

WHAT IS MARTHA'S MINISTRY?

Martha's Ministry is a Meal Ministry to offer a hand of hope and help where God leads. This ministry of First Presbyterian Church involves preparation of cooking and freezing entrees and desserts. Volunteers deliver these frozen dishes to any church or community person/family who has a need during a time of illness, loss, birth of a baby, or other challenging time.

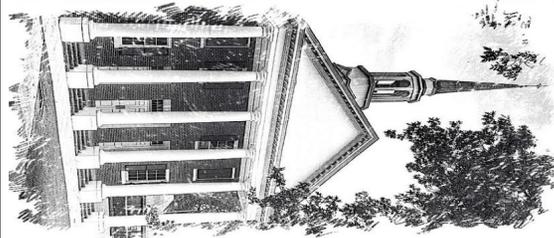


If you are interested in participating on a delivery or cooking team, please check "Martha's Ministry" on the EVERY MEMBER CANVASS form under the heading of Service to Others.

If you would like more details about Martha's Ministry, please call Judy Wood at 662-286-9476.

If you know someone that would benefit from Martha's Ministry, please call the church office at 662-286-6638, and let them know the name of the person/family, their address, phone number and need. The church office will contact the Delivery Coordinator for the month.

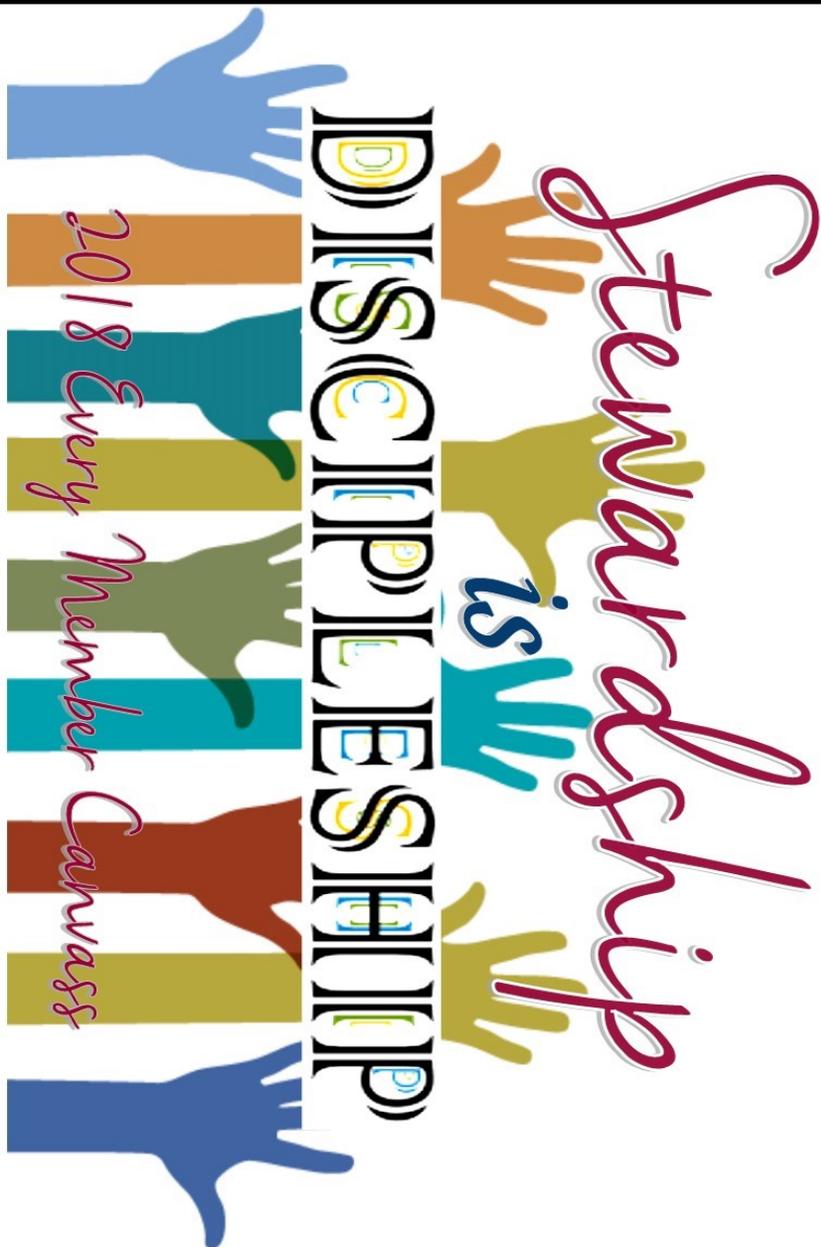
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GIRL SCOUTS Circa 1947

In the mid to late 1940's a girl scout troop was formed at First Presbyterian Church. Its leader was Eleanor Jones, who was the first Director of Christian Education at the Church. The photograph, which was taken by Peggy Stevenson (now Ray), is by the side entrance to the old church on the corner of Foote and Franklin Streets.



Back Row (left to right): *Eleanor Jones, Ann Anderson*
Middle Row: *Mary Alice Feemster, Mary Warriner Williams, Robbie Adams, Nell Weaver Hurt, Frances Russell*
Front Row: *Martha Morris, Julie Keaton, Nina Cooper, Hayes Warriner, Janis Mitchell, Nancy Graves, Jo Anna Timlake* (behind bicycle)

The source of the picture is, regrettably, forgotten, but the donor furnished names.



Knit for Kids

A Ministry to Children of the World

Several months ago, our group lost a special member. Her name was Candy Bush. After Candy passed to glory, we discussed what we could do to show how much we



miss her. We decided to make an afghan for her husband Ken Bush that would convey our love for her. Candy was the expert of our group; she was the one to go to for help with our knitting, and her favorite color was purple. We decided to work up a pattern and each person knitted seven squares. It was completed last month, and this photograph tells the story. We invited Ken to come and enjoy coffee, cookies and conversation. Members present were Betty Knight, David Eley, Allie Parker, Nancy Nunley, Betty Pitner, Labrista Wadkins, Jerrie Doran, Sherry Smith and Becky Stewart.

The Thursday class was off during school break, and we are meeting again this month. All classes will take off during the month of December. The schedule for Monday is 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Thursday classes meet 4:30 until 5:30 p.m.

We continue supplying Oasis with booties and making scarves and hats for school children that will be distributed by Claire Williams, a school nurse.

Anyone wishing to bring contributions of blankets or other winter goods, may bring them to the Fidelis classroom. If you are a knitter or crocheter and cannot attend meetings, but would like to take part in this ministry, please contact Becky Stewart at 662-287-4136, text at 662-808-4136 or email at rebeccab1222@comcast.net. Also the Monday class remains open to anyone who wishes to learn knitting or crocheting.



Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens is an evening of activity to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. This year it will be on Sunday, December 3, starting at 5:30 in the Sanctuary.

The entire church family gets together on this night for some fellowship, food and a little bit of work. We gather in the Sanctuary to sing Christmas carols, and then the rest of the evening is spent decorating the church. The children meet with their teachers in their Sunday school rooms to decorate their doors. Others hang wreaths, do window decorations, put up Chrismons on the tree, and other various tasks. There will be a mission tree in the Children's Wing where we can give attention to our missionaries. Each family is encouraged to bring a Christmas card for one or two of our missionaries along with canned fruit for the AMEN Food Pantry.



*"Therefore the Word of the Lord will be to them
[merely monotonous repetitions of]
precept upon precept, precept upon precept;
rule upon rule, rule upon rule;
here a little, there a little; . . ."
Isaiah 28:13 (TAB)*

As a young girl I remember being in elementary school class learning simple math. The teacher wrote lessons of addition, subtraction and multiplication numbers on the blackboard. She would then take her chalk or ruler and tap the numbers, and in rote fashion, we sounded along with her the lessons to learn. This was repeated over and over in class until we had it in our heads. (That was probably an old-fashioned method, but was good for learning).

In this fashion we may learn God's Word. So often when I had learned a new passage of scripture and its meaning, I knew I had it in my head. But often, if it hadn't gotten into my heart, the message would fade, and soon I would forget the lesson. Going back to the passage or story is good for me because I am able to re-learn the meaning and then prayerfully apply the principle to my life, thereby getting it into my heart.

However, that is not the end of it; just because I know the message, I must return to reading scriptures over and over to remember and then gain even more insight from the same study. In our humanity, this is necessary, and the Lord knows what we need. That is why down through the ages of the Old and New Testaments, His Book was written and repeated along in various ways ("precept upon precept") to give us the foundation of His message by the prophets and the teaching of Jesus and ultimately leading of the Holy Spirit. As we continue to read and re-read, the Lord gives more insight and understanding ("rule upon rule"). The Lord wants to show us many things which are the best for us and in His perfect will, and our prayers will also become more effective. If we do not know His will in a matter, we are in the dark and do not know how to pray.

His Book is a personal Book written for you and for me and gives us the way to go for the best life possible as we follow His precepts and rules. There's more, so much more!

*"This also comes from the LORD of hosts,
Who is wonderful in counsel, [and] excellent in wisdom
and effectual working." vs. 29*

Becky Stewart



Dear FPC Family,

It is with great joy that we invite every member of our church family to join together for the *Every Member Canvass 2018*. We are wrapping up what has been a truly unique year at First Presbyterian. We all witnessed the great sense of unity our church experienced as we entered into a time of uncertainty and began the transition to a new pastor. And we now rejoice at how God demonstrated His faithfulness and grace and has brought us to a new season at First Pres.

2018 promises to be a special time in the life of our church, presenting opportunities to grow in our faith and discipleship like no other. During this season, we call on each one to focus on the scripture of 1 Peter 4:10, *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”*

God has given to each of us unique gifts for the purpose of serving others. Over the coming weeks we will focus on the various forms of God’s grace in our lives, how He enables us with spiritual gifts, His providential care in our lives, and most importantly, grace through His Son, Jesus.

Stewardship is Discipleship

Our mission statement at First Pres is, “To be disciples...to make disciples”, and stewardship is truly an opportunity to grow in our discipleship. Stewardship calls on us to use our talents for the good of others which gives honor and glory to God. Tithing calls on us to put our trust in God and humbly rely on Him to provide, acknowledging that all we have is from God. When we use our talents in service, and give out of trust and gratitude, we engage in true worship and experience spiritual growth - discipleship!

Jesus said, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”* John 15:5,8

So now is the time to begin preparing our hearts for how we will give of our time, talents, and money in 2018. *Commitment Sunday is scheduled for November 5*. Let us join together to support the kingdom work being done at First Presbyterian as we grow in our stewardship and discipleship.

Yours in Christ,
Steve Drewry, EMC Chairman
Mark Mazurkiewicz, EMC Vice-Chairman

Dates Ahead



- NOVEMBER 5 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
- NOVEMBER 5 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY
- NOVEMBER 23 - COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL
- NOVEMBER 23 & 24 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- DECEMBER 17 - SANCTUARY CHOIR CANTATA
- DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
- DEC. 25 - JAN 1 - OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

J.O.Y. Riders



FULL NOVEMBER 11 - *MEMPHIS SYMPHONY*
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY MEN’S GLEE CLUB

Place: Memphis, TN
Time: Leave at 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$30 plus cost of your dinner

FULL DECEMBER 7 - *PHANTOM OF THE OPERA*

Place: Memphis Orpheum
Time: Leave at 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$70.25 plus cost of your dinner

Church Family

(Please remember that all these requests shared in Church Family are also prayer requests. Let us take our knowledge of situations and turn them into petitions to our heavenly Father on behalf of our loved ones.)

CONGRATULATIONS to Boyd & Kyoko Dao at the birth of their daughter, Hana Grace Dao, on September 20.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO to Holland & Caitlin Yeates at the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Rae Yeates, on September 21.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel Reeves Truesdale and David Truesdale who were married on October 7.



KIDS' Quest Choir will perform on Wednesday, November 15th.

No Children's Church on Sunday, November 19th.

Children's Ministry is starting a children's clothing donation drive for needy children in our community. Please donate gently used clothing, coats, and/or new packages of underwear or panties. All sizes are needed. A donation box will be in education wing. Thank you so much!!

Memorials

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is a listing of all memorial gifts from the past. It is available in the Narthex for anyone to view.

MRS. BECKY PLAXICO

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Butler

Memorial Fund

Newly Elected Officers



Deacons elected in October are as follows:

Class of 2020 - Ben Albarracin, Nate Alexander
Colby Carmichiel, Susanne Cooper
Alan Smith, Hayden Worsham

Class of 2019 - Mike Kimmons

Thanksgiving Meal



This will be the 29th year that FPC has provided a Thanksgiving Meal for the needy of our community.

This ministry started with a member who provided the vision and the money to offer this holiday meal for those less fortunate than we. The Thanksgiving Meal has grown over the years to become a part of our church budget. It started serving less than 100 meals and now serves almost 1,000 meals.

A team is working on arrangements for the meal, and all members are encouraged to be a part of Thanksgiving morning at the cafeteria of the Corinth Middle School. Signups to help will begin early in November.