

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JUNE 3

Sunday, June 3rd	Graduation Sunday First Praise w/Communion Church School Worship w/Communion Graduation Luncheon Combined PYF Lake Party	Fellowship Hall Classrooms Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Curtis Home
Monday, June 4th	FPC Volunteers @ Soup Kitchen MCM Circle Boy Scouts Christian Edu. Mtg.	Soup Kitchen Room 301 Fellowship Hall Room 222
Tuesday, June 5th	E 100 Study Group (Dave) Cub Scouts	Parlor Room 300 & 301
Wednesday, June 6th	Women's Affinity Group Council Prayer Meeting College Group HS PYF – Just Desserts	Library Library
Thursday, June 7th	Praise Band Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 9th	Habitat Work Day	
Sunday, June 10th	First Praise Church School MS PYF Youth Trip Worship Prayer Shawl Group Deacon's Mtg. Committee Mtgs.	Fellowship Hall Classrooms Cleveland, TN Sanctuary Thelma Vaughan's Home Room 300 Classrooms

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator

Class of 2018

Mark Auten
Roger Hyatt
Karen Shore
Sue Stevens
Harry Weyer

Class of 2019

Bill Brawley
C. P. Chappell
Janice Pluer
Steve Robinson
John Streb

Mark Auten, Clerk

Class of 2020

Mike Campbell
Brent Curtis
Tom Morrow
Mike Toma
Gene Vaughan

DIACONATE

Scott Mauney, Moderator

Class of 2018

Sandy Bickett
Maria Heilman
Pat King
Paul Manning
Scott Mauney
Carol McClure
Tom Trosuk

David Ramey, Associate Moderator

Class of 2019

Fern Alexander
Ross Culp
Lorra Lee Holshouser
Joyce Lytle
David Ramey

Class of 2020

Beverly Chappell
Andrew Coates
Hillary Cole
Angie Copeland
Teresa Trimble

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis

The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

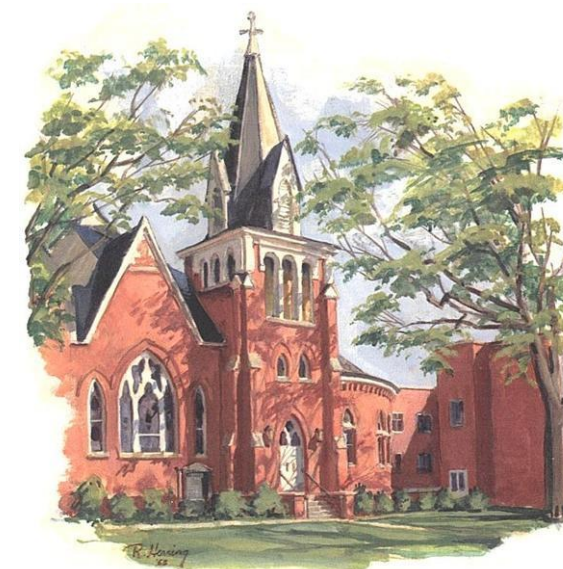
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Bryan Cerrone, Director of Youth Ministries
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Head Usher
Assistant Usher
Ushers
Youth Usher
Greeters
Acolyte
Special Offering Ushers
Bell Ringer
Soundboard
Lay Reader

Maria Heilman
Fern Alexander
Cassandra Rockness, Lisa Davidson
Evan Prochaska
Mike Toma, Lucinda Weyer
Caroline McMillan
Ian & Chloe Coates, Matthew & Noah Hutto
Carter Culbreth
Michael Culbreth
Phil Heilman



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
June 3, 2018 ♦ 11:00 A.M. Graduation Sunday

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.

*Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE:

Joyous Day

John Leavitt

Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME

Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 132: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

PRESENTATIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITIONS

Tony Ervin, Elaine Drye

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Phil Heilman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 36:25-36 pg. 704

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH SILENT CONFESSION

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Higher Ground* arr. R. Robinson
Chancel Choir

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I'm onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on holy ground." Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven's tableland, A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground. My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay; Though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim is higher ground.

SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIVED BY CHILDREN

*THE DOXOLOGY 34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: John 16:5-11 pg. 878-879
Kayla Stissel

SERMON: *"The Holy Spirit: His Presence in Believer's Lives Today"*
Bryan Cerrone

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BREAKING OF BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All professing and baptized Christians are invited to commune today, as well as baptized children instructed in the meaning of the sacrament. Please eat the bread and drink the cup as the elements are passed to you. As you pass the elements to your neighbor, please say, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you" and "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you." May the risen Christ nourish your soul as you commune.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 740: *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: *Lead On, O King Eternal* arr. Henry T. Smart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad. **You can become a FPC member** by your profession or reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership. Please speak with our pastor following the service for information. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

Preschool and elementary children during worship: Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age during all Sunday morning activities. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **Worship bags** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rosie Crouch whose birthday was on June 1 by Marshall Crouch and family.

Today our high school seniors will be recognized during this worship service. They will also be presented with Bibles given to them by the Men's Bible Class. Congratulations to: Walker Culler, Noah Fleming, Evan Prochaska, Ellie Rader, Ethan Robinson, Matthew Sholar, and Rose Sink.

2018 Flower Calendar dates available: We have openings for flowers for the sanctuary for anyone who would like to sign up to provide flowers to enhance worship. The available dates are July 8th, 15th, Aug. 5th, & 19th. This is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or honor a loved one. Your flowers can also encourage someone who is ill or homebound if you wish to leave them to be used by our flower ministry volunteers. Your arrangement will be used to create smaller bouquets that will be distributed on Mondays to brighten someone's day.

First Kids Worship: Children's worship will not be held during June, July and August. First Kids Worship will resume meeting on Sunday, September 9.

Vacation Bible School: Registration is underway for this summer's Vacation Bible School, scheduled for July 16-20. Information and registration forms, for children and volunteers, are located at the VBS tables in the parlor and fellowship hall. You may also download forms online at www.moorevillefpc.org.

Graduation Luncheon: The congregation is invited to join all of our 2018 high school graduates and their families after the 11am service today for an Italian-style covered dish lunch. This will be a wonderful time for food and fellowship as well as the opportunity to celebrate our graduates and send them off with blessing and prayer.

Special offering received by the children today will enable us to assist the needy in our area. The offering received supports the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, Christian Mission, and Food for Days organizations.

Important June Dates for PYF:

- June 6 & 20 – Just Desserts (HS PYF from 7 pm – 9pm)
- June 10 - No PYF (MS PYF leaves for Great Escape in Cleveland, TN @ 10:30 am)
- June 13 & 27 – No Just Desserts
- June 17 – Combined PYF Gathering at Joyce Johnson's Home, from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, located at 123 Rocky River Road.
- June 24 – NO PYF (Bryan on vacation from June 23 – 30).

Notice: If you are not receiving emails from Bryan, please let him know by emailing him at bryan@moorevillefpc.org or text and/or call him at (704) 449-

8856. Also, check your inbox to make sure the emails are not going to the Junk Folder or Spam Folder. The PYF related emails are coming from his 'mailchimp' account.

The anthem this morning, *Higher Ground*, has been a favorite with many Christians since first published in 1898. The text, penned by Methodist Episcopal lay-pastor Johnson Oatman Jr., has long been paired with music written by Charles Gabriel. Pastor Oatman wrote over 3000 gospel hymn texts over a 30 year span. This particular text expresses so well this universal desire for a deeper spiritual life, continuing on a higher plane of fellowship with God, than we have ever before experienced. How are you growing spiritually? Do you have a daily thirst for His Word and for Him? Are you pressing on the upward way each day, or have you grown content with where you are? If that is the case, this week ask the Lord to renew your passion for Him and for spiritual things. Set your spiritual goals high and press on to higher ground. -Barry Kaufman

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Joan Gibson	Margaret Carrigan	Ellen McGuirt
Lecie Miller	Frances Howie	Margaret Sanders
Estelle Mott	Lois Kirk	John Westmoreland
Mary Fortanbury		

Bereavement – Barbara Teeter, death of brother, Bill McCulloh

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Al Culp	Diane Crymes
Shirley Morrow	Bobby Lytle	Bedo & Pat Culberson
Rosemary LaBarre	Ralph Herring	Amy Barnhardt

Friends of the Church

Donna Buyer	Joe Moncheski	Ed Barber
Maureen & Richard	Libby Ebert	David Childers
Teresa Knutsen	Shirley Abele	Judy Nickliss
Christine Morgan	Louis Newton	Jane Scovil
Joseph Ross and family	Glenn Scott	Patt Seyller
Ronnie Shultz	Dick Scovil	Mike & Candi Hawkins
Jenny Wheeler	Becky Smith	Sharp Family
Daniela	Becky Starnes	John Redding
McKenzie Graham	Paul Sharp	William Merrill
Wanda Cravens	Keith Zimmerman	Ryder Woeckener
Jeff Kelly	Tom McAdams	Asa Thurston McNeely
Matt Childers	Jack Esala	Lois Carns
Amanda Hall	Brandy & Chris Cottrell	

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army	Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC	LT James B. Eilers, USN
LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN	2 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC	LTJG Dylan Powell, USN
Maj. William Matheny, Army	Major Ben Peacock, USAF	