

Why Presbyterian?

Back by popular demand, Christine and her husband, Rob, will lead us in...



PresbyBasics!
August 12, 19 & 26
9:30 - 10:15
Fellowship Hall



Come learn what it means to be Presbyterian: what we believe, how we live out our faith, and what is on the horizon for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This will be great for visitors, newer members or cradle Presbyterians looking for a refresher.

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

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Quote of the Month

I love meeting new people; I think everyone has a story to tell. We should all listen sometimes.



"People of Grace"

A monthly newsletter for First Presbyterian Church

August 2018



What a joy it is to be able to welcome visitors to our church! I often hear people talk about just how friendly our congregation is, which I think is something we should take as a point of real pride. Perhaps like you, I have attended plenty of churches where I walk in and out without a word from anyone. No "hello." No "welcome to our church." Not even a "Peace of Christ" during the Passing of the Peace. Well, thankfully, I would venture to say that that does not happen at First Presbyterian Church, and that is all due to the hospitality and welcome that you - our members - extend.

A few years ago, I came across a great resource from our denomination's office of Young Adult ministry called "Coffee Cup Caution." It was a funny resource to help people know how to talk to young adults who might visit the church. While geared toward young adult visitors, I think it offers a helpful framework for talking with any visitors, so I wanted to share some of the highlights with you for this month.

When welcoming a visitor, instead of saying, "How old are you?" ask instead: "What did you think of the service today?" Age really is not important, and young adults in particular can tell when people are viewing them more as a commodity than as a person. By asking their thoughts rather than information about them, it opens up space for relationship and good conversation.

Instead of saying "Are you new here?" say instead: "I don't think we've met, my name is..." A visitor may well have come to your church several times, and you simply have not seen them. I attended a church in Memphis throughout college, and for all four years people would greet me asking if I was new. While they meant well, it conveyed to me that I did not really belong in the church, even though I considered it my place of worship.

Instead of saying "Do you plan to have kids?" or "When will Sally get a sibling?" ask instead: "What brought you here today?" Having or not having kids is a private matter and not one people often want to discuss. There are many factors that go into couples' decisions regarding children - many that are beyond their control - and such questions can cause more pain than connection. Further, it can imply that the church only wants them for the children they *may* have, rather than the family they already are.

Instead of saying "What do you do?" or "What year are you in school?", say instead: "Tell me about yourself." For those who are un- or under-employed, work is a tricky question, as are decisions surrounding attending college. Give people the chance to talk about whatever is meaningful to them, which may not be school or a job.

Finally, rather than saying "Have you met [the other young adult]?" say instead, "Can I introduce you to my friend?" Young adults enjoy friends of all ages. Welcome them into the community of faith and fellowship.

Probably the most important key to being hospitable is just to be yourself. Trust that your warmth and welcome will shine through, no matter what you say. Just introduce yourself, be interested in what visitors have to say, and make sure they know that this place is a safe and loving community where they can learn and grow. And hopefully we will have many more opportunities to practice our welcoming skills in the months and years to come!

Grace and peace to you,

Christine



August



Birthdays

- 4 Bryan Leazanby
- 4 Madeline Fohr
- 5 Brandon Black
- 7 Mary Susan Huff
- 8 Katie Lowing
- 8 Eleanor Sutton
- 9 Marsha Nash
- 13 Mary Searles
- 14 Dan Zengel
- 15 Bill Barber
- 15 Osiel Bravo
- 16 Kirtley Bates
- 16 Sydney Smith
- 17 Zane West
- 18 Shaun Corkran
- 18 Charlotte Puckett
- 19 Courtney Magdici
- 19 Jessica Emery
- 20 Mary Lou Taylor
- 20 Pam Harris
- 21 Nan Rowe
- 22 Brady Sears
- 24 Marna Loucks
- 24 Ebenezer Vasquez Lopez
- 27 Beth Saylor
- 29 Susan Hicks
- 29 Kirk Shelton
- 30 Shawn Malony

Anniversaries

- 1 Monica & Dan Zengel
- 8 Katie & Larry Lowing
- 9 Christine Coy & Rob Fohr
- 12 Sally & Doug Black
- 12 Winny & Kenny Lin
- 15 Heather & Tony Gossett
- 18 Susan & Everett Taylor
- 23 Linda & Glenn Young
- 29 Katy & Ryan Baker
- 31 Shannon & Jeff McKeever



There was No Session Meeting in July

Consider Joining A Ministry Team



The work of the church is done by nine ministry teams called committees. Each January, the moderator of the Session (Christine) nominates moderators for each committee. Committee members are all members of our congregation, so, if you are looking for a way to serve here at FPC, perhaps one of our committees is right for you! More detailed descriptions of each committee are available in our Manual of Operations in the church office.

Christian Education Committee— Allison Bates

Responsible for facilitating the spiritual formation of the congregation - children, youth and adults. It provides safe nursery space, and includes the Presbyterian Weekday School and the Safe Child Policy Team.

Congregational Care Committee - Marsha Nash and Susan Hicks

Serves as the liaison between our strong caring ministries, which include our Deacons, our Bereavement Team, our Companions Ministry and our Meal Train Ministry.

Congregational Life Committee - Susan Hicks & Ellen Sweet

Responsible for providing space to build strong Christian relationships among the membership. It includes regular and special social events as well as fellowship groups in the church. It includes oversight of the kitchen, .

Finance Committee—Paul Puckett

Responsible for preparing our annual budget and overseeing our day-to-day finances. It also includes Stewardship, Small Gifts and Memorial Funds, and connection to Permanent Funds through our Trustees.

Mission Committee— Bill Jansing, Greta Hodge and Cindy Little

Responsible for developing, planning and publicizing our local, state, national and international mission programs, including our annual special offerings.

Outreach & Evangelism Committee - Mary Lou Taylor & Marsha Nash

Responsible for welcoming visitors and new members into our church and overseeing our church communication mediums.

Personnel Committee—Anne Leazanby

Responsible for church strategic planning, overseeing church personnel and establishing and implementing personnel policies and job descriptions.

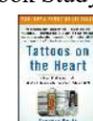
Property Committee— Chris Gramelspacher, Bill Duncan, Samuel Tandy

Responsible for providing a safe, comfortable and functional environment for the activities and ministries of the church. It oversees the maintenance and repair of the church building and its grounds.

Worship & Music Committee— Brad Smith

Responsible for the worship life of the congregation including all aspects of worship not delegated to the pastor. This includes working with the music director and arranging details of special services and seasons.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Spanish Worship & Nursery Available</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Fellowship</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>3:00 Coffee Cup</p> <p>4:00 Prayer Group</p> <p>4:30 Deacons</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:00 Finance Committee</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Friendship Day</p> 	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>11:30 Worship Committee</p> <p>11:30 Christian Ed. Committee</p> <p>2:00 MultiCultural Festival Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>Noon Congregational Life Committee</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> <p>4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>S'mores Day</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Church Work Day for MultiCultural Festival</p> 
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Session</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Weekday School Begins</p>  <p>6:00 SpiritLifters</p>	<p>15</p> <p>PrimeTimer Lunch at Hubers Family Farm & Winery</p> <p>3:00 Coffee Cup</p> <p>4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>3:00 Personnel Committee</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>20th Anniversary MultiCultural Festival</p> 
<p>19</p> <p>11:30 Extended Table</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30 PrimeTimers</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:00 Coffee Cup</p> <p>4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 Church Night Out</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Sandcastle Day</p> 
<p>26</p> <p>11:30 Mission Committee</p> <p>11:30 Christian Education Committee</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 Outreach & Evangelism Committee</p> <p>4:00 Property Committee</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3:00 Coffee Cup</p> <p>4:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 Pastor's Book Study</p>  <p>4:00 Finance Committee</p>	<p>31</p>	

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School (preschool - 5th grade class)

Begins at 9:30 in the first floor Kindergarten Room.



Youth Sunday School Class

Meets at 9:30 in the Youth Room to study *Echo the Story* curriculum.

The Adult Sunday School Class

Meets at 9:30 in the Gardenside Parlor to look at topics related to church, Bible, and current events.

The Men's Bible Class

Meets at 9:30 downstairs and uses *The Present Word* literature.

Spanish Language Worship Group

Meets at 9:00 in the Chapel. All are invited whether or not you speak/understand Spanish.

Fellowship

SpiritLifters

Tuesday August 14th 6:00 pm

Restaurant: Smitty's Steak House
RSVP to Pat Hale 270-314-1881
halres@bellsouth.net



PrimeTimers

Tuesday August 21st 10:30 am

Program: Diane Bowers—Imagination Library
Lunch will follow (\$5.00)
RSVP to Charlotte Puckett
charlotte214050@yahoo.com, 270-926-2532

Church Night Out

Friday August 24th 6:00 pm

Home of Shannon and Craig Smith
RSVP to Christine Coy Fohr
ccoyfohr@gmail.com

The Extended Table

Sunday August 19th following worship

Restaurant: TBA
Just meet in the Narthex after worship

Weekly Prayer Meeting

As a community of love and care, we gather to be in prayer for one another on **Wednesdays at 4:00** in the Gardenside Parlor. Just come if you would like to pray with us on: **August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**. Email Christine and your person or request will be included.



Group Study

Spiritual Formation

On break for the summer

Lydia Circle

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 10:30, Sept—June

Date: Sept 11, 2018

Will Be Reading: *God's Promise: I Am With You*

PW Coordinating Team

Meets 3rd Thursday at 10:00 every other month

Date: September 20th

Wednesday Book Group

On break for the summer

Coffee Cup Theology

Meets on Wednesday at 3:00 pm

Dates: August 1, 15, 22, 29

Discussion: Sunday Lectionary

Pastor's Study Group

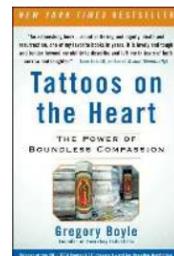
Date: August

Reading: *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Greg Boyle

*All study groups meet in the Gardenside Parlor



Pastor's Book Study



The Pastor's Book Study is back! This month's book is *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Father Gregory Boyle. We will meet to discuss it on Thursday, August 30th at 10:00 in the Parlor.

Gregory Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program in Los Angeles. In his book, he shares his experiences working in the ghetto in a series of parables inspired by faith.

Arranged by theme and filled with humor and great generosity, his essays offer a look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally. Through the stories he shares in each chapter, we benefit from the Boyle's hard-earned wisdom.

These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. It is courageous, uplifting and filled with compassionate humor. It shows us how we can find joy in all of the people around us and reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.

Vacation Bible School Highlights

Raging River Rampage



Picture Time



Time for a Snack



Let's Make Music!



Tell Me a Story



Getting Creative



Final Family Lunch



Service Worship Highlights



On Sunday, July 29th, FPC had its first "Service Worship" Sunday. We gathered for a brief worship service and after communion we were "sent out" for Service Worship at projects located at our church and around Owensboro. There were ten projects organized by the Mission Committee—here are some pictures of our serviced-filled day.



Choir at Fern Terra



The Help Office



School Kits



Animal Shelter



Pitino Shelter



Botanical Gardens



Card Writing



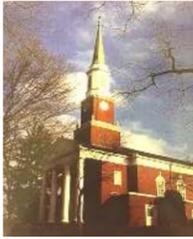
Habitat for Humanity



Cookie Baking

New Church Picture Directory

2007 Directory



month's newsletter.

Pictures will be taken on **Monday and Tuesday, September 10th and 11th.** Beginning August 6th, you will have the opportunity to pick and reserve your picture taking time slot. This can be done either online during the week or on paper before and after church on the weekend.

Please watch and listen for more specific details in our Friday PresbyNotes and Sunday church announcements. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Mary Lou Taylor, phone/text 270-929-7806 or email mryltyr@aol.com.

After seeing how much people enjoy looking at old directories on Heritage Sunday, the Outreach and Evangelism team decided it was time for us to produce a new one. As part of this project, all church members are invited to have their pictures taken. These will be professionally done and will be available for purchase. For more information, see the insert in this

New Door Codes



The Property Committee will be changing the door codes on **Monday, July 30th.** To get the new codes, just call Sasha and she will give you them to you.

Please do not share the codes with others. If you must share numbers, share Sasha's: 270-684-1467, and she will give them the codes.

Sharing these codes with ANYONE compromises the whole purpose and integrity of our security system. Thank you for respecting this.

Fore! Golf Scramble Sept. 9th



The 18th Annual FPC Golf Scramble will take place on Sunday, **September 9, 2018** at Ben Hawes Park. Tee times begin at 12:04.

Registration and payment are due Sunday, August 26th. Please give your checks made payable to First Presbyterian church to Patti Price with "Golf Scramble" on the memo line. Cost per person which includes green fees, cart and prizes is \$45. If you are a Ben Hawes member, the cost is \$23.

There will also be an all church cookout afterwards at 6:00 in the Pavillion (weather permitting). Burgers will be provided, but please bring your favorite side dish to share. It is always a great time for good fellowship, good golf tales, and the awarding of prizes.

If you have any questions, please call or text Patti Price at 270-314-6099.

Stewardship: Your Legacy

When we consider Stewardship, we typically think in terms of giving our money, time and talent on a daily, weekly and yearly basis while we are still living. But what about after we are gone?



It begins with a will but unfortunately 60% of us will die without one. Is that what we want—someone else making decisions about our assets?

We believe that God is the giver of all things and that He has lovingly entrusted us to be good stewards of what we have been given. However, the church is an often overlooked option in estate planning.

In the process of deciding where, when and how our gifts are to be distributed, we can prayerfully consider how to be good stewards in ways that includes both our loved ones, and our church. In doing so, we can leave a legacy, support our church and even benefit from tax savings.

Estate planning offers Presbyterians the opportunity to make an enduring statement of faith. This act of stewardship can leave an indelible mark on our church or a mission program of choice. Even a small asset can be turned into a gift which will support our choices in perpetuity. Bequest gifts have the power to impact future generations in the same way. It's so easy to include your church in your will and still provide for loved ones.

Have you Volunteered?



Have you volunteered for our special 20th Anniversary MultiCultural Festival? Please consider one of these opportunities:

Friday:

Set Up: Set up all of the canopies—come help beginning at 5:00 pm

Saturday:

Information Booth: Give out festival maps and answer questions (two hour shifts)

First Aid: (two hour shifts)

Building Monitor: (two hour shifts)

Floaters: Tasks as needed (two hour shifts)

Take Down/Clean Up: Work with Boy Scouts starting about 3:00 pm until done

Come volunteer and then stay to enjoy the festival as well! **Contact Debbie McCoy.**

AND....

Make sure you have a MultiCultural Festival yard sign! They are located in the Conference Room—just sign your name and sign number on the provided sheet.



Mission: God's Littlest Angels



In July, PrimeTimers heard two volunteers talk about their mission, "God's Littlest Angels." This mission was started in 2014 by two women who discovered there was a need to honor the lives of babies who do not come home from the hospital.

They began creating beautiful bereavement gowns and wraps made from wedding gowns and bridalwear for these "angels." Today the group preps and sews these special creations and provides them to over a dozen area hospitals.

You can learn more about God's Littlest Angels at www.facebook.com/gotlittleangels/ and if you think you might like to be a volunteer, call 270-903-7688 or email: glaowensboro@gmail.com.



Youth at Montreat



Four of our youth, Ashlynn Dube, Brennen Hutchinson, Sam Smith and David Triplett, just returned from attending the annual 2018 Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. The week's theme was *Lift Every Voice*, inspired by the hymn of the same name.

They discussed that to lift every voice they must support those who have been silenced and listen to their stories with an open heart. They also talked about how they might create space for other voices and how to summon the courage to raise their own voices. They learned that their voice is a gift from God and a part of their calling.

A typical day at Montreat began with waking up and going to Anderson Auditorium for a morning gathering of energizers, music and a keynote speaker.



Next they broke into small groups, played games and discussed the day's topic. Following this was some free time when they could rock hop down a stream or hike up a mountain. Each day concluded back in Anderson Auditorium where there was an amazing worship service.

A big thank you for FPC's support!

Ordination of David Madewell



Family, friends and members of FPC celebrated the ordination of David Madewell on Sunday afternoon, July 15th.

Constitutional Questions

A 2017 graduate of Louisville Seminary and new Staff Chaplain at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital,

David is a native of Owensboro. Though he has been busy with his education these past years, he has been a member of FPC since 2009 and is happy to make FPC his home church once more.

Congratulations to David and Welcome Back!



Anointing of Oil by Grandfather



Blessing And Charge