



THE Mustard Seed

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

January 2021

Current Session Elders

Administration

John Gurney

Congregational Care & Welcome

Wes Ashworth

Christian Education

Kevin Robinson

Fellowship & Pastoral Care

Suzanne Dunn

Property

Jim Barkley

Outreach & Service

Linda Stamps/Worship

Serving the Session

Clerk of Session

Melanye Lunsford

Worship

Karen Wimpee

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

Class of 2021

Wesley Ashworth, Suzanne Dunn,
Kevin Robinson

Class of 2022

Jim Barkley, John Gurney

Class of 2023

Linda Stamps



From the Pastor's Desk

John Wesley, the great force behind Methodism, lived a life of deep Christian devotion and zeal for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though he had been a faithful and thoughtful proclaimer of the gospel for many years, among many other things, Wesley is often remembered for his spiritual awakening known as his “Aldersgate experience.” As he listened to a reading from Martin Luther, he described an experience in which his “heart strangely warmed.” He continued, “I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”

Wesley was no stranger to theological controversy. He is particularly known for his opposition to certain aspects of Calvinism, arguing instead for a perspective known as “Arminianism.” As much as he ardently defended his viewpoint against other preachers and theologians, ultimately John Wesley held the unity of faith in Christ, in spite of differences, to be more important than any division.

In Wesley’s preface to his “Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament,” he wrote something that is particularly apropos to today’s divisive controversies. I offer it to us all for our Christian lives today. In 1755 John Wesley wrote:

“Would to God that all party names, and unscriptural phrases and forms which have divided the Christian world, were forgot; and that we might all agree to sit down together, as humble, loving disciples, at the feet of our common Master, to hear his word, to imbibe his Spirit, and to transcribe his life as our own.”

Amen!

*blessings,
Mark<><*



Pastor Mark Wright
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~ THE WORLD OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ~

The CPC PW Day Circle will not be meeting in January. Please watch for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or would like to know more, contact Mary Ann Epperson at 901-218-5851 or maryannepp@att.net.



~ FROM COLLIERVILLE FOOD PANTRY ~

Christmas Greetings to the Congregation of Collierville Presbyterian Church!

I pray this finds you all in good health. Your guys Hollis, Jim and Billy have worked so hard and tirelessly for the Pantry and did so on December 17th when we supplied Christmas bags along with the regular orders for groceries. We served 63 families and it all went well. If your guys had not been there, it would have been difficult. We really appreciate Collierville Presbyterian for all of its support throughout the years but especially now during the pandemic.



God is using their hands to help those in need during this difficult time. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy new year.

In His service,
Joyce Sogga
Director, Collierville Food Pantry

~ ARE YOU A LITTLE TECH SAVVY?

Are you good with a camera?
How about editing video?

When worshipping on site, Gabriel Wright has been recording the service, Rev. Mark edits it and gets it uploaded, and Linda gets the details entered and attaches the bulletin. When unable to worship on site, Rev. Mark also does the recording. Virtual worship is so important and much needed but can be time-consuming. We need another set of hands to help now and when we return to worshipping on site. Once back, the service would be live streamed (we have the platform).



If you have a talent for this and can share a little with CPC, please contact Rev. Mark email him at markwrightsemail@gmail.com or call the church office 901.853.4226).

~ 2021 PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards were recently mailed and emailed (available with this newsletter). Prayerfully consider what contributions you can provide next year. Complete and return the card as soon as possible. Your pledge cards are important for the Session to better plan the 2021 budget. *Your card is a commitment of intent and can be changed at any time.*

~ BUILDING CLOSURE

For now the church will remain closed to groups, meetings, and worship. The Session will meet on the 20th to review current COVID conditions for our area and Tennessee.

This is difficult time and we all miss worshipping and fellowshiping together. Don't let yourself drift away. Stay involved. Watch the weekly sermons online. Help with outreach projects. Have an suggestion on how we can stay connected? Share it.

~ OUTREACH & SERVICE ~

I am constantly amazed at the giving hearts at CPC. Thank you for your service to the CPC Outreach & Service Ministry. May 2021 bring blessings to you and your family just as you have been a blessing to those in need.

Grace & Peace ~ Linda Stamps
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IN MINISTRY WITH CONSTANCE ABBEY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

During COVID, Many places that assist our Neighbors in need have at times shut down or had to limit their assistance. Unfortunately this included canceling Thanksgiving dinner at the convention center downtown. Constance Abbey stepped up and helped to organize trucks to deliver meals into the communities. CPC was asked to provide 70 desserts. I asked and you delivered! We had more than enough pies, cookies, etc. Many thanks to those that dished up and cleaned up!



SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

January will be our third month to provide sack lunches (50) to this ministry. We are currently schedule for February and March (first Tuesday of the month). Lunches are packed the Monday prior. Each lunch includes a protein based sandwich or wrap (plant or meat protein), a fruit (in season fresh - no apples) or fruit cups, a dessert and a bag of chips, pretzels or other snack or thin sliced vegetables. Since we weren't able to meet as a group, several stepped up to provide sandwiches, desserts, and fruit.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES

With your help, 26 VERY full, large Christmas bags were delivered! When we began unloading, the MIFA staff were so excited. They sent their sincerest thanks for sharing your Christmas with their seniors.



We are now collecting sleeping bags/quilts and small, portable tents. Items can be dropped off at the church. Please call or text Linda before dropping off since they may take up too much room in the bins.

BRING IT ON!

CLOTHING DONATIONS

We're collecting gently used clothing items again! Children's clothing is not needed at this time. The greatest need is for adult coats, socks, hats, gloves, and scarves.

MANNA BAGS

Outreach will be putting together Manna Bags later this month. The Courtyard Marriott generously donated lotions, shampoo, soap and body wash. We've also received a box of 2 oz. hand sanitizer and face masks. Below are suggested items to also include. Items can be dropped off in the large barrel. If you'd like to make some at home to donate, these can also be dropped off. Completed manna bags will be placed in the small bin to be taken. Feel free to grab one (or more) to keep in your car. Let others know as well! Watch for details on when they are ready!

- Washcloth
- Socks
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Travel size toiletries: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
- Bottled water, juice boxes
- Snack cups of fruit, applesauce
- Hard candies or mints
- Snack size food items: raisins, nuts, trail mix, jerky, peanut butter crackers, granola bars
- Canned meats (must be pop top)



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



In Memory of Jo Hall

*Billy & Joyce Acree
Ann Cross*

*Mark & Alisa Free
Hollis & Karen Wimpee
Margaret Wright*

In Memory of Lucy McDonald

*by
Ann Cross*

In Memory of Johnnie Wright

*by
Ann Cross*

In Honor of The Wimpee Family

*by
Roger & Patricia Albee*

*This list reflects memorials or honorariums
received prior to preparing the newsletter.*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

as of December 31, 2020

YTD Tithes & Offerings Rc'd:	\$131,801
YTD Tithes & Offerings Budget:	\$122,590
YTD Total:	(\$9,211)
YTD Income:	\$131,793
YTD Expenses:	\$132,757
YTD Total:	(\$964)

Parentheses indicates negative number.

PER CAPITA

Prayerfully consider assisting CPC with the annual the Presbytery of the Mid-South per capita. This year we pay \$17/person. Please make sure to mark checks or envelopes 'per capita'. Scroll further to see information about why we do this.

What is Per Capita?



EVER WONDERED BUT NEVER REALLY KNEW?

Visit the PC(USA) Office of General Assembly website at www.oga.pcusa.org for more information.

What is per capita?

The official definition: "Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies [mid councils] to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians" (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).

In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund — part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.

How old is per capita?

The first-known mention of per capita dates back to 1734 in a letter to ministers!

What does GA per capita provide?

Presbyterians believe we discern best what God is calling us to do when we gather together, "seek[ing] ... to find and represent the will of Christ" (Book of Order, F-3.0204). Per capita funding is how we mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

Why do we have to pay per capita? Because we care about the future of our churches. Because we care about each other. Because we are still being sent into the world to share the glorious Good News of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Because we are under grace, and it is from there that we can see how dynamic our graciousness can be.

~Rev. Dana Hughes

TRAIL MAINTENANCE MONDAYS

Monday, January 11, 2021

10 AM – 12 PM

Other dates: Feb. 15, Mar. 15, April 12, May 10

Social-distance volunteer opportunity! Pinecrest will be smoothing trails, creating new trails, and clearing up and restoring old trails. They will also begin removing exotic, invasive plants this spring. Choose from lighter work which involves brushing back plant material, clearing small debris, raking new trails. Or choose to help with heavier work involving clearing larger materials, shoveling fill dirt, and excavating small areas. Bring water! They can supply some tools, or bring your own loppers, trimmers, shears, rake, or shovel. Let them know you are coming! **RSVP to charity@campinecrest.org or call 901-878-1247.**



HIKE AND JOURNAL

Winter Edition: Wednesday, January 27 | 1-3 pm

Spring Edition: Wednesday, April 28 | 10 am – 12 pm

Geared for Adults and Homeschool Students 8th Grade and Up

\$10 per person

What You'll Do:

You'll take a guided hike to various trails and enjoy a sampling of nature journaling exercises. Each day will include time for practicing various ways to observe, record, and interpret observations. A combination of words, pictures, and number representations will be explored using both group and individual activities. You'll also practice activities for personal connection and reflection. This is great for students of all ages to observe systems of nature, notice patterns and phenomenon, and simply develop a greater appreciation of the natural world paired with our place in it.

What to Bring:

Journal (anything goes!), any preferred media or personal observation tools like binoculars, magnifiers, etc.

What They Supply:

Pencils, colored pencils and additional media as needed, observation tools.

Call 901-878-1247 for details or visit their website to register: www.camppinecrest.org.

BIBLE BRAINSTORMING

Write a word under each column that begins with the letter on the left. Use each word once. *There will more than one answer but you should still have to think on a few.*

	Book of the Bible	Male Bible Character	Female Bible Character	Place in the Bible
H				
E				
A				
R				
T				



☺ Birthday 🎂 Anniversary

JANUARY 2021

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Reminder: Due to current COVID conditions, the church building is closed to all gatherings and activities. This includes worship. Session meets the 20th to review the current situation. The services on the 24th and 31st could be virtual.</p>						
<p>3 2nd Sunday of Christmas ◆ Virtual Service (10:30am)</p> <p>☺ Randy Harris ☺ Scott Sutherland</p>	<p>4</p> <p>☺ Nyoke Guya ☺ Kathy Priestly</p>	<p>5</p> <p>☺ Holly Jackson</p>	<p>6 Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>☺ Doti Leake</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>☺ Justin Coulson</p>	<p>2</p> <p>♥ Dave & Jessica Williams</p>
<p>10 Baptism of the Lord ◆ Virtual Service (10:30am)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>◆ Pinecrest Maintenance Monday (10am)</p> <p>☺ Emory Sweet</p>	<p>12</p> <p>☺ Natalee Wilkinson</p>	<p>13</p> <p>☺ Lindsey Ammend</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>☺ Luann Wilcox</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 2nd Sunday after Epiphany ◆ Virtual Service (10:30am)</p> <p>☺ Candy Nicholson</p>	<p>18</p> <p>MLK Day</p> <p>☺ Alisa Free</p>	<p>19</p> <p>☺ Fred Shambach</p>	<p>20</p> <p>◆ Session Meeting (6:30pm)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>☺ Lynde Sain ☺ Billy Staggs</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany ◆ Worship Service (10:30am)</p> <p>☺ Chuck Miller</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>◆ Mustard Seed Deadline (12pm)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>☺ Nancy Drewry ☺ Jack Leake</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 4th Sunday after Epiphany ◆ Worship Service (10:30am) ◆ Items due for CA lunch bag ministry (12pm)</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>◆ CA lunch bags completed (6pm)</p>	<p>Feb 2</p> <p>◆ CA lunch bags dropped off (9am)</p>				