



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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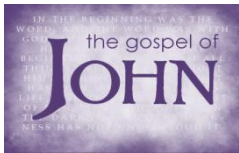
Dear Friends,

Triduum (pronounced trij-oo-uh-m) is the Latin word which refers to the three day period of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter which takes place on Saturday. On those days, the entire mystery of Christ's incarnation, life, death, burial, and resurrection (which is celebrated at the end of the Great Vigil) is recalled. Careful celebration of these days leads to renewed understanding of the meaning of Christ's life, death, and deepened discipleship.

We are not many days from the Great Triduum which begins this year on Maundy Thursday, April 13. I encourage you to enter fully into the journey of Christ by making worship a priority on both Thursday and Good Friday. Though spring offers many distractions, I hope you will live into the story by being part of the worshipping community on Thursday, April 13 as we gather to eat together and to celebrate the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples and on Friday, April 14 to hear the scriptures read that record the last hours of the life of Jesus Christ. Doing so, makes the resurrection festival on Easter morning ever more meaningful. I look forward to sharing these days with you.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth

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Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

Whether alone or with another, you are invited to read the gospel of John during Lent. Sermons and small group conversations will be based on texts from John.

Suggested scripture readings for the Lenten days in April:

April 1	John 13:21-38	April 7	John 16:16-33	April 13	John 19:31-42
April 2	John 14:1-14	April 8	John 17:1-26	April 14	John 20:1-18
April 3	John 14:15-31	April 9	John 18:1-18	April 15	John 20:19-31
April 4	John 15:1-17	April 10	John 18:19-40	April 16	John 21:1-25
April 5	John 15:18-27	April 11	John 19:1-16		
April 6	John 16:1-15	April 12	John 19:17-30		

Questions to consider each day:

What is God saying to me through these words?

How will I respond?



Palm Sunday (April 9)

9:30 a.m. Journey to the Cross

Walk Christ's journey during those final days...

Enjoy foods typical of those eaten in the time of Jesus.

Shepherds will guide you on the journey.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade and the presentation of the 2017 Confirmation Class.

4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Monday-Friday 7:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Perk & Pray

Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee/juice box and a prayer.

Maundy Thursday (April 13) in the Pit Stop at 6:00 p.m.

We've missed the gym space (and meals) that we normally utilize heavily during Lent. So, we'll enjoy being together in the Pit Stop to celebrate on Maundy Thursday (April 13) at 6:00 p.m. Bring a favorite covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal and then worship briefly as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper around the tables. Worship is child-friendly and a wonderfully tactile experience for children and the people who love them (that's the entire congregation!)

Good Friday (April 14)

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare provided.



**Easter Sunday
April 16**

6:40 a.m.

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.

Worship will include seasonal music, guest musicians, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Easter Eve Cookout & Camping (for hardy souls)
at Morrow Mountain on April 15**



If you would like to camp at Morrow Mountain on Easter Eve, contact Ken Knight (704-985-6277 or kbknight17@gmail.com). We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together. Others are invited to bring along your own hobo meal or supper and join in the fellowship...NO CAMPING REQUIRED!

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, April 2 We will celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction and receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger.

Scripture: John 7:53-8:11

Sunday, April 9 **Palm Sunday**

We will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of praise. The Trusty Travelers will lead the palm processional and the Faith Explorers will sing with the chancel choir. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction.

The 2017 Confirmation Class will be received into membership. We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sunday, April 16 **Easter**

Worship at Sunrise at Morrow Mountain at 6:40 a.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 23 Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 30 We will receive the Faith on the Fifth Offering to benefit the Crisis Assistance Fund. The Crisis Assistance Fund works closely with SCCM to meet extraordinary one time needs- often for rent or mortgage payments.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal...We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on April 2. 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!



2017 Flower Calendar...The 2017 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.



COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP SERVICES CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 AT NOON

LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION

An offering will be received in support of Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.

Wednesday, April 5 Preacher: Pastor Ray Sipe, Chaplain at Trinity Place

Wednesday April 5 Worship at 5:50 p.m.

Using the familiar elements of word, song, prayer, and response, worship will take on new life as we explore John's gospel in new ways.

Worship is family-friendly and interactive. Come in a suit, jeans, or gym gear for 20 mid-week minutes focused on the power of God and the importance of our faith community.



Wednesday Dinner Out

No gym?...No problem.

Table hosts will be available at local restaurants to welcome you to the common table. You need only show up for these Dutch treat dinners with friends.

Participating restaurants will be announced at Wednesday worship and may include Second Street Sundries, Little Tokyo, Ly Cuisine, and El Ranchito.



SERRV SALE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 2

SERRV items will be available in the pit stop before and after worship on April 2. Look for various fair trade items to fill your Easter baskets! The Spring 2017 SERRV Catalog will also be available to look through and place orders.

Confirmation Class to be presented for Membership on Sunday, April 9



Our 2017 class of confirmands will complete the program and be confirmed on Palm Sunday (April 9th). After spending the spring learning about, asking questions about, and growing in their faith, some of our young folks will join the church on this holy day. As we near the end of our program, please continue to keep these youth and their partners in your prayers: Duncan Bryson, Kimbal Chapman, Grace Dombrowski, David Kilde, Morgan Kinley, Rebekah Ayscue, Jim Hesley, John Howell, Barbara McManus, and Connie Wallace.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Thank you for your support of this life-changing offering. Please give generously.



Mantreat at Montreat April 21-23 Theme: *Unexpected*



Men from our church will be participating in the Mantreat at Montreat over the weekend of April 21-23. This will be a great opportunity to get to know some of the other men in the church and to gather with men from all over the region to worship, pray, and fellowship together. Please keep the men of our church in your prayers as they travel together.

Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 9

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00** and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 9**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by April 9 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 16.



Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD
LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30
IN THE PIT STOP
(9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

BREAD SALE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30

OFFERING OF LETTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 7

breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Urge Congress to support measures that help mothers and children receive the nutrition needed to be healthy and live active lives.

Sample Letter

(Handwritten letters using your own words are most effective.)

Date _____

Sen. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

or

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator _____,

or

Dear Rep. _____

As Congress works on the 2018 budget and spending bills, I ask you to make funding decisions that will put us on track to end hunger by 2030.

I urge you to invest in programs like WIC, SNAP, tax credits for low-income workers, and international development assistance. These programs help millions of people escape from hunger.

We have made great progress reducing hunger and poverty in our country and around the world, but our work remains unfinished. My faith calls me to urge you to make investments that will reduce and end hunger.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

_____ (your name)

_____ (your address)

_____ (city, state, ZIP)

Please write your name and return address on the envelope. Members of Congress want to know that they represent you.

First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 11-15, 2017



FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th 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 11 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.).

On June 12-15, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$40.00 (by May 25).
Late Registration Fee is \$45.00 (after May 25).

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 *Oh Jonah* on Thursday, June 15 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 _____

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2017 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____
of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

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)



Backpack Food Program Donation List

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

Next packing date: Wednesday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.



Young Adult Lunch

Young adult lunches are a chance to gather in the middle of the work week to enjoy each other's company and some local dining. Please join us for lunch and fellowship.

Thursday, April 6 at Noon at Coach's Neighborhood Grill (720 NC 24/27, Albemarle)

Thursday, May 4 at Noon at The Goody Shop Café (241 West Main Street, Albemarle)

SAVE THE DATE

Teachers and Leaders of the
Christian Education Program
Recognition on Sunday, May 7





Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge in Montreat
September 22-24

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...FEBRUARY 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	66,531.00	89,952.00
Total Expenses:	<u>103,841.00</u>	<u>101,643.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(37,310.00)	(11,691.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2017	
Pledges:	507,476
Total Income:	548,314
Total Expenses:	548,314
Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments:	<u>\$10,544</u>
Average Weekly Amount Received in February:	<u>\$6,977</u>

We are behind \$4,330 in pledges. (\$20,488 of 2017 pledges was prepaid in 2016) Ten-Cents-A-Meal February: \$420

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 7**. 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 14**. 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: _____

NEWS and NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Our Living Legacy Phase 2:

In honor of John Earnhardt, given by Ann & Joe Snuggs.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Joyce Burris, given by Blue Honeycutt.

SYMPATHY

To Marlene Mittendorf upon the death of her mother, Bea Bereuter, on March 22.

To Peggy Isenhour and David Plyler upon the death of their father, Elworth Plyler, on March 27.

To Holly Norwood upon the death of her father, Roy Dearstyne, on March 28.

CONGRATULATIONS

Barbara and Chris Whitley announce the marriage on January 4, 2017 at a private ceremony of their daughter, Catherine Ellen Hinson to Benjamin Hampton, son of Rick and Gay Hampton of Salisbury, North Carolina. Catherine and Ben are making their home in Salisbury.

To Karlyn Cox and Derreck Huneycutt upon the birth on their son, Calvin Glenn Huneycutt, on February 26. He joins older sister, Natalie Taylor.

To Kate and Steve Melone upon the birth of their daughter, Margaret (Maggie) Jordan, on March 22. She joins older brother, Drew. Proud grandparents are Kim and Mark Andrew.

MOVING APRIL 25...NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Carroll & Larry Sitton
145 Meadow View Drive
Brevard, NC 28712

carrollsitton@gmail.com

larrybsitton@gmail.com

Carroll's cell phone: 336-402-6458 Larry's cell phone: 336-209-1441

STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CHALLENGE FOR APRIL:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Pasta, Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, Tomato Sauce

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

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

Thank You for Your Help at the Central School Book Fair

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Central Elementary School Book Fair this year. Mrs. Burns was very appreciative of everyone who took time to help. Thank you again for all your help.

Ruth Cotton, Book Fair Organizer

Thanks for Your Help with the Community Lenten Lunch

Many thanks to all who helped make the lunch at Central United Methodist Church on March 15 a special meal. Those who volunteered, prepared, transported, and/or served

and cleaned-up were: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Susan Garrison, Sally Grantier, Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Anne Montgomery, Polly Moose, Judy Murrell, Tommy Murrell, Ruth Ann Rogers, Jim Sawyer, Mary Louise Sawyer, Janet Schaefer, Carolyn Sharpe, Harold Sharpe, Jane Snyder, Diane Stevenson, Ann Upchurch, and Shirley Welch.

Trivia Night Recap

On the evening of March 19, our youth hosted members of the congregation in our annual trivia night fundraiser. Youth and adults gathered in the pit Ssop and competed in several categories of trivia questions, with prizes awarded at the end to the winning team. We raised over \$200 for our youth program. Thank you to all who participated and contributed!



NEWS *and* NOTES

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on Sunday, March 12, Session heard reports from various committees. Lenten services continue through the Lent season. Everyone is invited to attend the 5:50 Wednesday services. Gym renovation project is underway and good progress is being made. Thanks to all who pledged making our gym renovation possible. Mission committee has scheduled a trip to Montana de Luz for July 19-26; more volunteers are welcome for this mission trip. Ann Duckwall is heading up the Bread for the World letter campaign. If you would like to take part, please contact Ann. Church Scholarship applications are due April 10th.

Circle #5

Circle #5 will meet on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peggy Finley (1205 Colonial Drive, Albemarle). Discussion on Lesson #6 will be lead by Ann Duckwall.



May Newsletter Deadline... Tuesday, April 18

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word,

please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.

Bread Bakers Needed



Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 30 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-982-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.

Lectionary-Based Bible Study on Mondays

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.



First Presbyterian Church Hosts Bucknell Habitat Volunteers

First Presbyterian Church hosted a group from Bucknell University March 12th to the 18th. They spent their spring break working on the Habitat house in Norwood, NC. They completed the decking and put up all the walls. They are a very dedicated group and we are proud of each and every one of them. They worked in the cold, they worked in the mud, and accomplished much. The members of the team included:



Rachel Bergin	Senior
Cyrus Namazi	Sophomore
Michael Chen	First Year
Clay O'Brien	Junior
Kyle Shtem	Sophomore
Ron & Lisa Marquette	Advisors

Others in the photo include: David Goldstein – Habitat Construction coordinator, 3rd from the left and Myron Lowder – Lead Habitat construction volunteer and FPC host volunteer, on the far right.

The Bucknell group was very appreciative of FPC and its volunteers for hosting their 5th visit to Stanly County and we hope they keep coming back. Thanks to all those who helped give the group a warm welcome. A special thanks to Pastor Ayscue, Joyce and Richard Lambert, Don and Nancy Joines, Myron and Nancy Lowder, and Dave and Cheryl Bristol.

PRAYER requests

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:

- Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Rachel Darling**, friend of Dona Lisk; battling cancer.
- Mike Dearstyne**, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.
- 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.
- Beth Harris**, sister-in-law of Martha Sue Hall; health concerns.
- Elizabeth Howard**, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis**, ten 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.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Barbara Petillo**, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.
- Karen Russell**, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Members of the Congregation:

- Blue Honeycutt.**
- Linda Richards.**
- Pete Smith.**



Spring Art Exhibit
 Featuring works by students at
 Central Elementary School
Who Am I?: Self-Portraiture



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april birthdays

01- Leslie Kinley
Kent Newport

04- Wes Eudy

05- Steve Blalock

07- Angie Earnhardt
Russell Karr

08- Joyce Lambert

09- Hailey Brown
Ashley Maust

10- Murphy Hall
Holden Taylor

11- Marlene Mittendorf

12- Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood

14- Anissa Chapman

17- Keely Brown
David Kilde

20- Peggy Finley

22- Marshall Rogers

23- Emma Gibson
Polly Moose

24- Liz Davis
Anita Gower

Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos
Nicole Poolos

25- Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell

26- Ella Averette
John Kilde

27- Ethan Richards

28- Aaron Whisnant

29- Harold Sharpe

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april anniversaries

02- Michael & Kristen Laton
Lynn & Martha White

07- Thomas & Salem Taylor

13- Gus & Nancy Feather

16- Kyle & Laura Beth Marks

19- Robert & Myra Land

22- Jim & Lori Ivey

24- Robin & Melissa Lemons

25- Steve & Kate Melone

28- Kevin & Adrienne Averette

29- Steve & Elaine Coats

Youth Ministry Script for April

As we prepare for Easter, we have many exciting things going on at First Presbyterian Church. In this holy season, please join us as we celebrate with the church and as we continue to explore our theme: Do Something!

Sunday, April 2	2:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Kickball Tournament
Sunday, April 9	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 16	No Youth Connection	Easter
Sunday, April 23	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Youth Connection
Sunday, April 30	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Youth Connection

Monday Night Bible Study at 8:30 p.m.

with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton

Location: 1611 Bellamy Circle (Elizabeth's house)

Come for fellowship, study of the Scriptures, and prayer. Bring a Bible and a friend.

Please contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) with any questions.



- 09- Hailey Brown
- 17- Keely Brown
David Kilde
- 25- Emma Grace Lemons
- 27- Ethan Richards



Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference

Some of our middle schoolers will travel to Massanetta Spring this summer to participate in their annual middle school conference from June 22 - 25. Placed into small groups to meet new people, our youth and leaders will participate in



worship, workshops, and games. This will be a wonderful time for our young people to grow in faith. Please keep this entire group in your prayers.

Montreat Youth Conference

Our high school youth will participate in the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina this summer from July 9 - 15. The theme will be *A Missing Peace*. Along with praying, singing, dancing, and worshipping, our youth will spend the week deepening their faith and expanding their friendships. They will be accompanied by Barbara McManus and Matt Drumheller. Please pray for our youth and leaders!



Asheville Youth Mission Recap

Over the weekend of March 3-5, 6 youth and adults from First Presbyterian Church traveled to Asheville to participate in Asheville Youth Mission. They spent the weekend staying at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, worshipping in their chapel, walking around the city learning about homelessness, and packing backpacks with food for children in area schools. It was a rewarding experience for all who participated.

Youth Breakfast 2017 Recap

The 50th anniversary of the Stanly County Youth Breakfast was a wonderful success! The event was held in the First Lutheran Church gym, and about 100 youth attended each morning. They enjoyed delicious food, music from the decades, and speaker who have attended youth breakfast throughout its history. Thank you to those from First Presbyterian Church who helped prepare food. Thank you to Penny Morton who spoke on Tuesday morning. Thank you to all who keep our youth and our youth program in your prayers!

Youth Club



The Wonder Month-April at Youth Club is full of *wonder*, with plenty of Wondering Questions surrounding the Lenten Season. The children *wonder* what new yoga poses their leaders Lisa Biddle and Rose Saltzman will have them hold each week during recreation time. During Holy Week, they will *wonder* about Jesus' Journey to the Cross, which began on a donkey as people waved palm branches and shouted, *Hosanna!* All will *wonder* about sacrifice as they learn the scripture from John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

To celebrate Earth Day, the children will *wonder* about God's creation and how they can better care for the planet.

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) will be learning to sing their triumphant entry song with shouts of *Hosanna* as they wave Palm branches on Palm Sunday, April 9.

Faith Explorers (4th -5th graders) will prepare to sing the anthem with the adult choir on Palm Sunday. As the children finish up the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, they will *wonder* how a boy born with a severe facial abnormality has the courage to go to school as a 5th grader, where he will face criticism and humiliation from his peers. They will *wonder* together what it felt like to be August Pullman and survive that year at school.

There will be no Youth Club on Wednesday, April 19 –SCS Spring Break

The last Youth Club/Youth Cub gathering will be **Wednesday, April 26** at the YMCA Park where we will enjoy hamburger sliders and all the trimmings at the family cookout from 3-5 pm. Games and activities begin at 3:00 p.m. and we eat at 3:45 p.m. Drop off and pick up at the park.



Youth Cubs

Easter is a birthday for all of us, to joyfully celebrate our new birth through God's most astonishing miracle, the resurrection and promise of eternal life. We will use Resurrection Eggs as they provide an activity to delight the imaginations while helping us to understand the Easter story. Easter art, games, and an egg hunt will be enjoyed. We sang to the glory of God during worship on March 26. The Cubs have experienced a wonderful year together. They have learned about God,

His world, and His place in their lives. I, along with Martha White and Teresa Taylor, 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 and songs will remain in their hearts forever. It has been a blessed year!

Submitted by Lynn Poplin



Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come?

2nd & 3rd graders

What?

Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.

When?

Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Where?

Media Room

Why?

To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Gina Martin know if you are able to join us...gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org. *Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.

A Hiking We will Go!

"Faith Explorers Sunday Outing"

April 9 Noon-3:00 p.m.

Morrow Mountain trails....

Bring a picnic (bag) lunch and plan to leave just following worship. Plan to spend the afternoon with friends and enjoy the beautiful outdoors!

Please let Gina know if you can attend at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org by Wednesday, April 5.



EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 at CITY LAKE PARK

4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

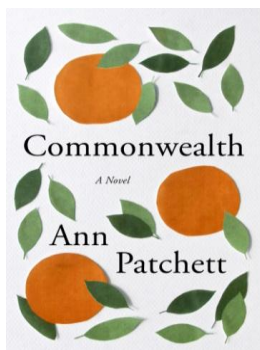


SNL is hosting an Easter egg hunt for congregation families again this year. Come celebrate the season, join in the fellowship and food, and hunt for some Easter eggs! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or drink to share. Anyone who would like to donate plastic eggs or bags of candy for the event, please drop off your donations at Matt's office by Wednesday, April 5. We appreciate your help! This is one of our favorite SNL activities each year, so bring the family out for an afternoon of fun!



From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 10.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2017 are: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Anne Montgomery, Elizabeth Wilson, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

Book Conversation



Book: *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett
 Date: Monday, April 24
 Place: The Church Parlor
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$12.00

Commonwealth is a family story – spanning decades. It is told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak as families come together and then bend and break. It reminds the reader that the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility bind us together.

Youth Club End of Year Cookout

Wednesday, April 26 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Location: YMCA Park

All Youth Club/Cub families are invited.

Games and activities for the children at 3:00 p.m. Eat at 3:45 p.m.



FAITH ON THE FIFTH OFFERING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30 DESIGNATED FOR THE CRISIS ASSISTANCE FUND

On Sunday, April 30, Faith on the Fifth donations will be accepted for Crisis Assistance Fund. This group was founded in the early 1990's by the Stanly County Ministerial Network. The mission of the Crisis Assistance Fund (CAF) is to provide assistance to individuals or families in an immediate financial crisis, after all other sources of assistance have been exhausted.

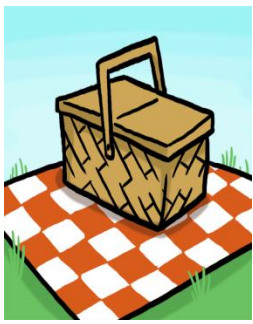
Applicants complete a detailed application and meet with an interviewer to explain their needs and crisis situation. Priorities include families with children in the home and those with chronic or acute medical issues. Help is also available to help families remain in their homes when faced with eviction or foreclosure.

United Way is the primary funder. Donors include individuals and congregations throughout the county. For 2017, the CAF received \$20,000, down by \$2000 from last year. We receive this funding monthly, and it does not cover the monthly request from 3-6 applicants.

Please help us provide the resources so greatly needed by people in crisis in our community by giving generously.

Debby Johnston, Crisis Assistance Fund Board Member





PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 11 AT NOON AT CITY LAKE PARK

Please save the date of May 11 for the Prime Timers Luncheon. The luncheon will be held at City Lake Park at the double shelter closest to the lake. The menu will be fried chicken with all the fixings and dessert. Ken Knight will speak on *Our Wild North Carolina*. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the pit stop at the church. Please call the office by May 8 to let us know that you are coming and to let us know if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



Oh, Jonah!

Have a whale of a good time this summer at Music & Arts Camp as the story of the prophet Jonah is brought to life with music, art, recreation, Bible, movement and more. It's more than just a good story about a whale swallowing a human. It's a story about us. It's a tale involving responsibility, repentance, listening for the word of God in our lives, accepting people who are different from us, and believing that there is mercy and compassion for all who turn to God...serious thoughts, but told with a sense of humor and good fun.

Register today to ensure a space for your child!!!

We Need You...To Volunteer at M & A Camp

June 11-15



If you have **some time** the week of June 11-15, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with these adorable group of **100 children!** For more information, contact Gina Martin at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org. ***Musical & artistic ability NOT required***



AROUND THE CLOCK CLASSIC

BENEFITING THE JOHN P. MURRAY COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC AND ALBEMARLE PARKS AND REC

FPC SOFTBALL TEAM BBQ LUNCH FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT ROCK CREEK PARK

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 (6:00 P.M.)- SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (6:00 P.M.)

Join First Presbyterian friends for a fun 24-hour softball tournament benefiting the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic and Albemarle Parks and Rec! The tournament will take place from 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 2 – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Rock Creek Park.

FPC needs players for our team and lots of cheerleaders! The What-A-Burger food truck will be at the event along with other carnival-food- concessionaires and a portion of all food purchases will be donated to the Clinic and AP&R. So, whether you are a player or just someone who enjoys a good burger, sno-cone, funnel cake or cotton candy – it all helps the cause!

The FPC Softball Team will host a BBQ lunch in the Pit Stop on Palm Sunday, April 9 right after worship , so please plan to stay and eat! Your lunch donation will go directly to the Community Care Clinic (75%) and Albemarle Parks and Rec (25%).

Questions? Email jane.boone@carolinas.org

From the Green Group...Solar Clothes Dryer



Need a way to save money and sanitize your laundry by using the ultimate source of all energy on Earth? Try a solar clothes dryer, i.e. a clothesline. The sun will dry your clothes even on cloudy and cold days. On freezing days sublimation will still dry clothes. Drying clothes outside also provides a natural sanitation in the form of ultraviolet radiation. Worried about wrinkles in your clothes from line drying? Put them in your dryer for a few minutes on a low setting, take them out and put them on a clothes hanger, and hang them on the line. If you don't have a clothes line, try hanging them in your car port or on other types of outdoor clothes dryers that are available. Unfortunately many housing subdivisions have outlawed clotheslines. If that is the case in your neighborhood, try lobbying for the removal of this restriction. Remember outdoor drying saves money, helps the environment by the use of less energy and provides a natural sanitization.

Submitted by Debbie Hahn

**Coltrane L.I.F.E.
Stanly County
Adult Day Care Health Center
Mini-Rock-A-Thon**



April 2, 2017
2:00pm-5:00pm
Senior Center
283 North 3rd Street
Albemarle, NC

**Debbie Bennett is rocking in this event.
For every dollar she raises, it will be
matched by \$1 – up to \$1,000.**

Share A Bloom...

Support Hospice of Stanly and give a potted gerbera daisy to your mother, co-workers, staff, friends, wife, teachers, husband, or anyone! You can pick up your daisies at the Hospice office or we'll deliver for you!
*For delivery, all orders must be received by April 6th
Free delivery available in Stanly County, 9am-5pm*

How To Order?

- Mail orders to Hospice: 960 N First St. Albemarle, NC 28001
- Checks payable to: Hospice of Stanly
- Phone: The Hospice office (704) 983-4216 & place your order with a credit/debit card
- Online at hospiceofstanly.org

April 11th & 12th



\$10

Each gerbera daisy will be in a wrapped 4 1/2 pot

Courage Blooms

To: _____
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OR

I will pick up my purchased gerbera daisies at the Hospice office Wednesday, April 12th.

Your gift to Hospice allows us to continue our focus on the comfort of our patients—and the spiritual, emotional, psychological support we provide to both patient and family alike.



For more information call Hospice at 704-983-4216

COOKING CAMP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS

(completed 4th - 6th Grades)

June 19-22 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per child Camp Limit of 12 children

Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to completed 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Young chefs expand their palates, kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, utensil skills, proper etiquette, cooking and baking and will experiment with flavors and ingredients. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be visiting Carolina Farms, an innovative program in Albemarle that enables individuals from the autistic population to realize a dream of living and working in a farm environment, where we will harvest fresh produce and return to church to prepare what we have harvested.

For more information, to register for camp, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at 704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org.

**Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION

Saturday, April 8, 2017

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

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center - Rear Parking Lot



No small appliances accepted

Call Solid Waste Dept. at 704.986.3698 for details



Saturday, April 1 *April Fool's Day*

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal/SERRV Items for sale in the pit stop

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:30 am SERRV Items for sale & Spring Catalog in the pit stop
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Items for sale & Spring Catalog in the pit stop
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 3:00 pm Hiking Posse Small Group with Connie Wallace & Ken Knight meets at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 4:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group at Elizabeth's

Monday, April 3

- 12:00 pm Classic Discussion Small Group with Matt (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Peggy Finley (1205 Colonial Dr., 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, April 4

- 9:30 am-11:00 am *Taste & See* Cooking Crew Small Group (Church Kitchen)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Class meets with Session

Wednesday, April 5

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Backpack Food Program
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at Central UMC
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 5:50 pm *Wednesday Worship
- 6:15 pm *Classic Discussion Small Group with Dona & Greg Lisk (Church Kitchen)
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 6

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Coach's Neighborhood Grill
- 12:00 pm Foodie Fans' Small Group meets in the kitchen/pit stop
- 2:00 pm Palm Sunday set-up

Friday, April 7 *Church Office Closed*

Saturday, April 8

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling Collection at Stanly County Agri-Civic Center (Rear Parking Lot)

*childcare provided

Sunday, April 9 *Palm Sunday/Journey to the Cross/Presentation of the Confirmation Class of 2017/ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering/Easter Lilies Form Deadline*

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:15 am *Faith Explorers rehearsal with the chancel choir
- 9:30 am *Journey to the Cross
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm BBQ lunch to support the John P. Murray Community Clinic
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers Hiking at Morrow Mountain
- 4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout at City Lake Park
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, April 10 *Deadline for Scholarship Applications*

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, April 11

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray

Wednesday, April 12

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Club Handbells & Orff Rehearsals
- 7:00 am *Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 13 *Maundy Thursday*

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm *Maundy Thursday Potluck Meal & Worship

Friday, April 14 *Church Office Closed/Good Friday*

- 7:15 am-8:45 am Perk & Pray
- 10:30 am Cross Walk
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:00 pm *Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 15

Easter Eve Camping at Morrow Mountain State Park

*childcare provided





Sunday, April 16 *Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 6:40 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, April 17 *Easter Monday/Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, April 18

- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, April 19 *No Youth Club/No Youth Cubs*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 20

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee

Friday, April 21 *Church Office Closed*

Mantreat at Montreat

Saturday, April 22 *Earth Day*

Mantreat at Montreat

*childcare provided



“I am the
resurrection and the
Life.”
John 11:25



Sunday, April 23 *Mantreat at Montreat*

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

Monday, April 24

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, April 26

Administrative Professionals Day/Last Day of Youth Club

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Club/Youth Cub End-of-the-Year Cookout at YMCA Park
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 27

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 28 *Church Office Closed/Arbor Day*

Sunday, April 30 *Bread for the World Letter Writing & Bread Sale Faith on the Fifth Offering for Crisis Assistance Fund*

- 9:00 am-11:00 am Bread for the World Letter Writing & Bread Sale (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing & Bread Sale (pit stop)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe

Elder Greeters for April: Patrick Currie; Joyce Lambert

Nursery Room:

April 2: Jana Sanderson
April 9: Samantha Wangler
April 16: Jana Sanderson
April 23: Cora Harrison
April 30: Jana Sanderson

Toddler Room:

April 2: Cora Harrison
April 9: Brianna Little
April 16: Caroline Snyder
April 23: Samantha Wangler
April 30: Cora Harrison

Nana & Papa Team:

April 2: Debby Johnston; Mary Kesselman
April 9: Mary & Frank Green
April 16: Chris Mabry
April 23: Gayle & Ned Russell
April 30: Bede & Russell Karr

Preschool Partners:

April 2: Heather Deese & Anna Henkenjohann
April 9: Stephanie & Josh Campbell
April 16: Dona & Greg Lisk
April 23: Angie Earnhardt; Kelly Lentz
April 30: Laura McLeod; Ben McLeod

Acolytes:

April 2: David Kilde
April 9: Katherine Jolly
April 16: Duncan Bryson
April 23: Leah Kilde
April 30: Graham Chapman

Children's Church for April:

April 2: Stephanie & Josh Campbell; Jacob Palmer
April 9: No Children's Church
April 16: No Children's Church
April 23: Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Jacob Palmer
April 30: Stephanie & Josh Campbell; Jacob Palmer

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