



130th Stated Meeting - East Brentwood Presbyterian Church

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 130TH STATED MEETING

July 22, 2017

by Therese Howell, Stated Clerk



October Presbytery Meeting at NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center Thursday, October 19, 2017

Make your overnight reservations now!

The next Presbytery meeting will be held at the beautiful NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Why not come down a day early and spend some extra time hiking in the woods, praying by the creek, or simply relaxing in a rocking chair on the front porch? For only \$40.00, you can have lodging, dinner Wednesday evening,

The 130th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was held on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at East Brentwood Presbyterian Church in Brentwood.

Presbyters were welcomed by the host church with hospitality, snacks, and air-conditioning!



First time presbyters met with Executive Presbyter Warner Durnell and Stated Clerk Therese Howell for orientation and prayer before the meeting. Presbyters then gathered in the sanctuary for worship, led by The Rev. John Hilley, pastor of the host church. The sermon was preached by The Rev. Jane Herring (pastor, Normandy Presbyterian Church). Special music was provided by guest musician Laura Kreiselmaier, and percussionist Joe Ennis. An offering of \$1,265.00 was collected for the Basico Scholarship Program in Guatemala, and the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

Below are some of the highlights of the meeting:

Candidate Evelyn Graham was approved for ordination and installation as pastor of

and breakfast Thursday morning. To make your reservation online, [click here](#).

You can also contact the NaCoMe staff at 931-729-9723 or email retreats@nacome.org to make your reservation.

**EAST BRENTWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH AND
PRESCHOOL
PRESENT**



**Monday,
September 4, 2017
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm**
9000 Concord Road
Brentwood, TN
Corner of Wilson Pike
and Concord Road

Free Music Event
Family Fun Zone
See flyer, [click here](#)

**15/15 Guatemalan
Fiesta y Reunion!
September 16, 2017
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Calling all former and future trip participants and supporters of the Guatemala Partnership. You and your significant other are invited to a 15/15 Guatemalan Celebration and Reunion! In celebration of 15 years of PMT-PQP partnership and Guatemala Independence Day (9/15).



*Rev. Evelyn
Graham*

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville. The ordination and installation service will be Saturday, August 19, 2017, 3pm, Southminster.

The Rev. Dr. Cindy Schwartz, a member of the Presbytery of Denver of the EPC, was welcomed back to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to accept a call as pastor of Priest Lake Presbyterian Church, Nashville.



*Rev. Dr. Cindy
Schwartz*

The commission to install Dr. Schwartz will be approved by the Committee on Ministry on August 8 and will be posted after that date.



Ruling Elder Will Radford (The Village Church, Nashville) was commissioned to service at The Village Church, Nashville.



Ruling Elder Andrew Smith (First, Cookeville) was commissioned to service at First United Presbyterian Church, Sparta, and Blue Spring Presbyterian Church, Sparta.

*Top Left: Will
Radford Top Right:
Andrew Smith
Bottom: Amy
Harkness*

Ruling Elder Amy Harkness (First, Nashville) was commissioned to service at Glenclyff Presbyterian Church, Nashville.



From left to right: Dr. Samuel Cooper, IV, Rev. Steve Thomas, III, and Rev. Tom Patton

The Presbytery recognized the retirement of The Rev. Dr. Samuel Cooper, IV. To read a copy of the resolution honoring Dr. Cooper, [click here](#).

The Presbytery recognized the retirement of The Rev. Steve Thomas, III. To read a copy of the resolution honoring Rev. Thomas, [click here](#).

The Presbytery recognized the retirement of The Rev. Tom Patton. To read a copy of the resolution honoring Rev. Patton, [click here](#).

The celebration will be hosted by:

Barb and Greg Hall
9490 Crockett Road
Brentwood, TN

Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm featuring Guatemalan cuisine, festive beverages, Skyping with Philip Beisswenger, and a brief program.

RSVP to the PMT office: pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com or kirahilley@gmail.com

Come and share your stories (and pictures) from your visit with the PQP partners. We look forward to seeing you there!



**University of Dubuque
Theological Seminary
CLP/CRE Lay Ministry
Program offering
online courses
starting in September
2017**

The seminary has announced that they will be offering eight online courses for Commissioned Ruling Elders in their CLP/CRE lay ministry program scheduled from September 5 to December 16, 2017. Course include:

Intro to Old Testament
Intro to New Testament
Christian Education
Pastoral Care
Intro to Preaching
Presbyterian Polity
Reformed Theology
Reformed Worship & Sacraments.

The Presbyterian received resolutions honoring the retirements of The Rev. Linda Bray, [\[click here\]](#), The Rev. Amelia Canon [\[click here\]](#), and The Rev. Megan Knox Ritchie [\[click here\]](#).

For the complete highlights of the meeting, [click here](#).

Priest Lake Presbyterian receives \$10,000 matching gift for Kenya school

submitted by Crystal Caviness, member
Priest Lake Presbyterian Church in Nashville

Priest Lake Presbyterian Church, whose members are building a school in the remote village of Bodoi, Kenya, has received a matching funds gift in the amount of \$10,000 for all donations collected by Labor Day 2017. The anonymous gift was announced July 18 by the church treasurer.



Priest Lake Presbyterian Church

The gift comes during a fundraising campaign as church members work to raise the remaining \$20,000 to complete phase one of the school construction. The Angaza Nuru School is projected to open January 2018; a team from PLPC plans to travel to Kenya in January for the event.



PLPC, through its Angaza Nuru ministry, has been providing a lunch program for the children of Bodoi for the past five years, as well as providing school tuitions and scholarships. Groundbreaking for the new school was held in November 2014, when a team of six PLPC members traveled to Kenya for the first time in support of the mission.

PLPC has been raising funds for the school construction for the past three years, through a variety of activities, including a golf tournament, candle sales, soliciting individual donations and chicken pie sales.

Potential partners are invited to prayerfully consider making a financial gift during this matching fund opportunity in order to maximize donations. To make a contribution, please make checks payable to Priest Lake Presbyterian Church and mail to 2787 Smith Springs Road, Nashville, TN 37217. Please mark "Kenya school" on the check. For more information, like Priest Lake Presbyterian Church and/or Angaza Nuru on Facebook.

Tuition rate is \$390.00 per course. For more information, contact Carla Gibbons at CGibbons@dbq.edu or 563-589-3630 or toll free 1-8882078218

[CLP/CRE Flyer](#)

For website, [click here](#)



150 Years
August 20, 2017
First Presbyterian Church
Cookeville, TN

150 Years
September 10, 2017
First Presbyterian Church
Lynnville, TN

75 Years
November 1, 2017
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Nashville, TN

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nominating Committee
Monday, August 7
12:30 pm
@ Presbytery office

Committee on Ministry (COM)
Tuesday, August 8
4:00 pm
@ FPC Nashville

Committee on Church

The Westminster Welcome!!

A way to invite your community into the life of the church.

See video clip about the [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) in Columbia TN outreach to homeless folks in their area featuring Westminster's Pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Kane.



Homeless in Maury County

First Presbyterian Church in Gallatin The Foundation, our after school program

submitted by Jennifer Anderson

We wrapped up our 2016-2017 year of The Foundation, a ministry of our church – First Presbyterian Gallatin, TN in partnership with **Children Are People, Inc.** Started a few years back by our former pastor Kyle Gott, I am so happy that our little church has kept it going. This year, we worked with over 30 kids each semester... and in the end had over 30 volunteers helping in one capacity or another. Meeting every week, we offered classes/lessons in violin, piano, guitar, cooking, sewing, photography, drama, songwriting, jewelry-making, painting, planting, videography, flower arranging and lots of crafts.



Here are the 6 things we learned this year:

1. Give a child all of the colors of the rainbow in the form of paint, and they will eventually mix them all together to make brown, and get it all over their fingers and hands.
2. Being creative is messy and loud. You have to be comfortable with a little bit of chaos to be truly

Transformation
Monday, August 14
5:00 pm
@ FPC Nashville

**Administrative
Committee**
Thursday, August 17
2:00 pm
@ FPC Nashville

Finance Committee
Thursday, August 17
3:30 pm
@FPC Nashville

**Committee on
Preparation for
Ministry (CPM)**
Tuesday, August 22
4:00 pm
@ Presbytery office

CE Brown Bag
Thursday, August 24
11:30 am
@ Presbytery office

**Guatemala Peten
Covenant Committee
(GPCC)**
Monday, August 28
6:30 pm
@ Presbytery office

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creative.

3. Glitter is evil, and intent on covering the world.

4. You can provide instructions on how to do something, but no two creations will look the same. Which leads to:

5. Creativity is childlike. If you put a bunch of beads and ribbon and a lone glue gun on a table, adults will wait for how-to directions. Kids will just go at it. We need to learn from them, because:

6. Though we cherish the final product, creativity is not about the results. If we would let go of our expectations and comparisons... our doubts about our abilities... and all Pinterest pictures... and just sit down to a blank canvas or an empty vase or a pile of beads and make something with enthusiasm – at that point, we will have gotten back to creating as a child does.

Thanks so much for the many volunteers that helped this year. And thank you to the children who taught us at least as much as we taught them. – for more information regarding this program, contact **Jennifer Anderson**.

See YouTube video below:



The Foundation Ministry
of First Presbyterian
Church Gallatin
2016-2017

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www.pbymidtn.org

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