

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

We move into fall with a full agenda which includes care for each other, worship with other Presbyterians in our county, and on-going opportunities to serve our community.

I have been gratified by responses from a number of you about your desire to continue the conversation about how to respond to the heartbreaking opiod epidemic which is affecting Stanly County. A recent edition of The Presbyterian Outlook delves into this issue and provides insight into ways other Presbyterian churches are *walking alongside* addicts and those who love them. The gospel is a story of redemption and new life; of new beginnings and transformation. The question which must always be before the community of faith is: *How can we enlarge our hearts and so touch the people Jesus would touch in our time?* If you would like to join the conversation about how First Presbyterian Church may find our way into meaningful ministry with addicts in our community, let Elizabeth or Matt know. We will convene a group this month.

> Grace and Peace, Elizabeth



REFORMATION SUNDAY & KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

We'll recognize this important day in the life of the Protestant Church as we celebrate our own Scottish heritage.

Members of Locust Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Norwood will join us for worship and fellowship afterwards. We'll combine choirs and welcome a bagpiper for a glorious morning and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Dr. Jan Edmiston, newly installed General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte will preach, and Julie Hill, Evan Amo, Matt, and Elizabeth will lead worship.

Be a part of the day by carrying your family tartan in the opening processional and/or by making shortbread for the post-worship reception. Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) for either.



Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on October 7. 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 \$271.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in August.

2018 Flower Calendar

The 2018 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 <u>fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com</u>) 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 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.



PANCING WITH YOUR FAITH

Sunday School is for Everyone 9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m.

Our Sunday School program utilizes an age appropriate curriculum called Grace and Gratitude. Sunday School groupings are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	Location	<u>Teachers</u>
Preschool	Preschool Room	Debbie Bennett; Kate Gibson;Jill Niebler
Grades K-2	K-2 Room	Heather Deese; Melissa & Wes Eudy; Salem & Thomas Taylor
Grades 3-5	2 nd Floor Classroom	Penny Morton; Courtney Niederer; Brett Richards
Grades 6-12	Teen Room	Matt Drumheller & Friends

6th-12th Graders...Teen Room 3rd Floor...Our middle school and high school Sunday School classes will combine this fall to spend Sunday mornings together. We will use a resource called The Bible Project to explore broad themes of Scripture. Matt Drumheller will be leading this class. Youth Advisors for our youth group will be Rebekah Ayscue, Jim Hesley, and Catherine & Matt Moeller.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

This year there are new and returning opportunities for adults to learn and serve.

Adult Bible Discussion Led by Greg Lisk Location: Classroom 2 (Basement) Greg Lisk will lead this casual discussion class. It will center on biblical passages and how they can be applied to contemporary life. Anyone is welcome to share in the fellowship and conversation though it is generally geared toward young and middle adults.

Connections Led by Rose Saltzman Location: Pit Stop (First Floor) Rose Saltzman will lead this group as they make connections with scripture, each other, FPC members, and the wider community. Most weeks will find this group engaged in a hands-on way of letting folks know they are being prayed for. This is an easy drop-in group for those who aren't sure of their Sunday morning place.

Living the Faith Led by Skeet Ayscue Location: Session Room (Basement) This discussion format will look at many issues that challenge the faith of Christians today. Topics include poverty, setting priorities, and living your faith daily. Class participants will have input on discussion topics.

The Wired Word Led by Rich Schaefer Location: Parlor (First Floor) Join Rick Schaefer for conversation which weds current events/topics with scripture and theological reflection. Each week is a stand alone topic.

The Seekers Class Led by Dr. Bill Jolly Location: Old Session Room (Basement) Dr. Bill Jolly continues a study of Presbyterian theology and practice using A Call to Faith by Rachel Henderlite. His rich knowledge and history in the church brings this book to light. Weekly preparation enhances class discussion.





Sharing God's Many Blessings

We hope you had the opportunity to read Mike and Laura McLeod's article in the September newsletter about how FPC has touched their family. In this newsletter you can read how the Bryson family feels about FPC.

We encourage you to think about how blessed you are to have this wonderful church and church family. In Deuteronomy 16:17 it says that we are called to give as we are able according to the blessings given to each of us by the Lord.

Pledge Cards for 2019 will be mailed out in mid-October together with a brochure describing how we use our resources. We are hopeful that many members can step up their giving in 2019 so that we can continue our many wonderful programs, and also give our paid staff a modest raise. This is especially important as their compensation has remained flat for the past three years!

Please be sure to save November 4th on your calendar as it is Consecration Sunday. Following worship we will have a luncheon to celebrate this important occasion. If you are unable to attend worship that day, we would appreciate it if you could send your completed Pledge Card to the church by that date so that your officers can complete the 2019 church budget.

We are so thankful for all you do to make this an exceptional church as we fulfill God's purpose through the work that we do in His name.

AN OPEN COMMUNITY OF FAITH

First Presbyterian Albemarle has been part of Duncan, Elizabeth's & Keith's lives about as long as they can remember and a BIG part of Kristie's life since the early 90's.

For all of us what impresses us the most is the church's openness in the following ways:

Open Building...Rare is it that you come by FPC and don't see a light on. If you have an organization and need a place to meet, how many times that need has been met by FPC Albemarle? Rare is it that the church charges for use of the facilities to non members. Our church takes the Open Policy very seriously as the door to the parking lot remains open to those coming in which to me sends a message to visitors who don't have to be "buzzed" in. WELCOME TO FPC.

Open to New Ideas...Way, way back in the dark ages, FPC Albemarle ordained a woman as an elder on the Session. This was in the 70's, can you imagine that.....WOW!

Open to Children of all ages...From Youth Club to Youth Group, Faith Explorers to Music and Arts Camp, Wednesday nite Open Gym to weekday Pickleball Play, we at FPC don't believe in a building that is just for show; our building gets used.

Open Congregation...On Sunday, I don't know about you but I love hearing the positive stories from folks who don't know I belong to FPC. From comments like, wasn't it neat that the pastors didn't preach from the pulpit at FPC, that they sat up there on stools and had a conversation that drew you in.

Open Hearts...Sadly, and we all know it is part of the circle of life, but on occasion we have to have a funeral at FPC and boy do we know how to send someone off to meet their maker? From a message from the pulpit that is inspirational, to a choir that has not only our members but some from First Baptist, we do our best to comfort these families in their time of need. Our congregation comes out in a showing of love and respect that is remembered by the family for years to come.

We hope that FPC has been open to your needs and made you feel as at home as it has us. Our family knows that when you walk in these open doors you are HOME!

Keith & Kristie Bryson Duncan & Elizabeth

Consecration Sunday is November 4

with lunch following worship

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...AUGUST 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND		
Actual:	Year to Date	Budget-to-Date
Total Income Received:	310,153.00	367,654.00
Total Expenses:	<u>348,006.00</u>	<u>373,213.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$37,853.00)	(\$ 5,559.00)
GENERAL FUND BUDGET	<u>2018</u>	
Pledges:	509,141	
Total Income:	556,481	
Total Expenses:	556,481	
Weekly Amount Needed to	Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,701</u>	We are behind \$3,143 in pledges.
Average Weekly Amount Re	eceived in August : <u>\$9,128</u>	Ten-Cents-A-Meal for August: \$271
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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

NEWS and NOTES

Building Fund:

In memory of Rodney Morgan, given by Mildred Andrew. In memory of Rodney Morgan, given by Miriam Russell. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Mildred Andrew. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Jack & Joan Boling. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Dr. & Mrs. Steve Foster. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Banks & Susan Garrison. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Robin & Barbara Hayes. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Bill & Lynn Lilly. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Dr. & Mrs. Edgar Marks. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Gina & Roger Martin. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Lee McLaurin. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Glenn & Becky Miller. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Kathryn A. Moore. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Jim & Helen Nance. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Tom & Holly Norwood. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Bob & Claudia Odom. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Helen D. Pearce. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by J.Connie & Adrienne Robinson. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Rogers. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Miriam Russell. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Thomas & Mercene K. Smith. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Frank & Jane Winecoff. In honor of Jean Rabe, given by Tom & Holly Norwood. In honor of the Poplin family, given by Tom & Holly Norwood. **Minister's Discretionary Fund:** In memory of Rodney Morgan, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer. In memory of Rodney Morgan, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by John & Debbie Hahn. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs. **Music Fund:** In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Doris Forte. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by the Hawthorn Garden Club. Scholarship Endowment: In memory of Rodney Morgan, given by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Green. In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Green. Youth & Children's Programs: In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Don & Janice Abernathy.

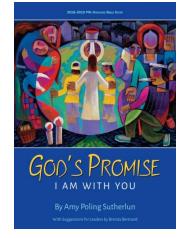
SYMPATHY

To the family of Hessie Clark who died on September 21.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Brittany White (daughter of Martha & Lynn White) and Ryan Coman who were married on September 22. They will make their home in Charlotte.





What is Circle?

We are a small, but loyal, group Bible study which meets in member's homes at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday during the months of February-June, the last Monday in August, and the First Monday in October-December. We welcome new members!

This year, we will use the Presbyterian Women/Horizon's Bible Study book, *God's Promise: I Am With You.* It will take readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. This study does not delve deeply into manifestions of God's presence, i.e. the pillars of cloud and fire, the artk of the Covenant, the temple, but rather, on God's actual articulation of God's presence. We will see anew that God offers these words of comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs into the New Testament and beyond to the end of the age.

On October 1 at 7:00 p.m., we will begin this new study at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle) with Peggy Finley as Bible study leader. Come join us there!

<u>November Newsletter Deadline on Tuesday, October 16.</u> <u>Early submissions are always welcome!</u> <u>If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:</u> pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.

Session has established the date of October 21 for a congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee. This brief meeting will take place immediately following worship. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a slate of deacons, elders, and congregational nominating committee that will be proposed. Nominators may also be made from the floor, with prior approval of the person to be nominated.





Shortbread Cookies Needed

Can You Help?

We look forward to serving Mulled cider and shortbread cookies at Scottish Commuion on October 28! Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) if you could bake or supply shortbread cookies.

SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on September 16, 2018, Session heard the report from the 2016 Financial Review Committee, which was chaired by Elizabeth Wilson. Other committee members were Rob McIntyre and Nancy Joines. The committee presented a summary of findings and recommendations. Session voted to receive the report and charged the Stewardship committee with acting on the recommendations. Session then heard reports from Stewardship, Christian Education, Personnel, Property, Mission, and Nominating committees. The Stewardship chair, Rich Schaefer, reported that the asking budget has been completed for 2019 and contains increases for the Mission committee, utilities, and staff salaries. Pledge cards were distributed to Session members who were asked to return them by the next Session meeting in October. The Christian Education committee reported that the Nanas and Papas are in place for the year. Sunday school started on September 16. Youth Club has started and had 28 participants in the K-3 group on the first day. Faith Explorers had 10 participants, and Youth Cubs had 4. The Personnel committee announced the hiring of Dorothy Hart to fill the vacant Christian Education position. She will focus on programs for grades 6-12 and will also assist with Faith Explorers. The Property committee reported: committee members moved furniture in the education building for carpet cleaning; there have been HVAC repairs on the second floor; the gym is still experiencing problems with acoustics and with sweating in the ceiling; and window screens on educational classrooms have been removed and will either be rescreened or not replaced. The Mission committee announced a trip to Montana de Luz for July 24-31. 2019. Upcoming committee projects include the SCCM Caring and Sharing cups campaign which will run from September 30 through October 21, the Central School backpack program which will resume in October, the SERRV sale on November 11, and the Greater Albemarle Ministers' Association Ecumenical Mission Day on September 29. The committee also reported that a total of 34 boxes were donated to Operation Christmas Child. Boxes can still be donated through November 12. There is an abundant supply of prayer shawls knitted and crocheted by congregation members involved with the Praver Shawl Ministry, and some of the shawls will be donated to Esther House. The Nominating committee announced that they have a full slate of nominees for the Diaconate and Session for the class of 2021. The nominees will be voted on in a congregational meeting scheduled for October 21.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

NEWS and NOTES



In response to your generosity through the school supply collection and luncheon for Central Elementary School staff, we received this note:

First Presbyterian Family,

We are so very thankful for your support at Central. We look forward to partnering with you all this year and getting the First Presbyterian family into our school as regular visitors! Your grace and kindness <u>never</u> go unnoticed, and we appreciate everything you do for our students, teachers, and the community. Together, let's spark a fire of <u>hope</u> in Albemarle that can't be contained!

The Teachers & Staff of Central Elementary School

Thanks to: Ann Duckwall, Gloria Bryson, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, and Ruth Ann Rogers for assisting in the church office in September.

Many thanks to Penny and Jack Morton for hosting the Faith Explorers' pool party on September 23.

THANK YOU TO SEPTEMBER'S FIRST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS

Our First Family volunteers are critical! We could not do it without volunteers like:

Mildred Andrew, Linda Anderson, Keith and Kristie Bryson, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Melissa Eudy, John and Debbie Hahn, Thomas Hahn, Bill Hall, Jim Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Ken Knight, Greg Lisk, Sarah and Ronnie Michael, Courtney, Natalie and Ellie Niederer, Jeff and Kim Robertson, Jim and Mary Louis Sawyer, Harold Sharpe, Lynn White, and all that helped clean up the gym!!!

It is with deep gratitude that Jim Hesley, Jane Snyder and I thank everyone who participated in lemonade on the lawn, the Christmas cookies and punch, and our September fellowship events- Labor Day brunch and Family Fun night with line dancing and square dancing! Everything was a great success and we couldn't do it without your help! Shout outs go to Martha Sue Hall and Dan Samples and their dance entourage, Hugh and Debbie Wainwright, Kim and Jeff Robertson, Jill and Melanie Niebler, Mark Donham, Elizabeth Wilson, Rose Saltzman and family, Tom Norwood, Sarah Michael, Melissa and Wes Eudy and family, Kate Gibson and family, Matt Drumheller, Sandy Saunders and Gloria Bryson. We also want to thank our church family for great attendance and participation! Thank you to our fellowship team members- you are the best!

Connie Wallace, Fellowship Committee Co-Chair

<u>!!! Rally Day Thank You !!!</u>

This Rally Day the Christian Education Committee is to be commended for *PRAISING GOD WITH TAMBOURINE AND DANCE!* They put on a super fun event with great dancers to entertain us! Special thanks to our dancers: Martha Sue Hall and Dan Samples, Wyatt and Ann Crutchfield and Bill and Diane Stevenson! 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 hearts and especially assisting with the clean up! We could not have done this without you: Keith Bryson, John Howell, Skeet Ayscue, Stephan and Leslie Kinley, Kyle and Laura Beth Marks, Donna and Greg Lisk, Ann Snuggs, Melissa Eudy, Penny Morton, Harold Sharpe, Sarah and Ronnie Michael, Gayle Russell, Steve and Michelle Cumming, Linda Anderson, Ann and Wylie Crutchfield, Bill and Diane Stevenson, Martha Sue Hall and Dan Samples, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Thomas and Salem Taylor, Lachlann Currie, Matt Drumheller, Ken Knight, John and Debbie Hahn, Jim and Mary Louise Sawyer, Jim Hesley.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Fall Meeting on **Saturday, Oct. 13**, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the Main Building at **William Peace University, Raleigh, N.C.** The main event will be an audio-visual presentation by Donald C. McLeod about the Scottish emigration to NC, the very interesting mix of Scottish Presbyterian ministers who answered the calls for clergy, and the early churches or kirks in which they preached. Registration is \$20, including lunch. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact Acting Program Chair Barbara Cain at 919-782-0944.

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The Youth Group needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Dorothy Hart (dorothyhart@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:

Doug Archer, cancer. 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. Joan Bunn, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns. Michelle Honeycutt Cole, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma. Jack Dickerson, father of Susan Pandich. Sara Dyer, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns. Lindsey Efird, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS. Glenn Fowler, possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery. Veronica Fraser, friend of Debby Johnston; pancreatic cancer. Kathy Miles Gordon, friend of Ruth Goodwin; pancreatic cancer. Marty Goforth, treatment for melanoma. Conor Granger, nephew of Laura McLeod; mental health issues. Jennie Green, sister of Kristie Bryson; recovering from fall. Calvin Hall, kidney cancer. Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns. Ben Kierstead, nephew of Leslie Carter. Jackie Lynn Kruis, eleven year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson. Denise LaBoube, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma. Junior Lambert, uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer. Molly Amelia Lowder, continuing health concerns. Diane Marks, mother of Kyle Marks; treatment for breast cancer. Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn. Frank Osborne, brother of Lillie Hancock. Karen Russell, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer. David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges. Betty Stancik, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns. Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Sally Warburton, friend of Debbie & John Hahn. Eddie Wilson, brother of Elizabeth Wilson; health concerns. Members of the Congregation:

Sally Grantier. Blue Honeycutt. **Dick Liles.** Polly Moose. Judy Murrell. **Tommy Murrell.** Holly Norwood. Linda Richards. Pete Smith.

Visit the First Presbyterian Church Fall Art Gallery Exhibit **GHA** Autism Supports **Creative Arts Program** Theme: FACE OFF 2018





- 01- Graham Chapman Eston West
- 02- Joan Boling
- 04- Andy McLeod Norman Rogers
- **05-** Christine Andrew
- 06- Jeff Robertson
- **08-** Robert Land
- **10-** Scott Griffin
- **12-** Ella Cumming
- 13- Isabel McLeod

- 20- Cody Stewart
- 21- Leo McLeod
- 22- Billie Jean Snuggs
- 24- Danny Saltzman
- Martha White
- 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 Matt & Catherine Moeller
- 08- Luis & Kellyn Luna
- 16- Keith & Kristie Bryson

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



Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair October 1-5



The Central School Book Fair is scheduled for October 1-5. There is a great need for volunteers. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the Mission bulletin board in the pit stop. Let's help Central School!



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

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

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m.

SCCM NEED FOR OCTOBER:

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Packing a shoebox will be the best gift that you can give a child because he/she will also receive the great, good news of Jesus, our Savior. Each child who receives a shoebox also receives a colorful book in their own language which tells them the story of Jesus. It is estimated that at least 30 family members or friends will also read the book. During First Presbyterian's Christmas in August celebration, 34 shoeboxes were packed: girls 19 and boys 15. There is plenty of time for you to add to that number! Just pick up a box with suggestions/directions for packing, fill your box, and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 4.

SAVE THE DATE

SERRV Bazaar on Sunday, November 11 in the Pit Stop from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship until 1:00 p.m. Shop for food items, coffee, tea, chocolates, etc.

Your catalog orders should be available at this time, also.

SERRV is a nonprofit organization committed to fighting poverty through alternative trade. SERRV creates long-term connections with cooperatives of talented, though marginalized, artisans and farmers. Through these cooperatives, artisans and farmers are assured of receiving a fair wage, design assistance, payment in advance of the product's sale, and help with transport to market. We, the consumer, are assured of quality products at a fair price and have satisfaction from knowing that we have given a *hand up* to life a family out of poverty. Children can attend school and communities are transformed through fair traide with SERRV.



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

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop: October 7, 14, 21 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order! Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.

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The Little Yellow Cup...Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM September 30-October 21

The SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign will begin on Sunday, September 30 and run through Sunday, October 21. Your loose change and bills dropped into a little yellow cup have a tremendous impact on the SCCM programs. In 2017, the Albemarle and Norwood Community Tables served 60,387 meals, the Food Pantry distributed 666,695 pounds of food, and the Assistance Center provided \$111,625 in utility, rent, and medicine assistance. Your donations through the Caring & Sharing Campaign partially fund these programs.

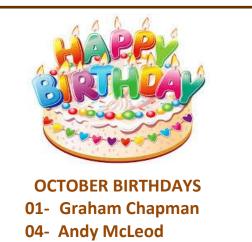


It's finally fall! Our Youth Group just had our first Lock-In where we went to an Escape Room and dinner in Concord, and then returned to the church to play games. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

UP COM ING EVENTS

Sunday, October 7 Sunday, October 14 Sunday, October 21 Sunday, October 28 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Youth Group Corn Maze Youth Group Fall Carnival





24- Danny Saltzman

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 21. 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 member, Keith Bryson. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Keith Bryson, Chair, Robert Ivey, Taylor Johnston, Nancy Joines, Billy Jolly, Jack Morton, and Frankie Palmer. 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.

SESSION

Debbie Bennett has been at FPC 30 years and has served on the Diaconate and Session in the past. Debbie shares her musical "talents" in the choir and makes a "joyful noise" with bells and maracas. Debbie works for Stanly County as a Public Health Educator.

Steve Coats has been at FPC a long time and has served previously on the Diaconate and Session. In addition to his wife Elaine, they have two talented children in Jordi and Austin. Steve in his spare time has been know to refinish a sweet boat and take time out to paddle across the lake accompanying Elaine on one of her marathon swims.

Ben Jolly has been at FPC for his entire life, 49 years, and has served on the Diaconate and Session in the past. Ben also shares his talents in the choir. His family consists of wife Liz, son Adam, and daughter Katherine. In his spare time, you can find Ben reading a good book or getting in a workout.

Jacob Palmer is a junior at Gray Stone Day School. He lives in Locust and has been going to FPC his whole life. He enjoys school and swimming, and is currently swimming for Sailfish Aquatics at the Stanly County YMC. Jacob works at the YMCA lifeguarding and teaching swim lessons. In his spare time, he enjoys trips to the mountains and the beach, but most importantly, Mexican food.

Jim Sawyer has been with FPC since 1998 and has previously served on the Diaconate and Session. Around the church, Jim helps John Hahn with various project as an expert ladder holder. Jim also sings in the choir and has served as head of ushering. Jim's family consists of wife Mary Louise and sons John and Christopher. In his spare time, he volunteers with Homes of Hope, The Historical Society, and Boy Scouts of America.

DIACONATE

Wiley Crutchfield joined FPC 15 months ago although he and his wife Ann attended 6 years or so before joining. You can see Wiley in our choir where he shares his talents on Sunday. Wiley and Ann have 2 grown daughters...Megan and Kayla...as well as a wonderful grandchild. Wiley's hobbies include saving SAAB automobiles, as well as the occasional home flipping.

Melissa Hinson Eudy has been a member of FPC since 2000 when she became the Director of Youth Ministries. Since then, Melissa married Wes Eudy, and they baptized their three children... Nathaniel (10), Cidney (8), and Julian Claire (3)...in this very sanctuary. She teaches Sunday School, works with Youth Club, and performs other duties as assigned. Outside of church, Melissa works with Wes at Donald R. Eudy & Associates, substitutes at Gray Stone Day School, and serves on the JCPC and Friends of the Library boards, and participates with the Uwharrie Players. She looks forward to serving the church in the role of deacon and is honored to answer the call.

John Howell has been with FPC 18 +/- years and has served numerous times on the Diaconate and Session. John can be found cooking breakfast for the Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast and is often recruited to kitchen duties for other events as well. He and his wife Robin, have a son, John, who is married to Lauren, and are proud grandparents to Aubrey Jane. John enjoys spending his spare time in the great outdoors.

Penny Morton has been a member of FPC for 10 years. She is a loyal Sunday School teacher, Music & Arts Camp Volunteer, Cooking Camp Volunteer, and volunteer for the Faith Sharing with Children moment in worship where the children and congregation enjoy her energy. Penny and husband, Jack, have two daughters...Caroline & Taylor...and four wonderful grandkids. In her spare time, Penny likes to run, read, pull for the Panthers, and hit the gym.

Courtney Neiderer joined FPC Albemarle in November of 2017 although she had been attending for at least a year before joining. At church you may find her teaching the $3-5^{th}$ grade Sunday School Class or working with the Faith Explorers. She and her husband Eric of 13 years have two daughters, Ellie a 3^{rd} grader and Natalie a 5^{th} grader both of whom are at Badin Elementary School. Courtney teaches high school math at Gray Stone Day School, and in her spare time likes to read a good book and go to the beach.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

Did you know that, in addition to making and sharing prayer shawls for our own members and friends, First Presbyterian Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry has given more than a dozen shawls to Esther House for their clients who have suffered abuse and will soon given some to the Mary & Martha Center, for their clients who come seeking hope and someone to walk alongside them?



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Wednesday, October 3 Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel...Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym Menu: Ritz Chicken, Mashed Potato Bar (cheese, butter, sour cream, chives, bacon bits, ham, broccoli, gravy), Green Beans, Autumn Mixed Green Salad, Rolls, PB & J Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Contact the church office to make reservations (704-982-2722 or <u>klambert@fpcalbemarle.org</u>).

Volunteers Are Needed for First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m. Salad & Potato Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m. Set-up Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 3:45 p.m.

Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, October 3 at 6:45 p.m.

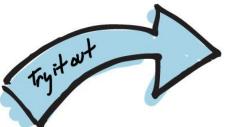
If you haven't ever joined us, please do. We have such a good time together! Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help!





We will be continuing our Young Adult Lunches during the Fall. We will try to visit a variety of restaurants throughout the Fall. If you have any requests, let Matt know (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Plan to meet at noon on the first Thursday of every month:

October 4 at the Goody Shop Cafe November 1 at El Ranchito



Fun, Light, Easy Exercise

What is it? A seated stretching exercise class. All exercises can be easily modified to benefit every fitness level.
When? Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.

When? Where?

Where?In the gymInstructor?Our own Kim Robertson will lead the group.

Relax & de-stress while improving flexibility and muscle tone.

Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins Tuesday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen Come join Jane for a mug of coffee, some fun mingling, and making muffins! You choose in what way you would like to participate:

1. Bake muffins on Tuesday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m. **OR**

2. Bake & Take the muffins to those in our church and community. **OR**

3. Deliver the muffins to those in our church and community.

Contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358-call/text or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you want to participate.



The FPC Congregational Retreat is Coming Up!



Location: Morrow Mountain State Park Dates: October 12-14 Theme: Faith, Family, & Friends

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we experience the beauty of God's creation close to home. Camp, stay in cabins, or commute to enjoy activities with your congregational friends while making new ones. Activities will include hiking, canoeing, tailgating, pumpkin painting, campfire sing-a-longs, and more! Campfires & food will be plentiful! S'mores construction will be inevitable!

Menu: Friday Dinner...Foil Packs Saturday Breakfast...Flapjacks & Fixin's Saturday Lunch...Hotdogs Saturday Dinner...Low Country Boil (no seafood) Sunday Breakfast...Pastries, Bagels, & More

For more information, contact a committee member:

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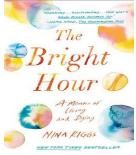
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Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders on Sunday, October 21 By third grade, most children are ready to move beyond a Bible storybook to reading

the Bible for themselves. As an expression of our baptism vows, the congregation at First Presbyterian Church gives a Bible to each third grader and encourages participation of each child and parent in a *Getting to Know Your Bible* workshop.

Bibles will be presented in worship, and parents and third graders will spend the afternoon with Matt and Elizabeth getting acquainted with the new Bible.



October Book Conversation The Bright Hour... A Memoir of Living and Dying By Nina Riggs Monday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor Books are available in the church office. Cost: \$12.00

This memoir, of a 37 year old diagnosed with breast cancer, is a celebration of life and an urgent call to honor what makes us human: love, art, music, and words. Riggs' work is being compared to When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF During Sunday School on Sunday, October 28



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 28. Your gifts make a difference!



Fall Carnival

Sunday, October 28 5:00 p.m.-6:30 pm. in the Church Gym

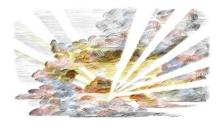
On October 28, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



<u>I!! ATTENTION !!!</u> DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4. REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!

All Saints Day...Sunday, November 4

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 4. 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.





Time for Homes of Hope's Fall... HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER Friday, November 9th 6:30 am – 9:30 am Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 172 N. Second Street, Albemarle Donations Accepted! Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:



United Way of Stanly County

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 <u>no later than</u> **Sunday, November 4.** 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 11. 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:	



Our halls have been filled with 38 children in grades K-5 on Wednesdays for the month of September. Youth Club has gotten off to a great start this fall, and the children are back in the swing of recreation, bible study, music, art, and tasty snacks. We are delighted to have such an exciting group of young people at the church once a week!

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd Graders): Using the guidance of the *Stepping Stones of Faith* book that our Christian Education committee recently developed, the Trusty Travelers are spending this fall and spring learning about some of the most important stories of Scripture. It is important for our youngest folks to learn the significant stories of our faith, and we will be exploring these stories together.

Faith Explorers (4th and 5th Graders): Our Faith Explorers have been learning about Psalm 23 and Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We have been discussing ways in which God cares for us and ways in which we can care for others. We have also been talking about how to communicate and hear from God and have been doing prayer stations. The Faith Explorers are singing and learning to play handbells. Last month, the Faith Explorers had a pool party at Penny & Jack Morton's home! We had so much fun playing games and floating around in the pool. Thank you to Penny & Jack for hosting the Faith Explorers!



Youth Cubs

Cubs have begun with pathways to God provided through scripture, prayer, music, play, art, and Bible lessons that teach how big God is and how much he loves us all! We have started with themes of God's creation of our world and his creation of each of us.



Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come?	2 nd & 3 rd graders
What?	Breakfastmuffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
When?	Sunday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m.
Where?	Media Room
Why?	To pray together & build a strong community of faith
Please let Iill Niehler (ilnieh	ler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us

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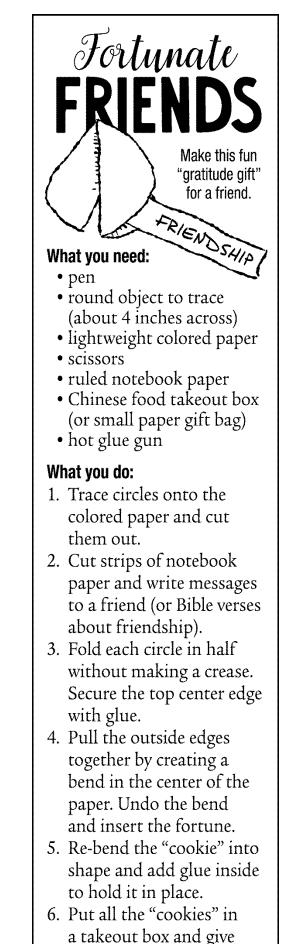


Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

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a friend					
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Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs



to your friend.



Monday, October 15

Monday, O	ctober 1
7:00 pm	Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson
•	, (811 Smith St., Albemarle)
ma 00:8	Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt
Tuesday, O	
	First Family Dessert Crew
11:15 am	
Wednesday	y, October 3
6:30 am	Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
	First Family Salad & Potato Crew
12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
3:15 pm-	5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
3:45 am	First Family Set-Up Crew
5:00 pm	First Family Final Touches Crew
5:45 pm	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
6:00 pm	First Family Dinner
6:45 pm	First Family Clean-Up Crew
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 0	October 4
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
11:15 am	Stretch Class (Gym)
12:00 pm	Young Adult Lunch at the Goody Shop Cafe
Sunday, Oc	tober 7
World Com	munion Sunday/ The Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper/Ten	-Cents-A-Meal/SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup
Campaign	
9:00 am	Breakfast Bunch
9:00 am-	11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
9:45 am	*Sunday School
11:00 am	*Worship
12:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
5:00 pm-	7:30 pm Youth Group
Monday, O	ctober 8
8:00 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt
Tuesday, O	ctober 9
9:30 am	Mugs, Mingling, & Muffins
11:15 am	Stretch Class (Gym)
Wednesday	y, October 10
6:30 am	Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
3:15 pm-	5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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	Staff Meeting
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-	October 13 Congregational Retreat
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	g & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign/Congregational
Retreat	
8:30 am	Worship at Morrow Mountain (amphitheatre)
	11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
9:45 am	*Sunday School
11:00 am	*Worship (sanctuary)
6:00 pm-	9:30 pm Youth Group (Corn Maze)

8:00 pm Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt **Tuesday, October 16** 11:15 am Stretch Exercise (Gym) 12:00 pm November Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, October 17 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Thursday, October 18 10:00 am Staff Meeting 11:15 am Stretch Exercise (Gym) Sunday, October 21 Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders/Trusty Travelers sing in worship/SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cup Campaign/Congregational Meeting 8:30 am *Session 8:45 am *Diaconate 9:00 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop 9:45 am *Sunday School 11:00 am *Worship 12:00 pm *Congregational Meeting 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group Monday, October 22 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Parlor) 8:00 pm Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt **Tuesday, October 23** 9:30 am Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Monroe (302 East Windsor St., Monroe) 11:15 am Stretch Exercise (Gym) Wednesday, October 24 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30 am Backpack Food Program 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Thursday, October 25 10:00 am Staff Meeting 11:15 pm Stretch Exercise (Gym) Sunday, October 28 Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' of the Tartans/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 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 29 8:00 pm Monday Evening Bible Study w/Matt Tuesday, October 30 11:15 am Stretch Exercise (Gym) Wednesday, October 31 No Youth Club 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Taylor Barbee, Duncan Bryson, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson

Elder Greeters for October: Lee McLaurin; Lynn White

Nursery:

October 7: Cortney Brown October 14: Cortney Brown October 21: Cortney Brown October 28: Cortney Brown

Acolytes:

October 7: Graham Chapman October 14: Andy McLeod October 21: Leah Kilde **October 28:** Katherine Jolly

Kids Care Crew:

October 7: Kristie Bryson & Elizabeth Bryson October 14: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks October 21: Chris Mabry; Greg Lisk October 28: Gayle & Ned Russell

Outside Ushers:

October 7: Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks October 14: Brad Boone; John Earnhardt October 21: Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley October 28: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood

Children's Church for October:

October 7: No Children's Church October 14: Frankie Palmer; Jacob Palmer October 21: TBD October 28: No Children's Church

Session & Diaconate Meeting Sunday, October 21 Cortney Brown

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