

*If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed... Matt. 17:20*

January 2017

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 1

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day
- ◆ Communion Sunday

### Wednesday, January 4

- ◆ Choir (7 PM)

### Friday, January 6

- ◆ Epiphany of the Lord

### Sunday, January 8

- ◆ Baptism of the Lord
- ◆ Congregational Meeting following Worship
- ◆ PW Coordinating Meeting (11:45 a.m.)

### Tuesday, January 10

- ◆ PW Circle (10 a.m.)

### Wednesday, January 11

- ◆ Choir (7 PM)

### Sunday, January 15

- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### Monday, January 16

- ◆ Martin Luther King Day

### Wednesday, January 18

- ◆ Choir (7 PM)

### Sunday, January 22

- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### Wednesday, January 25

- ◆ Choir (7 PM)

### Sunday, January 29

- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## Can You Believe It?

2017?

Can you believe it?

It happens at this time every year: Christmas comes and goes and then there's New Year's Day and we think, "What a whole new year? Can you believe it? It feels like I just got comfortable with 2016 and now it's over!

And so our minds naturally turn to thinking about the past year: what has happened? What have we done? Is the new year going to be different?

In a lot of ways 2016 was a head-spinning year of change and uncertainty for Collierville Presbyterian Church. But God is faithful, and as a congregation you met the challenges head on and showed what a strong family of faith this is! Now it's 2017, a brand new year, full of hope and excitement about what God is going to bring about. Can you believe it?

I certainly hope you can, because we all know that believing is important. The Bible talks a lot about the importance of believing. And, while I don't want to sound like some kind of religious used car salesman, here at the beginning of a new year, it's not such a bad idea to think about the importance of believing in possibilities for the future. Belief, faith, is the antidote for the sickness called fear that so easily enters our lives and strips us of joy and hope.

The gospel writer Mark tells us about a man named Jairus who came to Jesus seeking help for his very sick daughter. At his lowest point, Jesus entreats Jairus, "Do not fear, only believe." I wish that all our stories ended as well as that of Jairus and his daughter. The reality of this life is that some end well and other's don't. But it's all in God's hands, and because of that, we need not fear.

We are the Church after all. We are God's people, and the Body of Christ in the world! As we enter a new year, let us never give into fear, but remember who we are, embrace faith, and hold fast to the words of Hebrews, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Mark<><

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~ THE WORLD OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ~



**PW Coordinating Team:** There will not be a PW Coordinating Team meeting in December. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 8, immediately following worship.

**PW Circle:** The next PW Circle will be Tuesday, January 10, at 10 a.m. at the church. Coffee and tea will be served. Lunch will follow at a restaurant of our choice.

**Lesson:** The lesson, titled “Who is Jesus according to John”, can be found on page 40 of The Horizons Study Book.

**Key Scripture:** John 9:1-7

**Key Idea:** Jesus and God are one.

**All women of the church are invited to attend any of the PW events.**



**Support CPC PW Missions**

**The 2017 God’s Creation calendars are in!  
Get yours today for only \$7.00.**

PW also has necklaces and bookmarks for sell. Items can be found on the counter by the coffee. Please make checks payable to Collierville Presbyterian Women. Proceeds benefit missions supported by the Presbyterian Women throughout the year.

**The CPC Prayer Chain is still active.** If you have anyone or anything that needs our prayers, please contact Ruby Mears at 853-4033 or 493-9421.

~ SCRIPTURES & TESTIMONIALS ~

by Luann Wilcox



*“Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His Holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”*

*Psalm 30: 4&5 NKJV*

Another year – gone; a new year – almost here.

A time of reflection on things past, and new hope for what is yet to come. We cannot change the outcome of what has already happened, but we can learn from our mistakes, and choose to have a positive outlook going forward.

It’s been said that “attitude is everything”, and this is so true: it can make you or break you.

God does not stay angry with us when we do wrong; His anger only lasts for a moment. Even though it’s hard to turn your thoughts off at night, as we reflect on the days events; just knowing that we can look forward to a new day – to joy in the morning gives us hope.

A new day: a fresh start, a new beginning, as we enter into this coming New Year.

I want to wish everyone a happy, safe, and healthy New Year!

*Luann*

~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~

There will be a short Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 8, to elect one new Session member to complete Sally Wanzer’s term as the Outreach Elder.

**POINSETTIAS THAT ADORNED  
THE SANCTUARY DURING CHRISTMAS  
WERE PROVIDED BY**

*Suzanne Dunn  
Beth Jett & Family  
In Memory of  
Byron & Anne Dunn*

*The After Dave  
Sunday School Class  
In Honor of  
Kevin Robinson*

*Glen & Kate Watkins  
In Memory of  
Kate's parents,  
Jim Cummings &  
Clara Dickey*

*Glen & Kate Watkins  
In Memory of  
Glen's dad, Roy Watkins*

*Darren & Suzi Arant  
In Honor of  
Our Beautiful boys:  
Hayden, Holden & Henry*

*Dotty & Mike Coulson  
In Memory of  
Mac McDonald*

*Dotty & Mike Coulson  
In Memory of  
Alta & Jim Coulson*

*Ruby Mears  
In Honor of  
Rev. Mark Wright*

*Margaret Wright  
In Memory of  
Joe Wright*

*Linda Stamps  
In Honor of  
The Members &  
Staff of CPC*

*Linda Stamps  
In Memory of  
My Parents -  
J.D. & Mary Baucom*

*Karen & Hollis Wimpee  
To the Glory of God*

*Hannah Sweet  
In Honor of  
My Wonderful Siblings:  
Tristen, Emory and Mark*

*Glenda Kendrick  
In Memory of  
Evert, Dorothy &  
Gene Robeson*

*Glenda Kendrick  
In Honor of  
Renee Murray &  
Karen Wimpee*

*Glenda Kendrick  
In Honor of  
Kevin Robinson &  
the Sunday School  
Class*

**Memorials & Honorariums**

*In Memory of  
Marian Harris  
by  
Hollis & Karen Wimpee*



**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

**AS OF DECEMBER 28, 2016**

YTD PLEDGE RECEIVED:	\$116,611
YTD PLEDGE:	\$119,838
<b>YTD TOTAL:</b>	<b>(\$3,227)</b>
YTD INCOME:	\$165,250
YTD EXPENSES:	\$137,902
<b>YTD TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$27,348</b>

**\*\*PARENTHESES INDICATE NEGATIVE NUMBER.**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**



*Flowers for the Sanctuary are a wonderful way to recognize someone or an event. A sign up sheet is available on the coffee counter. You may provide your own or the church can order flowers at the cost of \$40. Checks should be made payable to CPC with a notation of "flowers".*

# Thank You!

THE COLLIERVILLE FOOD PANTRY GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION. THE LIVES THAT YOU HAVE TOUCHED ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DONATION.

SINCERELY,

JOYCE SOGGA, DIRECTOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Thanks for your generous food donation! We appreciate it very much!  
Joyce



"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these: brothers of Mine, you did for Me."  
Matthew 25:40

We certify you did not receive any goods or services in whole or in part in return for your contribution. The Collierville Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) organization as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

## FRANKLIN GRAHAM

December 9, 2016

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to Samaritan's Purse. I am deeply grateful for your partnership and prayers that make this ministry possible. As we bring help to people in need, most importantly, we want them to know the Savior whose birth we celebrate this season. "Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord'" (Luke 2:10-11).

Merry Christmas! May God richly bless you.


Sincerely,



# January 2017 Collierville Presbyterian Church



☺ Birthday 🎂 Anniversary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ◆ 1st Sunday after Christmas Day ◆ Communion Sunday ◆ AA Meeting (3 pm)	2 ◆ Girl Scout Troop 13242 (5:15-7:15 pm)	3 ◆ AA Meeting (5:30 pm) ◆ Girl Scout Troop 13141 (5:45-7:45 pm)	4 ◆ Choir (7 pm) ◆ Collierville Girl Scouts, Leaders Only Mtg (7 pm)	5	6 ◆ Epiphany of the Lord	7
8 ◆ Baptism of the Lord ◆ Congregational Meeting (following worship) ◆ PW Coordinating Team Meeting (11:45 am) ◆ AA Meeting (3 pm)	9 ☺ Justin Coulson	10 ◆ PW Circle (10 am) ◆ AA Meeting (5:30 pm)	11 ☺ Kathy Priestley ◆ Choir (7 pm)	12 ☺ Holly Jackson	13 ☺ Dotti Dorr Leake	14 ☺ John Savage
15 ◆ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany ◆ AA Meeting (3 pm)	16 ◆ Martin Luther King Day ◆ Girl Scout Troop 13242 (5:15-7:15 pm) 	17 ◆ AA Meeting (5:30 pm) ◆ Girl Scout Troop 13141 (5:45-7:45 pm)	18 ◆ Choir (7 pm)	19 ☺ Natalee Staggs Wilkinson	20 ☺ Lindsey Ammend	21 ☺ Lynde Sain ☺ Billy Staggs
22 ◆ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany ◆ AA Meeting (3 pm)	23	24 ◆ AA Meeting (5:30 pm)	25 ◆ Choir (7 pm)	26 ☺ Fred Shambach	27	28 ☺ Nancy Drewry ☺ Jack Leake ☺ Lucy McDonald
29 ◆ 4th Sunday after Epiphany ◆ AA Meeting (3 pm)	30 ◆ AA Meeting (5:30 pm)	31 ◆ AA Meeting (5:30 pm)				

# TAPESTRY

Friday & Saturday, January 27 & 28, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee



A Leadership Training Event for the people of the  
Presbytery of St. Andrew and the Presbytery of the Mid-South

Registration for Tapestry 2017 is now open. Tapestry is a biennial training and equipping event held jointly by the Presbytery of the Mid-South and St. Andrew Presbytery, of North Mississippi. This two-day event will be filled with worship and workshops designed to engage and inspire church members and leaders into deeper discipleship and effectiveness in church ministry.

Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Bill Carl, Senior Pastor at Independence Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. Workshops will be led by many others. Friday Night Keynote Speaker at First Presbyterian followed by dinner at the Rendezvous; Saturday worship & workshops at First Presbyterian.



Featuring a keynote address  
by noted author  
**Rev. William J. Carl, III**

For more information and to register visit  
[www.standrewpresbytery.org](http://www.standrewpresbytery.org).