

Cornerstone

Meet New Member, Susan Schubert



As I sit on the porch on this beautiful, sunny afternoon, writing this introduction, I am once again reminded of the beauty of nature that God created for us. More than that, I am so very thankful that God guided our path to our new home in the neighborhood and to HHPC. You see, I truly believe that God was really guiding me to this church and through the door in order to help me to re-establish a relationship with Him, something I had lost over the last few years.

The members and the pastors truly understand what it means to be a welcoming, loving congregation. Pretty much after my first Sunday at worship I knew that I had found a church home.

Let me share a little about my husband, Gerhard and me. Gerhard is originally from Ulm, Germany and I am originally from western Pennsylvania. Collectively, we are the parents of 5 children and 4 grandchildren, with 1 more on the way! While our families are scattered between Germany, Georgia, Florida and Minnesota, we enjoy every minute we can spend with them.

I came to Memphis in July of 2015 on "loan" to Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) under the management contract. By September of 2015 I was asked if I would consider staying on permanently. All the doors opened for this to happen and I have never looked back or questioned that decision, all the while guided by God's hand. Today I serve as the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations. In my spare time I enjoy reading, gardening, traveling, decorating and genealogy.

Gerhard spent most of his adult life in the commercial glass industry working around the world. Now semi-retired, his passion and new work can be summed up in one word – "airplanes." Flying and building since he was 16, he currently is finishing the build of a Lancair for a pilot client, and then he will begin to build a new design of the famous P-51 Mustang; a plane that has the potential to be the fastest single engine in the sky. Gerhard has the best stories of his life experiences and we never run out of things to talk about!

We are excited to be here, and I look forward to this new chapter in my life in Memphis and particularly with HHPC and to see where God will lead me.

Respectfully yours, Susan Schubert

Susan joined by reaffirmation of faith on July 10th.



November 2016



Hey! Why are there a bunch of green squares on the calendar?

I'm glad you asked. Those are the days that HHPC will be a shoebox collection location. Terry Davis and her team will be manning this location to collect the individual boxes that will be dropped off here. They will pack them in cartons to go to their next destination in their trek to go to children all over the world. For helpful information on filling your box, use this link:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	3	4 10:30 TOPS to go Davies Manor for the quilt show	5 Before you go to bed...  so you will be on time for Church
6 The Lord's Supper 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal	7	8	9 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	10 6:30 Men's Supper 6:30 Forever Young	11 Youth Lock-in	12 Youth Lock-in
13 Congregational Meeting 12:15 Christmas Play Rehearsal	14	15 7:00 Marine Corps League	16 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir	17 10:30 Hope Circle 11:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Session (note: one week early)	18	19
20 Collect Gratitude Gift Offering 12:30 Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Play Rehearsal	21	22	23 No supper or activities	24 Thanksgiving <i>Thanksgiving Holidays</i>	25 Office Closed	26
27 First Sunday in Advent - Jesus Brings us Hope Collect Gratitude Gift Offering	28	29	30 5:30 Supper 6:15 R&R* 6:30 Activities 7:30 Choir			

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

George Washington, our first President, issued the first Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1789. Have you ever read it?

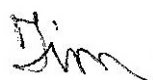
I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness ... and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

Washington had a way with words, didn't he? Let's do our best to incorporate a good measure of gratitude into our Thanksgiving celebrations. One of

the newer traditions in my family is one we began a couple of years before my parents died. Before we pray and then eat the turkey and dressing and all the fixin's, each person is given the opportunity to share something they're thankful for. By the time the oldest to the youngest family member has finished speaking, most of us have a smile on our faces and a lump in our throats. You might want to try it with your family this Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours. Remember that I love you, and please continue to be faithful in worship and in giving.

Your Pastor and Friend,




CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Staff

Rev. Dr. Tim Foster, **Senior Pastor**
 Rev. Jerry Brundle, **Assistant Pastor**
 Jason Gatlin, **Youth Director**
 John Knox Foster, **Young Adults**
 Jenny McCleary, **Children's Ministry Director**
 Mary Smith, **Financial Administrator**
 Rosie Blatt, **Administrative Assistant**
 Larry Denman, **Music Director**
 Lauren Fiveash, **Ensemble Director & Pianist**
 Cindy Phillips, **Organist**
 Bikram Ranapheli, **Guitarist**
 Jason Gatlin, **Sound Technician**
 Chrissy Thornton, **Parents' Day Out Director**
 Bob Donan, **Clerk of Session**
 Lesa Hart, **Moderator, Board of Deacons**
 Richard Armour, **Treasurer**

Session

Class of 2016
 Kendra Bowers
 Jason Gatlin
 Janis McCarty
 Shirley McLaurine
 Fred Tremont
Class of 2017
 Ronnie Billings
 Rob McCleary
 Perk Perkins
 Connie Thornton
Class of 2018
 Tom Bright
 Lin Fryman
 Steve Deaux

Board of Deacons

Class of 2016
 Lori Brown
 Terry Davis
 Traci Gatlin
 E.W. Golden
 Brenda Paoni
Class of 2017
 Clint Bowden
 Lesa Hart
 Lydia Johnson
 David Thornton
Class of 2018
 Steve Allen
 Kim Batson
 Joy Bowden
 David Dennie
 Linda Melear

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR'S DESK

Just over two weeks ago, when hurricane Matthew pummeled the east coast, Barb and I had a personal interest in the track of the storm, as our son, Scott, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. Fortunately for him, the storm stayed just far enough east of Raleigh that they were spared the worst of the damage, though there was extensive flooding and wind damage where he lives. His own residence was spared any significant damage, except for a couple of lost shingles on the roof. It seemed like he had dodged a bullet. But a couple of days later, the drywall in the ceiling began to turn color, evidence that water had gotten in where the shingles were missing. It took some time for the water to find the lowest point in the attic to pool in, and then some additional time for the water to soak through the drywall and reveal the damage that had been done. While it is by no means a disaster, drywall repair can be messy and expensive, especially in areas of vaulted and elevated ceilings, where his occurred. Just a little external damage, but a messy job to repair.

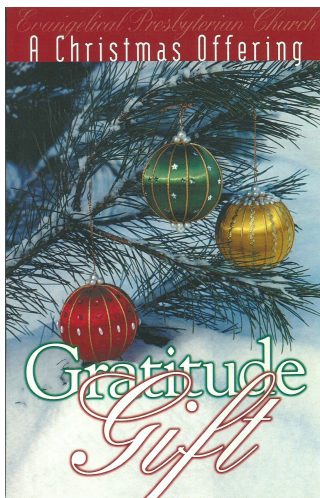
Life is often like that. A seemingly little event, yet the destruction it causes seems far out of proportion to the event itself. Nowhere is this more true than in the words we speak. Words spoken in anger are often intended to win an argument, or to hurt the one to whom they are spoken. But often the damage they do to the one they are spoken to are far deeper than intended, and the evidence of that

damage may not surface for a long time, though damage is still occurring all the while.

The Bible speaks much about our speech, our words to others, whether they are hurtful or comforting. The book of James, chapter 5, especially, speaks of the damage that is done by what often seem to us merely words, but are more damaging than physical violence. And the book of Proverbs says this: "There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (Prov. 12:13). Our world, our nation, our communities, our homes and our church need healing. And in every case, the healing ultimately is needed because of words spoken like sword thrusts, rather than words of comfort. As individuals, we may not be able to do much to heal our nation or our communities, but we can bring healing to our homes and to our church family, if there is any hurt within our body. It will not happen until we speak words of healing, love and reconciliation to one another. Now would be a good time.



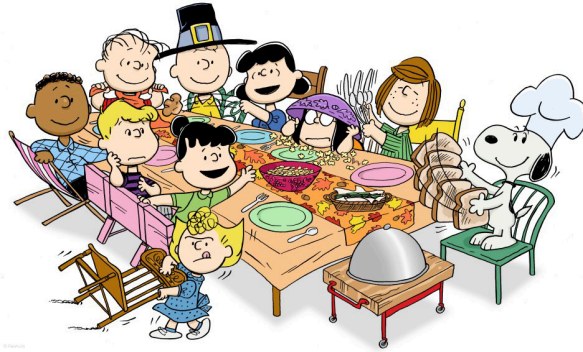
*With much love,
Jerry Brundle, Assistant Pastor*



Gratitude Gift - A Christmas Offering

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, of which we are affiliated, collects an annual offering for the purpose of helping to support retired ministers and missionaries. There will be an insert with an envelope provided in your November 13th bulletin. Please place your envelope in the offering plate on November 20th or 27th. The funds collected will be deposited in our account, and one check will be sent from Highland Heights to the EPC. Please prayerfully consider a gift for these faithful servants.

THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS!



Does your family have Thanksgiving traditions... something they do every year? Maybe your family watches the parade or cooks all day and eats in the evening. Some of us like to eat in the middle of the day (that means there will be time for a nap). Your Church family has a tradition, too. We have a feast the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A team of folks led by the Donans will prepare a meal fit for a king. You only need to bring your appetite. There will be envelopes in the pews to register your family. The cost is the same as Wednesday dinner which is \$6 for adults 19 years old and up, \$3 for 5-18 year olds and under age 5 are free. Use the envelopes to let us know how many are coming and for your convenience you may include your payment. However, don't let that stop you from registering because the envelopes are mainly to get a count as we will take payments at the door if you prefer. Presbyterians love to eat but mostly Presbyterians love each other and enjoy time together.

November Birthdays

1st	Phil Mace Abby Perkins Ethan Redding Fred Tremont
2nd	Gayle Stratton
5th	Perk Perkins
8th	Carol Erdmann Janis McCarty
9th	Clint Buchanan Alex Grant
11th	Nancy Howland
12th	Lee Boughton
13th	Toni Ware Lex Stone - 2008
14th	Barb Brundle Candace Oatsvall Lowery
18th	Tina Donan
19th	Ronnie Billings Joe Dobson
20th	Mitzi Goodwin
22nd	Richard Armour
30th	Kevin England



A Recent Tradition

When Pastor Tim was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO), we sent cookies for the military personnel there. It was so well-received that we did it again last year and we are going to send them cookies again this year. Starting November 6th - 13th please bring your homemade or store-bought cookies. We will need to pack them after Church on the

13th. They will need to be shipped on the 14th in time for Christmas delivery. Contact Cindy Perkins at (901) 634-1750 or cindylp@bellsouth.net or Becky Deaux at (901) 299-3396 or dilnbeck@aol.com for more information.



The 50+ Group is going to the Side Porch on November 19th @ 6:30!

Please let Cindy Perkins know if you are coming.

(901) 634-1750 or cindylp@bellsouth.net

TOPS

Davies Manor 20th Annual Quilt and Fiber Arts Show, Sale, Trunk Shows, Workshops; Cracker Barrel Lunch

Do you realize that 45 different senior adults have attended one or more TOPS event(s) from February through October? The only thing that would make our events better would be to include you in our group.

The November TOPS event is early in the month due to Election Day and Thanksgiving week. November 4, at 10:30 am, the TOPS members will meet at Davies Plantation (come in through the iron gates and bear right until you see Hillwood, a building with a wide concrete porch and a new asphalt parking lot), to view approximately 200 quilts, vote on your favorite one, watch male and female artisans (including Bob Donan) demonstrating their crafts, and perhaps make some purchases.

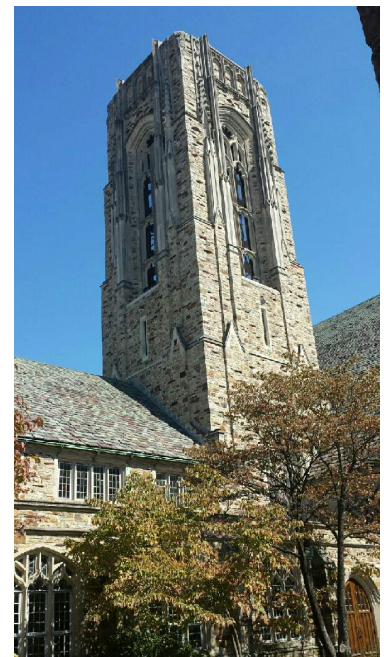


At noon we will gather for lunch at Cracker Barrel on Davies Plantation Rd (go out through the iron gates, turn left onto Davies, and it is on your right before you get to Canada Road). If, after lunch, you wish to return to Hillwood, just keep your ticket.

Those who have attended this event say it is a lot of fun and very educational. It is all in one building, handicap accessible, and the Davies Manor (log cabin) will be open (not walker/wheelchair friendly) for abbreviated tours for those who are interested. Quilt appraisals will be available for a fee by appointment, 386-0715.

RSVP to Linda Rush if you will join us, preferably by Sunday, October 30. She needs to contact Cracker Barrel with a number for lunch. Pay your \$5 for the Davies Manor Event at Hillwood.

The November trip to Idlewild Presbyterian to learn about and hear the Carillon bells playing 13 different songs and the pipe organ playing a hymn, to eat lunch, and to climb the bell tower was a favorite of many. Their music staff could not have done one thing more to improve our visit. Please consider joining us for our November event. The show will be interesting and the company will be fabulous!!



SESSION NOTES

From the September 22, 2016 meeting:

- 1) Marie and Chris Schroeder joined the Church by Reaffirmation of Faith on September 18, 2016.
- 2) Thank you for responding to Pastor Tim's appeal to erase our deficit. Many members have caught up their pledges and others have given an extra offering.
- 3) A part-time position of Children's Ministry Director was approved, and Jenny McCleary was hired as the interim director.
- 4) Assistant Pastor Jerry Brundle will continue to serve as the interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Anna, Illinois through December 31st.
- 5) Thank you to those who are helping fulfill our pledge to feed **80** children three meals/day for a year at a cost of \$1300/month in our adopted orphanage in Kenya.
- 6) \$9,035 is in The Reverend Dr. James Quillin Memorial Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing a new church sign. The goal is \$20,000.
- 7) Debt Reduction Campaign receipts through September 22nd were \$152,638, which is 61% of the goal of \$250,000.
- 8) Through September 22nd, General Operating Fund receipts were \$289,761 and expenses were \$305,521 for a deficit of \$15,760. The reserve checking account balance is \$57,564.

Please continue to pray for our pastors, elders and congregation

Are You Expecting?



The last Sunday of November will be the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a season observed by many Christians as a time of *expectant* waiting and *preparation* for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus. The term means "coming." The season of Advent then also means we are expecting Jesus to come again. The white candle in the middle is the "Christ" candle. The purple and rose candles are for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The first Sunday we will light the candle for Hope.

November Anniversaries

6th	Perk & Cindy Perkins - 17
19th	Paul & Sandra Pritt - 28
20th	Bud & Mitzi Goodwin - 33
27th	Jeff & Lisa Thomas - 28



Special Delivery

The Children's Christmas program is on December 11th at 6PM. The play is called "Special Delivery." Everyone in the play is an angel!



2nd	Spaghetti, Salad & Dessert
9th	Baked Potato/Salad Bar & Dessert
16th	Sloppy Joes, Cole Slaw & Dessert
30th	Taco Salad, Cheese Enchiladas & Dessert

		1	2 Meal lesson activity	3	4	5
6 Lesson Influence	7	8	9 Meal Lesson Activity	10	11 Lock in	12 Lock in
13 Lesson Do Something	14	15	16 Meal Lesson Activity	17	18	19
20 Lesson Giving Thanks	21	22	23 Jason Out	24 Thanks- giving	25	26
27 Jason Out	28	29	30 Meal Lesson Activity	NOV.		

Youth News



I would like to thank those who supported the Youth Fall Retreat both financially and in prayer. I feel it was very successful and would not have been possible without your support.

We have a lock in that begins at 6:30 on Friday the 11th. The theme is pending but we have several options in the works.

I will be out for a family trip to Ohio Nov 21 - 27. Notice I did not call it vacation.

Contact Jason Gatlin @ gatlinj007@gmail.com.



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