

# HAPPENINGS

First Presbyterian Church | 1601 Main St., Murray, KY 42071 | (270) 753-6460



## Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renee A. Meyer

Clerk of Session: Carol Allen

Treasurer: George Kipphut

Administrative Assistant: Andrea French

Music Director: Kate Tombaugh

Accompanist: Christy D'Ambrosio

Campus Ministry Director: Lisa Polivick

Youth Director: Andrew Green

Nursery Attendants: Lindsay Crafton,  
Lucy Mitchell

Custodian: Monte Fisher

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
8 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.



## Soup for the Soul

*Submitted by Ann Stanley*

We had a wonderful group again for Soup for the Soul on May 21! Our early crew was Donna Leigh, Marcie Johnson, Annie Wells (a first timer for us) and Pat Bolton, (also a first timer). Pat was taken aback by the generosity displayed by the many community members in Murray and the many businesses in Murray that contribute selflessly to this great project. It is unbelievable unless you see it firsthand! The later crew consisted of Ralph and Cheryl Pittman, Eleanor Rivera, Donna Leigh, and Jerry Meyer.

The next time our church is responsible for staffing is Monday, July 16th. If you haven't had a chance to see how this works, I urge you to volunteer. The laughs are endless, the companionship is wonderful, and there is joy in learning more about your church family when you work together for good! Contact me Ann Stanley, text or call at (270) 293-7049.

## McKenzie-Moore Circle

*Submitted by Ann Stanley*

The McKenzie-Moore Circle will not meet until Monday, September 10 at 1 p.m. We will be studying a video series of women in the Bible. This is a brand new study! Please join us at church on September 10 at 1 p.m. Dessert will be provided by Ann Stanley.

# Join Us!



## Men's Breakfast

Every Wednesday  
Morning at 7 a.m.

June 6, Cracker Barrel

June 13, Crossroads

June 20, Hih Burger

June 27, Martha's



## Lunch Bunch

Every Thursday at 12 p.m.

June 7, Dumplin's

June 14, Sirloin Stockade

June 21, Don Sol

June 28, Woody's Bar-B-Q



Murray Calloway County  
Need Line

## Need Line Referrals

*Submitted by Andrea French*

Our church works in collaboration with other churches and non-profit organizations in the Murray community to provide emergency financial

assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing a financial crisis. These folks are referred to us by Need Line, an organization we greatly depend on to help those in need.

Some weeks we receive no referrals, yet other weeks we have received as many as six or more. Thanks to the generosity of our loving congregation, we've been able to provide the following assistance:

<b>January:</b>	<b>\$579.64</b>	<b>11 units of service</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>\$1,104.62</b>	<b>16 units of service</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>\$875</b>	<b>17 units of service</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>\$826.1</b>	<b>16 units of service</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>\$1,255.09</b>	<b>21 units of service</b>

## Youth Group

*Serving First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church Youth Grades 6-12*

### June Schedule:

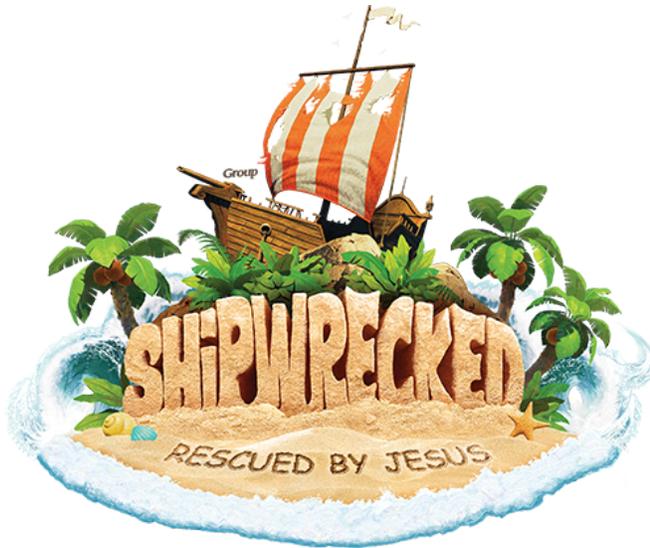
**June 6: 5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church**

**June 13: 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**

**June 20: 5:30 p.m. at First Christian Church**

**June 27: No Youth Group**

Youth Director: Andrew Green; 270-978-1527;  
andrewgreen12@gmail.com.



## Vacation Bible School

*Submitted by Maribeth Crawford*

**July 16-20, 2018**

**5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

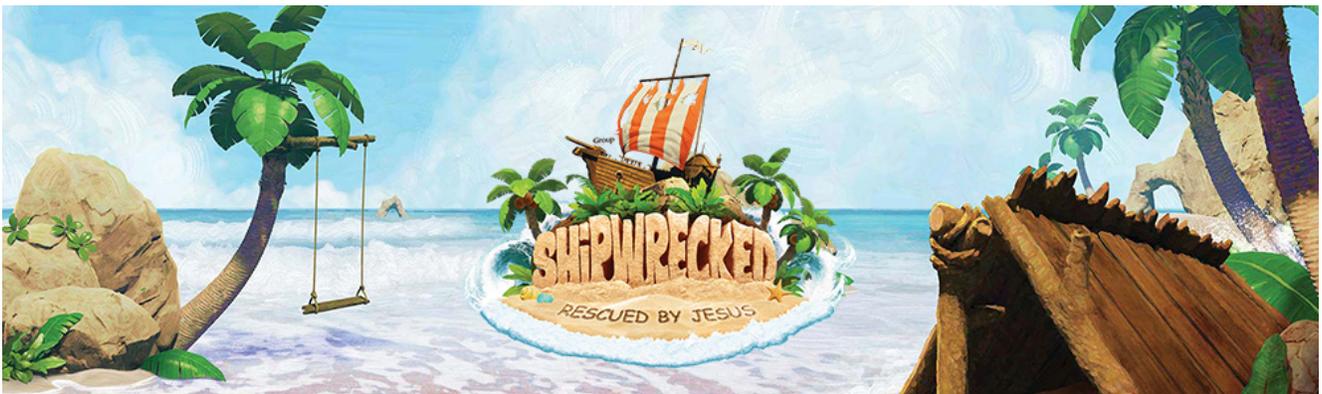
**First Presbyterian Church**

Register today! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/murrayvbscoop>

Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers and Friends: Now is the time to register for Vacation Bible School! Murray Cooperative Vacation Bible School is bringing "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!" to First Presbyterian Church in Murray, Kentucky!

This free, week-long event is open to the public for children ages 3 (potty trained) through fifth grade. Children will have the opportunity to begin or deepen their faith by discovering that Jesus cares for them personally, and rescues them in life's toughest circumstances.

Each night will kick off with a free light meal at 5:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 6 p.m. Each evening will incorporate a different theme, packed with activities, games, music, learning, and lots of fun! Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, though folks may register the evening of the event. Paper registration forms are also available at First Presbyterian Church.





## Laundry Love

*Submitted by Shirley Latto*

During the week of Lenten Reflections, you may have had the opportunity to hear about the Laundry Love ministry that is new to Murray. However, St. John's Episcopal Church has had an active site in Cadiz for a while, which has proven to be very successful in providing assistance for families and individuals. The Outreach Committee

has been working with two other local churches, St. John's Episcopal Church and First Christian Church, to set in place a plan for Murray, and Boone's Laundry has been very supportive and helpful in providing assistance and guidance for this ministry.

On April 23, from 5-7:30 p.m., St. John's hosted the first Laundry Love event with volunteers from First Presbyterian and First Christian. More people than we had anticipated came, but we were prepared and provided each with not only money to operate the machines, but a welcoming and genuine helping hand. The bonus was an opportunity for each of us to connect with people, who are actually our neighbors, on a deeper level than most of us had anticipated. The smiles, stories, hugs and gratitude were gifts to always be treasured.

This is a work in progress and we seem to be learning as we go along. Thus far the suggested practice is for at least six volunteers to be present and ready to help operate machines. Usually, everyone prefers to load their own laundry, but some people may not be able to reach the detergent port. We also have detergent and dryer sheets if needed. Our job is know how to operate the machines (some require more money, depending on the load size) and providing detergent if needed. We also assist with finding available dryers and operating those. It was my experience that people usually knew which machines were the best choice for them. All the washers and dryers require quarters, so please begin saving loose change to help support this greatly-needed ministry. We will also begin collecting detergent and dryer sheets later this summer.

This ministry cannot exist without volunteers, so please consider committing to this opportunity to share in the joy of helping to provide others with a blessing so greatly needed. The schedule for May through November is as follows:

5-7:30 p.m.    May 28 – Covered

5-7:30 p.m.    June 25 – St. John's

- 5-7:30 p.m. July 23 – First Christian
- 5-7:30 p.m. August 27 – First Presbyterian
- 5-7:30 p.m. September 24 – St. John's
- 5-7:30 p.m. October 22 – First Christian
- 5-7:30 p.m. November 26 – First Presbyterian

Prayerfully Submitted by Shirley Latto



## Clerk's Corner

*Submitted by Carol Allen*

Stated Session Meeting

May 10, 2018

Session actions:

- Session approved the summer schedule for office hours for Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm and from 1:00 pm until 3:15 pm with the office closed on Friday.
- Session added the following to the FPC Child Protection Policy: Staff Training. An individual must be affiliated with FPC for at least 6 months before they will be allowed to teach or oversee any kind of children/youth activity or class.



## Financial Report

*Submitted by George Kipphut*

Thank you to all who have responded so generously with recent contributions in support of the Basement Repair project, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and the Pentecost Offering.

2018 General Fund Income as of May 19 — \$77,237

2018 General Fund Expenses as of May 19 — \$76,937

*For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.*

**GIVE BLOOD**  
*You can make a difference.*



**American  
Red Cross**

## Save the Date!

**Our Next ARC Blood Drive Will Be Held On:**

**Thursday, June 14, 2018**

**12:30-5:30 p.m. at FPC**

## Head & Heart

*Submitted by Ken Wolf*

Head and Heart will not meet in June or July—we will meet next on August 16 and we will begin our reading / discussion of Wayne Muller's, "Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives." We will be discussing the first three sections of this work (pp. 1-119) at that meeting. We hope to see you there! Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

## Friends-In-Faith

*Submitted by Roger Weis*

Friends-In-Faith began 11 years ago with the help of Whitey Adams, as well as Betty Shepperson, and continues today with the help of our pastor, Renee Meyer. Every second Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m., we conduct an interdenominational communion at Hickory Woods assisted living facility. We have been able to have the ministers from First Methodist, First Christian and First Presbyterian conducting the actual communions. Before the communions, we pray and tell fun stories relative to the season...and some of the stories are so hilarious and some are very tender and sweet. What we don't have is YOU. You can make a difference by attending or if you're a part of a group, such as Presbyterian Women or youth group, etc., you could make or purchase Christian bookmarks, for example, to share with these wonderful people. For some, this is their only sharing of faith period...and they really look forward to it. So step out of your box, and make a difference! For more information on the program or how you can help, please contact me, Roger Weis, (270) 227-3700 or [rweis@murraystate.edu](mailto:rweis@murraystate.edu).



## WAVE/Living Waters for the World

*Submitted by Roger Weis*

Thanks to our church family and folks on and off campus, we generated enough funds to forward a \$1,000 check to Living Waters for the World this Spring! This is a total of \$11,500 over the past 3 years, not counting our Outreach contribution of \$500 annually.

For those unaware, there are 600,000,000 people still dealing with contaminated water in the world, and a child dies approximately every 25 seconds from diseases caused by dirty water. LWW has installed over 890 purification systems in 25 different countries. One purification system serving 2 - 3000 individuals cost about \$3,500. WAVE is a project we created locally to develop awareness and funds for LWW. Next Fall we will have our third Annual Splashdown for LWW centered around the theme of Life Savers. If you are interested in being involved with saving lives through clean water, please contact me, Roger Weis at (270) 227-3700 or [rweis@murraystate.edu](mailto:rweis@murraystate.edu).



## Presbyterian Paparazzi: We caught you doing something good!



First Presbyterian Church volunteers gather for a few pictures at Soup for the Soul in Murray, Kentucky on May 21, 2018. Pictured left: Cheryl Pittman; Ralph Pittman; Jerry Meyer; Pat Bolton. Pictured right: Ann Stanley; Donna Leigh; Marcie Johnson; Pat Bolton; Ann Wells. Not pictured: Eleanor Rivera.

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

-Galations 6:2

## June Birthdays

Stephanie McClain, June 2  
 Billy Mitchell, June 2  
 Elizabeth McClain, June 2  
 Laynie Mitchell, June 5  
 Russ Wall, June 6  
 Harry Conley, June 8  
 Melinda Wall, June 14  
 Dewayne Polivick, June 16  
 Greyson Crawford, June 16

## June Anniversaries

Andrea & Dave Howe, June 1  
 Susan & Bill Stewart, June 4  
 Deanna & Ken Wolf, June 4  
 Laura Ken & Ronnie Hoffman, June 5  
 Lisa & Dewayne Polivick, June 6  
 Terri & Rocky Long, June 20  
 Valerie & Greg Heath, June 22



## Prayer Concerns

*“Blessed be God, because God has not rejected my prayer or removed  
 God’s steadfast love from me.” --Psalm 66:20*

### Church Members and Regular Attendees

Margaret Boone

Medical issues

Liz McClain

Surgery, Hypoglycemia

Marcie Hobbs

Wisdom and strength

Maribeth Crawford and family

Passing of her aunt, Trav

Brittany Hesson	Passing of friend, Nancy Phan
Marilyn Miller	Recovery from surgery
Bill Schell	Home
Dan Moore	Passing of wife, Rosemary
Deanna Wolf	Recovery from hip surgery
Billy Mitchell	Passing of wife, Maryann Mitchell
Lanette Thurman	Passing of husband, Bill
Eva Hopkins	Strength and recovery
Juli McClain and family	Passing of father, Dan
Sue Cochran	Neuropathy
Warren Thomas	Home
Paul Shaw	Declining health due to Parkinson's Disease
Mary Lynn Christensen	Alzheimer's, at Brookdale
Sal Matarazzo	Congestive heart failure
Barbara Simons	Strength and recovery
Jo Martin	Heart problems

## **Family and Friends of the Congregation**

Jessica (Kathy Burnett's daughter)	Pregnancy complications, emergency c-section
Hubert Stroud (Kathy Stroud's father in law)	Hospice care
J.C. Hobbs & family (Marcie Hobbs' son)	Divorce
Laura (Terri Long's sister)	Heart and health issues
Rita Hendon (George Cochran's aunt)	Cancer recurrence
Ronald Locke (Sarah Locke's grandfather)	Recovery
Phyllis Valdez (Juli McClain's friend)	Recovery at home

Janie Green (Andrew's wife)	Blindness due to swollen optic nerve
Greg Randall (Morgan's father)	Grief
Glen Davis (Andrea Howe's father)	Health issues
Mason	Injured student from Marshall County
Parkland Florida and Marshall County	Victims and Families
Jeff Shipley (Pastor Renee's friend)	Cancer
Sonia Fall (Pastor Renee's family)	New terminal diagnosis
Justine Ostlund	Stroke
Jana Maxlow (Dave Howe's friend)	Breast Cancer
Julie Stone (Andrea French's aunt)	Breast Cancer
Laura Stewart (Bill Stewart's mother)	Recovery
Sam Dean	(Joe Paul Dean's brother, autism)
Liam Coursey	Former choir intern
Sherry (Sue Cochran's sister)	Health issues
Niko	Testicular cancer (spread to lungs, brain)
Terri Prince	Lung cancer and chemo
Family of Sally Wright (Todd's mother)	
Tabitha and Junior	Pittman's family
Sandy Cunningham	Pastor Renee's mother, severe macular degeneration