

First Presbyterian Church of Rockwood

MESSENGER



I Corinthians 16 – On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Stewardship – our faithful use of the resources that God has entrusted to us – has been a focus of Christian communities from our very beginning. Jesus taught about stewardship in many of His parables and teachings about the Kingdom of God. Many of Paul’s letters to the Early Church communities encouraged their stewardship and commended their generosity. And modern churches continue to provide stewardship emphasis, especially in Fall stewardship campaigns.

First Presbyterian provides a focus during the four Sundays before Thanksgiving. Members will offer a minute-for-stewardship and estimates-of-giving for 2019 will be encouraged. These estimates-of-giving will be received on the last Stewardship Sunday – November 18, followed by a Stewardship dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

In Paul’s letters of encouragement, he reminds us that

- Giving is an act of worship
- Giving is our response to God and is to be done cheerfully
- Giving reflects our trust in God
- We are to give intentionally rather than as an after-thought
- Our giving should reflect our understanding that everything we have is God’s

Studying God’s Word

November 4: Holy God, on this All Saints’ Sunday I thank you for my good memories of loved ones who lived in faith and died in your arms.

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

November 11: The Lord “lifts up those who are bowed down” (Psalm 146:8, NRSV). When I feel “bowed down,” God, help me trust in you.

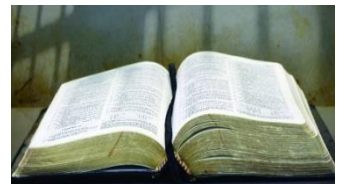
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

November 18: Days grow shorter, but God’s love never decreases. Nights lengthen, but God’s light outshines all the world’s darkness.

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 13:1-8

November 25: What a blessing that in Christ, we can approach God’s throne in confidence and find grace.

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



Christian stewardship is a reminder that God has abundantly blessed each one of us and that supporting the ministry of Jesus through our local church community is one way that we work to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

Psalm 24 – The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.



6 th Jason Crabtree	21 st Adalyn Phillips
7 th Tyler Phillips	24 th Carolyn Bolinsky
7 th Nina Jolly	24 th Carolyn Ledford
11 th Philip Kirkham	27 th Amelia Caughron
12 th Doris Clayton	29 th Ava Claire
12 th John McGlothlin	Goddard
16 th Don Summerfield	29 th Geraldine Wallick
18 th Earl Johnston	



22nd Caleb & Molly Dryman
 25th Melissa & Troy Harold

Prayers for Our

Shut-Ins & Military

Carolyn Gill	Jerald Dixon
JoAnn Glover	Nate Mankel
Carolyn Pemberton	Maeghan Redmon
Ruth Bayless	Jesse Scarbrough
Terry Newman	

College Students

Olivia Metcalfe Suzanne Tacket
 Erica Willett

Please let us know if you have a college student we can add to our list/



John Knox Center Knoxville College
 Medical Benevolence Foundation



Congratulations to our new Church Office Administrator, **Heather Pelfrey**. Heather replaces Dannise McKinney who recently retired from the position. Office hours will remain unchanged: Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm (unless otherwise announced).



Clarence Nelson Jr

Geraldine Wallick

Thomas & Myrna Clayton Johns

Geraldine Wallick

Taster's Luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 6th from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 per person. If you have been asked to donate a dish for the luncheon, please have it delivered by 10:00 am on the day of the luncheon.

The Thank Offering will be collected on November 11th and November 18th. Some of the funds to come back to the Appalachian area.

SESSION REPORT

Hilda Osborne, Clerk of Session

Worship

- 37 people were served communion on October 7.
- The next communion will be Christmas Eve.
- Advent begins Sunday, December 2, and the Christmas Cantata and dinner will be Sunday, December 23.
- Church attendance has been better the last several Sundays.

Programs

- The Bonfire/Hayride is set for Wednesday, October 24. Setup to begin at 4:00pm.
- There will be a date change for the Christmas program, which will be announced later.

Congregational Care

- The Congregational Care committee continues to send cards and encourages everyone to be in touch with those listed in the bulletin each week.
- The Love Kitchen is doing well.

Property

- Wilma moved that we purchase commodes for the men's and women's restrooms in the Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$199 each. Jonathan seconded, and the motion carried.
- The van tires will be installed soon.
- Kathy moved that we purchase a hot dog roaster with the cost not to exceed \$150, and that the money come from Suppers and Socials budgeted line item. Jim seconded, and the motion was adopted.
- James has installed lights on the Education Building and a reflector on a vent in the sanctuary entrance.

Stewardship

- The financial report for September was presented. No corrections.
- The Stewardship campaign will be October 28 through November 18. The following will present Minutes for Stewardship:
 - October 28 – Kathy Dryman
 - November 4 – Jonathan Foust
 - November 11 – Hilda Osborne
 - November 18 – Charles Snodgrass
- A congregational dinner will follow morning worship on November 18.
- Charles will present the memorial dedication on November 4.
- Charles will inquire about the status of Knoxville College at Presbytery
- White and purple paraments have been ordered at a cost of \$1,470 per set. Monies to pay for these will come from Steve Clayton and Martha Carson Phelps memorials.

Old Business

- Reminder: Tasters Luncheon will be held November 6, 11:00am – 1:00pm.

New Business

- Kathy moved that Wilma be allowed her remaining week of vacation November 19, 20, 21 and 26, 27. November 22, 23 are holidays. Jonathan seconded, and the motion was adopted.

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
October 7	15	40	\$ 870
October 14	19	42	\$ 835
October 21	17	35	\$ 1140
October 28	12	34	\$ 870


FINANCIAL UPDATE-ANNUAL BUDGET

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Receipts	\$ 3710	\$ 54,460
Expenditures	\$ 7430	\$ 74,250

?? Bible Quiz ??

After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

A. Seth
B. Enoch
C. Shem
D. Lamech



Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)

POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

Christmas is approaching and it is time to start thinking about poinsettias! If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the coupon below and place it with your donation in the offering plate or mail to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 42, Rockwood, TN 37854. The cost is \$15.00 each.



The order deadline is Sunday, November 25th.

Name(s): _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

Sun of Righteousness

The sun is often used as a symbol for Christ, especially during church-year seasons that use prophetic imagery and focus on Jesus' second coming. Malachi 4:2 — "But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (ESV) — is echoed in the Christmas hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing":
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.



Lifelong saints

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November).

Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.

Holiday hospitality

Beth Lewis, CEO of 1517 Media, blogged about a favorite holiday tradition: inviting over people who'd otherwise be alone. Her grandchildren prepared hand-made place cards, wrapped small gifts for the guests and helped cook the meal.



Then one year, Thanksgiving happened to coincide with a cross-country move for Grandma and Grandpa. Chaos and stress almost buried the tradition — until Lewis's 9-year-old granddaughter asked nonchalantly, "Who's joining us for dinner this year?"

Lewis writes: "In the busyness of moving, it hadn't even occurred to me. But, for her, it is simply what our family does!" So they extended some invitations, ate on paper plates among moving boxes and had a joyous time. Lewis was proud of her granddaughter for the reminder that hospitality is a value worth practicing and modeling — and even turning into a holiday tradition!



November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Memorials Dedication Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 Taster's Luncheon Election Day	7 Bible Study 6:30 pm	8 Ladies Circle 6:30 pm	9	10 Love Kitchen 5 pm Angie & Friends
11 Thank Offering Veterans Day	12	13 RMA ----- Presbytery Mtg.	14 Stewardship	15	16	17
18 Thank Offering Stewardship Dinner	19 Care & Fellowship Sexton Out	20 Sexton Out	21 Sexton Out	22 Thanksgiving Day – Office closed	23 Office Closed	24 Love Kitchen 5 pm Masons
25 Sanctuary Decoration	26 Sexton Out	27 Sexton Out	28 Session 7 pm	29	30 Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved	
		Narcotics Anonymous meets each Tuesday 7:00 p Fellowship Hall				

**Contributions to MESSENGER are welcomed and encouraged !
Contact Heather at the office if you have items you would like to see included.**

THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER CHURCH EVENTS

4 th	Memorials Dedication
6 th	Taster's Luncheon
8 th	Ladies Circle
10 th	Love Kitchen hosted by Angie & friends
14 th	Stewardship
18 th	Stewardship Dinner
19 th	Care & Fellowship
24 th	Love Kitchen hosted by Masons
25 th	Sanctuary Decoration

Special dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2018*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 4, 2018*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2018*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 22, 2018*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 25, 2018*

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

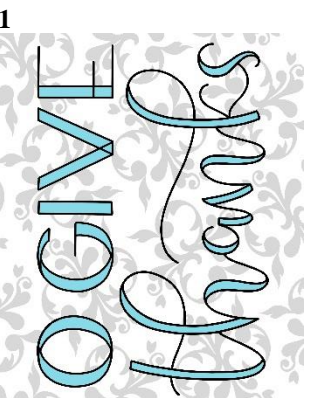
Church Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Find Hope and Joy Here and Now

SESSION

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Kathy Dryman	Hilda Osborne	Wilma Brummett
Jonathan Foust	Steve Osborne	Brian Garner
Jim Pelfrey	Geraldine Walllick	James Cox



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