

THE WINDOW

First Presbyterian Church

Hendersonville, TN

July 2024



***St. Giles
Church***



Dear Friends,

Scotland was amazing! This trip offered us a new adventure of food, history, culture, and terrain. I was a little more adventurous than Pam on the menu – haggis, blood pudding, stovies, bangers, neeps and tatties, porridge, and our favorite, fish and chips.

Our travel group was Globus. There were 42 people on the tour with us. We traveled by bus from Glasgow, Inverness, Aberdeen, to Edinburgh in six nights. We stayed on the move! I am not sure if we ever got used to driving on the left side of the road or the different road signs, like the yield sign reading, “Give Way.”

We have several favorites. As we headed to Inverness, better known as the highlands, the mountains were breath-taking. The beauty was captivating. Mountains that seemed too high to climb, streams running

through the valleys, variety of flowers, and lots and lots of sheep. Scotland is the number one export of wool next to New Zealand. Pam and I both praised God for the beauty and power of his creative hand.

One of the main reasons we traveled to Scotland was our Presbyterian history. It all started here. The Church of Scotland is Presbyterian. Christianity arrived much earlier than the Reformation. Columba was a monk who arrived on the western side of Scotland in 563 and established a monastery called Iona, which still exists today. St. Margaret, the wife of King Malcolm III, sent Benedictine monks from Archbishop of Canterbury into Scotland. From 1090 – 1250 was the golden age of monasticism due to the motivation and funding of kings and great nobles. Since monks were the most educated, they represented the royalty as administrators and tax-collectors and tutored royal children.

John Knox was an ordinary Catholic priest of the Holy Rude in Sterling, Glasgow. He, along with many other leaders through Europe, began to question the authority of the Pope, the communion elements changing to Christ’s body and blood (transubstantiation), Purgatory, why the church officials grew rich and ordinary people poor, and why the worship service was spoken in a foreign tongue, Latin, that the people did not understand. The fires of the Reformation were stirred in Germany, Switzerland, and now in Scotland. Knox’s main battle was against Mary Queen of Scots, who was finally defeated due to much of her own indiscretions. It was a violent fight, and many died.

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John was a strong preacher. People said, “Others snipped the branches of the Papistry, but he strikes at the root, to destroy the whole.” John Knox said, “I consider myself rather called of my God to instruct the ignorant, comfort the sorrowful, confirm the weak, and rebuke the proud, by tongue and lively voice in these most corrupt days, that to compose books for the ages to come.”

Our polity today started with John Knox. Each congregation chooses their elders, we believe in the priesthood of all believers (everyone has access to God, not just priests), everyone is welcomed to the sacraments, and the worship service is designed for everyone’s involvement.

Pam and I have been blessed by this trip. We have seen much more of the world, learned more about the history of the United Kingdom, and walked where Presbyterianism began.

Love and Prayers,

Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger 2024

Our annual Rise Against Hunger event will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024. Rise Against Hunger is a non-profit organization that coordinates meal packaging events and sends meal packs of rice, soy, and dried vegetables around the world. All volunteers (children and adults) are welcome, and the event will be fast paced with lots of music and gong ringing! Our goal again this year is to package an entire pallet of meals - 14,256 meals! We need both volunteers and donations to reach our goal. Our fundraising goal is \$3,400. As of the end of June, we have collected \$ 3,250 toward our goal!

Volunteers needed:

8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. : 8-10 volunteers needed for unloading and set up – we need some strong muscles to unload the rice and equipment from the truck and get Martin Hall set up.

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. : 40-50 volunteers for the meal packaging event. There are jobs where you can stand, sit, or run!

Please email, call, or text Eva Dye if you would like to volunteer (evadye@yahoo.com, 615-559-3860). Donations can be sent to the church office and designated for Rise Against Hunger.

Sign-up link is below:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstPresbHendersonville2024>



All loaded up for delivery! Thanks for your generous donations to Shower the People.



First Wednesday Coffee Talk will meet at 10:00 am on July 3rd in the History Room. If you are not vacationing at the beach, or the mountains, or some other favorite spot, join us for a fun morning of conversation and morning refreshments this summer. Old friends and new friends meet here. Our friendships are Golden - --- Winnie The Pooh has been heard to say, "a day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside".

Daily Bible Reading—2024

In 2024, the daily Bible reading plan is reading the New Testament. Using the Navigators tool, take 5 minutes to read the scriptures assigned for the day and read 5 days a week. You can underline or highlight key words or phrases; write what you read in your own words; ask questions to deepen your understanding, like who, what, why, where, or how; or think about how the passage applies to your life.

July 1	Luke 4
July 2	Luke 5
July 3	Luke 6
July 4	Luke 7
July 5	Luke 8
July 6	Reflection
July 7	Reflection
July 8	Luke 9
July 9	Luke 10
July 10	Luke 11
July 11	Luke 12
July 12	Luke 13
July 13	Reflection
July 14	Reflection
July 15	Luke 14
July 16	Luke 15
July 17	Luke 16
July 18	Luke 17
July 19	Luke 18
July 20	Reflection
July 21	Reflection
July 22	Luke 19
July 23	Luke 20
July 24	Luke 21
July 25	Luke 22
July 26	Luke 23
July 27	Reflection
July 28	Reflection
July 29	Luke 24
July 30	1 Corinthians 1
July 31	1 Corinthians 2

**Don't miss your
chance
to donate blood
in July**



**Four opportunities
this month!**

Where: First Presbyterian Church

When: Wednesday, July 3rd

11:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 8th

11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 18th

1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 26th

11:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
HendersonvilleCM
to schedule an appointment**



**The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th
in observance of Independence Day!**



**ADULT FELLOWSHIP GATHERING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD!**

All adult members and friends of FPC, please mark your calendar for **SATURDAY, August 3rd** for our summer adult fellowship gathering. Kathy and Sprigg Ebbert have graciously agreed to host this event at their home located at **106 Windward Point, Hendersonville**. We will gather at **6:30PM** and look forward to an evening of good food and meaningful fellowship. Kathy and Sprigg will fire up their grill to provide a main meat dish, and attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with the group. Adult fellowship gatherings are held quarterly at the homes of our members, and we encourage all FPC members and friends to join us. It is a wonderful opportunity to nurture our connection as a church family in a relaxed, casual and fun atmosphere! In order to assist with planning, we ask members to please RSVP to either Kathy Ebbert or Marikay Burke (724-301-7484 or marikay091759@comcast.net).



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Seasons come and seasons go. This tree was dropping leaves six months ago and is now bearing green leaves. Life is full of changes. It is a wonderful promise that Jesus never changes. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and tomorrow” (Hebrews 13:8). No matter where life takes you, Jesus remains the same with his love, forgiveness, kindness, and grace for you.



**Save the Date – NaCoMe Retreat
September 13-15, 2024**

The NaCoMe church-wide retreat will be September 13-15, 2024! We plan to arrive on Friday night and stay through Sunday mid-morning. Participants have the option to stay Friday night, Saturday night, both nights or come only for the day on Saturday. Everyone is asked to pay for their meals (\$12/meal for adults, \$9/meal for K-5th, free for PreK and under). For those staying overnight, the cost will be \$50/night per family. We will have more sign-ups and confirm our number of participants at the beginning of August. Please reach out to Eva Dye with any questions (evadye@yahoo.com or 615-559-3860). I hope to see your feet in the creek at NaCoMe in September!



Sunshine Fellowship - June

Attendees of Sunshine Fellowship enjoyed the ukulele performance by the First Baptist Church Ukulele Band at the June meeting. All the band members joined the Sunshiners for lunch and fellowship after the performance.





Congratulations to Lee & Linda Carrier who were married on Monday, June 3rd here at the church in a private ceremony, with Paul Decker officiating! Then, they were off on a cruise to celebrate the joyous occasion.





Congratulations to Jarrett IpoX & Elisabeth King on their engagement! In case you missed it, Jarrett proposed to Elisabeth on June 2nd at the end of worship. The congregation was invited to Martin Hall following worship to celebrate with the lovely couple.



PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 7 – Warner Durnell

July 14 – Warner Durnell

July 21 – Appalachia Service Project report

July 28 – Warner Durnell



SESSION ACTION

- Prayed for congregation
- Read the session statement of faith
- Approved minutes
 - ◊ Session Meeting on May 20, 2024
- Approved ministry unit reports

Note: Keith Gunter, Serving as Moderator of Session during Pastor Michael's sabbatical

Y.T.D. thru May 2024
Revenue \$ 113,615.91
Expenses \$ 146,209.93
Shortfall \$ - 32,594.02






DIRECTORY OF SERVICES
A complete, impartial guide for older adults & caregivers

2023-2024 Edition



Age Well Directory: We have a “new” resource guide in the historical room upstairs, thanks to Freda Blackwell. This is a great resource guide published by Age Well Middle Tennessee, formerly the Council of Aging of Greater Nashville. As an independent nonprofit agency, this directory is the only comprehensive and impartial resource for older adults, caregivers and professionals in Middle Tennessee. The directory covers these 13 counties: Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, and Wilson.

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Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

Worship Service—10:00 a.m.



- 1 - Lucas Bish
- 2 - Janice Yearout
- 3 - Margaret Ewald
Ben McCrary
- 7 - Becca Pendergrast
- 9 - Gary Head
Clement Greek
Gayle Casey
- 11 - Richard Roche
- 12 - Ellen Getter
- 16 - Luke Batey
- 17 - Leslie Parrotta
- 18 - Drew Getter
- 23 - Carl Scott
- 24 - Avery Linn
- 29 - Sandi Martin
- 31 - John Allen