

THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS



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Dear Friends,

As the air is getting cooler, and the excitement of fall fades into familiar routine, I would like to encourage you to make church part of your weekly rhythm. It is easy and tempting to fill our days to the brim, without leaving room for Sabbath rest, for prayer, for worship. But what we sometimes see as 'optional' are actually precious gifts from God, intended to help us live in ways that are healthy and meaningful.

Being part of a church family is an incredible gift in times of challenge, in seasons of great joy, and even in the hum-drum of our beloved busy-ness. We are here to remind one another what matters most – our relationships with God and neighbor.

Exciting things are happening in our church family – from intergenerational Bible studies, to monthly Communion services, to new opportunities for making music. But best of all, the same old things are happening: worship, rest, prayer, study, and service. Come and join us for the journey.

In Christ,

Melissa McNair-King

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, October 10th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We will be discussing lesson 2: *Who Is Jesus? According to Matthew*. Background scripture is the Gospel of Matthew, especially Matthew chapters 5-7 and 13. Each lesson stands alone so come join us in the discussion of who Matthew says Jesus is. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after the meeting.

Looking ahead: Church Women United will be observing Community Day on Friday, November 4th, at Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church. A potluck lunch will follow the service. We will be gathering items for the backpack ministry at this time. A list will be forthcoming of items needed.

From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. We will continue with the *Women Who Dare to Believe*. Please read Lesson 4, *Today's Heroine: An Adulteress* and take the Pharisee Straw Poll For Women Only.

Our October Service Project will be for Community Action. Bring items needed such as bean and vegetable canned goods with pull tops, bags of rice, peanut butter or cereal. Our circles are making a monetary donation from our funds to the Baby Store. Our meal theme is Surprise. Bring a dish with a surprise ingredient and beverage will be provided!



Presbyterian Women –
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY! On Saturday, October 1st, the Ministerial Association is hosting a day of service called "Go Pulaski County". Go PC is an annual one day initiative where people of all ages can invest in their community by helping with one of dozens of work projects located throughout the county of Pulaski. Visit www.gopulaskicounty.org to sign up!

WORLD COMMUNION Sunday is October 2nd.

YOUTH GROUP is back! All youth, 6th grade and up, are invited for dinner and fellowship on Sunday, October 2nd, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Manse. We will meet the first Sunday of each month.

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Emergency Needs Task Force (ENTF) provides emergency assistance to individuals and families who are facing financial crisis. A variety of situations can create a crisis: loss of job, illness or injury, insufficient income. First Presbyterian Church was instrumental in creating the ENTF, and continues to have a strong partnership with this community group. ENTF is seeking a volunteer (or group of volunteers) to welcome clients to the "Baby Store" for a few hours each week. This is a pantry for parents with young children, where they can find help with diapers, infant clothing, bottles, and other necessities. If you would like to help keep the Baby Store running, please speak with Melissa McNair-King.

My family and I have been truly touched and comforted by all the love and prayers of our church family. We couldn't have made it through this without the friendship, love, and especially the prayers. Gary was a faithful and special man and knew that God and the love and fellowship of the church that I enjoy would get us through this.

*Love,
Debi Fox*



CHECK IT OUT!



"Teach a child to choose the right path, and when he is older he will remain upon it." - Proverbs 22:6

Are you aware that October 23rd is the National Observance of Children's Sabbath, a project of the Children's Defense Fund? Proverbs tell us we are responsible to *"teach a child to choose the right path"*. The right path is not only knowing God's love for us, but also knowing how to love God and all his creation. Our church library has several resources in teaching toward the right path. Check them out!

640 BIA Green Mama: The guilt-free guide to helping you and your kids save the planet by Tracey Bianchi - The author offers creative tips and spiritual inspiration to help you make wise environmental choices in your community, at the office, and during ordinary afternoons at home.

649.64 CLO Boundaries with kids: How healthy choices grow healthy children by Henry Cloud - Here is the help you need for raising your kids to take responsibility for their actions, attitudes and emotions.

791.45 LON Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the countercultural Mister Rogers by Michael G. Long - Fred Rogers was one of the most radical pacifists of contemporary history. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister who fervently believed in a God who accepts us as we are.

CH 152.47 MUN Mad isn't bad: A kid's book about anger by Michaelene Mundy - You can be angry - and still be good. This book says children do have choice.

CH 158.1 ADA Happy to be me!: A kid's book about self-esteem by Christine A. Adams - Helping children develop good self-esteem means letting them know how loved and cherished they are.

CH 211 SAS God's Paintbrush by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso - This book discusses God's place in the universe and how God touches our world.

CH FIC MAH Making Friends by Margaret Mahy - Small Mrs. De Vere's large dog Titania and large Mr. Derry's small dog Oberon serve as instruments that bring their masters together in an unexpected but quite successful friendship.

CH FIC MAX The Story Book: Character building stories for children by Arthur S. Maxwell.

CH FIC WAL Will: God's Mighty Warrior by Sheila Walsh - Will, who loves to play at being a warrior, is excited when his father tells him about God's armor.

CH FIC WIL Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams - Two young Afghan girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers.

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.

Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!
6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

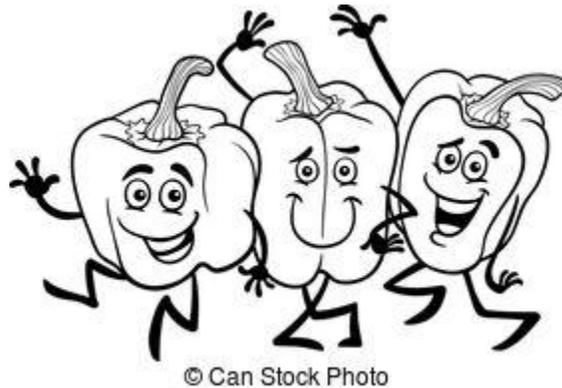
Each Wednesday night, we enjoy a home-cooked meal and Bible study or activity together. We rely on donations to cover the cost of the meal – please give as you are able, but do not let it be a barrier to participation. A suggested amount is \$4 per person, or no more than \$15 per family.

Thank you to those who are serving in October:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
October 5	Cynthia & Youth Group	Robbie, Ashley, Phyllis	Bible: Genesis 18
October 12	Julie & Melissa	Andy, Mary, Bonnie	Action: Lee Spiegel, mini-gardens
October 19	Chili Cook-Off* **	Ernie, Barbara, Carla	Action: Chili Cook-off
October 26	Bruce & Skip	Robbie, Jessie, Mardia	Bible: Genesis 20

*Interested in cooking a pot of chili? Speak to Julie Williams or Melissa McNair-King to get signed up!

**This year, you will VOTE with your WALLET for your favorite chili! All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society through our Relay for Life team. Be sure to bring cash, coins, or check to cast your vote! We will not collect an offering for dinner during this event.





DATE:

LAY READERS:

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

10/2/16

Jordan Phillips

Lynn King

10/9/16

Bonnie Spivey

Doreen Latimer

10/16/16

Dave Spivey

Violet Nash

10/23/16

Chasity Stevens

Karen Payne

10/30/16

Chris Stevens

Barbara Roberson