



COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 2022 News

*Cultivating believers,
disciples, and servants
to transform
our community and
world for Christ.*



Residency Recap

It's hard to believe that this June Pastor Shawn will have been with us for a whole year! He has quickly become a vital part of our pastoral staff and the ministry of Community Church. Since he began, we have welcomed many new folks and I thought this would be a perfect time to recap what residency is all about.

Pastoral Residency programs grew out of the desire to equip young clergy with the skills and mentors to enable them to minister sustainably for their lifetime. Congregations had noticed young clergy were on average staying in ministry *less than five years*. There was a wide disconnect between what ministers learned in their Master's programs versus what day-to-day ministry involved. Residencies seek to bridge the gap between book knowledge and practical experience.

With that goal in mind, CCTV began our own residency program in 2019. We were able to witness both the growth and gifting of our first resident, Rev. Emily Collins. In 2021 Rev. Collins answered the call for another full-time ministry placement. After a competitive search process, we called our second resident, Pastor Shawn Klein.

Our residencies last two years during which residents complete many different assigned tasks. Our residents work through three-month blocks of curriculum covering such areas as preaching, pastoral care, and church administration. A rotating pastor on staff reads all of the books for a unit of study and discusses the readings weekly with the resident. A resident is also supported by our Lay Mentoring Team.

A question I often get is "can we keep Pastor Shawn?" While I understand the desire to keep him, the residency program is about equipping and sending. It is our hope by providing an encouraging environment we create a foundation that will enable Pastor Shawn to minister well for his career wherever God calls him. The work of a residency is missional work. The work God does through him will be in part because of you. It is your generous giving, your encouragement, your prayers that make this program possible.

Pastor Shawn will be with us until the summer of 2023. I'd encourage us all to keep leaning into being a teaching congregation. Affirm his gifts where you see them. Ask about what he's reading and learning (he took over my bookshelf spot in this month's newsletter!). Continue to pray for the formation of his faith.

I am grateful to be part of a church that is raising up the next generation of leaders!
In His dust,

Pastor Jennifer

Pastor Jennifer



Guest Preachers



Rev. Ellen Di Giosia

June 5: Ellen Di Giosia

Ellen Di Giosia is a Baptist-ordained pastor who has served on church staffs in multiple roles. She will soon begin an appointment in the United Methodist Church serving two small congregations in Grainger County, Tennessee. Ellen is a graduate of George W. Truett Theological Seminary (Baylor University) and Mississippi College; this June, she will begin studies in the Doctor of Ministry program at Perkins School of Theology (Southern Methodist University). Ellen and her husband Tony live in Jefferson City, TN, where they are raising two teenagers and a very spoiled dog.



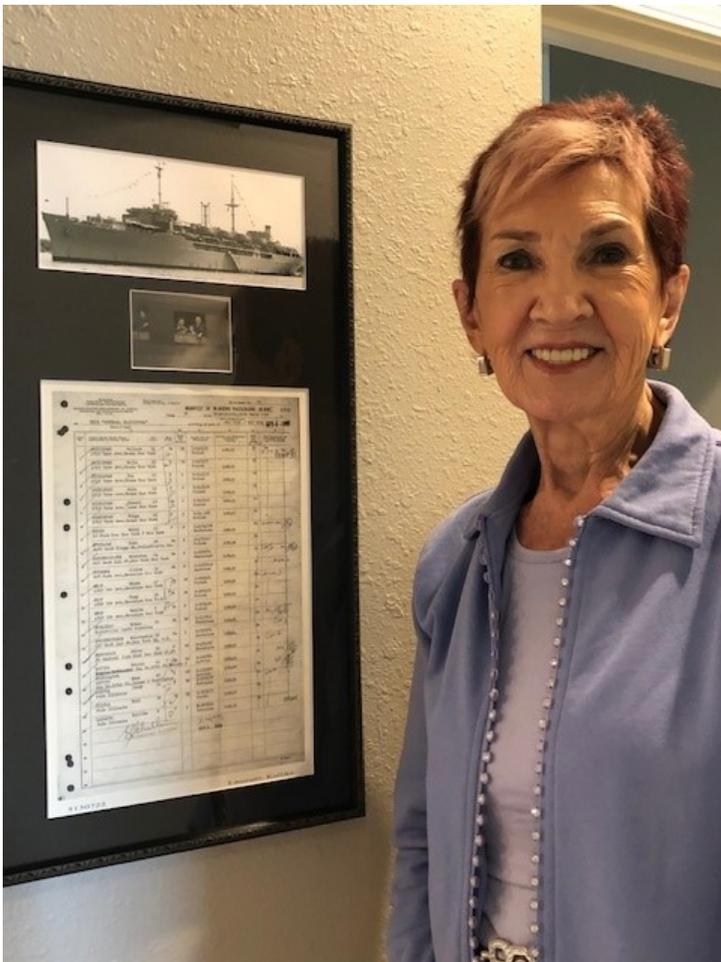
Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista

June 19: Javier Almendárez-Bautista

Javier Almendárez-Bautista is a native of the deep South: he was born and raised in San Salvador, El Salvador. When he was ten years old, his family moved to the Pacific Northwest. He earned his Master of Divinity Degree at Duke Divinity School and completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Anglican Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary. Javier currently serves as the Associate Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary, NC. He is also the Strategy Team co-chair of ONE Wake, a non-partisan, multi-racial, multi-issue coalition of religious congregations, associations, and other non-profit organizations in Wake County. Its membership now includes over 40 dues-paying organizations. Prior to becoming a priest, Javier worked as a mental health therapist and case manager. He enjoys good fiction, looking over the tree line, and finding common ground in unexpected places.

The graphic features a central circular portrait of Steve Prevatte with the text "WHERE IN THE WORLD IS STEVE PREVATTE?". To the left is a colorful map of the United States with a label "United States" and a small photo of Steve with a woman. To the right are three smaller photos of Steve in different countries, each with a label: "Germany" (top right), "Austria" (middle right), and "Italy" (bottom right).

Your Neighbor in the Pew - Ku Adams by Julie A. Best



Ku is standing beside a collage which includes the Manifest of In-Bound Passengers (Aliens) for passage to America, a photo of the ship, and a photo of her family (Mother, Stepfather, and Ku)

Most all of us would say we are grateful, for many things. But, when Ku Adams says, "I am grateful!" there is real meaning behind that statement. Ku has experienced a life that most of us have only witnessed from watching the nightly news. This article reveals only a small snippet of that life.

Ku was born in the Baltic region of Estonia in the 1940s when Russia had just annexed the region. When her mother was only a few months pregnant with Ku, her father was conscripted by the Russians and sent away. As he was leaving, he left his wedding ring with his wife for safe keeping. Ku's mother received only one post card, and never heard from him again.

Ku's mother moved back home to the small town of Poltsamaa, Estonia, to live with her family. Shortly after Ku was born, her mother returned to work, and it was Ku's grandmother, her mamma, who cared for Ku.

Life became more and more difficult with the Russian occupancy, and the family decided it was time to leave - in a hurry with only a few possessions. Ku was three years old when the family escaped and were taken to one of the displaced persons (DP) camps in Germany. These were large camps that included people from many different countries. The family lived among other families from Estonia. Ku says, "The term DP camp sounds horrible, but it was not a terrible experience. There were people there from all walks of life. The teachers established schools, we celebrated with our own customs, and we had a small apartment."

Ku's mother finally got word that her husband was dead. She met a man, also a person of the DP camp, from Czech-

oslovakia and they were married. Ku says, "My stepfather was a wonderful father to me. My own father could not have been better."

Ku's family was in the DP camp for six years. The camps were going to be closed, and people were going to Finland, Canada, Australia, and America. In order to come to America, they had to have a sponsor, the head of the family unit had to have a job, and there had to be a place for them to live. The family got word that a Lutheran Church in Polo, Illinois would sponsor them, ensure employment for the father, and provide them with a place to live. Ku was nine years old when they left the German DP camp and boarded a ship for America.

Life in Polo was good. Ku started school without speaking a word of English. She got no special help, other than fellow students sitting with her to teach her the English language. When she completed high school, she went to Madison Business College in Madison, Wisconsin, and it was in Madison that she met her husband, Ed Adams.

When Ed graduated from the University of Wisconsin, he was hired by Ford Motor Company. They moved to Michigan and spent their entire working years there. Ku says, "It was a time when the company was loyal to its employees, and the employees were loyal to the company."

Ed and Ku fell in love with Tellico Village when they visited friends here. They bought a lot several years before they moved. During that time, they would come for visits, and it was on one of those visits that they became acquainted with our church. Ed loved to sing, and the choral opportunity was a real draw for him. Ed died in 2009, and Ku has remained an active member of our congregation.

When I visited Ku in her lovely home, the first words out of her mouth were, "I am grateful every day to God and Ed Adams for the good life that I live." Ku knows the true meaning of the word grateful. It is impossible to share her life story in this one short article. An interesting book by Marilyn Smith Neilans entitled *Flight to Freedom* tells that story beautifully. It is written as a work of fiction, but it is based on Ku's life. The book is in our local library. As you talk with Ku, notice that she wears on her right thumb a gold band. It is the wedding ring worn by both her birth father and her stepfather. God bless you, Ku Adams!



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

presents

Parkinson's Disease Info Night

with Dr. John Staley

Thursday, June 2 • 7:30pm • Choir Rehearsal Room



STARTING
POINT

learn about us

meet new people

get connected

Sunday, June 12

Following Each Service • Fireside Room



COMMUNITY CHURCH
AT TELlico VILLAGE

TellicoChurch.com

Church Tour and Organ Demonstration

Come learn about our church history including stories about our stained-glass windows, liturgical colors and even what's under the sanctuary floor! Our organist, Fred Pogue will also give a short musical demonstration.

Open to the Public
July 14 • 10:00am



*Aging
Gracefully*

The Gift of Years

5 Week Women's Study

taught by Deb Thompson

June 29th – July 27th

10:00am Classroom 1A

Contact the church office for more information



Those planning to attend the class should pick up a copy of the book, *Aging with Grace*, at the church office. The book cost is \$15.

Deb would like each person to read the introduction and chapter 1 before the first class on June 29. The class will be held in room 1A of the CLC (Christian Life Center).

Shine On!

CCTV Women's Ministry Fall Retreat
September 23-25, 2022
Lake Junaluska, NC

Register Today!



Unexpected

By Jeannine Wolf

Life can be unpredictable. Just when everything is going along smoothly in your life, something unexpectedly happens. A new grandchild or a wedding is announced, a promotion with a big pay raise or a longtime friend coming to visit are just a few of the happy unexpected events. Most of the time those events are celebrations. They may lead to some stress, but we are so happy

about them that we try to overlook the extra stress.

It is the unexpected events that cause us pain which catch us off guard. Events like a severe car accident, a sudden death, an affair that leads to a divorce, or being let go from our job-- these are the kind that knock the wind out of us. I once read it feels like a bird that crashes into a window. The bird sees a reflection of a tree branch in a window and thinks he is going to a restful place, instead hitting drastically. The bird is stunned. Others will say their event was like being hit by a Mack truck.

Whichever type of life event you are experiencing, you are hurt and Stephen Ministry can help. A Stephen Minister can be there while you walk this difficult period giving you extra support by listening and supporting you. Call one of our leaders today.

Jan Elliott: 865-458-3604 Carolyn Page: 865-414-5559 Jeannine Wolf: 423-748-5152





Leading from the Second Chair – A recent pick up of mine is Mike Bonem’s and Roger Patterson’s book, *Leading from the Second Chair*. The book touts itself as a tome of leadership advice for folks who are second (or third, or fourth) in command in an organization, and specifically speaks to church leadership. It asks the questions – what does it mean to be a leader in an organization, when you have a boss that is also leading you? How do you balance being a leader and a subordinate at the same time? This book takes what may seem like a paradox and breaks it down into helpful advice for folks who find themselves in those positions.

The Preaching Life – A pretty constant companion on my bookshelf is Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor is a pastor who has written a number of incredibly thoughtful and interesting books that examine Christianity from a perspective that I find incredibly helpful. In *The Preaching Life*, Taylor asks what might seem like a simple question to answer: what is preaching, and what does it mean to preach? Diving into the works of other scholars, the Biblical narrative, and her own experience, Taylor examines that question with a writing style that sucks you in from the start.

Mistborn: The Final Empire – Outside of my more spiritual reading, I’ve recently picked up *Mistborn: The Final Empire* by Brandon Sanderson. Sanderson is a prolific fantasy author who is lauded for his storytelling and world-building prowess. *Mistborn: The Final Empire* tells the story of a young man who finds himself in the possession of a mysterious and supernatural power, who uses those powers, alongside the help of a trusted band of rogues, to overthrow an evil empire that has been enslaving people for thousands of years. While I haven’t gotten too far into it, I have really enjoyed what I’ve read so far!

Happy Reading,
Pastor Shawn

Mission Partner – Compassion Ministries



Compassion Ministries, Inc. began in 2009 as an all-volunteer outreach initiative of Cornerstone Church. The original vision was to feed those in the local area who needed nutritional assistance. The ministry provided shelf-stable food products to those who came to the church’s food pantry, regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity. The goal was to support families and individuals in the community who were struggling to have adequate nutrition. As time passed, additional opportunities to serve areas of high need opened and Compassion Ministries stepped in to fill those nutritional needs.

Compassion Ministries, Inc. now reaches out to rural areas in east Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina to provide all types of food through both local and mobile food pantries. Collaborative efforts with a wide variety of food banks and providers ensure that food distributions reach those whose needs are greatest in areas where there are few resources.

Compassion Ministries, Inc. is made possible through its volunteers. There is no paid staff for this organization, **all who serve are volunteers**. This includes all Board Members and administrative staff. Church partners who have come alongside to support us in this ministry include:

- Cornerstone Church of God
- Christ Covenant Church
- Community Church at Tellico Village
- Grace and Glory Fellowship



For more information or to volunteer, contact Robin:
Phone: (865)755-9512
Email: robin@compassionministries.net

Kindred Spirits

The latest Kindred Spirits adventure took us to Crossville, TN. We boarded the bus and headed to Cumberland Mountain State Park where we had a delightful buffet lunch as we enjoyed the spectacular views of the lake and grounds. From there we once again boarded the bus and continued on to the Cumberland County Playhouse to watch the play "Sylvia". We laughed until our ribs hurt watching the antics of Sylvia, the dog who quickly learned how to dominate her household with her shenanigans. The actors were wonderful and the script funny, especially for those who own or have owned dogs. It was a late return to the CCTV parking lot, but it was a great day spent with friends.



ART SHOW

The Fellowship Hall is used for many community events, including the recent Art Show. We are so thankful to have this beautiful facility, supported by you, for our community to enjoy.

Scavenger Hunt





Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pictured here are just a few of prayer shawl knitters. These women: L to R: Nancy Barrett, Jan Martin, Julie Best and Gail Lyman are members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and were visiting a new yarn shop in Maryville recently. It's called the "Hook & Needle" near 321 & 129. A wonderful shop with lovely colorful yarns, patterns and displays.

Prayer Shawl Sunday is June 19. The creations will be available for anyone to take and give to a friend or loved one who is ill or hurting in some way. Folks who are worshipping that morning are welcome to come by the tables and pick out a shawl, at no cost.

More than 800 shawls have been given out since the ministry began.

Thank you for the lovely altar flowers that I received on Mother's Day. It brightened my day and I do appreciate that you thought of me. Louise Schuller

We are so grateful for your continued support of Young Life Loudon County. How could words ever be enough to explain the impact y'all have had? We couldn't do this without you. We are eternally thankful. Holly Rhodes, Area Director

Wishing Well Care and Share Ongoing Collections

Cellphones
Eyeglasses
Hearing Aids
Ink Cartridges
Pill Bottles **ORANGE ONLY**,
(clean, with labels removed)



Plastic Caps and Lids
Postage Stamps- canceled (leave 1/4" edge)
Pull Tabs
Toiletry Items (new/any size)
Complete list available at the church website.

Helping Hands with Hygiene Program through the Family Resource Center for Loudon County Schools. New items include: body wash, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner (or combined), deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, bath scrubbers, skin lotion, hair styling products.

Your help is appreciated in the following ways:

- Please put your items in the appropriate basket. They are all labeled. There are 2 larger plastic bins in the open bin of the Wishing Well. The one on the courtyard side is for medicine bottles. The one on the sanctuary side is for caps and lids.
- Please only donate the items that are requested.
- *There are some 3x5 cards in a stand on the top of the Wishing Well that list all of the collections on one side and the specifics for the cap and lid collection on the other side. Feel free to take one home with you as a reminder of what is acceptable.
- *Medicine bottles: Only the orange colored bottles with lids on them are being collected.
- If you bring your items to church in a bag, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate basket.
- Please only donate the items that are requested.
- For those people who pick up the donated items for one of the agencies, please try to clear out the basket(s) on a regular basis. If you are unable to do so, please ask someone to do it in your place.

The Wishing Well Care and Share Collection Area is located under the grand staircase.

Endowment News

The Endowment Team recently awarded the first of two grants for 2022.

Beauty For Ashes, located in Lenoir City, runs a residential facility for women who have lost their way due to drug addiction leading to incarceration. During their 12-18 month time in the residence, they have a very strict schedule of practical skill enhancement, Bible study, spiritual enrichment, chore responsibility, and academic pursuit.

Beauty For Ashes requested funds to help their facility become fully compliant with state and local codes, especially fire codes. They requested \$14,000 to finalize the renovations that would allow for their clients to live in the house safely. The Endowment Team awarded the grant in April and the facility had their open house on April 30 to welcome everyone back home.

The other grant awarded by the Endowment Team was an internal request to upgrade the assisted listening system used in our Founders Chapel, Sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall. The grant provided \$5,500 to enhance the overall audio experience for our congregation.

Thank You



April 28, 2022

Shauna Oden, Chair
Community Church at Tellico Village
Endowment Fund Committee
130 Chota Center
Loudon, TN 37774

Dear Shauna,

In May of 2021, we were awarded a grant from the Community Church Endowment Fund in the amount of \$1,500 to purchase a defibrillator and training materials to provide additional safety for our staff and volunteers. I wanted to give you and the Endowment Fund Committee an update on our use of these funds.

We purchased a defibrillator along with both AED and CPR course materials and workbooks. This past month, with the help of Matt Acuff of Priority Ambulance and a certified trainer, we held a training session at the Habitat ReStore for our employees. The AED is now hanging in a secure, easily accessible place in our ReStore.

While we hope we will never use the defibrillator, we are now prepared to do so if and when it is necessary. Thank you so much for this important addition to our skill set and to the safety of all who work with us.

Our partnership with Community Church is very important to our mission, and we appreciate all that your church is doing to further that mission. Together we are building strength, stability, and self-reliance in our community.

Sincerely,


Tony Gibbons
Executive Director

PS I have included some pictures from the training along with this letter. If you need additional information about our use of this grant, please let us know.



Notes

Dear Friends,

*We just wanted to say
how very grateful we
are for your generosity
to Beauty For Ashes!*

*We would not be where
we are today w/o our partners
who see the need for this*

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Jerrell King
Folender*



Finance News June

During these uncertain financial times with rising inflation and interest rates it is reassuring to know at this time last year the Finance Team, with the assistance of Don Tate, locked in a mortgage interest rate of 2.94% for 10 years. This was a significant reduction from our previous loan interest rate of 4.25%. Our current mortgage balance is \$2,418,809. Monthly payments are \$23,922.87 which consists of a principal payment of approximately \$17,730 and interest cost of \$6,193. In addition to the monthly payments, we have been able to pay off an additional \$13,700 of principal this year due to donations from the congregation to debt reduction. The Finance Team would like to thank you for the additional donations. Your giving spirit has helped CCTV to fulfill its mission in serving God and our community.

Kitchen News

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to THANK all the volunteers who helped with the May Spaghetti Dinner. As usual, everything went smoothly. The spaghetti dinners would not have happened without great volunteers. You all are wonderful!!! Thank You All Again. We served about 125 people. The count included reservations as well as walk-ins.

Remember, this was the last one until September when the dinners will resume. Now we can all rest for a couple of months. Take care. Have a safe summer.

Blessings,
Nadine Mazienis
Your Krazy Kitchen Coordinator

Finance Facts Preliminary April YTD 2022

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$ 680,614	\$ 610,268
Expenses (incl. Mortgage Principal)	\$ 674,183	\$ 632,974
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 6,431	(\$ 22,706)
Mortgage Principal Year-To-Date	\$ 86,860	
Mortgage Interest Year-To-Date	\$ 24,398	
Mortgage Balance	\$2,436,166	
Endowment Fund	\$ 373,780	

Is This Your Check??

Accounting received a check from National Financial Services dated May 10, 2022 that does not identify the giver. Could this check be from you? We want to be sure our records properly reflect your giving, so if you think this item might be yours, please call the accounting office at (865) 458-1516. Thanks for your help in solving the mystery.

4 WAYS TO GIVE



MAIL

SEND YOUR GIFT TO:
130 CHOTA CENTER
LOUDON, TN 37774



DROP OFF

BRING YOUR GIFT TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE
MON - THURS 9-4



SUNDAYS

PLACE YOUR GIFT IN
AN OFFERING PLATE



ONLINE

GIVE ONLINE AT:
TELLICOCHURCH.COM/GIVE

2022 Council Voting Members



Shauna Oden
Council Chair



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Treasurer &
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Leader



Chuck Martin
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Leader



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Congregational
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Bonnie
Ingraham
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& Trustee
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Worship &
Music Team
Leader

Memorial Gifts Remembering...

Charles Allmer
Joanne Faberzak

Caroline Burke
Ruth Thornton
Mavis McLean

Jason Cook
Theresa Henderson

Mike Cottle
Ruth Thornton
Sue & Jeff Conklin
Bill & Shauna Oden
Bob & Judy Bland
Charles & Carol Sweet
Larry & Nancy Bollinger
Rich & Marge Planzo

Whitey Kellogg
Nancy Benn

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Joanne Faberzak

Beverly Phillips
Jim & Jan Elliott

Phyllis Snyder
Sue & Jeff Conklin
Bill & Shauna Oden
Bob & Judy Bland
Jim & Charlene Barton
Bob & Sue Brackenridge
Don & Susan Scott
Rich & Marge Planzo

Len Willis
Jim & Charlene Barton
Jim & Jan Elliott
Bill & Peggy Crowder

More About Our Church

General Information

Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30. Child care is provided for the 10:30 service. **The 10:30 worship service is streaming live every Sunday!** Visit our website to watch Sunday's service live. This allows you to worship with us no matter where you are!

Want to Explore Membership? Please call the church office for details if you are interested. You may inquire about membership and other spiritual matters.

Televised services are available on YouTube. Find the link at www.tellicochurch.com.

Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/tellicochurch

Pastoral Care: Please contact the church office for you pastoral care needs.

Staff

Senior Pastor Steve Prevatte
Associate Pastor Devin Phillips
Associate Pastor Jennifer Brown
Pastor of Worship and Music John Orr
Pastoral Resident Shawn Klein
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Martin C. Singley, III
Office Manager Pat Ouderkirk
Director of Media Ministries Mark Powell
Financial Assistant Cathy Bradley
Receptionist/Secretary Candy Smith
Facilities Manager Jeff McDaniel
Kitchen Coordinator Nadine Mazienis
Organist Fred Pogue
Accompanist Jane Salmon
Child Care Cynthia McMahan, Brittany Thompson



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Spiritual Support

Alcoholics Anonymous
Every Monday at 7 p.m., lower CLC
Women every Friday at 11:30 a.m., lower CLC

Al-Anon
United Methodist Church—Loudon
Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Caregiver's Support Group
(Includes Alzheimer's Support Group)
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month at 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Lynne MacConnell

Grief Support Group
Bob Kryter or Marce Strickland

Guy to Guy
Chuck Hitch

Hospitalization Support
Call the church office

MS Support Group
3rd Tuesday of month at 11 a.m., lower CLC
Patricia Garrett

Parkinson's Support Group
1st Thursday of month at 1 p.m., lower CLC
Marian Smith

Pastoral Counseling
Pastor Steve Prevatte

Prayer Chain
Jan Elliott

Prayer Shawls
Knitters & Crocheters
2nd Monday of month at 11 a.m., Conference Room
Jan Martin

Stephen Ministry
Jan Elliott
Carolyn Page
Jeannine Wolf

Women's Cancer Support Group
Last Wednesday of month, 9 a.m.
Spurrier Room
Marcia Kowalski

For more information please contact the church office at 865-458-1516.

Church Calendar

You can see an up to date calendar at our church website:

tellicochurch.com/events

Please help us stay current!

If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address and have not yet notified the church office, we request that you do so. Thank You!

Church Office is open Monday-Thursday, 9-4 and Friday, 9-noon.

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Need Prayer? Go to: tellicochurch.com/prayer
Give online at: tellicochurch.com/give



Bus transportation is available for the 10:30 service from anywhere in the village. If you wish to ride the bus, please call the church office by Thursday of the week you wish to use the transportation.