

# HAPPENINGS

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## Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Renee A. Meyer

Clerk of Session: Carol Allen

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Campus Ministry Director: Lisa Polivick

Youth Director: Andrew Green

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Lucy Mitchell

Custodian: Monte Fisher

Summer Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1- 3:15 p.m.

Closed Fridays

## Young Adult Volunteer Program (YAV)

*Submitted by Brett Eisenbauer*

Hello Murray FPC Family,

I am about fifty-five days away from leaving for Washington D.C. to begin a new chapter in my life. I'll be serving as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV), a program of Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Through the Young Adult Volunteer program (YAV), I will be joining other young adults serving at over 20 different sites, both here in the United States and around the world. While I am still learning about my specific responsibilities, those of us in D.C. will be working with churches and nonprofits in the area, addressing issues such as poverty, hunger and homelessness. Some of us will be working in soup kitchens and social service agencies, and some of us will be on The Hill working to affect policy change.

This year is intentionally crafted to be life-changing and transformational, both for me and for the communities that will welcome me. It will involve living outside my comfort zone and what is familiar to me. It will involve focusing on others. It will involve journeying in faith and trusting God in new ways, and discerning what is next in my future.

## Join Us!



### Men's Breakfast

Every Wednesday  
Morning at 7 a.m.

July 4, No Meeting

July 11, Rudy's

July 18, Crossroads

July 25, Hih Burger



### Lunch Bunch

Every Thursday at 12 p.m.

July 5, The Keg

July 12, Tom's Grille

July 19, Culver's

July 26, Crossroads

Part of my YAV year is fundraising. I feel that we are tasked with fundraising to better connect ourselves to the work and to the mission. I am supposed to raise \$4,000 and I would greatly appreciate it if you would prayerfully consider giving towards my year in D.C. My site has specifically requested checks to National Capital Presbytery, 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 1009, Rockville, MD 20852. Please include my name, Brett Eisenhauer, and DC YAV on the memo line. You can also donate online at [www.pcusa.org/yav](http://www.pcusa.org/yav) with the link "support a YAV" or at [www.pcusa.org/give](http://www.pcusa.org/give) with reference to my name and the ECO number E051477 in the comments section.

I hope that you you will all keep me in your thoughts and prayers through this year of service and keep up with me on my blog: <https://brettwithacapitalb.wordpress.com/> and on Facebook.

Love and peace,

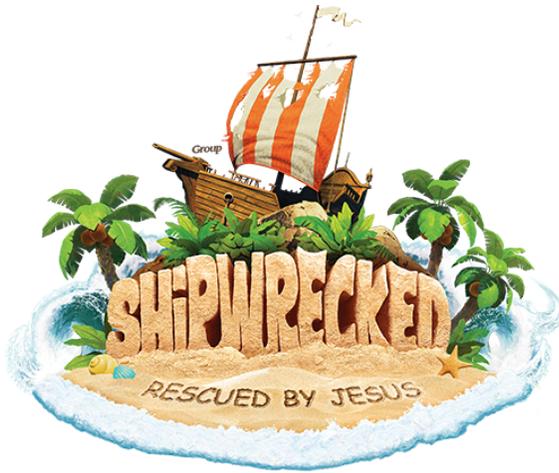
Brett Eisenhauer



## Soup for the Soul

*Submitted by Ann Stanley*

Our next time to serve at Soup for the Soul is Monday, July 16. I only have one person who has expressed willingness to work so I need at least 6 or 7 more people. We have an early shift that starts at 2:15 p.m. and runs to 4:30 p.m. This shift does the cooking and begins serving the first rush. The second shift begins at 4:30 p.m. and runs until 6:30 p.m. They finish up serving and do the clean-up. Please call or text me at (270) 293-7049. You might feel tired when you leave, but fulfilled at the same time!



## Vacation Bible School

*Submitted by Maribeth Crawford*

**July 16-20, 2018**

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

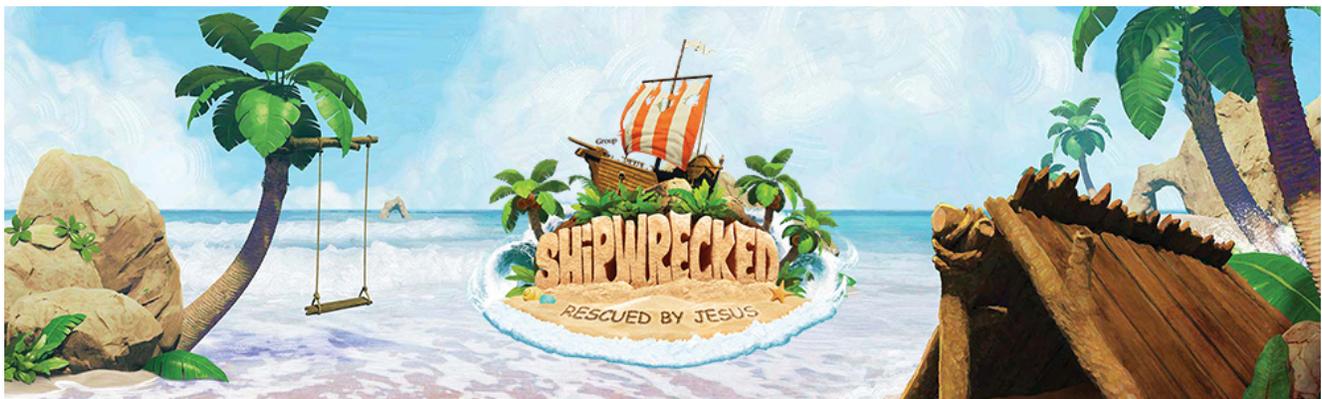
**First Presbyterian Church**

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, leaning, 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.



**GIVE BLOOD**

*You can make a difference.*



**American  
Red Cross**

**Save the Date!**

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

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

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



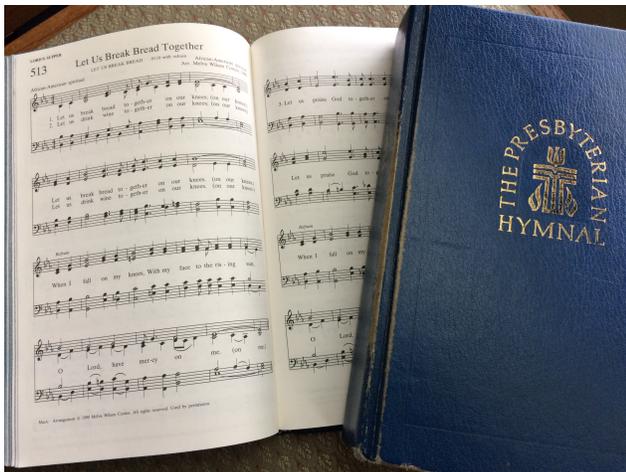
Murray Calloway County  
Need Line

## 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:

January:	\$579.64	11 units of service
February	\$1,104.62	16 units of service
March	\$875	17 units of service
April	\$826.1	16 units of service
May	\$1,255.09	21 units of service
June (26)	\$872.52	12 units of service



## July 14 Hymn Sing-Along, hosted by the FPC Choir

*Submitted by Kate Tombaugh*

Join us for our goodwill Hymn Tour, a la Christmas caroling, but in July! We'll plan to visit six local spots where our members are housed, bringing good cheer and familiar music. All ages welcome. We'll meet at FPC at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, to pick up hymnals and pass out the route and schedule. Please email Choir Director Kate Tombaugh ([kate@katetombaugh.com](mailto:kate@katetombaugh.com)), subject heading "Hymn Sing" with questions, location suggestions, or hymn requests.



## VBS: Volunteers Needed! Who's In?

*Submitted by Andrea French*

You probably feel like you've heard us talking *a lot* about Vacation Bible School lately, and it's for a good reason: Vacation Bible School is less than three weeks away. We couldn't be more excited, friends! As we are the host site again this year, VBS is our big opportunity to open our church home and our hearts to precious families and children of our community. A lot of these folks are new to FPC, and some might not have attended church before. This is what makes VBS so special; I can't think of a better opportunity to reach these children and share the love of Jesus with them, hopefully making a difference in their lives. As the host site, we also want to have a strong showing of support for the other churches who are partnering with us on this mission. Would you please consider supporting us with your time by becoming a volunteer? Whether it's one hour one evening, or all evenings, or perhaps even more, we would love to have your help. Think of this as our "Holly Berry" in July!

We have roles for folks who want to interact with children all evening, and we also have roles for folks who prefer more of a "behind-the-scenes" kind of gig. Now that your curiosity is surely piqued, we would like to share with you the following volunteer roles we still need to fill:

Station Leader for Tropical Treats (snacks), Crew Leaders, Preschool Assistants (5 of our 12 pre-registered participants are preschoolers!), Registration Assistants (especially the first evening, Monday night), Kitchen Assistants, Extra Hands and more! Are you in? Great! Please sign up at the narthex sign-up table and consider registering for a one-hour volunteer training. Do you have questions? Please contact Susan Drake, lead Director, at (614) 271-0275 or [susanwdrake@yahoo.com](mailto:susanwdrake@yahoo.com).

### VBS Volunteer Training Sessions Offered at First Presbyterian Church

Susan Drake and Ann McKeel will be offering two trainings for VBS volunteers. Note, you only need to attend one training and is intended for all volunteers. The trainings will last about one hour and will be offered at First Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, and at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 9. Please sign up on the Narthex Table if you are able to attend a volunteer training, so we may know how many people to expect for refreshments.

**Saturday, July 7**

**10-11 a.m.**

**Refreshments Provided!**

**Monday, July 9**

**6-7 p.m.**

**Sandwich Fixins Provided!**

## Clerk's Corner

*Submitted by Carol Allen*

Stated Session Meeting

June 21, 2018

Session Actions:

- Session accepted Harry Conley's gift of a replacement basketball goal.
- In reviewing the FPC membership, Session removed the following people from active membership due to their living out of the area or not having attended church activities for several years: Lucas Carter, Val Coy, Kaitlyn Denham, Peiton DeMuth, Kala Dunn, Matt Ellis, Micah Garrett, Al Kelso, Betty Kelso, Polly Lavitt, Eve Lavitz, Jacquie Mateja, Darian McCallister, Diane Miller, Roger Miller, Aidan Schmeckpeper, Shuwen Christy Sheng, Katie Vowels, Neil Vowels, and Stefani Weis.

## Financial Report

*Submitted by George Kipphut*

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

2018 General Fund Income as of May 31 — \$82,412

2018 General Fund Expenses as of May 31 — \$81,048

*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.*

Mark 8:35



## Laundry Love

*Submitted by Shirley Latto*

Laundry Love is a community-based, volunteer program that provides free laundry services to families in Calloway County who are in need of help.

On the evenings that we are hosting Laundry Love at Boones's Laundry in Murray, we need to supply at least six volunteers to be present and ready to help operate the machines. We provide the detergent and dryer sheets, if needed. Usually, everyone prefers to load their own laundry, but some people may not be able to reach the detergent port. We generally assist folks in finding a machine, load it with coins, help fill the detergent port if needed, and help find and operate the dryers, as well.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the following dates:

5-7:30 p.m. August 27 – First Presbyterian

5-7:30 p.m. November 26 – First Presbyterian

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shirley Latto at [lattoshirley@gmail.com](mailto:lattoshirley@gmail.com), or (270) 873-9864.

## July Birthdays

Ian Holmes, July 2  
Dan Moore, July 3  
Shirley Latto, July 4  
Roy Helton, July 6  
Gail Larson, July 6  
Lloyd Lewis, July 11  
Bonnie McNeely, July 16  
Elizabeth Wall, July 19  
Grace Weimer, July 22  
Steven Weimer, July 24  
Barbara Simons, July 25  
Duncan Hoffman, July 25  
Sam Mitchell, July 29  
Susan Lyford, July 30

## July Anniversaries

Carol Jean & Lloyd Lewis, July 6  
JoAnn & Sid Martin, July 18  
Christy & Eric Frederick, July 20  
Andrea & Todd French, July 22  
Juli & Keith McClain, July 27  
Susan & Tom Lyford, July 29

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

Colossians 3:15



## Youth Group

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

### July Schedule:

- June 4: No Youth Group, Independence Day  
July 11: 5:30 p.m. Youth Group at First Christian Church  
July 18: 5:30 p.m. Youth Group helps with VBS  
July 25: 5:30 p.m. Youth Group at First Christian Church

Youth Director: Andrew Green; 270-978-1527; [andrewgreen12@gmail.com](mailto:andrewgreen12@gmail.com).



## *Prayer Concerns*

*“Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.*

*Jeremiah 29:12*

## **Church Members and Regular Attendees**

Vacation Bible School Leaders, Volunteers, Parents and Children

Pat Bolton	5 bulging back discs
Barbara Simons	Recovery
Roger Weis	Recovery from knee surgery
Margaret Boone	Medical issues
Marcie Hobbs	Wisdom and strength
Brittany Hesson	Passing of friend, Nancy Phan
Marilyn Miller	Recovery
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
Jo Martin	Heart problems

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

Vicki Jo Valentine (Bob Valentine's wife)	Recovery from surgery
People of Guatemala	
Jessica (Kathy Burnett's daughter)	Recovery from c-section, premature delivery
Harlan Silas (Karen Burnett's grandson)	Born prematurely, NICU
Kelly Long (Rocky and Terry's son)	Recovery
Hubert Stroud (Kathy Stroud's father in law)	Hospice care

J.C. Hobbs & family (Marcie Hobbs' son)	Divorce
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)	Possible lung transplants
Justine Ostlund	Recovery from stroke
Jana Maxlow (Dave Howe's friend)	Breast Cancer
Julie Stone (Andrea French's aunt)	Breast Cancer
Liam Coursey	Former choir intern
Sherry (Sue Cochran's sister)	Health issues and loss of son, Troy
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