



March 2021



In this season, we are invited in the name of Christ to observe a holy lent, by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

These words are a part of our traditional “Invitation to Lenten Discipline” that are spoken at our Ash Wednesday worship. Lent is a time of reflection and service, and growing closer to Christ. In our ongoing reflection about how we conduct ourselves, our Session and Deacons have adopted a Covenant of Care and Respect. A Covenant involves promises we make to one another and to God. This Covenant seeks to put into words the principles we are given in Scripture about how to treat one another. The text of the Covenant we adopted is on the next page.

This covenant is not only for the Lenten season. It is for all seasons. But Lent is an excellent time to reflect on the tenants of the covenant as we all turn and return to God and pay careful attention to how God is calling us to live.

The Session has invited our church staff to reflect on and adopt this covenant and I invite everyone in our congregation to consider doing so as well. You might put a copy in your Bible or on your refrigerator. You might snap a picture of it and use it as part of your morning devotion or reading while you are waiting in the doctor’s office or to pick your kids up from school.

You could invite a friend or family member or one of our leaders (Session or Deacons) to join you in an accountability group for the season of Lent, where you commit to reflect on and pray about these tenants daily. You might agree to exchange e-mails or texts about your reflection on the covenant. Or to pray for one another daily.

One of my favorite prayer covenants comes from Stan Ott. I have modified it to include our Covenant of Care and Respect. It goes something like this:

Lord, grant (**names of friends you are doing this with**) and me the grace today to commit our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ without reservation, and grant _____ and me further the grace to know your strength and your guidance this day. Grant us the wisdom to learn from the Covenant of Care and Respect that we have committed to and the faithfulness that we may live more fully into that covenant every day. Amen.

Regardless of how you reflect on the covenant or commit to live more fully into it, I invite you to use this Holy Season as a time to consider what it means to pick up our crosses every day, in our words and in our actions. May you have a Holy Lent.

Pastor Leigh



Easter Plans

Make plans now to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! From every corner in our sanctuary, to the world wide web, we will be proclaiming He Is Risen on **Easter Sunday, April 4th**. We will have two traditional worship services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. The sign-up link for those services will be in the weekly news. We are also working on plans for an Upper Room Service, "Early Morning at the Tomb," which will be an interactive celebration of the Easter Story. Stay tuned to our weekly news and Facebook page for more information!

Pastor Leigh's Installation Service March 21, 3:30pm

Join us for a very special time of worship and prayer as we ask God's blessing to be upon our new pastor and our ministry together. **To sign-up to attend in person go to** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ABA928AAFBCE9-installation>

Food/Baby Needs Drive

Our Community Resource Center needs specific baby goods and food as they seek to help those in our community who struggling. We are currently accepting donations of baby formula, diapers, baby food, peanut butter, and dry boxed cereal (non-sugary). Please leave donations in the box in the hallway outside the church office. Or for quick and contact free donating, a plastic bin will be under the portico in the back of the church on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-5:00 on Wednesday March 3rd and 10th. You may drive through and drop off donations into the plastic bin.

Sharing the Love of Christ!

Our Congregational Care leaders and their crew shared the love of Christ through delivering Valentine bags on February 13th. Thank you to everyone who participated! If you would like to help with future preparation or deliveries, contact Mary Gilreath or Kathy Farnon.



FPC's Book Club will meet on **March 25th at 10:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. The selected book is *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall. All are welcome!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CARTERSVILLE BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Upper Café Area

For more information, to schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org **and enter sponsor code: firstprescartersville**

Musical Musings

We are beginning to make plans for this year's Music and Worship Conference at Montreat. Week I begins June 20 and Week II begins June 27. Let Pam know if you are interested in going or if you want more information.

From the Session

The Session met on February 16, 2021 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:

1. The Session adopted a 'Covenant of Care and Respect' document recommended by Pastor Leigh.
2. An Easter Egg Hunt in the front courtyard of FPC on 3/28/2021 at 4:00 PM was approved.
3. Vacation Bible School will take place July 26-30 this year.
4. A Worship Committee Task Force was approved to conduct listening sessions and make a recommendation regarding an Upper Room additional worship service.
5. Action was deferred until March on consideration of opening FPC to outside groups.
6. Preschool registration began 2/1/2021 and will include a new kindergarten class.
7. The FPC insurance carrier has hired an engineer to inspect the FPC roof damage as our FPC-hired Public Adjuster seeks to work out an agreeable claim settlement.
8. FPC, HOC, and our Pre-School collectively as one entity are considering an application for a second round PPP Loan.
9. As of 1/31/2021, we have a \$2,542 budget surplus.
10. The Session approved a vacation for Pastor Leigh April 4-11. Andrea Roche will preach on 4/11/2021.
11. The FPC Endowment Committee approved donations to several of our mission partners. Pastor Leigh will deliver the checks.
12. Pastor Leigh's installation service will take place on March 21 at 3:30 PM.

**A Covenant of Care and Respect
For the Leaders of First Presbyterian Church Cartersville
Pastors, Staff, Elders and Deacons**

- We promise to value each other as gifts from God and will seek to live and work in respectful relationships. John 13:34, Romans 12:10
- We promise to make our thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ, to express criticism and negative feelings first to the person, not to others, and seek reconciliation as far as possible. Romans 12:28, 2 Corinthians 10:5
- We promise to maintain relationships of confidentiality in personal and professional matters. Proverbs 12:23
- We accept disagreement and conflict as normal and healthy. In this respect we will seek to deal constructively with disagreements or conflicts by practicing Matthew 18:15-17, Matthew 5:23-24
- We promise to make every effort to communicate clearly, completely, timely and directly. Ephesians 4:14-16
- We promise to walk hand in hand even though we may not always see eye to eye. Colossians 3:14-15
- We promise to believe the best of each other and give each other the benefit of the doubt. Philippians 4:8-10
- We promise to pray for one another and seek God's will through daily prayer. Colossians 4:2
- We promise that when we fail to live up to all these promises, we will seek God's forgiveness and the forgiveness of those we have let down and we will by the grace of God continue to be guided by this Covenant of Care and Respect. 1 John 1:9, Colossians 3:13



Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, March 28 at 4 p.m.

FPC will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 28.

Invite your friends & neighbors.

Donations Needed: Large bags of individually wrapped candy or small toys that can fit into plastic Easter Eggs. The youth will safely fill the plastic eggs we already have with the donated items. Please drop off any donations to the church office during office hours or the Large Basket outside of the Sanctuary on Sundays.

Contact Andrea@cartersvillepres.org for any questions.



Montreat Youth Conference Registration is NOW open!

High School Montreat - June 13-19 - cost is estimated to be \$400, but it might slightly increase based on transportation and food costs.

[Click here HS Montreat 2021 Information](#)

Middle School Montreat - July 13-17, Maryville College, TN. Total cost is \$415.

[Click here MSC Montreat 2021 Information](#)

\$100 Deposits are due by February 14, and the final payment is due by May 16.

Email andrea@cartersvillepres.org to secure your spot today!

Scholarships are available. Please reach out to Andrea or Pastor Leigh if a scholarship is needed. Adult Chaperones are needed as well. Let Andrea know if you would like to join us on one of our trips to Montreat.

If you have any questions, [contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org)



First Presbyterian Pre-School 2021

Lindsay Scoggins ~ Director

April Paulk ~ Assistant to directors

Beth Weathersby ~ Board Chairman

Registration for next year is underway. Children must be 12 months old by September 1 to enter the nursery. Two -year-olds must be 2 by Sept. 1 and so on with the threes and fours. Hopefully, we can fill a new Kindergarten class. We have 4 commitments. The children must be 5 by Sept 1.



Want a Valentine Cookie from Nolan?



Important Dates

Daylight Savings Begins

Sunday, March 14

St. Patrick's Day parties

Wednesday, March 17

First Day of Spring

Saturday, March 20

Easter Egg Hunt at 4:00

Sunday, March 28



Shanvi's Valentine's Box

Hands of Christ After School Program



Valentine's Day Lessons

Mrs. Turner's 4th graders made a kindness chain after learning how Ruth was kind to Naomi, and Boaz was kind to Ruth.

Mrs. Temple's 1st graders learned how love can spread to others if we have Jesus in our hearts.



SPRING Break

April 5th - 9th

ASP resumes April 12th



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!

Hands of Christ will join the fun by celebrating *Read Across America* the week of March 1-5. This week will highlight the life and works of Dr. Seuss. On Friday, students all across the nation will be reading for pleasure in their classrooms.



Dr. Seuss

Registration for the
2021-2022 school year
begins March 1st!

March Birthdays

1	Bettye Parker	19	Julian Cline
1	Jerry Simmons	20	Colin Hughes
1	Rhonda Gaffoglio	21	Kim Rentz
2	Ben Tilley	21	Courtney Meckley
3	Debby Crim	22	Lauren Paul
3	Madelaine Stough	22	Amanda Neal
5	Linda Mukete	24	Lori McAllister
6	Janet Hart	24	Catheryn Hembree
8	Judy Steed	24	Hannah Wilson
8	Kathy Thomas	25	Peggy Zierer
8	Carla Purdy	25	Barrie Stodgell
8	Justin James	26	Ian Herman
8	Meredith Gaines	27	Brac Panter
10	Lauren Warlick	30	Hannah Bridges
10	Rowan Ennerberg		
13	Kyle Tucker		
13	River Knight		
14	Ariel Conlin		
16	Gracie Pruitt		
18	Randy Thompson		
19	Sandy Howell		



In March We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Beth Weathersby, Lisa Temples (ASP), Louisa Thacker (ASP), Sharon Ellis (Preschool), Tiffanie Flores (Preschool)

Officers: Janet Martin (Session), Jean Robinson (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Care

Families: March 1-7: Autumn Bruno, Adam and Jamie Brush (Drake, Jacob), Wilma Cameron, George and Martha Campbell (Bailey, Cailyn), Becky Carr

March 8-14: Brian and Heather Choate, Zim and Martha Choate, Scott Clark (Kellie), Jimmy and Tinsley Cline (Jackson, Mason, Julian), Jerry and Sue Coalson

March 15-21: Jay Coalson, Dennis and Nan Collier, Emily Collier, Joey Collins, Lloyd and Julie Collins (Bailey)

March 22-31: Molly Collins, Suzanne Collins, Ariel and Sally Conlin, Marie Creed, George and Debby Crim

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March Calendar

March 2

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

March 3

7:00pm - Sermon on the Mount Zoom Study

March 8

6:00pm - Worship Committee

March 9

7:30pm - Faith Development Meeting

March 10

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00pm - Sermon on the Mount Zoom Study

March 15

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

March 16

6:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting

7:00pm - Session Meeting

March 17

6:30pm - Sermon on the Mount Zoom Study

March 21

3:30pm - Pastor Leigh's Installation Service

March 22

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

March 24

7:00pm - Sermon on the Mount Zoom Study

March 25

10:30am - Book Club Meeting

March 28 - Palm Sunday

4:00pm - Easter Egg Hunt

March 31

7:00pm - Sermon on the Mount Zoom Study

