

VBS REGISTRATION

Spend a while on the Nile! We're taking a journey back to ancient Egypt...without leaving our church! Find out what happened to Joseph as he went from Pharaoh's prison to the palace. You'll experience thrilling "real-life" dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Our one-day adventure is set for Saturday, June 4. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., with Opening Assembly scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Classes are for children ages 2 years through 5th grade.

Register online now! Go to newprovidencepres.org/vbs and register your kids or volunteer to help with this year's VBS. For more information, contact Jaclyn Beeler (983-0182, jaclyn@newprovidencepres.org).



WHAT'S A PEAKNIC?

Join us for the P.E.A.K.nic End of Year Picnic Celebration on Wednesday, May 4, 5:15 p.m. at Sandy Springs Park. P.E.A.K. is our Wednesday program for preschool through 3rd grade. If you'd like to come, please RSVP to Jaclyn Beeler (983-0182, jaclyn@newprovidencepres.org).

Jaclyn Beeler

EGYPT
Joseph's Journey
from prison to palace

PENTECOST – BUILDING FAITH-FILLED FUTURES

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible, possible.

The Pentecost Offering, collected on Pentecost, Sunday, May 15 during both services of worship, is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Congregations keep 40% of collected funds, to support local youth-focused programs they are most passionate about.

60% of collected funds support the Young Adult Volunteers and Ministries with Youth programs. These funds are also used for education and advocacy for children at risk.

LEAN ON ME

Mark your calendars for the May 1st *Lean on Me* benefit concert at Alcoa First United Methodist Church. *Lean on Me* is an ecumenical celebration of faith and life to benefit Good Neighbors of Blount County. Good Neighbors' mission is to help lift our Blount County neighbors out of a temporary crisis. For more information, visit www.goodneighborsbc.org or call 681-5420.

Lisa Blackwood

COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during both services of worship on Pentecost, Sunday, May 15.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE BETTER TOGETHER...

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:20

It's not too late to turn in your Time, Talent and Giving card and participate in this year's Stewardship drive. You may drop the Time, Talent and Giving cards you received in the offering plate on Sundays, you may visit our website at newprovidencepres.org/giving or you may affix postage to the card and drop it in the mail.

Harry Herrman

NEW PROV READS (NPR)

Our mid-week, adult study group, New Prov Reads, is currently looking at the book *Till We Have Faces*, by C.S. Lewis. The group meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Parlor. For more information, contact Melanie Rasnake (983-0182, melanie@newprovidencepres.org) or Anne Van Pelt (libraryanne42@gmail.com).

Melanie Rasnake

MEMORIAL DAY

The church will be closed, Monday, May 30 to observe Memorial Day.



FROM THE PASTOR

With the exception of "Madam Secretary" (I'm a huge fan), it's that time of year when I start to bemoan the fact that there's nothing to watch on TV. But when I arrived home Monday night, I was instantly hooked (again) by Ken Burns' PBS series on the National Parks.

That night's was the first episode of the series, which focuses on the first two parks: Yosemite in 1864 and Yellowstone in 1872. Living here in the shadow of the Smokies, I'm grateful for the wisdom of the pioneers and politicians who had the foresight to set aside parcels of wilderness for the ongoing benefit of future generations.

But I was most taken by the account of John Muir. Muir was the son of a Church of Scotland minister who insisted that his son memorize the Bible. By the time he was 11, John had memorized three-quarters of the Old Testament and the entirety of the New Testament.

But Muir's faith turned out to be more than what could be contained on the pages of scripture. A series of events led him to eventually becoming the first "warden" of Yosemite National Park. In his journal, Muir wrote, "The place seemed holy, where one might hope to see God. After dark, when the camp was at rest, I groped my way back to the altar boulder and passed the night on it, above the water, beneath the leaves and stars, everything still more impressive than by day, the fall seen dimly white, singing Nature's old love song with solemn enthusiasm, while the stars peering through the leaf-roof seemed to join in the white water's song. Precious night, precious day to abide in me forever. Thanks be to God for this immortal gift."

The irony, or coincidence, of all this is that I had just returned home from the first meeting of our Women's Study Group about John Philip Newell's

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Listening for the Heartbeat of God, which sketches the outlines of Celtic Christianity. Drawing on a long history of love for the earth, the Celts believed that God could be found in all created

things: not just humans, but every blade of grass, every bird and mountain and tree.

The Celtic tradition traces its history to one of the early church theologians who wrote:

Look at the animals roaming

the forest: God's spirit dwells within them. Look at the birds flying across the sky: God's spirit dwells within them. Look at the tiny insects crawling in the grass: God's spirit dwells within them. Look at the fish in the river and the sea: God's spirit dwells within them. There is no creature on earth in whom God is absent... When God pronounced that creation was good, it was not only that God's hand had fashioned every creature; it was that God's breath had brought every creature to life.

I've enjoyed a few days of spring hiking this year. Every time I am out there, I am reminded of John Muir's comment: "Any [person] that does not believe in God and glaciers is the worst kind of [person]."

In the Celtic tradition, Christians talk about reading from the two books of God – the big book and the little book. The big book refers to the universe: all things that have been made. But there is also the little book (physically little), the book of Scripture in which we listen for God speaking to us through our mothers and fathers in the faith.

The Celts say we have to listen to these two books at the same time; if we listen only to the little book (Scripture) and ignore the big book (Creation), we miss the vastness of the message, of God in all things. And if we listen only to the big book (the expression of God in the universe) and ignore the little book (the word of God in scripture), we miss the intimacy of the message, God speaking to each of us in the hidden

places of our hearts. We have to listen to both books. That's how we come to know the heart of God and live out that love in our own lives and relationships.

If you haven't had a chance to get out and enjoy the beauty of this spring, there's still time. As John Calvin put it, "There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in the world that is not intended to make us rejoice."

Go on. Get out there. Enjoy all those blades of grass. There is not one of them that is not intended to make us rejoice.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK

Today Presbyterian partner churches in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq are bearing witness to Christ's love by actively and courageously providing aid to displaced families of all religious creeds whose lives have been disrupted and traumatized by violence. Although many Christians have fled the region, those who remain have stepped up to provide food, water, clothing, fuel, rent, medicine, and education for the homeless refugees.

You are invited to learn about the outreach and witness of the small but faithful Protestant churches in the Middle East from the Rev. Elmarie Parker, the Presbyterian Church (USA) Regional Liaison for Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. She will present a program on Monday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville.

Elmarie Parker, with her husband, Scott, began serving as Presbyterian mission co-workers in 2013 when they moved to Beirut, Lebanon. Her assignment is to deepen and strengthen the relational ties between Presbyterian congregations in the US and their partner churches in the Middle East. This is what the Parkers say about their ministry:

"We have been serving here while the violence in Syria is growing worse and the self-proclaimed Islamic State

continues to expand its reach into Syria and Iraq. Again and again we have seen all parts of the Christian family in these countries living Christ's way of peace and transforming love toward all those in need, praying regularly for those who are carrying out the violence, offering forgiveness to the perpetrators, and inviting dialogue and partnership with all who seek to build societies founded on values of human dignity, peace, and mutual respect. Because of this, lives are being changed at the grass roots level and structures of education and government are being influenced. It is a privilege to stand with the Christian community here and to encourage international support of their vision, call, and work."

The May 2nd presentation is a unique opportunity to hear news from the frontlines of Christian ministry in the Middle East. Elmarie Parker's visit is sponsored by the Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of East Tennessee. For more information, you may contact Ann Owens Brunger (405-2281, aobrunger1@gmail.com).

Ann Brunger

PORCH DE SALOMON

In addition to building homes for families, Porch de Salomon provides school scholarships, food, and medical care to improve the lives of hundreds of families. One example is an eleven year-old boy named Julio. Julio suffers from chronic childhood malnutrition and associated problems. Governmental social workers (who have virtually no resources) brought him to Porch de Salomon. The Porch helped him with food, milk, medicine, and an enrollment in their monthly nutrition/protein program (costs \$60 monthly). With support from mission partners like NPPC, Porch de Salomon helps many children like Julio.

For additional information and updates on this ministry, see <http://porchdesalomon.org>.

Andrea Franks

LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that travel to local places of interest and share a meal while on the road.

On May 20, at 10:15 a.m., Life Beginners will meet at the church to go to wonderful downtown Sweetwater, where we will eat lunch at Hunter's Cafe. There will be time for a little shopping while we're there. Afterward, we will go to the Sweetwater Cheese Factory. There will be a \$2 transportation fee payable the day of the trip and lunch will be off the menu at Hunter's.

Make your reservations with Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) by Thursday, May 19 at noon.

Stephanie Bell

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Women's Study group has begun its last study of the year. The three-session series on Celtic Spirituality will be led by Emily Anderson. We will be using the book, *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*, by John Philip Newell. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the NPPC Parlor. Men, this is your chance as this study is open to everyone! For more information contact Renee Nasrollahi at 681-0003.

Melanie Rasnake

CFC TO ROAST OVERBEY

Please join the Community Food Connection of Blount County on Thursday, May 5 at Second Harvest (136 Harvest Lane) for a roast of Senator Doug Overbey by Ed Mitchell (emcee) and others to raise funds for the Community Food Connection. For more information and to make reservations, contact Linda Kerr Wells (995-2271, lindajkerr@bellsouth.net).

Bob Harlason

SUMMER EDITION NPP

After 15 years and 176 editions of the New Prov Press, I'm ready for a small break. Since the June/July newsletters are traditionally light on news as we all take a breather for the summer, I'm going to combine the two editions into one.

So, on June 1, you'll receive a Summer Edition with information for both June and July. Then on August 1, you'll receive the regular edition brimming with news of Sunday school, New Prov U, Life Beginners, NPR, PYC, iGroup, P.E.A.K., and all the other exciting programs here at New Prov.

Coco Everett

DO CALL LIST

Yes, there is a Do Call List, and you could volunteer to be on it! NPPC provides grieving families of the church either a reception of cookies and beverage following the memorial service OR a meal for up to 25 people consisting of a chicken/meat casserole, salad and dessert. Since this team works on such short notice, they are establishing a Do Call List. They are seeking people who would be willing to provide a batch of cookies (3-5 dozen small cookies) or part of a meal on a short notice. Volunteer to be on call one month of the year and whether you are called or not, at the end of that month you are off the list for that year! (A little like jury duty...) To be on the list, e-mail or call with your preferred month to Arlene Austin (clr.austin@att.net, 977-6329).

Arlene Austin

BARTLETT BUZZ

In June, Bartlett Adult Day Out will have several visits from the Ex Libris volunteers from the Blount County Library. Other visitors this month will include: Jason, Terry Bunde, Brenda Johnson and Skip & Lou. It should be a fun filled month!

As always, if you have a gift or talent that you could share with us. we would love for you to come visit. Contact Trish (trish@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) to arrange a time.

Trish Badgett, RN, Parish Nurse

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>01 Celebration of Music Westminster Bells</p> <p>9:00AM - 10:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM - 11:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM - 12:00PM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>5:00PM - 8:00PM PYC & iGroup End of Year Party (FWH)</p>	<p>02 7:30AM MHS AP Testing (Youth Room)</p> <p>7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)</p> <p>1:00PM Staff Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>5:30PM Haven House (206)</p> <p>6:00PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FWH)</p> <p>6:30PM BSA - Bear Cubs (REH)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Webelos 1 (RWH)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (208)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>03 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room)</p> <p>2:00PM Clabough Play Practice (FEH)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (FWH)</p> <p>6:30PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206)</p> <p>6:30PM Event Support Committee (211)</p> <p>6:30PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (REH)</p> <p>7:00PM Policy Committee (Youth Room)</p> <p>7:00PM Budget & Finance (108)</p> <p>7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109)</p> <p>7:00PM Admin Team (Parlor)</p> <p>7:00PM New Prov Green Team (Confirmation Room)</p> <p>7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel)</p>	<p>04 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>11:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH)</p> <p>3:00PM P.E.A.K. (16)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Chapel)</p> <p>5:15PM PEAKnic (Off Campus)</p> <p>6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109)</p> <p>7:00PM Open Gym (WH)</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p> <p>7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>05 Ascension of the Lord National Day of Prayer</p> <p>10:00AM PWC Circles - Leah (Parlor)</p> <p>10:00AM PWC Circles - Martha (Chapel)</p> <p>10:00AM PWC Circle - Ruth (Youth Room - Front)</p> <p>2:00PM PWC Circle - Deborah</p> <p>4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM Girl Scout Troop #20487 (206)</p> <p>6:00PM Salvation Army Fundraiser (WH)</p> <p>7:00PM PWC Circle - Mary (108)</p>	<p>06 9:00AM Blount County Retired Teachers (108)</p> <p>5:30PM Loy/Mangum Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>07 5:30PM Loy/Mangum Wedding (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>08 Mother's Day Senior Recognition Sunday</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>12:00PM Senior Brunch (WH)</p>	<p>09 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)</p> <p>1:00PM Staff Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>5:30PM Haven House (206)</p> <p>6:00PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FWH)</p> <p>6:30PM BSA - Bear Cubs (REH)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Webelos 1 (RWH)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (208)</p> <p>7:00PM Youth Committee (Youth Room - Front)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH)</p> <p>7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>10 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>9:30AM Community Food Connection Board Meeting (108)</p> <p>10:00AM Staff Calendar Retreat (Off Campus)</p> <p>1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (FWH)</p> <p>6:30PM Worship & Arts (Choir Room)</p> <p>6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (214)</p> <p>6:30PM Children's Committee (215)</p> <p>6:30PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (REH)</p> <p>6:30PM Leadership Development Committee (206)</p> <p>7:00PM Church In the World (Chapel)</p> <p>7:30PM Disc & Education (216)</p>	<p>11 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (Youth Room - Front)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>11:30AM New Prov U (WH)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Chapel)</p> <p>5:15PM Cloud 9 - End of Year Feast (FEH)</p> <p>7:00PM Open Gym (WH)</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p> <p>7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>12 9:00AM Operation Christmas Child - Keller Wms (Pavilion)</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)</p> <p>10:00AM D & S Community Services Training Meeting (FEH)</p> <p>4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM BSA - District Committee (FEH)</p> <p>6:00PM Girl Scout Troop #20487 (206)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA-District Roundtable (REH)</p>	<p>13 7:30AM MHS AP Testing (Youth Room)</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Communion New Members Welcomed Day of Pentecost Money for Manna</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>16 New Prov Press Deadline</p> <p>7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)</p> <p>1:00PM Staff Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>5:30PM Haven House (206)</p> <p>6:00PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FWH)</p> <p>6:30PM BSA - Bear Cubs (REH)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (208)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Webelos 1 (RWH)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>17 8:00AM Presbytery Meeting - John Knox Center, Ten Mile</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (FWH)</p> <p>6:30PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (REH)</p> <p>7:00PM Session (Chapel)</p>	<p>18 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Chapel)</p> <p>7:00PM Open Gym (WH)</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>19 MCS Last Day of School</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters</p> <p>9:30AM Headstart End of Year Celebration/Graduation (Pavilion)</p> <p>10:00AM PWC Coordinating Team (Chapel)</p> <p>12:00PM PWC Gathering (WH - Kitchen)</p> <p>4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM Girl Scout Troop #20487 (206)</p> <p>7:00PM Peggy's Recital (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>20 BCS Last Day of School</p> <p>9:30AM Headstart End of Year Celebration/Graduation (Pavilion)</p> <p>10:00AM Life Beginners</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Trinity Sunday</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>23 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)</p> <p>1:00PM Staff Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>5:30PM Haven House (206)</p> <p>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>24 Alcoa City Last Day of School</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel)</p> <p>1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (FWH)</p>	<p>25 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (Youth Room - Front)</p> <p>9:00AM PWC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>7:00PM Open Gym (WH)</p> <p>7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>26 8:30AM CBS Set Up (RWH)</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)</p> <p>4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>27 8:30AM Community Benefit Sale (FWH)</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM Service of Wholeness & Healing (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day - Church Closed</p>	<p>31 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (FWH)</p>				



RWH – Rear Westminster Hall

FWH – Front Westminster Hall

FEH – Front Eastminster Hall

REH – Rear Eastminster Hall

NEW PROV U TO LEARN FORT LOUDON HISTORY

New Prov U is an opportunity for the congregation, especially those 55 and older, to find enrichment opportunities from a variety of presentations. New Prov U will feature Hobart Akin, the Interpretive Director and Ranger of Fort Loudon at the Fort Loudon Museum. Hobart will discuss the history of Fort Loudon from its conception to today, the history of the Cherokee in the area and the history of early East Tennessee. He will also talk about the up coming festivals that are held at the Fort and the children's programs that are being held this spring and summer.

Contact Karen (983-0182, karen@newprovidencepres.org) by noon on Friday, May 6, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch or come for just the program at noon.

Andy Simon

HEALTH TIPS

STROKE AWARENESS

Every 40 seconds, someone in the US has a stroke. It is the fourth leading cause of death in the US.

A stroke, sometimes called a brain attack, occurs when a blockage stops the flow of blood to the brain or when a blood vessel in or around the brain bursts. Nearly a quarter of all strokes occur in people younger than age 65.

ABC's to prevent cardiovascular disease:

- Appropriate Aspirin therapy: Ask your doctor if taking aspirin is right for you.
- Blood pressure control: Keeping your blood pressure under control reduces your risk of heart attack and stroke. More than half of the world's stroke deaths are caused by elevated blood pressure levels.
- Cholesterol management: Get your cholesterol checked regularly and manage it with diet and physical activity or with medication, if needed.
- Smoking cessation: Get help at 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- Exercise regularly

- Eat a healthy diet that's low in sodium
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Prevent or control diabetes
- Limit your alcohol intake (2 drinks/day for men, or 1 drink/day for women)

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS OF STROKE

When responding to a stroke, every minute counts. The sooner a patient receives medical treatment, the lower the risk for death or disability. If you or someone you know exhibits the following signs or symptoms, call 911 immediately.

- Numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Confusion, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding.
- Trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance and coordination.
- Severe headache with no known cause

Check out www.cdc.gov for more information.

Trish Badgett, RN, Parish Nurse

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

NPPC currently offers five adult Sunday school classes. All classes meet on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.:

Disciples - The Disciples class studies the four Revised Common Lectionary texts for the current Sunday with a focus on the context of the passages, the implications of the original Hebrew and Greek languages, the history of how these passages have been interpreted by the church over the centuries, and some questions designed to lead us into insights and appreciation for these scriptures. This class, which is currently using the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum, is led by class member and meets in Eastminster Hall.

Faith and Culture - The Faith and Culture class seeks to examine and reflect on the meaning of Christian faith in an increasingly complex and

diverse world. Through discussions of contemporary theologies, recent developments in biblical scholarship, current ethical issues, and other topics involving the intersection of culture and faith, members of the class explore ways to maintain a faith that is relevant, vital and meaningful in the modern world. This class meets in Room 109, in the rear of the library.

Seekers of Seven - The Seekers cover a wide range of topics from the study of Scripture to books on theology, faith, and Christian responses to current issues. The class is taught by members and is primarily discussion based. They meet in the Parlor.

Pathfinders - The Pathfinders is a group of mostly 20-40-somethings that enjoys a conversation/discussion format, often focusing on the relationship between Christian teachings and scripture, and current issues. They are presently looking at *Economy of Love* by Shane Claiborne.

The Rest of Us - The Rest of Us class is a diverse group of adults-single, married, young children at home, grandchildren, lifelong Presbyterians, new Presbyterians, and those still seeking. They are currently led by Walt Greene and Bill Schult, and are using *The Present Word* curriculum. Through discussion and study the class seeks to develop a faith that is active in our world. This class meets in Room 206 on the third floor of the main building.

All Sunday School Classes - If you would like more information about any of our classes or adult education opportunities please contact Melanie Rasnake (melanie@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) or Anne Van Pelt (libraryanne42@gmail.com).

WELCOME TABLE

Welcome Table needs set up people for the second Tuesday of the month from 12:30 p.m. to around 2 p.m. to help "dress" the tables before dinner. If you are able to help, contact Kathy Neisser (977-1390, kathygn@msn.com).

Kathy Neisser

MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Presbyterian Women's Circles will meet on Thursday, May 5, at the following times and places:

10:00 A.M. CIRCLES

- Leah - June Gerhard (916 Mercer Dr. - meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool)
- Martha - Stephanie Bell (Chapel)
- Ruth - Brenda Craig, Patty Quinn (Youth Room)

2:00 P.M. CIRCLE

- Deborah - Liz Blackburn, Cathy Dickinson

7:00 P.M. CIRCLE

- Mary - Margaret Ellen Crawford, Sarah DeYoung (Rooms 108, 109)

TENDING OUR FLOCK

WE SHARE SORROW

- Mary Royce Watrous, Ken Paxton, Sr.'s sister, 4/15
- Blackie Davis, 4/18

HAVE FAMILY NEWS?

Have a new baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) or anyone in the office.

SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of NPPC met on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room.

The following youth were welcomed into membership by the Session:

- Jordis Elizabeth Blackburn
- John Gregory Broyles
- Ayak Adumel Ngor Cinkoc
- Shawna Carol Coulter
- Molly Elizabeth Culliton
- Avery Grace Sugg

The New Providence Foundation approved disbursements for 2016-2017.

As of the end of March, we are at 75% of the year, and pledged giving is at 75%, but unpledged giving is at 47%.

Session approved the following:

ADMIN TEAM

- The Policy Committee requests approval of a request from the Salvation Army to use our facilities for a fund-raising dinner on May 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. This will be a catered dinner with tickets to be sold prior to the event so there will be no fundraising on our site. Admin recommends approval.
- The Policy Committee requests approval of the request from the Junior Service League for use of Westminster Hall for a catered fundraiser, "Breakfast with Santa," on Saturday, December 3rd from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- The Policy Committee requests approval after the fact for a concert by the Maryville College Concert Choir the evening of Sunday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. A love offering was taken to support their Scotland trip.

CHURCH IN THE WORLD

- CITW respectfully requests that Session approve the "planting" a pinwheel garden for Child Abuse Awareness month for the remainder of April 2016 and for April 2017.

DISCIPLESHIP & EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

- The Youth Committee requests money raised during Souper Bowl Sunday be used for food for the Community Food Connection.
- The Youth Committee requests the following items for approval for use as a Summer curriculum- *Animate: Faith*, *Animate: Practices*, and *Reformed: Ancestors*.
- The Adult Education Committee requests approval for the use of *Til We Have Faces* by CS Lewis for the PUBLIC Theology group.
- The Adult Education Committee requests approval of the use of *America's Original Sin* by Jim Wallis for New Prov Reads.

LECTIONARY READINGS

- May 1: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
- May 8: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26
- May 15: Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17 [25-27]
- May 22: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15
- May 29: 1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39, Psalm 96, Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10

OFFICERS FOR 2016-2018

ELDERS

2016 - Bob Beard, Chris Combs, Janet Kolarik, Phil Reilly, *Shelby Middleton*, Bill Schult

2017- Liz Britt, Karen Paxton, Ann Bennett, Beth Lazar, Brian LaRose, Harry Herrmann, Jason Brooks

2018 - Bill Savell, Bryan Kilday, Chad Rogers, Hayley Lynn, Gabie Kerr, Tracy Luttrell, Michelle Huntoon

DEACONS

2016 - Alida Graves, Bob Haralson, Phil Neisser, Denise Vogado, Joe Wood

2017- Stephanie Bell, Connie Jackson, Kristi Weatherbee, Eric Overton, Jake Reagan, Ralph Burns

2018 - Denny Moore, Ellie Morrow, Angela Culliton, Bethany Russell, Rachel Gibson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2016

Catherine Johnson, Duncan Crawford, Barb Little, Judy Woods, Don Moore and Eva Carpenter

ONLINE DONATIONS



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SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR MAY

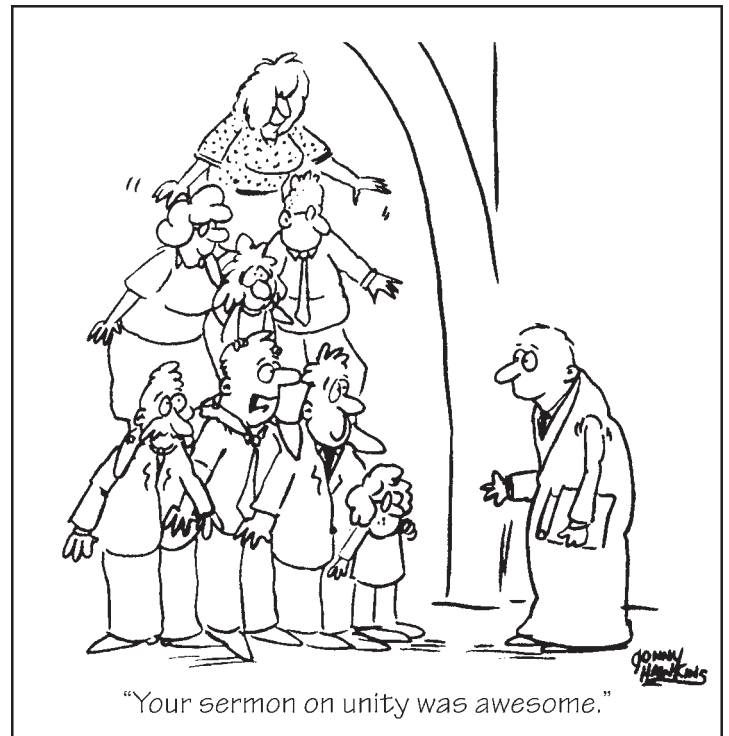
FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
1	Shelby Middleton, Chad Rogers, Bill Savell	Liz Huffaker*, Peggy & Tom Raines, Paul & Denise Vogado	Susan Keller
8	Bill Schult, Chris Combs, Harry Herrmann	Margaret Kidd*, Connie & Jack Jackson, Judy & Terry Woods	Terri Carroll
15	Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday, Beth Lazar	Terri Carroll*, Jenifer & Walt Greene, Paula & Wes King	Stan Rushing
22	Hayley Lynn, Shelby Middleton, Chad Rogers	Sue Clark*, Jenn & Claude Hardy, Ruth & Don Moore	Lee Franks
29	Bill Savell, Bill Schult, Chris Combs	Gary Grinder*	Emily Anderson

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
1	Brian LaRose, Tracy Luttrell, Karen Paxton	Jason Brooks*, Jane & Bill Morton, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin	Susan Keller
8	Phil Reilly, Bob Beard, Ann Bennett	Karen Paxton*, Ken Paxton, Jr., Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Terri Carroll
15	Liz Britt, Jason Brooks, Michelle Huntoon	Brian LaRose*, Eva & Tom Carpenter, Diane & Jeff Pezick	Stan Rushing
22	Janet Kolarik, Brian LaRose, Tracy Luttrell	Stephanie Bell*, Linda Brakebill, Ann Spencer, Mel Luttrell, Dale Freeman	Lee Franks
29	Karen Paxton, Phil Reilly, Bob Beard	Joe Wood*, Mot Krick, Ethel White, Michael & Janet Kolarik	Emily Anderson

* Head Usher



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The Reverend Doctor Stan Rushing	PARISH ASSOCIATE
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Jason Graffis	YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTRIES AND FIRSTLIGHT WORSHIP COORDINATOR
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Trish Badgett	PARISH NURSE
Ray Bryant	FACILITIES MANAGER
Penny Bever	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Coco Everett	COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
Karen Vogt	INFORMATION COORDINATOR
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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MAY

3	Celebration of Music
5	Ascension of the Lord National Day of Prayer
8	Mother's Day Senior High Recognition
15	Day of Pentecost Communion New Members Welcomed Money for Manna
16	<i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline
22	Trinity Sunday
27	Community Benefit Sale
30	Memorial Day - church closed

