

On the Calendar for  
February 2021



Monday, Feb. 1st  
Stewardship & Finance Meeting  
at Noon via Zoom

February 2  
Groundhog Day  
Faith & Development Meeting  
at 5:30pm via Zoom

February 5th  
National Wear Red Day

SUNDAYS  
FaceBook Live 10:00am

February 7th  
Worship with  
Holy Communion livestream on  
FaceBook

On Zoom:  
Children 9:30am  
Youth 6-7:30pm  
Super Bowl

February 14th  
Valentine's Day

February 15th  
President's Day

February 17th  
Ash Wednesday

February 21st  
1st Sunday in Lent

February 28th  
2nd Sunday in Lent

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SESSION

LeaAnne Windham, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Rob Marsh, Leo Skelton, Margaret Smith,  
LeaAnne Windham

Class of 2022

Aaron Crafton, Melanie Hamilton,  
Ginger Shofner, Richard Smith

Class of 2023

Helen Garner, Christy Jensen, Kristin Wilhelm,  
Terry Saylor

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021 Kathy Smith   Class of 2022 Pat Thomas   Class of 2023 Tommy Anderton

*Session minutes are available in the church office  
for any member of the congregation to review.*

*The Season  
of Lent*



2021

Dear Friends,

I believe one of the strengths of our denomination is our governing structure. Like our Federal Government, our denomination is also governed by a constitution. Our denomination's constitution consists of the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions.

We also tout that we are a "connectional" denomination. What this means is no local church has absolute autonomy. However, we have structured our denomination in such a way as to give local congregations the freedom to act locally while still holding our congregations accountable by a system of real accountability from the broader church.

But there is another way we are "connected." We are connected through shared ministries with fellow Presbyterians through the ministries of our presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly.

When we participate in annual offerings like the Souper Bowl offering this coming Sunday, or the Joy Offering at Christmas, the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering at Easter, the Peacemaking and Reconciliation Offering or our Pentecost Special Offering we are joining with our fellow Presbyterians across our nation and the globe to spread the Gospel by doing Gospel work. These offerings are just one of many ways we work with our fellow Presbyterians on a national basis

We are also connected with fellow Presbyterians through our participation in presbytery and synod-wide ministries. We are stronger as a denomination when we work together in the name of Jesus Christ.

The same is also true of the local congregation. We are our strongest as a church when we are connected to one another. To that end congregations have formed committees to be specifically responsible for fostering this "connectional-ism." But in truth this should be a by-product of all our gatherings.

It has been harder this past year to stay "connected" with one another. Your leadership has worked hard to stay connected during this pandemic. Virtual meetings are a marvel and much appreciated.

And though virtual meetings, in my opinion, are a poor substitute for in-person meetings they do have their advantages. Folks don't have to get in their cars and drive back and forth to the church for a meeting. For some folks this is quite a trek.

Virtual meetings also allow for a greater degree of participation. Committee members who may be out of town can still attend a meeting and add their thoughts to the mix.

We also try to remain connected with our weekly emails and monthly newsletter. Your Pastoral Care Committee continues to stay in touch with their flock.

If what the health experts are right, and overall, they have been, we will be dealing with COVID and the various strains for quite some time to come meaning current restrictions on in-person gatherings will remain for the foreseeable future. Yuck.

So, I ask you, what are some ways you can help us be more "connectional" as a congregation during this pandemic? There are, of course, the obvious ways, phone calls, video chats or sending a card or letter. But I want to hear from you. What are some ways you have found to stay connected with family

and friends that we could do here?

Being connected is what makes us stronger as a denomination and a congregation. Let's not allow this pandemic to do any more damage than it already has. Reach out to someone in the church and connect with them. You will make their day, you will help yourself out as well, and make us stronger as a congregation. It's all about connections and relationships folks.

How do I know this? The Bible tells me so. And I see in this congregation. Don't let this muscle atrophy during this pandemic. Exercise it and help make us a stronger congregation.

Take care and stay safe.

Grace and Peace,  
Taylor

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WEDNESDAY

February 17th

LET'S NOT FORGET THE REAL PURPOSE OF ASH WEDNESDAY.  
LET'S USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES FOR US ALL.

Feb. 17	Empty	Mar. 13	Incandescence
Feb. 18	Margins	Mar. 14	Rooted
Feb. 19	Earthdust	Mar. 15	Open
Feb. 20	Process	Mar. 16	Translucence
Feb. 21	Wonder	Mar. 17	Crack
Feb. 22	Closeness	Mar. 18	Horizon
Feb. 23	Path	Mar. 19	Crestfallen
Feb. 24	God	Mar. 20	Bloom
Feb. 25	Claiming	Mar. 21	Scattered
Feb. 26	Temporary	Mar. 22	Stardust
Feb. 27	Kindness	Mar. 23	Persistence
Feb. 28	Try	Mar. 24	Turn
Mar. 1	Harmony	Mar. 25	Falling
Mar. 2	Release	Mar. 26	Help
Mar. 3	End	Mar. 27	Rising
Mar. 4	Balance	Mar. 28	Breath
Mar. 5	Beginning	Mar. 29	Rhythm
Mar. 6	Persistence	Mar. 30	Marked
Mar. 7	Circle	Mar. 31	Scorched
Mar. 8	Play	Apr. 1	Heart
Mar. 9	Center	Apr. 2	Wander
Mar. 10	Relax	Apr. 3	Shadow
Mar. 11	Light	Apr. 4	Gleam
Mar. 12	Dust		

Lent

Words  
for  
Lent

Use these  
words for a  
daily Lenten  
inspired  
prayer.

Community

SOUP  
KITCHEN

Tuesday's 4-5pm, parking lot of the old Sav-a-Lot building on Cannon Blvd. If you would like to make a contribution to help feed our community, you may send a check to the Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, 122 Public Square, N.

Good Samaritan

The second Sunday of the month is Food Donation Day.  
You may drop your donation at the office during  
Monday-Friday~8am-1pm

Holy Communion Preparation 2021

DATE	COLOR	PREPARATION
February 7	White	Jackie Bane & Ginny Saylor
March 7	White	Kate Canady & Belinda Craig
April 1 –Maundy Thursday	White	Aaron & Connie Crafton
April 4-Easter	White	Mary Marsh
May 2	White	Richard & Kathy Smith
June 6	White	Aksel & Norma Zae Jensen III
July 4	White	Kristin Conley & Melanie Hamilton
August 1	White	Helen Garner & Trena Little
September 5	White	Aaron & Connie Crafton
October 3	White	Adrian Bomar & Pat Thomas
November 7	White	Frieda Bone & Susan Spears
December 5	White	Karisa Matusek
December 24-Christmas Eve	White	Pat Thompson





February 1  
Tommy Anderton

February 5  
Eloise Christine Spears

February 10  
Zach Spears  
Benjamin Turner

February 13  
Roy Turner

February 15  
Maddie Hittle

February 18  
Brenda Skelton

February 19  
David Brown

February 20  
Gail Parsons

February 22  
Katherine Marsh  
Kate Marsh  
Charlotte Williams

February 23  
Max Beavers

February 25  
Hudson Cobb

February 28  
Hunter Wilhelm



Tony &  
Carolyn Matusek  
  
Celebrating 56 years!



Kate Marsh



Walker Marsh  
9 years old on January 19th



Eloise Spears



Benjamin Turner



"Spring Break!"

Yup- look outside your window, and there's no way Spring Break comes to mind. Or maybe that's exactly what comes to mind!

Of course, March really is just around the corner, and we are shaping up to pack Backpack boxes again for the schools.

We don't have a firm budget together yet, but wanted to give everyone a chance to drop their contribution in the plate/mail/offering/office, well you get the idea! Just tag a Backpack note on it, and it will go to the fund that we use only for this project.

Packing this March may be different due to 'ol you know what, but we'll keep you in the loop for any opportunities to help.

It has been mentioned we may pack @ Edgemont this time, but more details to come as we get closer."

## Presbyterian Women Night Circle

Will **NOT** meet in February because of the continuation of Covid-19 protocol through February. I hope everyone is staying well.

## Thank you from Ed Holcombe

For The Church Anchor Link Dec 19, 2020

I commend the Church Session for making the difficult but appropriate decision in light of COVID-19. I will miss attending church, and I pray for the church preacher, session and leaders and hope for a complete COVID cure. As Elaine and I are COVID survivors we have long been believers in the power of prayer. We are grateful that this season, The First Presbyterian Church Shelbyville has a direct line to our heavenly Father. Also, we thank all who called, sent cards and especially Bailey and Trunk Little for under the can port delivery of much food. reason behind our celebration

My days and sometimes during the night (now 3:15 AM) have been made brighter with joy and hope by the Christmas cards from (which I view and review) Cindy's children, Mary Ruth, Anna, one unknown great big green Merry Christmas tree, Henry Smith Anna Marsh, Knox and Henry and Walker Marsh (how much did you know this week? Walker)

pleased find enclosed a little \$ note for Cindy's children. Merry Christmas  
Now 5:06 AM Ed Holcombe

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Join us on Friday,  
February 19th at  
10am ~

Never Rest Park  
We will be discussing:

**"American Dirt"**  
by Jeanine Cummins

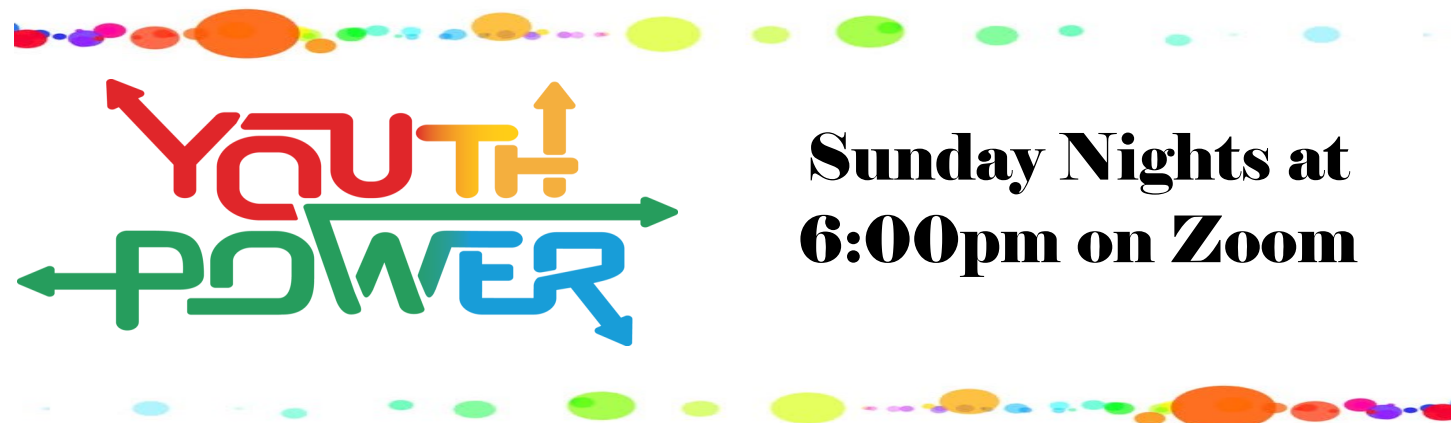




# Children



**Sunday Mornings at 9:30am on Zoom**



**Sunday Nights at 6:00pm on Zoom**

The youth of First Presbyterian church invite you to join us for the **SOUPER Bowl!** We would like to donate cans of soup to Cross Ministry which is a ministry that assists the homeless.

We thought we would make this a fun contest. If you are rooting for the **Kansas City Chiefs**, please donate any kind of *chicken soup*.

If you are rooting for the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**, donate *beef soup* of your choice.

We want to make donations easy for you. You can order a case of soup on Amazon for about \$20.00 and send it directly to Cross Shelter Project 116 Hickory Drive or you can drop soup off at the church.

Thank you for your help!

## Parent's Day Out



Pretending to be a Space Ship



Watching a Moon

## NUTRITION DAY

We learned about the foods that would help us grown and be healthy. We had a taste of different foods..... Some were very tasty and some were... let's say, not so tasty.



## A DAY IN SPACE



Moon Walk

## Healthy Kids



Thank you, Mr. Billy