

## 21st Annual Multicultural Festival



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August 17, 2019

10:00am - 4:00pm

On the Church Lawn

### A World of Fun for the Whole Family!

#### New this year:

- A **Music Festival** coordinated by Dennis Jewett and including choir members from the community who will sing during our **Opening Blessing of the Festival**.
- A **Fair Trade Market** with items from Partners for Just Trade, who will bring items for sale from around the world.
- The **Beyond Blu Blues Band** will kick off our entertainment.

#### In addition:

- Start spreading the word: yard signs are available now in the conference room for check out.
- Think about doing a booth about the country you came from!
- Let Debbie know of performers you know (of any age) that might grace our stage.
- Stay tuned for a list of volunteers needed for the Festival.

*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

*May we not think of freedom as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.*



## "People of Grace"

A monthly newsletter for First Presbyterian Church

July 2019



Last fall, our Strategic Planning team began their process by surveying the congregation. They wanted to know how people felt about their church, what they felt was most important and how the church was doing. We received great feedback, for which we are grateful. As you will see in this month's newsletter, a lot of great work has started as a direct result of your feedback.

Oftentimes, though, Presbyterian churches can feel a disconnect from the denomination of which they are a part. Sure, we have ties to our presbytery and have elders who faithfully attend those meetings each quarter, but when it comes to the work of the national offices, people often are unaware of the day-to-day work of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This month, I want to share with you some great resources for keeping in touch with your denomination.

1. **Sign up for emails.** The denomination has many email lists that you could sign up for, depending on your interest. Some are a digest of denominational news while others focus in on certain areas of work, like Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To see a full list of available e-newsletters, and to sign up, visit [www.presbyterianmission.org/newsletter-subscribe/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/newsletter-subscribe/)
2. **Follow on Facebook.** Facebook is a great tool for following information about the denomination. Some of the pages to follow include: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Presbyterian World Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Outlook
3. **Subscribe to the Outlook.** The Presbyterian Outlook is an independent magazine reporting on the news of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It offers fresh perspective on what is happening in our church, providing a healthy, unbiased perspective and including a wide diversity of voices.
4. **Read or subscribe to denominational magazines.** Our denomination produces several publications which can be picked up on the table outside of the conference room. These include Presbyterians Today, a monthly magazine featuring the latest news in the church, and Mission Crossroads, a quarterly publication about the church's international mission efforts.
5. **Attend a Conference!** One of the best ways to learn about the work happening in the PC(U.S.A.) is to attend a national conference. A great one called Big Tent is happening this summer, August 1-3, in Baltimore, Maryland. It has a great lineup of speakers and workshops. There is still time to register, so if you would have interest, consider attending!

It is exciting that we are a part of a connectional church whose ministries tie us to our brothers and sisters both in this country and around the world. Hopefully, we can all take the opportunity to learn more, so that these vibrant ministries can continue to flourish.

*Christine*



## July

### Birthdays

- 1 Brad Smith
- 1 Josie Hagan
- 1 Rick Sears
- 2 Beth Cecil
- 7 Will Shelton
- 7 Ben Robinson
- 9 Logan Black
- 10 Karen Anderson
- 10 Christie Stumpf
- 12 Ashley Johnson
- 13 Kate Bowley
- 14 Debbie Bowley
- 15 Michael Stone
- 15 Kenny Lin
- 17 Mary Ruth Swallow
- 18 Gary Kabalen
- 18 Mitchell Jones
- 20 Monty Winstead
- 23 Cathy Cowan
- 24 Darrel Coomes
- 24 Marrett Baker
- 27 Rob Fohr
- 27 Dale Guyer
- 28 Gus Moore
- 30 Shauna Jones
- 30 Glenda Price

### Anniversaries

- 11 Tricia & Keith Moore
- 15 Elizabeth & Mel LeClear
- 24 Marisue & Steve Coy
- 27 Marilyn & Bill Conley



## June Session Highlights

- Session approved a new logo for First Presbyterian Church (See page 3)
- Session approved the Director for Christian Education job description
- Session approved the ad hoc Chapel Committee to move forward with developing a plan for new flooring and potential additional updates

## Committee Highlights

### Christian Education

- VBS welcomed over 60 children!

### Congregational Care

- No Meeting this month

### Congregational Life

- Hosted the Southern Gospel Sunday Potluck
- Looking into locations for a church retreat next year

### Finance

- Met with Lisa Longo of the Presbyterian Foundation

### Mission

- One Great Hour of Sharing collected over \$1200
- Collected leftovers from the Farmer's Market from June 2 to August 31
- Voted to give the Refugee Ministry \$500 for their refugee "bridging" program
- Pitino Shelter Meal is June 30

### Outreach & Evangelism

- Visitors in May: 6
- Visual Identity subcommittee presented new logo for approval
- July Extended Table: July 21 at Briar Patch Restaurant

### Personnel

- Presented Director of Christian Education job description for approval

### Property

- Tree work to begin soon
- Seeking bids for best church tech support
- Met with Jared Morgan of Brotherhood Insurance (our church insurance company)

### Worship & Music

- Attendance for May: 5-119; 12-124; 19-113; 26-105.
- Chapel Team created to look into ways to update our chapel

### Pastor's Report Highlights

- 18 pastoral care meetings
- Attended Presbytery Meeting in Bowling Green on May 14
- Attended ordination of Brittany Hession in Murray, Kentucky
- Connected with Partners in Just Trade for Multicultural Festival
- Worked with Personnel to write job description for the Director of Christian Education
- Met with Disaster Preparation Team
- Led Pastor's Book Group
- Attended committee meetings
- Led Coffee Cup Theology, Prayer and Spiritual Formation groups
- Developed the Reel Spirituality film series for the summer

*Our Pastor will be on Vacation July 22 — 31*



## July 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 11:00 Congregational Life Mtg.	<b>2</b> 8:45 Staff Mtg	<b>3</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  No Coffee Cup or Prayer group 4:00 Finance Mtg	<b>4</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  	<b>5</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 11:30 Christian Education Mtg 11:30 Worship Mtg 5:00 Movie: Mary Poppins Returns	<b>8</b> 4:00 MultiCultural Festival Mtg 6:00 Session	<b>9</b> 8:45 Staff Mtg  6:00 SpiritLifters 6:30 Trustees	<b>10</b> 3:00 Coffee Cup Theology 4:00 Prayer Grp 4:30 Deacons Mtg	<b>11</b> 4:00 PrimeTimers Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
			<b>Middle School at City Sights/City Lights</b>			
<b>14</b> 11:30 175th Anniversary Mtg 5:00 Youth Group 5:00 Your Choice Movie: TBD	<b>15</b> 4:00 MultiCultural Festival Mtg	<b>16</b> 10:30 PrimeTimers 4:00 Chapel Renovation Mtg	<b>17</b> 3:00 Coffee Cup Theology 4:00 Prayer Grp	<b>18</b> 3:00 Personnel Mtg 4:00 PrimeTimers Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 Church Work Day 
			<b>High School Youth at Montreat</b>			
<b>21</b> 11:30 <i>Extended Table</i> The Briar Patch	<b>22</b> 4:00 MultiCultural Festival Mtg	<b>23</b> 8:45 Staff Mtg  4:00 Property Mtg	<b>24</b>  No Coffee Cup or Prayer Grp	<b>25</b> 4:00 PrimeTimers Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Birthday Party for Elaine Nolen Fern Terra Dining Room 7:00 <b>90</b>
			<b>Pastor Vacation: July 22 — 31</b>			
<b>28</b> 10:30 Dennis Jewett Preaching 11:30 Mission Mtg 5:00 Youth	<b>29</b> 4:00 MultiCultural Festival Mtg	<b>30</b> 8:30 Outreach & Evangelism Mtg 8:45 Staff Mtg	<b>31</b>  No Coffee Cup or Prayer Grp	<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:00 Nursery Available 9:00 Spanish Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 		
			<b>Pastor Vacation</b>			

## Sunday School

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

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

### NEW Youth Sunday School - *Beyond These Walls*

Meets at 9:30 and will travel to a mystery spot each week for breakfast, learning & fellowship.

### 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.



## Fellowship

### SpiritLifters - an adult dinner group

**Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 pm**

Restaurant: Colby's  
204 3rd Street

**RSVP to Jerry Price**

(502) 553-9126, kyprice@outlook.com

### PrimeTimers - an older adult (50+) lunch/program & activities group

**Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 am**

Program: Sarah McNulty from Rudy Mine Trails  
**RSVP to Charlotte Puckett**

Charlotte214050@yahoo.com 270-926-2532

### Church Night Out - TBA

### The Extended Table - an all-church lunch

**Sunday, July 21, after worship**

Restaurant: Briar Patch  
2760 Veach Road

No RSVP needed



## Our Sanctuary Flower Ministry



If you are enjoying having flowers in the sanctuary, you should know that you can purchase some in memory or honor of someone for just \$51. Order forms are available in the church office—just fill one out and put in the Worship Committee's mailbox. After church, you may take them home to enjoy, just leave the containers. Questions? Just ask Sasha or Brad Smith.



## Join One of our Groups!

### Spiritual Formation

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday and is open to all women. They discuss topics of interest from books, videos, and other resources.

**Usually meets 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm**

**Dates: On hiatus until August 25th**

**Reading: Stay tuned!**



### Wednesday Book Group

This weekly book group, led by David Searles, selects books to read and discuss one or two chapters a week. All are welcome.

**Meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am**

**On hiatus until September**

### Coffee Cup Theology

This group discusses the coming Sunday's lectionary scriptures. All are welcome.

**Meets Wednesdays at 3:00 pm**

**Dates: July 10, 17 (not the 3rd, 24th or 31st)**

**Discussion: Sunday Lectionary**

### Pastor's Study Group

Each month, Christine selects a book that is timely yet not too long. We then meet to discuss the entire book. All are welcome.

**Usually Meets 4th Thursdays at 11:00**

**Date: Not Meeting in July**

**Reading: Stay tuned!**

## Summer Choir



During the summer, the choir will be taking a break from their regular Wednesday evening rehearsals. Instead, they will gather on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the sanctuary to rehearse a piece for the service. This is open to everyone and could be a great time to try out singing in the choir!

## FPC Presents its New Logo

Last fall, when the Strategic Planning team surveyed the congregation, this church responded in surprisingly consistent ways. First, the responses indicated that people love their church. Second, that they wish more people knew about it. And finally, that they want it to grow. Not just for the sake of growing, but because they want more people to find a home here.

Taking that feedback to heart, the Outreach and Evangelism committee began work to develop a visual identity that could both communicate who we are as a church and draw people into this community. Working with Kathleen Overton of Bruckner Strategies, Outreach began the work of distilling "who we are as a church" into a visual piece. Gathering several times with diverse groups of members, Kathleen invited people to talk about why they choose to be part of First Presbyterian Church. Key words that came up were: welcoming, thoughtful, thinking, service, open, traditional, and community. Taking those words to heart, Kathleen developed several possibilities that the Outreach committee reviewed. The final product connects our sanctuary cross to our church windows, linking our heritage to our openness as a growing community of faith. The colors can be adapted based on liturgical seasons, and the words and images can easily be used for print and design.

The Session enthusiastically approved this visual identity, and we will be working in the coming months to incorporate it into our various print and online media. We may even get some church swag! Many thanks to all who contributed to this process.



## New Staff Position



Another theme that came from our Strategic Planning survey was the hope that we develop our growing ministries in Christian Education and Mission. Members have felt encouraged by growing numbers in our youth group and children's programs, as well as our greater involvement in service and mission – particularly our Service Worship Sundays. Based on this feedback, the Strategic Planning team recommended that the church look into hiring a full-time Director of Christian Education and Mission.

At the June session meeting, a job description was approved. Since then, it has been posted to our website and shared at various forums, including with the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators. With the position already in our approved budget, the Personnel Committee hopes to hire someone this summer. If you know of anyone who may have interest, please contact Jerry Price. The job description can be found at: [www.fpcobky.com/welcome/director-of-christian-education-and-mission/](http://www.fpcobky.com/welcome/director-of-christian-education-and-mission/)

## Don't Miss Reel Spirituality

This month we continue our series of exploring faith through film. You can see below a list of when we will view the films and when they will be discussed in worship. One slight adjustment is that Dennis Jewett has agreed to take the final week of the series. Rather than a film, he will be exploring faith through musicals. It should be a great final week for our series.

Here is the schedule:

**July 7 — Hidden Figures**

(viewing 6/26)



**July 14 — Mary Poppins Returns**

(viewing 7/7)



**July 21—Your Choice!**

Email Christine or leave your nomination in the box by her office. Info on voting will be in PresbyNotes.

## Meet Our Newest Members!



### Aryanne & Jeremy Brailsford

The Brailsford Band began their world tour in 2013, when Jeremy met Aryanne. Together the two have created a tight knit family with a bond that could not be broken. They have 3 children: the musically gifted David age 8, creative wunderkin Lilly age 7, and the precocious munchkin Killian age 2. They are blessed to be a part of this church and they are excited to welcome their 4th child into the arms of God here at First Presbyterian Church.



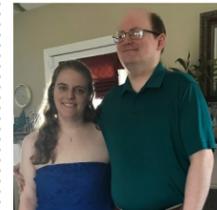
### Randy Shelby

Randy has lived in Owensboro for the past 11 years. Originally from Paducah, he has three grown sons, one daughter, and three grandchildren. Randy is the coordinator of pastoral care for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph at their retirement campus 11 miles west of town. His background is in long term care administration. Randy enjoys his grandchildren, reading, music, working in his yard, PBS/KET, dogs and cats, and many friends. He has recently started participating in a trivia group made up of FPC members.



### Christie Stumpf

Christie is a retired music educator from Hartford. She taught at Ohio Co. High, Centertown School and for 30 years at Wayland Alexander Elementary. She now is a substitute teacher at Ohio Co. Middle and High Schools. She is a member of the church choir and handbell choir, as well as the OCTC chorus, Owensboro Symphony Chorus and Owensboro Choral Society and has sung in "Messiah" since 1966. Christie has 1 daughter, 1 son, and 2 grandsons. She is a charter member of the Courthouse Players and is on its board of directors. She is active in Theatre Workshop of Owensboro.



### Lee Ann Wells

Most people who know James Wells, don't realize this but I'm the older one by 3 years. I'm happily engaged to Jonathan Griffith and can't wait to be his wife. I'm a Direct Support Provider at Puzzle Pieces. I love to bake and I'm currently taking online classes to earn a pastry degree from Escoffier. My dream is to open my own bakery and employ individuals with special needs. I also love to read. I'm a book worm who loves collecting books. I enjoy photography as well. I'm happiest behind the camera when I'm not reading, baking, or spending time with my family.



### Charles (Monty) Winstead

I was born in Greenville, Ky in July 1973. I'm the oldest of five children. My parents are alive and have been married for 49 years. I have lived in Graham, Ky and Paducah, Ky. I graduated from Daviess County High School in 1991. I attended college briefly studying Funeral Services and Religion. I enjoy travel, British comedies, movies and documentaries. I am a huge, self confessed Anglophile (a lover of all things British). I come to First Presbyterian as a confirmed and baptized Roman Catholic. But, First Presbyterian is my new spiritual home.

## VBS Thanks You!

What a fantastic Vacation Bible School we had this year! Over 20 of you put in countless hours leading groups, shepherding children, prepping crafts, or planning for this week. Over 60 children attended, raising \$160 in offering for the Help Office, on top of ten bags of clothes, 100 canned goods, and 6 crates of shelf-stable foods.

The children had such fun and were asking when they could come back again! Thanks to everyone!!



## June Highlights

### Vacation Bible School



### VBSS

### Pentecost



### Southern Gospel Sunday



### Baptism Caroline Baker



### Wedding Shower Sarah Bowley Greene



## Our Youth

This month, our youth have two exciting summer trips. Thank you for your incredible support for them, and please keep them (and their leaders) in your prayers as they travel this month.

### High School trip — Montreat Conference Center Theme: Let Love Lead, July 14-19

Montreat offers a safe and affirming atmosphere for deeper faith development. Their days will be spent: listening to keynotes, spending time in worship and reflection, spending time talking in small groups and daily recreation.

### Middle School trip — City Sights/City Lights Brain Injury Adventure Camp, July 9-11.

They will assist brain-injured children in activities as well as spend time with Bible study, devotions, and their own adventure activities.

To learn more, please contact Stephanie Dube or Will Clancy. And thanks, again, for your support!



## Bountiful Harvest Update

As you know, Owensboro Regional Farmers Market accepts food given by their participants at the end of the market on Saturdays for donation to local organizations who provide meals for those in need. This year, our Mission Committee is delivering that food to Boulware Center, OASIS, and Daniel Pitino Shelter on alternating weeks.

**Bountiful Harvest**  
FPC partnership with



We are pleased to report that over the first four Saturdays, our local farmers have contributed over 300 pounds of fresh produce! The producers have been generous in their donations and pleased to have the opportunity to help our community. The organizations have been appreciative and vocal in their thanks. We are privileged to be the intermediary between these two groups.

Presently we have the minimum number of members needed to complete our delivery each week through fall. If you would like to participate, please contact Greta Hodge or Bill Jansing and we will add you to our delivery crew in the near future. Thank you very much for your support.