



# The Shepherd's Window

*We seek to love God through vibrant and meaningful worship,  
and through the spiritual enrichment of our Family of Faith.  
We seek to love our neighbors by reaching out to our brothers  
and sisters at home and around the world.*

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## TPC Happenings...

**Worship** will continue to be held online (until further notice) in partnership with First Methodist Church. Please let us know if you are having difficulty joining in for Worship.

**Closure:** The closure for all indoor TPC events and activities including Worship continues until further notice. Per the Session, no Fellowship Hall rentals will take place until at least Phase 3 and easing of indoor gathering numbers. As of today (Oct. 2), Iglesia Monte Sion will resume meeting onsite with contact precautions and distancing being observed and cleaning taking place. Their congregation is smaller than 25 people. A small committee of the Session continues to work on a reopening plan so that we can do so in as safe a manner as possible when the time is right.

**Church Family Day Retreat at Camp Grier!** Mark your calendar for **October 17** and plan to spend the day at Camp Grier with our church family. We will be able to relax and recreate in the beauty of Camp Grier for the day. Activities available will be: Rocking chairs, fellowship, games, playing on/in the lake, lake zip line, walks in the woods, paddling, horseback trail rides, mountain biking, and more! We'll have a cookout for lunch and enjoy a full day together, while social distancing in the great outdoors! **REGISTER NOW!!**

**Wednesday Night Study** – Sermon on the Mount – Pastors Paul and Joel are hosting a Zoom conversation/study about different sections of the Sermon on the Mount over the coming weeks to coordinate with their preaching on the same passages. If you are interested in deeper study than what the sermon can provide, please consider joining in. We Zoom together each Wed. evening at 7pm. Let Paul know if you need the Zoom link.

**Sunday Night Vespers (Outdoors):** TPC at 5:30pm. In the event of rain at 5:30, on any given Sunday, we will not gather for Vespers in person, but will stream it on Facebook Live from our sanctuary. (Each service will be on FB even when the weather is good). **THIS SUNDAY** is World Communion Sunday, so we will celebrate **COMMUNION at VESPERS!**

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship starts at 10am on Facebook Live (FUMC page) OR on the Methodist Church webpage. Those links are here:

Church Website: <http://fumct.net/live-stream/>

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/fumctaylorsville/>



*“In those  
days Jesus  
came from  
Nazareth of  
Galilee and  
was baptized  
by John in  
the Jordan.”*

*Mark 1:9*

**Christian Crisis Center Donations:** Until further notice there will be no collections for the Christian Crisis Center. We may conduct a FUND drive in lieu of grocery items when they have a need.

**Some groups** in the church may begin to meet by Zoom video conference. This may include Sunday School groups and/or Presbyterian Women. Each group will decide for

**Offerings:** Please remember that the fixed costs of our shared ministry at TPC continue, even while we are not gathered for worship for a while. If you are able, please mail your offering to the church at PO Box 507 or you may drop it by the office anytime. You may also give ONLINE now at [www.taylorsvillepres.org](http://www.taylorsvillepres.org). Thank you for helping us stay in good financial shape.

**The 4th quarter edition of These Days** are in the Narthex and hallway for you to pick up. These are provided for our church family in memory of Bill White.

**Remember In Prayer**

Tom & Anne Abernethy	Susan Jenkins	Myra Quackenbush
Ronnie Bowman	Paula Jolly	Robin Reid
Virginia Byrd	Georgia Keller	Kathy Roseman
Dena Collie	Roger Lail	Julie Sebastian
Clifford Ferguson	Kathy Little	
Julie Fulbright	Haley McCarthy	Robert Strachan
Phil & Jackie Harris	Nicole McNamara	Doris Watts
Barbara Jenkins	Van McPherson	
Gwen Jenkins	Leroy Mitchell	

**October Elder of the Month**

Laura Jamison

## Pennies for Hunger Funds Are Critically Low

Salem Presbytery's Hunger Committee met in September. They received 19 applications for financial support from pennies for hunger totaling \$61,000. At this point they only have \$8000 to give. This critical ministry outreach program needs your help! Please do what you can to participate in this vital ministry. You may drop off or mail contributions at the church or make online contributions using the "other" category and including Pennies for Hunger in the memo section. Thank you!!

### STAY SAFE & KEEP OTHERS SAFE

#### If you have to leave home:

- Wear a cloth face mask
- Wash hands frequently; use soap and warm water and scrub for at least 20 seconds
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Cover your mouth when you cough
- Don't leave home if you are sick; call doctor for instructions



### Local Church History... *(continuation from September Newsletter)*

In August 2002, the church opened an Academic Pre-school Program for children ages 3 and 4. The Program leaders are Mrs. Leanne Deal, who was hired as the first part-time Youth Director in 1998, and Cindy Reese, Assistant. There was an enrollment of 12 children in the program.

TPC was served by interim pastor, Rev. Michael Hill, from 2005 until 2007. During this time, the congregation built a new Fellowship Hall building across the street from the church to better serve the congregation and the wider community.

Rev. Paul Sink was called to serve as pastor in 2007 and continues at present. In October 2015, a large oak tree fell on the main church building during a severe storm doing extensive damage to the bell tower and sanctuary. The congregation relocated worship to the fellowship hall for one year while renovations were completed to the church. The sanctuary was rededicated on October 2, 2016 during morning worship. The service began with a special processional of Sacramental items by 3 generations of Rev. McPherson's family (2 of whom are active members of TPC).

Taylorville Presbyterian Church remains a strong, if small, family church in the heart of Alexander County. We are faithful in worship, service, and fellowship and are always eager to meet and make new friends in faith. Our dedication to being good and welcoming neighbors in our local community shapes much of what we do and who we are as children of our loving God!

## *Inspirational Stories For the Soul*

### **Socks and Shoes**

A little boy about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking [God](#) to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel.

By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?"

As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you [God's Wife](#)?"

Author Unknown

### **Puppies for Sale**

A shop owner placed a sign above his door that said: "Puppies For Sale." Signs like this always have a way of attracting young children, and to no surprise, a boy saw the sign and approached the owner; how much are you going to sell the puppies for?" he asked. The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30 to \$50."

The little boy pulled out some change from his pocket. "I have \$2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?"

The shop owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his shop followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur.

One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The shop owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and had discovered it didn't have a hip socket. It would always limp. It would always be lame.

The little boy became excited. "That is the puppy that I want to buy."

The shop owner said, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you."

The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger, and said; "I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for."

The shop owner countered, "You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies."

To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!"

# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday: ONLINE WORSHIP 10:00 AM			Each Wednesday @ 8pm Narcotics Anonymous meets in Old Fellowship Hall	1	2	3
4 10:00 AM ONLINE WORSHIP 5:30 PM Vespers Service	5	6	7 7pm-Sermon on the Mount; Zoom 8pm, Narcotics Anonymous -OFH	8	9	10
11 10:00 AM ONLINE WORSHIP 5:30 PM Vespers Service	12	13	14 8pm, Narcotics Anonymous -OFH	15	16	17 Church Family Day Retreat @ Camp Grier
18 10:00 AM ONLINE WORSHIP 5:30 PM Vespers Service	19	20	21 8pm, Narcotics Anonymous -OFH	22	23	24
25 10:00 AM ONLINE WORSHIP 5:30 PM Vespers Service	26	27	28 8pm, Narcotics Anonymous -OFH	29	30	31

## Birthday Celebrations

Reita Bryant - 4

Sharon Flowers - 5

Carole Rogers - 9

Van McPherson - 15

Laura Jamison - 17

Jan Barriger - 18

Kelsey Lail - 20

## Anniversary Celebrations

Shay & Jessy Starnes - 5

Alvin & Mona Woody - 7

Larry & Martha Schronce - 8

Gary Bebber & Malinda Gryder - 8

Van & Diane McPherson - 9

Bob & Linda Quackenbush - 29