



WEEKLY NEWS

First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
20 N. Dixie Ave, Cookeville TN, 38501 931-526-4424



Required Training



Teachers or volunteers of FPC who closely interact with our youth, are required to complete child protection training. We offer online or in-person classes. Our annual in-person class is this Sunday, January 19, following worship, in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are unable to attend or would rather learn independently online, please contact the church office to request access to the learning portal.

Learn more.

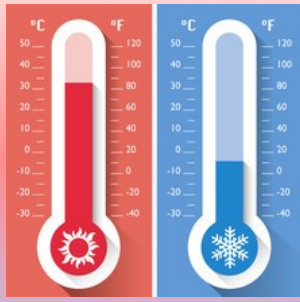
SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

During lunch our Committees will have "booths" set up to share all of the opportunities to get involved in our church family.

COMMITTEE FAIR

February 9th

Get to know us.



Please help us conserve energy and maintain comfortable temperatures. By each thermostat you will find instructions for what temperature to set when exiting the building. **Please use only those temperatures.** Setting it to high or low makes it difficult to bring the temperature to a comfortable level quickly and puts extra strain on our heat and air equipment. Thank you!



The Religion & Culture Class

9:30am in room #6 and Zoom

The Religion and Culture class will continue its study of Brian McLaren's book, *Life after Doom*, by studying chapter 14 and 15. Pat Wilhelm will lead the discussion.

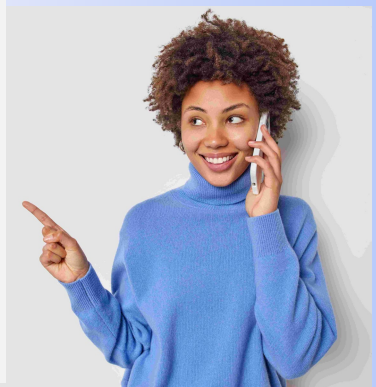
Zoom: [Link](#) Meeting ID: 849 4646 5534 Passcode: 245160

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Coming to you early 2025. We are blessed with lots of new folks attending FPC. The new directory will not only help us connect names with faces, but it will enable us to contact one another easily.

You may provide your own photo. Send a PNG or JPEG photo to office@firstprescookeville.org. If you need assistance, contact Amy, at the same email or 526-4424, Wed-Fri 9am-3pm.

We'll be sharing a draft version for everyone to confirm/update their contact information.



MLK Day Volunteer Opportunity

Cookeville Community Organizations are sponsoring environmental action!

Meet others while bettering your community!

What: Trash Clean Up (After the holidays, the recycling center becomes an uninvited dumping zone.)

Where: East Stevens St. Recycling Center, 335 E. Stevens St. Cookeville, TN 38501

When: Jan 20th at 3:30 pm.



Called to *Serve*

Session meeting Tuesday, January 21, at 5pm



In Loving Memory of Sue Ella Rich
April 11, 1929 –December 4, 2024

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Sue Ella Rich. As a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church, she served as a Parrish nurse, missionary and often filled in as a lay pastor for churches in need. Her achievements and accolades were many, but her most proud were her legacy of love, kindness and acts of service she provided to others including her family.

[Obit Link](#)

Sign Up for a UKirk/PSA Dinner

Would you be willing to provide a dinner for UKirk/Presbyterian Student Association students in January or March 2025? We only need 2 more slots filled!

How many servings? 12 - 16

Time? Drop off time 5:30 pm

Where? 629 N Cedar Ave, Cookeville TN

Allergies: Shellfish, tree nuts/peanuts, dairy*, chocolate, and corn. *It's OK to serve dishes with dairy cooked into them but not a rich, heavy cream filling. It's also OK to have dishes with the above ingredients and then have a side dish without them. Thank you for caring about these Tennessee Tech (TTU) students.

To sign up, please call or text Diane Glasgow: 931-260-9350 or email dianeglasgow1@gmail.com. Consider partnering with a friend.

January 21	Ann Maier
January 28	The Marsee Family
March 4	_____
March 11	Pat Wilhelm
March 18	TTU Spring Break
March 25	Dee & Liz Tompkins

TTU students look forward to fellowship, Bible study, and mission projects each Tuesday. They bring new students and encourage each other's faith and studies. Some students work and are on a tight budget. They greatly appreciate a hot dinner from the heart and extra food to go.



FPC COOKEVILLE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MIDDLE
SCHOOL
YOUTH
GROUP

5TH-8TH GRADE
EVERY SUNDAY 3:00-4:30



FPC
youth
group
Sundays 5-7
contact
RevKatieOry@gmail.com
with questions

The poster features a yellow background with purple silhouettes of a group of people. The text 'FPC youth group' is written in a large, stylized font. To the right, 'Sundays 5-7' is written vertically. At the bottom right, contact information is provided: 'contact RevKatieOry@gmail.com with questions'.

FAITHFUL LIVING SMALL GROUP

Meet each Sunday morning at 9:45am, in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is available.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meet each Sunday in the library 10am-10:45am. We explore the passages of scripture to be read in worship service. Rev. McLaughlin leads.

Blessing Box



Throughout the month of January, our specially requested item is food with pull tabs, that do not require a can opener.

Please continue to give any non-perishable foods to the blessing box all during the month. Place items in the baskets and bins located at the church entrances.

**Lesotho Orphanage Mardi Gras Fundraiser
Cooking Class and/or Lunch or Dinner /or Food to Go
Chef and Rev. Katie Ory!**



Let the good times roll!
Laissez les bon temps rouler! in Cajun French
Pronounced 'LAY-zay le bohn tohm roo-'LAY

When? **Thursday, February 6, 2025**
10 am cooking class
12:30 pm Hurricanes* or mocktail tasting and lunch

Saturday, February 8
4 pm cooking class
6:30 pm Hurricanes* tasting and dinner

Where? At the Glasgows' home
575 Timber Lane, Cookeville

NEW date: Second Sunday, February 9, in Fellowship Hall!

We are collecting donations for the orphans in Lesotho! Donate what you can!
100% provides food, public school uniforms, school fees, counseling, rebuilding, and more.

Sign up by February 5.

Menu

*Pat O'Brien's vs Smuggler's Cove Hurricane Tasting
or Zero-Proof Hurricanes Tasting
Chicken and Andouille Gumbo
or Seafood Gumbo
French Bread
Salad
King Cake

Suggested Donation \$35
Round Up for a Tax-Deductible Donation

Sign up by February 2
Text or call Diane Glasgow 931-260-9350 or email dianeglasgow1@gmail.com

Or order Food to Go
for Superbowl Sunday, February 9
or frozen for Valentine's Day Pick up by February 12
Gumbo to Go
Chicken and andouille sausage gumbo



Newsletter & Bulletin Deadline

Please submit your announcements, newsletter, bulletin and/or website articles, flower dedications, etc., by the end of the day on Wednesdays. Thank you!

GET YOUR SHIRT TODAY
WWW.BONFIRE.COM/STORE/FPC-COOKEVILLE/

FELLOWSHIP, LAUGHTER, SING, DANCE, CREATE.

Become ² part of Children's Ministry

Scan QR Code, click on the link, or email Rev. Katie to sign up.

REVKATIEORY@GMAIL.COM

STAFF

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....**Pastor**
 The Rev. Katie Ory.....**Director of Children & Youth Ministry**
 Paul Thurmond..... **Director of Music**
 Amy Ainsley.....**Administrative Assistant**
 Virginia Fillers.....**SoulSong Coordinator**

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ELDERS

2025 Dina Smith, Rick Woods
 2026 Cade Arnold, Josh Dore
 2027 Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins

DEACONS

2025 Ginny Butler, Chris McCormick, Erica Scott
 2026 Michelle Dore, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent
 2027 Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,
 Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley Wiley

Prayer Requests

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Chet Butler; Charlene Bellis; Michelle Dore's mom, Carol; Jim Fields' brother and their family as they grieve the death of Jim's nephew, Kris; Ted Hayes' Sister-in-Law, Peggy; Jennifer in Hospice; Mary Joyce; Justin's grandfather, Larry Tucker as he receives Hospice care; Justin's In-Laws; Chelsea Holland's step-father, Stacy and their family; Family and friends of Sabrina Kumar as they grieve her death; Amber Lewis; Lisa McLaughlin's mother, Mary Boles; Jeannie Morris as she is treated for cancer; Jaden Mullins' mother; Lee Pate; Eliseo Rios; Malcolm Rios; **Family and friends of Sue Rich as they grieve her death**; Jerry Samon; Sidonie's friend, Danny; Bob See; The Steakley family; Jennette Volpe; Linda Wilson's brother-in-law, Ken; Amy Woods' friend, Susie who is experiencing health and related challenges; For persons struggling with mental health challenges.



Diane Glasgow	1/5
Ethan Woods	1/8
Michelle Fields	1/13
Hannah Boles	1/20

Jerry Samon	1/22
Ted Hayes	1/26
Matthew Wilhelm	1/28
Sarah Pelren	1/31



Nick & Stacey Trent	01/01
Jonathan & Chelsea Holland	01/05
Jerry & Rebecca Samon	01/07
Michael & Lisa McLaughlin	01/09
Chris & Annabelle McCormick	01/11

Stewardship Update

Your commitment to our church's ministries and missions helps us to share the love of God with our community and the world. Thank you everyone for supporting our church with your time, talent, and contributions.

01/01/24—11/30/24

Income	\$432,600.17
Expenses	-\$396,637.86
Difference	\$ 35,962.31*

*Includes pledges paid in advance and restricted giving.

Quarterly Mission Giving, Jan. 01–Sep. 30, 2024

Presbytery Tithe	\$1,000.00
Lesotho Orphanage	\$8,109.50
Genesis House	\$150.00
Helping Hands	\$150.00
Good Samaritan	\$1,132.33
Pentecost Special Offering	\$365.00
Peace & Global Witness Special Offering	\$0.00
<u>One Great Hour Special Offering</u>	<u>\$265.00</u>
Total	\$11,171.83