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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY

The Souper Bowl of Caring special offering will be on Sunday, February 5th following both worship services. New Prov Youth will be at each exit at the end each worship service with soup pots labeled with each super bowl football team. Put your monetary donation in the pot of your choice (all the proceeds will go to Second Harvest Food Bank) and cast a vote for your favorite team!

Tracy Luttrell

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 February 8 a presentation from David Black, on the East Tennessee watershed and the history and development of Tellico lake and its surroundings.

Contact Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) by noon on Friday, February 3, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch or come for the program at noon.

Andy Simon

POTLUCK PLANNED

On Sunday, February 19, we will have one service of worship at 10:30 a.m., and we'll be joined by our friends at St. Paul AME Zion church. We will worship together and then gather in Westminster Hall for a potluck lunch.

The church will provide the meat and drinks, so please bring a side dish or dessert and plan to join us for lunch after the service.

WELCOME TABLE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Welcome Table needs a person to run the dishwasher for the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 5 - 7p.m. and also a person to mop the floors on the second, fourth and fifth Tuesdays of the month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. If you can volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Kathy Neisser (kathygn@msn.com, 977-1390). Thank you for all that you do to help our Welcome Table!

Kathy Neisser

PWC GATHERING PLANNED

Presbyterian Women of the Congregation (PWC) will gather on February 16th at 12 noon in Westminster Hall. Mary and Leah Circles will provide a taco bar lunch. The program, given by guest speaker Sue Williams, will be her research on the life of Sam Houston. We encourage all those who plan to attend to visit the Sam Houston Memorial at the Maryville Municipal Building before they come. Friends are most welcome. Please let your circle leader or Cathy Dickinson (cdickinson1230@gmail.com, 679-0096), know if you plan to attend.

Ellie Morrow

NELSON'S RENEW VOWS

On Friday, January 28th, Katie and Henry Nelson will renew their vows for the 72nd time on the occasion of their 73rd wedding anniversary. What a wonderful example of love and dedication. Congratulations, Katie and Henry!

Coco Everett

HEALTH TIPS

February is American Heart Month. Wear red on February 3rd to promote awareness of heart disease in women.

HEART ATTACK WARNING SIGNS

- Chest discomfort usually lasts a few minutes or goes away and comes back. May feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body such as one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Cold sweats, nausea or lightheadedness.

SPOT A STROKE F.A.S.T.

- Face Drooping - does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask person to smile.
- Arm Weakness - is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- Speech Difficulty - is speech slurred, are they unable to speak or difficult to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "the sky is blue?" Is it repeated correctly?
- Time to call 911 - If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get them to a hospital immediately.

CARDIAC ARREST SIGNS

- Sudden loss of responsiveness
- No response to tapping on shoulders
- No normal breathing
- IF THESE SIGNS ARE PRESENT, CALL 911!

Trish Badgett

FROM THE PASTOR

It was May of 1982, but I remember as if it were yesterday. My friend Elizabeth and I had just finished our junior years of college, and she was coming to Houston to live with my family and work for the summer. May 11th was my parents' 25th wedding anniversary, but as often happened with my dad's job during those years, he had to be out of town on business. Elizabeth and I decided that we would throw an anniversary party for my mom and invite all her women friends: golfers, bridge partners, book club members and the like.

We worked all day to cook, clean house, decorate and get ready for the party, which was to begin at 5:30. Elizabeth and I were standing in the kitchen, and could see out the front windows just as the first guest started up the front walk. Elizabeth had been putting something into the refrigerator, and reached up to close the door. She thought was reaching for one of the rails on the door of the fridge, but when she pulled against it, it turned out not to be a railing, but the egg tray. One dozen eggs flipped from eye level to the terrazzo floor and splattered everywhere. That's when the doorbell rang.

Isn't that always the way it is? You work hard for everything to be just perfect, and then the dog throws up in the living room. Or the minister has a flat tire on the way to the wedding. Or your kid falls and knocks out his front teeth just as you're getting ready for the dinner party. (And yes, all of those things happened in my family!)

With all due respect, I think it's time we say "Goodbye, Martha Stewart," and stop using her as the icon of hospitality. In fact, I prefer Henri Nouwen's definition: "hospitality is creating a space where a stranger can enter and become a friend."

I tell you all that because on February 19th, we have an opportunity to exercise some hospitality of our

own. On that morning, we will have one service of worship at 10:30 am, and we'll be joined by our friends at St. Paul AME Zion church, just a few blocks down Broadway. We will worship together and then gather in Westminster Hall for a potluck lunch.

This is an opportunity for us to show genuine hospitality, and to create space for friendships to form. So when you come into worship on February 19th, don't just automatically head to the seat where you've always sat; look for a new face and sit with someone you don't know or have just met. There is so much

we can do to be good hosts for this service, but all of those things start with thinking of our guests and their needs before we think of our own.

One blogger puts it this way: "I realized that I needed to die to the idea that I can only open up my home to others when everything is perfect, or when I have something fresh coming out of the oven, or when my place looks like a show home. Hospitality is a posture of our heart - a willingness to welcome others in, to create space for conversation, to listen, to love."

I can't think of a better place to start than in worship. I look forward to seeing you there.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

GATLINBURG WILDFIRE RELIEF

Last week, in a meeting with PDA representatives, Gradye Parsons, Judd Shaw and I learned more about what's currently happening following the Sevier County wildfires.

VOADS (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) divide their work into two phases: response and recovery. Response is the initial action taken by the Red Cross and others to make sure immediate needs are met: do residents

have a place to sleep and food to eat? What supplies are needed (water, clothing, etc)? Has everyone been accounted for? Once those primary needs have been taken care of, the next phase is recovery, which is where groups like PDA come in and stay for the long haul.

Currently, the response work is wrapping up as the recovery work is ramping up. Last week, Sevier County announced that the recovery work will happen under the umbrella of a 501(c)3 corporation named Mountain Tough. It is being chaired by Ellen Wilhoit, currently head of Sevier County Leadership and formerly head of the Sevierville hospital.

In terms of the scope of work, as of last week, about 400 sites had been cleared, with another 400 still needing to be cleared. There are about 60 older adults who lost their homes who have no insurance, and another 200 underinsured.

As I said, we are in a sort of interim time between response and recovery. There is a need for heavy construction equipment with operators and skilled teams who can lead unskilled volunteers (like PDA teams). Those arrangements will be put in place in the coming weeks and months.

As for ways to help, MountainTough.org is the website with details about how to do so. Volunteers are still needed, especially on weekdays, to help with sorting at both the Knoxville and Sevierville warehouses and distribution centers. Volunteers can register online at VolunteerETN.org.

Of special concern are the hourly workers, almost all of them renters, who may be not only without housing but also without employment. There is a housing committee on the government level looking at some solutions for the working poor.

So, we're in a bit of a "hurry up and wait" situation right now, but important steps are being taken. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Sevier County in your prayers, and please ask God to show us ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Emily Anderson

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 3:00PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Children's Choir (212) 5:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm.)	02 10:00AM PWC Circle-Ruth (Youth Rm.-Front) 10:00AM PWC Circles-Martha (Chapel) 10:00AM PWC Circles-Leah (Parlor) 2:00PM PWC Circle – Deborah 5:00PM Amazing Shake-MHS (WH) 5:45PM Grace Notes (211) 7:00PM PWC Circle-Mary (108) 7:00PM Designated Giving Task Force (Chapel) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	03	04
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19 9:00AM Church School 10:00AM Coffee & Fellowship (Atrium) 10:30AM Combined Service St. Paul AME Zion (Sanctuary) 12:00PM Potluck Lunch with St Paul (WH) 4:30PM Financial Peace University (Parlor) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)	20 12:00AM New Prov Press Deadline 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (FWH) 6:30PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA-Webelos 1 (Youth Rm.) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (FWH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	21 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Rm.) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH) 7:00PM Session (Chapel)	22 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (Parlor) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:00AM PWC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel) 3:00PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Children's Choir (212) 6:00PM CAT Setup for CBS (WH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm.)	23 8:30AM CBS Set Up (RWH) 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 3:00PM LIFT Meal Prep (Kitchen) 5:45PM Grace Notes (211) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	24 8:30AM Community Benefit Sale (FWH) 4:00PM Youth Summit (Glenstone Lodge)	25 Youth Summit
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RWH – Rear Westminster Hall
FWH – Front Westminster Hall
FEH – Front Eastminster Hall
REH – Rear Eastminster Hall

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5	Souper Bowl of Caring Officer Ordination and Installation
12	Youth Sunday
19	Combined Service with St. Paul
20	<i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline
24	Community Benefit Sale

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

- February 5: Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9(10); I Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20
- February 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8; I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
- February 19: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40; I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
- February 26: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9