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Loving Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship and Service

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 Mr. Allen Burress (2019)

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The Session

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 Mrs. Bonnie Watkins

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 Mr. Gary Levi

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 Mr. E.G. Brown

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Choir Director Mr. Joe DeSpain
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From the Pastor's Pen...

From the Pastor's Pen

I would again like to thank the Session and congregation of Bethel First Presbyterian Church for granting me the opportunity to participate in a Sabbath Sabbatical. Plans for this leave were put in place in 2014, and it is hard to believe that the time is now so close at hand. As a reminder, the scheduled dates for this will be August 5th through October 28th. I look forward to this time of study, rest, and renewal, and I hope and pray that the rewards from the experience will be beneficial to the church as well.

As for my plans, I will be participating in three conferences, one clergy retreat, and have the opportunity to travel and spend time with family and old friends. I look forward to reporting back to the

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congregation about my experiences and sharing insights gained from the time away.

During the months that I am away, we will have an "Elder on Call" schedule, should an emergency arise. That schedule will be published as soon as it is completed. We are blessed by capable leaders, and I am thankful to each and every one of them for their willingness to step forward and take on additional responsibilities.

Also, we will be blessed by the leadership of very gifted preachers. Here is a schedule those preachers and the dates they will be proclaiming the good news.

August 6th: Rev. Faye Fedlham
August 13th: Rev. Faye Fedlham
August 20th: Rev. Rollin Tarter
August 27th: Rev. Rollin Tarter
September 3rd: Rev. Faye Fedlham
September 10th: Rev. John Odom
September 17th: Rev. John Odom
September 24th: Rev. John Odom
October 1st: Rev. Andrew Hartmans
October 8th: Rev. Andrew Hartmans
October 15th: Rev. Andrew Hartmans
October 22nd: Rev. Andrew Hartmans

May God's guidance and faithfulness be present with us in these days ahead. I place great trust in the following words of wisdom.

Sabbatical is resting and being refreshed for both pastoral and church renewal. Sabbatical is more than a particular number of months after a certain number of years in ministry together as pastor and congregation. Keeping the Sabbath holy is a discipline that creates, in the words of Henri Nouwen, "a space in which God can work." All too often, we use words to keep our mind focused on God while worrying about the next appointment. At times even though quiet beckons or we are at prayer, our bodies want to join the rush. Learning and the experience of sowing, reaping, and lying fallow on a sabbatical will bring you and your congregation blessings and surprises.

(Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning, by Richard Bullock and Richard Bruesehoff.)

Indeed, may there be "blessings and surprises" for all of us in this time of renewal.

Grace and Peace,
Jim



partnerships, helps organize and sustain country mission networks, and supports the work of other PC (USA) mission personnel. "Having my hands and heart in many different places and ministries, my service is about facilitating at the grassroots level while maintaining the big picture perspective," Tracey says.

2017 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Schedule

- February: Washcloths
- March: Pencils
- April: Spoons
- May: Crayons
- June: Scissors
- July: Brushes and/or combs
- August: Toothbrush and toothpaste
- September: Soap
- October: Coloring book
- November: \$5.00 for shipping and handling costs

Kingdom Kids And B.Y.G.

Hi! I hope you all are enjoying your summer break. We will be meeting on **July 12th** to discuss dates for our pool party, several other summer activities, and making ice cream sundaes. **I will let you know what time we will be meeting because I know you all are busy, and I want to try and make it possible for all of you to be there.**

Remember, to try and find a project that you could do this summer to help someone who may not be as fortunate as you, may need some extra help, or may simply be lonely. Let God's light shine through you like the summer sun. Have a great summer. Hope to see you all soon.

Michelle Murphy

Thank you!!

Members and Friends of BFPC,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and let you all know how I've enjoyed working with you these past three years. Thank you all for your support and friendship. You are a special group of people and I will definitely miss you all.

Wishing you all the best,
Julie Davis



**7/2—Rev. Dr. Kathleen Griffin—
Argentina**

Katie teaches at the Instituto Superior Evangelico de Estudios Teologicos (ISEDET) in Buenos Aires, a school that serves nine denominations. Katie also has taught theology to aboriginal people in Chaco and Formosa provinces. Her special concern for the plight of woman in Argentina is reflected in her vocation as a professor and her commitment as a Christian believer.

**7/9—Mark Hare and Jenny Bent—
Haiti and the Dominican Republic**

From their base in the Dominical Republic, Mark and Jenny are committed to serving people in Haiti. Mark, an agricultural technician, commutes across the Haitian border to work with Mouvman Peyizan Papay, (MPP), helping Haitians learn to grow lots of food on a small amount of land, Jenny, a community health consultant, works with the Evangelical Dominican Church in the bateys, company towns largely populated by Haitian sugarcane workers.

**7/16—Rev. Sarah Henken—
Andean Region**

Sarah was appointed regional liaison for

the Andean region in July 2010 after serving as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Uruguay and as coordinator of the Columbia Accompaniment Program. Sarah supports partner ministries, implements regional strategies, and facilitates the work of other mission co-workers. She works with Presbyterians in the US who are involved in partnership in Bolivia, Columbia, Peru, and Venezuela and is the coordinator for the YAV site in Columbia.

**7/23—Rev. Jo Ella Holman—
Caribbean Region**

As regional liaison, Jo Ella cultivates and nurtures the PC (USA)'s relationship with mission partners in Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands and with other church partners in the Caribbean through CANACOM, the Caribbean and North American Council for Mission. In addition, she is a resource to other mission co-workers serving in this region and to the many PC (USA) presbyteries and congregations that have mission partnerships in the Caribbean. She is based in the Dominican Republic.

**7/30—Tracey King-Ortega—
Central America**

Based in Managua, Nicaragua, Tracey serves as regional liaison for Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. She consults with partner churches and organizations, nurtures presbytery and congregational

****Thank you!!****

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for keeping me in their prayers during my recent illness. I am doing well and also thank you for the flowers. I appreciate everything you have done and you certainly have been a great strength for me.

Sincerely,
Eugene H. Shively M.D.

**Get to Know our Pulpit
Supply Preachers**

Faye Fedlam is a retired Presbyterian pastor living with her Husband Jim (also a retired Presbyterian pastor) in Louisville. Both are graduates of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. They served as co-pastors of small town/rural parishes in North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, and New York. Faye also served as solo pastor of 2 parishes in Iowa. Faye and Jim have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.

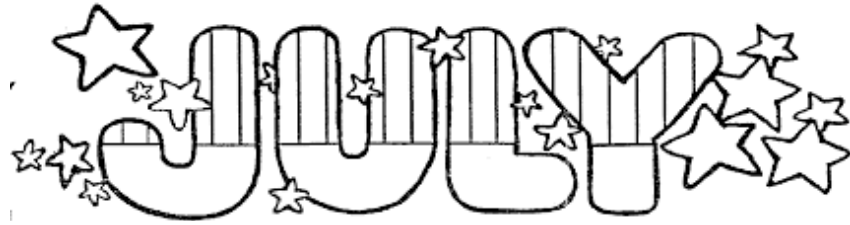
Andrew Hartmans is the Director of Cedar Ridge Camp. He also currently serves at the Stated Clerk for the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. Andrew has three children: Ross, Caroline and Tessa. They all enjoy the outdoors and spend a great deal of time at Cedar Ridge.

John Odom, Presbyter for Community Life, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. A native of Georgia, John grew up in suburban Atlanta and attended Davidson College where he received an A.B. *cum laude* in religion. He pursued a Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he graduated in 1990.

John was ordained by the Presbytery of Long Island in 1990 and has served congregations in Oceanside, New York, and Asheville and Hendersonville, North Carolina, before being called as pastor/head of staff at Starmount Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, in March 2006. John's passions include preaching, worship, teaching, missions, and evangelism.

John is married to the Rev. Emily Enders Odom, a communications strategist for the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA). They have two children, Nathaniel, a senior at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, and Elizabeth, a sophomore at Rochester Institute of Technology. The latest addition to their family came less than a year ago with the adoption of Pepper, a rat terrier/Chihuahua rescue dog.

Rev. Rollin Tarter is an honorably retired member of Transylvania Presbytery. He served as interim of Bethel First in 2000-01. He lives in Danville with his wife, Ann and their labradoodle, Charlie.



2017

July Birthdays


2nd: Shane Wilds
 5th: Charles Shaw
 9th: Jacob Harris
 10th: John Calvin
 Terry Coyle
 David Walker Lee
 Michelle Murphy
 Clara Colleen Metzmeier
 11th: Mary Metzmeier
 12th: Brian Caldwell
 13th: Elizabeth Bowden
 14th: Lloyd Wilds
 16th: Joan Johnson
 Frank Diego Metzmeier
 Joe Metzmeier
 19th: Jennifer Meyers
 Jill Lee
 20th: Maurice Coppock, Jr.
 21st: Jeanne Mitchell
 24th: Damon Coyle
 Jimmy Furkin
 25th: Cami Caldwell
 27th: Clara Metzmeier
 Cole McLean

Budget Information

Average Weekly Giving
 \$3,137.06 (As of 6/25/2017)
 Average Weekly Needs
 \$3,478.37

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	3 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	4  <i>Happy 4th of July</i> Church Office Will Be Closed	5 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	10 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	11	12 K.K. and BYG Time TBA 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 10:00 a.m. Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	17 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	18	19 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	20	21	22
23/30 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	24/31 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	25	26 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	27	28	29



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August Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	8	9 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	14 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	15	16 5:45 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 10:00 a.m. Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	21 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	22	23 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	28 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	29	30 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	31		

- 1st: James Baskin
David Payne
4th: Emily Johnson Baskin
Lily Ann Osborne
5th: Faye Tucker
7th: Mary Ann Sapp
11th: Sara Wyatt
12th: Gabriel Chambers
Samantha Mills
13th: Maurice Dix
Christi Thomas McGuire
14th: Caroline Johnson
15th: Megan Cox
John Waldrop
18th: Albert Harris, Jr.
Carson Meyers
Linda Caldwell
17th: Sue Whitley Hilton
22nd: Julie Caldwell
23rd: Mary Lynn Benz
26th: Rachel Dunham
Barb Willis
27th: Janette Furkin
28th: Allen Burress
Judy Robinson
29th: Bert Harris

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September Birthdays

1st: Truman Hall
 Steve Powell
 3rd: Christina Shively
 4th: Nolan Robinson
 5th: Kathy Wells
 7th: Dr. Frank Metzmeier
 11th: Michael Hall, Jr.
 Shelby Wilds
 14th: Jeanne Brown
 Jenny Wells Hughes
 20th: Jackson Harris
 24th: Shelby Ewing
 25th: Anne Carey Johnson
 26th: Griffin Hall
 27th: John Hughes
 James Watkins
 29th: Steve Robinson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	4 Labor Day 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	5	6 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	11 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	12 6:30 p.m. Men of the Church	13 1:00 p.m. Opportunity Circle 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 10:00 a.m. Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	18 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	19 7:00 p.m. Circle #34	20 5:45 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	21	22	23
24 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service	25 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout #616 Meeting	26	27 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	28	29	30

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October Birthdays

5th: Rachel Myers
 9th: Ashton Wells
 13th: Mitzi Coyle
 14th: Robert Reed Burrow
 16th: Mary Ellen Coker
 17th: John McLean
 19th: Cindy Cunningham
 23rd: Charles Cusumano
 27th: Theresa Coppock
 31st: Donnie Foley

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Bethel First Presbyterian**Elder on Call Schedule****Fall 2017**

Week	Elder	Phone	Email
August 6-12	David Payne	270-789-8824	drpayne@campbellsville.edu
August 13-19	E.G. Brown	859-433-1018	eg_brown@comcast.net
August 20-26	Jimmy Ewing	270-465-1946	jeewing@trhosp.org
August 27-September 2	TBA		
September 3-9	Nancy McLean Dix	270-403-4900	nancymcleandix@gmail.com
September 10-16	Bonnie Watkins	270-849-4881	bonniebw@windstream.net
September 17-23	Mark Farrar	270-325-3265	mfarrars22@gmail.com
September 24-30	E.G. Brown	859-433-1018	eg_brown@comcast.net
October 1-7	TBA		
October 8-14	Tom Caldwell	270-403-1539	tomacaldwell@aol.com
October 15-21	Gary Levi	270-849-5022	Gary_Levi@irco.com
October 22-28	Bonnie Watkins	270-849-4881	bonniebw@windstream.net