

## DON'T BE AFRAID! RESOURCES FOR TEACHING THE BIBLE

**What:** A program on resources for teaching Bible studies and how to use them brought to you by the NPPC Adult Education Committee. Handouts will be provided that cover websites, books and questions to ask.

**Why:** Because NPPC needs you and the best way to learn is to teach.

**Who:** Those who are currently teaching a Bible study, those who are willing to give teaching a try, and those who want help with individual Bible study.

**When:** March 3rd for no more than an hour right after the second service.

**Where:** In the Chapel.

Please take this brief time to learn ways to share our book, the Bible, with others. No future commitment is required to join us, but we hope you will be inspired when you see how easy teaching can be when you have some tricks up your sleeves. This presentation will be particularly helpful for those involved in lectionary studies.

*Carrie Eaton and Cynthia Freeman*

## LEARN ABOUT HUNGER IN MARYVILLE

Hungry for knowledge about hunger needs in our community? Audrey Blackburn is hosting a soup lunch this Saturday, March 2nd from 11:00-12:30 in Westminster Hall for her Girl Scout Gold Award. Come learn about the hunger needs in our community from various guest speakers and how you can get involved! Contact Audrey Blackburn at [audreyblackburn@gmail.com](mailto:audreyblackburn@gmail.com) for more information or ticket requests.

*Audrey Blackburn*

## IN CASE YOU EVER WONDERED...

- Is poverty really a problem in Blount County?
- Is there more we can do to help?
- Can we increase our effectiveness?

Find out the answers to these questions and more at the Bridges Out of Poverty community awareness and education session on March 24 from 2-4 p.m., in Eastminster Hall.

Mike Crabtree, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction with Blount County Schools will lead the session. The focus will be on the nature of poverty in our community, with emphasis on the effects on students and their learning. Actions and resources necessary to disrupt the cycle will also be presented. Each person that connects with people living in poverty has the potential to be a link in a path to a brighter future. The LIFT volunteer team at New Providence participated in this training last year to rave reviews. We are happy to expand the opportunity to learn more about our community and increase awareness of the role we can play in service to Christ. If you regularly volunteer with any ministry that connects with low income people, this session is for you. And if you're just thinking about getting involved, come also. We need you, and it may be just the nudge you need.

We can make a difference, and we hope to see you there.

*Michelle Huntoon*

## COMMUNION

We will serve Communion on Sunday, March 10, at both services of worship.

## NEW SCOUT TROOP AT NPPC

In 2018, the Boy Scouts of America announced a family scouting program for Cub Scouts to include girls ages 6-11, which was adopted by Pack 88 at New Providence with session approval. In 2019, the Boy Scouts, now rebranded "Scouts BSA," rolled out a program for girls ages 11-17 to be implemented in separate troops, not to be included in existing Boy Scout troops. Beginning February 1st, new troops could be chartered in the US, and in just 2 weeks over 900 new girls troops were formed, including one right here in Maryville.

On February 19th, the New Providence session voted to charter Troop 219 for girls within Scouts BSA. With Scoutmaster Jenn Varner and Assistant Scoutmaster Michele Ellis, the troop was brought in as the first chartered Scouts BSA troop for girls in Blount County.

Troop 219 will have access to all the programs and opportunities in Scouts BSA, including adventure opportunities and being eligible to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Along with Troop 88 for boys, this will offer a full scouting program for all kids ages 6-18. With New Prov support, Scouts BSA will continue to enrich the lives of young women and men in Blount County by teaching character, leadership, outdoor skills and high adventure. The two troops will be run independent of each other while sharing equipment and church resources equally.

Troop 219 leadership wishes to express our gratitude for the love and support of the New Providence community and the church session who so overwhelmingly supported this scouting movement.

*Brian LaRose*

## FROM THE PASTOR

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I think I was 14 years old the first time I spent a summer week in Colorado on a 50-mile backpacking trip that included a 14,000 foot summit. "Bouncing off mountains" is the way my mother referred to it, but I'm glad that she and my father not only allowed but encouraged me to go. It was the Girl Scouts who made that trip possible, and our troop leaders, "Mama & Papa B," as we called them, spent the whole year helping us prepare by teaching us how to hike, pack, camp, build fires, cook over a portable stove, and stay warm and dry.

But a lot of other things happened on those trips: I not only learned how to go without a shower for 7 days, but also that no one else cared what I looked like (maybe because they looked the same themselves!). I learned that the time to prepare for an afternoon rainstorm (or any other crisis) is not when the first drop falls, but when you head out in the morning with pack cover and poncho easily accessible. The same principle holds true for regular maintenance on my car, emergency money in a savings account, and contentious committee meetings. Being prepared for the worst is an often-overlooked skill.

But probably the most important thing I learned on those trips was simply that I could do it. I could try something I'd never done before, and one step at a time, one boot in front of the other, I did what I would have assumed was impossible. It was and is an invaluable life lesson.

Girl Scouts taught me a lot of other things, and very few of them had to do with crafts, songs or games. Selling cookies (it was door-to-door back then) gave me the confidence to walk up to an adult that I did not know and have a conversation. It's a skill I still use every single day.

Because I had such a great experience in scouting, I am thrilled that our session voted last week to charter Troop 219 in Scouts BSA (formerly known as the Boy Scouts). As you saw in the article on the first page, changes in the Scouts organization have opened up participation in Scout troops to girls as well as boys. (Cub Scouts made a similar change a year ago.)

Each gender will still be separate: Troop 219 will meet on Tuesday nights, while Troop 88 meets on Mondays. There will not be co-ed camping trips, and each troop has its own adult leaders. Jenn Varner and Michele Ellis, the Scoutmasters for Troop 219, will be amazing role models for our young women. Brian LaRose serves as the Chairman of the Committee and Andy Luttrell is serving as the Charter Organizational Representative along with New Providence Deacon Nancy Coleman serving on the adult leadership committee.

Just before Christmas, I received an e-mail from a mother of one of the boys in Cub Scout Pack 88. She had been watching carefully since the Cub Scouts chose to include girls, a move which she supports. In fact, one of the girls who joined last year became a part of her son's Cub pack. This mother was writing to tell me, "This weekend [my son] went to a fellow Scout's birthday party, and I was delighted to see that [this young girl] was present and accounted for; she was invited - just like every other Scout in her troop. Obviously, it would have been easy to do otherwise. This speaks volumes to me."

But then she goes on to say more: "It is one thing to follow the guidelines that have been set in place by a corporate entity as 'protocol.' It is another to embody those guidelines with the theology of hospitality."

That's why I'm delighted that we can open the doors of New Providence to more people in our community who are looking for the kind of welcome we want to embody. This is not about one type of scouting being better than another, nor is it about competition. One of our life-long Girl Scouts just stopped by my office and reminded me: "It's all about the kids."

I'm glad to be a part of a congregation that takes that ministry to young people seriously.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily Anderson

P.S. Coincidentally, the day the session approved the chartering of Troop 219 was 2/19. And do you know what 100th anniversary we will celebrate in our country this year? On June 10, 1919, Congress passed the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. Just over a year later, it was the Tennessee House of Representatives who provided the final ratification necessary to add the amendment to the United States Constitution. Troop 219 is well-founded and well-grounded indeed.

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

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As I write this, I am anxiously awaiting the beginning of Lent which will take place the first Wednesday of March this year (March 6). As with many, I am wondering how I will live out the 40 days (not counting Sundays) as a season of spiritual renewal. In the old days people fasted, prayed more than usual and increased their giving to the poor. Often times these disciplines were carried out more for selfish reasons than for reasons of spiritual renewal. Isaiah 58: 1-12 reminds us that the most important outcome of our disciplines (fasting, etc.) is to grow in love for God and for the people God loves. For example, what good does it do to practice fasting if we ignore those who are hungry?

As you give thought to what you will do for Lent I offer you a list that was created by Rev. Magrey R. deVega, Senior Pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida. I found this list to be helpful and hope at least it causes you to think ...

- 1. Give up the need to be right all the time.** Business author Patrick Lencioni said, "People don't need to feel like they are right, as much as they need to feel like they've been heard." Yes, claim your voice, assert your convictions, and engage the issues that matter to you. But once you've been heard, consider the possibility that you might have something to learn from someone who disagrees with you. That's often how we learn our most important lessons in life. (James 1:19)

2. **Give up your reluctance to ask for help.** It is true that giving up something for Lent requires discipline, will, and self-mastery. But it also requires the recognition that we cannot always be self-sufficient. You are not superhuman. You do not have inexhaustible reserves. Turn to loved ones for support, seek the wise counsel of others, and don't be afraid to ask for help. (Psalm 69)
3. **Give up your fear of failure.** Mother Theresa said, "God does not call us to be successful; God calls us to be faithful." You may sometimes gauge your self-worth by what you have achieved and how you have succeeded. You might subconsciously depend on the affirmation of others to feel good about yourself. But your worth does not equal your work, nor are you defined by your failures. Some people live a whole lifetime before they come to realize that. Save yourself the heartache later. Learn it now. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
4. **Give up comparing yourself to others.** Forget the Joneses. They are not worth keeping up with. Find contentment in what you have, and who God has created you to be. You do not need the envious admiration of others. You need not be defined by what you do not have. While there is nothing wrong with being self-motivated and goal-oriented, don't evaluate your life in comparison to others. It's not worth it. (James 4:2-3)
5. **Give up the need to have things all figured out.** Embrace mystery. Dance with your doubts. Acknowledge that you do not and cannot know it all. Resist the temptation to rationalize the irrational parts of your faith, and recognize that some of the greatest things in life are those things that cannot be explained or fully understood. Things like God's love for you, and how God is with you even when you don't believe it. (Romans 11:33- 36)
6. **Give up your fears of the future.** These are frightening times for many people. There is great nervousness about the way things are in the world and at this very moment you may be dealing with fears yourself. Know without exception that everyone — has something that they are dealing with. We all have our fears, but we don't need to be defined by them. For God is a God of hope. (Matthew 6:33-34)
7. **Give up anesthetizing yourself to pain and suffering.** The long shadow of suffering is cast in many shades, like loneliness, grief, abandonment, and betrayal. None of us enjoys going through difficulties, and our instinct is often to numb ourselves from the pain in ways that are actually self-destructive: giving in to addictions, accumulating possessions, pursuing temporal pleasures, and cocooning ourselves from the rest of the world. These might anesthetize us in the short term, but they prevent us from allowing that pain to help us stretch, grow, and trust in God. (Romans 5:3-5)
8. **Give up the need to be in control.** This one is at the heart of the season of Lent. It is a reminder that we ultimately are not in control of what happens to us. We cannot control others, and we can hardly claim to have full control of ourselves and our future. This one is at the heart of the season of Lent. It is a reminder that we ultimately are not in control of what happens to us. Be reminded that you are not your own; you belong to God. For we must ultimately surrender our control over to a God who has created us and claimed us from the beginning. (Matthew 16:24-25)
9. **Give up the need to make everyone happy.** It's not like you can, anyway. You may have a knack for understanding what others want from you, but you must also claim your own convictions and understand your limitations. Your job is not to be all things to all people and please everyone you know. God calls you to live a life of integrity, uncompromising in your commitment to Jesus Christ. For God, after all, is the only one you need to please. (Galatians 1:10)
10. **Give up all the non-essential noise in your life.** This may be the toughest thing of all to give up, but it may be the key to a deeply moving Lenten season for you. Your life is inundated by competing voices and blaring noises from the culture around you. Pay attention to your breath. Take walks. Drive without the radio on. Set the cell phone down when you're at the family table. Watch less television, read more newspapers and books, and look people in the eye when you talk to them. Most of all, pray to God, "Silence all voices but your own." Turn down the volume of your life, and connect to a God who knows you better than you know yourself. (Psalm 46:10)."

Great thanks to Rev. Magrey R. deVega for this list and hope this time proves to be a season of spiritual growth for you.

*With much Encouragement,  
Gloria*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

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Join us on March 6, at 6 p.m. for an Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes. The ashes for this service are from the previous years' Palm Sunday service and were burned in a ceremony with the PEAK and Cloud 9 classes on Wednesday, January 27.

*Coco Everett*


## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

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Don't forget to spring your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 9. This is also a good time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

*Coco Everett*

# CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p>03 Transfiguration of the Lord Westminster Bells</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 10:00AM Inquirers' Class (Chapel) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 12:05PM Teaching the Bible Session (Chapel) 4:30PM iGroup (WH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (WH) 6:30PM PYC (WH)</p>	<p>04 7:30AM Monday Morning Theologians (Off Campus) 8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:00PM Leadership Development Committee (108) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH) 6:30PM BSA-Knitting Group (109) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 1 (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)</p>	<p>05 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:30PM New Prov Green Team (W202) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 6:30PM Bereavement/Nurture/TLC (219) 6:30PM Event Support Committee (215) 6:30PM Fellowship Committee (213) 6:30PM Transportation Committee (206) 6:30PM Connections Committee (REH) 6:30PM Facilities Committee (Parlor) 6:30PM Children's Committee (216) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH) 7:00PM Budget &amp; Finance (108) 7:00PM Policy Committee (W201) 7:15PM Cong. Life/Deacons (206) 8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel)</p>	<p>06 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Home School Theatrical Production Class (FEH) 5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:30PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 6:00PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>07 MCS Spring Break Begins</p> <p>10:00AM Ruth Circle (W201) 10:00AM Leah Circle (Parlor) 10:00AM Martha Circle (Chapel) 1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202) 2:00PM Deborah Circle (Off Campus) 7:00PM Mary Circle (Off Campus) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>	<p>08</p>	<p>09 12:00PM Community Hunger Awareness Lunch (WH) 2:00PM John Wilson Huffman Eagle Scout Ceremony (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>10 First Sunday in Lent Communion Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>11 ACS, BCS, MCS Spring Break</p> <p>7:30AM Monday Morning Theologians (Off Campus) 8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH) 10:00AM Maryville Babywearers (206) 7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor)</p>	<p>12 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:30AM Community Food Connection Board (Chapel) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 6:30PM Youth Committee (W201) 6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (108) 6:30PM Worship &amp; Arts Team (Choir Room) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH) 7:00PM Church in the World (Chapel) 7:30PM Discipleship &amp; Education (216)</p>	<p>13 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109) 11:30AM New Prov U (FWH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Home School Theatrical Production Class (FEH) 5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM NAMI Group 2 (206) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>14 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM D &amp; S Community Services Training (FEH) 1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>	<p>15 10:00AM Life Beginners</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Money for Manna Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 10:00AM Inquirers' Class (Chapel) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (WH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (WH) 6:30PM PYC (WH)</p>	<p>18 ACS Spring Break BCS, MCS Back to School New Prov Press Deadline</p> <p>7:30AM Monday Morning Theologians (Off Campus) 8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Knitting Group (109) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM APNC (Chapel) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 1 (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs</p>	<p>19 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 7:00PM Session (Chapel) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>	<p>20 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109) 2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus) 3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (208) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Home School Theatrical Production Class (FEH) 5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:50PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>21 8:00AM CBS Setup (RWH) 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>	<p>22 8:30AM CBS (WH)</p>	<p>23 4:00PM Confirmation Retreat</p>
<p>24 Confirmation Retreat Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 10:00AM Discipleship to Leadership (Chapel) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 2:00PM Information Sessions (FEH) 4:30PM iGroup (WH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (WH) 6:30PM PYC (WH)</p>	<p>25 ACS Back to School</p> <p>7:30AM Monday Morning Theologians (Off Campus) 8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (EH) 6:30PM BSA-Pack Meeting (WH) 7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (EH) 7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor)</p>	<p>26 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH) 1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>	<p>27 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:00AM PWC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel) 10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109) 2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus) 3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (208) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Home School Theatrical Production Class (FEH) 5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 6:00PM NAMI (W201) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>28 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 219 (FEH)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 12:00PM Premier Martial Arts Graduation Ceremony (WH)</p>
<p>31 Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 10:00AM Discipleship to Leadership (Chapel) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM Chili Cookoff Guat Fundraiser (WH)</p>						

RWH - Rear Westminster Hall

FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall

ACS/BCS/MCS - Blount County, Alcoa, and Maryville School Systems

## MC FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Dr. Todne Thomas, sociocultural anthropologist and assistant professor of African American Religions at Harvard Divinity School, will speak on "The Tie that Binds: On Faithful Families and Families of Faith - The Collective Spirituality of Black Evangelicals." Dr. Thomas will speak on March 24th at 7:00 p.m., in the Harold & Jean Lambert Recital Hall at the Clayton Center for the Arts as part of the Maryville College February Meetings.

Of special note to the New Providence folks, Maryville College is going to announce a new name for the February Meetings at that time. They are giving up the "name it by the month" approach in favor of naming it after one of the many people who share affiliation with New Prov and the college. Curious? Come to the last "February Meeting" and find out!

*Rev. Anne McKee*

## DISCIPLESHIP TO LEADERSHIP

It's 7:00 p.m. on a Thursday night in June and the phone rings. You answer. The caller identifies herself as a member of the New Providence Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee and blind-sides you with a question you're totally unprepared for: "Will you consider serving as a Deacon at New Providence?"

This scene might sound familiar to many of you. If so, your initial reaction might have been one of surprise, or confusion. Often, those who are asked to serve as an officer of the church have many questions about what's involved in serving. "What am I getting into if I say yes?" is a common question that arises.

Well, now you're able to get the answer to this question and others before the phone rings. A new 6-week Sunday School class will let you discover what's involved in serving as a church officer. Led by our pastoral staff, Discipleship to Leadership examines a range of topics, from the biblical basis for service to how our ministry teams work to provide opportunities and care for our members.

Discipleship to Leadership begins March 24th and will be held in the Chapel. Join the class and "peek behind the curtain" before the phone rings. You'll be blessed by attending and learning how you can serve our congregation.

Please call Coco Everett (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0128 x102) to reserve your spot.

*Leadership Development Committee*

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Next month will be another Parents' Night Out on Friday, April 12. Like to have a night out with friends, date night, or just plop on the couch with a pint of Ben and Jerry's? Parents' Night Out is for you. Bring the kids to the church and for a couple of hours, we entertain and feed them while you have some time away. Put April 12 on your calendar and look for more details in April's New Prov Press.

*Kathy Neisser*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

VBS - SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School is Sunday, June 9th- Wednesday, June 12th, 2019. Contact Fairlena at children@newprovidencepres.org to volunteer and for more information.

2019-2020 PRESCHOOL INTERN APPLICATIONS

Do you know a local undergraduate studying education or child development? The Children's Ministry is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 Preschool Intern positions. The deadline is April 1st, 2019. The application is available online at <http://www.newprovidencepres.org/preschool>.

PEAK & CLOUD 9 MARCH SCHEDULE

3/6 - NO PEAK & Cloud 9  
(Spring Break)

3/13 - NO PEAK & Cloud 9  
(Spring Break)

3/20 - PEAK & Cloud 9

3/27 - PEAK & Cloud 9

PAINTING THE 2ND FLOOR

The 2nd floor is scheduled to be painted during March. There is also a bit of prep work before the walls can be painted. If you'd like to help prep, tape, or paint, let Fairlena know at children@newprovidencepres.org. Work dates are 3/3, 3/7, and 3/10 (other dates are available upon request).

PLANETARIUM TRIP FOR CLOUD 9

Who: 4th & 5th graders

Where: Cloud 9 Room & the Muse

When: March 3rd 10 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

What: No Cost. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship. You don't need to be a participant on Wednesdays to join the group.

To RSVP and for more information, contact Leah Thomas (leah.thomas@blountk12.org), by March 2nd.

ASH WEDNESDAY

PEAK and Cloud 9 kids gathered on February 27 for palm burning ceremony. The ashes from this ceremony will be used during the Ash Wednesday service. This service is on March 6th at 6 p.m., but PEAK and Cloud 9 will not meet since schools are on Spring Break.

EASTER IS COMING...

For those who are used to seeing Easter follow on the heels of Valentine's Day, Easter is later this year and falls on April 21st. If you see something special for the Easter egg hunt and just can't wait, donations of egg fillers are being accepted now. Please, though, we have plenty of eggs. Consider a non-candy option of small toys (without even smaller parts), stickers, temporary tattoos, etc. Candy should be individually wrapped portions and small enough to go in an egg. Please no chocolate; it melts. Donations can be left with Coco or Fairlena.

*Fairlena Gooze*

## BARTLETT BUZZ

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In March, Bartlett Adult Day Out will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a party and lunch. With no birthdays to celebrate, we have to have a reason to party! We will enjoy visits from Terry Bunde, Ex Libris and Janet and Harper this month.

If you have a few hours to spare during the month, we could use more volunteers. You must love people and enjoy helping them. Please pray about spending some time with us as a volunteer. Contact Trish at 268-3810 to schedule a visit.

*Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse*

## TENDING OUR FLOCK

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

The Maryville High School Science Bowl team won second place at the recent state competition. Their sponsor and coach is our own Liz Huffaker.

### WE SHARE SORROW

- Ronnie Clemmons, friend of Reba Luttrell
- Teresa Berger's father
- Doris Chestnut, Ethel White's sister, 2/20
- Ashley Parsons, Emily Anderson's friend, 2/20
- Jean Schoff Wirz, 1/31
- Elenor Van Pelt, 1/31
- Bob Paxton (Kenneth Paxton's brother), 1/23

Have a baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Coco (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x102) to share your news.

## SESSION SUMMARY

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The Session met on February 19, 2019 and approved or discussed the following:

Session approved the following curriculum:

- *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginners Guide To Holy Week*, Levine, Amy-Jill

- *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be a Christian*, McLaren, Brian D
- *Science and Christianity: Past, Present and Future*, Crain, D. Andrew
- *A Legacy Worth Passing On: Tony Campolo's 'Divine Dissatisfaction'*, Campolo, Tony (Video 23 minutes)
- *In Between the Man and the Message*, Peterson, Eugene (Video 18 minutes)
- *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth*, Fee, Gordon D. and Douglas, Stuart together with CD lectures taught by Douglas Stuart and Mark Strauss
- *The Forgotten Books of the Bible*, Williamson, Bobby
- *A Letter from Birmingham Jail*, Three Session Study

Session also approved the following:

- Approved the charter of Troop 219, to be a girls BSA troop for girls 11-17.
- Approved the placement of the chili cookoff to benefit the Guatemala mission trip on the calendar Sunday, March 31.
- Authorized ruling elders and deacons to serve the Lord's Supper to homebound and nursing home members without a minister present.

*Beth Lazar, Clerk of Session*

## HEALTH TIPS

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### TIPS FOR TAKING CARE OF YOUR EYES

Eye care should be an integral part of a healthy lifestyle, but so often, we only think about eye care when we forget sunglasses on a sunny day! Follow these straightforward tips to take care of your eyes now and keep them healthy for years to come.

- Have an annual eye exam. See your eye care professional, and don't forget to dilate! A dilated eye, or digital imagery, is the only way for your doctor to catch common eye diseases.

- Invest in good eyewear. This includes both protective eyewear (goggles, sports guards, etc.) and sunglasses. Look for both in your local sporting goods store, but for sunglasses be sure to seek out glasses that advertise blocking 100 percent of UV rays.
- Practice good computer habits.
  - Turn down the brightness on your computer, phone, and tablet.
  - Try to keep your eyes at a good distance from the screen to decrease eye strain-if the text is too hard to read, increase the size!
  - Follow the common 20-20-20 rule. For every 20 minutes of screen time, take a break to look 20 feet away for 20 seconds, and be sure to fully blink!
- Remind friends and family! If you are close to someone who has glaucoma, or know someone who is at risk for glaucoma (this includes African Americans over age 40, people over 60, and those with a family history of the disease) be sure to encourage them to take their glaucoma medicine every day, and to go in for a comprehensive eye exam at least every two years to try and catch the disease early. The National Institute for Health reports that although there is no cure for glaucoma, patients should work together with care professionals to make the most out of their glaucoma treatment. Ask questions like, "Should I make any lifestyle changes?" and don't be afraid to ask for written instructions. The more you know, the better prepared you will be.

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*Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse*

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur during March. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them that they are special!

- Jim Patton, 3/1
- Richard Kintner, 3/2
- Billie Sue Hitson, 3/6
- Betty Chester, 3/7
- Nancy Muir, 3/28

*Donnae Farley*

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH

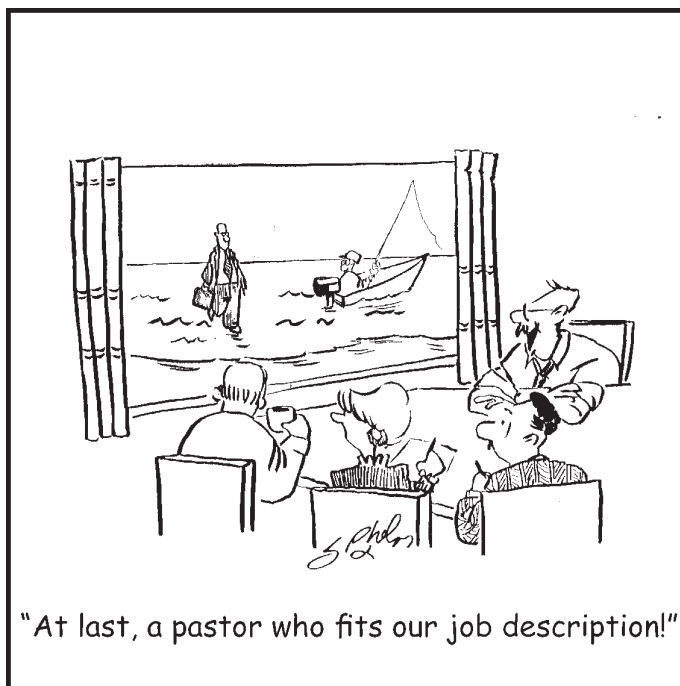
- March 3: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]
- March 10: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
- March 17: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36
- March 24: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
- March 31: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that take trips to local places of interest and share a meal while on the road. This month, Life Beginners will meet on March 15 at 10:00 a.m. to go to the Brushy Mountain Prison. The cost of the tour is \$12 and it is not handicapped friendly. There are places to sit along the way, but there will be walking involved. There will be a \$3 transportation fee. Lunch will be TBA and ordered off the menu. Contact *Stephanie Bell* (681-0493, [stephaniebell47@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniebell47@gmail.com)) to make your reservation.

## CHILI COOK-OFF PLANNED FOR MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Join us on Sunday, March 31 for a chili cook-off hosted by the Guatemala Mission Trip team. Watch for more details in the bulletin and E-news.



## SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR MARCH

### FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Children's Time
3	Jenifer Greene, Bill Yarborough, Paula King	Tracy Luttrell
10	David Forster, Teal Willoughby, Claire Shamiyeh	Open
17	Nick Bradford, Bobbie Briggs, Carrie Eaton	Susan Young
24	Laura Shamiyeh, Bryce Luttrell, Hayley Lynn	Hayley Lynn
31	Andrew Irvine, Maxey Long, Jenifer Greene	Open

### TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Children's Time
3	Mike Teffeteller, Hayley Lynn, Stephanie Bell	Tracy Luttrell
10	Fred Metz, Bryce Luttrell, Kate Clabough	Open
17	Jane Morton, Laura Shamiyeh, John Pittenger	Susan Young
24	Beth Ragsdale-Smith, Carrie Eaton, Tyler Johnson	Hayley Lynn
31	Bill White, Bobbie Briggs, Carrie Eaton	Open

\* Head Usher

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 Fairlena Googe . . . . . INTERIM CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MARCH

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6	Ash Wednesday
10	First Sunday in Lent Communion Daylight Savings Time Begins
17	Money for Manna Second Sunday in Lent
18	<i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline
22	Community Benefit Sale

