



THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Dear friends,

Around the time of receiving this newsletter, you will also receive a separate packet of Stewardship materials for 2019. We are trying something different this year, and I hope you will participate with us as we strive to be good stewards of God's gifts. Here are two ways that you can help our Session plan faithfully for 2019:

1. **Return a "pledge card" to the church office.** Please mail it in to the office (using the stamped envelope in your packet) no later than Wednesday, November 14. Your responses will be kept in confidence, and all pledges will be dedicated to God during worship on Sunday, November 18. Please consider making a financial promise that aligns with God's call in your life. No gift is too small or too great, and it takes all of us to keep First Presbyterian as a vibrant place where all people find welcome and hope. This is a seven-day-a-week church that serves Pulaski in countless ways.
2. **Place a "time and talents" form in the offering plate during any Sunday in November.** Please consider the ways that God might be leading you to take a more active role in the life of our congregation. If you have talents or ideas in addition to those suggested on the form, please speak with me! I would love to help you find a way to share your energy with God and this church.

I sincerely believe that God has brought all of us together – in this time and place – for a reason. We are church together: a community that listens for God, encourages one another, and strives to share God's love with the world. I hope that serving God through First Presbyterian Church will be among your priorities in the coming year. Please do not hesitate to speak with me if I can be helpful in your decisions.

With Gratitude,

Melissa McNair-King

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, November 12th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We are on lesson three of our Bible study *God's Promise: I Am With You*. The focus of this lesson is God's promise of presence gives us courage, strength, boldness and hope, when on our own we would lose heart. Scripture is Deuteronomy 31:1-8, Joshua 1:1-9 and Haggai 1:1-15, 2:1-9. Each lesson stands on its own so you can join in at anytime and not be lost. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after our lesson. **All** are welcome.

Friday, November 2nd, Church Women United will be observing *World Community Day* at First United Methodist Church Family Life Center - Pulaski. The program *In Harmony With God's People* will begin at 11 a.m. Our main speaker will talk about the traumas children face and how we can help them deal with them. The program will be followed by a pot-luck lunch. Join us in this time of ecumenical fellowship.

From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, November 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. Phyllis Vice will be leading the study, *In Community With The Living God*. Biblical text includes Hebrews 1:1-4, 12:18-24, 8:10; Exodus 19:16-25 and Jeremiah 31:31-34. Baked potatoes will be provided. Bring a topping/side to share and your favorite beverage. All women are welcome to join us for study and fellowship.

Presbyterian Women -
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST is We will remember our members who have joined the Church Triumphant during the past year on Sunday, November 4th.

COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, November 4th.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS on Sunday, November 4th. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

YOUTH GROUP will meet on Sunday, November 4th, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Manse. Join us for pizza, Bible study and games as we grow in faith together.

DEDICATION SUNDAY for 2019 pledges will be November 18th.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: The Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Dublin Baptist Church (on Rt. 100 in Dublin) at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 18th.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS to the church office for the December newsletter no later than Wednesday, November 14th.

DAILY BREAD will have their annual Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 21st.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from November 21st - 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Join us for a wonderful afternoon together as we prepare our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas! We will gather for a light lunch following worship on **Sunday, November 25**, then return to the sanctuary to decorate together. All ages are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE: You are invited to the NRV Community Chorus Christmas Concert. The concert will be presented on Sunday, December 9th, at 3 p.m. in the First Presbyterian sanctuary, and on Monday, December 10th, at 7 p.m. at Dublin United Methodist Church.



CHECK IT OUT!



Pastor Melissa's study on the parables in the Bible for our Wonderful Wednesday gatherings is continuing. If you would like to delve deeper or read a different version of the Bible than you usually do **check out** the books listed below. They will be on display during the month of November in the church parlor.

200 GWY Christ's Word to this Age by J. Harold Gwynne

220.52 AMP The Amplified Bible: containing the Amplified Old Testament and The Amplified New Testament

220.52 BIB The Bible for to-day - John Stirling, ed.

220.52 COM Common English Bible: Holy Bible: a fresh translation to touch the heart

220.52 GOO Good News Bible

226.8 ALL When the Heart is Hungry by Charles L. Allen

232.9 STE The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ by James S. Stewart

OCTOBER NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL

The preschool classroom was inspected by the health and fire departments in early October, and I am pleased to let everyone know that all requirements were met and we passed the inspections. All necessary forms were filled out and mailed to The Department of Social Services so that the preschool can continue to operate and keep the religious tax exemption.

The preschoolers attended their first field trip of the year to Thornspring Pastures to enjoy the pumpkin patch on October 18th. The children were so grateful, and fun was had by all. Sparky and the fire marshal visited our classroom to teach the preschoolers about fire safety. Melissa has weekly chapel services with the children, and Jena Hardy, the children's librarian at our local library, comes to read to our class every other Thursday. Ernie Wallace met our students and shared a story with them in the sanctuary.

Our class is following the curriculum that was set forth at the beginning of September. The lessons, themes, and objectives are being accomplished each week. The students have already made great leaps in learning. We are having a most wonderful time and I am excited to tackle the many skills that we have yet to do.

Most Sincerely,
Jessie Brockmeyer

Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Plan to make Wednesday church nights a part of your regular routine! It is a special time of learning and growing together as a church family. The suggested "offering" for dinner is \$4/person or \$15/family. This is anonymous, and give-as-you-can. Everyone is welcome regardless of your ability to give.

In the Fall: youth and adults will be reading the parables of Jesus – based on a study by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt Divinity School. The children will enjoy time for choir.

In the Spring: youth and adults will be studying Religions of the World, and the children will have Bible study and music.

Thank you to those who are serving in November:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
November 7	Ron, KD, Pam	KD, Larry, Mike	Parables: The Pearl of Great Price
November 14	Thanksgiving Potluck	Joe, Bernice	Parables: The Mustard Seed
November 21	N/A	N/A	OFF – THANKSGIVING
November 28	Barry, Violet, Carla, Mardia	Nana, Jessie, Ernie	Parables: The Laborers in the Vineyard



DATE:

LAY READERS:

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

11/4/18

Gene Holt

Jessie Woods

11/11/18

Allison Hunter

Bernice Brown

11/18/18

Barry Long

Debi Fox

11/25/18

Jordan Phillips

Ashley Hale