



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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October 2016

Dear Friends,

On early morning walks as the temperatures have begun to drop (ever so slightly), I have been reflecting on these verses from Lamentations 3:22,23a:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

These verses appear in the middle of a chapter in which the author recalls in great detail the distress of God's servant, Job. They serve as a powerful and remarkable testimony to God's care even in the midst of great difficulty. The truth of these words is enduring. I commend them to you for your own reflection.

I also invite you into the prayer discipline that I suggested in my sermon on September 18. I Timothy (2:1-2) urges Christians to pray for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions. In this season, I think it is a faithful reading of the text to include presidential candidates among those for whom we should pray. My challenge to each of us is to pray faithfully for all candidates from now through election day. In particular, pray for the ones you hope will lose as well as the one you hope will win. Pray that God will give the nominees wisdom, humility, the ability to engage in substantive and civil debate, and the willingness to listen to those beyond their immediate circle of advisers.

John Chrysostom, one of the early church fathers, famously said, "No one can feel hatred for those for whom he prays." Indeed, I am confident that faithful prayer for the other will soften our hearts.

Grace and Peace,

Elizabeth

CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

CONSECRATION SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 6

If you have not yet noticed, our theme for this year's stewardship campaign is celebrate generosity. The dictionary defines generosity as liberality in giving. Nice definition, but what does it mean in everyday life? How has God's generosity impacted your life? Take a moment and ponder God's generosity toward you, your family and this church. His generosity just may astonish you.

You will be receiving in the mail information about the 2017 budget needs. Your 2017 pledge card will be included in this mailing. You are asked to return your completed 2017 pledge card to church on Consecration Sunday, November 6. If you are unable to attend church that day, please return your pledge card to the church office by that date.

Thank you for your generous support in the past. Prayerfully consider what God is calling you to pledge for the upcoming year. We will celebrate God's generosity and this congregation's generosity with a meal after church on November 6.

Submitted by: Debbie Bennett, Stewardship Chair





Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

We'll gather at the Lord's Table with Christians around the world as we celebrate our oneness in Christ.

We'll receive the 10¢-A-Meal offering and return Caring & Sharing Cups for SCCM.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 9

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16

The Faith Explorers will sing.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 23

The Trusty Travelers will sing.

Bibles will be presented to third graders.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

We will remember the contributions of Martin Luther and others who were important in the Protestant Reformation.

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on October 2. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. We received a total of \$379.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in August. 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!

2016 Flower Calendar



The 2016 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 local florist.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.

World Communion Sunday

October 2 at 9:15 a.m.

Courthouse Square Park

We'll gather downtown at the park on the square with Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, and Christians of every stripe. Worship will be brief and significant. Following worship, we'll return to First Presbyterian Church for Sunday School and worship on our regular schedule.



CELEBRATE GENEROSITY THIS YEAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL



CHILDREN'S CLASS INFORMATION

Birth - 17 months....Nursery...Jana Sanderson is the lead child caregiver for our youngest children.

18 months - 2 year olds....Toddler Room...Cora Harrison, Cici Ly, Misty Honbarrier, and Samantha Wangler lead these children.

3 year olds & 4 year olds...Preschool Room... taught by Heather Deese, Kate Gibson, and Jill Niebler.

Preschool Music...Preschool Music will be led by Martha Sue Hall and Ken Knight.

Kindergarten - 2nd gradeArt Room... Teachers: Brett Richards, Rose Saltzman, and Salem Taylor.

3rd Graders - 5th Graders ...3rd Floor Classroom...Teachers: Leah Beamon, Taylor Jolly, Penny Morton, and Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs.

6th-8th Graders...Teen Room 3rd Floor...Teachers: Kristie Bryson and Steve Cumming

9th-12th Graders...Gathering Room 3rd Floor...Teacher: Matt Drumheller

ADULT CLASS INFORMATION

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Wired Word... This class will use <i>The Wired Word</i> to discuss contemporary issues in light of one's faith commitments.	Sarah Michael Rich Schaefer	Church Parlor (First Floor)
FAITH +... This class will use a variety of resources to grow faith.	Skeet Ayscue and friends	Old Session Room (Basement)
FAITH & FAMILY... This class is designed with parents of school-aged children in mind. We will devote attention to a variety of issues by using articles from <i>Sojourners</i> magazine.	Elizabeth Ayscue	Classroom 2 (Basement)



Rally Day Thank You!!!

This Rally Day the Christian Education Committee is to be commended for **"Doing One Thing"** to make it such a fun and creative event. If you enjoyed a delicious breakfast and made a commitment to **"Do One Thing"** for your community and to **"Do One Thing"** for yourself, please join in thanking all of those who helped out by planning, cooking, setting up tables, decorating tables, creating displays, planning and carrying out activities for children, playing music, photographing, providing sound, cutting out letters and especially assisting with the clean up! We could not have done it without you. Kim Andrew, Linda Anderson, Skeet Ayscue, Leah Beamon, Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Josh Campbell, Jim Carter, Heather Deese, Angie Earnhardt, Ken Knight, Dona Lisk, Chris Mabry, Kyle Marks, Gina Martin, Roger Martin, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Sarah Michael, Penny Morton, Judy Murrell, Tommy Murrell, Penny Morton, Lynn Poplin, Rose Saltzman, Marlene Sanges, Rich Schaefer, Lee Snuggs, Anna Wainwright, Connie Wallace, and Martha Wolf.

Here are a few "Do One Thing" outcomes....

- 3 people said they would "Do something kind every week for their neighbor"
- 6 people said they would "Pray every day for teachers"
- 5 people said they would "Take new or gently used clothing and toys to the Clothing Closet once a month"
- 3 people said they would "Bring in food for the Backpack program each month"
- 2 people said they would "Visit someone every week who needs some extra love & kindness"
- 2 people said they would "volunteer at Central School"
- 1 person said they would "Bring in school supplies for Central School"
- 2 people said they would "Work at the Community Table with their parents"
- 9 people said they would "Bring canned food to church each month for SCCM"
- 20 people said they would "Attend an adult Sunday School Class"
- 2 people said they would "Go on the Mantreat"
- 2 people said they would " Volunteer for Homes of Hope"

**Thanks Rally Day attendees for stepping up to "Do One Thing"
Remember start small-dream BIG!!!**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 9. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2019 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report which will be presented by Nominating Committee Chair, Tom Norwood. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Tom Norwood, Chair, Bill Jolly, Frankie Palmer, Jim Sawyer, Larry Sitton, Joe Snuggs, and Anna Wainwright. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

Nominating Committee (at-large members) for 2017

Nancy Joines...I have been a member of FPC for more than 40 years, and have served on both the Diaconate and Session. I am married to Don, my high-school boyfriend, and we have two grown children and two grandchildren who all live in the New York City area. Since retiring from Stanly Community College, I have been involved with the Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation and currently serve as the treasurer for the ADDC board. I belong to two book groups and like to hike and go to the mountains.

Bill Jolly...I am a retired physician. My wife, Nancy, and I have been members since September of 1967. I have served as Deacon, Elder, and leader of a Sunday School class.

Frankie Palmer...I have been a member of FPC for 40 plus years, serving three terms as an elder and on various committees. I have two children, have always enjoyed exercising and reading, but my favorite past-time is enjoying my four grandchildren.

Witt Snuggs...I am 16 years old and a sophomore at West Stanly High School. I moved to Albemarle with mom and dad, Lee and Billie Jean, in 2007 to live closer to my grandmother (Hilda Snuggs) and other members of the Snuggs and Burluson families. The Snuggs family joined FPC soon after moving to Albemarle. I have been an active member of the church since joining. I am in Boy Scout Troup 82 and am in the process of completing my Eagle Scout project at the YMCA park, restoring the lights on the eight columns in the four corners of the park. I am an avid swimmer and compete on the RAC and West Stanly Swim teams. I also lifeguard for the YMCA. I enjoy weightlifting, swimming, track, camping, art, science, and engineering. As an added bonus, I love gymnastics and can do an awesome front flip and somersault!

Nominees for Deacon for the Class of 2019

Leah Beamon...I was raised in a Presbyterian church, and am very happy to have found my way back home to one by becoming a member of FPC, Albemarle a year and a half ago. I have served on the Lent Planning Committee and worked with children in Sunday School, Youth Club, and Preschool Partners. I was born and raised in a small town in western North Carolina, but have lived in the Piedmont area now for eight years. I currently live in Locust with my husband, Eric, and our children, Gabriel and Ari, and our Shiba Inu, Miles. I have been a stay-at-home mom since my oldest child was born, but hope to re-enter the work force next year when my daughter starts elementary school. I am a proud Southerner, who lives in awe of our God and all His works, loves my family, working outdoors (well besides the mid-summer hedge trimming of course, haha), painting, baking, Belk, homemade pimento cheese, and football. In my opinion, there is nothing better than a crisp fall Sunday morning spent here at church, followed by an evening on the couch with my husband and kids watching a Carolina Panthers win.

Laura Beth Marks...I am 38 years old and a life-time member of FPC. I have been married to Kyle for over eleven years, and we have two wonderful girls, Addison (9) and Stella (7). I spent the last twelve years working at Bear Insurance, and recently left there to spend more time with my girls! I look forward to having more time to help out at the church and have recently agreed to help teach the Faith Explorers at Youth Club. I am excited about all the new changes in my life!

Jack Morton...I own and operate Stanly Interiors in Albemarle. I am married to Penny Lambert, and have two daughters, Taylor Jolly and Caroline Chisholm. I also have two grandsons, Maddox Jolly and Marshall Jolly. I play racquetball and work-out at the YMCA for exercise, and I love to duck and deer hunt. I have served as a deacon at First Presbyterian Church, and on Monday evenings, I help with the senior high Bible study.

Nominees for the Office of Deacon for the Class of 2019 (continued)

Brett Richards...As a life-long member of FPC and son of Linda H. Richards and the late Robert G. (Bob) Richards, also of Albemarle and FPC, I have a great affection and connection to this congregation. Previously serving the church as a deacon, I currently enjoy my role as a Sunday School teacher for the church youth which I have held for the last five plus years. I am a Senior IT Consultant for the Charlotte banking industry, but find my greatest fulfillment as being an active participant in the lives of the youth in our community, where I have faithfully served as a local Den leader for the Cub Scout Pack 82 in Albemarle for many years. But I believe my greatest responsibility and charge, as a Christian in this congregation, is to love others as Jesus has loved us. I therefore look forward to future opportunities to serve our church and our community, and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

Rose Saltzman...I have lived in Albemarle for twelve years and have been a part of this church family for three and a half years. My husband, Lenny, and I have two wonderful children, Danny and Katie. At Central Elementary, Danny loves being one of the older kids in fourth grade. Katie is three years old. As a stay at home mother, I wear lots of different hats. Occasionally, I can pull a trick out of my B.S. in psychology from UNCC. In my free time, I can be seen running, swimming, and cycling all over Albemarle.

Shirley Welch...I have been a member of FPC since 2008. My husband, Philip, and I moved from Matthews to Lake Tillery in 2000. We have been married for 53 years. We have two sons and two grandchildren. I worked as a secretary in the banking industry for four years and two years for American Oil Company. I retired in 2003 with twenty-eight years in the U.S. Postal Service. In addition to various volunteer jobs at FPC, I volunteered eight years at Stanly Regional Medical Center. I have been a board member of *Friends of the Library* at Pfeiffer University since 2008, serving several years as Secretary and currently as President.

Nominees for Ruling Elder for the Class of 2019

Steve Cumming...I have previously served as a deacon and a ruling elder. My wife, Michelle, and I have worshipped at FPC for over twelve years with daughter, Ella, joining us for the fun in 2009. I am a dual enrollment course advisor for Stanly Community College. When I am not working, I enjoy golf, yardwork, and spending time with my family. I am Steve Cumming, and I approve this message.

Adam Jolly...I am 16 years old and a junior at Gray Stone Day School. I live with my parents, Ben and Liz, and my sister, Katherine. I am on my school's cross country team and am beginning my tenth year playing piano. I have attended FPC my whole life and became a confirmed member in 2013.

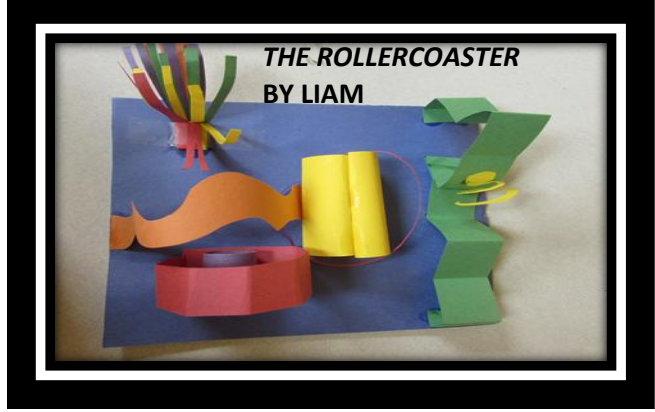
Joyce Lambert...After Richard and I took early retirement, we served as Volunteers in Mission through PC(USA) in Mwandi, Zambia, and at Warren Wilson College in Asheville. In 2005, we returned to Stanly County and joined FPC. Since then, I have continued to participate in volunteer activities with the Stanly County Museum, Stanly County Historical Society, and the ADDC Design Committee. I have served on both the Diaconate and Session and look forward to serving again.

Jim Marshall...I am a life-time Presbyterian and a 36 year member of FPC. I am married to Kimberly Marshall, and have four lovely children, Brittany, Ashley, Ginny, and Luke. We also have two even lovelier granddaughters, Olivia (age 2) and Greta (19 months). I practice optometry in Albemarle and enjoy coaching Junior Olympics volleyball and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

Lee McLaurin...I have been a member of FPC since 2004. During this time, I have served on the Diaconate for a three year term and currently serve as Treasurer and have been in that role for several years. I have worked in the banking industry for the past 30 years. While not very athletic, I do enjoy participating in several sports fantasy leagues during my down time. I have two adult children, Charles (27) and Christopher (24) who both live out of state. I look forward to serving in the Treasurer role, as well as in the new role as an Elder.

Debbie Wainwright...I am a life-long member of FPC, married to Hugh Wainwright, and mother to Quinton and Anna. My husband and I are owners of The Goody Shop Café in Albemarle. I am a member of the Chancel Choir at FPC and serve as treasurer of the Albemarle High School Booster Club. I sell products on Ebay and have a booth at the Albemarle Marketplace. I also have several house & pet sitting jobs in addition to the care of our two dogs and four cats. My family and I love to visit Charleston and Hilton Head, South Carolina.

David Whitley...I have been a member of FPC for 30 years, married to my wife, Ellen, for 33 years. We have a daughter, Emily Leslie, and a son, Daniel. In addition, we have two granddaughters, Ansley and Emersyn. My hobbies are gardening, yardwork, watching the Carolina Panthers, and watching college basketball.



Stop By & Visit the...
 First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery
 featuring the
 Paper Sculptures of Individuals at
 GHA Autism Supports Day Services Program

 STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...AUGUST 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

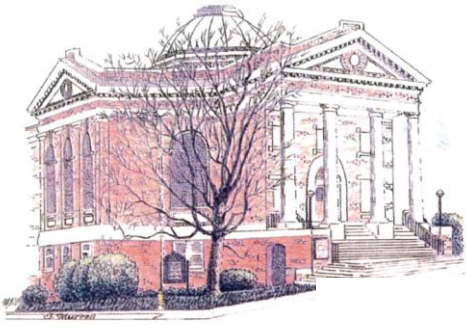
Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	314,481.00	374,273.00
Total Expenses:	<u>379,601.00</u>	<u>376,606.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	(65,120.00)	(2,333.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	<u>2016</u>	
Pledges:	505,070	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,866</u>
Total Income:	565,035	Average Weekly Amount Received in August : <u>\$7,187</u>
Total Expenses:	565,035	

We are behind \$31,037 in pledges. (\$14,305 of 2016 pledges was prepaid in 2015)

Ten-Cents-A-Meal August: \$379



Our Living Legacy

The Our Living Legacy campaign comes to a close on December 31, 2016. Please fulfill your pledge by this date so the gym renovation can proceed in a timely manner. Thank you for your on-going generosity.

CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

Celebrate: verb | cel-e-brate | to do something special; to praise (someone or something); to say someone or something is great or important

Generosity: noun | gen-er-os-i-ty | the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish

Two of the warmest words in the English language. They have been combined as a repetitive force over the last few months at First Presbyterian Church. These words are a powerful reminder for us to slow down and notice the goodness, the bounty, the benevolence, and the blessings in and around us daily.

Continue to reflect on and celebrate the ways you are generous to our congregation and hold close the times you have received generosity. God works in our lives fully and continually; never stop celebrating that radical generosity.

Submitted by: Rebekah Ayscue, Generosity Committee



NEWS and NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Doris Forte.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Anita & Dennis Gower.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Hazel Cooper, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Annie Ruth Kelley, given by David & Beth Carpenter.
In memory of Annie Ruth Kelley, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Annie Ruth Kelley, given by Shep & Ellen Russell.
In memory of Neil Morton, given by Miriam Russell.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by James & Anita Blair.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by David & Beth Carpenter.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Robert Byrd.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Dr. Davis Fort.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Jody & Brenda Huneycutt.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Margaret Ivey.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Roger & Gina Martin.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Harold & Ladonna Overcash.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Ed & Rosemary Thomas.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Lynn Byrd Thompson.
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Toby Webb.
In memory of Hazel Cooper, given by Roger & Gina Martin.

SYMPATHY

To Debbie Bennett upon the death of her father, J. Frederick Bennett, on September 2.
To Dona Lisk and family upon the death of her grandmother, Georgia Roney, on September 4.
To John Howell and family upon the death of his father, Rev. Dr. Billy Shaw "Wool" Howell, on September 4.
To Dr. Davis Fort upon the death of his brother, Dr. Arthur Fort, III, on September 13.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples upon the birth of their grandson, Liam Carter Samples, on September 7.
To Mandy & Phillip Brown upon the birth of their son, Miles Coleman, on September 9.
To Debby & Bob Johnston upon the birth of their grandson, Cohen Alexander, on September 16. Parents are Blair & Keely Johnston.
To John McIntyre on his recent retirement from Uwharrie Bank.

Session Notes

Session met September 11th at the offices of Homes of Hope for the "Spotlight on Mission" Committee of the church. Elder Peggy Finley, introduced Homes of Hope Director, Skeet Asycue, who gave a history and vision of Homes of Hope. Church members are encouraged to take part in the "Yellow Cup" program to aid SCCM's "Caring and Sharing" campaign. Adam Jolly will be presented to the Congregation by the Nominating committee as Youth Elder. Our church budget is currently tight and all members are encouraged to keep up with their pledged giving. The church commissioned 100 plus leaders for its Christian Education Programs for 2016-2017. World Communion Day services will be held October 2nd. The church's SNL youth program will change its name to "Youth Ministry" to encompass all youth programs. The Sunday evening program will be known as "Youth Connections".

Lynn White, Clerk of Session

Circle #5

Circle 5 will meet with Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle) on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. We will begin a new study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*. Author Judy Yates Siker invites us to join her on a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is- a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey that we will take together. Each of the studies nine lessons explores the question *Who Is Jesus?* Through a particular theological lens, for example, each of the Gospel writers, Paul, the Hebrews, and finally the reader's own perspective.

NEWS and NOTES



November Newsletter Deadline...Monday, October 10.

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.

Thanks to the following people for assisting in the church office in September:

Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Judy Murrell, Tommy Murrell, Sandy Rogers, and Martha White.



Wow! We were delighted to see such a wonderful crowd and the volunteers were out of this world!! You are such a blessing to me! I am so excited to be back in full swing. **For our September meal, much thanks goes to:** Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Rebekah Ayscue, Jane Boone, Keith and Kristie Bryson, Katie Carpenter, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Michelle Cumming, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Margaret Ivey, Debbie and John Hahn, Leslie, Stephan and Merrin Kinley, Ken Knight and Connie Wallace, Kyle Marks, Polly Moose, Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, Mary Louise Sawyer, Billie Jean and Lee Snuggs, Ellen Snyder, Elizabeth Wilson, and all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! I love you guys and look forward to a great year! Jane Snyder, Director of Fellowship Services



Attention College Students & Parents

Please contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) with your college mailing address and email address.

STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER:

Paper & Cleaning Products

(toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, cleaning supplies, etc.)

North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society

Saturday, October 8 at Graham Presbyterian Church

Registration: \$18 (includes lunch)



The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will meet on Saturday, October 8 at Graham Presbyterian Church in Graham, North Carolina. The Rev. Madeline Mercer of Laurinburg will speak on the influence of Martin Luther on our reformed faith. This will begin our celebration of the 500th anniversary of Luther's nailing up his 95 theses for discussion, an act in 1517 that led ultimately to the Protestant Reformation. Registration is \$18 which includes lunch. The schedule, registration form, and address are on the website (www.ncphsociety.org) or contact Program Chair, Sam Martin (910-428-4165).

Candy Needed For Fall Carnival

SNL needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Thank you so much for your support!





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.
- Jim Barringer, friend of Martha Sue Hall; heart issues.
- Ted Biggers, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Alice Brooks, family friend of Nancy & Don Joines; bone cancer in leg.
- Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Bob & Bessie Burris, grandparents of Kim Caudle.
- Rachel Darling, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.
- Mike Dearstyne, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.
- Roy & Katie Dearstyne, parents of Holly Norwood.
- Sara Dyer, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.
- Lindsey Efird, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.
- Gay Ellington, former co-worker of Martha White; lung cancer.
- Cemita Gibbs, friend of Laura McLeod.
- Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Tonia Icenhour, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.
- Jeannette Isenhour, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis, seven year old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Pat Long, aunt of Roger Martin; on-going health concerns.
- Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Ray Michue.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Barbara Petillo, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.
- James Brian Rogers, son of Jane Rogers; recovering from heart & kidney transplant.
- Karen Russell, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.
- David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Connie Watson, sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke.

Members of the Congregation:

- Blue Honeycutt.
- Greg Johnson.
- June Johnson.
- Anne Montgomery, auto-immune disease.
- Carolyn Sharpe.
- Pete Smith.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

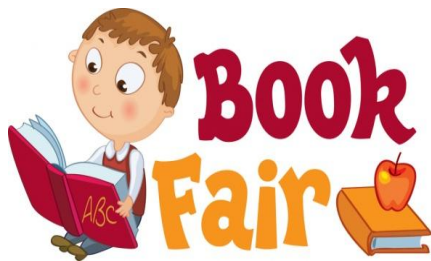
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Eston West | 13- Isabel McLeod |
| 02- Joan Boling
Emily Domenech | 15- Logan Brown
Nathan Brown |
| 04- George Gilbreath
Andy McLeod
Norman Rogers | 20- Cody Stewart |
| 05- Christine Andrew | 21- Leo McLeod |
| 06- Kristen Tedder | 22- Billie Jean Snuggs |
| 08- Robert Land | 24- Martha White
Danny Saltzman |
| 09- Chloe Dombrowski
J.D. Holbrook | 26- Luke Marshall |
| 10- Grace Dombrowski
Scott Griffin | 27- Elizabeth Ayscue
Dave MacMurray |
| 12- Ella Cumming | 29- Lillie Hancock |
| | 30- Teresa Taylor |
| | 31- Ruth Cotton |



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| 05- Steven & Mary Kesselman | 19- Art & Sandy Rogers |
| 06- Peter & Anna Henkenjohann
Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf | 24- Keith & Christine Andrew |
| 11- Philip & Shirley Welch | 25- Mark & Chris Mabry |
| 16- Keith & Kristie Bryson | 26- Russell & Bede Karr |
| | 31- Sam & Liz Davis |

OCTOBER Anniversaries

MISSION NEWS...



Volunteers Needed for

Central School Book Fair October 3-7

The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 7. Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. each day. The book fair will be open each day until 3:00 p.m. If you can help out, please call or email Carroll Sitton at carrollsitton@rtmc.net or [336-461-5158](tel:336-461-5158).

Backpack Food Program

Donations Needed:

**Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Hamburger Helper,
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

This is a good time to pack a shoebox for a Samaritan's Purse child overseas! This box that you lovingly fill with little gifts for either a boy or a girl will bring that child great joy. Use this opportunity to help Samaritan Purse spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instructions for packing are also available. **Pack a box or two and return them to the church office before October 30.**



The 9th Annual Empty Bowls Project "Help Fight World Hunger at the Local Level"

When: Friday, November 4th, 4:30-7:30 PM

**Where: Central United Methodist Church
172 North Second Street, Albemarle**

Advance Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the following locations:
SCCM Assistance Center, 506 South First Street (704-982-7915)
or SCCM Clothing Closet, 1324 E. Main Street (704-982-0246)

\$10 tickets for the meal only (no bowl included) will also be available.

A ticket allows you to share in a wonderful meal of soup, bread, dessert and beverage, plus you will receive a hand-crafted bowl made by a local potter.

As a reminder that there are always "empty bowls" in our world.

Advance Tickets guarantee you will receive a professionally- turned bowl.

There will also be doorprizes and a silent auction during the meal.

Louisiana Flood Relief Mission Trip

Rebuilding efforts are in full swing in the parts of Louisiana which were devastated by spring and summer flooding. Our congregation has been invited to join with Central United Methodist Church and others in a trip to participate in rebuilding.

Here are the details:

Dates: October 30-November 4

Destination: Monroe, LA; housing will be in a local church

Mode of Transportation: Vans & Cars

Work to be Done: Specific projects will depend on the skills of participants, but may include framing, painting, installation of drywall and flooring, electrical and/or plumbing

Cost: Dependent on the number of participants;

most likely between \$250-\$300 per person which will include food, housing, & transportation

Questions? Contact Thomas Hahn at 704-985-0403.





There are many exciting things on the horizon for our program, and the most important part of all those plans is your participation. Take a look at our schedule for October and plan to be involved!



Sunday, October 9	Youth Connection	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 16	Corn Maze	4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 23	Youth Connection	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 30	Fall Carnival	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.



Monday Night Bible Study at 8:30 p.m.
with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton

Location: 1611 Bellamy Circle (Elizabeth's house)

Elizabeth will be joined by Jack Morton for the Monday night Bible study with high schoolers this fall. Please contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) with any questions.



10-01	Graham Chapman
10-02	Emily Domenech
10-04	Andy McLeod
10-10	Grace Dombrowski
10-13	Isabel McLeod
10-15	Logan Brown
10-15	Nathan Brown



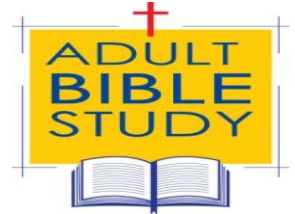
YOUTH UPDATE

Our youth are kicking off the program year with an overnight lock-in at the church. From **September 30 to October 1**, youth are going to drive to Charlotte to participate in a breakout room. They are going to come back and spend the night in the church playing games, watching a movie, and hopefully getting some sleep! Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as they kickoff the year with a fellowship event!

Adult Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings in the Old Session Room

Beginning October 4 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.



We'll explore prayer in the Scriptures by focusing on particular prayers and Jesus' teaching on prayer. We'll also practice a variety of prayer forms.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR

FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

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



Young Adult Lunch

Thursday, October 6 at Noon

Coach's Neighborhood Grill

We will be continuing our Young Adult Lunches. We will try to visit a variety of restaurants throughout the fall. If you have any requests, let Matt know (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

First Family Gathering on Wednesday, October 5

Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5:45 p.m.

Dinner in the Gym at 6:00 p.m.



Chicken

Mashed Potato Bar

(cheese, butter, sour cream, chives, ham, bacon, gravy)

Green Beans

Autumn Mixed Green Salad

Rolls

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station

Assorted Desserts

Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

by noon on Tuesday, October 4 to say you are coming!

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Dessert Crew: | Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. |
| Salad & Potato Crew: | Wednesday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m. |
| Set-up Crew: | Wednesday, October 5 at 3:45 p.m. |
| Final Touches Crew: | Wednesday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. |
| Clean-up Crew: | Wednesday, October 5 at 6:45 p.m. |

If you haven't joined us, please do. We have such a good time together! Please call Jane Snyder at the church (704-982-2722) or on her phone (704-438-3358) if you would like to help.





Lectionary-Based Bible Study
Mondays from 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m
Location: Off the Square
(114 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Matt hosts a weekly Bible study on Monday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 pm at Off the Square. Anyone is welcome to join Matt for this lectionary-based study.



FALL PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT
NOON IN THE PIT STOP

The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert. Matt Drumheller will speak on his trip to the Middle East. Please RSVP to Kyle in the church office by Monday, October 10 if you plan to attend (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



Help support my senior project by raising money for Montaña de Luz in Honduras!

Join me for a traditional Honduran meal on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 12:15 at First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle!

DONATIONS ONLY!

If you have any questions you can contact me at (704) 961-7974



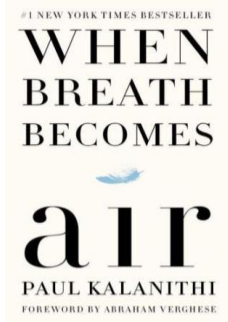
Community Thanksgiving Reception

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service for Albemarle churches on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. As host church, we will coordinate a reception following the service. We need your assistance in bringing a dessert or two and/or a fruit dish. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) and let them know what you want to bring (dessert and/or fruit).

Tea
&
Conversation



Tuesday
October 18
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Church Parlor



Book Study

When: Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Church Parlor

The Book:

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Kalanithi's memoir engages one of life's most important questions: What makes life worth living in the face of death? This is a life affirming reflection on life and death, and the relationship between doctor and patient, and patient and family. Read it and join in the conversation on October 24 as we explore themes of meaning, wholeness, and the presence of God in every moment. Books are available in the office for \$12.00.



MANTREAT AT MONTREAT

Our next men's retreat will take place in the spring of 2017 at Montreat, NC. This is a conference aimed specifically at men. It will be a time for worship, relaxation, and community in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. The conference will take place April 21-23. Please sign up with a \$100.00 deposit by October 1. Details? Contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

Theology Lite



On **October 27**, young adults throughout our community are invited to gather for *Theology Lite*. Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of theology. This is going to be a chance to gather in a comfortable setting outside of the church walls to talk about life and faith. Please plan to join us at **8:00 p.m.** at Little Tokyo on Hwy. 52.



Fall Carnival
Sunday, October 30
5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm.
In the Church Gym

On October 30, Youth Ministry will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun (non-scary). We will have treats and games for all ages! Please join us from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the gym.

Youth Club “Celebrates Generosity” This Fall...

Youth Club is off to a wonderful start with 48 children in grades K-5!!! The children will spend time this month getting to know one another, praying together, creating works of art, active play in the gym, singing praises to our Lord, eating healthy snacks and exploring the Bible. The theme for the year ahead “**Celebrate Generosity**” *open our hands, open our hearts, cultivate generosity* and will focus on a few key concepts:

Deepening relationships with one another (building community of faith)

Recognizing generosity in our community and beyond

Recognizing deep gratitude for what God gives

Celebrating our rich gifts and service to God



Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) will kick off the year by identifying where we see generosity at home, school, church, in the community & world, with focus on how they benefit from God’s generosity. They will hear the book, *God Gave Us Love* and learn about God’s generous gift of love for each of them. They will focus on “kindness” and paying it forward and will create Care Packages for each college student during art time and also complete a baking project for a local ministry.

Faith Explorers (4th & 5th Graders) will begin the year by looking at generosity as it relates to each one of them. They will ask the question, “How are we generous with ourselves?” Throughout the year, children will keep a “*Prayer Journal*” to encourage a positive response to prayer requests and praises for prayers answered. In October, Anna Wainwright, Senior at Albemarle High School, will visit and tell about her mission work in Honduras at Montana de Luz and how her Senior Project revolves around helping the children there. She will lead the children in making “God’s Eyes” and the Faith Explorers will help Anna with a luncheon on Sunday, October 23 to raise money and awareness for this mission.



REMEMBER- NO YOUTH CLUB OR YOUTH CUBS ON OCTOBER 12 SINCE IT IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY FOR STANLY COUNTY SCHOOLS!

Youth Cubs

The story of Noah is amazing! It includes a family, all the animals of the earth, a huge flood, and why we have rainbows. We will devote a lesson to this story and focus on the truth that God loves us and He keeps His promises. God created every season for a purpose, each with its own beauty. We welcome the season of fall with cool days, apples, pumpkins, foliage in a variety of colors, and spectacular views. All these are part of the fall experience God provides for us. Songs, play, prayer, and art will be enjoyed with fall as the theme.



Submitted by Lynn Poplin

Get To Know Your Bible

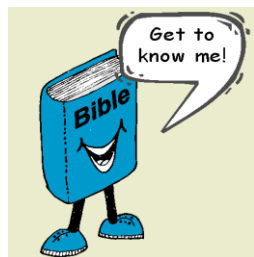
Calling ALL 3rd Graders...Join Elizabeth, Matt, & Gina as we open up and explore the Bible
See what’s inside, Locate information, Read the stories

Sunday, October 9, 16 & 23

9:45 am (during regular Sunday School in the conversation room on the 3rd floor)

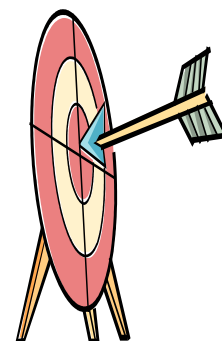
On **Sunday, October 23**, participants will receive their bible during the 11:00 a.m. worship.

Parents are invited to join the children and leaders for “learn & share” at 9:45 a.m.
in 3rd-5th grade Sunday School classroom upstairs.



Camp Caraway Faith Explorers’ Mini-Retreat

Thanks to a Gaither Endowment grant, the Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) will experience a mini retreat to Camp Caraway in Asheboro on **Sunday, October 16**. There they will enjoy a Squirrel Walk, zip line, archery and kayaking, as they build a strong community of faith with one another. We will stop at Subway for lunch and a snack on the way back home and enjoy the van ride (altogether) for this opportunity to explore nature and reinforce our theme of “Celebrate Generosity.” The Gaither Grant allows each child and adult chaperone to attend this outing at no cost to them. Thanks Gaither Endowment!!!



Trick-or-Treat
for **UNICEF**

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
during Sunday School on **October 30, 2016**

The children’s classes will visit the Youth Middle School Sunday School and all adult Sunday School classes with information about UNICEF and their UNICEF boxes. Please be prepared to support UNICEF and the children of First Presbyterian Church

as they support the children of the world on Sunday, October 30. **Your gifts make a difference!**



Pickle-ball...What is it?

Pickle-ball is a game invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a resort area outside Seattle, WA. Three parents designed the game in an effort to entertain their children during summer vacation. Today Pickle-ball is played by more than 2,000,000 people in community groups, PE classes, YMCA and more around the world. It is a game created for fun. Pickle-ball is easy to learn and play regardless of your age. The game is played on a badminton-sized court, inside or outside, with special paddles made from wood or high-tech materials, a net and a ball similar to a wiffle-ball. Through the generosity of the Gaither Endowment fund, a Pickle-ball set was recently purchased for First Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in learning how to play Pickle-ball contact the office at First Presbyterian or Keith and Martha Wolf [704-983-3505](tel:704-983-3505). JOIN the FUN! It's a big dill!

SMITH SPLASH

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The BEST MUSIC EVENT in town!

ALL DAY
MUSIC · FOOD · CRUISE-IN · LUCKY CHANCE AUCTION · FAMILY FUN

FEATURING

- Uwharrie Men's Group
- Monk's Band
- West Stanly Cheerleading Team
- Main Street Talent Project
- Kalyn Caudle
- Abigail Isenhour
- Thom Crumpton
- Braden Harwood
- Joy Almond

JOIN US FOR FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, October 22
YMCA Park, Albemarle
10 - 6

the Y All proceeds support the **SMITH WILLIAM SNUGGS ENDOWMENT FUND**
Supporting the Aquatics Programs of the Stanly County Family YMCA

Pfeiffer Engagement

Matt has been spending some time with students at Pfeiffer University in order to express our care and support. He had been attending worship services and is working with the ministry team at Pfeiffer to find ways for First Presbyterian Church to get involved with student religious life.



VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 6.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 13. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS 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: _____

THE KITCHEN IS COMPLETE

With the installation of a splashguard on the griddle and a stainless steel panel which hides many of the controls on the gas stove, the kitchen renovation is now complete. Thank you for your generosity which has provided a state of the art kitchen for congregation and community.

Thanks for Your Generosity

Thanks to your generosity, the Rally Day breakfast netted more than \$200.00 for the guidance office at Central School.



Time for the Homes of Hope fall...

HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Donations Accepted!

Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 800 since 2005.

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

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

6:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 4
Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
172 N. Second Street, Albemarle
Homes of Hope is a United Way agency.





From the Earth Care/Green Group...

Honey Bee Decline is Troubling



As both a child and a young adult, I learned to be very cautious when walking barefooted through white clover fields. The reason for my caution was the honey bee. There is currently little to no reason for this caution due to the declining population of honey bees in the US. There has been a 59% decrease in the honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) population in the US in the last 58 years. Honey bees are not just hazards to those of us who like to walk barefoot, but also important pollinators. One out of every three bites of food eaten is due to the action of pollinators. There are several factors involved in the decline of the honey bee population. These include availability of food, nest resources, exposure to pesticides and other agrochemicals, disease due to parasites, invasive species (competitors from another section of the world), and climate change. As more and more land is developed there is a loss of food for honey bees, even agriculturally developed areas fail to provide adequate food since these areas involve seasonal crops and not year round food sources. As more land is developed there is also the loss of nesting locations (hive locations). Disease results from more bees visiting fewer flowers and therefore, as in any crowded situation (think cruise ships and nursing homes), disease is spread due to the crowding. Climate change (the warming of the Earth) affects bees because they are very sensitive to excessive heat. Finally a class of agricultural pesticides called Neonicotinoids is responsible for the decline of honey bee populations. These pesticides are slow-release and attack the central nervous system of insects. Since they are slow-release they have to be applied less often therefore protecting plants from pests for a longer period of time but they also attack beneficial insects such as honey bees. The neonicotinoid family includes acetamiprid, clothianidin, imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid and thiamethoxam. Planting flowers designed to attract bees and other pollinators as well as eliminating use of the above pesticides may play a small role in restoring bee populations. Without bees there will be less food for everyone.

Submitted by: Debbie Hahn

Source: <http://phys.org/news/2016-01-complex-worldwide-bee-declines.html>



All Saints Day Sunday, November 6

All Saints' Day

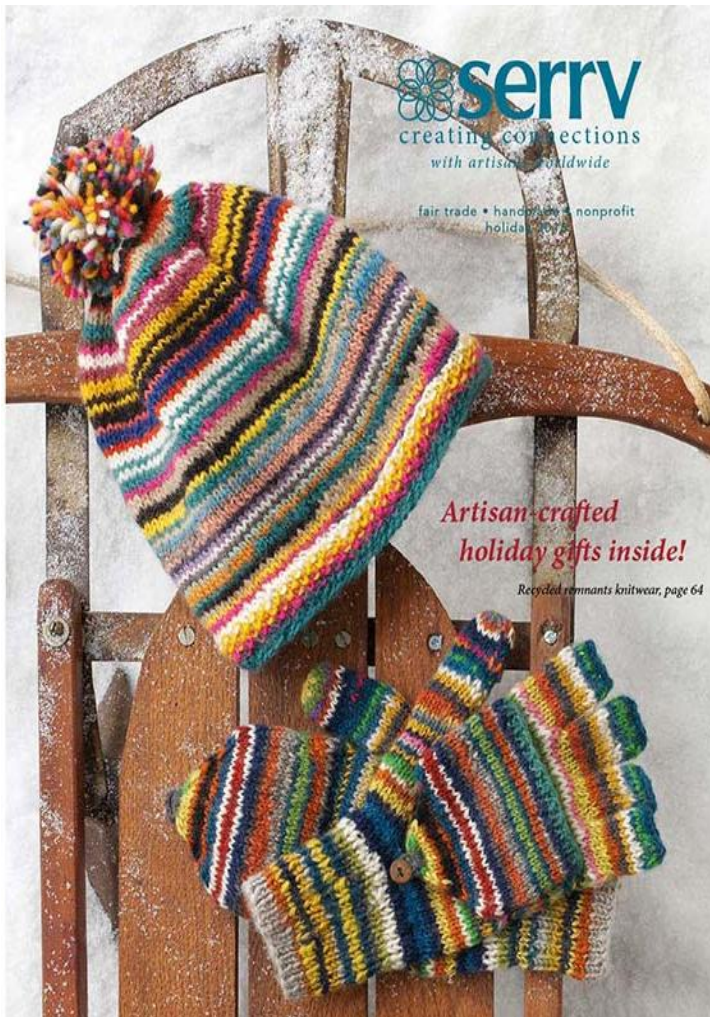
On the day we remember all those who have gone before us, the Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember your saint. Please pick up a daisy provided as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday, November 6. During the service at the designated time, you may place your daisy in a basket located at the front of the sanctuary as you remember your loved one.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR!**

Save the Date
Chancel Choir Retreat
Saturday, November 5
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Henry Pfeiffer Chapel
Pfeiffer University





SAVE THE DATE

SERRV Bazaar

Sunday, November 13

How do YOU do mission?

One easy, yet very effective way, is through placing an order for fair trade items from the SERRV catalog and/or purchasing food items at the bazaar.

Who is SERRV?

SERRV is a nonprofit organization committed to fair trade for 65 years. It adheres to the 10 fair trade standards as defined by the World Fair Trade Organization. It assists artisan and farmer cooperatives in many countries with design, start-up funds, and transportation of their product to market through SERRV. The cooperative is benefitted through a steady income from larger orders placed throughout the year; **AND** they have input into setting a fair price for their product.

When & where can I see a SERRV catalog?

*On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop:
October 2, 9, & 16 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship
During the week, in the church office until October 23.
After that, the order will be compiled and placed.
Catalog orders are shipped with the bazaar food items and will be available at the Bazaar on November 13.*

**Learn more about SERRV at
www.serrv.org/values.**



Community Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

The Downtown Community will worship together at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, November 20. Worship is at 7:00 p.m. and will include a community choir. Following worship, First Presbyterian Church will provide food and hospitality for our guests.

From the First Presbyterian Church Community Christmas Dinner Committee...

Community Christmas Dinner on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25** at First Presbyterian Church
Committees & Committee Chairs are:

Committees

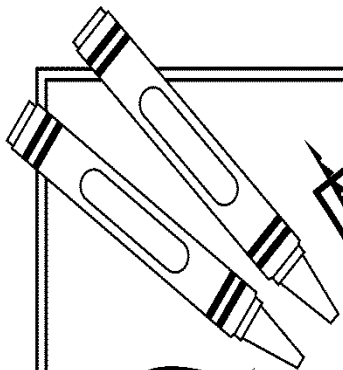
- Children's Activities
- Clean-Up
- Dining Room Management
- Food
- Food Receiving
- Logistics
- Publicity
- Set-Up
- Table Decorations
- Take-Out
- Volunteers

Committee Chair(s)

- Rebekah Ayscue
- Debbie Wainwright
- Hugh and Debbie Wainwright
- Hugh Wainwright
- Jim Hesley
- Lee Snuggs
- John & Anne Montgomery
- Lee Snuggs
- Ann Snuggs
- Skeet Ayscue
- Jim Carter and Lori Ivey

Coordinators for this event are: Martha Sue Hall, Mary Kesselman, and Sandy Saunders





PUZZLE

Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____

2. Opposite of hate: _____

3. Opposite of yes: _____

4. Three minus two: _____

5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____

6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____

7. Opposite of up: _____

8. Opposite of death: _____

9. Best buds: _____

“ _____ has _____”

_____ than _____: to _____

one’s _____ for one’s _____.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart “hole” with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend’s hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write “FRIENDS” at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.

Answer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13, NIV



Saturday, October 1

Mantreat at Montreat Deposit Due/Youth Lock-In Concludes

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

Return Caring & Sharing Cups for SCCM

9:15 am World Communion Sunday at Courthouse Square Park

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

Monday, October 3

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

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

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

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, October 5

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:30 am First Family Salad & Potato Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

3:45 pm First Family Set-up Crew

5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

5:45 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Coach's Neighborhood Grill

***childcare provided**



Sunday, October 9

Congregational Meeting

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:00 am *Breakfast Bunch

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School

9:45 am 3rd Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

5:00-7:30 pm Youth Connection

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm *Session

Monday, October 10

12:00 pm November Newsletter Deadline

7:00 pm Community Christmas Dinner Steering Committee (Old Session Room)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

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

Tuesday, October 11

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 12

No Youth Club

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

***childcare provided**



OCTOBER

Sunday, October 16

Faith Explorers sing in worship

Faith Explorers' Retreat at Camp Caraway

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

9:45 am *Sunday School

9:45 am 3rd Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*

9:45 am Faith Explorers' rehearsal

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)

4:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Ministry to Get Lost Corn Maze

Monday, October 17

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

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

Tuesday, October 18

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Saturday, October 22

9:00 am-7:00 pm Smith Splash Cruise-In at Stanly County YMCA Park (421 North First Street, Albemarle)

*childcare provided



Sunday, October 23

Bibles Presented to Third Graders

Trusty Travelers sing in worship

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble ring in worship

9:30 am Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rehearsal

9:45 am *Sunday School

9:45 am Trusty Travelers' rehearsal

9:45 am 3rd Graders *Get to Know Your Bible*

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Montana de Luz Mission Meal hosted by Anna Wainwright

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

Monday, October 24

7:00 pm Fall Book Study (parlor)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

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

Tuesday, October 25

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Providence Presbyterian Church (10140 Providence Church Ln, Charlotte)

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 26

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

8:00 pm Theology Lite at Little Tokyo

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due

9:45 am *Sunday School/Trick or Treat for UNICEF

11:00 am *Worship

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival (Gym)

Monday, October 31

Halloween

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

*childcare provided

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, Elizabeth Wilson

Elder Greeters: Patrick Currie; Dona Lisk

Nursery Room:

October 2: Jana Sanderson

October 9: Samantha Wangler

October 16: Jana Sanderson

October 23: Samantha Wangler

October 30: Jana Sanderson

Toddler Room:

October 2: Misty Honbarrier

October 9: Misty Honbarrier

October 16: Cici Ly

October 23: Cora Harrison

October 30: Cora Harrison

Nana & Papa Team:

October 2: Mary Kesselman; Debby Johnston

October 9: Mary & Frank Green

October 16: Chris Mabry

October 23: Gayle & Ned Russell

October 30: Bede & Russell Karr

Preschool Partners:

October 2: Heather Deese; Anna Henkenjohann

October 9: Stephanie & Josh Campbell

October 16: Dona & Greg Lisk

October 23: Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz

October 30: Ben McLeod; Laura McLeod

Acolytes:

October 2: Leah Kilde

October 9: Morgan Kinley

October 16: Katherine Jolly

October 23: Kimbal Chapman

October 30: David Kilde

Children's Church for September:

October 2: No Children's Church

October 9: Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

October 16: Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

October 23: Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

October 30: Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

