



"To Know Christ and Make Christ Known"

THE PROCLAMATION



THE SUMMER SWITCH

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I am sure the day-to-day operations of the church office would not seem very fascinating. I will be honest: if it were not for the women in my life (Charlotte, Pat, Alanna, Jocelyn, and Valerie) I am pretty sure First Presbyterian Church would be a train off the rails. Fortunately, these women make sure I always know what is happening, especially if I need to know what is happening. More importantly, they tell me what I need to be doing. For example, I am responsible for ensuring everything I need to get into *The Proclamation* is submitted to Alanna by the third Tuesday of the month, which you would think would be easy to remember since the third Tuesday of the month is when the Session meets. You would think. Only on the third Monday of the month, like a ton of bricks falling from the Heavens, my Proclamation information was nowhere on my radar. So... that is what I am working on today.

My reality, like everyone else, is that the month of May has arrived. We have survived another winter, and summer is around the corner. May is an interesting time of year in the church. Many of our regular routines stop for June and July, like Wonderful Wednesday, choir practice, and Monday Men's Bible Study. Still, at the same time, our summer schedule is filled with activities that are different and new. For example, starting on Memorial Day Sunday, we have only one worship service at 10:15 am that will continue through July. Bobby and the youth will begin their summer schedule together. VBS is June 5-7. Even the Session takes July off.

I tell you all of this to remind you that the church's busyness does not stop just because summer is almost here. First Presbyterian Church is always active—just in different ways.

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May 5

"To Timothy – A Grocery List"

Psalm 101

1 Timothy 5:24,25

May 12

Covenant Sunday

"To Timothy - Amen"

Psalm 108

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Covenant Sunday (11:00 service only) is a time to recognize, honor, celebrate, and pray for two groups of confirmation students: our 8th grade students who began their confirmation journey this year, and our 11th grade students who have just claimed the Christian faith for themselves and seek to join the church. During this special time in worship, we can give glory to God for his faithfulness and for the ways the Spirit has moved in the lives of these young folks.

May 19

Pentecost Sunday

Senior Sunday

"Dry Bones for A New Day"

Psalm 104:24-34

Ezekiel 37:1-14

May 26

10:15am ONE SERVICE BEGINS

9:00am Sunday School

Trinity Sunday

"An Invitation"

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

FPC NEWS + INFO



THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

First Presbyterian Church will host the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 11, starting at 8 am. Presbyterians across Middle Tennessee will gather as we continue to seek God's Will for the good of the greater church. As you can imagine, this event is a big endeavor for the church staff and the Session. If you are able to volunteer in any way, please contact the church office.



Our monthly food drive will be on Friday, May 3rd from 9am to 12pm. Help by donating easy pop open cans & convenient snacks to fill pantries with child friendly options that children can prepare themselves. All donations will be given to Nourish Food Bank in Murfreesboro. We hope to see you at the College St. portico where you can drive up and drop off donations!





MISSION OPPORTUNITY:
PROJECT TRANSFORMATION 2024
HELP LOCAL CHILDREN LEARN TO READ!

- When?** **June 10-13** and **July 8-11** (Mon-Thurs) are our 2 weeks. The camp runs all through June and July. 9:15-12:15 (maximum time — may be less)
- Where?** **First Cumberland Presbyterian Church** (907 E Main St., Murfreesboro, TN)
- Who?** Reading **Volunteers ages 13 and up**
- What?** Meet with young reading buddies (elementary ages) to **read, discuss, and connect** with one another. Books are provided.
- How?** **Contact Sandra Hawkins to register. Deltabelle4@gmail.com or 615-624-1142. Sandra Hawkins and Teri Windham are our coordinators this year.**
You will need to **complete an online background check** (unless you did that in the last 2 years.) You will receive details about a very brief orientation to the program that is held daily at the PT site. You will attend this only once.
Show up for your orientation prior to your reading day. (You can simply arrive early on your first reading day or attend one morning the prior week.) Then **show up to read each day**, Monday-Thursday of our week. (Or you may share your week with another volunteer if needed.)
- Deadline?** We need to have our reading volunteers set **by May 15.**

UKIRK UPDATE: Dear FPC Family,

It's crazy, but the semester, and by extension the school year, is almost wrapped up! We have two graduating seniors, Grace Holland and Hunter Waldrep. Grace has been with us since Fall of '20, meaning she not only stuck with us through masks and outdoor UKIRKs, but she joined us during the height of COVID. Grace has served on our leadership team for a couple of years now, and we are excited that she will be doing her graduate studies at MTSU! Hunter has been a part of UKIRK since January '22; his first experience with UKIRK was actually at FPC on a Thursday night when we met in The Cellar! We are so excited for our grads, and we are grateful to our FPC family for the role y'all have played in helping to provide a space on campus for students to connect to each other, explore faith, and feel at home. A great example of that was a few weeks ago when the Logans (Chet and Janet) and Julie Corcoran came to UKIRK on a Thursday night and put on a great cookout! The students loved it! Thanks so much! Please keep our students in your prayers as they move on to summer classes, summer jobs, travel, and whatever else the summer holds.

Blessings,

Rev. Micah Watson, UKIRK MTSU

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This will be our final meeting before our summer break.



Men's Bible Study will have the last meeting of the season on Monday, May 20th. We will resume on the 1st Monday of August.

SANCTUARY ORGAN UPDATE

BY: JOCELYN FISHER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND VALERIE RAINS, ORGANIST

In case you haven't heard - our organ will soon undergo some timely refurbishing and upgrading. Due to a generous gift from a member of our congregation, we will be adding some new pipework, refinishing some of the old pipework, adding additional tonal settings, and refurbishing or replacing some of the inner mechanics. During the week of May 20th, the Luley Organ Company will come to disassemble, pack up, and take away portions of our existing organ to do the work in their shop in Pittsburgh, PA. It is projected that we will have our "new" organ back and ready to play in mid-July with the additional pipework to be installed in October. We are so excited and grateful to be able to maintain the excellent function of this instrument. And we thank the congregation for the interest and excitement already shown in this project.



SESSION NOTES BY GLEN EMERY, CLERK OF SESSION

- Our devotion was led by Jill Lanning on Hebrews 11:1 on living a life of faith.
- 11th grade confirmands Scout Harding and Lang McDaniel met with the session. After examining them and their statements for faith, and after they answered the formal questions of their faith in the affirmative, they were unanimously approved for membership.
- Our Director of Preschool, Karen Winford, met with us to describe the replacement of ground cover in the outside play area.
- Work needs to be done on the front doors of the sanctuary. Quotes are being solicited for the restoration. Refurbishing of the rental house continues and should be ready to be occupied next month.
- Vacation Bible School dates are June 5-7. Registration is April 28 to May 15.
- We are thankful for everyone's pledges. To date approximately \$759,000 has been pledged. Budgets will be prepared starting next month.
- On May 11 Presbytery will be holding a quarterly meeting in our sanctuary. All who wish to attend to see how the Presbytery works are encouraged to attend.
- Tammy Green, our second custodian, has been approved for us to hire her from the Manpower temp agency. We are planning to give all employees a 4 percent raise. There are some changes that have been made by the Board of Pensions that will cost us an additional \$12,000 in support each year.
- The welcome sign on the podium on the front porch is being updated. Handouts to visitors are being revised also.
- For the next three months our food drives will be directed to Nourish Food Bank with an emphasis on kid-friendly food. We are revising our criteria for giving assistance to organizations. Primarily we will be addressing the needs of marginalized people. Also we are wanting to have one of our members on the boards of the organizations that we support. The main organizations that we now support: Habitat for Humanity, Nourish Food Bank, Santa Lastenia Clinic in Nicaragua, Makasan church in South Dakota, Murfreesboro Rescue Mission, Still Waters Ministry, the Isaiah 117 House, and Doors of Hope.
- Starting on the Memorial Day Weekend, we will be going to our summer Sunday worship service schedule: Sunday School at 9 am and one worship service at 10:15.



MATAGALPA NICARAGUA TRIP MAY 3-7, 2024

Coming up May 3-7, some FPC folks will be making another trip to Matagalpa, Nicaragua to visit and hear from our brothers and sisters on Young Life staff there. Our church has supported Young Life in Nicaragua since its beginning in 1988 and began sending groups soon thereafter. But 10 years ago, FPC entered into an intentional, long term relationship of support and mutual encouragement with the staff specifically in Matagalpa. Matagalpa is a beautiful city tucked in the mountains and is similar in size to Murfreesboro. It has been a wonderful way for us to continue supporting YL Nicaragua but with even more intention. Because of this focused relationship building, for the past 4 years Bobby and Lexie Harding have been the directors of the North Nicaragua Action Team, which supports the ministry throughout the entire North Nica region. Our travel group for the upcoming trip consists of seven fantastic individuals: Bobby Harding, Travis Lampley, Kit Ramsay, Eve Jones, John Murphy, and Hope and Neeley Emore. Please pray for our group and be ready for stories of our adventures upon our return! If you would like to learn more about our ministry partnership with Young Life in Matagalpa, please talk to Bobby, Lexie, or Tim Pate.

FPC Youth

Sun May 12 - Covenant Sunday at 11am

Wed May 15 - End of Year MS Youth Group Party

Sun May 19 - Senior Sunday at 11am

Sun May 19 - End of Year HS Youth Group Party

Mon May 20 - Class of 2024 Senior and Parent Banquet and Presby Awards at 6pm



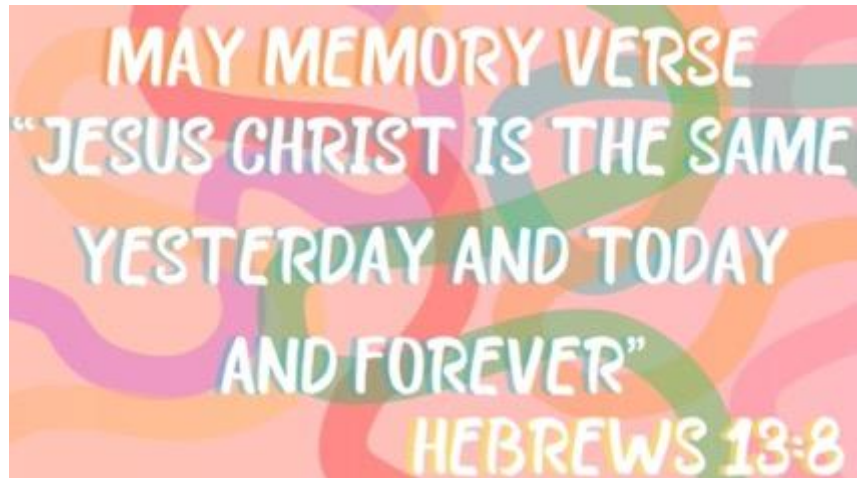
• We will have special activities during our last few weeks of Wonderful Wednesdays, so be sure to attend!

• Join us each week at 9:30 for Sunday School as we continue learning from the New Testament!

• Join us for the last Wonderful Wednesday on May 8th. We will have fun games for preschool-6th grade and a church-wide ice cream bar!

• Beginning May 26th and continuing through June and July, Sunday School will take place at 9:00am before our joint service at 10:15am. We look forward to seeing you just a little earlier each Sunday!

• Save the DATE for Church Family VBS on June 5, 6, 7 from 5:00-7:00pm! This year Vacation Bible School is KIDS ONLY!



Registration will be May 1-May 15 but make sure to register on time because we are ordering t-shirts for everyone!



Registration is open! We have room in every class (2,3, & 4's). We need two more teachers for First Presbyterian Preschool next year. Anyone who is interested in teaching please let us know as soon as possible to train before August. Now would be the perfect time to apply! For more information about being a teacher or to register contact Karen Winford at 615-893-4760 – preschool@mborofpc.org

**Registration
Still Open!
preschool@**



Happy Anniversary

James & Kimberly Leeper	May 12
Rusty & Amy Walker	May 14
Mark & Janet Blackwelder	May 15
Tim & Phyllis Moore	May 17
Chuck & Kathy Clark	May 19
Dayton & Christa Brown	May 20
Bob & Teresa McBroom	May 20
Brent & Denise Dacus	May 21
Zack & Maria Gray	May 21
Matt & Victoria McHughes	May 22
Will & Britton Fraley	May 22
Kevin & Annette Heusinkveld	May 22
Toby & Young Moore	May 23
Tim & Rachel D. Pote	May 25
David & Kristi Baughman	May 26
Jeff & Amy Farrar	May 28
Don & Laura Beth Bernierke	May 28

1	Jennifer Bailey, Dr. John Todd
2	Olivia Leeper
4	Jane McNulty, Ann Nora Parsons, Philip Waldrop
5	Heather Beason, Ellis Bouldin, Jack Magoon
6	Earleen Foss
7	Alexandra McNulty, Bernie Steen
8	Rita Shacklett
10	Jace Livesay, Oliver McHughes, Anna Pote, Virgil Pote
11	Judy Clemens, Campbell Manahan
13	Andrew Brogli
14	Marit Anderson
15	Tyler Iske
16	Jennifer Daniel, Taylor Gray, Isaiah Kam, Haley Nance
17	Ronnie Edwards, Matt Layman
18	Watson Harris, Kit Ramsay
19	Sherry Wilhoite
20	Les Gray, Walker Rudd, Katherine Steele
21	Phyllis Moore, Tammy Ogles
23	Sara Parsons
24	Magnolia Harding, Byron Webb
25	Janice Hayes, Daniela Kam, Chris Lawson, Lilly Tyner
26	Anne Mayes
27	Jacob Bailey, Ryan Corcoran, Kathy Graham, Alice Wolohon
28	Nena Egli
29	Mary Elaine Hargis, Teresa McBroom, Nikolaus Jones
30	Kate Leonard
31	Doug Flanagan, Abby Sights



Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, for helping save lives with The Red Cross!

We had 35 people who participated in our April 19th drive by coming to give blood which is an **outstanding result by any measure**. The drive went very smoothly with great teamwork between the Red Cross and our participants. Thanks to you we had 27 units collected, 108% of our goal of helping save 80 lives! We even had 2 first-time donors. Thank you to our coordinators, volunteers, and especially our donors!

Thank you so much for giving!

One Great Hour of Sharing:	\$2,599.00
Maunder Thursday (Greenhouse Ministries):	\$1,391.00
Ash Wednesday (Isaiah 117 House):	\$948.00
Gideons International:	\$ 600.00

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Submit it to Charlotte at
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call 893-3882 ext. 201 by May 16, 2024

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SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School for kids only will be June 5-7 here at church from 5:00-7:00pm (Dinner will be provided)! Our theme this year is Outback Rock- Where Kids Venture Into Solid Faith. Registration begins May 1st – just scan the QR code or contact the church office at charlotte@mborofpc.org. Be sure to register by May 15 because we are ordering T-shirts for everyone!

We also need VOLUNTEERS – teachers, kitchen help, crafts, decorating, and games. Please email Meredith at meredith@mborofpc.org if you would like to help! Grades 7 – 12 are also more than welcome to volunteer.

