



Mustard Seed

February 2022

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

From the Pastor's Desk

There's a sometimes controversial, but gifted writer and thinker, Lutheran Pastor named Nadia Bolz-Weber. I think her musings are almost always worth checking out. She says that the Holy Spirit is "super manipulative and has really bad boundaries."

Aren't you glad that is true?

The Holy Spirit gets involved in our lives, leading, guiding, reminding, convicting, comforting. God's Spirit is with us through very personal moments in our lives, and knows things about us that we would never tell another soul. The Spirit even causes us to do things that we wouldn't do on our own. Sometimes we probably wish the Holy Spirit would just leave us alone instead of constantly inserting itself into our personal lives.

But being a follower of Jesus means that we are going to have God's Spirit with us whether we like it or not. It's a package deal for us Christians. According to John, when Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus said to them: " 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' "

Like I said, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are a package deal; when you get one of them, you get the other two as well. Yes, the Holy Spirit can be nosey and even demanding sometimes, but also gentle and comforting and trustworthy -a companion we can always count on to be with us no matter what. Nadia Bolz-Weber may be right that the Holy Spirit is "super manipulative and has bad boundaries," but I wouldn't have it any other way.

Blessings <><



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Mary Ann Epperson

Administration/Treasurer
John Gurney

Congregational Care & Welcome
TBD

Christian Education
TBD

Fellowship & Pastoral Care
Meredith Hall

Property
Jim Barkley

Meaningful Service
Linda Stamps

Worship
TBD

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

Class of 2022

Jim Barkley, John Gurney

Class of 2023

Linda Stamps

Class of 2025

Mary Ann Epperson, Meredith Hall,
Patrick Seiler

IMPORTANT DATES

Labyrinth Open, Through April 14

◆ Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday Service

◆ April 10, 10:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

◆ April 14, 7pm

Good Friday

◆ April 15

Easter Sunday Service

◆ April 17, 10:30am

Bring flowers for the Living Cross

THIS CHILD HERE

Ukraine: Current Conditions & Our Mission

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble

1pm | Tuesday, April 5

Collierville Presbyterian Church
202 W. Poplar Avenue

The Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble has been involved with helping vulnerable Ukrainian children and families and teaching peace in the midst of conflict, distrust, and violence through the mission he founded in 2006 called "This Child Here."

Rev. Dr. Gamble was in Ukraine recently when the Russians invaded Ukraine and will be speaking on Tuesday April 5 at 1:00 at Collierville Presbyterian Church. He will be joined online by a friend in Ukraine as well. You are invited to be a part of this gathering to learn more about what is happening and how you can help.

To learn more, visit <http://www.thischildhere.org>.

Donations to help support refugees and their families in war zones can be made at <https://bit.ly/tch-give2ukraine>.



Easter Lily Order Form - Please Order By Sunday, April 3

If you would like to order an Easter lily to be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter, please complete this form. Return it along with your payment of \$10 per lily to the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 901.853.4226. A special insert will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin listing donors and their designation.

Single Lily

Additional Lily

Additional Lily

Donor(s): _____

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Given: (please check one)

In Memory of In Honor of

To the Glory of God

Other _____

Name: _____

Given: (please check one)

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Other _____

Name: _____

Given: (please check one)

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Other _____

Name: _____

TOTAL \$ _____. Please make checks payable to the church and designate it "Lily".

CPC congregation, you are invited...

By the grace of God and
the call of the church

Reverend LaVonne Johnson

will be installed
to serve Epiphany Lutheran Church of Collierville, TN
In the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

On the third day of April
Two thousand and twenty-two
At five o'clock in the afternoon

at Collierville Presbyterian Church
202 West Poplar Avenue
Collierville, Tennessee

The Reverend Patti Axel
Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding

 **EPIPHANY**
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Partnering with Christ to Renew Lives

There will be a meal following the installation service.
Please RSVP to info@epiphanylu.org
by March 31, 2022 if you plan to attend.

*Your prayers and presence are requested.
All ordained, consecrated and commissioned
ministers are invited to process.
The color of the day is purple.*

Manna Bags

Grab one or two
to keep in your car!



Manna bags are ready to pick up! Thanks to all who helped put these together and to the many that donated items. Be sure to keep one in your car especially if you are driving into work. Some are also being donated to Constance Abbey to assist our neighbors in need. Small donations add up to making a big difference.

Continue to grab items as you can to help with the next round of bags:

- Vienna sausages, jerky, tuna and chicken salad
- peanut butter crackers
- protein bar
- fruit bars
- Raisins
- fruit cups
- Insect repellent
- lip balm
- Wipes (sanitizing wipes, body wipes)
- Kleenex
- travel size hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste shaving cream, razors shampoo, soap/body wash
- **SOCKS! Lots of socks!**

Get Signed Up!

Sign up at the church or email the church office. Please let us know if you can help with any of these.



EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, April 17 | 9-10:15am

Join us for this wonderful celebration of our risen Lord and Savior. Please sign-up on the sheet provided on the coffee counter to bring something to share.

RECEPTION FOR DAVE & JULIE PARKS

Sunday, April 24 | 11:45am

We're so excited that our friends, Dave & Julie, will be stopping by for a visit! Let us show our love with a reception after worship. You can sign up to bring something to share on the sheet by the coffee counter.

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 18

1:45-3:45pm

There is no greater joy than when we serve others. Join us on Sunday, May 15, as we serve those less fortunate at First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. Those wishing to carpool should be at the church and ready to leave at 1pm. Sign up on the sheet provided by the coffee counter or let Linda Stamps know.



~ PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Coordinating Team: The next meeting is Sunday, April 3, immediately following worship.

PW Bible Study: The next class is Sunday, April 10, following worship. We will be studying Lesson 6 in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair.

Lesson 6: "Bathsheba" found on page 53.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Kings 1:11-31; 1 Kings 2:13-25

Focus: Bathsheba is not named in Matthew's genealogy. Instead, as the "wife of Uriah", she is defined by her relationship to a man. At first it appears that she is silent and powerless, but when she steps onto the stage she finds her voice and exhibits an ability to influence kings. Bathsheba's story illustrates the corrupting influence of power as well as the support she, as a queen, can provide for her son's reign.



Questions? Contact [Mary Ann Epperson](#).
All women are invited to attend!

~ PRAYER CONCERNS

 Below are prayer concerns from the Presbytery of the Mid-South for April. Please add these to your prayers for the week:

Week of 4/3/22: Grace Presbyterian Church
Dyersburg, TN

Week of 4/10/22: Farmington Presbyterian Church
Germantown, TN

Pray for the struggles of farmers

Week of 4/17/22: Germantown Presbyterian Church
Germantown, TN

Week of 4/24/22: Mission workers

~ STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

as off March 16 , 2022

YTD Income: \$22,486

YTD Expenses: \$28,120

YTD Net Ordinary Income: (\$5,634)

Parenthesis indicate negative number.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

~ DOES YOUR DOG BITE? MAXIE DUNNAM

A fellow went up to the desk in the hotel lobby to register. A large dog lying in front of the desk made him nervous. The desk clerk greeted the man. Uneasy, the man asked, "Does your dog bite?"

The desk clerk simply said, "No." With that assurance the man decided he would pet the dog. Just as he put his hand down, the dog bit him sharply. In pain, he said, "I thought you said your dog wouldn't bite."

"I did."

"But he bit me!"

I like the desk clerk's response: "Sir, that's not my dog." It's important to ask the right questions. The questions we ask determine the answers we get. One question we ask God is, "Why are you punishing me this way?" The truth is, God isn't punishing us. We need to be asking, "What do you want to teach me in this?" So examine the questions you ask. Instead of why—why is this happening to me? Ask, what can I learn from this experience?



Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for your prayers which
are so greatly needed and
appreciated. There is no other
way I could have endured this
time of sorrow and trials without
your prayers and the love of
Jesus Christ.

(Kevin was a blessing as
my manager and a pleasure
to work for!)

May God continue to bless
you all and your Church.

In Christ,
Joji Redner

Thank You

February 11, 2022

Dear Members of Collierville Presbyterian Church:

The Collierville Food Pantry gratefully acknowledges your
contribution of \$217. This generous gift will assist many
families in need in our community. Thank you for your
support of the ministry of the Pantry.

Joyce Soyza
Director, Collierville Food Pantry

"Inasmuch as you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me."
Matthew 25:40

We certify that you did not receive any goods or services in whole or in part in return for your contribution.
The Collierville Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) organization as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

Notes of Thanks

Special thank you to
Mary Ann Epperson
for taking the time to
send out personal
prayer notes to all
those we put on our
prayer list.



**WE ARE
THE CHURCH,
TOGETHER.**

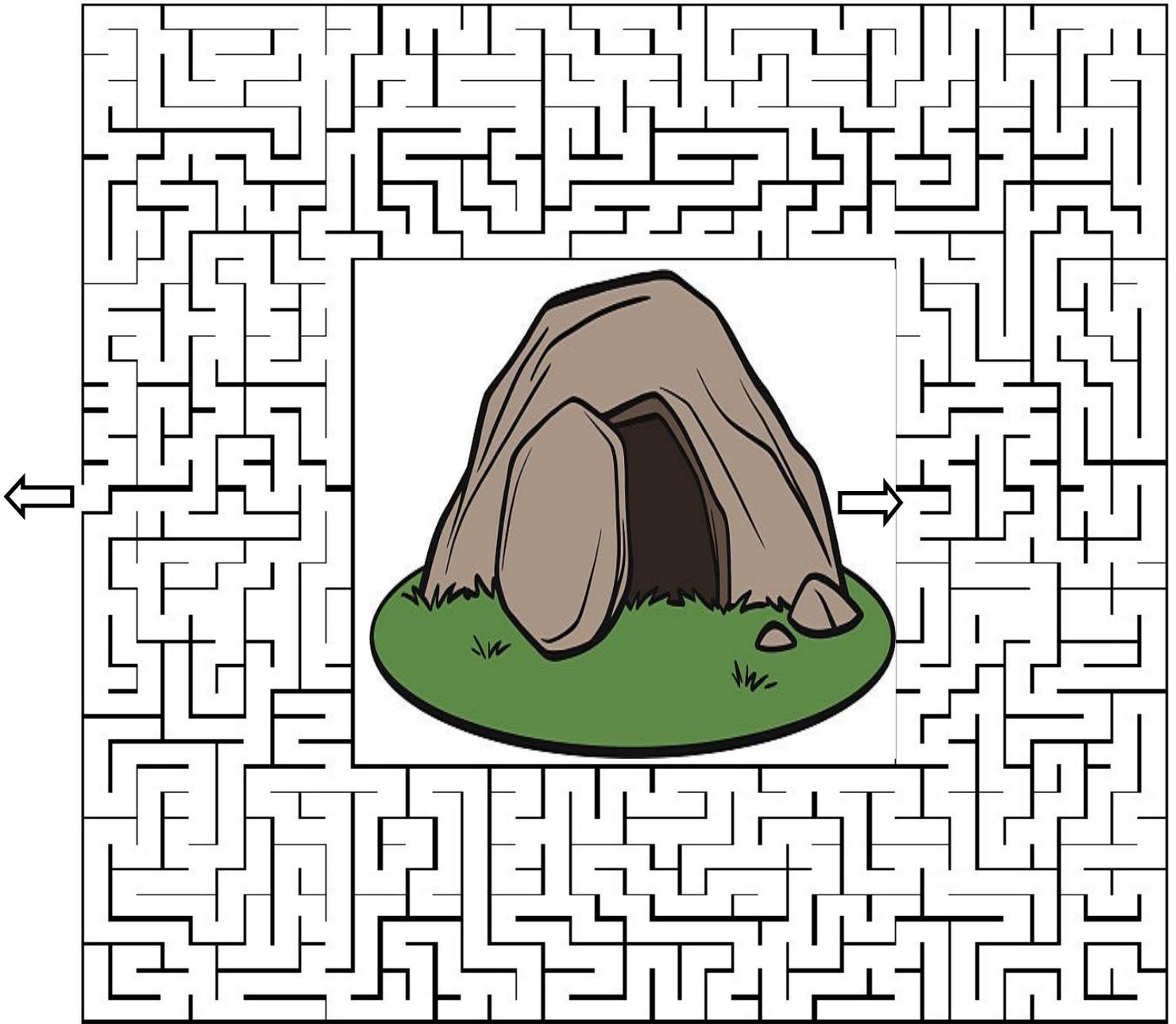
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Every gift makes a difference
in the life of someone
who deserves God's love and support.



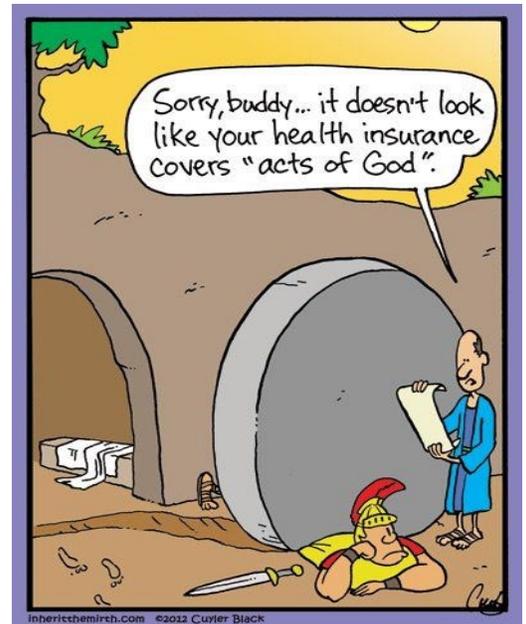
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

4/17/22



Fill the Plate!

One Easter Sunday the Reverend Jones announced to his congregation, "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons..... a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."





APRIL 2022

Collierville Presbyterian Church



☺ Birthday ♥ Anniversary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Worship Service (10:30am) PW Coord. Team (11:30am) Hopefuls AA (3pm) ELC Service (5pm) ELC Reception (6pm) <p>☺ <i>Justin Robinson</i></p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Gamble Speaking (1pm) CLC Class (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm) CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) <p>☺ <i>Ping Stinnett</i></p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (12pm) <p>☺ <i>Brianna Milner</i></p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (7pm)
<p>10 Palm Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Worship Service (10:30am) PW Bible Study (11:30am) Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) <p>☺ <i>Mary Ann Epperson</i></p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) 	<p>14 Maundy Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) GS Troop 13141 (6:45pm) Maundy Thursday Service (7pm) <p>♥ <i>Ron & Melanye Lunsford</i></p>	<p>15 Good Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (12pm) ELC Good Friday Service (3pm) <p>☺ <i>Ruby Mears</i></p>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (7pm) <p>☺ <i>Laurie McArthur</i></p>
<p>17 Easter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Worship Service (10:30am) Session Meeting (11:30am) Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) <p>☺ <i>David Drewry</i></p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm) CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) <p>♥ <i>Scott & Kristy Kennedy</i></p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) GS Leader's Mtg. (6:45pm) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (12pm) 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (7pm)
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday School (9:15am) Coffee & Fellowship (10am) Worship Service (10:30am) GS Troop 13139 (2pm) Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Boy Scouts (7pm) 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (1-3pm) 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLC Class (5:30-7:30pm) 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (12pm) 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopefuls AA (7pm) <p>☺ <i>Melanie Hall Ortega</i></p>