



THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Friends,

One year ago, at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), our church made history. For the first time ever, two women were elected as co-moderators for our Church – Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston. Both women are pastors – one in Maryland and the other in Chicago. As co-moderators, they are leaders and spokespersons for our Church. Their first responsibility was to moderate the meetings of the General Assembly (last summer), and now they serve by making appointments to nationwide committees, visiting congregations and presbyteries all over the United States, and helping our Church create a vision for the future (all while continuing their full time jobs in congregational ministry).

Rev. Anderson and Rev. Edmiston have invited the Church to read and discuss the book, Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, by Debby Irving. It is a timely work, as our nation continues to struggle with healthy relationships among people of different races. This book is written by the perspective of a white woman, who started to realize her own subtle prejudices and stereotypes.

I have responded to our co-moderators' invitation by reading this book with a group of colleagues, and now I would like to invite you to do the same. I will be hosting a Book Discussion on four consecutive **Tuesdays from Noon-1:00**, beginning July 11. Join me on any – or all – of these days as we discuss this delicate topic together:

July 11 July 18 July 25 August 1

The book is available on kindle & ibooks (for about \$9), or on Amazon (\$18). I am happy to help you secure a copy if you would like to read along!

Peace,

Melissa McNair-King

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, July 2nd.

SESSION MEMBERS hosting the after worship fellowships in July are:

July 2nd: Dianne Wallace

July 9th: Barry Long

July 16th: Joint Church Service and Picnic

July 23rd: John Hunter

July 30th: Martha Moody



CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

FAITH NIGHT at Calfee Park on Wednesday, July 5th: Come out and enjoy a night of baseball as we celebrate faith in our community. The event features a fun, faith-filled night of excitement with live music and information from local churches. Up to four FREE General Admission tickets when you show your church bulletin. ALL faiths welcome.

WORSHIP OUTDOORS: On Sunday, July 16th, we will join with our neighbors from First United Methodist Church and Trinity Lutheran Church for a special worship service. Join us for worship at 10 a.m. at the Train Station in downtown Pulaski, then stay for a potluck brunch. We will not have a service in the sanctuary on this day.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS to the church office for the August newsletter no later than Monday, July 17th.

THE ADULT CHOIR is taking a well deserved break during the summer. If you or anyone you know has a talent to share during the summer worship services see Mardia Long or Phyllis Vice.

SANDY DAWSON would like to thank the congregation for the many kindnesses shown to her at the time of her recent move. The framed picture and lovely personal notes are all so meaningful. The forty plus years of membership at First Presbyterian have been a constant blessing. Sandy's new contact information is: Deerfield Ridge Assisted Living, Room A-6; 287 Bamboo Rd.; Boone, NC 28607. (828) 386-4045.

Dear church family,

We thank you so much for the beautiful framed collage of pictures. We will treasure those memories forever. We also cherish our relationship with each of you and thank you for nurturing us in God's love for many years. We are off on our little adventure, but we promise to be back to visit often!

Much love,
Joe and Jenny



CHECK IT OUT!



We are in the full swing of summer. Now is the time to put a good book in your hands. Do you like mystery, romance, intrigue, humor, faraway places, the battle between good and evil? It's all here in our church library. Check it out!

FIC BRA The Cat Who Came to Breakfast by Lilian Jackson Braun

FIC BRU A Sister's Secret by Wanda E. Brunstetter - Grace Hostettler's peaceful world is shattered the day she runs into Gary Walker, an Englisher who knows enough about her past to destroy her future.

FIC BUC The Promise by Pearl S. Buck

FIC CAL The Rule of Four by Ian Caldwell - A mysterious coded manuscript, a violent Ivy League murder, and the secrets of a Renaissance prince collide in a labyrinth of betrayal, madness, and genius.

FIC CHE The Guardian by Robbie Chevront - Anna Riley has just stumbled across a family secret - her ancestors have been keepers of an ancient scroll that God gave John the Disciple. And now it's hers.

FIC CHE Stories of Anton Tchekov by Anton Chekov

FIC DIC The Old Curiosity Shop by Charles Dickens

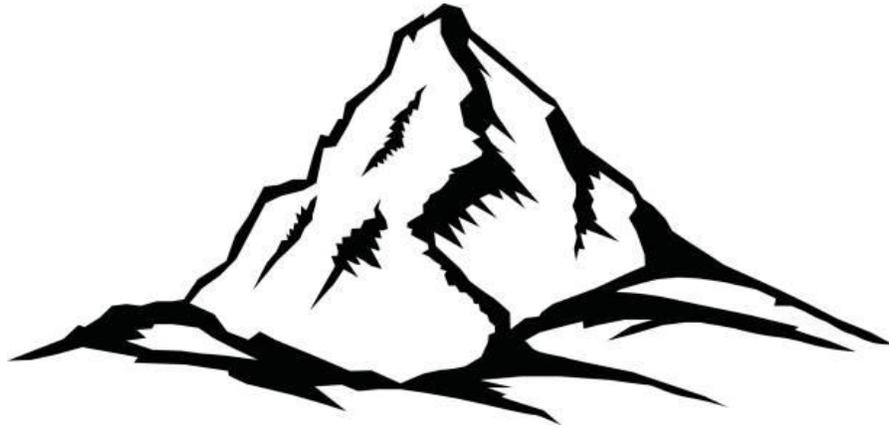
FIC KAR Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon - After more than 38 years, Father Tim Kavanagh returns to Holly Springs, MS, on a profoundly personal journey.

FIC LEW The Last Battle by C.S. Lewis - When evil come to Narnia, Jill & Eustace help fight the great last battle as Aslan leads his people to a glorious new paradise.

FIC OWE The Search Committee by Tim Owens - When a small-town southern church throws a hodgepodge of wildly different personalities together in a van and sends them out to look for a new pastor, the dust gets kicked up in more ways than one.

FIC YOU Eve: A novel by William Paul Young - When a shipping container washes ashore on an island between our world and the next, John the Collector finds a young woman inside - broken, frozen and barely alive.

If there is a book you would like to read from our church library but are unable to get it, give Phyllis Vice a call (980-3106) and she will be happy to get the book to you. To check out a book write your name and the date you are taking the book on the card that is in the pocket in the back of the book. Place the card on the black and white spotted box (the card catalog) on the shelf nearest to the windows.



Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

Join us for:
Community Vacation Bible School

Held at First United Methodist Church, Pulaski
301 North Jefferson Ave.

Monday, July 17 - Thursday, July 20

5:30pm — 8:00 pm
Ages Pre-K—5th grade

Kickoff event on
Sunday, July 16 from 5:30—8:00 pm

Registration forms are available in the
sanctuary or church office.





DATE:

7/2/17

7/9/17

7/16/17

7/23/17

7/30/17

LAY READERS:

Allison Hunter

Tom Haller

Worship at Train Station

Mardia Long

Jordan Phillips

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Communion

Peg Vaughan

Mary Catherine Williams

Jessie Woods