



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE

May 2015

Dear Friends,

May is one of the months during which we are reminded over and over of God's goodness to us. Every week, worship is a celebration of the risen Christ, and in May, we also have so many things to celebrate in the life of our community. Plan to be in worship on May 17 as we welcome many visitors and friends for the recognition of scholarship recipients. I am deeply grateful to the Jacobs family, first of all, and to many others who have contributed to the scholarship funds through the years. We now have more than \$253,000 in endowed scholarship funds. This gives us an opportunity to strengthen the life our community and the lives of the people who live here. On May 17, you can meet the scholarship recipients and give thanks for the people who began this important ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

Grace and Peace,  
Elizabeth

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS

(completed 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)

June 22-25 (Monday-Thursday)

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per child

Camp Limit of 12 children

Contact Jane Snyder for more information  
(704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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## !!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COOKING CAMP !!! JUNE 22-25

We will need volunteers to work everyday from 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with the campers and 6 volunteers everyday (these 6 volunteers do not have to be the same ones everyday) from 1:00 p.m. until around 3:00 p.m. to help clean up and set-up for next day. For more information, contact Jane Snyder at 704-982-2722/704-438-3358

[or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).



**Sunday, May 3**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Bread for the World Offering of Letters**  
**Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education**  
**Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger**

We will recognize the many teachers and leaders who make our Christian Education program interesting, fun, and effective. We will also receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger. Youth Club children will play ORFF instruments during worship.  
Scripture: John 15:1-8

**Sunday, May 10**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

Remember to get your flower order into the church office by May 3.  
Scripture: John 15:9-17

**Sunday, May 17**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Scholarship Recipient Recognition**

We will recognize recipients of the First Presbyterian Church scholarships and their families. This is a wonderful celebration of community engagement and faithful stewardship.  
Scripture: John 17:6-19

**Sunday, May 24**

**Pentecost**  
**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
**Pentecost Offering**

Pentecost Sunday! Wear **RED**...the liturgical color of the day. Worship will be a celebration of the Holy Spirit's presence in the church. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and receive the Pentecost offering.  
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

**Sunday, May 31**

**Trinity Sunday**  
**Youth Sunday**  
**Confirmation Class Recognition**  
**The Sacrament of Baptism**

Worship leaders will include our youth. High school seniors will share their reflections on faith. The 2015 Confirmation Class will be received into membership. Isabel Gray McIntyre, daughter of Catherine (Spence) and Rob McIntyre, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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## **Ten-Cents-A-Meal**

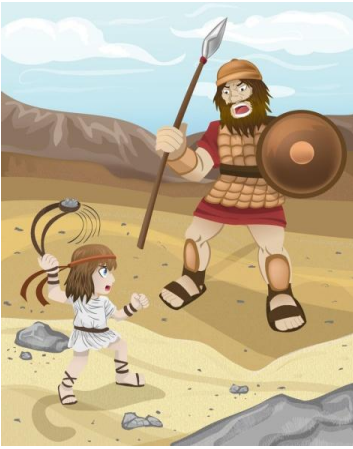
We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on May 3. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome! We received a total of \$281.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in March. Our goal is to receive an average of \$600.00 per month.

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## **2015 Flower Calendar**

The 2015 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any florist, but are most often ordered from Harwood's.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or [fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com)) for more information.



# *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*

## First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 14-18, 2015

Children and adults will delight in the exciting story of David and Goliath, where the message of the story comes alive in a fresh, new way. There is plenty of humor in the musical comedy, *Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*, by Allen Pote & Tom Long, with the timeless power of the message: *Our great God is worthy of trust, and His power is victorious if we trust Him with every challenge.* Music & Arts Camp promises to provide a fun-filled week of entertainment for the camper and volunteers!

**FOR WHOM?**

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade AND if you love to create, sing and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

**WHAT WILL WE DO?**

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

**WHEN WILL WE DO IT?**

It all begins on Sunday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. ('til 5:00 p.m.). On June 15-18, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**WHAT ELSE?**

**Early Bird Registration Fee** is only \$30.00 (by May 29).  
**Late Registration Fee** is \$35.00 (after May 29).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day. Drinks will be provided.

**The camp's grand finale will be a performance of on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____
Parent's Name _____
Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____
Food or other allergies _____
T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20) Adult S M L XL
Other things we should know about this child _____

Return registration form to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 1578 126 West North Street  
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? (704) 982-2722  
or email Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)





# SUMMER WORSHIP

Session has approved a new worship time for the months of June, July, & August.

Beginning, June 7, worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Stay tuned for more information about Summer Sermons which will focus on life in the community of Christ.

Beginning June 5, the church office will be closed on Fridays.

The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



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## MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 3.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 10.** Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

### MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...MARCH 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	128,482.00	139,628.00
Total Expenses:	<u>156,401.00</u>	<u>141,726.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	( 27,919.00)	(2,098.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2015

Pledges:	477,515	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,825</u>
Total Income:	562,887	Average Weekly Amount Received in March: <u>\$11,625</u>
Total Expenses:	562,887	

**We are ahead \$118.00 in pledges. (\$14,838 of 2015 pledges was prepaid in 2014)**

**March Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering: \$281**

**Zambia Well Project: \$19,258**

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MEMORIALS

Flower Fund:

In memory of Sheila Flowe, given by Jane & Roger Lisk.

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Betty Lynn Fort, given by Jane & Roger Lisk.

Property Endowment:

In memory of Caldwell McAlister, given by Carter & Jackson Co. CPA's.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Johnsie McIntyre, given by Susan Pandich.

SYMPATHY

To Jim Sawyer upon the death of his brother-in-law, Worth "Eddie" Masencup, on March 28, 2015.

THANK YOU

**To:** Mildred Andrew, Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Margaret Ivey, Judy & Tommy Murrell, Frankie Palmer, Susan Pandich, Ruth Ann Rogers, Sandy Rogers, Rich Schaefer, and Martha White for assisting in the office during March.

**Many thanks** to all who worked to make the March 25<sup>th</sup> Lenten lunch a success! From planning, shopping, baking, boiling, grilling, roasting, peeling 7 dozen eggs, and breaking huge bags of salad greens to set-up and clean-up, they are: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Sally Grantier, Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Anne Montgomery, Polly Moose, Judy Murrell, Ruth Ann Rogers, Harold Sharpe, Jane Snyder, Ann Upchurch, Shirley Welch, and Elizabeth Wilson.

*Bread for the World...Bread for You*

Thank you, bakers of bread, for the delicious array of breads you provided and thanks to the shoppers who supported with donations for SCCM. Bread bakers were: Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Mary Green, Nancy Joines, Mary Louise Sawyer, Janet Schaefer, and Shirley Welch.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on April 12, 2015, Session reviewed the events of Holy Week and the special services. The Mission committee reported that we would have a luncheon on Friday, April 17 to hear a special guest speaker, Percy Muleba from Mwand, who will give us an update on the well project. The Scholarship committee reported that they have received a large number of applications and that they will award scholarships on Sunday, May 17. Elizabeth and Matt have been visiting home bound members of the congregation and serving them communion. The Finance Committee reported that the finances of the church remain stable.

# NEWS *and* NOTES

## Circle #5 Monthly Meeting

Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle) on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. Lesson #7: *Economy of Grace* will be discussed.

## Muffins & More

When? Thursday, May 7 at 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m.  
What? An opportunity for good kitchen fellowship and to share in the joys and sorrows of the First Presbyterian Church congregation.  
Where? In the church kitchen.  
Contact Gloria Bryson (704-982-8030) to find out how you can get involved.



**Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for the Summer 2015 Newsletter is noon on Tuesday, May 12. This newsletter contains information for June, July, and August.** Early submissions are always welcome! If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: [pknighten@fpcalbemarle.com](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.com).

## STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY MAY CHALLENGE:

(Shampoo, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Personal Hygiene)

Just one item each month  
for each member of your family.

Place your non-perishables in the basket  
in the pit stop.

Together, we can make a difference!



## MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Music and Arts Camp will be **June 14-18**. Volunteers are an essential part of the camp, and we need YOU to step up to the plate and help (teenagers and adults). If you would like to volunteer, contact Gina Martin (704-982-2722 or [gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)).



## COMMUNITY TABLE SATURDAY, JUNE 6

First Presbyterian Church will serve lunch at the Community Table on June 6. Contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723) for more information and/or if you can help.





Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. Folks with chronic needs will be listed for a month in the bulletin. Following that month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so. Critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

#### Friends of the Congregation:

**Chrissy Adams**, friend of Shannon & Kent Newport; Hodgkin's disease.  
**Sheila Kirkland Breisch**, sister-in-law of Gloria Bryson; Atrial fibrillation.  
**Amy Brinson**, friend of Doris Forte.  
**Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.  
**Bob & Bessie Burris**, grandparents of Kim Caudle.  
**Millie Campbell**, friend of Melissa Lemons; receiving treatment for breast cancer.  
**Lathan & Katherine Cox**, parents of Sherrie Richards.  
**Rachel Darling**, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.  
**Roy & Katie Dearstyne**, parents of Holly Norwood.  
**Rich Drye**, nephew of Barbara Whitley; Hodgkin's Lymphoma.  
**Sara Dyer**, mother of Martha White; continuing health concerns.  
**Barbara Earnhardt**, friend of Shannon & Kent Newport; battling ALS.  
**Lindsey Efird**, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.  
**Mary Ann Greene**, recovering from surgery.  
**Sandra Helms**, friend of Sarah Michael; Crohn's disease.  
**Herman Hinson**, father of Carolyn McLaurin; cancer.  
**Tonia Icenhour**, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.  
**Jeannette Isenhour**, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.  
**Randall Kimrey**, father of Bryce Kimrey.  
**Jackie Lynn Kruis**, seven year old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.  
**Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.  
**Louise Medlin**, mother of Dona Lisk; diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma.  
**Charles Miller**, battling cancer.  
**Craig Morgan**, recovering from heart surgery.  
**Karen Niebler**, mother of Jill Niebler; waiting for liver transplant.  
**Shannon Newton**, diagnosed with cancer; friend of the Johnston family.  
**Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.  
**Barbara Petillo**, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.  
**Brian Rogers**, son of Jane Rogers.  
**Karen Russell**, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.  
**David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges; receiving bone marrow transplant for Acute Myloid Leukemia.  
**Charles Schinck**, brother-in-law of Peggy Finley; recurrence of cancer.  
**Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.  
**Claudine Stone**, friend of Laura Wheeler.  
**Lachlann Tannery**, 2 year old with JMML (a rare form of leukemia); friend of Shannon & Kent Newport.  
**Ashley Teeter**, niece of Robin Howell; diagnosed with breast cancer.  
**Ethel White**, sister-in-law of Lynn White; diagnosed with mesothelioma.

#### Members of the Congregation:

**Becky & Joe Carter.**  
**Hessie Clark.**  
**Anita Gower, rehab at Trinity Place (Room F6).**  
**Peter Henkenjohann.**  
**Blue Honeycutt.**  
**Greg Johnson.**  
**June Johnson.**  
**Fran Mabry.**  
**Ed Myers.**  
**Bill Palmer.**  
**Pete Smith.**  
**Rita Whitley.**





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 01- David Holbrook  | 19- Piper Campbell  |
| 03- Carole Yost     | Jim Sawyer          |
| 04- Brad Boone      | 20- Jim Ivey, III   |
| 08- Barbara McManus | Bill Lindley        |
| Lee Snuggs          | 21- Joe Kluttz      |
| 11- Spencer Ayscue  | Kristen Laton       |
| Elizabeth Boyle     | Quinton Wainwright  |
| Debby Johnston      | 22- Richard Lambert |
| 12- Skeet Ayscue    | 26- Chris McLaurin  |
| Drew Sasser         | 27- Gerald Poplin   |
| Alix Stewart        | 28- Rebekah Ayscue  |
| 13- Laura Frazier   | 30- Jackson Lisk    |
| 15- Stephan Kinley  | 31- John Palmer     |
| 16- Roger Martin    |                     |
| 17- Liz Jolly       |                     |
| Ken Knight          |                     |
| Art Rogers          |                     |

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 02- | Bob & Donna Gaither           |
| 09- | Lee & Barbara McManus         |
| 12- | Rob & Catherine McIntyre      |
|     | Keith & Martha Wolf           |
| 14- | Greg & Dona Lisk              |
|     | Keith & Ashley Maust          |
| 17- | Tom & Holly Norwood           |
| 18- | Jordan & Amanda Morgan        |
| 21- | Brett & Sherrie Richards      |
| 22- | Lee & Yolanda Johnson         |
|     | Rodney & Rita Morgan          |
| 29- | Lenny & Rose Saltzman         |
| 30- | Al & Becky Andrew             |
|     | Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall |
| 31- | Aaron & Alison Whisnant       |







Sunday, May 3  
 Sunday, May 10  
 Sunday, May 17  
 Sunday, May 24  
 Sunday, May 31

**SCRIPT**

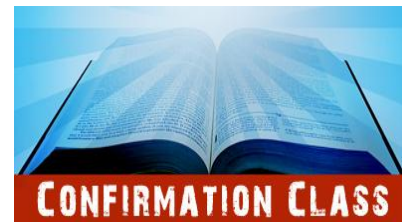
As we near the end of another wonderful year of youth ministry, I want to thank you all for your passion and participation in SNL. What makes our youth ministry wonderful is the people who are involved. We are wrapping up the end of the year with a few schedule changes ([see the changed date for youth Sunday](#)). I hope to see many of you through the end of May and I look forward to seeing you involved in mission and travel throughout the summer.

4:45 pm - 7:45 pm  
 4:45 pm - 7:45 pm  
 5:00 pm  
 no SNL  
 no SNL

SNL  
 SNL  
 End of the Year Dinner  
 Memorial Day  
 Youth Sunday

**Confirmation Sunday**  
**May 31 during worship**

On Youth Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be recognizing this year's confirmation class. During this worship service, our 7 middle school confirmands will remember their baptisms and become official members of First Presbyterian Church. After many weeks of exploring their faith and their faith tradition, we are excited to celebrate with them their entry into membership.



**Youth Sunday**  
**May 31**

Youth Sunday will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Youth will be leading worship with their many talents, and some of our seniors will speak to their journeys of faith. Please join us for this inspirational worship service.

**High School Senior Recognition**

Our high school seniors will be celebrated and honored during worship on June 7<sup>th</sup>. As these youth prepare to look to the next steps of their journey, we like to recognize the role they have played at First Presbyterian Church and remind them of our support. Please join us in recognizing these amazing young people!



**Summer Youth Conferences**

There are two potential conference trips which our youth may attend this summer. The first trip will be the Massanetta Middle School Conference from June 23 to June 26 near Harrisonburg, Virginia. This is an inspiring and formative trip for all middle schoolers. The second conference is the Montreat Youth Conference July 12 to July 18 in Montreat, North Carolina. If you are interested in going on one of these trips, or you would like your youth to participate, please let Matt know ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)). Please keep our youth in your prayers this summer as they participate in these spiritually nurturing trips.



**Please join us for**  
**Homes of Hope's Spring Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser**

**Friday, May 1...6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
 (172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)**

**Donations will be accepted!**



*On the menu:*

*Pancakes, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Cereal, Sausage, Grits, Gravy, Biscuits, Juice, and Fruit*

**Homes of Hope** is a grassroots organization of churches and human service agencies that provides short term transitional housing and services to homeless families. Through support and counseling, families are prepared to move into stable independent housing. Homes of Hope is a Stanly County United Way agency.

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**Recognition of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education**

**Sunday, May 3...11:00 a.m. Worship**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
 which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.*

*In all that they do, they prosper.*

*Psalms 1:3*

These folks make a year-long commitment to share the word of God with the children, youth, and adults of the church in a variety of ways. Thank you to the following who: teach Sunday School, volunteer at Sunday Night Live, lead Children's Church, plan Sunday outings for Faith Explorers, volunteer at Youth Club and Youth Cubs, serve as Childcare Staff, serve on the Christian Education Committee, serve on a Nana & Papa team, serve as a Preschool Partner, and lead the Children's Sermon.

Janice Abernathy  
 Linda Anderson  
 Kim Andrew  
 Mildred Andrew  
 Adrienne Averette  
 Elizabeth Ayscue  
 Skeet Ayscue  
 Joan Belsan  
 Debbie Bennett  
 Keith Bryson  
 Kristie Bryson  
 Josh Campbell  
 Jim Carter  
 Kim Caudle  
 Anissa Chapman  
 Chris Chapman  
 Lauren Cranford  
 Betty Crook  
 Patrick Currie  
 Virginia Currie  
 Heather Deese  
 Matt Drumheller  
 Angie Earnhardt  
 Melissa Eudy  
 Wes Eudy  
 Bob Gaither

Banks Garrison  
 Susan Garrison  
 Kate Gibson  
 Frank Green  
 Mary Green  
 Martha Sue Hall  
 John Howell  
 Lee Johnson  
 Debby Johnston  
 Bill Jolly  
 Dustin Jolly  
 Taylor Jolly  
 Heather Kilde  
 John Kilde  
 Bryce Kimrey  
 Nikki Kindelberger  
 Morgan Kinley  
 Ken Knight  
 Danny Lambert  
 Joyce Lambert  
 Kyle Lambert  
 Emma Lemons  
 Melissa Lemons  
 Robin Lemons  
 Kelly Lentz  
 Barbara Lindley

Bill Lindley  
 Dona Lisk  
 Greg Lisk  
 Cici Ly  
 Chris Mabry  
 Laura Beth Marks  
 Kim Marshall  
 Carolyn McLaurin  
 Ben McLeod  
 Isabel McLeod  
 Laura McLeod  
 Mike McLeod  
 Barbara McManus  
 Kate Melone  
 Ronnie Michael  
 Sarah Michael  
 Bruce Mittendorf  
 Marlene Mittendorf  
 Catherine Moeller  
 Matt Moeller  
 Jack Morton  
 Penny Morton  
 Jill Niebler  
 Susan Pandich  
 Lynn Poplin  
 Beth Poolos

Frank Poolos  
 Brett Richards  
 Linda Richards  
 Sandy Rogers  
 Rose Saltzman  
 Jana Sanderson  
 Jillian Scardina  
 Janet Schaefer  
 Carroll Sitton  
 Larry Sitton  
 Ann Snuggs  
 Billie Jean Snuggs  
 Lee Snuggs  
 Caroline Snyder  
 Ellen Snyder  
 Jane Snyder  
 Sheryl Stewart  
 Kassie Taylor  
 Salem Taylor  
 Teresa Taylor  
 Connie Wallace  
 Shirley Welch  
 Martha White  
 Elizabeth Wilson



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD**  
**OFFERING OF LETTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 3**

You can help protect child nutrition programs in the United State. Join Bread for the World in urging our nation’s decision makers to protect child nutrition programs from cuts and harmful policy changes and improve children’s access to these programs.

Please send a personal letter or email message to our members of Congress. You may wish to use the language in the sample letter below as a guide for preparing your own letter written in your own words.

Date

Sen. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

or

Rep. \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

or

Dear Rep. \_\_\_\_\_

As you consider renewing child nutrition programs this year, I urge you to make sure children at risk of hunger can get the healthy meals they need to learn and grow.

*Specifically, I urge you to protect child nutrition programs:*

- (1) from cuts and harmful policy changes,*
- (2) to improve children’s access to these programs, while not cutting other safety-net programs.*

Child nutrition programs serve as a lifeline for America’s vulnerable children and their families. As your constituent, I urge you to protect and improve child nutrition programs.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_ (your name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (your address)

**Please write your name and return address on the envelope. It is important!**



**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING**  
**WEDNESDAY, May 6**  
**EVENING PRAYER**  
**5:45 p.m. in the Chapel**  
**DINNER**  
**6:00 p.m. in the Gym**

**Super Supper Bar Menu:**

This is a Super Salad Bar with over 15 options! This will include choices for the super healthy to the super picky eaters! We will also have a Super Ice Cream Sundae Bar! So come hang out and eat at the "Bar" with us ☺

Contact the church office  
704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org by noon  
by Tuesday, May 5 to say you're coming.

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**Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering**

Dessert Crew:	Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
Set up crew:	Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
Meat Crew:	Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
Salad and Toppings Crew:	Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
Final Touches crew:	Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.
Clean-up crew:	Wednesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR**  
**FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**

**For more information, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).**

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The next Young Adult Lunch will be on May 6 at 12:00 p.m. This lunch will take place at the El Ranchito on Highway 52. Please join us for a break from your day, and chance to converse with some FPC friends and, of course, to enjoy delicious Mexican food!

***Next Date & Location:***

***Wednesday, May 6 at Noon El Ranchito (Hwy. 52 Location)***





# teacher appreciation week

## Delicious, Goopy, Dangerous Desserts

### Needed from First Presbyterian Church

Our partner school, Central Elementary, will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week beginning May 4. We'll contribute by providing the treats on Thursday, May 7. Can you provide a delicious dessert for the deeply committed staff at Central?

Contact Carroll Sitton ([carrollsitton@rtmc.net](mailto:carrollsitton@rtmc.net) or 336-461-5158) or let the church office know (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) what you're bringing.

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### Scholarship Recipients' Recognition on Sunday, May 17

At press time, the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Ruth Cotton, is poring over a number of completed scholarship applications in an effort to faithfully award Jacobs scholarships, First Presbyterian Church scholarships, the Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship, the Helen Mount Scholarship, and the Maude & Jim Boysworth Scholarship. Plan to be present in worship on Sunday, May 17, when scholarship recipients will be recognized.



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### Theology Lite on Thursday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. at Little Tokyo on Hwy. 52

On May 21, young adults are invited to Theology Lite at Little Tokyo on Route 52. Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of theology. We will gather at 8:00 pm in the back room. Please feel free to invite friends (members or non-members) to join in the conversation!

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### 2015 Pentecost Offering To be received Sunday, May 24

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact on young people within their own community.

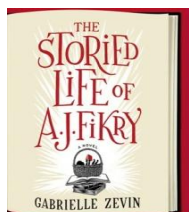
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### First Fellowship on Sunday, May 31 in the Pit Stop between 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Come straight from Sunday School or arrive for worship a few minutes early for First Fellowship on Sunday, April 26. Enjoy a beverage and a savory bite to eat while sharing conversation with friends. The Fellowship Committee looks forward to visiting with you in the pit stop between 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.!



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### MAY BOOK STUDY...MONDAY, MAY 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

Book: The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

Books are available in the church office for \$12.00

A.J. Fikry is a prickly character whose life is centered in the struggling independent book store he owns. He filters all of his experiences through the characters in his favorite books. The delivery of an unexpected package proves to be transformative for Fikry and for the community.

# Prime Timers Picnic Thursday, May 21 at Noon City Lake Park

The Prime Timers Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 21 at noon at City Lake Park at the double shelter closest to the lake. Come enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the fellowship of one another!

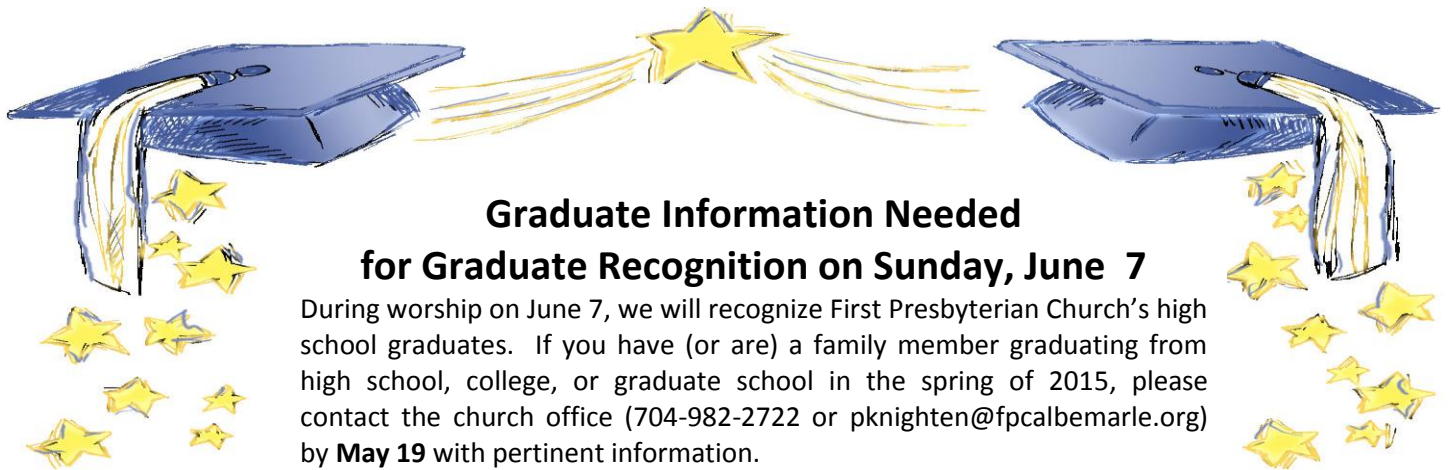
**Menu:**

**Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans,  
Deviled Eggs, Fruit Salad, Dessert, & Beverages**

Speakers will be the birds, wind and waves!

Please RSVP to the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) to sign-up and/or if you need transportation.

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## Graduate Information Needed for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 7

During worship on June 7, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have (or are) a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2015, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)) by **May 19** with pertinent information.

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# Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 15**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.com](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.com)). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the application and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Kim Marshall. Endowment Committee members include: Kim Marshall, chair; Debbie Bennett (Session Member), Bob Gaither (Member-at-large), Ronnie Michael (Member-at-large), Shannon Newport (Member-at-large), Sandy Saunders (Member-at-large), Elizabeth Ayscue (ex-officio), and Lee McLaurin (ex-officio).

# Happy Trails to our Youth Club Volunteers



A special thanks to all the volunteers who make our Youth Club a great program for children to learn of God's great love for them. The following group of volunteers are dedicated to caring for and teaching the children of our church and community each Wednesday afternoon. They are a tireless group who deserves a pat on the back for their huge time commitment during the year.

Janice Abernathy, Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Betty Crook, Lee Johnson, Dustin Jolly, Bryce Kimrey, Nikki Kindleberger, Morgan Kinley, Emma Lemons, Melissa Lemons, Barbara Lindley, Carolyn McLaurin, Sarah Michael, Lynn Poplin, Beth Poolos, Frank Poolos, Linda Richards, Sandy Rogers, Rose Saltzman, Jillian Scardina, Ann Snuggs, Jane Snyder, Teresa Taylor, and Martha White.



## Prayer Wall... Something New...

During Youth Club, we speak about prayer, teach about prayer, encourage children to pray and the children are pretty good at offering up their prayer requests to God. The best way to encourage children to pray is when they see it's important enough for us to pray, too.

So... how can we include prayer time in a meaningful manner? A Prayer Wall has been added to the church, just outside the Chapel. This is a visual reminder for all to write about their needs and concerns and to pray for others. You are encouraged to add praise notes as well; for who God is, what God has done, and how God has answered our requests. Take a moment soon to sit by the Prayer Wall in quiet meditation and prayer.

### Youth Cubs

April was a short month for Youth Cubs as we continued to enjoy Bible stories, play, music, and art through a variety of hands on activities. We sang to the glory of God during the worship service on April 26. The Cubs have experienced a wonderful year together. I believe the preschoolers are ready to learn about God, His world, and His place in their lives. During the year, they have been encouraged by our team to grow in Christian values, such as kindness, compassion, and honesty. Jesus has been presented in a loving, positive way so that the children will learn to love him and be prepared to accept him as their Savior and Lord. I, along with Jillian Scardina, Teresa Taylor, and Martha White, value the importance of guiding each child in their journey to understand their worth as a child of God. It is our hope that the Bible stories, verses, and songs, will remain in their hearts forever. It has been a blessed year!

Submitted by: Lynn Poplin



# First Presbyterian Church Spring Art Gallery presents...

## *Our Great State of North Carolina*

### Featured Artists...Children of Central School

All of the students created artwork based on our great state of North Carolina. We learned that Carolina is always on our minds from the mountains to the sea. Kindergartners listened to James Taylor's song and created collages of the state. We also learned that Raleigh is our state capital and that's where our government business happens. First graders created paintings of our state bird, the cardinal, sitting silently in a snow shower. Second graders learned about skylines, Van Gogh, and starry nights over Charlotte. Third graders discovered the brook trout is a native North Carolina fish and painted beautiful watercolors of the specimen. Fourth graders discussed the famous lighthouses on the coast and chose their favorite to paint. Fifth graders learned about the Statesville Hot Air Balloon Festival and were given creative freedom to express what they learned with different mediums and their own compositions.

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## Young Adult Gathering

COMING SOON



There will be a young adult fellowship gathering one of the two final weekends of May. These gatherings have been a very popular opportunity for young people to gather to get to know one another better and to spend time enjoying one another's company. Please keep your ears open for time and location details to follow.

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## 2015 Community Health Assessment

The Stanly County Health Department is partnering with Stanly Regional Medical Center to conduct the 2015 Community Health Assessment. A public opinion survey is a key component of this assessment. Stanly County residents 15 and older are encouraged to complete this survey. It can be accessed at [www.stanlycountync.gov](http://www.stanlycountync.gov) through June 14, 2015. It will take 15 minutes or less to complete a survey.



Please let your voice be heard. Your opinion is very important. The results from the survey are used to assist in developing action plans to address priority community health concerns for the next three years. This information is, also, used by agencies and organizations to obtain grants.

If you would like a program on the community health assessment to be presented to an organization, group, etc., please contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016 to schedule one.



# MISSION NEWS...

## CENTRAL SCHOOL BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

First Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with other downtown churches, is sponsoring the Central School Backpack Food Program. **First Presbyterian Church is responsible for filling backpacks with food on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m.**



**Items needed are: Large Cans of Soup, Hamburger Helper, Saltine Cracker, Individual Packets of Grits, Fruit Cups, Breakfast Cookies/Granola Bars.**

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donations. **If you would like to volunteer to help pack the backpacks, contact Debby Johnston (704-982-6006 or [debbyjohnston@hotmail.com](mailto:debbyjohnston@hotmail.com)).**

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## Tenth Mission Trip to Honduras!

Members of First Presbyterian Church have been watching the children of Montaña de Luz grow up for nearly a decade. This year will mark the tenth trip to the *Mountain of Light* to work on the campus and interact with the staff, volunteers, and children. We work hard and we play hard. Just ask Bruce Mittendorf about the best birthday celebration he has ever enjoyed! The dates of the trip are from Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have always



wondered about going on a mission trip, now is the time to step out of your comfort zone and experience the trip of a lifetime! We need to make final reservation soon, so please prayerfully consider this trip and let Skeet Ayscue know of your interest and he can give you all the information you need (704-984-2883 or [aayscue1@live.com](mailto:aayscue1@live.com)).

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# CENTRAL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## TESTING PROCTORS

EOG testing is set for May 27-June 11 at Central School. **Proctors are desperately needed!!!** If you can help, please contact Adeena East ([adeena.east@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:adeena.east@stanlycountyschools.org)) or Shelly Eudy ([shelly.eudy@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:shelly.eudy@stanlycountyschools.org)).



## MEDIA CENTER VOLUNTEERS

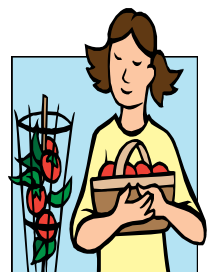


Central School is in need of several volunteers on a rotating basis to shelve books in the school media center for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour per week. If you are interested in assisting the school, contact Kristie Bryson (864-230-3074 or [kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org)).

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## Gardening for SCCM

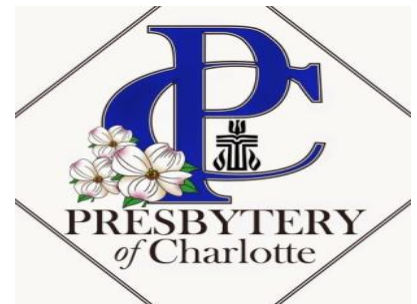
**ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS:** As you begin sowing the seeds and planting the seedlings for your summer vegetable garden, please remember to include some for you to share with the clients at Stanly Community Christian Ministry.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**SCOTTISH COMMUNION  
AND  
KIRKIN' O' TARTANS  
SUNDAY, JULY 19  
9:00 A.M.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Charlotte Presbytery Meeting  
at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle  
Tuesday, October 27  
10:00 a.m.**



**Women's  
Retreat**

**Women's Retreat  
November 13-15, 2015  
William Black Lodge  
Montreat, North Carolina**

**Friday, May 1**

6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Breakfast Fundraiser at Central UMC (172 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)

**Sunday, May 3**

*Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/  
Youth Club Orff Ensemble performs in worship/  
Bread for the World Offering of Letters/Ten-Cents-A-Meal  
Offering/Mother's Day Flower Form due to Church Office*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL

**Monday, May 4**

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle)

8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, May 5**

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

1:00 pm First Family Set-up Crew

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

**Wednesday, May 6**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am First Family Meat Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

12:00 pm Young Adult Luncheon at El Ranchito (Hwy. 52)

1:00 pm First Family Salad & Toppings Crew

5:15 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm First Family Dinner (Gym)

6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

**Thursday, May 7** *National Day of Prayer*

*Desserts for Central School Teacher Appreciation*

9:00 am Muffins & More

10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Sunday, May 10** *Mother's Day*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL

**Monday, May 11**

8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, May 12**

12:00 pm Summer Newsletter Deadline

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

**Wednesday, May 13**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

**\*childcare provided**

**Thursday, May 14**

10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Sunday, May 17** *Scholarship Recipient Recognition*

8:45 am \*Diaconate

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

5:00 pm SNL End-of-the-Year Dinner

7:00 pm \*Session

**Monday, May 18**

7:00 pm May Book Study Discussion

8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, May 19**

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

**Wednesday, May 20**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:30 pm Backpacks for Central School

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

**Thursday, May 21**

10:00 am Muffins & More

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers Picnic at City Lake Park

8:00 pm Theology Lite at Little Tokyo (Hwy. 52)

**Sunday, May 24**

*Pentecost/Pentecost Offering*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/No Children's Church*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

**Monday, May 25**

*Memorial Day...Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, May 26**

7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

**Wednesday, May 27**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

**Thursday, May 28**

10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Sunday, May 31**

*Trinity Sunday/Youth Sunday/Confirmation Class Recognition*

*The Sacrament of Baptism/No Children's Church*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

10:30 am-11:00 am First Fellowship (pit stop)

11:00 am \*Worship

**\*childcare provided**



## **THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY**

**Ushers:** Phillip Brown, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Mandy Brown, Wes Eudy, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, and Mary Kesselman

**Elder Greeters:** Bob Johnston; Kim Marshall

### **Nursery Room:**

**May 3:** Cici Ly

**May 10:** Jana Sanderson

**May 17:** Jana Sanderson (Diaconate 8:30 a.m.)

**May 24:** Jana Sanderson

**May 31:** Jana Sanderson

### **Nana & Papa Team:**

**May 5:** Debby Johnston; Joyce Lambert

**May 10:** Susan & Banks Garrison

**May 17:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**May 24:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

**May 31:** Kyle & Danny Lambert

### **Acolytes:**

**May 3:** Robert Ivey

**May 10:** Evan Johnson

**May 17:** Jacob Palmer

**May 24:** Blake Taylor

**May 31:** Duncan Bryson

### **Toddler Room:**

**May 3:** Lauren Cranford

**May 10:** Lauren Cranford

**May 17:** Cici Ly (Session Meeting 6:45 p.m.)

**May 24:** Salem Taylor

**May 31:** Salem Taylor

### **Preschool Partners:**

**May 3:** Penny & Jack Morton

**May 10:** Connie Wallace & Ken Knight

**May 17:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod

**May 24:** Anissa & Chris Chapman

**May 31:** Laura McLeod; Ben McLeod

### **Children's Church for May:**

**May 3:** Penny Morton

**May 10:** Virginia Currie

**May 17:** Virginia Currie

**May 24:** *No Children's Church*

**May 31:** *No Children's Church*

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