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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

We stand on the threshold of a new program year. I look forward to taking the last step over the threshold with you. Many programs continue as they did last year - our Sunday evening youth program welcomes new youth and adult advisors, and continues in the same time and place. Our Youth Club program has adapted to the new school schedule with new beginning and ending times (now 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays).

There are new Bible studies and Sunday School classes for adults as our children maintain their classes. Many of our on-going mission efforts continue - backpacks filled with food for children at Central Elementary School, collecting food for SCCM, serving meals at the Community Inn and Community Table. And there are new initiatives too - an October panel discussion on the opioid epidemic will be held for the benefit of the community; conversations about how we will partner with the Albemarle Pfeiffer campus are underway, and much more.

All of these missions and ministry are sustained by worship as we hold this work before the God who created us and called us into relationship with him and one another. Please make Sunday mornings with your church family a priority. We need each other.

Grace and Peace,

Elizabeth



Worship on Labor Day on Sunday, September 1 at 9:00 a.m. at the YMCA Park

The congregation will worship God outside at the YMCA park as we celebrate God's goodness on the unofficial last Sunday of Summer. Gather at 9:00 a.m. in the shaded seating area beside the Y pavilion.

Dress is informal; well behaved pets are welcome.

We'll sing, pray, and read scripture as we enjoy God's wide open canopy. The Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger will be collected.

The Fellowship Committee will provide snacks following worship.



On Sunday mornings, outside ushers lock all exterior doors (except the sanctuary door) within a few minutes after worship begins. If you're running late, you'll receive a warm welcome at the sanctuary door.



WORSHIP NOTES FOR RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 8 Rally Day

- Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.
- The adult choir returns to the choir loft. Teachers and leaders in the Christian Education program will be commissioned.
- Matt and Elizabeth will kick-off a preaching series on *Stepping Boldly Forward*. It will focus on biblical characters who act boldly on behalf of God's people and how we might emulate them.
- We'll mark the beginning of the co-pastor relationship between Matt and Elizabeth with appropriate liturgy.

10 CENTS A MEAL

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on September 1. 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 \$106.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in July. Let's do better in September!



2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 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.



We are in need of a few more outside ushers.

Each one serves once or twice per quarter on Sunday mornings

from 10:40 a.m. – noon.

To say you will help and/or to get more information, contact Elizabeth (704-982-2722 or eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org).



Sabbatical Summary

Matt has returned from a three-month sabbatical rested and excited for ministry. While on sabbatical he spent time hiking in Scotland with Claire, co-leading a youth conference at Montreat, visiting with family and friends, worshipping at other churches, studying pastoral leadership, and resting. He will be preaching, teaching, and talking about his experiences over the next few months, so please keep your eyes open for upcoming opportunities to talk to Matt.





RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE GYM

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Food, Games, Art, and Much More! Come for a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings!



RALLY DAY EVENT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE HOME OF JOHN AND ROBIN HOWELL

(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle) Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided.

Please bring your favorite side or dessert, a picnic blanket, chairs, towels, etc...

Fun, old-fashioned games led by our youth group! Prepare to get wet!

5:00 p.m. Games

6:00 p.m. Dinner

This will be a family-friendly evening for the entire congregation. Don't miss a minute of it! Please RSVP to Kyle Lambert in the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education Sunday, September 8 during worship

On Rally Day, teachers and leaders in the Christian Education program will be commissioned during worship. Please plan to come to Rally Day (which begins at 9:30 a.m.) and worship (which begins at 11:00 a.m.) to support and encourage our 2019-2020 teachers and leaders as they begin guiding our congregation in various ways.

Sunday School is for Everyone from 9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m. beginning September 15

In the early years, parents lay the foundation for a life is faith in their children. This happens at home and through experiences the parent provides for their child(ren). Sunday School allows children to explore their faith in new ways with other adults and children.

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	Kate Gibson;Jill Niebler
Grades K-2	K-2 Room	Heather Deese; Melissa & Wes Eudy
Grades 3-5	2 nd Floor Classroom	Penny Morton; Courtney Niederer; Brett Richards
Grades 6-12	Teen Room	Matt Drumheller

6th-12th Graders...Teen Room 3rd Floor...Our middle school and high school Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall. We will use a video resource called, *The Bible Project* to explore broad themes of scripture, the words used in the Bible, and the meanings of particular Bible books. Matt will be leading this class.

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

Adult Bible DiscussionLed by Greg LiskLocation: Classroom 2 (Basement)Greg Lisk will lead this group as they make connections with Scripture, each other, FPC members, and the
wider community. Anyone is welcome to share in the fellowship and conversation.

Connections Class Led by Elizabeth Ayscue Location: Media Room (Basement) This is a new adult Sunday School class designed specifically for parents with school-aged children, but others are welcome. It's a place to connect with peers who may share similar frustrations and joys. It's a place to ask questions of faith... and to find mutual understanding. The curriculum will be decided by the group.

The Wired WordLed by Rich SchaeferLocation: 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, so feel free to join the group!

The Seekers ClassLed by Dr. Bill JollyLocation: Old Session Room (Basement)Dr. Bill Jolly will continue to exployre some of the difficult callings introduced in scripture through the
book, The Hard Sayings of Jesus written by F.F. Bruce. Join us to explore the wondrous calling of
discipleship.



The Stewardship theme for this year is Stepping Boldly Forward. The theme will be kicked off on Rally Day and you will hear Matt and Elizabeth preach about this concept during September and October. It is also an opportunity for each of us to reflect upon how we as a church and as individuals are called to act boldly to live out our faith.

We hope that a part of your bold action will be to generously support our church so that we may continue our exceptional programs and mission work and fairly compensate our staff, including the increased costs of moving to the co-Pastor model. Pledge cards will be mailed to you in late September. In addition to printed information and minutes for mission in worship, please contact Rich Schaefer (336-461-3422 or richard.schaefer@gmail.com) or Jim Sawyer (704-986-6320 or jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com) if you would like for someone to visit with you with more information. We will celebrate the end of the campaign on Consecration Sunday, October 20th, including a festive luncheon after worship.

Consecration Sunday is October 20 with lunch following worship.



Sunday, November 3

What's up?	It's a new way for women to be together. We're staying in town so non- travelers can share in fellowship and faith.
When is it?	Sunday, November 3 from post-worship until 4:00 p.m.
Where will it happen?	Lynn Poplin has offered her home (504 Muirfield Drive, Albemarle). We'll meet there following worship, have lunch, make new connections through faith-filled conversation, and enjoy lots of laughter.
Who's it for?	Women of all ages. Friends and family members are welcome.
Cost? Contact the church of	\$10.00 for lunch ffice to reserve your spot (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org).

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JULY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND		
Actual:	Year to Date	Budget-to-Date
Total Income Received:	276,420.00	320,687.00
Total Expenses:	<u>308,229.00</u>	<u>331,847.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$31,809.00)	(\$11,160.00)
GENERAL FUND BUDGET 20	<u>19</u>	
Pledges:	479,500	
Total Income:	552,963	
Total Expenses:	552,963	
Weekly Amount Needed to I	Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,634</u>	We are behind \$10,205 in pledges.
Average Weekly Amount Received in July: \$4,921		Ten-Cents-A-Meal for July: \$106

At its meeting in August, the Endowment Committee responded to the grant requests which were submitted. The amount distributed from the Gaither Endowment was \$9,830. Funds were distributed to:

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Building Fund:

CENEDAL FUND

In memory of Tom Rabe, given by Mark & Chris Mabry.

General Fund:

In honor of Jim Hesley, given by Jean Hendley.

<u>Music Fund:</u>

In memory of Gladys Benson, given by Marlene & Nathan Sanges. In memory of Blue Honeycutt, given by Doris Forte. In memory of Blue Honeycutt, given by Marlene & Nathan Sanges.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Ned Beachum, given by Mildred Andrew. In memory of Ned Beachum, given by Dr. & Mrs. Francis Green. In memory of Ned Beachum, given by Mark & Chris Mabry. In memory of Ned Beachum, given by Ed & Rosemary Thomas. In memory of Robert Granger, given by Gina & Roger Martin. In memory of Benton Payne, given by Martha & Keith Wolf. In memory of Dotty & Elworth Plyler, given by Stephen & Peggy Isenhour.

SYMPATHY

To Kim Robertson upon the death of her father, Ned Beachum, on June 12. To Laura McLeod upon the death of her father, Robert Granger, on August 6.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Bo and Lauren Andrew upon the birth of their daughter, Jordan Rae Andrew, on June 11. Proud grandparents are Kim and Mark Andrew.

To Meredith and Dereck Moses upon the birth of their son, Hampton Thomas Moses, on July 4.

To Taylor and Lisa Rauch Johnston upon the birth of their daughter, Margot Ann Johnston, on July 20. Proud grandparents are Debby & Bob Johnston.

New Mailing Address:

Rose and Lenny Saltzman (Danny and Katie) 5933 Londonderry Ct. NW Concord, NC 28027

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SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on August 18, 2019, Session welcomed back Reverend Matt Drumheller from sabbatical and heard reports from Christian Education, Personnel, Stewardship, Property, Mission and Nominating committees. The Christian Education committee reported that planning is underway for the education programs that are beginning in September. The Personnel committee reported that Rev. Drumheller's role as co-pastor, which officially begins on September 1, will be formalized in worship on September 8, which is also Rally Day. The Stewardship committee announced the theme for the fall stewardship campaign, Stepping Boldly Forward. Letters and pledge cards will be mailed at the end of September. Pledge cards should be returned by Consecration Sunday, which will be observed on October 20. The budget for 2020 will be presented to Session on December 15; terms of call for the pastors will be presented to the congregation on January 19, 2020. The Property committee reported that three outside doors have been repainted and that the teen room has been repainted. The Mission committee reported that a back-to-school brunch for Central School staff will be held at the church on Monday, August 19. The Circle the Sanctuary project collected 450 pounds of food for SCCM. The recent mission trip to Montana de Luz was very successful; funds that had been collected for the trip but not spent, approximately \$2,000, will be donated to Montana de Luz. The Central School backpack program will start again in September. A barbecue fundraiser to benefit the Community Inn will be held on September 27 at West Albemarle Baptist; volunteers are needed. Sharing and Caring collection will begin in September. On September 29, the Faith on the Fifth offering will be collected for heating and cooling for SCCM. The Faith on the Fifth offering in June collected \$1,300 for Will's Place. The Nominating committee reported that the slate of officers for 2020 is almost complete. Session approved the nominating committee's recommendation that a congregational meeting be held on October 13 for the purpose of electing officers to fill upcoming vacancies on Diaconate and Session.

Ministers' report: Youth Club will begin on September 11 and will be scheduled weekly from 4-6 p.m. Attendance this coming year is expected to be affected by the staggered school schedules. Reformation Sunday is the last Sunday in October and the church will observe Scottish Communion and Kirkin' of the Tartans. First Presbyterian of Norwood and Locust Presbyterian have again been invited to participate. The annual women's retreat will be held in local venues this year on two Sunday afternoons.

The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

NEED TO BORROW DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?

Did you know the church maintains a closet of gently used medical equipment for your use?

You can find: Wheelchairs, Walkers, Crutches, Canes, Bedside commodes

If you need to borrow any of these items, contact Kyle (704-982-2722 or <u>klambert@fpcalbemarle.org</u>).

October Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, September 17. Early submissions are always welcome! If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.





THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide exists to:

- offer resources that encourage daily spiritual practice,
- call Christians to a life of living prayer,
- create meaningful, transformational experiences and studies for individuals, small groups, and congregations,
 - help people grow deeper in love with God and neighbor,
- support churches in becoming centers of prayer and spiritual formation,
- inspire spiritual leaders to lead with a listening heart, and
- invite the "spiritually curious" to living waters.

The Upper Room devotional guide is available for your use. Daily readings will help focus your prayer and study.

The Upper Room can be found in the pit stop, the church office, and the narthex.

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Linda Anderson and Michelle Cumming for creating new bulletin boards.

Richard Lambert for coordinating the painting of the teen room, and to fellow helpers, Barbara Lindley, Kim & Jeff Robertson, Harold Sharpe, and Joe Snuggs.

David Whitley for painting the exterior doors from the gym and kitchen.

John Howell and David Whitley for repairing the plaster in the media room.

Connie Wallace and Ken Knight for hosting vespers.

All the folks who hosted Lemonade on the Lawn.

Thanks from Anna Wainwright

I just wanted to thank you all again for giving me the opportunity to speak in church on June 23. I am grateful to be part of a congregation that is so welcoming to new ideas! Even though it is not often, I always look forward to returning to Albemarle to see all the welcoming faces of FPC. Thank you for always supporting me as I grow. I am eager to continue building my faith and asking the difficult questions alongside the people of this church. See you soon!



COOKING CAMP THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the Cooking Camp volunteers for sharing their time, talent, energy, love, and creativity with each other and with the children. We had another very successful year with lots of GREAT food! (See the bulletin board in the Pit Stop for some of our recipes and pictures.) This camp COULD NOT happen without all of these wonderful, committed volunteers. It takes a lot of people to make this camp great! Janice Abernathy, Debbie Bennett, Jane Boone, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Peggy Finley,

Susan Garrison, Jim Hesley, Tyler Horton, John Howell, Margaret Ivey, Debby Johnston, Cathy King, Greg Lisk, Anne Montgomery, Courtney Niederer, Natalie Niederer, Barbara Overcash, Frankie Palmer, Jim Sawyer, Mary Louise Sawyer, Janet Schaefer, Caroline Snyder, Finley Sutton, and Martha Wolf.

Thanks to all who helped with the Central School Staff & Teachers Luncheon on August 18:

Thank you from Ruth Cotton and Carolyn Sharpe to the following people who help on the day of the lunch: Ann Duckwall, Susan Garrison, Joyce Lambert, Kim Robertson, and Sandy Saunders.

Thanks from Ruth Cotton and Carolyn Sharpe to all who made salad or dessert or wonderful bread: Linda Anderson, Elizabeth Ayscue, Mildred Andrew, Melissa Eudy, Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Debbie Johnston, Liz Jolly, Heather Kilde, Cathy King, Kyle Lambert, Penny Morton, and Lynn Poplin.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 8**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

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

In memory of:	
Given by:	
In honor of:	
Given by:	



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:

Brinn Andrew, daughter of Kellie & Jason Andrew; treatment for neuroblastoma. Doug Archer, cancer. Dale Benson, brother of Ann Crutchfield. Ted Biggers, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples. Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn. Joan Bunn, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns. Mike Burke, brain cancer. Michelle Honeycutt Cole, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma. Katherine Cox, mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns. Jeanette Eudy, friend of Liz Davis; peritoneal cancer. Marty Goforth, treatment for melanoma. Calvin Hall, kidney cancer. Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns. 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. Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor. Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. James Nunn, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve. Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn. Frank Osborne, brother of Lillie Hancock. Hilda Perry, sister of Cathryn Harwood; continuing health concerns. David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges. Judy Smith, friend of Meredith Moses; pancreatic cancer. Betty Stancik, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns. Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. John Taylor, International Mission Worker. Judy Toney, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. Sally Warburton, friend of Debbie & John Hahn. Jason Washburn, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.

Members of the Congregation:

Davis Fort. Mark Mabry. Tommy Murrell. Jane Pickler. Cam Rogers. Linda Richards. Pete Smith.

Days

- 01- Frank Poolos
- 02- Betty Crook
- 03- Wayne Palmer
- 04- Margaret Ivey
- 06- Laura McLeod
- **10-** Grace Richards
- 11- Kelly Lentz Ned Russell
- 13- Jane Pickler Carolyn Sharpe
- 15- Jim Hesley
- 16- Kyle Marks David Morgan
- 17- Peggy Rogers
- 18- Sam Davis Nathaniel Eudy

- **19- Becky Miller**
- 20- Angus Currie Brent Lisk Grant Lisk
- 21- Ben Andrew Oliver Henkenjohann
- 22- Jake Whisnant
- 25- Kristie Bryson
- 27- Carter Gibson Caroline West
- 28- Ruth Goforth
- 30- Kennady Atwater Hannah Martin Jordan Morgan



- 01- Miller and Teryn Morgan
- 05- Jim and Leslie Carter
- **10-** Richard and Janet Schaefer
- 15- Banks and Susan Garrison
- 16- Don and Sheryl Stewart
- 26- Joe and Ann Snuggs
- 27- John and Jessica Palmer



Thanks from the Mission Committee...

In response to your generosity, 447 pounds of food was received for Circle the Sanctuary. Thanks for helping meet a community need.

Also, you helped meet a need with your support of the Faith on the Fifth Offering for Will's Place. Your donations helped raise \$1,295 for this great organization.



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.

Caring &	Caring &	Caring &
Sharing	Sharing	Sharing
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SCCM	SCCM	SCCM

The Little Yellow Cup

The SCCM Caring and Sharing Campaign will begin on **Sunday, September 22 and continue through Sunday, October 13**. 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.

FEEDING THOSE WITHOUT HOMES

The first Friday of each month, several members of First Presbyterian Church gather at the Community Inn to serve the evening meal. We have several volunteers that rotate providing food and coming to help for about an hour. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, we would love to have you. You can volunteer to make some of the food, volunteer to serve, or both! Send your desire to help in an email to Skeet at aayscue1@live.com. He will add you to the list in which he sends out a message each month requesting help with the meal. If you can help, let him know. If you can't, maybe in the following month. It's a very easy way to make a difference.









The Mary and Martha Center for Women and Community Care, Inc

Human lives are fragile strings of breath that can be altered forever by losses of various sorts: death and tragedy in a family, illness and trauma, joblessness and homelessness,

addiction, life transitions such as being an empty nester, a widow, an aging person, a lonely person, a young person, a person who searches for meaning, happiness, or contentment. The Mary and Martha Center for Community Care, Inc is a house of friendship, compassion, and help for women and their family members who are experiencing a difficult life situation and distress. We offer counseling and enpowerment services that will assist women to walk with courage and hope through various questions, challenges, and demanding tasks in their lives.

In my Father's House are many rooms. John 14:2

We believe that God has a place for everybody in His House, and we strive to embody God's hospitality and welcome through our practices of care. Submitted by: Kim Marshall

YOU CAN HELP!...You can help the Mary & Martha Center for Women and Community Care, Inc. by contributing your quarters to the Quarter Ministry. This assist women with laundry quarters and detergent. Glass jars are available at both entrances to the sanctuary to receive your donations.

Mission Trip to Montaña de Luz

In case you were unable to attend the service on August 11, the group that went on the 13th sponsored trip of First Presbyterian Church to Montaña de Luz (MDL) in Honduras reported on a fantastic experience. Anna Wainwright, Debby Johnston, Mark Donham, Spencer Ayscue, Skeet Ayscue, and Cherry Ayscue (Skeet's sister-in-law) renewed old friendships and made new ones during their week at the orphanage for children with HIV. Anna Jackson, new U.S. Director of MDL, spent the week with our group and updated us on all the new developments.

Last year the water pump from the town below MDL went out for several months. With no water, a plan was developed to divide the children among the caretakers (Tías & Tíos). During this time, the in-country director decided that a long-term solution to the water pump problem would be to purchase and install their own pump to get water up the mountain. They followed this plan and when the children finally returned, the report was that, overall, the children did better in the family setting. This discovery has led to a re-imaging of the form of care that MDL will provide in the future.

There has already been an emphasis on family reunification as extended families of these children have expressed interest in taking in relatives. This process includes multiple visits from the nurse for training to deal with HIV, along with a social worker, educator, and psychologist. If the family is deemed ready, the MDL child moves in with them. Regular visits from the MDL team follows their progress closely. Those children without families ready to take them will eventually move in with the family of the Tías or Tíos. They will also need receive some special training. There will be a few children who will most likely need to remain at the current MDL compound. And new children will probably begin at the headquarters. The facility will also be used for large group gatherings, school for children having a difficult time in the public school, lodging for visiting families, special community events, and celebrations for different achievements of the children.

Our group worked at the home of one of the Tías who took in children during the water crisis, and will also be taking in a child or two in the future. This work included preparing several brick walls for parching with a machete (really), lots of sweeping, mixing cement by hand, and attempting to learn the technique of taking a trowel of cement and flinging it evenly across the bricks – much to the amusement of the Hondurans working with us. The late afternoons and evenings were spent with the children making crafts, playing cards, making ice cream, launching water balloons at each other, playing "Capture the Flag" with glow-in-the-the dark necklaces, bracelets, and balloons, and morning devotions before school.

We also got to hear about the situation in the rest of Honduras during a special presentation. The report centered on much of the corruption of the government that, in part, imperils most of the low wage earners, and is a major factor in so many folks desperately seeking to come to the United States. An 18-year old young man told the group of his harrowing trip in coming to America, including not eating anything for 9 days. He was picked up as a 17-year-old and kept in confinement until he turned 18 and could be deported. When asked if he would try that again and he responded that he would. A very sad situation.

The good news during the trip included that 3 new very young children coming to MDL were already in the process of being adopted by Tías, and an adequate house was being built for the one adopting twins. The Mission Committee voted to send the remainder of the mission trip money to MDL to complete the house. All of the children at MDL were healthy and happy, and there was always lots of laughter to go around. A thoroughly wonderful trip! Submitted by: Skeet Ayscue









Youth Club 2019-2020 begins Wednesday, September 11 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Kindergarten-3rd grade (Trusty Travelers) 4th-5th grade (Faith Explorers)

<u>Youth Club Trusty Travelers</u> - Matt Drumheller will again serve as coordinator for the program. Questions and registration forms should be directed to him (704-982-2722 or <u>mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org</u>).

Schedule

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Recreation and Snack
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Bible Study, Art, and Music

Youth Club Faith Explorers – Faith Explorers will meet together on the 2nd floor where much of their afternoon will be spent. Schedule

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Snack and Recreation
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Bible Study
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Music



Communion Workshop for Children on Sunday, September 29 Noon-2:30 p.m.

We will have our annual communion workshop for children grades K-2 and their parents on September 29 after worship. Children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Please plan to stay for lunch and conversation!

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!		
Who can come?	2 nd & 3 rd graders	
What?	Breakfastmuffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.	
When?	Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m.	
Where?	Media Room	
Why?	To pray together & build strong community of faith	
Please let Jill Niebler (jlniel	bler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.	



Faith Explorers

Our 4th & 5th graders will enjoy monthly outings during the school year, as well as a clearly defined program during Youth Club on Wednesdays. First Outing: Sunday, September 22

Lunch & Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen to church as we'll head over to the pool after worship.

Pick-up time: 3:00 p.m. at the Morton's home (40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)

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Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders

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.

Date: Sunday, October 13 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.



Our Youth Kick-off event is Sunday, September 15 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the church. All youth (middle & high school) are invited to attend. We will have dinner, meet our newest youth group members, and play games!

Sunday, September 15 Sunday, September 22 Sunday, September 29

 Youth Kick-off
 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

 Youth Group
 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

 Youth Group
 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Our traditional schedule for Youth Group will begin on Sunday, September 22.Middle Schoolers5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.Dinner for All Youth6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.High Schoolers6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Summer Mission Days

For our summer afternoon missions, the youth participated in a variety of projects to support various organizations around downtown during June and July. For our first project, we cleaned the outdoor furniture at



the Mary & Martha Center. Later in June, we came back to paint the furniture white. On our final outing, we baked cookies that we delivered to the police station and to Will's Place. We had a great time performing meaningful service for those in our community!





For whom? When?

Where? What happens?

Children in grades K-2
It takes place on most Sundays, following Faith Sharing with Children in the sanctuary.
In the Chapel
Children's Church is designed to help our children experience age-appropriate

worship. The children spend about 15 minutes in the chapel after they leave the sanctuary. They sing, pray, hear a Bible story, and *practice rituals* that are part of our Sunday mornings.

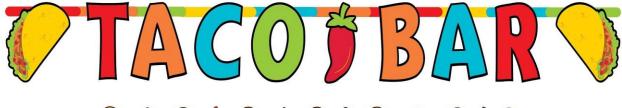
If you want to know more, contact Elizabeth (704-982-2722 or <u>eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org</u>).



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 4 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

For more information, contact Peggy Finley (704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net).





FIRST FAMILY GATHERING

EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 6:00 P.M.

We are gearing up for our **FIRST FAMILY GATHERING** on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars for the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.** We will provide great meals with healthy meal choices every month. Let's have a fiesta to celebrate the start of a new season!

September Menu: Taco Bar, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Tortilla Chips and Cheese Dip, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Taco Salad.

> Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, September 3 (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. Taco and Salad crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m. Set up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m. Clean-up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help ③



Young adult lunches are a chance to gather in the middle of the work week to enjoy each other's company and some local dining. This month we will gather on September 5th at 12:00 at Thai Spice. I hope you are able to join us for lunch! Contact Matt for more information (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

Thursday, September 5 at 12:00 p.m. Thai Spice (1621 East Main Street, Albemarle)



Continuing on September 8, Matt will host a weekly Bible study on Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m. The group will move around between different restaurants from week to week, so contact him to get on the reminder list (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). We will spend time exploring Scripture, eating good food, and discussing life and faith. Anyone is welcome to join us for this ecumenical study.



ACOLYTE TRAINING For Whom? 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders When? Sunday, September 8 after worship Where? At the front of the sanctuary

Join Elizabeth for about 30 minutes as you prepare for the important role of brining the light of Christ into our worship space on Sunday mornings.



Lemonade on the Lawn was such a success the Fellowship Committee has decided to continue! We will have *fellowship time* from 10:30 a.m. (or after Sunday School) until worship in the Pit Stop on Sundays **beginning on Sunday, September 15**. Anyone can sign-up to help!! It is very EASY and FUN! Hosts for the day can add to the menu if they choose...the church provides everything else: paper products, bagels, cream cheese, coffee, juice and donuts. Sign-up in the Pit Stop!

!!! FUN SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !!! Sign- up in the Pit Stop or contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com).



GHC Outism Supports Creative Orts Program Presents: Tactile Texture Ort Design

In the visual arts world, texture is defined as the perceived surface quality of a work of art. It is an element of two and three dimensional designs, and is distinguished by its visual and physical properties. The use of texture, along with other elements of design, can convey a variety of messages and emotions when viewing a piece of art which utilizes this technique.

This year, the GHA Creative Arts students are exploring this artistic medium by making textured art from recycled, reused home improvement supplies. It may sound unusual, however it is common to use varied media in creating artistic designs. In the words of Henri Matisse, *"Creativity Takes Courage"*.

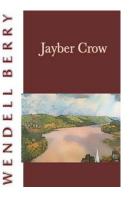
Abstract form, imagery color, texture, and materials convey meanings equal to or greater than words. Our courageous students have expressed themselves through their art works more than words can express.



The congregation of First Presbyterian Church is invited to meet the GHA artists at the Art Gallery Reception on Tuesday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church common area.

Fall Book Study Conversation Book: Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry Monday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor Books are available in the church office. Cost: \$12.00

Wendell Berry is an author of poetry, fiction, and essay. In this classic work of fiction, Jabyer Crow, barber in Port William, says, *This is a book about heaven...but, I have wondered sometimes if it would finally turn out to be a book about hell.* Crow is a patient observe of the human animal, in all its goodness and frailty. If it's been awhile since you've read Jayber Crow, re-read it and share in conversation.





PrimeTimers' Luncheon Thursday, September 26 At Noon in the Pit Stop

Special Guest: Rev. Matt Drumheller Topic: While I Was Away

Menu: Pork BBQ, Macaroni Salad, Chips, & Desserts

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, September 22 to say you're coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



Attention College Students & Parents Please contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) with college mailing address and email address.

Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

First Presbyterian Church college students have just begun the 2019-2020 school year. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

The First Presbyterian Church gym hosts pickleball games most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays mornings from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. There are players with varying levels of skill experience. Anyone interested in learning, playing, or watching the game is welcome. Contact Keith or Martha Wolf (704-983-3505) for more information.





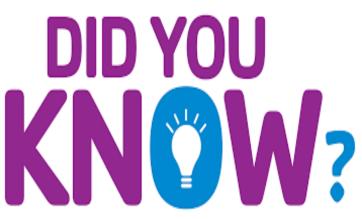
INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Are you looking for a church home? Have you been visiting for a while and think you might like to put down roots? Are you simply interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church? We would love to talk to you about what being a member looks like! Please contact Jack Morton (jackmmorton@gmail.com), the chair of our membership committee, or Elizabeth or Matt, to learn more!



EVENT8

Throughout the year, we will be having some *pop-up* events like movie night, family pickleball competition, dinners, picnics, game night, baking day...and other fun outings! Keep your eyes open! They will just *pop-up* with very short notice in hopes you are free and can join in the fun. If you would like to host a *pop-up* or have a great idea for a *pop-up* event, contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com) or Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).



A number of members of First Presbyterian Church are active in the larger Presbyterian church...

Peggy Finley...serves on the Committee on Ministry of Charlotte Presbytery. In her role, she works with several churches in the eastern part of the presbytery assisting in identifying interim or installed pastors.

Bob Johnston...serves on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of Charlotte Presbytery. He works directly with seminary students to make sure they are moving forward in the ordination process.

Jacob Palmer...Jacob is serving on the planning team for the summer 2020 middle school Montreat conference which will be held in Maryville, Tennessee.

<u>Anna Wainwright</u>...Anna is an active participant in Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. In the fall of 2019, she will become the kitchen coordinator for PCM and will prepare dinner for 40-50 college students each week (including an interesting and delicious vegetarian option each week).



Adult Bible Study Tuesday Mornings October 15 – November 19 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

We'll gather around the prayers of Jesus as we seek to deepen our own prayer life and make stronger connections with other people of faith.

Sign-ups by October 7 will ensure that books are available for all participants.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers Sunday, October 13 immediately following worship Complete slate will be available in the October newsletter.

> Reformation Sunday and Kirkin' o' Tartans Sunday, October 27

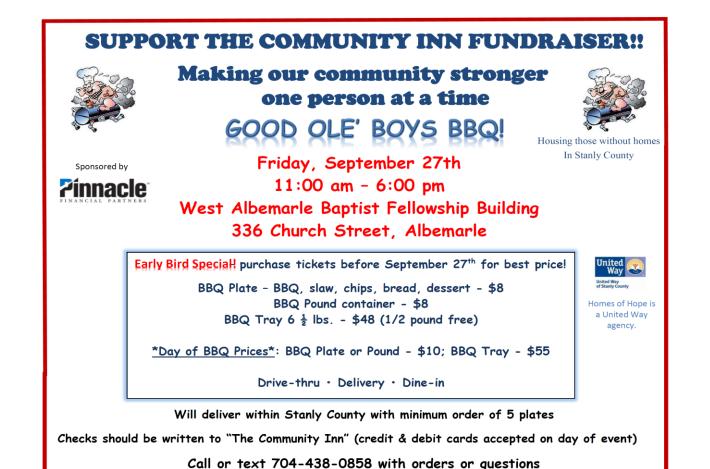
We'll look forward to welcoming our Presbyterian neighbors from Locust and Norwood for worship. A combined choir, tartan processional, bagpipes, and a postworship reception will be part of the day. The guest preacher for the morning is Bryan Price, Habitat for Humanity, PR and Fund Development Coordinator.





Save the Date Sunday, October 27 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

On October 27, the youth group will host the annual Fall Carnival for the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun, games, and candy! We will have treats and games for all ages.



The Opioid Crisis: The Faith Community Responds Clergy Breakfast

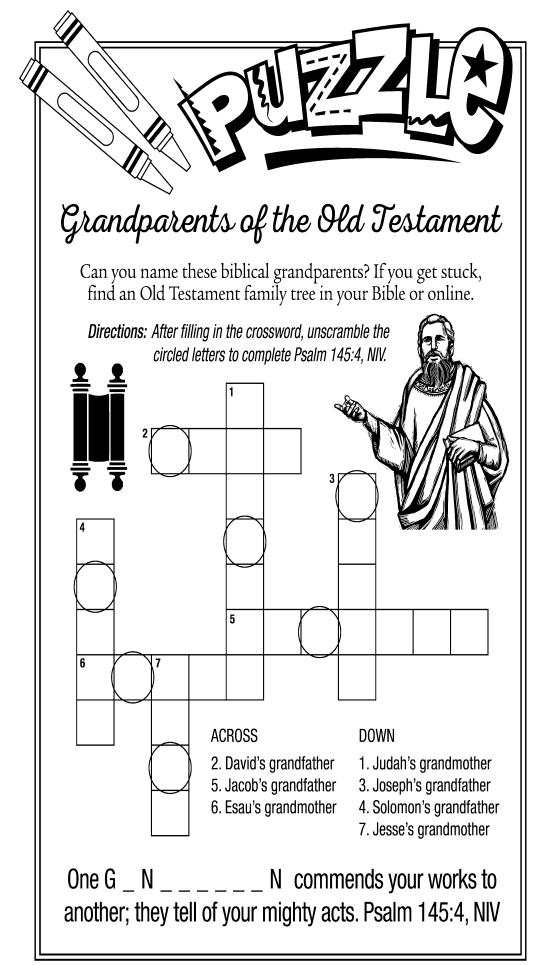
Thursday, October 17 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Salem United Methodist Church (20987 NC Hwy 73, Albemarle)

Are you interested in learning more about the opioid crisis?

Are you interested in ways that your congregation can get involved? Come hear what faith leaders are saying and doing in North Carolina.



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Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation



Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

- 1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
- 2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
- 3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
- 4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



Sunday, September 1

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger 9:00 am Worship at the YMCA Park with Light Refreshments (115 CB Crook Dr., Albemarle)



Monday, September 2

Labor Day/Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

Deadline for Grandparent's Day flower form 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, September 4

6:30 am	Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:00 am	First Family Taco & Salad Crew
11:00 am	First Family Set-Up Crew
12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
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

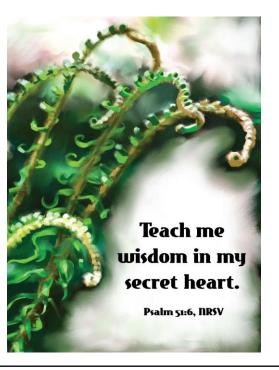
Thursday, September 5

10:30 am	Staff Meeting
12:00 pm	Young Adult Lunch at Thai Spice
	(1621 E. Main St., Albemarle)

Saturday, September 7

7:00 pm Stanly County Dancing with the Stars to benefit The Butterfly House Children's Advocacy Center

*childcare provided



Sunday, September 8

Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/Grandparent's Day

9:30 am *Rally Day (gym) 11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Acolyte Training 12:00 pm Mission Committee

5:00 pm Old-Fashioned Picnic at the home of Robin & John Howell (20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

Monday, September 9

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

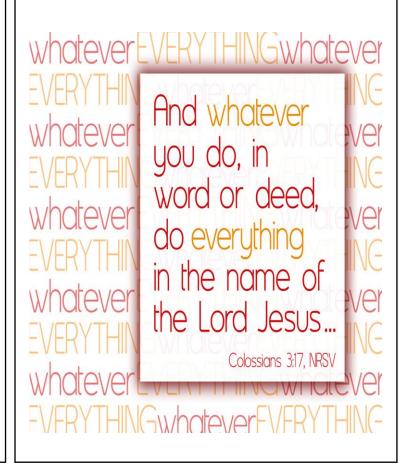
Wednesday, September 11

Patriot Day 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 12

10:30 am Staff Meeting

*childcare provided





Sunday, September 15

9:45 am *Sunday School
10:30 am *Morning Fellowship
11:00 am *Worship
6:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Kick-Off Event

Monday, September 16

8:00 pm	Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
8:30 pm	High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
	(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, September 17

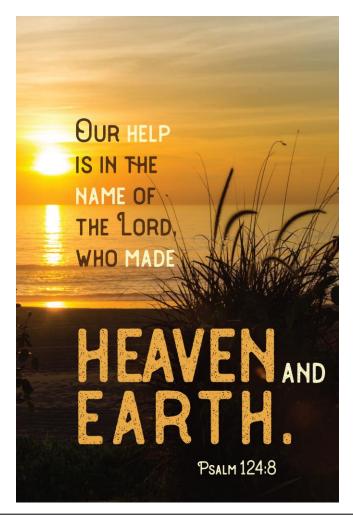
12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline 1:00 pm-3:00 pm GHA Art Gallery Reception (Common Area)

Wednesday, September 18

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 19 10:30 am Staff Meeting

*childcare provided



Sunday, September 22

Caring & Sharing SCCM Yellow Cup Campaign First Day of Autumn 9:45 am *Sunday School 10:30 am *Morning Fellowship 11:00 am *Worship 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' (4th & 5th Graders) Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton (40313 Hoops Ct., Albemarle) 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, September 23

First Day of Autumn7:00 pmBook Conversation (parlor)8:00 pmBible Study with Matt at Off the Square8:30 pmHigh School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Wednesday, September 25

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26

10:30 am Staff Meeting12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

Friday, September 27

11:00 am-6:00 pm Community Inn BBQ Fundraiser at West Albemarle Baptist Church (336 Church Street, Albemarle)

Sunday, September 29

Faith on the Fifth OfferingCaring & Sharing SCCM Yellow Cup Campaign9:45 am10:30 am*Morning Fellowship11:00 am*Worship12:00 pm-2:30 pmCommunion Workshop5:00 pm-7:30 pm

Monday, September 30

8:00 pm	Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
8:30 pm	High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
	(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Al Andrew, Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley

Elder Greeters for September:

September 1: TBD; Rich Schaefer September 8: Gayle Russell; Rich Schaefer September 15: Joyce Lambert; Rich Schaefer September 22: Gayle Russell; Rich Schaefer September 29: Gayle Russell; Rich Schaefer

Nursery:

September 1: Worship at the YMCA Park September 8: Kate White September 15: Kate White September 22: Kate White September 29: Kate White

Acolytes:

September 1: Worship at the YMCA Park September 8: Natalie Taylor September 15: Brent Lisk September 22: Merrin Kinley September 29: Addison Marks

Outside Ushers:

September 1: Worship at the YMCA Park September 8: Ronnie Michael; Tom Norwood September 15: Jim Marshall; Wes Eudy September 22: Matt Carpenter; Eric Niederer September 29: Brad Boone; John Earnhard

Kids Care Crew:

September 1: Worship at the YMCA Park September 8: Penny & Jack Morton September 15: Sarah & Ronnie Michael September 22: Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser September 29: Laura & Mike McLeod

Children's Church for September

September 8: Lynn Poplin September 15: Lynn Poplin September 22: Lynn Poplin September 29: Lynn Poplin

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