

Donations are unable to be received directly though the KIIS website; however, here are the ways I can receive donations:

-Cash or check can be mailed to  
Jessica Collins  
1228 Cambridge Drive  
Shelbyville KY 40065

-Card donation can be venmoed to  
@jss82152

(If you are donating through Venmo, please leave your mailing address in the description box so I can send pictures and a thank you card once I get back from my trip. Note: you can make this private)



<https://www.kiis.org/programs/tanzania/>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>2</b> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING / LUNCHEON HOLY COMMUNION <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Food Distribution at Serenity Center	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>9</b> LOVE SUNDAY <b>9:00 AM</b> Outreach Ministry Meeting <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:30 PM</b> SWEETHEART BRUNCH <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>6:00 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Morning Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> FPC serves lunch at God's Kitchen	<b>14</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Newsletter articles due
<b>16</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED Presidents' Day	<b>18</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting
<b>23</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>10:15 AM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <b>12:30 PM</b> LYNN WHITTAKER ACTIVITY - FELLOWSHIP HALL AND MULBERRY ROOM <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Emerging Artists <b>7:30 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> NA/AA 12-Step Group Meeting

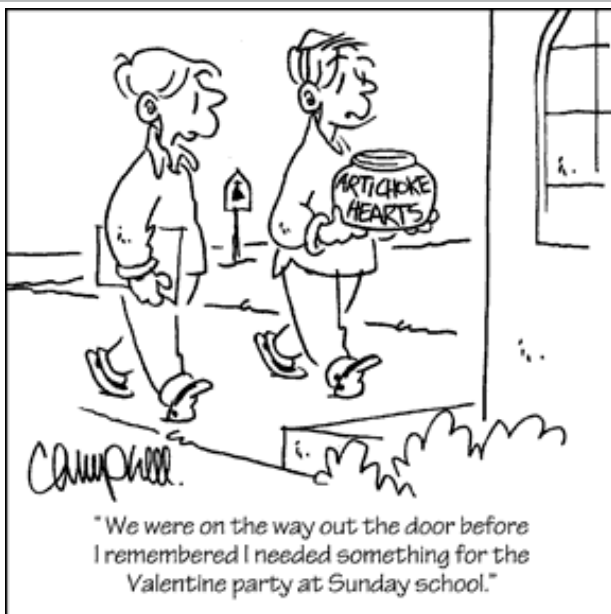
Go out and preach the Gospel, using words if you have to.

# In Our Hearts & Prayers



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

All those celebrating birthdays, including: Sam Lafferty, Amelia White, Jason Collins, Amy Dickenson and Kasey Dickenson  
The Green Grandchildren & their parents



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

All those traveling including Megan and fellow students; Katie Hodge and Levi Anderson  
Barbara Troyer  
Ben & Patricia Farris  
Duke Owens  
Family & Friends of Bert Hawkins  
Family & Friends of Charles & Peggy Runyon  
Family & Friends of Rita Ridley  
Peace in the Middle East  
Relief in Australia  
Sue & John Davis  
Theresa

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

Lisa & Bill Beasey  
Lucy & Charles Long  
Nancy Pearce  
The Garbat-Welch 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  
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.)*



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  
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

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.



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 February's date.

Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, February 2  
Immediately following worship  
Luncheon to follow

Please plan to attend.

