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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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October 2017

Dear Friends,

I write following Sunday's worship and with deep thanksgiving for several things that come to mind when I reflect on the vibrancy of worship in this congregation.

I'm deeply grateful for the leadership provided by our choir and music staff. They allow us to experience the presence of God in a powerful way.

I'm thankful for our children whose energy, honesty, and exuberance awakes us to the newness of God's daily blessing.

I'm thankful for adults who have made a long-standing commitment to this congregation — who have supported First Presbyterian Church with prayers, daily discipleship, and financial resources for three or more decades. I'm grateful for their on-going love for this body of Christians and their willingness to embrace new ideas and new folks who come to be part of us.

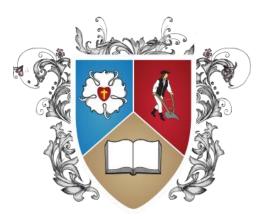
I'm thankful for parents who urge the participation of their children and teens in the life of the church and for the example of their own faithfulness.

Finally, I'm especially grateful for the on-going work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the congregation — that Spirit brings us together when we hold divergent opinions, gives us the freedom to share forgiveness, and reminds us daily of the work God is doing in our life together.

We are a blessed people. I am thankful for you.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth





REFORMATION SUNDAY

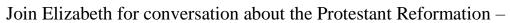
KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

We'll celebrate this seminal moment in the life of the Christian church in a big way.

- ❖ Company is coming from the Presbyterian churches in Locust and Norwood.
- ❖ We'll enjoy the bagpipes.
- ❖ We'll celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- * We'll bless our family tartans and people everywhere.
- * Fellowship with shortbread and cider will follow worship.



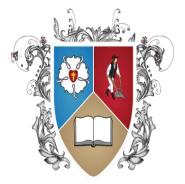
REFORMATION STUDY SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 A.M. OCTOBER 1-22 LOCATION: SESSION ROOM



- What happened?
- Why did it happen?
- ➤ How did the events of the Reformation affect the Christian Church & the way worship is conducted now?

We'll learn about significant people and places.





What's the Big Deal about the Reformation?

The Protestant Reformation was set in motion on October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther, nailed the 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. The theses detailed Luther's disputes with his beloved Catholic Church. What followed was a massive movement which led to the development of what we know as the Protestant Church, including the Presbyterian Church.





Throughout the month of October, Elizabeth and Matt will preach on various aspects of the Reformation and what they mean to the church today.

Sunday, October 1 World Communion Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Theme: By Grace, Through Faith

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9 & Romans 3:21-31

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

oneness in Christ. We'll also receive the 10¢-A-Meal offering.

Sunday, October 8 The Faith Explorers will sing in worship.

Theme: The Priesthood of All Believers Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17; I Peter 2:9-10

Sunday, October 15 Theme: The Role of Sacraments

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Sunday, October 22 The third graders will receive Bibles. The Trusty Travelers will sing and the

children's handbell choir will ring. We will receive the Faith on the Fifth Offering (even though it's the 4th Sunday) to support renovations at SCCM's Clothing Closet.

Theme: The Gift of Scripture Scripture: II Timothy 3:14-16

Sunday, October 29 Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' of the Tartans

Theme: The Church Reformed, Always Reforming

Matt and Elizabeth will be joined in worship leadership by Evan Amo, Pastor at Locust Presbyterian Church, and Julie Hill, pastor at Norwood Presbyterian Church. We'll be led musically by Thomas Hahn on the bagpipes, and a choir representing all three churches.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal...We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on October 1. 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.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

World Communion Sunday was established in the dark days of World War II as a way for the Christian community to recognize the value of its brothers and sisters all over the world. As we take bread and drink from the cup of salvation on this Sunday, we will be joined in this act by Christians around the world. You can expect worship to include music and liturgy from around the world, as well as symbols which remind us of our brothers and sisters worldwide.

At 9:15 a.m., we'll gather at the Courthouse Square Park with folks from other downtown churches for a brief observance of World Communion Sunday before returning to our own churches for Sunday School and Worship.

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...AUGUST 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual: Year to Date **Budget-to-Date** Total Income Received: 340,917.00 363,409.00 **Total Expenses:** 353,171.00 366,147.00 (Shortage)/Surplus (12,254.00)(2,738.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2017

Pledges: 507,476 Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,544 Average Weekly Amount Received in August: \$15,152 Total Income: 548,314

Total Expenses: 548,314

We are behind \$1,956 in pledges. (\$20,488 of 2017 pledges was prepaid in 2016)

Ten-Cents-A-Meal August: \$370.00

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

On September 10, our congregation took up an offering designated for Presbyterian Disaster to support those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to contribute over \$6,000.00 to the relief effort. Thank you for supporting those who are in need in this hurting world.



Live a Generous Life 2017 Stewardship Season

Live a generous life! Stewardship season is coming soon. Pledge cards will be mailed in mid-October. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018 and return your pledge cards on or before Consecration Sunday (November 5). The Fellowship Committee will host a luncheon on Consecration Sunday following worship. Everyone is invited.

NEWS and NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Virginia Marshall, given by Mildred Andrew. In memory of Ashley Goodwin Wood, given by Mildred Andrew.

SYMPATHY

To Ruth Goodwin upon the death of her niece, Ashley Goodwin Wood, on September 6. To Jane Snyder and family upon the death of her father, Dr. Frank Pattishall, on September 24.

New Phone Number

Dick Liles

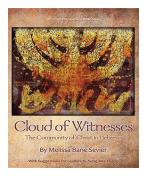
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Session Notes

World Communion Sunday is held October 1. Scottish Communion and Reformation service will be held October 29 at First Presbyterian Church. This will be a joint service with 2 other PCUSA churches in Stanly County. All ministers of these churches will participate with the minister from Locust Presbyterian church preaching. Congratulations to Leah Beamon and Jane Snyder filling positions in our Christian Education and Fellowship programs. Acoustics problems in the gym are to be addressed. Faith on the Fifth contributions will be received on October 22 and be donated to SCCM for the Clothing Closet renovations project. A Congregational Meeting will be held on October 15 to receive and act on the report from the Nominating Committee. The Stewardship campaign will kick off in mid-October with letters and pledge cards mailed to the congregation. Church finances continue to stay steady. Members are encouraged to keep up with pledges contributions.

Lynn White, Clerk of Session

NEWS and NOTES



What is Circle?

At First Presbyterian, Albemarle, the Circle is a small group Bible study which meets in the homes if its members once a month at 7:00 p.m. October is the month in which we begin a new series of Bible studies. This year, the study will be Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews. The author, Melissa Bane Sevier, is a teaching elder in the PCUSA. "She invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews. The community for which the letter, or homily, was written interacts, in a sense, with all the communities of which we are part." There is more information about the study on a bulletin board near the church office. If you enjoy small group Bible study and would like to join us in this study, we would welcome your participation! We will meet on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. with Gloria Bryson (811 Smith St., Albemarle). Contact person: Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498).

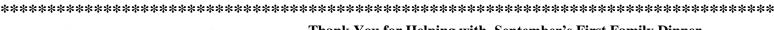
November Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, October 17

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:

pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.







Thank You for Helping with September's First Family Dinner

Thanks to all the people that made our very first FIRST FAMILY DINNER in the new gym so special: Linda Anderson, Rebekah Ayscue, Jane Boone, Keith and Kristie Bryson, Katie and Nora Carpenter, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Bill Hall, Mary Kesselman, Leslie and Stephan Kinley, Dona Lisk, Anne Montgomery, Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, Harold and Carolyn Sharpe, Lee and Witt Snuggs, Martha Wolf and the pickle ball players, and all those who helped clean up the gym! I depend heavily on my First Family volunteers and am so thankful for your presence. Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education and Fellowship

!!! Rally Day Thank You !!!

This Rally Day the Christian Education Committee is to be commended for *Riding the Tides of Faith* to make it such a fun event. If you enjoyed a delicious breakfast and your children enjoyed their activities, please join in thanking all of those who helped out by planning, cooking, setting up tables, decorating tables, planning and carrying out activities for children, photographing, providing sound, cutting out letters, and especially assisting with the clean-up! We could not have done it without you: Linda Anderson, Kim Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Skeet Ayscue, Leah Beamon, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Matt Drumheller, Sally Grantier, John Hahn, John Howell, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Dona Lisk, Chris Mabry, Laura Beth Marks, Ronnie Michael, Sarah Michael, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Jill Niebler, Rose Saltzman, Jane Snyder, Craig Taylor, Debbie Wainwright, and Martha Wolf. A special thank you to the Wednesday Night Crew for re-setting the gym. We are always grateful to Kyle Lambert and Pam Knighten for backing us up in all our endeavors.

Sarah Michael, Chair of the Christian Education Committee





STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOOD CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER: **CANNED MEAT**

(Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon) **********************************





Shortbread Needed Can You Help?



Following our Reformation Sunday worship service on October 29, we will host a reception for our visitors from Locust and Norwood. We will need lots of shortbread makers. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you can help.



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

Friends of the Congregation:

Dale Benson, brother of Ann Crutchfield.

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.

Cathy Dunlap, sister of Jill Freshley; recovering from a heart attack.

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.

Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.

Jackie Lynn Kruis, ten year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.

Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Meghan Niemann, friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer.

Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.

Nic Presson, brother of Dona Lisk; alcohol rehab.

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.

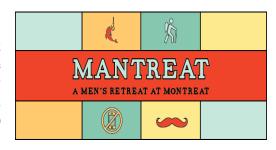
Linda Richards.

Marlene Sanges.

Pete Smith.

Mantreat at Montreat

In April of this year, several of our men spent a weekend in Montreat worshipping, hiking, eating, and fellowshipping together. It was a great time to spend together in a beautiful place, and a wonderful chance to get to know one another. Matt would like to take a group back in the spring, and he would like to hear from you! Please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) to let him know you are interested in a Mantreat for Spring of 2018!



Youth Update

A group of youth spent the night of September 15 together *locked in* at the church. After going to Concord for dinner and an escape room, our youth spent the night playing games, watching movies, and generally hanging out. It was a great way to kick off our fall semester, and our youth, though somewhat bleary-eved in the morning, enjoyed spending the time together.

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!









- 01- Graham Chapman Eston West
- 02- Joan Boling Emily Domenech
- 04- Andy McLeod Norman Rogers
- **05-** Christine Andrew
- **06- Jeff Robertson**
- 08- Robert Land
- 09- Chloe Dombrowski
- 10- Grace Dombrowski Scott Griffin
- 12- Ella Cumming

- 13- Isabel McLeod
- 20- Cody Stewart
- 21- Leo McLeod
- 22- Billie Jean Snuggs
- 24- Martha White Danny Saltzman
- 26- Luke Marshall
- 27- Elizabeth Ayscue Dave MacMurray
- 29- Lillie Hancock
- 30- Teresa Taylor
- 31- Ruth Cotton



- 05- Steve & Mary Kesselman
- 06- Peter & Anna Henkenjohann Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf
- 08- Kellyn & Luis Luna
- 11- Philip & Shirley Welch
- 16- Keith & Kristie Bryson

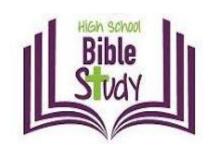
- 19- Art & Sandy Rogers
- 24- Keith & Christine Andrew
- 25- Mark & Chris Mabry
- 26- Russell & Bede Karr
- 31- Sam & Liz Davis



It is almost the wonderful season of autumn! We have many great activities planned for this fall, and I hope you will find time in your busy schedules of fall sports, leaf raking, and pumpkin-obsessing to join us for some fun, fellowship, and faith development!

Sunday, October 1
Sunday, October 8
Sunday, October 15
Saturday, October 21
Sunday, October 22
Sunday, October 29

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Youth Group
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5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Youth Group
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Corn Maze
6:00 pm	Youth Group Dinner
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Fall Carnival



Monday Night Bible Study
Starts Monday, October 2
8:30 p.m.~9:30 p.m.
with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

We will use our time together to entertain questions of faith and to discern the places where God is at work in our lives and the life of the world. Please contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) with any questions.

YOUTHGROUPOUTING TO GET LOST CORN MAZE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.





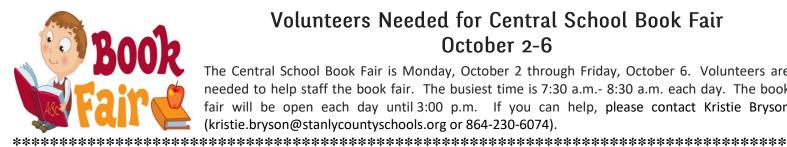
October
01-Graham Chapman
02-Emily Domenech
04-Andy McLeod
10-Grace Dombrowski
13-Isabel McLeod



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The Little Yellow Cup

The SCCM Caring and Sharing Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 1 and run through Sunday, October 22. Your loose change and bills dropped into a little yellow cup have a tremendous impact on the SCCM programs. All Caring and Sharing funds received are used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables, Food Pantry, and to provide rent and utility assistance for our neighbors.



Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair October 2-6

The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 2 through Friday, October 6. 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, please contact Kristie Bryson (kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org or 864-230-6074).

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

We cherish the children of First Presbyterian Church and their friends and families who are a part of us through youth programs. Local churches in a hundred countries around the world experience the joy and vitality that comes to their congregations when shoe boxes are distributed. Long before the boxes arrive, leadership is trained



and plans are carefully made to share the good news of great joy with children who will receive a shoebox afterward. Along with the box, each child receives a colorful book in their own language that tells them of The Greatest Gift. It has been estimated that each of these books will be read by about 35 more persons--family and friends of the child.

It can be our great joy to share the gospel, to pray for the recipient of our box(es) and encourage the local church in evangelism. Watch for the preprinted green&red shoeboxes, pick up and read the How to Pack Your Shoebox gift. It has some changes in the DO NOT INCLUDE list--so read before you shop! Please select your gifts with sensitivity for the recipient--boxes packed in warm climates are distributed in similar climates, and though you may be blonde/blue eyed, your recipient may wish for a doll like herself. Children who cannot attend school without school tools and shoes need practical gifts as well as toys, so flip flops, pencils and paper may be the most exciting gift they receive. Want to help but you aren't a shopper? The cost for shipping/project cost has increased this year after many years at the same price; the How to Pack flyer gives directions for helping in this way. Watch future bulletin for when shoeboxes will be available for pick-up. Filled shoe boxes should be returned to First Presbyterian Church by Thursday, November 16.



QUARTER MINISTRY FOR THE MARY & MARTHA CENTER FOR WOMEN

Our Quarter Jar is in the pit stop. Quarters will be donated to the Mary & Martha Center for their clients to use at the laundromat. Want to know more about this new ministry for women in our community? Contact Kim Marshall (704-983-1378 or bookworm284@live.com).



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OCTOBER FAITH ON THE FIFTH OFFERING

Opportunity to donate to SCCM Clothing Closet Renovation Sunday, October 22 (the 4th Sunday)

This is an opportunity to support the SCCM Clothing Closet Renovations through our October Faith on the Fifth that will be held on Sunday, October 22. With the help of donations, SCCM has been able to do major roof repair, parking lot resurfacing, painting, and purchase of new fixtures. They hope to receive grant funds leaving a balance of \$12,000 needed to complete the floor and installation of fixtures. With renovations nearing completion, the air conditioning unit is now failing. With a quote of \$9,000 for a new unit, they are now looking at approximately \$21,000 to complete the project.

LETTER FROM SCCM...

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

In 1969, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Reba Mendenhall, planted the seed for the growth of SCCM by opening a Clothing Closet in the church basement. Through the years the location of the Clothing Closet moved from First Presbyterian to Five Points and then to East Main Street, where it has been for more than twenty years.

Like any building, the Clothing Closet needs maintenance. Unfortunately, that maintenance has been neglected during the past twenty years and the maintenance needs have compounded. While we are working hard to rectify some of the concerns, we do not have the funds to complete the project without your help.

Currently, we have resurfaced the parking lot and repaired the roof with a gift from the estate of Anne Miller. The closing of two local retail stores has brought the opportunity to purchase some new shelving and racks. When they are installed, it will be a much safer work environment for our employees and provide needed storage space for our off season merchandise.

Bright yellow paint has been applied to the walls, and a new outdoor sign is in the works. The carpet on the floor is slated to be replaced with vinyl tile, at a cost of about \$18,000. Currently, the carpeting is held together at the seams with duct tape to prevent tripping. This is an essential safety need.

Earlier this month, we received news that the air conditioner in our sorting room and donation processing area needs to be replaced. This will cost approximately \$9,000. It simply is not in our budget right now.

The needs of the physical Clothing Closet building are great, but the need it fills in our community is much greater. During the month of August, 92 families received clothing for growing children and changing seasons. Special needs assistance for job interview clothing or shoes for work was provided to 17 people.

The sales at the Clothing Closet provide more than 60 % of the total budget for SCCM. Without its fantastic selection of resale clothing and household items, we would not have the ability to run the Food Pantry or the Community Tables.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Clothing Closet Renovation Project. We will receive a special offering on Sunday, October 22.

Thanks you for your prayers and gifts,
Heather Kilde



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

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

First Family Gathering on Wednesday, October 4 Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Our First Family Gathering is Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This month, we will enjoy some **SOUL FOOD!** Go to the chapel at 5:45 p.m. for your spiritual soul food, and then proceed to the gym for your physical soul food!

Menu for the Soul:

Country Style Steak and Gravy, Rice, Green Beans, Mac-n-Cheese, Mixed Green Salad, Fresh Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water, & Lemonade

Reservations:

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by noon on Tuesday, October 3 to say you're coming!



Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering



Dessert Crew: Tuesday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m. Veggie, Fruit, & Salad Crew Set-up Crew Wednesday, October 4 at 3:45 p.m. **Decorating Crew** Wednesday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. Final Touches Crew Wednesday, October 4 at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 4 at 6:45 p.m. Clean-up Crew

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help⊕!

Come & Join Us for the Young Adult Lunch

If you have any restaurant requests, let Matt know (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Here is the schedule for the next couple of gatherings: October 12 at Goody Shop Café & November 2 at El Ranchito



Prospective Members Lunch & Learn Sunday, October 8 following worship in the parlor

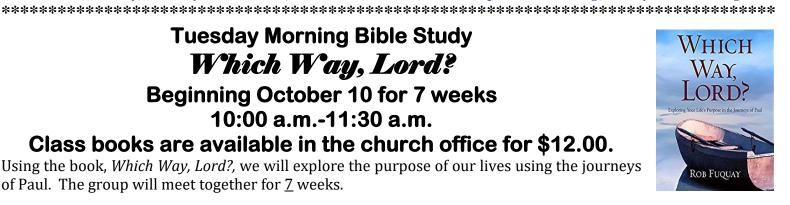
Prospective members are invited to share lunch and conversation about the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 8 following worship. We will meet in the parlor. Childcare provided upon request. Let us know by Monday, October 2 (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) that you're coming.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Which Way, Lord?

Beginning October 10 for 7 weeks 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Class books are available in the church office for \$12.00.

Using the book, *Which Way, Lord?*, we will explore the purpose of our lives using the journeys of Paul. The group will meet together for 7 weeks.



BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



THEOLOGY LITE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M. LITTLE TOKYO JAPANESE RESTAURANT (1446 HWY. 52 NORTH, ALBEMARLE)

On **October 17**, young adults throughout our community are invited to gather for *Theology Lite*. Matt will host a conversation about grace over your choice of drink. 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 **7:00 p.m.** at Little Tokyo on Hwy. 52.



FALL PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP GUEST SPEAKER: ANDY COTTON

The Fall Prime Timers Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 19 at noon in the pit stop at First Presbyterian Church. The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert. Andy Cotton will show slides and speak on his trips to Africa. Please RSVP to Kyle (704 982-2722 klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Monday, October 16 if you plan to attend.



Tea & Conversation Tuesday, October 17 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. **Church Parlor**

Theme: Who's Who?

All women of the church are invited to come for an afternoon of conversation and Jane's lovely tea refreshments. Bring a baby (or early childhood) picture with your name on the back. We'll see if we can figure out Who's Who. (Early submission of pictures to the office would be even better.) Call the office (704-982-2722) to let us know you want to be part of the fun!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Fall Movie Night Friday, October 27 At 6:30 p.m. in the Gym

Come join us for Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul and enjoy a family that begins an adventurous road trip that will have its ups & downs---but will be one that is never forgotten.

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY OUT TO A MOVIE WITH FRIENDS, POPCORN, CANDY & DRINKS!

COZY UP IN YOUR CHAIR OR BLANKET AND PLAN TO RELAX AND LAUGH OUT LOUD!!!



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF **During Sunday School on Sunday, October 29**

The children's classes will visit the Youth 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 29. Your gifts make a difference!





Fall Carnival

Sunday, October 29

5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the Church Gym

On October 29, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Youth Club 2017-18

This year in Youth Club, we welcomed 46 children in grades K-5! After a long summer break, the children are quickly getting reacquainted with each other by enjoying recreation time in the gym, sharing a hearty snack, exploring the Bible during study time, working together as they create works of art, and of course making a joyful noise to the Lord.

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd Graders): Using the theme *The Stories*, the Trusty Travelers have embarked on a new and exciting journey through the Bible and the incredible stories it tells. Our leaders have found a wonderful new book titled *The Stories* that the children will be reading from during Bible study. These stories will give the children new insight on well-known passages from the Bible such as The Creation, Noah's Ark, and David and Goliath. They will also discuss the lessons these stories teach them about how to love others and find the courage to do what God asks of us.

The theme for the **Faith Explorers** (4th & 5th Graders) this year is *Signs*, as they will be looking in scripture for passages that show signs of God's love for us. They will also spend some time reflecting on the signs they can find in their own lives and the world around them. To complement their study, the Faith Explorers have multiple mission projects planned for this year that will keep them busy sharing signs of God's love with our community and friends. They also have many fun field trips planned throughout the year and are planning on visiting the Corn Maze later this month.

A special thanks to all the parents who came to the Faith Explorers' parent meeting in September. Your effort and feedback was so helpful and much appreciated.

Submitted by: Leah Beamon, Christian Education Program Coordinator

Youth Cubs is indeed a time of learning, fun, and discovery, all creating an afternoon of wonderment as we learn about God. Our goal is to help lay a spiritual foundation that will influence the childrens' relationship with God throughout their lives. We will share friendships, art, prayer, Bible stories, songs, play, and games. Themes of God's creation of our world and his creation of each of us will start off the year. We will then turn our attention to the stories of Noah, Moses, and God's gift of the beauty of our fall season. Submitted by: Lynn Poplin, Youth Cubs Coordinator



Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders

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

When? Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Where? Media Room

Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.

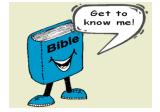
*Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.



Faith Explorers Get Lost in the CORN MAZE

Sunday, October 8 Noon-3:00 p.m.

We'll have a picnic lunch at City Lake Park following worship and then on to an **AMAZING** afternoon at **Get Lost Corn Maze** in Millingport. Bring a bag lunch (bottled water provided) and \$9 for admission ticket and additional money for optional activities at the maze. Transportation provided to and from the maze –pick up at church at 3:00 p.m. Please let Leah Beamon know if your 4th or 5th grade Faith Explorer will be attending (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) Wednesday, October 4.



Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders on Sunday, October 22 during worship Get to Know Your Bible with Matt & Elizabeth following worship

When? Sunday, October 22 from Noon-2:00 p.m.

Where? In the Pit Stop

For Whom? The third graders who have just received their Bibles and their parents.

Childcare will be provided for younger siblings.

We'll *share lunch and then spend some time learning about the Bible – how to use it, why it's important and much more.

*Lunch will be a child-friendly covered dish meal. Each family is invited to bring a couple of their 3rd grader's favorite foods to share.

Email the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Monday, October 16 to let us know how many people from your family will attend.



!!! ATTENTION !!!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5. REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!

All Saints Day Sunday, November 5



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 5. 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.



Pfeiffer Afternoon of Service

On Sunday, November 12, First Presbyterian Church is inviting Pfieffer students to join us for an afternoon of service. We will welcome them to worship in the morning, share lunch after worship, and then divide up into groups to spend a couple of hours serving our community in the afternoon. This will be a great opportunity both to serve our neighbors and to get to know some of the students who are going to school in Stanly County. Please plan to join us for this important event. Sign up with Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) by November 5.

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 5.** 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 12. 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.

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SAVE THE DATE

SERRV Bazaar Sunday, November 13

The SERRV sale at First Presbyterian is a unique mission, offering us opportunity to do justice by purchasing items from artisans and small scale farmers in cooperatives of developing countries as well as some in the United States. It gives us a reliable source for good quality, fairly priced gifts in a range of prices. SERRV helps cooperatives(artisan) with design of their work that will appeal to buyers; (farmers) improvement and increase in yield of their crop; with input from artisans and farmers, SERRV helps to set a fair price for their product, helps to provide upfront supplies and finally transport to market. Artisans are assured of payment for their work. Sometimes the artisan is a man and often the farmer is a woman. Someone has said "when you go into a community, look at the children. If they are clothed, fed, and in school, you know that women are able to make a little money". Fair trade enables them to care for their children and make improvements in their communities.

SERRV Catalogs Available for Review & Placing of Individual Orders in the Pit Stop

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 1, 8, & 15 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

During the week, in the church office until October 16. After that, the order will be compiled and placed.

These individual orders will be available for pick-up at the SERRV sale scheduled for November 12 in the pit stop from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and following worship until 1:00 p.m.



!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

Community Thanksgiving Celebration
Sunday, November 19
7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church
(202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)
Worship at First Baptist Church with refreshments and fellowship following.



Visit the... First Presbyterion Church Art Exhibit Mixed Medio Modness

Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports

Pickleball Group of All Levels

For more information, contact Martha Wolf (704-983-3505 or mywolfmail@gmail.com).





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Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

9:15 am Ecumenical Worship at

Courthouse Square Park

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 2

7:00 pm Circle meets at the home of Gloria Bryson

(811 Smith St., Albemarle)

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

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

Tuesday, October 3

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, October 4

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

1:00 pm First Family Veggie, Fruit, Salad Crew

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

3:45 pm First Family Set-up Crew

4:00 pm First Family Decorating Crew

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

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

5:15 pm First Family Final Touches Crew

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 5

10:00 am Staff Meeting



*childcare provided

Sunday, October 8

Faith Explorers Sing in Worship

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders-Media Room)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm *Prospective Members Lunch & Learn (Parlor)

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Picnic Lunch at City Lake Park

& Trip to Get Lost Corn Maze

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

6:00 pm Worship Committee

7:00 pm *Session

Monday, October 9

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

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

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 am-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 11

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

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 12

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Goody Shop Cafe



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*childcare provided



Sunday, October 15

SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign
Congregational Meeting

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

10:00 am-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

12:00 pm Deadline for October Newsletter Articles

3:00 pm-4:30 pm Tea & Conversation (Parlor)

7:00 pm Theology Lite with Matt (Little Tokyo Hwy. 52)

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

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 19

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon (Pit Sto)

Saturday, October 21

6:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Group Outing to Corn Maze



*childcare provided

Sunday, October 22 Youth Club Handbell Choir/Trusty Travelers Sing/Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders/SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign/Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Clothing Closet Renovation

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm-2:00 pm *Get to Know Your Bible w/3rd Graders &

6:00 pm Youth Group Dinner

Monday, October 23

7:00 pm October Book Study

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

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

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church (7407 Steele Creek Rd., Charlotte)

10:00 am-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 25

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

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 26

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, October 27

6:30 pm Fall Movie Night (Gym)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul

Sunday, October 29

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation & Kirkin of the Tartans/Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Reformation Reception

Monday, October 30

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

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

Tuesday, October 31 Halloween

10:00 am-11:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study



*childcare provided

THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Ushers: Taylor Jolly, captain; Leah Beamon, Lee Boone, Heather Deese, Adam Jolly, Dona Lisk, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder

Elder Greeters for October:

October 1: Sarah Michael; Steve Cumming October 8: Sarah Michael; Lynn White October 15: Sarah Michael; Lynn White October 22: Sarah Michael; Steve Cumming October 29: Sarah Michael; Lynn White

Nursery Room:

October 1: Jana Sanderson
October 8: Kaitlyn Massey
October 15: Kaitlyn Massey
October 22: Kaitlyn Massey
October 29: Kaitlyn Massey & TBA

Nana & Papa Team:

October 1: Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser

October 8: Mary & Frank Green October 15: Chris Mabry

October 22: Gayle & Ned Russell October 29: Bede & Russell Karr

Acolytes:

October 1: Jackson Palmer October 8: Elizabeth Bryson October 15: Brent Lisk October 22: Merrin Kinley October 29: Danny Saltzman

Outside Ushers:

October 1: Mark Andrew; Jack Morton October 8: John Howell; Kyle Marks October 15: Wes Eudy; Ronnie Michael October 22: Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley October 29: Josh Campbell; Bill Pickler

Toddler Room:

October 1: Sara Kate Thomas October 8: McKenzie Hinson October 15: McKenzie Hinson October 22: Sara Kate Thomas

October 29: McKenzie Hinson & Lisa Hinson

Preschool Partners:

October 1: Kristie & Keith Bryson
October 8: Leah Beamon; Heather Deese
October 15: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks
October 22: Angie Earnhardt; Kelly Lentz
October 29: Laura & Mike McLeod

Children's Church for October:

October 1: No Children's Church (Communion)
October 8: Dona Lisk; Grant Lisk; Grace Richards
October 15: Dona Lisk; Grant Lisk; Grace Richards
October 22: Dona Lisk; Grant Lisk; Grace Richards
October 29: No Children's Church (Communion)

Childcare for
Diaconate Meeting
Sunday, October 8
at 8:30 a.m.
McKenzie Hinson

<u>Childcare for</u> Prospective Members Meeting

Sunday, October 8 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Kaitlyn Massey

Childcare for Session Meeting Sunday, October 8 at 6:45 p.m. McKenzie Hinson

Childcare for

Get to Know Your Bible
Sunday, October 22
11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sara Kate Thomas

Childcare for
Pray & Play
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October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Jana Sanderson and/or Lisa Hinson

Nursery Childcare for
Youth Club
Wednesdays
October 4, 11, 18, 25
3:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Lisa Hinson

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