

# In Touch



*We are a Christ-centered family committed to serving God through worship, fellowship, and ministering to our community and the world.*

## The Talent Challenge

On Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Tom Tyndall, our Transitions Pastor, gave out \$100 to five different people of the congregation. On that Sunday he was preaching on Matthew 25:14-30, the parable of the talents and his sermon was titled “Your Talented Life.”

Below are the responses to the challenge.

Jane Doe received her generous gift with a huge smile on her face and tears in her eyes. Ms. Doe is a senior who has devoted her time volunteering for the community. Although Ms. Doe does not own a car, that does not stop her from walking destination to destination in order to serve her community by delivering meals every day. Ms. Doe does not have family support so she supports and provides for herself however, she devotes more of her time to the community than she does for herself. Ms. Doe never complains or asks for help, even when help is needed. This is why I chose her to receive this generous gift.

Thank you for the opportunity!

Ruth Lee

I am a writer. Some folks may know that I started writing a book a few years ago. But on September 5, 2013 I tripped and fell, incurring a concussion. I could not write, or read, or watch TV. I could not even look at a computer. It took about 16 months to get to the point where I might be able to write for couple of hours, but not without getting a serious headache. About that time, I had a toxic reaction to an antibiotic, which caused a serious illness involving inflamed blood vessels and wounds on that leg that would not heal. I suffered from that for almost two years. The pain, infection, and swelling didn't just affect my leg, but my whole body, including my brain. I could not focus or concentrate, and the ability to organize anything disintegrated. From February 2015 to the rest of the year, I averaged having anywhere from 16 to 18 medical appointments each month and lived with threat of amputation, sepsis, and even death hovering in the background.



Needless to say, I couldn't write. Because I couldn't write, my laptop wasn't in use. So the battery died, and I found that laptop batteries are very expensive to replace. For more than three years, my medical issues had interrupted the vision to publish the book. I had bought the laptop for that purpose, and had enrolled in a computer class to help achieve that goal. But the concussion stopped me in my tracks. With Tom Tyndall's challenge to make use of our talents, I am buying a new laptop battery. The challenge served as a prompt to resume a writing schedule, which I began on April 1, 2017. But this is not just about my personal benefit. When God gives his gifts, those gifts are intended for others. The book that I am writing is about spiritual abuse. The spiritual warfare that stopped me from writing for more than three years tells me something of the potential that this book has. I hope to penetrate the hearts of folks who have been trapped by the lies of misguided theology and damaged by religion gone awry. The vision is for an appointed time, and it will not be late, a vision to bind up the broken, to heal wounded hearts, to set captives free, and to declare the grace and liberty of Jesus Christ.

Pat Clendening.

Matthew 25:40 *“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.”*

Through the generosity of several members, Carrie Mabrey has taken her \$100 and multiplied her talents by raising over \$400 to go towards HomeSafe of Sumner County. She also collected travel size toiletries to give to the women.

HomeSafe provides full support to children, youth, parents, and elders that have dealt with domestic violence and sexual assault.

Carrie Mabrey

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### WORSHIP

10:00AM

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday-9:30-4:30

Friday 9:30-1:00

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### SESSION

#### Class of 2017

Betty Jo Leseemann

David Parsons

Brim Stone

#### Class of 2018

Susan Baker

Laura Duffer

Butch Moore

#### Class of 2019

Robert Blakey

Carrie Mabrey

Kenneth Thomson

Bob Young

**KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:** Rick Baker; Shirley Bochan; Johnny Bradley; Ashley Byrns; Milo Cadorette (great-nephew of Laura Deck); Pat Clendening; Derek Dickson (family friend of Kitty Armstrong); Matthew Erickson; Pam Espey; David Ethridge (friend of the Hamby's); John Garrott; granddaughter of Louise Guthrie Hunt; John Henry Klekamp; Cadence Kurdy (friend of Sara Driver); Delores Martinez (Jeff Hoyle's mother-in-law); Bill Massey; James T. Parsons (David Parsons' brother); Stephanie McGee (Peggy McMurtry's cousin); Edie Owens; Raven Roberts (friend of Jonna Alexander); Austin Sissel (Steve Weakley's grandson) deployed to Iraq; Wendi Silverman; Jim Staley; Janice Potts (Shelli DeGraff's mother)

**GALLATIN CENTER FOR REHABILITATION AND HEALING:** June Garrott; Sue Garrott

**MORNINGSIDE:** Ann Baber; Joan Green

**NHC GALLATIN:** Johnny Bradley

**THE HEARTH:** Ann Cowan; Anna Gasser; Junior and Norma Jones



The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to work toward securing an installed pastor. We have completed the Ministries Information Form and have sent it to the presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM). Protocol requires we receive approval from the COM before we begin our actual search. Our hope is that we will receive feedback from them very soon. We appreciate your support and prayers and encourage you to continue these.



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Our **Landscaping Project Install** for the Habitat Apostles' Home will take place on **Saturday Morning, June 3rd** at 607 Rucker Street in Gallatin. We will gather at 8 am, but late arrivals are welcome. Please bring garden and digging tools. Plan to attend and, hopefully, bring a strong-backed friend. We should be able to complete the project before noon.

For more information and any questions, please call Bob Young at 615-822-0590.

The Mission and Outreach Committee looks forward to working with you!

## MEMORIALS

### Lee Engles

*Choir Fund*

Norm and Martha Smith

### Laura Kaney

*Vacation Bible School*

Norm and Martha Smith

### Sara Moffatt

*Choir Fund*

The Boland Family

Johnny and Linda Bradley

David and Eileen Crawford

Ann Davidson

Tazewell Ford

Gallatin Noon Rotary

William and Felice Green

The Hal Hooper Family

Regine Harpole

Susan and Rob Hosier

Jr. and Norma Jones

Mike and Wanda Jones

Betty Jo Lesemann

John and Marjorie Lewis

Robert and Martha Morgan

Stan and Barbara Morrison

Reginald and Mary Anne Mudd

Peggy and Jimmy Patterson

Dick and Mina Ring

Debbie Sindorf

Norm and Martha Smith

Marie Sterrett

Betts Ward

Steve and Sandra Weakley

Bob and Fran Young

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



### CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Circle 2** will meet on

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am

**Circle 3** will meet

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Save the Date: VBS June 26-30**

**9:00 AM-Noon**

**4 yr old - Rising 5th Grade**

**Be a Super Hero!!!**



**Do good, seek peace,  
and go after it!**

We think our Hero Central VBS will be awesome! The words of the day: Wisdom, Power, Hope, Heart, and Courage will show the students that the Bible has super heroes even though they do not wear capes. We are working on decorations, testing crafts and science experiments, preparing for recreation, and planning snacks. Invite your friends and neighbors. If you have an hour (or more) and would like to help us, be in touch with Wendy Wills or Dianne Cothran. If you can help you will be our hero!

## Retreat Retreat Retreat

We had such a good visit on May 10<sup>th</sup> with Ryan and Samantha Moore, Program Director and Director of Operations of NaCoMe. They brought a lot of energy to our meeting and by the end of their presentation we were all ready to sign up for a retreat! All are welcome to be at NaCoMe the weekend of September 22-24. Please sign up on the list by the church office if you are interested. Signing does not mean you are committed to go but rather gives us an idea of numbers for planning.



## MISSION AND OUTREACH

What a wonderful night we had Wednesday, May 17th as we wrapped up the 2016-2017 year of The Foundation. The Foundation, a ministry of our church, is a partnership with the non-profit after school program Children Are People Inc. Founded by Fred Bailey, CAP works with at-risk children to mentor and challenge them to succeed despite their circumstances. The Foundation, first launched by former pastor Kyle Gott, seeks to encourage them to explore their creative spirits.



For our final Wednesday Night Together, we invited our Foundation students as well as their families to join us for a spaghetti dinner and to show off some of the activities

we've done this year. Around 60 people were in attendance, and it was great to see the children and their families sitting among our church family. Jennifer Anderson, director of The Foundation, led the program, which included video from the photography students, a demo of our "green screen" video fun, displays of the paintings, flower arranging, sewing and other crafts we've worked on, and music performances from four of our students. Susan Superczynski, director of CAP, spoke about what an important part The Foundation plays in the education of their students, offering instruction and mentorship in areas that they themselves do not have the time or resources to provide. Mr. Bailey, who stopped by briefly, echoed that sentiment. He understands that introducing his students to music and art and creating things with their hands is vital to their education, and he expressed his gratitude for what we do.

The Foundation served over 30 kids each semester this past year, with more than 30 adult and teenage volunteers participating in one way or another. We were able to offer classes in songwriting, drama, cooking,



sewing, photography, jewelry-making, painting, flower planting and arranging, videography, and lots of crafts, as well as lessons in violin, piano and guitar.

Volunteers included church members as well as many people from the community. One volunteer, Kelly Roberts, a Facebook friend of Jennifer's, shared that she had prayed that God would show her a way that she could give back to the community. A week later, Jennifer called her to ask if she would teach a class or two on photography. Though she didn't feel qualified to teach, she felt that she couldn't ignore such a direct answer from God, and she committed for the entire semester.

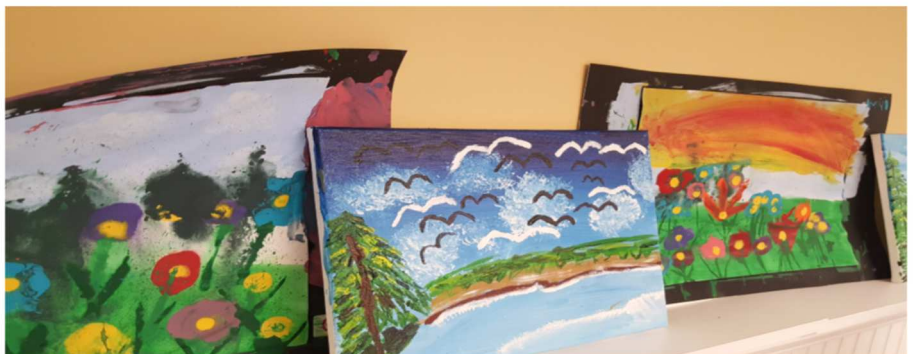


The evening ended with Jennifer's vow that The Foundation will return this fall. If you would like to be

involved in this worthwhile program, you don't need to be an expert. While we do seek those who can teach classes, we also need folks to just assist teachers and to love on these wonderful kids. (We really need a drum teacher! Can anyone teach drums?) Watch for details at the end of the summer, and if you have an idea for a possible class, please let Jennifer know sometime this summer by emailing her at [jander216@yahoo.com](mailto:jander216@yahoo.com).

Be sure to check out the video of highlights from the past year at [fpcgalatin.org](http://fpcgalatin.org).

Thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in The Foundation. None of this could have happened without you!! Special thanks to Randy Peterson of Ovation Music & Studios on the square, who taught guitar all year... to Josh Curd of Little Josh Productions who brought in his equipment to demonstrate how "green screen" video works... and to Beverly's Florist for supplying the flowers for our flower arrangements.



## June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 5:30p Worship Committee	<b>2</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	<b>3</b> 8:00a Habitat Landscaping Project
<b>4</b> Pentecost 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>5</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels	<b>6</b> 10:00a Bible Study 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>7</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>12</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheel 6:30p Circle 3	<b>13</b> 10:00a Bible Study 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>14</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	<b>17</b> 9:00a Parenting Class
<b>18</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>19</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheel	<b>20</b> 10:00a Bible Study 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>21</b> 10:00a Circle 2 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Worship	<b>26</b> 9:00a VBS 10:30a Meals on Wheel	<b>27</b> 9:00a VBS 10:00a Bible Study 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>28</b> 9:00a VBS 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 9:00a VBS 10:30a Meals on Wheels 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 9:00a VBS 10:30a Meals on Wheels 1:00p Church Office Closes	

# Vacation Bible School

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Merlene Hamme	22 Barbara Morrison
Isabel LeBeau	23 Amelia Cox
5 Nancy Hamby	David Crawford
9 Regine Harpole	24 Emerson Eades
Lynn Schopp	25 Will Alexander
12 Lauren Irvin	28 Beth Clark
15 Reese Nicholson	Eric Franklin
16 Linda Bradley	29 Jamie Badeaux
Carol Stewart	30 Pat Clendening
20 John Bradley IV	

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

14 Norm and Martha Smith	
26 Robert and Ann Thurman	



To the Congregation,  
On behalf of Charles, Anne, and myself I want to express our profound gratitude to the congregation for the many expressions of love, caring, and sympathy in the lengthy illness and death of Sara.

I must single out Nancy Parsons, who for nearly two years, twice a week, visited Sara and escorted her to bingo.

A Scottish minister had a sermon entitled, "Christianity Is Caring" and you all gave proof of that. Keep on Caring!

With much appreciation,  
Charles L. Moffatt

Big thanks to Michael Stewart for the donation of a beautiful piano and a comfy couch to the Creative Arts Center. The Children Are People students who attend The Foundation will make great use of it!

### The Talent Challenge

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Matthew 25:14-30 tells of a master who before traveling entrusts property to his three servants. One servant receives five talents, the second receives two talents, and the third one talent: a talent was a significant amount of money.

I am investing in the 2017 Apostles Build for Habitat and ask others to give of their monetary talents individually, through the church, Sunday School class or small group.

The home that is being built is for Lisa Harris, a grandmother raising three grandsons, who works in senior healthcare.

We are deeply committed to building quality, affordable homes for low income families that might have no other opportunity to become homeowners. Qualifying families will receive a home suited to their needs through their own sweat equity and a zero percent mortgage payments falling within their budgets.

Susan Johnson

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