

Heard on High

A publication of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, TN



February 2020

Happy February! This month we will be calling a congregational meeting to begin the process of selecting our All Church Nominating Committee to elect our new Ruling Elders and Deacons for 2020-2021. We have typically elected new officers in August but we are going to do it earlier in the summer this year. Our new officers retreat and installation will be June 13 and 14. We will be asking the members of the congregation to suggest names of people you would like to consider for the role of Elder or Deacon. Please be thinking of faithful and compassionate people full of wisdom and the spirit to give to us in March.

We have selected our search committee who will be looking for our next Director of Music Ministry. Our on going search for a part time Director of Youth Ministry is underway, and also, a new Leadership and Vision Committee has been formed to help support our committee structure and the work of our Deacon Board. Please keep all of these people in your prayers as together we discern who God is calling to serve with us here at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is in February 26th this year. We are in the works of putting together a gathering for Shrove Tuesday. Please mark your calendars it will be a good day of feasting and table fellowship.

"God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

Rev. Len Carrell



As of year end 2019, we received 95% of our budgeted operating revenue, and spent 97.6%, of our budgeted operating expenses. This left us with a small deficit of approximately \$14,000 for the year. We received memorial gifts of approximately \$137,000, including donations for the establishment of the John Satterwhite Memorial Endowment Fund. We used approximately \$85,000 of memorial funds for capital improvements, including one new HVAC system and new sanctuary carpet. A second HVAC system was also installed, and paid for in January of 2020. A more detailed annual financial report will be presented to the congregation soon. Please direct any questions to Pat Bridges, Treasurer, at cully79@yahoo.com.



NaCoMe Spring Youth Retreat

March 6th-8th

Registration forms and payment are due no later than February 23. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and return to

NaCoMe Summer Camp Registration

Summer camp registration is now open! Go to www.nacome.org and click on the summer camp link. Use code Columbia20 during check out for your 50% church member discount.



Winter is here but don't go into hibernation because we have a busy season approaching with Lent, Holy Week and

Easter. It will be here before you know it.

Women's Retreat is set for February 21-22 at NACOME Conference Center. This retreat leaves you feeling connected and spiritually nourished time and time again. Cabins are warm, food is great, and the comradery memorable. On-line registration is available at www.1stpescolumbia.org or call the church office. The cost is \$50.00.

This year we are adding something new to our calendar of events to prepare us for Lent. In addition to Ash Wednesday on February 26th, the CE committee is planning a **Shrove Tuesday** Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, February 25th. We hope you will join us in this fun-filled night to kick off Lent. Cooks and volunteers will be needed so convey your skills and willingness to serve to Susie. Be on the look out for more detailed information.

Ash Wednesday will be at 6:00, February 26. No Wonderful Wednesday activities or dinner

Spring Break- March 18-April 22 No Wonderful Wednesdays

Hymn Sing- March 25- Dinner will be served but no children's activities that night

April 8- No Wonderful Wednesdays due to Maundy Thursday on April 9

April 29- Inter-generational game night so brush up on your Bible skills. Prizes!!!

May 13- Final Wonderful Wednesday picnic

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020

February 21 & 22

NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center

\$50.00 Per Person

(Includes lodging, meals and retreat supplies)

To register go to www.1stprescolumbia.org and click on the events tab, call the church office at 388-1985 or pick up a registration form in the gathering space, fill it out and turn it in.



Highlights of the WonderFull World women's retreat experience include:

Bible study designed to help women grow in their relationship with God and develop lasting friendships with each other.

Guided worship featuring both classic hymns and contemporary songs women love!

Small-group discussions that keep women engaged and building friendships throughout.

A meaningful service project that will allow participants to provide love and encouragement to those in need.

Registration forms are due by February 14!
Register on-line www.1stprescolumbia.org or call the church office at 388-1985.

DEACONS

Center of Hope

Center of Hope is looking for 5-10 volunteers to help clean one of their shelters and do some minor repairs on February 17 or 18. Please contact Julie Crichton at jcrichton@charter.net or rfosterfpc@gmail.com if you would like to help.

SAVE THE DATE!



The Family Center 2020 Reverse Raffle

March 21, 2020

6:00 p.m.

The Memorial Building

\$50 Ticket

2 people in the door & 1 chance to win grand prize of
\$3,000.00 & lots of door prizes

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Drawing starts at 6:30 p.m.

You do NOT have to be present to win

Silent Auction ends at 9:00 p.m.

Dinner provided by

Pig N Out BBQ

Drinks and Dessert included

Cash Bar Available



Acolytes for February

February 2 Anna Grace Taylor and Lee Holloway

February 9 Houston Jones and Lilly Allred

February 16 Mary Dudley Hill and Molly Potts

February 23 McKennon Jones and McKennon Jones



Ushers for February

February Captain: Joe Graham III

February 2 Brooks Jones, Andy Crichton, Matt Campbell,
Ed Harlan

February 9 Becky Price, Tom Price, Mike McAlister, Frank Dale

February 16 Bill Cook, Dwight Fox, Cindy Fox, Jim Ross

February 23 Jeff Smith, Houston Jamison, Bill Handy, Will Dale



Liturgists for February

February 2 Tom Price

February 9 Mark Bridges

February 16 Ellen Ludwig

February 23 Jim Ross



Presbyterian Women
2019/2020
Horizon Bible Study
"Love Carved in Stone"

The second Monday Circle will meet on February 10 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

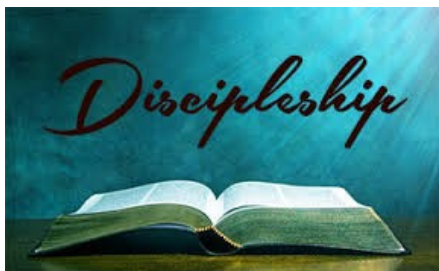
The Tuesday Circle will meet on February 18 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Patsy Bridges will present the lesson and Susie Baxter will host the meal.



Men's Bible Study will meet at MRMC at 6:00 am on Tuesday, February 11 and February 25.



Our Church uses a prayer chain when we are made aware of prayer requests and needs. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com.



Discipleship Class
Thursday Mornings
10:00-12:00

A study of the book of Isaiah using Bill Creasy lectures. This is a 12 week class. If you would like more information please contact Dianne Messick or the church office.



In **memory** of Christy Herrmann (daughter of Phyllis Herrmann)
by: Jeff & Ellen McCaleb, Sue Dunnebacke,
Bob Sweeney

In **memory** of Virginia Jones (mother of Chipper Jones) by:
Bob Sweeney

In **memory** of Margaret "Peggy" Tucker Pierce (sister of Martha
Jane Hines) by: Jack & Cindy Baxter

In **memory** of Jesse Foreman by:
Billy & Elizabeth Blackstone, Bob Sweeney, Jack & Cindy Baxter,
Mary Jane Miles, Frank & Gloria Dale, Al & Jennie Harlan, Paul
& Sharon Messick, Don & Eva Crichton,
Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant , TN, Sue
Dunnebacke, Bill & Andrea Cook

In **memory** of Lee Wells by: Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
morning group.

In **memory** of John Jackson by: Presbyterian Women's Bible
Study morning group.

Memorials to the John Satterwhite Endowment Fund:

In **memory** of Margaret "Peggy" Tucker Pierce (sister of Martha
Jane Hines, Christy Herrmann (daughter of Phyllis Herrmann),
Everett Edward Kelley, (father of Alton Kelley), Jesse Foreman
by: Buddy & Carolyn Fisher

In **honor** of Marcy Lay given by: Martha Boone



A special thank you to those who graciously volunteered to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship service this past year. They serve as a reminder of the beauty in our lives that God provides. If you wish to provide flowers for the sanctuary for the upcoming year, there is a calendar for 2020 on the table in the gathering area that you may sign up for, or you may email me at rfoster@gmail.com or call the church office at 388-1985.



Habitat Build Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout for more
Information.

WONDERFUL *Wednesday*

Wonderful Wednesday

Our Wonderful Wednesday activities include a meal with dessert served from 5:30-6:00 PM. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and a family maximum of \$25.

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:00-5:45 Children's Choir and Youth Music

5:30-6:15 Dinner

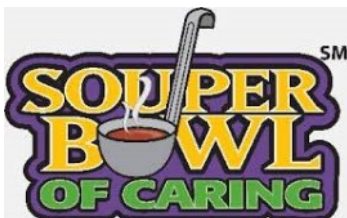
6:15-7:00 Bible Study for children through adults

7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir

NEWSLETTER



If you have something to put in the upcoming March Newsletter please send your articles to sbaxterfpc@gmail.com by March 24.

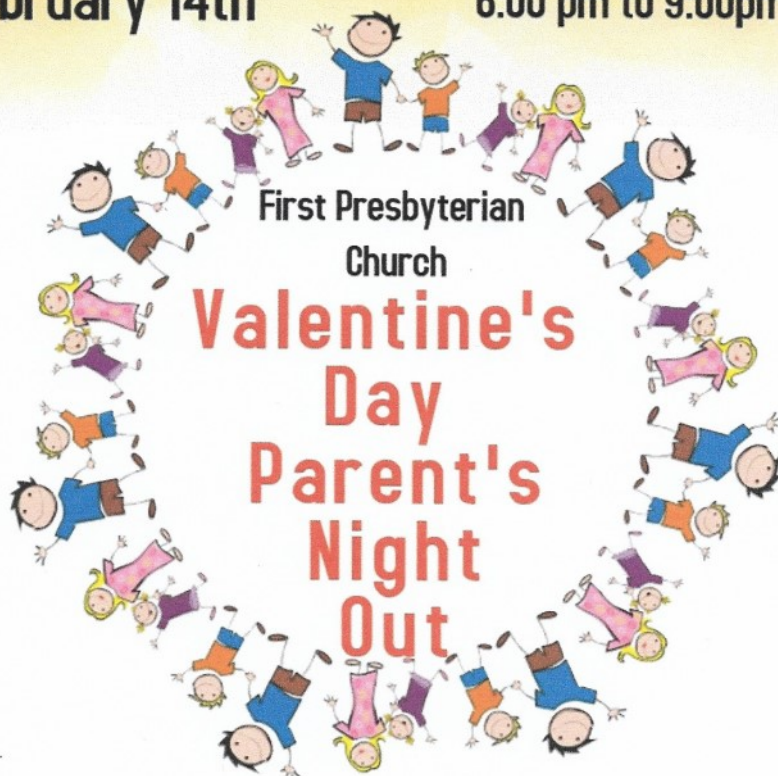


The youth would like to thank the congregation for their generosity during our Souper Bowl of Caring. We raised \$778.11 to help fight hunger in our community. The donations will go to Harvest Share.

Youth Ministry

February 14th

6:00 pm to 9:00pm



Join us for pizza games and movies
Cost: Donations only

The money raised will be used by the youth to purchase food for
The Family Center

Sunday Schedule

9:10 Sunday School
10:10 Fellowship Coffee
10:30 Worship



Wednesday Schedule

5:00-5:45 Children's
Choir and Youth Music
5:30-6:15 Dinner
6:00 Handbell Choir
6:15-7:00 Bible Studies
7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir

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