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PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

As we rush into the new year of school and church programs, it's easy to lose sight of the peace Christ promises. We get busy, overworked, and anxious. Beyond the stress and difficulty of our own lives, we look around and see a world marked by violence around the corner and across the globe. That is why we're grateful for the Season of Peace we are in, which culminates with the Peace & Global Witness offering on World Communion Sunday. The ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation witness to the Prince of Peace. It is good to be reminded that, with all the discord, pain, and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.

This is why we ask you to give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. You will retain 25 percent of this offering to support a local ministry; 25 percent is retained by mid councils; and the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe.

We will accept your gift to this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2017. Visit the Peace & Global Witness website (www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global) to find out more information.

Presbyterian Mission Agency

COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during both services of worship on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

REFORMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

As part of our month-long celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the Adult Education Committee is sponsoring a Sunday series on the Reformation. The classes will take place each Sunday in October, beginning at 10 a.m. in Eastminster Hall. Facilitators and topics include:

- 10/1 Dan Taddie - *Music of the Reformation*
- 10/8 Andrew Irvine – *Reformed and Always Reforming: The Protestant Principle*
- 10/15 Emily Anderson – *John Calvin 101*
- 10/22 Steve Musick – *The Bible in Your Very Own Language*
- 10/29 Peggy Cowan – *The Reformation, Biblical Interpretation and Women*

CHILDREN COLLECTING COATS

The NPPC 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday school class has been learning about Joseph this month. We have talked about the very special coat that Joseph's father gave him. We have also talked about the way God worked through Joseph to help others in need. We think God can work through us to help others in need, too!

Now through the end of October 15, we will be collecting coats for those in need. Coats may be new or used. There is a collection receptacle in the Atrium or you can bring them to our classroom during the Sunday school hour. Thank you for helping us learn how God works through us to help others.

Ashley Watkins

CEMETERY TOURS

In conjunction with the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the NPPC Adult Education Committee will be offering guided tours of the New Providence Cemetery. The tours are planned for Saturday, October 28th, from 4-6 p.m. and Sunday, October 29th, from 2-4 p.m. In addition to raising funds to maintain the cemetery, the tours will raise awareness in the church and the wider community of the importance of this sacred and historically significant space.

The tours are limited to 14 people each and will depart every 15 minutes from Westminster Hall. All parking for the tour is at NPPC. There is **NO PARKING** available at the cemetery. Tour groups will be transported by bus from NPPC to and from the cemetery.

Cost of the tour is \$15 per person, with a maximum of \$40 per family. Payment may be made by cash or check on the day of the tour. Children 5 years old and younger are free. Reservations are strongly recommended and may be made at www.newprovidencepres.org/cemeterytour

MARY CIRCLE

The Presbyterian's Women's Mary Circle has a change in its meeting place for October and November. For both months we will meet at Alida Graves' home, (114 Wilson Avenue, Maryville), at 7:00 p.m.

Margaret Ellen Crawford

FROM THE PASTOR

Among the happy memories of my childhood is climbing into my pajamas and curling up on the couch on Saturday nights to watch the Carol Burnett show, from the opening sketch all the way to the last credits.

"I'm so glad we've had this time together, just to have a laugh or sing a song. Seems we just get started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say" – and then she'd reach up and tug on her left

ear, a sign to the grandmother who raised her that her granddaughter loved her and was ok – "so long."

And here it is, the time we've had to say "so long."

In the last week, we've said "so long" to three beloved colleagues. Jason, Melanie and Jaclyn have all resigned for personal reasons. The timing – ironically – just happens to coincide, and they all happen to serve in our educational ministries. Even harder is that those goodbyes come on the heels of the departures of our children's music director Cindy Sugg to devote time to her family, as well as our Information Coordinator Karen Vogt, whose husband has been transferred to Athens, Georgia. That's a lot of farewells in a short window of time.

As you have probably heard, Jason has accepted a position as the Director of Contemporary Worship & Arts at Covenant Presbyterian Church, a 2200-member congregation in Charlotte. Jason did not go looking for this job – they came looking for him, and it was simply too good to pass up. The senior pastor he will be working with is my good friend and seminary classmate Bob Henderson, and I know that it will be a great working relationship for Jason. As much as we will miss him, we want to wish him well in this next chapter of growth in his life.

Back in June, Jaclyn began a full-time position as the Communications

Coordinator at UKirk, our Presbyterian campus ministry at UT Knoxville. Besides communications, she oversees fundraising, grant-writing and relationship building. When Jaclyn accepted this position in late April,

her hope was to continue as our part-time director of children's ministries. As the personnel committee discussed that possibility with her, we all acknowledged that 60-hour weeks are hard to sustain. Our agreement was that whenever

any of us felt it was not working, we would address it. This last month, with students finally back on campus, Jaclyn realized she just can't give her best efforts to either place, and so tendered her resignation here.

For her part, Melanie is simply ready to be a church member rather than church staff, as she has done for many, many years. She and Darryll are starting a home improvement and custom fixture company. They will continue to be active members of this congregation, although I have encouraged them to worship elsewhere for at least a few weeks while we all get over our habit of going to Melanie with our educational questions and problems. But the Rasnakes will certainly be a part of our life together.

Let me first assure you that there's no conspiracy or coup happening. We have been blessed with an unusually stable staff configuration at New Providence over the last few years. Right now we have a lot of change taking place all at once. That's not a bad thing, and it doesn't reflect anything except that these colleagues have other opportunities that they want to pursue.

So there is loss, but there is also celebration for these friends and new adventures in their lives. We have been richly blessed by having them among us, and we look forward to how God will use them in these new places.

As for us, that is a lot of change to manage all at one time. The session, discipleship and education team, and personnel committee have all been hard at work putting together transitional plans.

However, with all that change comes opportunity. Rather than simply replacing positions or plugging holes, we now have a blank slate for our educational ministries, and the rare opportunity to step back and decide how we want to proceed.

My hope, which the session discussed and affirmed on Tuesday night, is that we invest some time, effort and resources into that process. With plans in place to get us through the end of December, I proposed that we fill at least the youth and children's positions with longer-term interims to begin in January.

Once that is done, what better time to do some strategic visioning and planning? I think we are overdue for that, and this is a perfect opportunity to think about our life moving forward. I proposed to the session that we bring in a consultant to help us think about our priorities and programs, and then help us build the staff that will guide us in achieving those priorities.

While the present days may feel a little chaotic, this is prime time to discern anew who God is calling us to be as a congregation.

In my sermon last Sunday, I spoke about Lois Wilson, the daughter of Hattie and Samuel Tyndale Wilson who spent her entire adult life as a missionary to Syria and Lebanon. In one of her letters home, she wrote, "I have never felt so insufficient for a task in my life, and so I have never been more assured that Christ is sufficient in all things." That is my prayer for us as well, and I look forward to how God will use these coming months and years to shape us anew for the kingdom of heaven.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

INTERIM FOR EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Renee Nasrollahi has agreed to step in to oversee all the educational ministries between now and the end of December. She will be a point person to help make sure everyone is communicating and to help make sure no balls get dropped!

If you have any questions or concerns about the adult, youth or children's education programs, you may contact Renee at ce@newprovidencepres.org.

Tracy Luttrell

YOUTH UPDATE

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR YOUTH COMMITTEE

Your youth committee is hard at work, collaborating with staff and the personnel committee, to make the transition from Jason to substitutes to an interim and finally to a new youth director as smooth as possible for our kids and families. Here is some information on where we are in that process.

NEW YOUTH PROGRAM INTERIM

The youth and personnel committees are excited to announce the hire of a temporary interim for our Sunday night youth programming. Sam Phillips is going to head up iGroup and PYC programming and join us on as many Sunday mornings as his Maryville College choir schedule will allow. He is also going to help chaperone our Middle School retreat at the end of September.

Sam is a religion major/German minor at Maryville College with strong Presbyterian ties. He brings with him varied experiences including directing a small youth group at Concord Presbyterian Church since 2016 and being a youth intern this past summer at a large Presbyterian church in Birmingham. Sam will be with us only until the end of the calendar year - he will be spending the spring semester studying in Germany - but we are grateful for the experience,

energy, consistency, and enthusiasm he brings to our youth program during this transitional period. Join us in welcoming Sam to New Providence!

CALENDAR

To best move through the fall semester in this transition, we have modified the originally published youth calendar of events. This modified calendar was provided to our families.

LISTENING SESSIONS

We want all parents and kids to be able to ask questions and share concerns and hopes to inform this process. To that end, feel free to contact any youth committee member (their names are at the bottom of this article) or Renee Nasrollahi at any time. In addition, Emily and Laura Shamiyeh (representing the personnel committee) will host another formal listening sessions for parents on September 24th during the Sunday school hour in the Chapel right off the Atrium. Emily will also have a listening session with the youth during regular youth times on October 22 to allow our kids to give feedback on youth programming.

Of course, Jason will be missed tremendously, but we know that our church staff, our committees, and our families are committed to our youth and to providing quality programming while building strong relationships. We are thankful to Jason for leaving us in a strong place, and we are thankful to you for your support and help in managing this transition.

Jean Blackburn, Shannon Brady, Andrea Franks, Nancy Garza, Connie Huffman, Paula King, Tracy Luttrell, Audrey Blackburn and Megan Garza

UPDATE FROM CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

As many of you know, Jaclyn Beeler's last day at New Providence was September 27th. The Children's Committee would like to thank Jaclyn for her many contributions, but above all, for loving the kids of NPPC. We wish her success in her role at UKirk.

During the transition process, the children's committee will be providing extra support until a replacement for

Jaclyn can be found. Some remarkable volunteers have stepped up to keep PEAK (Presbyterians Educating Awesome Kids) and Cloud 9 operating without a designated staff person. These caring individuals will ensure that our children's programming can finish out 2017 without missing a beat.

The preschool portion of PEAK will continue to be taught by Fairlena Googe with help from Kelsey O'Dell, a college scholar. Another one of our college scholarship students, Stephanie Harwell, will be organizing recreational activities for the kids at PEAK and Cloud 9 this year. She is a nursing student at UT.

Please note that PEAK and Cloud 9 are cancelled for Wednesday, November 22nd. November 29th will be the final day of PEAK until January. Also, the kids in Cloud 9 will be having a Christmas party on December 6th - the details will be announced closer to time. Thank you for your support of children's programming at NPPC!

Lelia Rogers

WELCOME TIM!

We are pleased to welcome Tim Hollis as our new Information Coordinator, the position which Karen Vogt held until her move to Athens, Georgia last month. Tim has worked in the healthcare and patient services field for years, so this is a new challenge for him (although he comes with Presbyterian roots). Tim was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, and moved to Maryville about a year ago.

Tim will work Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You may reach him at Tim@newprovidencepres.org, or 983-0182 ext. 101. Please stop by and say hello when you're in the office next!


Emily Anderson

BARTLETT BUZZ

In October, Bartlett Adult Day Out will be celebrating our volunteers. We could not keep Bartlett up and running without that dedicated group helping us. The volunteers and I are going to training sponsored by Alzheimer's Tennessee.

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>01 Middle School Retreat World Communion</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)</p>	<p>02 BCS Fall Break Oct. 2-9 ACS Fall Break Oct. 2-13</p> <p>7:00AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00PM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelo 1 (W201) 7:00PM BSA-Webelo 2 (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (FWH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>03 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206) 6:30PM Event Support Committee (211) 7:00PM Budget & Finance (108) 7:00PM Policy Committee (W201) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel) 7:00PM New Prov Green Team W202 8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel)</p>	<p>04 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 12:00PM NAMI Open House (FEH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor) 7:00PM Ballroom Dancing (WH)</p>	<p>05 MCS Fall Break Oct. 5-16</p> <p>10:00AM PWC Circles - Leah (Parlor) 10:00AM PWC Circles - Martha (Chapel) 10:00AM PWC Circle - Ruth (W201) 12:00PM D&S Community Services Appreciation Lunch (WH) 2:00PM PWC Circle - Deborah 7:00PM PWC Circle - Mary (108)</p>	06	07	
<p>08 New Members Welcomed</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:00PM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)</p>	<p>09 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00PM CBS Sorters (WH) 10:00AM Maryville Babywearers Meeting (206) 7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor) 7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM Youth Committee W202 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>10 BCS Back to School</p> <p>9:00PM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:30AM Community Food Connection Board Meeting (Chapel) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (108) 6:30PM Worship & Arts (Choir Rm) 6:30PM Children's Committee (215) 6:30PM Leadership Development Committee (206) 7:00PM Church In the World (Chapel) 7:30PM Disc. & Education (216)</p>	<p>11 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 11:30AM New Prov U (FWH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM LIFT Committee Meeting (Chapel) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm) 7:00PM Ballroom Dancing (WH)</p>	<p>12 MC Scholar Info Deadline</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 3:00PM LIFT Meal Prep (Kitchen)</p>	13	14	
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<p>22 Moses Window MC Homecoming Homecoming Sunday</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:00PM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00PM Dinner on the Grounds Homecoming Lunch (WH) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)</p>	<p>23 Organ Tuning</p> <p>7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00PM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelo 2 (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelo 1 (W201) 7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>24 Organ Tuning</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal 5:30PM Welcome Table (WH)</p>	<p>25 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201) 9:00AM PWC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:30AM Widow/Widower Support Group W202 12:00PM D&S Halloween Party (WH) 1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel) 3:15PM P.E.A.K. (16) 3:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM NAMI Meeting (REH) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm) 7:00PM Ballroom Dancing (WH)</p>	<p>26 8:30AM CBS Set Up (RWH) 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 3:00PM LIFT Meal Prep (Kitchen)</p>	<p>27 8:30AM Community Benefit Sale (FWH) 4:30PM MHS vs.Bradley Central</p>	28 12:00PM PWC Gathering (WH) 4:00PM Cemetery Tours (WH)	
<p>29 John Knox Window Reformation Sunday</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 2:00PM Cemetery Tours 4:30PM Youth Fifth Sunday Family Night (WH)</p>	<p>30 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelo 1 (W201) 7:00PM BSA-Webelo 2 (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (FWH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>31 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 6:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)</p>					

RWH - Rear Westminster Hall

FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall

NEW PROV U

It's back to school time at New Prov U. A variety of subjects await you in the months ahead. New Prov U is an opportunity for the congregation, especially those 55 and older, to find enrichment opportunities from a variety of presentations.

Our next session will be Wednesday, October 11 at 11:30 a.m., in Westminster Hall with Drew Crain, a biology professor at Maryville College. Drew is an avid outdoor photographer and will be speaking about photography and Maryville College.

We start with lunch (\$6 payable at the door) to be followed by the program at 12:00 p.m. Contact Tim Hollis (tim@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182 ext. 101) by noon on Thursday, October 5 to make your reservation for lunch. If you miss making a reservation or would just like to come for the program, just join us at 12:00 p.m.

Andy Simon

LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that visit local areas of interest and share a meal while on the road.

In October, Life Beginners will visit Lincoln Memorial University Museum in Harrogate, Tennessee. They will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and travel to Cumberland Gap to have lunch at the Pineapple Tea Room where they will order off the menu. Upon leaving the tea room (depending on the weather) they will drive through the tunnel to Middlesboro, Kentucky to the Pinnacle Overlook for a quick view of the mountains and then back to Harrogate to walk through the museum. Cost of admission to the museum is \$3.50 and there will be a \$4 transportation fee. The group should arrive back at the church by 5:30 p.m.

There is limited seating for this trip, so please contact Tim Hollis (tim@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182 ext. 101) with your reservations as soon as possible.

Stephanie Bell

RESOURCE CENTER SPOTLIGHT

This is, as you probably know by now, is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In addition to materials on this historical event in our resource center and the special classes in the month of October, I encourage you to explore the amazing history of some of our own members, past and present. The ones described below are only a few, with more recent additions to be noted in coming months.

Life in a Dacha: An American family in Moscow 1949-1950 is the work of Erica Collins Steffee documenting the time, her parents, the late Maria and Ralph Collins (NPPC members) spent in Moscow while Ralph served as a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State. Their adventures in what was considered a hardship post are compiled from Maria's memoirs and Ralph's autobiography, *View from LeConte*, which also can be found in the resource center.

Doctor With Big Shoes is our Dr. Henry Nelson's story of his and wife Katie's years as medical missionaries in China and Africa. Their work coincided, as the foreword describes, with "revolutions, political turmoil, war and civil disturbances." One of these events included witnessing the Tiananmen Square massacre while serving at the Beijing Medical University. Check out their amazing stories and witness their faith.

Red-Headed, Rash and Religious is the story of the Rev. W. Donald McClure, D.D. compiled from the letters his mother kept in the years he and his family served the Anuak tribe in Sudan and Ethiopia. The book was published in 1954 and gives a detailed look at missionary life in the middle of famine and other challenges. McClure even had an audience with Haile Selassie where he received a grant of land for a new mission site. The McClure extended family has a long relationship with NPPC.

Philip Bembower, an interim pastor at NPPC, wrote a beautiful account of the first years of his ministry. Told in third person with fictional names, *The Education of Will Bradford*, gives true accounts that provide a unique look at what Bembower calls "the grist of

common life." He notes that the stories "speak of joy and sorrow, of birth and death, of weddings and funerals, and of achievements celebrated and failures mourned." This special work by a dear friend of NPPC is one you will want to read.

You will find these works and others on a shelf right inside the door of the resource center. Sign your name and read on!

Cynthia Freeman

PORCH DE SALOMON

Our NPPC Porch de Salomon team is moving forward with our plans for our trip to serve in Panajachel, Guatemala in June 2018! A group of New Providence youth, college students, and adults will be traveling to Guatemala to be the hands and feet of Jesus to indigenous families as we work to build modest cinder block houses and to make friendships that last far beyond our time in Panajachel. Stay tuned for news on how you can support this ministry through fundraisers and item donation. For additional information and updates, including the Porch de Salomon newsletter, see <http://porchdesalomon.org/>

Andrea Franks

FAMILY PROMISE TO HOST FUNDRAISER

Family Promise of Blount County presents a fundraising breakfast with keynote speaker Joan Cronan who will speak about "Leaving a Legacy" on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 7:30 a.m. at the Airport Hilton Hotel.

Under the vision and direction of Joan Cronan, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols garnered a reputation as one of the most visible and respected programs throughout the nation. Joan epitomizes the definition of "leaving a legacy" and champions investing in the next generation in order to proactively change our world! Will West has graciously agreed to serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Help Family Promise end child and family homelessness by attending this fundraiser. RSVP to <https://goo.gl/BkDC5m> or by calling 233-4737.

HEARTFELT THANKS

Our family wishes to express our deep appreciation for the love and support shown to us in the death of Tim. Thank you so very much for cards, memorial gifts, calls, food, but also your hugs. We are so grateful to be part of this church.

*Sally Daley and
Tim, Kevin, Sean and Courtney*

HOME SAFETY

Each year, thousands of older Americans fall at home. Many of them are seriously injured or disabled. Falls are often due to hazards that are easy to fix.

FLOORS

- Move furniture so your path is clear
- Remove throw rugs or use double-sided tape or non-slip backing, so rugs won't slip
- Always keep objects off the floor
- Coil or tape cords and wires next to the wall so you can't trip over them

STAIRS & STEPS

- Always keep objects off stairs
- Fix loose or uneven steps
- Have an electrician put in a light and light switches at the top and bottom of the stairs
- Change burned out bulbs
- Make sure carpet is firmly attached to every step or attach non-slip rubber treads to stairs
- Make sure handrails are sturdy and safe

KITCHEN

- Keep items you use often at about waist level
- If you must use a step stool, get one with a bar to hold onto. Never use a chair as a step stool

BATHROOMS

- Put a non-slip mat or self-stick strips on the floor of the tub or shower
- Have grab bars put in next to and inside the tub and next to the toilet

BEDROOMS

- Place a lamp close to the bed where it is easy to reach
- Put in a night-light so you can see where you're walking

OTHER WAYS TO PREVENT FALLS

- Do exercises that improve your balance and make your legs stronger
- Have your doctor or pharmacist look at all your medicines - even over the counter ones. Some medicines make you sleepy or dizzy
- Have your eyes checked by an eye doctor at least once a year and update your glasses
- Get up slowly after lying or sitting
- Wear shoes both inside and outside the house. Avoid going barefoot or wearing slippers

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

- Keep emergency numbers in large print near each phone
- Put a phone near the floor in case you fall or carry your cell phone with you at all times
- Think about wearing an alarm device that will bring help in case you fall

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

LECTIONARY READINGS

- October 1: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- October 8: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15: Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
- October 22: Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

This is the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound member whose birthday occurs during October. Shower him with birthday cards to remind him he is special!

- Lester Oakes, 10/11

Donnae Farley

SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on Tuesday, September 19.

- We have hired Tim Hollis to fill Karen Vogt's position.
- D&E will host a reception on 9/24 celebrating the many contributions of Melanie, Jason and Jaclyn to our children and youth.
- Listening groups are being arranged for parents of children and youth as we prepare to call new leaders for their programs.
- Volunteers are in place for all on-going activities of children and youth
- Reformation classes start 10/1 during the Sunday School hour in Eastminster for 5 Sundays.
- Cemetery tours will occur on 10/28-29 and reservations are filling up quickly.
- The Guatemala Steering Committee received approval for several fundraisers.
- The Prayer Walk Against Racism on Saturday, September 23, starts in Westminster Hall at 1:00 and will proceed to Lamar Alexander and back to the courthouse. Buses will be provided for those not able to walk the entire route.
- Pastors received approval to take homebound communion at any time the pastors deem it necessary.
- Session expressed our thanks and gratitude to Melanie, Jason and Jaclyn for all their contributions to our children and youth, but they also expressed sadness that they are leaving. They leave with our very best wishes and prayers for success as they move on to new opportunities!

Carrie Eaton, Clerk of Session

PWC GATHERING

The Presbyterian Women of the Church (PWC) will gather on Saturday, October 28 at 12:00 noon in Westminster Hall. (Please note the change of date from the original schedule, which was Oct. 19.) Lunch will be hosted by Martha and Deborah Circles. A \$5.00 donation toward the cost of the meal will be appreciated. Following lunch we will regroup in the sanctuary for the program, "Thin Places," which will be presented by Emily Anderson and Sharon Youngs, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge. Through pictures and narrative, they will relate their experiences visiting Iona, Scotland. Please RSVP for lunch by Monday, October 23 through your circle leader or contact Bobbie Briggs (briggsb84@gmail.com, 806-4512). All women of the church are invited. Child care will be provided.

Bobbie Briggs

CHURCH PHONE

You may dial any of these extensions to reach the person you need or dial 5 for a staff directory. If they are unavailable, you may leave a voice mail message by staying on the line:

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 Coco-102 East Kitchen-112
 Peggy-103 Nursery-113
 Steve-105 Sanctuary-114
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 Emily-107 West Kitchen-118
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WELCOME TABLE NEEDS VOLS

Welcome Table, our ministry to the hungry of Blount County, is in need of volunteers.

The tables are being set up by Boy Scout Troop 88 each week.

There is a need from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays for folks to set out the chairs and put the tablecloths on the tables.

From 12:30-1:30 p.m., someone is needed the first Tuesday of each month to "dress" the tables with silverware, centerpieces, etc.

Cooks are needed the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Platters are needed for all Tuesdays from 4:15-6:00 p.m.

Servers are always welcome from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

If you could volunteer just one evening of your time, it would be a blessing! Contact Kathy Neisser (kathygn@msn.com, 977-1390) to volunteer.

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR OCTOBER

FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
1	Bill Yarborough, Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday	Peggy & Tom Raines*, Connie & Jack Jackson*, Bobbie Briggs	Emily Anderson
8	Hayley Lynn, Chad Rogers, Jenifer Greene	Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Paul & Denise Vogado	Vandy Kemp
15	Harry Herrmann, Olivia Lazar, Bobbie Briggs	Chrissy Irvine*, Andrew, Jamie, & Will Irvine, Jeff & Marcy Ward	Terri Carroll
22	Bill Savell, Beth Lazar, Bill Yarborough	Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs, Bob & Sue Ramger	Open
29	Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday, Hayley Lynn	Gary Grinder*, Liz Huffaker	Hayley Lynn

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
1	Liz Britt, Tracy Luttrell, Jane Morton	Karen Paxton*, Ann Spencer, Linda Brakebill, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin	Emily Anderson
8	Karen Paxton, John Pittenger, Liz Britt	Jason Brooks*, Andrea Franks, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Vandy Kemp
15	Michelle Huntoon, Jason Brooks, Kate Clabough	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick	Terri Carroll
22	Brian LaRose, Ann Bennett, Tracy Luttrell	Stephanie Bell*, Dale Freeman, Mel Luttrell, Jeff Pezick	Open
29	John Pittenger, Ann Bennett, Michelle Huntoon	Sue Wood*, Kristi Weatherbee, Mot Krick	Hayley Lynn

* Head Usher

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The Reverend Doctor Emily J. Anderson	PASTOR
The Reverend J. Steven Musick	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
The Reverend Doctor Stan Rushing	PARISH ASSOCIATE
Rob Britt	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Peggy Rogers	ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS
Sam Phillips	INTERIM YOUTH COORDINATOR
Trish Badgett	PARISH NURSE
Ray Bryant	FACILITIES MANAGER
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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR OCTOBER

1	World Communion Sunday Peace and Global Witness Special Offering
8	New Members Welcomed
15	Money for Manna
16	New Prov Press Deadline
22	Stained Glass Window Series Homecoming Sunday
27	Community Benefit Sale
27-28	Cemetery Tours
28	Presbyterian Women's Gathering
29	Stained Glass Window Series Reformation Sunday