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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us for our Maundy Thursday service with Communion at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

MARYVILLE COLLEGE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Maryville College's annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. on Lloyd Beach. Lloyd Beach is located behind Lloyd Hall, on the southeastern end of the campus, and offers a spectacular view of the sun rising over the Chilhowee Mountains. The service is casual, and attendees who are not able to stand during the service are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. All are invited to enjoy coffee, pastries and conversation on the porch of Willard House following the service. In the event of rain, both the service and the breakfast will be held in the Samuel Tyndale Wilson Center for Campus Ministry.

Anne McKee

EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARTY

Mark your calendars for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party on March 25th!! The hunt is for preschool through 3rd grade but the lunch is for any and every one! The party will start with a hot dog lunch immediately after the 11:05 service in the pavilion. We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to transport and/or do the grilling for the event. Please contact Fairlena Googe (children@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x119) if you can help!

Not only are we hunting Easter eggs, but there will also be stations set up to decorate cookies and get Easter tattoos as well as the chance to pet some

adorable farm animals! If you and your family plan to attend, please RSVP by e-mailing Fairlena Googe at (children@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x119) by Tuesday, March 20th.

Please don't forget we need candy and other small trinkets to fill the eggs. No chocolate, please, it melts! These items can be dropped off in the office with Coco any day of the week.

Jewell Overton

WHAT YOUR NPPC YOUTH MINISTRY FAMILY HAS BEEN UP TO?

Hello! My name is Eric Minton, and I (now) work here at New Providence (if you don't know: I'm the 5'9" white guy with a buzz cut, glasses, and a beard)! I wanted to take a few moments to catch you up to speed on what has happened and will happen in the lives of students here at NPPC in my brief tenure as the Interim Youth Coordinator. Over the course of January and February we've experienced a whirlwind of activity: from hosting a Youth Sunday planning lock-in (Thank you Tyler Johnson and Hayley Lynn for your all-night solidarity!), to raising over \$900.00 for Meals on Wheels in Blount County with your generous help (thank you very much!) for our Souper Bowl of Caring, to organizing, singing, praying, reading, and preaching through another barn-burner of a Youth Sunday, and to embarking on our annual trip to the mean streets of Gatlinburg for the Presbytery's Youth Summit. We're also looking forward to a long string of Sunday Nights together as a youth ministry family, the celebration of our graduates in May, and a summer filled with service learning in both Guatemala and East Tennessee!

Which reminds me, now that I can finally catch my breath, make sure to give a hearty hello to our middle school and high school students as they walk the halls of NPPC on Sunday mornings. Church can sometimes be a lonely place for adolescents, and they always appreciate seeing and hearing from their extended New Providence family!

IMPORTANT PARENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mark your calendar for the 5th Sunday Family Night on April 29th.

We'll start at 4:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall on Sunday Night, April 29th, for our 5th Sunday Family Extravaganza for teaching, conversation, recreation, and conclude with a CATERED dinner at 6:00 p.m. Make a point to come celebrate the end of our school year programming alongside other students and their families!

WHAT I'M READING (THAT YOU CAN TOO!):

- *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church* -Fuller Youth Institute
- *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* -Robert Putnam
- *Helping Your Anxious Teen: Positive Parenting Strategies to Help Your Teen Beat Anxiety, Stress, and Worry* -Dr. Sheila Achar Josephs
- *Spiral Dynamics: Mastering Values, Leadership, & Change* -Beck & Cowan

Eric Minton, Interim Director of
Youth & College Age Ministries

FROM THE PASTOR

Shortly after the acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned a select group of U.S. Army volunteers under the command of Captain Meriwether Lewis and his good friend William Clark.

Their charge was to find the Northwest Passage, the water route to the Pacific. Everyone was certain it existed. But what

Lewis & Clark discovered was that three hundred years of experts had been completely and utterly wrong. There was no Northwest Passage. No navigable river. No water route.

More importantly, Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery learned that the entire mental model of the continent was wrong as well. They assumed that the geography west of the Continental Divide was exactly like the geography east of it. In the same way the land rose gently over the Appalachians and then flowed into thousands of miles of plains leading to the Rockies, so too, they believed, on the other side of the Rockies it would descend gently to the Pacific Ocean.

Two hundred years later, with the insights of history and cartography, the fallacy of those assumptions is almost laughable. But the lessons that Lewis & Clark learned still instruct us today, especially those of us in the church.

Last month, a small group at NPPC began initial conversations to discern what this congregation is called to do and be in the next chapter of our life together. They are designing a process that will challenge us all to do the soul-stirring work of prayerfully and thoughtfully asking where God is leading us. That work is just beginning, but one of our convictions is that – like Lewis & Clark – we do not know exactly what lies ahead of us. The cultural landscape has changed so much, even in the last 5 years, that we need to ask again what it means to be the church in this day and age.

To put it another way, the effective strategies and structures of the past are unlikely to be the best plans for

our future. What worked 50 years ago is probably not what's going to work today. As one writer puts it, "what got us here won't take us there."

The good news is that the Church of Jesus Christ does not depend on us or our creativity or ingenuity. As always, the Church relies on the leading of the Spirit.

That being said, the Spirit "blows as it will," and if you have thoughts/ideas/prayers/convictions about

where God may be leading us, I would love to talk with you. You can always find me by phone (983-0182 x107) or email (emily@newprovidencepres.org) to set up a face-to-face conversation. And whatever process we design, it will rely heavily on thoughtful, prayerful input from this congregation.

Bottom line, here's what we do know: with all of the changes around us, the Church of Jesus Christ can adapt as well. Our core values – loving God and loving neighbor – do not change. But it's up to us to figure out how to enact them in ways that make sense in this time and this place.

In other words, 232 years after its founding, NewProv continues to reinvent itself and respond to God's calling, and I am grateful to be a part of that.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is offering training sessions on Sunday, March 11, at 1 p.m. This session will be held at the Family Promise Day Center in the old Bungalow Church building. You must be trained to serve as a Saturday host. Contact Janice Utt (jautt@me.com) or Sharon Meltzer (smeltzer866@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

Janice Utt

COMMUNITYWORX

Calling all members seeking service opportunities!

CommunityWorx has a Volunteer Workday scheduled for April 14, 2018

Save the Date! There is something everyone can do to help!

CommunityWorx coordinates their Volunteer Workdays to assist Blount County agencies and their families with needs such as organizing, sorting, painting, writing letters, home repair, making kits, cleaning, landscaping, outside cleanup, cleaning gutters, ramp building, etc. Signups will start early March.

If you think this could be a good fit for you, please e-mail Michelle Huntoon (citw@newprovidencepres.org). There will be a link to sign up genius established in early March, and we will forward that information to interested folks as soon as it is available. There is also a sign up sheet located in the church office with Ashley if computers aren't your thing.

Don't miss this opportunity to make someone's day a bit brighter!

Michelle Huntoon

NEW PROV U

New Prov U is an opportunity for the congregation, especially those 55 and older, to find enrichment opportunities from a variety of presentations.

Join us on Wednesday, March 14, for a program by Tom & Sue Wright as they portray Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln and discuss the life and times of the Lincoln's. Contact Ashley (ashley@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x101) by noon on Thursday, March 8, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch or just come for the program at noon.

Don't forget that the cost of lunch has gone up to \$7.

Andy Simon

LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 16, to go to Greeneville to the Andrew Johnson Museum and the State of Franklin Courthouse. Brunch will be at Aunt Bea's (we'll order off the menu).

There will be a \$2 transportation fee to be paid the day of the trip.

Reserve your space with Ashley in the church office (ashley@newprovidencepres.org or 983-0182, x101) by Thursday, March 15 at noon.

Stephanie Bell

BARTLETT BUZZ

In March, Bartlett Adult Day Out will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and enjoy visits from Terry, Ruth and Ex Libris!

If you have a gift or talent that you could share, we would love for you to visit. Contact Trish Badgett (trish@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x106).

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. OGHS provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

OGHS, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

New Providence will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during both services of worship on Palm Sunday, March 25.

Coco Everett

COMMUNION

We will serve Communion on Maundy Thursday on March 29, and during both services of worship on Easter Sunday, April 1.

MONEY FOR MANNA OFFERING

The third Sunday of each month used to be Hunger Awareness Sunday at NPPC. But people are hungry every day, so our Money for Manna offering isn't just collected on the third Sunday of the month, it is collected any time you can help. The money from this offering is used to support the Welcome Table, our ministry to the community. Any surplus giving is sent to the Community Food Connection. With more and more people out of work or working at less than full-time, help is needed now more than ever.

You may give money to the offering at any time by enclosing your gift with your regular giving in one of the envelopes in the pew racks. Just remember to fill in "Money for Manna" and the amount to be given on the "other giving" line of the envelope.

Coco Everett

MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle will meet at Alida Graves' home (114 Wilson Ave.) on Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Margaret Ellen Crawford

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Don't forget to spring your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 10. You don't want to experience the horror of being early to church!

This is also a good time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they function.

Coco Everett

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur during March. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them that they are special!

- Jim Patton, March 1
- Richard Kintner, March 2
- Betty Chester, March 7
- Nancy Muir, March 28

Donnae Farley

HEALTH TIPS

1. Take an extra lap. Once you've got the grocery cart loaded, take a final victory lap around the perimeter of the store pushing the cart at a brisk pace.
2. Stretch it out. Feeling bored or sleepy in the middle of the day? Rather than reach for a snack, try a few stretches. Start with your neck and shoulders and work your way down to your toes.
3. Choose the detour. Walk one block farther with the dog than you're used to. Walk past your work station and circle back. Bypass the elevators and find the stairs.
4. Make movement work for you. Housework is movement. Set a timer for 20 minutes and de-clutter at a lively pace. Then you can enjoy the double sense of accomplishment.
5. Learn what 10 minutes feels like. Keeping your heart rate up for just 10 minutes a day can make a difference in your fitness and in your mood and energy. Find an activity you enjoy, set the timer, and go.
6. Celebrate life. Crank up the music, grab family members or friends, and instigate an impromptu dance party. Keep those arms and legs moving as you twist and bob.
7. Turn on the generosity. A commitment to movement doesn't have to come at the expense of your impulse for kindness. Help a neighbor out with yard work, moving furniture, or cleaning out the garage and accomplish both goals - along with building a valuable relationship.

For more information, check out www.chreader.org

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS!

VBS will be June 10th-13th this year. We'll need plenty of volunteers to help as well as donations of things. Watch next month's *New Prov Press* for more information.

Fairlena Googe, Interim Director of Children's Ministries

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				01 10:00AM PWC Circles - Martha (Chapel) 10:00AM PWC Circle - Ruth (W201) 10:00AM PWC Circles - Leah (Parlor) 2:00PM PWC Circle - Deborah 5:30PM Public Theology (Off Campus) 7:00PM PWC Circle - Mary (108)	02	03
04 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 10:00AM Inquirers' Class (FWH) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)	05 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (WH) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (W201) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	06 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 6:30PM BSA-Connections Committee (Bride's Room - Narthex) 6:30PM Congregational Nurture/TLC (219) 6:30PM Event Support (215) 6:30PM Fellowship Groups (213) 6:30PM Transportation (206) 7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel) 7:00PM New Prov Green Team (W202) 7:00PM Facilities Committee (Parlor) 7:00PM Budget & Finance (108) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 7:00PM Policy Committee (W201) 7:15PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206) 8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel)	07 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:30AM Widow/Widower Support Group (W202) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM Line Dancing (FWH) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor)	08 MCS Spring Break March 8-16 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM D & S Community Services Training (FEH)	09	10
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RWH – Rear Westminster Hall

FWH – Front Westminster Hall

FEH – Front Eastminster Hall

REH – Rear Eastminster Hall

Mark Your Calendar Upcoming Dates:

- April 29: 5th Sunday Family Night
- June 10-13: VBS



NEW PROV READS RESUMES

New Prov Reads will start again March 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor at NPPC. We will do part one (chapters 1-3) of *Found in the Middle: Theology and Ethics for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical* by Wesley J. Wildman and Stephen Chapin Garner. This book can stand on its own, so folks who did not participate in the last book will not be lost and are welcome to join us! NPR meets the first and third Wednesday of each month.

If you have questions, contact Anne Van Pelt (libraryanne42@gmail.com).

Anne Van Pelt

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH

- March 4: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22
- March 11: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
- March 18: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33
- March 25: Liturgy of the Palms - Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Liturgy of the Passion - Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Beginning February 26, the Women's Study Group will be reading Wayne Muller's *A Life of Being, Having, and Doing Enough*. Muller challenges us to look at our interior lives and develop a deep sense of sufficiency in our life and work that is enough.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Parlor at NPPC.

For more information or questions, please contact Renee Nasrollahi at (reeneenasro@aol.com, 385-1418).

Bring yourself and a friend!

Renee Nasrollahi

TENDING OUR FLOCK

CONGRATULATIONS

- Ruth and Don Moore, in the birth of their third great-grandchild, Adam Vincent Gilday, born in January.
- Jim Callaway, in the birth of his great-granddaughter, Margaret Kathryn Wright, born on January 22, 2018. Margaret Kathryn is also the granddaughter of Bill & Margaret Callaway Ramsey.

WE SHARE SORROW

- Tom Eustis, 2/6
- Evelyn Burns, 2/22
- Edna Lankford, 2/23

Have a new baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Ashley (ashley@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x101) or anyone in the church office to share your news.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Keep up with all the happenings at New Prov, do one or all of these:

- Friend us on our Facebook page @ newprovpres
- Follow us on Twitter to get our tweets at @newprovpres
- Follow us on Instagram at newprovidencepres
- Hashtag any post with #NewProvPres to keep in the loop
- Subscribe to the E-news, our weekly electronic newsletter of last minute church news
- Get our Adult Ed E-news, our monthly newsletter concerning all things Adult Education
- Sign up to receive Advent Devotions written by New Provers each morning of Advent by subscribing to our E-votions
- Check out our website at Newprovidencepres.org
- Contact Coco (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x102) and get signed up today!

SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and approved:

- Disbursement of Peace and Global Witness Funds: NPPC collected \$828.00 for this special offering in October. Of this money, \$621 will be sent to PCUSA, leaving \$207 for CITW to donate to a local peacemaking group. CITW approved donating the \$207.00 to Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking in Knoxville.
 - Purchase and use of the *Shipwrecked* VBS curriculum published by Group ministry resources.
 - Curriculum requests for Adult Education:
 - Beth Tanner, *The Psalms for Today*
 - Stephen Prothero, *God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World*
 - Brian D. McClaren, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be a Christian*
 - Walter Brueggemann, *Sabbath as Resistance*
 - DVD: *Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses*
 - William H. Willamon, *Sinning Like a Christian: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins*
 - Unexpected expense for an inspection of the State Fire Marshall for the Bartlett Program. Will be looking into whether funds from the Bartlett Memorial Fund may be used in the future.
- At approximately 58% into our budget year, pledged giving is at 72% and unpledged giving at 82%. Total revenues are at 72%. Expenses are holding at 57%.
- The Lent sermon series will be "Signs Along the Way."
- The Session thanked Renee Nasrollahi for her service as interim Director of Christian Education
- Beth Lazar, Clerk of Session

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR MARCH

FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
4	Laura Shamiyeh, Bill Savell, Hayley Lynn	Tom Raines*, Peggy Raines, Sally Daley, Terry & Judy Woods	Olivia Lazar
11	Carrie Eaton, Gabie Kerr, Chad Rogers	Denise Vogado*, Connie & Jack Jackson, Paul Vogado	Stan Rushing
18	Bryan Kilday, Carrie Eaton, Bill Yarborough	TBD*, Chrissy & Andrew Irvine, Bill Yarborough	Hayley Lynn
25	Maxey Long, Laura Shamiyeh, Nick Bradford	Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Roy & Ruth Fox, Martha Cobb	Vandy Kemp

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
4	Bobbie Briggs, Tracy Luttrell, John Pittenger	Jason Brooks*, Ann Spencer, Lynne Musick, Phil Mummert, Susan Young	Olivia Lazar
11	Michelle Huntoon, Kate Clabough, John Pittenger	Karen* & Ken Paxton*, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Stan Rushing
18	Mike Teffeteller, Jane Morton, Andrew Irvine	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick	Hayley Lynn
25	Mike Teffeteller, Gabie Kerr, Tyler Johnson	Stephanie Bell*, Dennis & Ann Cherry, Jack Bell, Jeff Pezick	Vandy Kemp

* Head Usher

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to have an Easter lily placed in the church on Easter morning in honor or in memory of a special person, please fill out the form below and return it to the office. A contribution of \$10.00 will cover the cost of the lily. The deadline for ordering lilies is Monday, March 26, 2018.

Memory/ Honor of: (check one)

Given by:

Check one of the following:

- Will or
 will not pick up after service

Name & phone number:



CLASS TAKES BREAK

The Cloud 9 [4th-5th grade] Sunday school is canceled on Sunday, March 11 due to Spring break.

Fairlena Googe, Interim Director of Children's Ministries

DONATE NOW QR CODE

Use this QR code or go to newprovidencepres.org/donate. From there, choose where you wish your funds to go, click on the donate now icon and follow the directions.



Coco Everett

POTLUCK DINNER PLANNED TO REMEMBER MLK

On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis. His impassioned speeches and nonviolent protests against segregation and injustice were the hallmark of his leadership of the civil rights movement.

On April 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Blount County United will host a potluck dinner to mark the 50th anniversary of that event. We will give thanks for Dr. King's life and celebrate his vision, as we continue our work towards creating the Beloved Community right here at home. The dinner will be held at New Providence Presbyterian Church (703 W. Broadway in Maryville), and all are invited. The meat will be provided by Blount County United, and everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

CURRENT OFFICERS

ELDERS

2018 - Bill Savell, Bryan Kilday, Chad Rogers, Hayley Lynn, Gabie Kerr, Tracy Luttrell, Michelle Huntoon

2019 - Bobbie Briggs, Kate Clabough, Jenifer Greene, Jane Morton, Jeff Pezick, John Pittenger, Bill Yarborough

2020 - Nick Bradford, Ayak Cinkoc, Carrie Eaton, Andrew Irvine, Tyler Johnson, Maxey Long, Laura Shamiyeh, Mike Teffeteller

DEACONS

2018 - Margaret Ellen Crawford, Angela Culliton, Rachel Gibson, Denny Moore, Ellie Morrow, Bethany Russell

2019 - Nancy Coleman, Bud Gangwer, Don Hodges, Sharon Meltzer, Don Myers

2020 - Jimmy Beard, Kristina Chisholm, Reba Luttrell, Kathy Neisser, David Stephens, Ryan Young

Nominating Committee

2018 - John Clark, Lee Franks, Ron Gibbs, Meredith Goins, Teresa Herrmann, Janet Kolarik

ELDER AND DEACON TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018

- Worship & Arts: Beth Ragsdale Smith (Team Leader), Hayley Lynn, Tyler Johnson, Bill Yarborough
- Discipleship & Education: Gabie Kerr (Children), Nick Bradford, Tracy Luttrell (Youth), Carrie Eaton (Adult), Kate Clabough (Leadership Development)
- Church in the World: Bobbie Briggs, Ayak Cinkoc, Michelle Huntoon, Andrew Irvine
- Administrative: Janet Kolarik (Team Leader)
 - Facilities: John Pittenger, Chad Rogers
 - Personnel: Laura Shamiyeh, Maxey Long
 - Stewardship: Jane Morton, Jeff Pezick
 - Budget & Finance: Bryan Kilday, Mike Teffeteller
 - Policy: Bill Savell

■ Congregational Life: Margaret Ellen Crawford (Team Leader), Jenifer Greene (Elder Representative)

- Fellowship Groups: Bethany Russell, Kathy Neisser
- Transportation: Bud Gangwer, Denny Moore
- Congregational Nurture: Angela Culliton, Kristina Chisholm, Ellie Morrow, Margaret Ellen Crawford
- Connections: Sharon Meltzer, Nancy Coleman
- Event Support: Don Hodges, Jimmy Beard, David Stephens, Don Myers, Ryan Young (sound)
- Bereavement: Rachel Gibson, Reba Luttrell

WE HEAR YOU!

Since most folks don't know the staff's last names, we've switched to our first names in the phone directory. If you call the church, and don't know our extension, you may dial 5 and input the first three letters of our first names to reach us.

PHONE EXTENSIONS

Ray -100
Ashley -101
Coco -102
Peggy -103
Steve -105
Trish -106
Emily -107
Penny -108
Eric-109
Rob -110
East Kitchen-112
Nursery-113
West Kitchen-118
Fairlena-119
Bartlett-120

As always, when calling the church, you may dial the extension as soon as the operator begins speaking.

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The Reverend Doctor Emily J. Anderson	PASTOR
The Reverend J. Steven Musick	ASSOCIATE PASTOR
The Reverend Doctor Stan Rushing	PARISH ASSOCIATE
Rob Britt	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Peggy Rogers	ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS
Eric Minton	INTERIM YOUTH & COLLEGE AGE COORDINATOR
Fairlena Googe	INTERIM CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR
Leah Thomas	INTERIM CHILDREN'S FACILITATOR
Trish Badgett	PARISH NURSE
Amelia Geis-Scott	WELCOME TABLE COORDINATOR
Ray Bryant	FACILITIES MANAGER
Penny Bever	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Coco Everett	COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
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18	Money for Manna
25	Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt and Party One Great Hour of Sharing
29	Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
1	Easter Services with Communion Easter Sunrise Service at Maryville College

