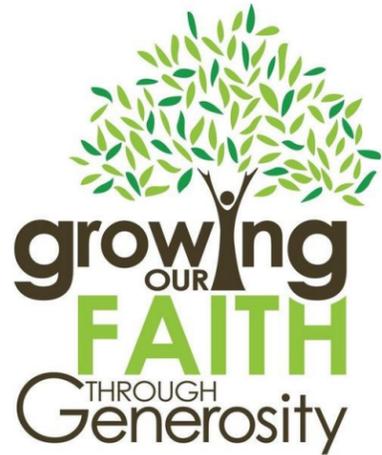


Stewardship Gatherings this Month!



Throughout the month of October, members will be hosting small group gatherings in their homes as part of our Capital Campaign and Stewardship. These are opportunities to come together for fellowship and to share with one another your dreams for our church.

Each member will receive an invitation in the mail to a specific gathering. If you have not received your invitation by October 14, or if you are unable to make your particular gathering, please contact Sasha in the front office. She can let you know when another gathering will be offered.

We hope that everyone will be able to attend these gatherings as we share our dreams for this church home we call First Presbyterian Church.

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

*Faith ...
is taking the first
step, even when
you don't see the
whole staircase.*

- Martin Luther King



"People of Grace"

A monthly newsletter for First Presbyterian Church
October 2019



When I was a young person, I remember wishing one night that I could just go into the church's sanctuary and lay down on one of the pews. Because it felt safe. Because it felt like home. Like any teenager, life didn't always feel easy. Despite having fantastic parents and wonderful teachers, I was still a teenager. Life sometimes felt hard, and I remember — so clearly — just wishing I could go into our place of worship and find sanctuary.

This is what church has meant for me in my life, whether it was here in Owensboro, in Memphis, Tennessee, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, or in Louisville, Kentucky. Church has been a sanctuary: a place to find connection and friendship; inspiration and direction; a place to find peace, seeing just what this world could be if we embraced God's call. I don't know about you, but this is my vision for church. This is my vision for what God is calling us to be: sanctuary for friend and stranger, for the lost and the lonely. A sign of hope and transformation in a difficult world.

We all probably know people who have given up on church, in one way or another. Maybe they think they have lost their faith and don't feel comfortable participating anymore. Maybe they have been hurt by a religious community or by religious people. Maybe they once were faithful churchgoers and then, simply, got out of the habit. We all know those people. We have probably all been those people at one point.

But, perhaps in the midst of that wilderness time, we felt that longing like I felt when I was a teenager. To go home...to find sanctuary. This is who we can be for people in our community. This is what a church like ours can offer to people who feel lost, who feel frustrated and confused, who feel burned by people and institutions. This is who God just might be calling us to be.

This October, as always, we are entering Stewardship season, which is a time to pledge for the coming year in the life of our church. But this year, we are asking you to be part of more than that: **through our Capital Campaign, we are asking you to pledge toward who our church will be in the years to come. This is our 175th year. What do the next 175 years hold?**

Soon, you will receive information on the campaign and on your yearly giving. You will be invited this month to small group gatherings where you can share your vision for our church — where we can work to build a vision together. For me, I hope that through our giving, we can ensure that this place will continue to be a place of sanctuary in the years to come, where people can worship, learn, serve and grow together as disciples of Christ.

Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about.

- Henri Nouwen

Christine



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- 1 Bill Jansing
- 1 Jack Lashbrook
- 2 Julia Ledford
- 2 George Triplett V
- 4 Lockhart Riddle
- 6 Sylvie Bess Johnson
- 6 Lisa Tullis
- 7 Janice Odom
- 8 Ellen Sweet
- 8 Linda Young
- 9 Martha Gwin
- 9 Rick Park
- 9 Susan Swanson
- 10 Chris Gramelspacher
- 10 Nancy Schmeal
- 13 Merritt Bates Thomas
- 13 Chelsea Cowan
- 15 Katy Baker
- 15 Charles Reece
- 17 Dick Temple
- 18 Charlotte Hobson
- 18 David Triplett
- 19 Frances Malony
- 20 Chuck Schmeal
- 22 Laura Harrison
- 22 Valerie Holcomb
- 22 Wade Zengel
- 23 Burla Neeley
- 23 Erin Malony Boggs
- 24 Debra & Tracy Thacker
- 26 Mariana Brava-Lopez
- 27 Norma Smith
- 29 Ann McClure
- 29 Carolyn Moore
- 31 Mark Moore

Anniversaries

- 5 Marsha & Sherwood Kirk
- 7 Beth & Philip Cecil
- 7 Kay & Darrell Coomes
- 18 Courtney & Joshua Magdici
- 23 Lori & George Triplett
- 25 Linda & Gary Kabalen



September Session Highlights

- Session approved Rev. Dr. Alton Pollard, president of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary as preacher for our 175th anniversary service.
- Session recommends adding an additional deacon to begin Jan. 1, 2020
- Session approved the first \$50,000 raised in our Capital Campaign will be designated for mission

Committee Highlights

Christian Education

- Tweens and Children's Choir have begun
- Fall Festival is 10/27
- Confirmation Class to begin

Congregational Care

- No Meeting this month

Congregational Life

- No Meeting this month

Finance

- Budget, Stewardship and Capital Campaign subcommittees are working hard

Mission

- Next Service Worship Sunday will be 9/22
- Peace and Global Witness Offering is 10/6

Outreach & Evangelism

- Visitors in August: 10
- Nov 17 Extended Table at Briarpatch

Personnel

- Christian Education Director position has been filled by Jeff Moles

Property

- Thank you to Bill and Kelly Duncan who maintain our grounds
- Several offices will be reconfigured for Jeff Moles

Worship & Music

- Attendance for August: 4-120; 11-158; 18-134; 25-117
- Different breads will be offered on World Communion Sunday

Deacons

- Deacons requested an additional deacon

Pastor's Report Highlights

- 23 pastoral care meetings
- Worked with budget team to prepare the 2020 budget
- Met with Nominating Committee
- Finished work with Personnel Committee
- Worked with Veena Sallan to organize readers for Multicultural Festival blessing service
- Met with Diane Bowers to recruit a team for the Capital Campaign
- Attended committee meetings of the church
- Continued work with Strategic Planning Committee
- Wrote pieces for the September newsletter
- Led Coffee Cup Theology, Prayer Group and Pastor's Book Study
- Will be out of office October 7-11 to attend Colnspire Conference at Montreat

Christine Away October 7-11

Christine will be away October 7-11 for continuing education. During this time, if someone is in need of pastoral assistance, please contact Sasha in the church office 270-684-1467 or contact Jerry Nail after hours at 615-390-1129



OCTOBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Every Sunday</i></p> <p>9:00 Nursery Available 9:00 Spanish Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Welcome We are glad you are here</p> <p>Jeff Moles' first day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:45 Staff Mtg 10:00 Book Group 1:00 Coffee Cup Theology 2:00 Prayer Grp 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:00 Finance Committee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>world, smile day</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 World Communion</p> <p>11:30 Worship Mtg</p> <p>4:00 Spiritual Formation</p> <p>Peace & Global Witness Offering</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Noon Congregational Life Mtg</p> <p>6:00 SpiritLifters</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:30 Outreach & Evangelism</p> <p>Yom Kippur The Day of Atonement</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:45 Staff Mtg 10:00 Book Group 1:00 Coffee Cup Theology 2:00 Prayer Grp 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>National Farmer's Day</p> <p>If You Ate Today, Thank A Farmer.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>2:00 Blessing of the Animals</p> <p>4:15 Children's Choir 5:00 Youth Group 5:30 Tweens</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 Session</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30 PrimeTimers</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:45 Staff Mtg 10:00 Book Group 1:00 Coffee Cup Theology 2:00 Prayer Grp 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:00 Personnel Mtg</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CHURCH WORK DAY</p>
<p>20</p> <p>11:30 <i>Extended Table</i> at Briarpatch</p> <p>4:00 Spiritual Formation 5:00 Confirmation</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>4:00 Property Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:45 Staff Mtg 10:00 Book Group 1:00 Coffee Cup Theology 2:00 Prayer Grp 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Reformation Sunday</p> <p>11:30 Mission Mtg</p> <p>4:00 Fall Festival</p> <p>FALL FESTIVAL</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00 Chapel Renovation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:45 Staff Mtg 10:00 Book Group 1:00 Coffee Cup Theology 2:00 Prayer Grp 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>31</p>		

Sunday School

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

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



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

Monday, October 7, 6:00 pm

Famous Bistro
102 W. 2nd Street

RSVP to Jerry Price

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



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

Tuesday, October 15, 10:30 am

Candace Brake, Chamber of Commerce

RSVP to Charlotte Puckett

Charlotte214050@yahoo.com 270-926-2532

The Extended Table - An all-church lunch

Sunday, October 20, after worship

Briarpatch, 2760 Veach Road, **No RSVP needed**



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.

Meeting alternate Sundays at 4:00 pm

Reading: *What us the Bible* by Rob Bell

Dates: October 6th and 20th



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

Reading: *The Second Mountain* by David Brooks

Meeting: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Coffee Cup Theology

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

Meets Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

Discussion: Narrative Lectionary Bible Stories

Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sanctuary Flowers



If you enjoy having flowers in the sanctuary on Sundays, perhaps you would like to remember or honor a loved one in October or November. These beautiful arrangements can be purchased for just \$51.

After worship, you may keep the flowers (but leave the containers), or leave them at the church where they will be made into small arrangements and taken to members in the hospital and at home.

Order forms are available in the church office—just fill one out and put it in the Worship Committee's mailbox. just leave the containers. Questions? Just ask Sasha or Brad Smith.



Meet Jeff Moles

The Session and Personnel Committee of First Presbyterian Church are so excited to welcome Jeff Moles as our new Director of Christian Education and Mission. Jeff is a native of Terre Haute, Indiana, where he grew up in a Presbyterian Church very similar to our own. Jeff attended Indiana State University and served as a Young Adult Volunteer in Nashville, Tennessee.



For the past 13 years, Jeff has worked in Nashville at Room In the Inn, which is a non-profit serving Nashville's homeless community. There he has managed their winter shelter program working with over 200 faith communities to coordinate educational and outreach efforts with the homeless. In addition, Jeff has served in congregations as a worship leader and musician. An ordained elder, Jeff has served the church at the national level, speaking at Presbyterian conferences and retreats, and he has been a worship leader for the Young Adult Volunteer Program. Since 2012, Jeff has led the Young Adult Advisory Delegate training at the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), empowering young leaders in our denomination.

Here at First Presbyterian, Jeff's work will focus on Christian Education and Mission. He will help develop opportunities for adult education and will oversee the great ministries in our children and youth programming. In the area of mission, Jeff will also work on building up our service engagement and involvement locally, nationally and internationally. He will be a great resource for supporting and strengthening our mission programs, such as Service Worship Sundays and the MultiCultural Festival, and he will help us imagine how we can serve further.

Jeff's first day will be **Tuesday October 1st** and you will find him in the former Finance Office/Copy/Mail room. These functions are now moved to our conference room and our conference table is now in our library. Stop by, say hi and introduce yourself!

World Communion Sunday



Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, invites all of us to the table where we are joined into one body no matter what our differences.

Christ invites and our doors open to the broken, the hurting and the survivors of violence. Christ invites and our doors open to those who work for reconciliation and advocate for God's justice, which makes for peace. Christ invites and we offer ourselves to the pursuit to end violence and bring about reconciliation through the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Our giving offers a healing hand; a word of peace. It is one of the ways we RSVP "yes" to Christ's invitation.

25% stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our community.

25% goes to our mid-council to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians around the globe.

2 Thessalonians says, "*peace at all times in all ways*". **Won't you accept this invitation on Sunday, October 20th?**

Dates to Remember!

We are entering a very busy time of the year, so please be sure to keep these dates on your calendar.

- October 6** World Communion Sunday
- October 13** Blessing of the Animals
- October 20** Children's Choir Singing
- October 27** Reformation Sunday & Fall Festival
- November 3** Pledge Sunday & All Saints
- November 24** 175th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service and Meal
- November 30** Hanging of the Greens
- December 1** Advent begins
- December 8** Advent Workshop
- December 18** Longest Night Service
- December 22** Christmas Pageant
- December 24** Christmas Eve Service



Prayer Group Meeting

Did you know that a group gathers each week to pray for members and friends, sending cards and sharing prayer shawls with our dear ones in need? Our meetings are only 30 minutes, and we would love for you to join us. If you have a prayer to share, please send it to Christine before Wednesdays at 3:00.

We will meet at **2:00 on these Wednesdays: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**



September Highlights

Back to the 50's



Service Worship



Blessing of the Animals

Once again we will take a moment to appreciate God's care for all the earth's creatures with our Blessing of the Animals Service.



This year it will take place on **Sunday, October 13th at 2:00** in the Prayer Garden. You may bring your pet or a picture of your pet and Christine will give a special blessing to each.

Reformation Sunday

Get ready for bagpipes! On **Sunday October 27th**, we will remember the beginning of the Reformation—that day in 1517 when Martin Luther put forth his 95 Theses. While, as Presbyterians, we look to John Calvin as our main reformer, we were also deeply influenced by John Knox, who was based in Scotland. Because of this, we play bagpipes and wear our tartans. So come and celebrate that we are indeed *"reformed, always being reformed!"*

New Landscaping

Huge thanks to our Aesthetics Committee who have faithfully worked this year to design landscaping for our Yunker Chapel/Sanctuary area. Over the last month, work has begun on installing a variety of flowering trees and bushes in the area.

Funds for this project have come from our Small Gifts and Memorials, which were given in memory of C. Waitman Taylor, Kay Hamby, Carol Norris, James Anderson, Betty Anne Taylor and Maxine Price.



Our Youth

Youth Group

The youth loved helping in the PrimeTimers' "Lost in the 50's" show. For Service worship they again gave their time and energy to the Daviess County Animal Shelter.

During Sunday group meetings, they are studying and analyzing the Bible. They have discussed Narrative and Poetry texts and will be looking at Prose and Discourse next.

Dates:

- 10/13 Youth Group
- 10/27 Fall Festival
- 11/1-3 Loucon
- 11/8-10 Tri-Presbytery Conference with youth from Western KY, Mid-KY and Transylvania Presbyteries



Fall Festival



It's Fall! This means it's time for our Annual Fall Festival, which will be **Sunday, October 27th** from 4:00 - 6:00.

Kids! Come in your costume for a costume parade, games led by our youth, Trunk or Treating and fun on the Bouncy House.

Adults! Come in costume (if you wish) and help out by: bringing chili for our annual Chili Cook-Off, providing your scariest sides and desserts for the meal, bringing a cake for our cake-walk, or decorating your trunk for our Trunk or Treat! Contact Allison Bates or Stephanie Dube to help out.

Church Ornaments Are Here



The 175th Anniversary ornaments have arrived! It is a beautiful one-of-a-kind pewter ornament depicting our church. If you ordered one or wish to buy one, they are available in the church office. Each ornament is \$15.00.

\$12 will go to the Imagination Library and \$3.00 will stay with the church for future church mission.

Please bring cash or check for the exact amount as we cannot make change.

Children's Ministries



Our ministries for children are off to a great start this school year. Thanks for all of our Sunday school teachers and Worship and Wonder leaders. Please see below for announcements about our Sunday evening programming.

Tweens

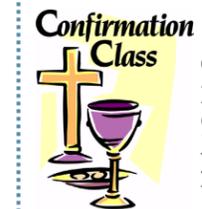
Our Tweens group is a **ministry for 3rd-5th graders**. It meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month at **5:30**. *If you would be willing to help with our Tweens group, contact Allison Bates.*

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is open to all children grades **K-5th grade**, rehearsing on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of the month at **4:15**.

This month they will be singing on Sunday, October 20th during our regular worship service.

Confirmation Class



We will have our first meeting for confirmation on **Sunday, October 20th at 5:00pm**. It is open for all 8-9th graders, as well as any older youth who have not yet been through the process.

We will meet monthly on the **3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00** and will be led by Christine Coy Fohr and our new Director of Christian Ed and Mission, Jeff Moles.

Please contact Christine if you have a child who plans to attend. We will be putting materials together and finding mentors, so want to make sure we have everyone down.

FPC Swag Update



Swag is coming! Final decisions are being made for what we will be offering members. Stay tuned for information on our official SWAG order form

