

**First Presbyterian Missions**

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Global Missions  
New Church Development Commission  
Fayette Samaritans  
Thornwell Home for Children  
Presbyterian Homes  
Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather  
Midwest Food Bank  
Promise Place  
Calvin Center

**Retired Clergy**

The Reverend Dr. Donald W. Smith  
The Reverend Robert "Bob" Veley  
The Reverend Dr. Richard A. Dodds  
The Reverend Robert "Bob" Allman

**SESSION**

Morgan Morse Hay, Moderator  
Alice Hamilton, Clerk of Session  
Amanda DeBuc, Treasurer

**RULING ELDERS**

Carolyn Gulick, Brandon McCuin  
Dick Cassell, Sandra Castle-Oh  
Linda Sue Allman, Fred Bryant

**DEACONS**

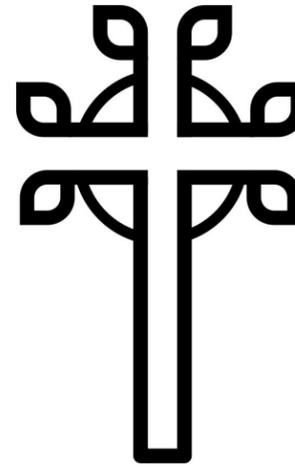
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I was mindlessly scrolling through Facebook recently when this Wendell Berry poem caught my attention and immediately captivated me.



**The Peace of Wild Things  
by Wendell Berry**

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

I don't know about you, but life feels heavy these days. There have been back-to-back hurricanes causing massive flooding and devastation and even death. War is still raging in Syria and another country is testing bombs capable of mass destruction. Sometimes it all seems too much. And yet, God is still with us in the midst of it all.

And when it gets to be too much, I find solace in being out in God's good creation. Breathing in fresh air, marveling at the beautiful diversity of creation, and taking time to just be with God.

I recently went to a continuing education event and part of the retreat was meeting with a Spiritual Director. I talked to the Spiritual Director about all of these devotional practices that I wanted to do or felt like I should do. And like a good Spiritual Director, she pointed out that I was taking something that should be life giving and making it a chore. So, she asked me what I loved to do. And to my amazement, I found myself answering that I loved to run. Then she asked me what it would look like if I saw running as my spiritual practice instead of trying to force a spiritual practice into something that wasn't coming easily to me and I didn't love.

Her reflection has been freeing and life giving. I was able to give up my guilt about not being able to keep up a spiritual practice that I didn't really enjoy and instead take something that I was already doing and enjoying (as much as one can love running) and turning it into a spiritual practice. I pray as I run. I thank God for the beauty of creation. I wrestle with scripture and work out sermons. I even yell at God about the chaos in the world, because God can take it. "For a time, I rest (or run) in the grace of the world, and am free."

What do you love to do and how can you take something that you love and turn it into a practice that helps you connect deeper to God? I hope that "when despair for the world grows in" you, you are able to find some way to connect with God and find respite beside God's "still water."

Grace and peace,

*Morgan*



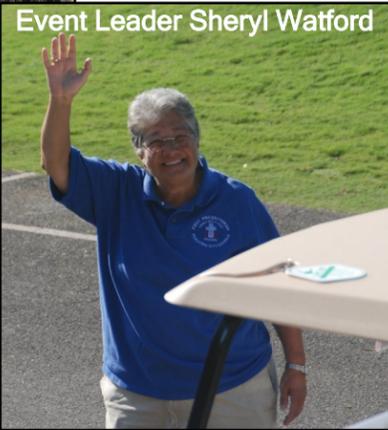
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## "FORE"



Event Leader Sheryl Watford



# MISSIONS



The Missions Team wish to thank everyone in the church for their participation in making the September 18 Golf "Fore" Missions Tournament a wonderful success. Good weather helped to make for a fun day at Braelinn Golf Club for all our players, sponsors, and volunteers. We also hope you enjoyed the Kick-off Dinner as much as we enjoyed serving you. Fifty-five businesses provided raffle prizes or food items to make the tournament fun and filling for everyone. We are so grateful for their generosity!

Special thanks to Candy Carson and Phoebe Taylor for heading up the Kick-off Dinner and for directing a great team to help wrap the baskets of raffle prizes. Thank you to all our members who sponsored holes on the course as well as those who sponsored the many levels of activities that help to make an event like this a success.



Golf "Fore" Missions raised



And thanks be to God for that.

Thank you to the entire Missions Team for all their hard work in planning a spectacular day led by their leader in event planning, Sheryl Watford.

Most important, we are blessed by prayers answered to raise money to help the many missions generously supported by First Presbyterian Church.

stir UP the gift of God which is in you  
2 Tim 1:6

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is again meeting on Mondays from 10:00-12:00 on the couches by the elevator. We have a lot of yarn, needles and hooks that have been donated or purchased this summer so we need people to come and knit or crochet. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, we would be glad to teach you. Lap robes and afghans are given to members of the congregation who are ill, had surgery, or suffered a loss. We would like to thank the family of Kim Diffey for their generous donation of yarn to our ministry. Many thanks to Larry Haynes at Clothes Less Traveled for keeping an eye out for yarn that is donated there.



Deacons at First Presbyterian meet once a month with Morgan to plan for upcoming events in the life of our church. At First Pres deacons serve Communion; visit those who are sick, visitors, and new members; plan fellowship opportunities; and organize Dinner Groups. According to the *Presbyterian Outlook*, "It is a ministry of caring; a ministry of love; a ministry of compassion; and a ministry of prayer and community service. Clearly deacons are not the only Presbyterians who provide these ministries of sympathy and caring. All Christians are charged to love their neighbors and care for one another, but the deacons provide an organized way of bringing the love of Jesus Christ to the church and the community." Morgan has assigned a group of members to each deacon to care for and be in touch with this year. By now you should have been contacted by e-mail or phone call by your deacon, and it is our hope that we will be available in your time of need. On Sunday, September 10 the deacons provided a time of fellowship with lemonade and cookies after church in the breezeway to kick off the beginning of Morgan's new lectionary sermons.



First Presbyterian supports Midwest Food Bank through our mission giving. Georgia Division of MFB strives to help bridge the gap between prosperity and poverty every day. It serves over 280 non-profit service organizations in 47 counties throughout Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Alabama. Each week, individuals and small groups give their time by repackaging food product, supporting warehouse operations, and providing administrative support. Eight days each month, non-profit agencies arrive at the warehouse on "Load Out" day to pick up food products. Each month a group from First Presbyterian volunteers repackaging food and non-food items so that they are ready to give to non-profit agencies. Your next opportunities to volunteer are: October 9 and November 13 from 2-4:00 at 220 Parkade Court off of Hwy 74 South and Gardner Park in south Peachtree City. We currently have two residents from Arbor Terrace Retirement Community who join us each month to make a difference. Come and join the fun as we help those in need!

Hurricane Disaster Relief – Members of First Presbyterian generously gave toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, razors, wash cloths, adult wipes, feminine hygiene products, nail clippers, combs, brushes, deodorant, and hand sanitizer that all fit into a one-gallon Ziploc bag. A group packaged these items that were taken to Midwest Food Bank who will transport and distribute them to Hurricane Harvey or Irma victims. We donated about 100 bags to this project.



### Stephen Ministry

Have you ever wanted to help a friend who is experiencing some type of crisis, but you didn't know what to say or do? We all know others who are struggling with special circumstances, but we often say nothing. The Stephen Ministry program provides support, help, and a confidential ear just to listen. To participate in this ministry, you must complete a course of study of the Stephen Ministry.



First Presbyterian will be offering this class beginning in early January. All participants must complete an application, which will be available in mid-November. This is a wonderful, exciting Ministry, but we need to add to our members. We really need several men to participate. Questions? Lorabeth Stroup. 770-634-7575.

# There's always something going on . . .

 Hundreds of miles were driven, 488 sandwiches were made, and 49 lunches were delivered each week to children who are food deficient. This program, the **Summer Lunch Program**, was administered by Action Ministries and 500 volunteers from various churches in Fayette County. Thank you to all of the First Presbyterian volunteers who came every week to make sandwiches, pack lunches and deliver them to the children at their homes. Also, thank you to those who gave so generously of books, gift cards, and cash to fill in the gaps. We also need to thank the Midwest Food Bank who supplied a great deal of the food we delivered. This program could not exist without you.



This is just a handful of the volunteers who attended the Summer Lunch Program Appreciation Luncheon on August 29, but it's our handful. Pictured: Bob and Susan Morris, Randy and Oleda Hare, Candy Carson and Phoebe Taylor, Chuck and Jo Ann Wright. Other First Pres Summer Lunch Program volunteers: Mary and Kay Gebben, Larry and Mary Ann Bowers, Susan Stevens, John Stevens, Ditty Van Loo, Don Walden, Linda Sue and David Allman, Elizabeth Hiatt, Sue Heisler, Barbara Stewart, Julie Taylor, Marilyn Darmody, Kimberly Hearn. Thanks so much to you all.



## Dinner Groups at First Presbyterian

Nine groups of about eight people each have been formed for 2017-18. Group members will choose whether to eat in restaurants or at home. These groups are a great way to get to know your church family. If you haven't joined a group yet but would like to, we can fit you in! Groups are



now getting acquainted and planning their first get-together. Call or e-mail Cathy Olson if you would like to get involved with these fellowship groups, [cathyolson50@gmail.com](mailto:cathyolson50@gmail.com) or 678-438-3577.

## PFLAG Peachtree City finds new home at First Pres

In July, First Pres began hosting a new chapter of PFLAG. PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization with more than 400 chapters and 200,000 supporters. PFLAG Peachtree City was founded to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people and their parents, families, and friends in Fayette, Coweta, and surrounding areas.

PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated and all people are cherished inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. PFLAG works to ensure that LGBTQ people are not only valued by society, but take pride in and value themselves. We do this through providing peer-to-peer support, educating people on issues that are important to the community, and advocating for safe schools training and inclusive policies and laws.

Support groups for youth and adults, led by trained facilitators, meet the third Thursday of every month at First Pres from 7-8:30 PM. PFLAG Peachtree City also has a lending library with approximately 300 resources. For more information, please contact Tori or David Stivers at 770-487-2291, [stiversptc@att.net](mailto:stiversptc@att.net), or visit [www.pflagptc.org](http://www.pflagptc.org).



Practicing



Preparing (well, mentally)



Paddling



Prevailing – First Place!



On Tuesday night, August 29, forty women attended the **Presbyterian Women's Kick-off Dinner** in Smith Hall. This potluck dinner consisted of delicious main dishes, sides and salads that were provided and enjoyed by all. The Nominating Committee: Elizabeth Hiatt, chairperson; Lorabeth Stroup; Cheryl Hall; Julie Taylor; and Maggie Dawkins presented our slate of officers for the coming year – Moderator: Elizabeth Hiatt; Vice Moderator: Lorabeth Stroup; Treasurer: Carolyn Gulick; Secretary: Cathy Olson. The slate of officers was voted upon favorably. Sharon Brickell installed the officers that were present. During the summer the Coordinating Team, made up of the officers and circle leaders, met in July to plan activities for the 2017-18 year and to create Bylaws of the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church. The bylaws were e-mailed prior to the dinner for all to read, and they were voted upon favorably at the dinner. The Mission Committee had gift baskets for all to see and buy raffle tickets for the upcoming Golf Tournament for Missions. Morgan reminded us of our four circles and hoped that all would consider participating in one of them this year. Mark your calendars for our next gathering – our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5.



**Library Lessons.** Come visit our Church Library located by the elevators on the lower level. You will not be disappointed in our large selection of fiction, non-fiction, magazines, young adult fiction, children's literature, large print books, Bibles, books on tape, small group series, and much, much more. There is something for everyone!

We have a large number of the Daily Bible Study Series by Dr. William Barclay for the gospels, Acts, and numerous other New Testament books. "These books are readable, smart, inspiring, faith filled - you can't do better. Barclay was a man of faith, a man of extraordinary scholarship, a man with a gift from God to take the most esoteric scholarship and make it not only readable but enjoyable, a man with a pastor's heart, and a love of the Lord." Many have used these books for Sunday school and our circle lessons and they are excellent. They give information on nearly every verse and provide background/historical information.

To check out a book in our library just write your name on the card in the back of the book and put it in the wooden box on the desk in the library. Books may be returned in the box outside the library. Once you check out a book you can keep it as long as you need it. If you have checked out books in the past and are done reading them, please return them to the library so that others can enjoy them.

## Southern Crescent Alzheimer's Walk October 7, 2017



Alzheimer's is personal! Every one of us either has or has had a loved one or is friends with someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We have witnessed the impact of this disease on our families and friends, and we have seen the love, courage, and persistence of their caretakers. Alzheimer's is personal to our First Presbyterian Church Family, and we have been leaders in raising awareness and money for Alzheimer's research since the beginning of the Southern Crescent Walk.

First Presbyterian member Floy Farr started the Walk in 2000 together with Elaine Gaillard of Ashley Glen. Floy recruited First Pres members Fred Brown, Lola Snow, Brownie and Ralph Jones, Dale Phenicie, Marie Schlosser, and Costas and Tammie Soulakis to help. Fred and Lola took over the role of organizing the Walk from Floy and together with the volunteers from First Pres and our community were responsible for making it the event it is today.

Members of our Church Family continue to be leaders in the Walk, and we invite you to join us on Saturday, October 7 at the Frederick Brown Jr. Amphitheater. Participating in the Walk is a powerful expression of determination to help those diagnosed with Alzheimer's and support for their caregivers. You have to be there to experience it – we promise you that it is a Saturday morning well spent.

Please register online at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) and sign up for the First Pres team. Join us in raising awareness and donate to support Alzheimer's research. Be there to support those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. That is what we do at First Pres.



2016 Team



# SOME NEW FOLKS TO MEET

We are pleased to introduce Lynn Lawler, our new First Pres bookkeeper. Lynn began working here in July. She comes to us with over 20 years accounting experience. After recently retiring from homeschooling (previously a corporate accountant), she realized staying at home just wasn't for her. Lynn lives in Tyrone with her husband, John, and children, Emily and Will. Lynn will be in the office from 9-1:00 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and all day on Thursdays. You can contact her at [bookkeeper@firstpresptc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@firstpresptc.org). Please stop by Lynn's office to say hello.



## Welcome to our new Director of Christian Education



Katelyn Nutter Dowling is a recent dual degree graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, and is incredibly excited to partner with First Pres in caring for our children and families. Katelyn is originally from the Great Lake State of Michigan and has a standing appointment on Saturday's cheering on the University of Michigan football team. She is married to fellow Pastor, Micah Nutter Dowling, who is the Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at Newnan Presbyterian Church right down the road. She is known for her love of all things Disney, going down the rabbit hole of suggested videos on YouTube, Presbyterian polity, and crazy patterned leggings! The Session has hired Katelyn as our Interim Director of Christian Education (DCE). The DCE will be responsible for designing and implementing Christian Education programs for our children, youth, and families so they can establish and strengthen a relationship with God and share God's love and our faith with others as they grow and develop as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are very excited to have Katelyn as part of our church family and we are looking forward to enhancing the ministry opportunities for our children and youth!



**Alex Taylor.** Alex is our new nursery worker. A sophomore at Fayette County High School, she is a life-long resident of Fayetteville. She loves being interactive with children, and she volunteers at various camps in the summer. Alex says she enjoys working with kids because they are so creative and she likes helping them develop their futures.

**Welcome to new member Katy Spade.** You probably recognize Katy as one of our choir members, and you might recognize her from when she was a member here from 1993-96. She joined our congregation this year on September 24, coming from the Central Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN. Katy loves gardening, traveling, and quilting, and, of course, Dale Phenicie, whom she married on May 21, 2017, in our church.



WELCOME LYNN, KATELYN, ALEX, and KATY!

*We couldn't do it without you.*

Have you ever stopped to count how many wonderful people volunteer at First Pres? Of course, we have our (out!)standing committees. You probably know these groups.

**Elders** – Carolyn Gulick, Brandon McCuin, Dick Cassell, Sandra Castle-Oh, Linda Sue Allman, Fred Bryant

**Deacons** – Kim Diffey, Larry Haynes, Bob Morris, Michelle Spears, Jackie Isaacson, Cathy Olson

**Administrative** – Fred Bryant, Gail Joiner, Iola Snow, Marcia White, Michelle Spears

**Building & Grounds** – Dick Cassell, Bob Morris, Bob Rogers, Bob Veley, Bill Holland, Barry Lee, Larry Bowers, Russ Lenz

**Education** – Linda Sue Allman, Victoria Pou, Bruce Earhart, Monica Lindstrom, Michelle Spears, Brad Dyer, Cliff Isaacson

**Finance** – Carolyn Gulick, Amanda DeBuc, Cliff Isaacson, Michael Diffey, Brandon McCuin

**Missions** – Sandra Castle-Oh, Sheryl Watford, Candy Carson, Phoebe Taylor, Kathy Allgeier, Carol Bryant, Toni Dyer, Susan Piraino, Sharon Brickell, Bob Morris

**Worship** – Brandon McCuin, David Stivers, Iola Snow, Sarah Horne

**Greeters** – Iola Snow, Janet Ainsworth, Nancy Bartlett, Candy Carson, Emogene Griffeth, Kay Orr, Nancy Neff, Susan Piraino, Phoebe Taylor, Isaacson Family, Bill & Sarah Horne, Sherman Family, Bob & Susan Morris, Teddy & Patty Mack, Bierman Family, John Patrick and Pamela Adams

**Ushers** – Iola Snow, Nancy Bartlett, Larry Bowers, Carol Bryant, Carlie Carter, Dyer Family, Michael Dziak, Paul Griffeth, David Gulick, Larry Haynes, Kimberly Hearn, Teddy Mack, Bob Morris, Dave Olson, Harris Pruitt, Sheryl Watford

**Presbyterian Women** – Elizabeth Hiatt, Moderator; Lorabeth Stroup, Vice Moderator; Carolyn Gulick, Treasurer; Cathy Olson, Secretary. Circle Leaders: Cathy Olson, New Day Circle; Iola Snow, PBJ Circle; Elizabeth Hiatt, Sisters Growing in Faith Circle; Amanda DeBuc, Elizabeth Circle

**Stephen Ministers** – Lorabeth Stroup, Elizabeth Hiatt, David Gulick, Barbara Henderson, Mary Holland, Kay Orr, Susan Scheuer, Pam Weir



# BUT, WAIT! THAT'S JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.

There are too many members to list here, but think about our choirs: the chancel choir, Alchemy, The Elders, Veritas, the SweatBand, Joyful Noise, and Tamerill. If you don't know what these choirs are, just ask! You might want to join.

And how is it that you are able to hear our choirs and the Sunday service? Because our Sound Techs, David DeBuc, John Dawkins, Katie Atkinson, and Brian Harris, come in early and stay late every Sunday to set the microphones and work the sound board so you can. Lay Readers. There are several people who volunteer to read scripture each week. Tom Kassin and Adele Moore, Jill and Aaron McCuin, Ben Stemkoski, Beth and Henry Dawkins, Beverly Garner, Bill Holland, Bob Morris, Brad and Mason Dyer, Cliff Bagby, Dale Phenicie, Dave Olson, David and Tori Stivers, Iola Snow, Janet Ainsworth, Marilyn Veley, Julie Taylor, Kim Diffey, Mary Hiltzheimer, Paul Griffeth, and Stockton Hay.

Did you know we have a team of communion preparers who come to the church the day before a communion service to set the trays and tables and then they stay after on Communion Sunday to clean up? Thank you to Sarah Horne, Geri Cowan, Kathy Allgeier, Marilyn Darmody, Paula Dougherty, Sue Heisler, Mary Holland, Patty Mack, Nancy Neff, Cathy Olson, Kay Orr, Susan Piraino, Jo Ann Wright, Candy Carson, Phoebe Taylor, Kathy Powell, and Ann Walsh.

And did you know Phil Hamilton and Don Walden teach adult Sunday school before worship? And they've been doing this faithfully for five years? Or that Susan Piraino folds and stuffs the bulletins on Thursday? Or that Bill and Mary Holland come to the church every Friday to prepare the large-print bulletins? Yes, cheerful volunteers all.

Check your bulletin (large-print or regular) each week to see the children who serve as acolytes. And if you've wondered who takes care of keeping the candles filled. It's Bob Morris (previously done for years by Ralph and Shirley Weatherford—back when the candles had to be cleaned and scraped). Your bulletin will also list the families who volunteer in children's church. And speaking of children, did you know Glynda and Larry Haynes scoop up all the children's bags on Sunday and refill them for the next week? Did you know that Bob Morris sets the Sunday coffee supplies on Friday afternoons, and Don Walden comes in early on Sunday to fill the pitchers with fresh water?

## Those folks are involved with worship or some part of the Sunday service. How about the other days of the week?

If we have visitors on Sunday, Bob Rogers, Teddy Mack, and Bob Morris call on them on Monday to continue to make them feel welcome and answer any questions they may have. The women (and David Stivers) of the Prayer Shawl Ministry meet on Mondays creating the beautiful and comforting afghans shared with those who have a need. When flowers are placed in the sanctuary, Virginia Landrum takes time to write a personal thank-you note, a practice lovingly started by Barbara Lenz.

How about outside? The Dawkins family has been mowing our grass and tending to our lawns for years. And any given day you can see Harris Pruitt with a leaf blower, or a Weed Whacker, or a can of Round-Up fighting the good fight. Randy Hare will sneak over to trim trees and prune bushes. Ted and Patty Mack come to water the plants, and Jo Ann and Chuck Wright take care of the roses. On our scheduled work days, there are whole crews of people spreading pine straw, planting, raking, and just generally beautifying our grounds. And inside, crews come over at Christmas to decorate and later un-decorate our church. Willing volunteers all. Then there are those who volunteer for VBS, the Fall Festival, the Easter egg hunt – great amounts of preparation and clean-up here as well, inside and out.



When it comes to preparation and clean-up, though, no one holds a candle to our *Kitchen Krew*: Alice Hamilton, Sandra Pruitt, Pippy Rogers, Patty & Teddy Mack, Emogene & Paul Griffeth, Gail Joiner, and John Stevens. (We do miss Chef Pat Hawthorne!) We have these people to thank for our wonderful Wednesday night dinners. If you aren't dining here on Wednesday nights, you should.

For several years, Marilyn Darmody single-handedly held our Christmas Eve candles as she scraped and cleaned the plastic cups getting them ready for the next year's service. Now, she has organized teams of helpers for this job. And the other people who quietly go about taking care of First Presbyterian Church? David Gulick collects our recycling and delivers our food items to Fayette Samaritans, and Walt and Susan Piraino take over when David is gone. Susan Piraino, Cathy Olson, & Carolyn Gulick maintain our bulletin boards. Carol Stallings has crafted our beautiful scrapbook. Carolyn Gulick and Cathy Olson maintain our Facebook presence. Cathy also mans our library. Susan Heisler and Alice Hamilton are taking over our new church website (thanks to Cliff Isaacson who managed our old one and to Katie Telligman who has offered to help via long-distance). Larry Bowers all by himself inventoried every piece of equipment and furniture in our church and Preschool. He created all the new door signs and he entered all our new door codes. Whenever a picture or plaque needs to be hung, Charlie Carter comes over to do it. Don't you love our carillon? Dale Phenicie monitors the seasonal music and sets the bells to peal at the correct time when daylight saving time changes. And who do you think feeds the fish? Bob Morris does.

An especially big thank you to those folks who volunteer at the Welcome Center? Bob Neff, Glynda Haynes, Carol Stallings, Don Walden, Bob Morris, Oleda Hare, Susan Piraino; and subs Paul Griffeth, Bob Veley, Ditty Van Loo.

And to Rob Weir, Pam's brother, who is neither a member nor a regular attender of First Pres, but who saves us \$80 an hour every time he answers "just one quick computer question." Thanks, Rob.

These are some of the dear people who volunteer at First Presbyterian. Thank you, you wonderful people. Thank you.



### KINDERGARTEN NEWS!

Fall is here! Our little ones have adjusted to school and are having fun. We are looking forward to exciting events during October, November, and December. October brings one of our favorite events - a visit from the fire fighters! They bring their truck and show us their equipment. We learn safety rules and get a fire fighter's hat. Our 4's and K-Town students will visit local farms for hay rides and pumpkin picking. Our 2's and 3's will have their own pumpkin patch here at school. On October 30 and 31, we will wear costumes to school and sing songs together with Ms. JoBeth, our music teacher. In November, we will begin cooking for our Thanksgiving feast. All the children participate in shucking corn, snapping beans, or baking pumpkin bread or cookies. We will gather together in Smith Hall and enjoy our feast dressed as Pilgrims or Native Americans. December brings excitement and joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The children will sing for family and friends in the sanctuary on December 14 and 15 at 10:30 a.m. We will dismiss for Christmas break on December 15 and return on January 3, 2018.



We love our church family and thank you for your continued prayers and support.

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH?



TRUNK or TREAT will be held in the church's parking lot on October 25 at 6:30 p.m. Decorate your trunk, bring treats to pass out to our little ones, and come enjoy Fall with this fun safe activity after Wednesday Night Dinner. Children and adults are encouraged to dress up. There will not be a Fall Festival this year.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT will be December 1, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

This activity is planned for children aged 4-10 and will include a movie, pizza, drink, dessert, popcorn, and a Christmas art activity. While there is not a charge, a donation of \$8 per child or \$16 per family is encouraged. Please call or e-mail Linda Sue Allman to register your child or volunteer for this event, lsallman@hotmail.com, 678-412-4612.



### IMPROVING LIVES - ONE TOOL AT A TIME

In partnership with the First Presbyterian Church, *Tools For Empowerment* is improving lives for youth around the world - one tool at a time. With your help, we have already shipped three 20-foot containers filled with donated refurbished trade tools to vocational schools in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and El Salvador. These tools help young auto mechanics, builders, carpenters, electricians, masons, plumbers, seamstresses, and upholsterers put their newly-acquired trade skills to work to earn a living.



With Halloween just around the corner, it's time to *Trick-or-Treat for Tools*; our annual tool drive. Thanks to all of you that donated new and used tools in previous years. Tools can be donated at the Welcome Center from October 1 through Thanksgiving. This year we're excited to have the First Pres Preschool, Coram Deo Classical School, and the Boy and Girl Scouts actively involved—sharing Trick-or-Treat for Tools bags with their friends and neighbors. Your tool donations, both hand tools and power equipment, are refurbished by volunteers at *Tools For Empowerment*. These tools go directly into the hands of vocational school students. Come to Wednesday Night Dinner on October 4 to learn more.



*Tools For Empowerment* is a project of *A Self-help Assistance Program*, a non-profit organization working to cultivate self-reliance through education and entrepreneurship projects since 1994.



For more information, 770-632-7451. [www.ASAPEmpowers.org](http://www.ASAPEmpowers.org).

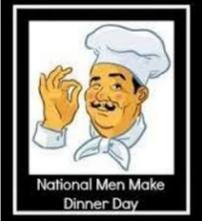
You should recognize some of these Trick-or-Treat for Tool-ers!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT
1 	2 <b>Prayer Shawl</b>	3	4  <i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>	5 <b>Preschool Consignment Sale</b>	6 <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 	7
8	9 <b>Mission Cm Prayer Shawl Midwest FB</b>	10 <b>Admin Comm</b>	11  <i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>	12 <b>PBJ Circle</b>	13 <b>SGIF Circle</b>	14
15 <b>Educ Comm</b>	16 <b>Prayer Shawl</b>	17	18  <i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>	19	20	21
22 <b>Elizabeth Cir</b>	23 <b>New Day Cir</b>	24	25  <i>Wednesday Night Dinner</i>	26 <b>Session</b>	27	28 
29	30 <b>Prayer Shawl</b>	 <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>				



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			1 	2 	3 <b>Men's Breakfast</b>	4
5 	6 <b>Prayer Shawl</b>	7	8 	9 <b>PBJ Circle</b>	10 <b>SGIF Circle</b>	11 
12	13 <b>Mission Cm Prayer Shawl Midwest FB</b>	14 <b>Admin Cm</b>	15 	16 <b>Session</b>	17	18
19 <b>Educ Comm Elizabeth Cir</b>	20 <b>Prayer Shawl</b>	21 <b>Bldg &amp; Grds Deacons</b>	22	23  <b>Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed</b>	24	25
26	27 <b>New Day Cir</b>	28	29 	30 <b>Lt. Colonel Isaac Oh</b>  <b>Welcomed home from Afghanistan</b>		

**Take a Moment to Thank a Veteran**  
 When you see someone in a uniform, someone who serves us all, doing military duty, answering their country's call,  
 Take a moment to thank them for protecting what you hold dear; tell them you are proud of them; make it very clear.  
 Just tap them on the shoulder, give a smile, and say, "Thanks for what you're doing to keep us safe in the USA!"

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					1 <b>Parents Night OUT</b> <b>Men's Breakfast</b>	2
3	4 <b>Prayer Shawl</b>	5 	6 	7	8 <b>SGIF Circle</b>	9 
10	11 <b>Mission Cm Prayer Shawl</b>	12 <b>Admin Comm</b>	13 	14 <b>PBJ Circle</b>	15 	16
17  <b>Educ Comm Elizabeth Cir</b>	18 <b>New Day Cir</b>	19 <b>Bldg &amp; Grds Finance Session/ Deacons Mtg</b>	20	21	22 <b>Christmas Eve holiday Church office closed</b>	23
24 		26	27	28	29	30

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**New Year's Eve**

*happy new year*