



THE CHURCH MOUSE

First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Georgetown, KY 40324

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Pastor's Corner

Therefore brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. ~ Hebrews 10:19-25



I sat down to a piano piece, Beethoven's Sonata in G Major (Opus.49, No. 2), which I had memorized for a recital when I was. . . well, a long time ago. Eight pages not including repeats, and I experienced: muscle memory. As the notes swam in and out of my field of vision, my fingers took over and just played the music, not perfectly, but with the rhythm and melody of greeting an old friend, one long missed but much loved, and I was surprised at how well it sounded after forty plus years. It was as if my brain was trying to keep up with my hands, not vice versa. And I thought, spiritual disciplines are like this. We create spiritual muscle memory when we make a practice of prayer, of Bible Study, of worship, of fellowship.

Hebrews teaches us that having faith assurance, keeping our confession of Christ vibrant, remembering our baptism are the foundation of our hope, signed, sealed and delivered by Jesus, the One Who is faithful and Who promised. Creating spiritual muscle memory comes from personal Bible study, prayer, from worship with other believers, from sharing Gospel truths in fellowship, from encouraging one another, stirring one another up to love and good works, and making it a habit to meet together with other Christians. Habits become routines, and routines kick in and help us when life gets crazy. And just like our muscles remember playing an old piano piece, or riding a bike, our spirits are built to retain the truth and patterns created by our habits of spirituality, our practices of faith. If we are faithful to believe and to keep active with our prayer and devotions and worship, when we need it most our spiritual muscles will take over and will guide our minds. What habits of faith do you practice? What habits do you need to create? What routines do you need to bring back into your life? Spiritual muscle memory is created with practice, practicing the principles of faith.

In Christ's grace,

Pastor Elizabeth Stone, B.S., M.Div.

CLERK'S REPORT

Session has taken the following actions:

- approved the use of the Annex 05/21/2024 by AMEN House for a board meeting
 - approved the use of the Annex for a birthday party
- approved the use of the sanctuary by the Cub Scouts for a recognition / awards ceremony
 - agreed to pursue the presentation of a Narcan response program
 - working to transfer to a new internet / telephone service provider
 - approved the purchase of additional hearing assistance devices
 - cancelled the stated session meetings of 06/19/2024 and 07/17/2024
 - the next stated session meeting will be 08/21/2024 at 5:30 pm

Attendance (includes Church School)

05/05/2024 : in sanctuary, 40

05/12/2024 : in sanctuary, 41

04/21/2024 : in sanctuary, 43

05/26/2024 : in sanctuary, 38

COMMUNION

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 06/02/2024.

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 07/07/2024.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

New Hearing Assist Devices Available

We now have hearing assist devices available for members of the congregation who need a little boost in volume to better enjoy our Worship services. A company out of Memphis donated a transmitter and four receive devices so we could see if they would meet our needs.

This system involves transmitting our audio feed from the microphones in the Sanctuary to small receivers used by folks in the pews. This is the same audio feed that goes to the speakers in the sanctuary and to our live stream on YouTube. The receive devices are rechargeable. Here is a photo of the receive device with a penny to give an impression of size:



Someone using this device during our Worship service would be able to listen through the provided ear**phone** and adjust the volume as needed. Each device has two earphone jacks, so two people sitting together could actually share a single receive device. Each earphone is intended to be used by a single person, and then either discarded or saved by that user for their use in a future service. A user could also bring their own earphones, either on-ear or in-ear, and use them with the device so long as the earphones have a small (3.5 mm) jack. The earphone jack is the same as used on most cell phones, tablets, and laptops with a wired earphone connection.

We have had a few “test subjects” try these devices out in recent services, and they say it really makes it easier to hear both the music and the spoken word of our worship. Depending on the level of interest and use, we can acquire additional receive units to meet our needs.

If you would like to take this new technology for a spin, just let a greeter or usher know.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Betsy Bradley Circle** will meet **Monday, June 3 at 11 am** in the Annex for an end-of-the-year potluck luncheon. Bring your favorite dish to share.

The next meeting of the Linda Sharron Circle will be Monday, June 3. Since this is a potluck meeting we have changed the time to 6 pm. Please let the hostess know what you are planning to bring so that she can plan accordingly.

Insights into Horizons Bible Study 2024-2025

There will be a one-day preview of next year's Horizons Bible Study titled *Let Justice Roll Down* by Patricia K. Tull. The workshop will be held in Louisville's Second Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 27. For registration information, please contact our moderator.



Amen House Wish List for June

Canned Tuna

Canned Pineapple

Canned Mixed Fruit

Individual Desserts

Boxed Pasta

Boxed Crackers

Kroger Clicklist Bags

THRIFT STORE

Clothing (all sizes)

Socks (new only)

Underwear (all sizes, new only)

Sheets/Blankets

Towels/washcloths

Backpacks

Reminder: The Annex will be used from 06/25/2024 – 08/16/2024 by the AMEN House for the Summer Food Service Program



ONGOING NEEDS: Paper goods - large and small plates, bowls, napkins, toilet paper and paper personal care items and clothing. Next Second Sunday Supplies date: **June 9.**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

Adult Sunday School Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

We continue to offer two Adult Sunday School Classes. **Adult I** meets in the Church library and uses current books by Christian writers to discuss how modern issues impact our faith journeys. Here's the address to join the class via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88041635485>

Adult II meets in the downstairs classroom. The class is progressing through a year-long reading and discussion of Brian McLaren's book *The Road Is Made by Walking*. Each week the teacher chooses several scripture passages related to some aspect of living out our Christian faith and starts an interesting and thought-provoking discussion. We would love to have new people join these activities!



The weekly Bible Study meets via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM. You can join through an internet computer connection or by phone. We will begin working our way through the Revelation of John. So, whether this rather strange part of our scriptures fascinates, confuses, offends or bores you, please join in and help with our discussions!. **Here's the Zoom address:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82346112262>

Young children are invited to "Children's Church" during worship service.

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