



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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January 2021

Dear Friends,

As we remind ourselves every year, Christmas is not a day, it is a season. From December 25 until January 6, we celebrate the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. After this season ends, the liturgical calendar gives us the season of Epiphany. When I was a child, my parents marked the beginning of epiphany by asking my siblings and me what the word *epiphany* means. This often led to the snarky reading of a dictionary definition by one of the children. True to this tradition, Webster defines an epiphany as, *an appearance or manifestation, especially of a divine being, or an unusual or sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something.*

This year as we move through the Sundays of January and February, we will be using lectionary texts to explore the manifestation of the essential nature of Jesus Christ. The readings that fall between Christmas and Lent describe the revelation of the nature of Emmanuel, God with us, to humanity. As we do so, I invite you to open your eyes to the sudden manifestations of God's presence around you in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Grace and Peace,
Matt

COVID-19 UPDATE

At its December 18 meeting, Session decided to delay our plan to resume in-person worship due to the conditions in Stanly County. We are now planning to resume limited in-person worship on March 7. Session will continue to monitor the situation and will reassess the plan at its regular January meeting.



INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



If there is a question about church office hour changes due to weather, call the church office (704-982-2722). Changes will be on the answering machine. A mass email will also be sent to those who receive the newsletter electronically.



Sunday, January 3

Epiphany

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

We'll focus on the journey of the magi as they followed the star. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

Elders and deacons elect will be ordained and installed during worship.

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 17

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Sunday, January 24

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 31

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

Annual congregational meeting and meeting of the trustees following worship.



We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on January 3. 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 \$55.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for November 2020.



Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Members of FPC have been gathering on Zoom each Monday and Wednesday morning to share joys and concerns, to pray, and to spend time *together*. This has become an important way to see and speak with one another. We invite you to join us in these regular meetings. See your weekly email update for the link to join us on Zoom.



Bible Study and Conversation

Resumes on Thursdays beginning January 7

from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. The material for this online discussion will be selected from pieces of scripture from which Matt is preaching. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. Topics will include how this challenging time impacts our faith, our spiritual gifts, our compassion, and our charity. This should be a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or Catherine Moeller (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

OFFICERS' RETREAT AND ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Elders and deacons will gather for the annual Officer's Retreat on January 8-9. Please keep them in your prayers as they worship, plan, and prepare to serve God through First Presbyterian Church. After the retreat, our newest officers will be ordained and/or installed on Sunday, January 10 to begin their work and service.

Officers being ordained are: Katherine Jolly and Mike King

Those being installed are deacons Keith Bryson, Michelle Cumming, Jim Hesley, and Laura McLeod, and elders Al Andrew, Katherine Jolly, Mike King, Kim Marshall, and Ellen Whitley.



Church Officers – Thank You for Your Service

Thank you to outgoing deacons and elders who have served for the past three years. They are:
Duncan Bryson, Kate Gibson, Taylor Johnston, Jill Niebler, Tom Norwood, Jeff Robertson,
Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, and Rich Schaefer

2021 Committee Reorganization

Each year in January, committees reorganize and every member of the congregation has the opportunity to be a part of the work of the church by participating in a committee. If you would like to learn more about the Diaconate and Session Committees and what they do, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org/704-982-2722).



Diaconate Committees which need you!
Congregational Care
Fellowship
Senior Care
Ushering

Session Committees which need you!
Christian Education
Mission
Property
Stewardship
Worship



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Session has set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 31. The meeting will be held immediately following worship via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also review and approve the pastor's terms of call. The details for this meeting will be sent out with the worship information on Saturday, January 30. Please plan to join us for this meeting!

How would you like to serve the church this year? Contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) to determine how your gifts and interests dovetail with the needs of the congregation and our ministry partners.



STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	427,571.00	515,663.00
Total Expenses:	<u>406,292.00</u>	<u>517,187.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	21,279.00	(1,524.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2020

Pledges:	512,746
Total Income:	561,860
Total Expenses:	561,860

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,805

We are behind \$31,748 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in November: \$10,698

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for November: \$55.00

November Faith on the Fifth Offering for Bridge to Recovery: \$275.00



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thanks to you, our church family, we will move Onward with Faith & Hope in 2021! During this unprecedented time of economic and political uncertainty magnified by the coronavirus pandemic, you responded from your hearts and for that we are very grateful!

We did face some headwinds this year as some members relocated, some passed away, and others faced financial uncertainty. We are blessed that some members were able to increase their pledges for 2021, but we anticipate total pledge dollars will be somewhat lower for the coming year. However, with our transition to a single pastor, our expenses will also be lower in 2021. Session will review a proposed budget during their December meeting and that budget will then be made available to you in January.

Submitted by: Rich Schaefer, Stewardship Committee Chairperson



Gaither Endowment Grant Applications

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



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
Donations may be dropped off at the church.
Packing Date: Wednesday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m.



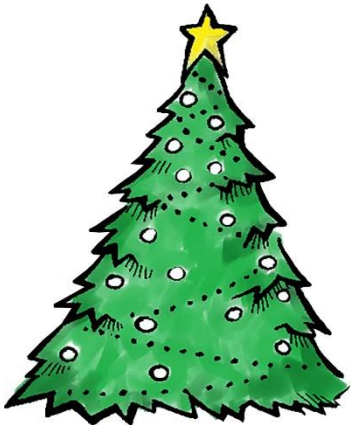
SCCM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Immediate Needs

Spaghetti Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Chef Boyardee or other canned pasta
Cereal
Jelly

Ongoing Needs

Canned Carrots
Canned Potatoes
Canned Mixed Vegetables



Angel Tree 2020

Thanks to all those who had a part in fulfilling the Christmas gift wishes for 50 of the children in the Central Elementary School family again this year; those who did the shopping as well as those who made monetary donations so that gifts could be purchased. A special thanks goes out again to Bob Johnston who, each year, faithfully collates the children's information and creates the angel tree tags. Thanks also to Bob, Harold Sharpe, and Joe Snuggs for transporting the gifts to the Helping Hands distribution site.

NEWS & NOTES

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Mildred Andrew.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Betty Crook.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Sally Grantier.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Betty Hatley.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Roger & Gina Martin.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Mr. & Mrs. John P. McNeill.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Jerry Preslar.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Marshall Rogers.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Snuggs.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Bill & Diane Stevenson.
In memory of Betty Michael, given by Mildred Andrew.

Moeller Family Endowment:

In honor of Matt and Catherine Moeller, given by Mildred Andrew.
In honor of Matt and Catherine Moeller, given by Craig & Marilee Eerkes.

Music Fund:

In memory of Dr. Frank Green, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Doris Forte.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In memory of Juanita and Harry Murrell, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In memory of Frances and Spencer Pickler, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In memory of Linda Richards, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In memory of Carolyn Sharpe, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In memory of Yoder Whitley, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Andy & Ruth Cotton.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Wiley & Ann Crutchfield.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Margaret Ivey.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Nathan & Marlene Sanges.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Craig Taylor.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Hugh & Debbie Wainwright.
In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Andy & Ruth Cotton.
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In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Craig Taylor.
In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Hugh & Debbie Wainwright.

SYMPATHY

To Claude Harwood and family upon the death of Cathryn Harwood on December 3.
To Laura Beth Marks and family upon the death of her father, Yoder Whitley, on December 7.
To Ronnie Michael and family upon the death of his mother, Betty Michael, on December 8.
To John Hahn and family upon the death of his mother, Betty Lou Hahn, on December 25.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Luke Marshall who graduated from Appalachian State University on December 11 with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a concentration in professional writing. He is currently studying for the LSAT in preparation for law school. Luke is the son of Kim and Jim Marshall.

To Spencer Ayscue and Megan Pettus upon their marriage on December 12 in Montreat. Spencer is the son of Elizabeth and Skeet Ayscue.

To Tammy Ocampo and Randy Eudy upon their marriage on December 13.

To Caroline (Morton) and Rory Chisholm upon the birth of their daughter, Goldie Penn Chisholm, on December 28. Proud grandparents are Penny and Jack Morton.

NEWS & NOTES

Session Notes

At the December 20 session meeting, Ruling Elders voted to postpone in person worship until March 7, 2021. The safety and well-being of our church members and visitors continues to be the focus in those decisions. Please mark your calendars for January 31, 2021 for the annual meeting of the church/corporation. The Mission Committee recommended that money collected on the next Faith on the Fifth in January be designated to Montana de Luz to support hurricane recovery efforts and COVID support. Elders met with newly elected church officers on the evening of December 20 to confirm their terms of service.

Thanks to Frankie Palmer and Rich Schaefer for helping in the church office.

December's First Family Dinner

Thanks to all that helped make this dinner a huge success! This was our best turnout to date! We served 113 plates! This would not have been possible without Elizabeth Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Leslie Kinley, Merrin Kinley, Morgan Kinley, Stephan Kinley, Laura McLeod, Catherine Moeller, Anne Montgomery, Gayle Russell, Martha Wolf, and especially Hugh Wainwright. A fun time was had by all! Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with us.

Christmas Kitchen Recap

The Christmas Kitchen was a great success this year! Although we had to make adjustments for a virtual reservation system and a drive through pick up, we sold every item contributed! Thank you so much to all of our bakers who donated their delicious sweet and savory foods.

Community Christmas Dinner Thank You

2020 was a quite different year.....although we have not been able to worship as a congregation, there have been many other opportunities to join as God's children to help our neighbor in need. This was evident that even through a pandemic, our church continued to join with the six other churches in downtown to serve Christmas dinner. It did look different.... there were not turkeys, hams, sweet potato casseroles, and stuffing to be made...there were not children's stockings to fill or cakes to be baked. There were 75 cards to be colored and \$450 to be donated to help pay for the 500 catered meals that were distributed. No, we did not have the opportunity to literally and figuratively *serve* our neighbors, but **WE** did meet the challenge and do our part to make the Community Christmas Dinner a reality even during this horrible pandemic. It is our hope we will be back to normal for Christmas 2021. Again, thanks to each who colored a card (or cards) or donated to our Minister's Discretionary Fund for us to make our financial donation.

Submitted by: Martha Sue Hall, FPC Representative to the Community Christmas Dinner

College Brunch and Silent Partners

Thanks to each of our members who have been a Silent Partner during this fall semester. It is such a blessing to have members of our church who take the time to be *a friend* to our 20 students who are either on campus or were taking classes virtually. I have heard from several students about how much they appreciate being remembered while they are in this chapter of their lives. This year started off differently, and we will see what the spring semester brings.... whether our students are away on campus, staying at home, or will be somewhere in between, it is so refreshing to know we have folks at First Presbyterian Church who take the time to *be a Silent Partner* with gifts of love, communication and prayer.

An incredibly special thank you to Gina Martin and Catherine Moeller for helping to make our College Student Christmas Drive-Thru Brunch a success this year. Baskets of muffins, granola, fruit, yogurt, a hot chocolate bomb, and a gift card were waiting for each of our college students on Thursday, December 17. Members of the Congregational Care Committee and Matt were there to greet our students and wish them a Merry Christmas! Another *thank you* to those who donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund to help to pay for some of the items for the baskets.

Submitted by: Martha Sue Hall, Chairperson of the Congregational Care Committee



In an effort to keep the prayer list updated, we would appreciate your help. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

Thank you.



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.
- David Bailiff**, friend of Debbie Hahn; previous kidney transplant concerns & immunity issues.
- David & Marsha Bell**, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
- Tom Bonekemper**, cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer.
- Joan Bunn**, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns.
- Gus Feather**.
- Debbie Gabriel**, sister of Gayle Russell; breast cancer.
- Calvin Hall**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
- Lindsey (Whitley) Harward**, daughter of Carolyn & Mel Whitley; treatment for Myeloid Lukemia.
- Ann Hatcher**, mother of Ann Snuggs; recovering from a fall.
- Sean Hickey**, brother-in-law of Lori Ivey; colon cancer.
- Catherine Johnson**, niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Denise LaBoube**, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.
- Molly Amelia Lowder**, low immunity health concerns.
- Maddie McRae**, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
- Bryanna Medlin**, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Bern Morehead, III**, son of Sally Pleasant & Dr. Bernard “Bernie” Morehead; diagnosed with brain tumor.
- James Nunn**, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve.
- Sally Ormand**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
- Judy Portner**, sister of Billie Jean Snuggs; stage 4 brain tumor (Glioblastoma).
- Clay Price**, cousin of Steve Cumming; cancer.
- Lauren Reder**, niece of Laura & Mike McLeod.
- Mark Rodgers**, son of Laura and Tim Rodgers; recovering from surgery related to Ewing’s sarcoma.
- Judy Ross**, friend of Tom & Holly Norwood; diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Jane Scheer**, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
- Betty Stancik**, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Judy Toney**, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.
- Jason Washburn**, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.

Members of the Congregation:

- Don Joines.**
- Bede Karr.**
- Dick Liles.**
- Jane Pickler.**
- Jean Rabe.**
- Sandy Saunders.**
- Pete Smith.**
- Ann Upchurch.**

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS

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| 03- Mike McLeod | 21- Drew Melone |
| Sandy Rogers | 22- Jaycee Barbee |
| 04- Sandy Saunders | 23- Susan Garrison |
| 05- Austin Coats | Kim Marshall |
| Miriam Russell | Ronnie Michael |
| 06- Shannon Lisk | 24- Dennis Gower |
| 09- Isabel McIntyre | 26- Thomas Shedd |
| 10- Rita Morgan | 28- Kim Andrew |
| Jacob Palmer | Gus Holbrook |
| 12- Ruth Ann Rogers | Dona Lisk |
| 15- Julian Eudy | 30- Linda Anderson |
| 16- Debbie Hahn | 31- Garrett Chapman |
| 19- Nancy Feather | |
| Ken Frazier | |

ANNIVERSARY

05-John & Debbie Hahn



Youth Club News

Our Youth Club children continue to gather on Wednesday afternoons for time of fellowship, singing, and faith reflection with their peers. We are continuing to explore the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Each session stands alone, so we're always happy to welcome any K-5th graders who would like to join us!

The **Trusty Travelers** meet with Matt and others on Zoom each Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. We've been doing some hiking, singing some songs, praying together, and celebrating God's blessings. To access the Zoom information, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

The **Faith Explorers** continue to meet virtually over Zoom on Wednesday afternoon. We have had so much fun staying in touch and sharing about our lives from home, especially when we get to show everyone our dogs and cats! In the new year, we will begin lessons on the classic stories of the Bible, beginning with the story of Moses.

Youth Club resumes Wednesday, January 13.

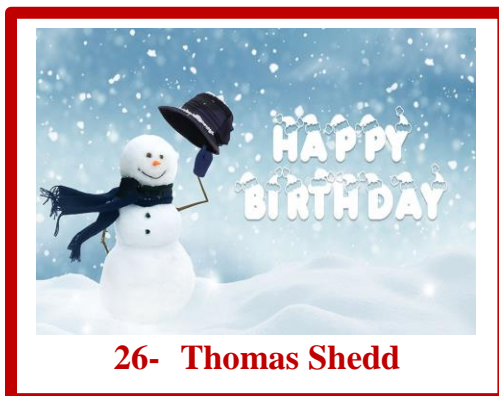


Youth Group News & Information

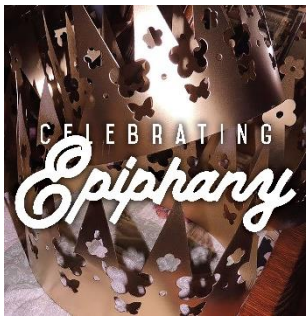
It's a new year for our Youth Group! We are looking forward to more socially distanced gatherings, and hope you will join us on your faith journey through 2021.

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| Sunday, January 3 | Youth Group Christmas Party | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, January 10 | Youth Group | 5:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 13 | Virtual Game Night | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, January 24 | Youth Group | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, January 31 | Youth Group | 5:00 p.m. |

High School Bible Study
with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton
at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston
(1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)
Mondays at 8:30 p.m.



26- Thomas Shedd



Epiphany Worship

Though Epiphany falls perfectly on a Wednesday this year, we will not worship as we typically do as a part of our First Family Gathering. As we are unable to gather for a meal, our Epiphany worship will take place on Sunday, January 3. At that time, we will celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles. But, if you do come to the First Family Drive-Thru on January 6, you will probably see some familiar characters from the Epiphany story!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Please contact Peggy Finley 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.





Warm Gifts of Winter Donations Drop-off at the First Family Drive-Thru Wednesday, January 6

This winter, please help us spread the warmth to our friends in the community by bringing new and gently used scarves, mittens, gloves, socks, and toboggans through the First Family Drive-Thru on Wednesday, January 6 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.! We will donate these warm gifts to children at Central Elementary School and the SCCM Clothing Closet.



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 4**



First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, January 6! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family in January. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, January 4 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, January 6 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Greg Lisk's Chicken Alfredo over pasta with a Caesar Salad
King's cupcakes in celebration of Epiphany**

(Also known as...Cinnamon cupcakes filled with cinnamon whipped cream cheese and vanilla cream cheese frosting)

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is:

call Anne Montgomery at 704-982-7823 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com

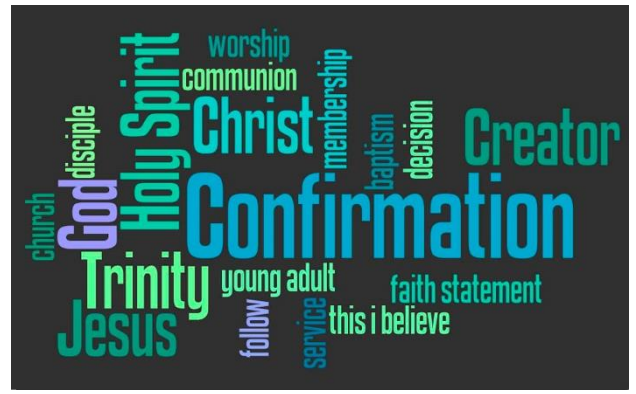
and let her know how many plates and desserts you need,

and

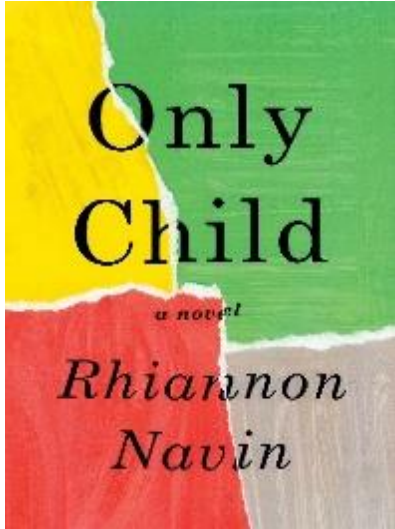
if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

Confirmation 2021

Our eighth and ninth graders are making plans to begin their confirmation process in late January. We will use a PC(USA) curriculum called *Big God, Big Questions* focused on the questions that confirmands will be asked when they join the church. Please keep these youth, their families, and their mentors in your prayers as they go through this important exploration time in their life of faith.



January Book Conversation Monday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Book: *Only Child* by Rhiannon Navin



Only Child is a dazzling, tenderhearted debut about healing, family, and the exquisite wisdom of children, narrated by a 6-year-old boy who reminds us that sometimes the littlest bodies hold the biggest hearts, and the quietest voices speak the loudest.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76026386946>

Meeting ID: 760 2638 6946

Passcode: Z71g4D



Education and Conversation

Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about race in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, we are all one in Christ (Galatians 3:28).

Our January conversation will take place on January 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. For this conversation, we will be watching a series of short videos on a variety of topics around race. These videos are part of a collection called, *The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge*. Each video is short (under 6 minutes), and you are invited to watch several of the suggested videos in preparation for the conversation. A list of the available links will come out at the beginning of January. If you would like to join us, please email Matt at (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this book.



Grandparent & Child Retreat

This year, the Grandparent & Child Retreat will be very different since we will not be gathering in person. Please keep your eyes peeled.



Save the Date for Music and Arts Camp Summer 2021 Sunday, June 13 through Thursday, June 17

Though we are unsure what the situation will be this coming summer with COVID 19, we are beginning to make plans for Music and Arts Camp with the hope that we will be able to gather together for music, art, recreation, drama and fellowship. Look for more information in the near future!

2021 Community Health Assessment Survey



Do you have an opinion about health issues and community concerns? Do you want to make a difference? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, here is your opportunity to be heard. The Stanly County Health Department and Atrium Health Stanly are jointly conducting the 2021 Community Health Assessment. A public opinion survey is a key component of this assessment. Stanly County residents 15 years old and older are being asked to complete this survey. The survey can be accessed at the Stanly County Health Department's website <http://health.stanlycountync.gov/> or Stanly County's website <https://www.stanlycountync.gov/> from January 14 through February 17, 2021. It will only take 15-20 minutes to complete a survey.

Why should you complete a survey?

1. Your input makes a difference as the results from the survey are used by the hospital and health department to help determine their priorities and develop action plans.
2. You help bring funds to Stanly County as this report is used by county municipalities, agencies, organizations and others to obtain grants. Most grantors request a community health assessment when writing grants. This community health assessment report can be used to meet that requirement.

If you would like more information about this community health assessment, please contact Debbie Bennett at 704-986-3016 or dbennett@stanlycountync.gov.



January 2021

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom

10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

5:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party

Monday, January 4

Deadline to RSVP for First Family Dinner

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

Wednesday, January 6

Bring Warm Gift Items to First Family Drive-Thru Pick-Up

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

11:00 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up & Bring donations of Warm Gifts

Thursday, January 7

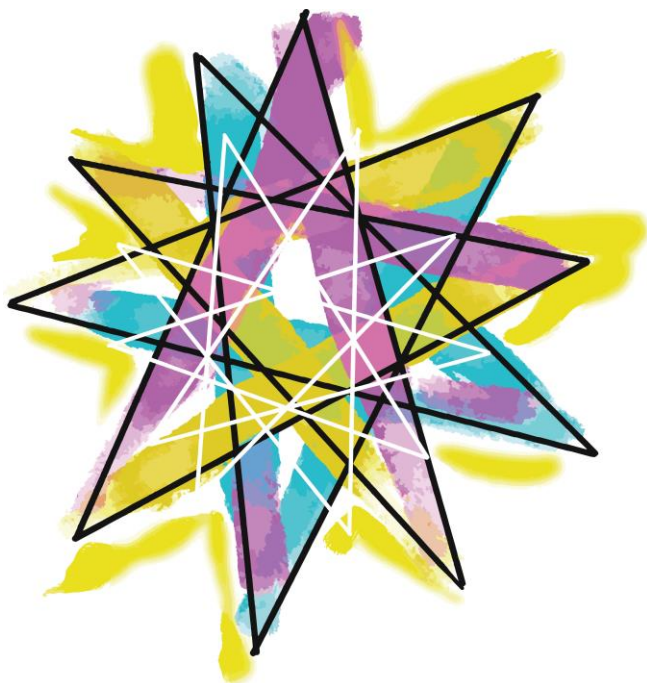
4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Friday, January 8

Officer's Retreat

Saturday, January 9

Officer's Retreat



Sunday, January 10

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom

10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 11

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Wednesday, January 13

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

11:00 am Staff Meeting

3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom

4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

Thursday, January 14

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Friday, January 15

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant Applications





January 2021

Sunday, January 17

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19

- 12:00 pm January Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, January 20

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

Thursday, January 21

- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, January 24

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 25

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation via Zoom with Courtney Niederer
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, January 26

- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation via Zoom

Wednesday, January 27

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

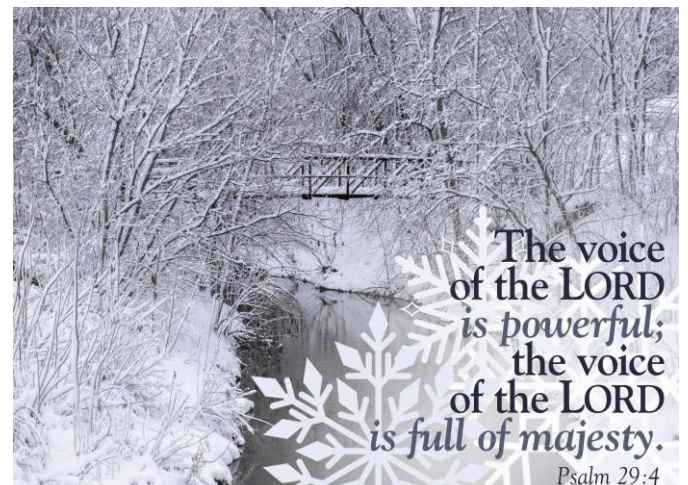
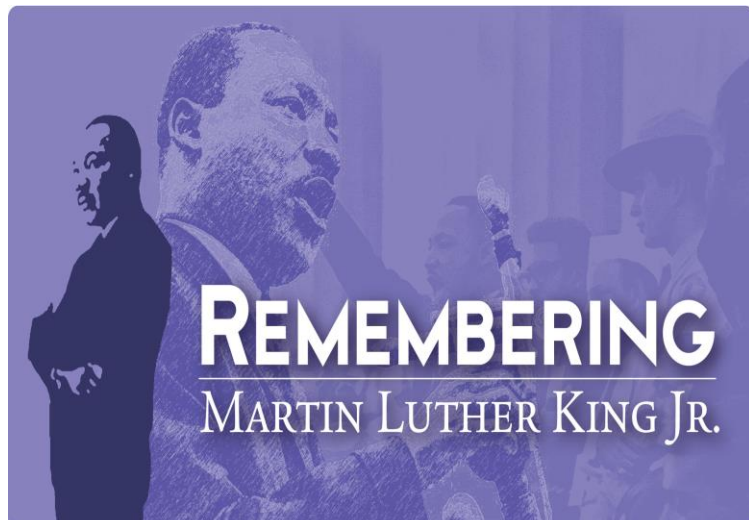
Thursday, January 28

- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, January 31

Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation following worship via Zoom

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship followed by the Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation via Zoom
- 5:00 pm Youth Group



Acolyte Schedule for January

January 3: Cooper Atwater
January 10: Thomas Shedd
January 17: Addison Marks
January 24: Jackson Palmer
January 31: Hugh Carpenter

Children's Church Schedule for January

January 3: No Children's Church
January 10: Gina Martin
January 17: Gina Martin
January 24: Gina Martin
January 31: Gina Martin

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**PLEASE
NOTE:**

All members of the church staff are working at home unless it is necessary for them to be at church. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

February Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, January 19.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:
pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.



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