



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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April 2024

From Where I Sit from Cathy

Trust me when I say that of all the things I've done in my 2½ years of ministry with you, one of the things that has challenged me the most is writing a monthly newsletter. So here's my last one.

For whatever reason, I've always loved musicals and don't ask me my favorite because that would make my head explode. But the one that comes to mind as I prepare to move on to the next chapter in my life and ministry is the musical, 'Wicked'. I recently saw a commercial for the movie version due out this year and I couldn't be happier. But I digress. You may know that the story of 'Wicked' is loosely based on Gregory Maguire's book of the same title, which I also loved. It tells the back story of the Wicked Witch of the West that we first met in the movie, 'The Wizard of Oz'. In his book, Maguire takes us back to her beginnings as Elphaba, the girl with green skin and that's where we find her in 'Wicked'

While in college, Elphaba meets Glinda and their rocky beginnings transform into an abiding friendship. They go their separate ways, Glinda becoming the Good Witch of the North, but before they part they sing a touching duet about the way they've each been changed by the other. Elphaba sings: *I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn. And we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them and we help them in return. Well, I don't know if I believe that's true but I know I'm who I am today because I knew you.*

Not to plagiarize the song, but those are my exact feelings as I pack up and prepare to finish my time of service here at FPC. I'm grateful that you folks have come into my life and instead of trying to figure out the reason, I'll just be grateful. One thing I'm sure of is that you all have certainly helped me most to grow in ways I can't begin to name. I've told many of you, I'm sure, that it's been the joy of my ministerial life to have been called to serve with you. This is a faithful, loving, mission-focused congregation and you have made my job easy and my heart full. I will never forget the love and grace and comfort you showed me when my mom died (there may still be soup in my freezer) and I've been so grateful that others who lost loved ones during my tenure received the same love, grace, and comfort.

The list of all that I'm thankful for would fill up this newsletter but I would be remiss if I didn't offer special thanks to the staff and officers for their valuable partnership in ministry here. I will also miss the 'casual' conversations that came my way when someone would stop by my office with, 'got a minute?' which turned into precious, valuable sharing of something going on in his or her life. Pure grace.

I also take with me and will always value our time together in worship...even the time I forgot to take my sermon to the pulpit and you all were always so kind to laugh at my feeble attempt at telling a joke. Wait. Were you laughing at me? No matter. I will always keep you and your ministry in my prayers, giving thanks to God for you and for my time with you and I look forward to how and what God might work through your faithful service in the days to come with your new pastor.

I leave you with more words from 'For Good' from 'Wicked': *It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime. So let me say before we part, so much of me is made of what I learned from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart. And now whatever way our stories end, I know you have re-written mine by being my friend...Who can say if I've been changed for the better? I do believe I have been changed for the better. And because I knew you. Because I knew you. Because I knew you. I have been changed for good.* And that's the view from where I sit. *Cathy*

Worship

Sunday, April 7 Second Sunday of Easter - Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for Hunger
 Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter
 Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter- Service of Music
 Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 CENTS A MEAL

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on April 7. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery.

2024 Flower Calendar



If you are interested in placing flowers in the church on a Sunday morning please sign up on the 2024 flower calendar in the Pit Stop. Contributions to the church's flower fund are also welcome and appreciated. Specifics for bulletin should be sent to bpoolos@fpcalbe.marle.org.





The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1
 in observance of Easter Monday





Thanks to all our MIDWEEK Meals Volunteers:

I was gone for 2 of the 4 midweek meals in February. Our wonderful volunteers pulled it off without a hitch! A HUGE THANKS TO: Linda Anderson, Kristie and Keith Bryson, Ruth Cotton, Ann and Wiley Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley,

Susan Garrison, Jim, Jennifer and Jordan Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Stephan and Leslie Kinley, Myron and Nancy Lowder, Chris Mabry, Ronnie and Sarah Michael, Gayle and Ned Russell, Lee Snuggs, Ann Upchurch, Ken Knight and Connie Wallace. We are having meals EVERY WEDNESDAY and this would not be possible without all these amazing volunteers.

Thanks to: Linda Anderson, Ann Duckwall, Ann Crutchfield and Donna Gaither for helping in the church office in March.

Margaret Ivey for helping to keep the choir music put away and organized.

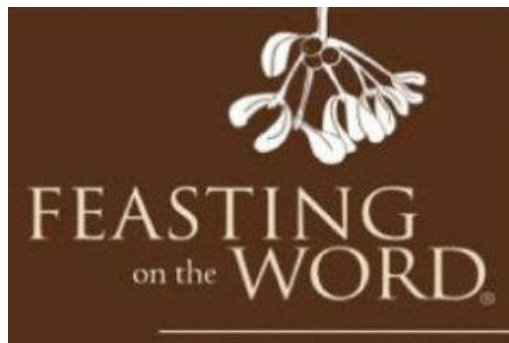
Evan Sanges for streaming each Sunday, Bailey Mitchell for nursery care each Sunday and thanks to those who film each Sunday.



SILENT PARTNERS

A big thank you to all the Silent Partners who sent care packages to our college students this year. The Silent partner program ends in May and will resume next August. Stay tuned for more information.





We welcome a new Sunday School class, Feasting on the Word. The class meets in the old session room each Sunday from 9:30-10:20. The Class is following a PCUSA curriculum studying the Bible as we try to interpret it for our contemporary daily life. All are welcome.

NEWS and NOTES



On April 21st the 11:00 morning worship service will be dedicated to celebrating music. We are asking you to call the church or email Beth Poolos, by April 15 with requests for hymns and favorite anthems, preludes and or postludes that you would like to be a part of this service. bpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org

SESSION NOTES STATED SESSION MEETING March 2024

On March 6, 2024, Session members were asked to vote to authorize a meeting of the congregation on March 17, 2024, to vote to call a pastor. Session approved the congregational meeting. At the stated Session meeting on March 17, Session heard about a new adult Sunday School class. The property committee asked for approval to apply for a grant from the Charlotte Presbytery to help pay for repair of the parapet walls. Rev. George announced at the meeting that she would be leaving First Presbyterian soon. Session members expressed thanks to Rev. George for her leadership during the past two and a half years. The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2024.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

Memorials and Honorariums

Minister Discretionary:

In memory of Carolyn Goodwin Shorr, given by Jenny Hatley.



Scholarships

First Presbyterian Church is once again pleased to be providing scholarships to students in our congregation, as well as students in Stanly County. Scholarships are available to high school students who are graduating and will be attending college this fall or to current college students. Applications and letter of reference forms are available on our church website, in our church office, or through the local school counselors. The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 8. Our committee once again looks forward to awarding these scholarships to deserving students. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Moeller, chairperson of the scholarship committee, at 509-539-9482.

The Gaither Family Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee has met to distribute earnings from the Gaither Family Endowment Fund. This fund was established from the estate of Frances Breerwood and Frank Howard Gaither. The amount distributed from the Gaither Family Endowment Fund was \$9,838.53. The projects funded were:

From the Director of Fellowship Services....Cooking Camp 2024 to purchase supplies & food items

From Teacher at Central School.....Funds for 100 Central students to attend a play.

From Technology Chair.....Additional camera to improve streaming and eliminate weekly operator.

From Christian Ed Chair.....Funding Middle School & High School Summer Youth Conferences; Fees & Housing

We would like to thank the Gaither family for their generosity and support. The Endowment Committee is comprised of: Session – Lee McLaurin, Chair & Jim Marshall; Members-At-Large: Mark Mabry and Connie Wallace; and Ex-Officio Members: Rev. Cathy George (minister) and Dr. Bob Gaither (member).

In an effort to keep the prayer list updated, we would appreciate your help. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or bpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org) or Billie Jean Snuggs (jeanpool22@gmail.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:

David & Marsha Bell, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
Calvin Hall, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
Mikayla Hege, friend of Elizabeth Bryson.
Anna Lashua, friend of Martha Sue Hall; breast cancer.
Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.
Taylor Blalock Mauldin, nurse at Atrium-Stanly; cancer.
Joyce McLeod, mother of Mike McLeod.
Wendy McInturff, mother of Michelle Cumming.
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.
Tim Rodgers, cancer.
Jane Scheer, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
Johnny Sharp, father of Cathy George.
Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
Tara Mackey, friend of Linda Anderson.
Mike Jewell, brother-in-law of Linda Anderson.
Amy Jung, friend of congregation, updates from Courtney Niederer.
Vicky Huneycutt, sister of Angie Earnhardt.
Patsy McLaurin, mother of Lee McLaurin.
Thomas Wilson, nephew of Elizabeth Wilson.
Dr. Mike Dearstyne, brother of Holly Norwood.
Pat Davis, cousin of John Earnhardt.
Glenda Moser, mother of Anissa Chapman.
Elizabeth Cox, niece of Elizabeth Wilson.

Members of the Congregation:

Doris Forte, Spring Arbor.
Laura Frazier
Anita Gower
Claude Harwood
Elizabeth Wilson
Polly Moose
Rita Morgan
Jean Rabe, Trinity Place
Shannon Newport
Marlene Sanges
Joe Snuggs, Spring Arbor.
Karlyn Cox



April BIRTHDAYS

- 01- Leslie Kinley
Kent Newport
- 04- Wes Eudy
- 05- Steve Blalock
Amy Jones
- 07- Angie Earnhardt
Russell Karr
- 08- Joyce Lambert
- 10- Murphy Hall
Grayson Jones
Holden Taylor
- 11- Maddie Averette
- 12- Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
- 13- Matt Moeller
- 14- Anissa Chapman
- 17- David Kilde

- 18- Elizabeth Wilson
- 19- Cooper Atwater
- 20- Peggy Finley
- 22- Marshall Rogers
- 23- Emma Gibson
Polly Moose
- 24- Liz Davis
Anita Gower
Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos Hart
Nicole Poolos Wallace
David Troutman
- 25- Tommy Murrell
- 26- Ella Averette
John Kilde
- 27- Ethan Richards
- 28- Aaron Whisnant
- 29- Harold Sharpe



April ANNIVERSARIES

- 02- Lynn & Martha White
- 16- Kyle & Laura Beth Marks
- 19- Robert & Myra Land
- 22- Jim & Lori Ivey

- 24- Robin & Melissa Lemons
- 25- Steve & Kate Melone
- 28- Kevin & Adrienne Averette
- 29- Steve & Elaine Coats



Montreat Fundraiser Chicken Pan Pie Sale Sunday, April 21



The youth will have (Rosebriar recipe) 9" pies available for pick up in Pit Stop following worship. They will be hot and ready to eat! You can also save them for later in the week or even grab a few to freeze. Each pie is \$25. Money raised from this sale will go towards vehicle rental for Montreat trips this summer.

Please buy our pies because it's a really long walk!

To preorder your pies, contact Melissa (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747)



Monday Night Bible Study

We meet every Monday at 8:30 pm.

Monday night Youth Bible Study at the home of Debby Johnston, 1212 Heritage Dr.



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

- April 7 End of Spring Break- No Youth
- April 14 SNL 6:00 pm @ Church
- April 21 SNL 6:00 pm - Focus on Prayer
- April 28 SNL 6:00 pm Practice for Youth Sunday



- 04-10 Holden Taylor
- 04-19 Cooper Atwater



Sunday, May 5 will be Youth Sunday. Worship will be led by our youth and youth leaders. Please plan to be in attendance in support of these most important members of our congregation.

The youth are in need of old magazines for a youth event they are having on April 21.

Please see Kristie Bryson if you having any you would like to donate.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

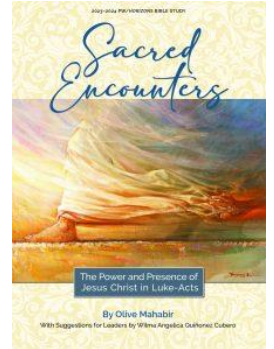


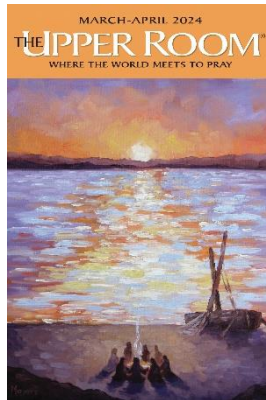
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Please contact Peggy Finley at 704-779-8320 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.



Circle meeting will be in the Pit stop at 1:00 pm on April 10.

We will continue the study of Sacred Encounters, The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.





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

Prayer & Bible Study Opportunities

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



Jesus set aside regular times for prayer. The early church gathered daily in homes for community prayer. In I Thessalonians Chapter 5 we are told to pray without ceasing. You have an opportunity on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 am to join a group from First Presbyterian in communal prayer. We do pray for our church because we are Christ's body and for all who work there both unpaid and paid. We also pray for those outside our church. If you have prayers of praise or needs or would like to join us on Zoom for prayer, please contact Deb Hahn at either wolfady520@gmail.com or 704 985-9419 – either call or text.

Bible Study and Conversation via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



Matt and Catherine Moeller continue to lead Bible study on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Each week, we discuss the Scripture that will be used as the basis for the sermon the following weekend. We analyze the Scripture reading itself and discuss how to apply it in our lives. We also have a time in prayer. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Matt and Catherine (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com or 509-539-9482).

The Sunday School Sharing Knowledge Through Stories class will be reading, *Gentlemen & Players*, by Joanne Harris during April. If you have questions, please contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435 or ccniederer@yahoo.com) or Kim Marshall (980-621-6577 or bookworm284@live.com).

Hope to see you there!

Gentlemen & Players

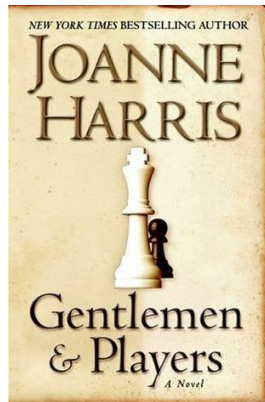
Reading Schedule:

April 7- chapters 1-3

April 14- chapters 4-2 (in Check part)

April 21- chapters 3-9

April 28- chapters 1-end (Queen)





Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Cans of beef Stew, Instant rice or potatoes, Cans of green beans, Spaghetios, Peanut Butter Crackers, Fruit Cups, Oatmeal, Granola Bars, Individual bags of goldfish. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

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

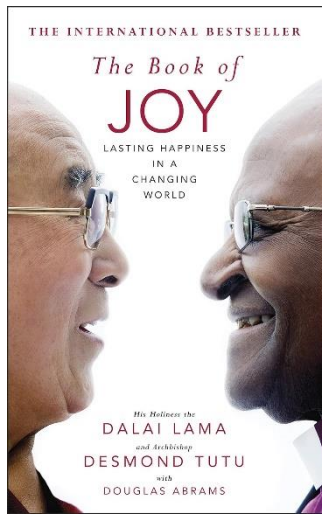


FPC will be feeding the Community Inn

On Friday, April 5.

If interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton at 704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com.

Next month will be Friday May 3.



FINDING JOY

ALL ARE WELCOME! JOIN ANYTIME! In this class we will be using **The Book of Joy** with His Holiness Dalai Lama and Archbishop Esmond Tutu, which can be purchased on Amazon. It is not necessary to purchase or read this book to get the benefit of the class and the fellowship. FINDING JOY will be a class focused on ways we can search for and find true joy. Joy brings meaning and purpose to our lives. Join us as we read, discuss and develop the deep meaning of true joy. Please join Debby Johnston on **Mondays at church at NOON - 1:15** in the Session Room across from the office **starting on Monday, April 8 and ending on Monday, May 20**. This class will last 7 weeks. We will provide mixed greens and drinks. All you need to bring is a salad topping.

RSVP to Jane Snyder at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358.



Open to everyone. Come as we “Gather Us In”!

If you would like to join us for our MIDWEEK MEALS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5:30. Please RSVP by Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m. You can sign up on the Register of Friendship in church, email Jane Snyder at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or text Jane at 704-438-3358. You can sign up and pay for the entire month if you would like at the door as you enter the gym. MIDWEEK MEAL will begin at 5:30 pm. **Meal prices have changed: \$8.00-adult (not to exceed \$20-Family). \$4.00 -children through grade 5.**



Menus for April:

FIRST WEDNESDAY: **NO MEAL**

SECOND WEDNESDAY: Pizza and Salad

THIRD WEDNESDAY: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Salad

FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Taco Bowl

* All meals include: Assorted Desserts Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.



LUNCH OUT

Friday, April 19
 at THE TABLE in Asheboro.
 We will meet at the church at 10:15 am
 to carpool over to Asheboro.



Let Jane know if you can join us by texting or calling her at 704-438-3358.



DEEP CLEANING THE KITCHEN

We need VOLUNTEERS to help us deep clean the kitchen on **Tuesday, April 23 beginning at 9:00** or whenever you can get there. If you cannot help that day and would like to help, just call or text Jane Snyder. She can give you a task to do when it is convenient for you. Our kitchen is a big part of the life of this church. Please help us to take care of it . THANK YOU!! 704-738-3358

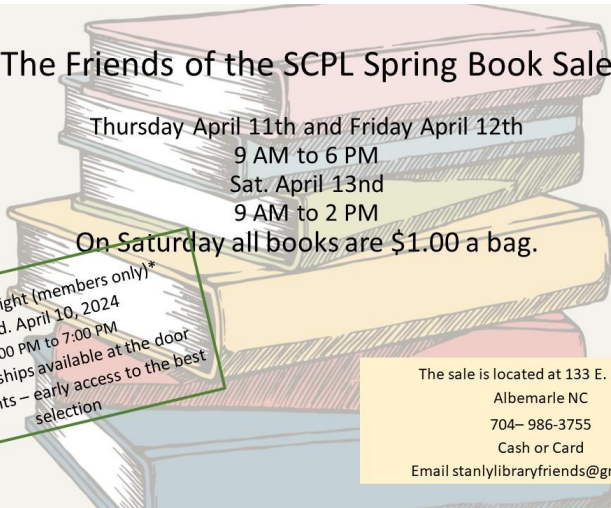


May Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, May 21.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft
Word, please email them as an
attachment to:
bpoulos@fpcalbemarle.org



wedding RECEPTION

Drop in Wedding Reception for
James and Sarah Cotton
Saturday, April 27, 2024
1:00 – 4:00
At First Presbyterian Church Parlor
Punch and Finger Food
All are invited!



The Friends of the SCPL Spring Book Sale

Thursday April 11th and Friday April 12th
9 AM to 6 PM
Sat. April 13nd
9 AM to 2 PM
On Saturday all books are \$1.00 a bag.

Preview Night (members only)*
Wed. April 10, 2024
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
• Memberships available at the door
No discounts – early access to the best selection

The sale is located at 133 E. Main St.
Albemarle NC
704- 986-3755
Cash or Card
Email stanlylibraryfriends@gmail.com



MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 5.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 12.** Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



COOKING CAMP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
(COMPLETED 4th - 6th Grades)
June 3-6, 2024
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$60.00 per child
Camp Limit of 12 children

Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them.

This camp is offered to COMPLETED 4th-6th graders on

Monday, June 3 – Thursday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Young chefs expand their palates, kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, utensil skills, proper etiquette, cooking and baking and will experiment with flavors and ingredients. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be incorporating a field trip into the mix!

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

PFEIFFER PFRIENDS REPORT — March 2, 2024



February 2, 2024 marked three years of our Pfeiffer Pfriends Program.

As of this writing, we have graduated two classes of PA Students and the third is slated to graduate in May of 2024.

We have also graduated two classes of OT Students with the third class to graduate in December, 2024 and the fourth class to graduate in December 2025. Applications are now being accepted for a new class to begin in August of this year.

Currently both the PA and OT programs are each 27 months long. The first 15 months are primarily on campus with the last 12 months on rotations or field work depending on which program one is enrolled.

We have had approximately 125 students in each of the programs.

The Pfeiffer Pfriends Program has provided “one on one” adoption of students by volunteers for each of the students who have wanted one. These volunteers agree from the very beginning of their involvement to have contact with their student at least once a month during the entire time the student is enrolled in the program. These contacts can be call/text; gift card/gift bag delivery; meet for dinner; and the list goes on and on. Many of these relationships have continued even after the student graduates.

Our Pfeiffer Pfriends Program also has provided numerous events for everyone on the Albemarle campus (whether or not the student has a “one on one” Pfriend). These Campus Wide events have included: Morning Muffins; Drop in Lunch; paid for lunch for everyone off a Food Truck; Coffee and Doughnuts and we even keep each of the freezers on campus full of ice cream during the summer for everyone to enjoy. The All Campus events have been made possible by individual baked donations and individual monetary donations.

We have a Steering Committee currently made up on representatives from: First Presbyterian; Central United Methodist; First Lutheran; First Baptist; The Gathering; Uwharrie Community Church and St Martin’s Lutheran Church. Our “One on One” Pfriends also come from these churches. The Steering Committee has met monthly since it’s inception in February 2022 having their first meetings in the Zoom format. We now meet on the Albemarle campus once a month.

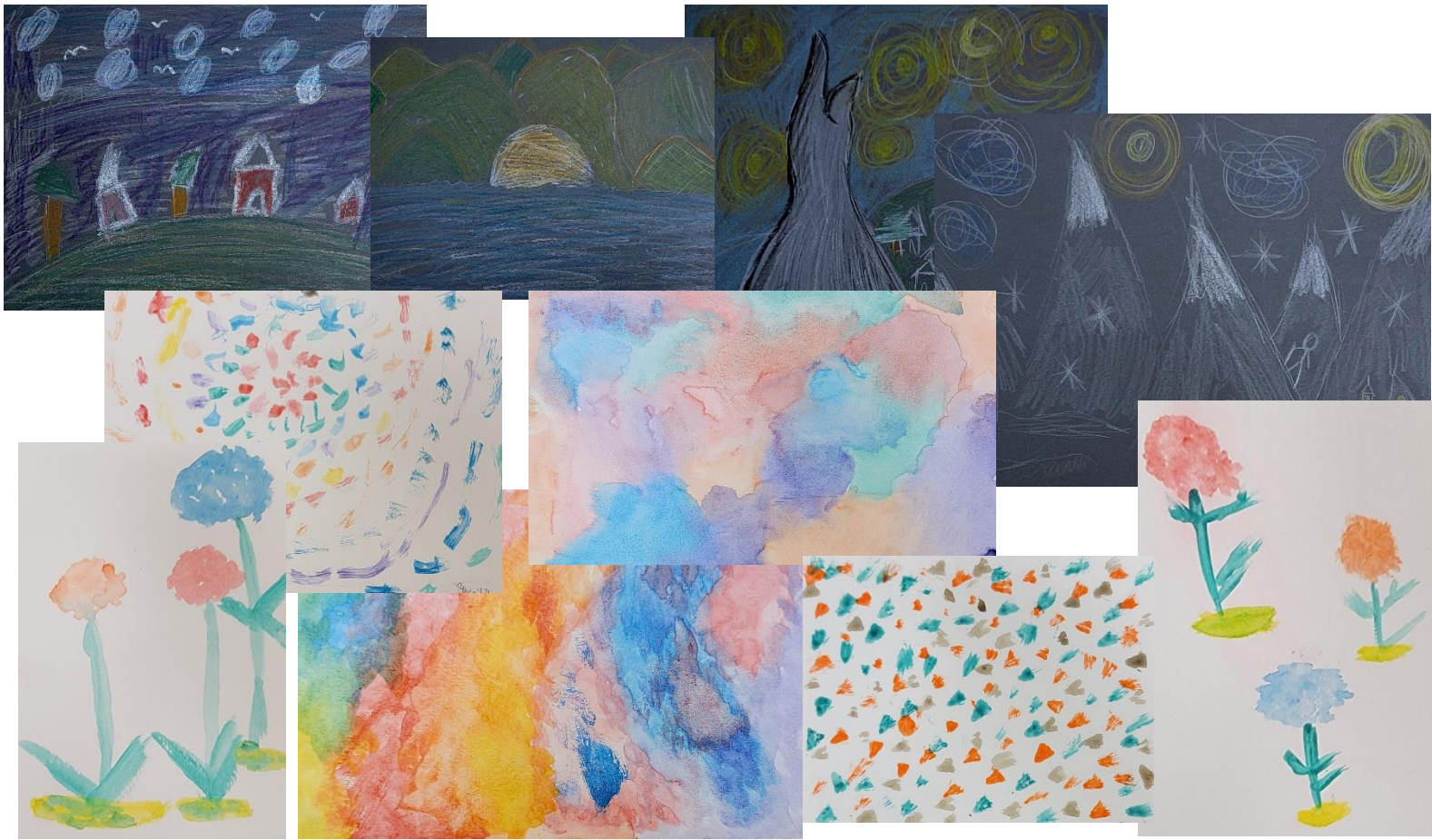
Our Pfriends also serve in Role Playing settings for both the PA and OT students as needed for the students’ learning opportunities.

Collectively we have provided a PFRIEND to over 200 individual students in the past three years.

The Steering Committee has a phrase that is used regularly. “We are planting seeds with our work as Pfriends....it is our hope that these students will continue to share the love that has been shown to them as they continue in their chosen professions....this is not about bringing these students to Jesus but about bringing the Love of Jesus and our Community to each of them as they are in our town”. Many of these students have been and are currently a long way from home, family and friends. We want them to feel welcomed.

First Presbyterian has had approximately 25 members assist with this program.

We anticipate having a need for more “one on one” volunteers in late July as we will have a new class of OT students begin in early August, 2024.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS THE ART GALLERY EXHIBIT By Central Elementary School Students

Central Elementary School and First Presbyterian Church are proud to present an Art Gallery featuring CES student's artwork led by their art teacher Jonathan Davis. Showcased at this event will be a variety of mediums and subjects, some inspired by famous artists and others produced out of pure imagination that only a child could create. Mediums such as watercolor, colored pencil, and marker work will be on display. There will be artwork inspired by Van Gogh, Jackson Pollock, and Claude Monet, as well others on display done in various mediums. Please come out to see all the wonderful works by these talented students.

Jonathan Davis teaches at Central Elementary

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church is invited to meet the Central Elementary artists at the Art Gallery Reception on Wednesday, April 17 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the church common area.



Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 4:00 pm Walking group at Rock Creek Park
- 8:30 pm Youth Bible Study- home of Debby Johnston

Wednesday, April 3

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl meeting in Parlor
- NO Midweek Dinner
- NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

- 6:00 pm Meal for Community Inn

Sunday, April 7

2nd Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 am New Sunday School Class in Old Session Room
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- TBD SNL

Monday, April 8

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- Noon – 1:15 Finding Joy
- 8:30 pm Youth Bible Study- home of Debby Johnston

*childcare provided

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:00 pm Circle Five Meeting in Pit Stop
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 am Session
- 8:45 am Diaconate in Old Session Room
- 9:30 am New Sunday School Class in Old Session Room
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, April 15

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- Noon – 1:15 Finding Joy
- 8:30 pm Youth Bible Study- home of Debby Johnston

Wednesday, April 17

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 4:00 pm- 5:30 pm Art Gallery Reception
- 5:30 pm Midweek with Dinner
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

*child care provided



Thursday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 21

4th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am New Sunday School Class in Old Session Room
 9:45 am *Sunday School
 11:00 am *Worship
 TBD SNL

Monday, April 22

Earth Day

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 Noon – 1:15 Finding Joy
 8:30 pm Youth Bible Study- home of Debby Johnston

Wednesday, April 24

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 5:30 pm Midweek with Dinner
 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

***child care provided**

Thursday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am New Sunday School Class in Old Session Room
 9:45 am *Sunday School
 11:00 am *Worship
 TBD SNL

Monday, April 29

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 Noon – 1:15 Finding Joy
 8:30 pm Youth Bible Study- home of Debby Johnston

***child care provided**

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL:

Ushers: Lee Snuggs (captain), Josh Davis (JD), Ken Knight, Jack Morton, Leo McLeod, Liz Bryson, Ella Cumming, Nathaniel Eudy

Elder Greeters: Elizabeth Bryson, Bill Jolly

Acolytes:

April 7: TBD
April 14: Emma Gibson
April 21: Carter Gibson
April 28: TBD

Outside Ushers:

April 7: Wes Eudy, John Howell
April 14: Jim Ivey, Tom Norwood
April 21: Jack Morton, Jim Marshall
April 28: Steve, Cumming, Chris Whitley

Sound/Streaming Coordinator:

April 7: Evan Sanges
April 14: Evan Sanges
April 21: Evan Sanges
April 28: Evan Sanges

Filming:

April 7: Jackson Palmer
April 14: Elizabeth Bryson
April 21: Jackson Pamer
April 28: James Cotton

Nursery for March:

April 7: Bailey Mitchell
April 14: Bailey Mitchell
April 21: Bailey Mitchell
April 28: Bailey Mitchell

Elders

Elizabeth Bryson
Ann Crutchfield
Steve Cumming
Peggy Finley
Kate Gibson
Bill Jolly
Mary Kesselman
Heather Kilde
Jim Marshall
Lee McLaurin
Ronnie Michael
Catherine Moeller
Jackson Palmer
Chris Whitley

Deacons

Shannon Bullard
Anissa Chapman
Wes Eudy
Liz Jolly
Myron Lowder
John Palmer
Frank Poolos
Brett Richards
Carol Sasser
Billie Jean Snuggs
Debbie Wainwright



LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7 IN THE PIT STOP

9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M

OFFERING OF LETTERS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14 IN WORSHIP

Join Bread for the World in pursuing a world without hunger. Urge North Carolina Congressmen *to support reauthorization of a farm bill that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.*

- Ask for a specific action, such as, *I ask you to...*
- Give reasons for your request – share a personal story or conviction that motivated you to write.
- Write your name and address on both the letter and the envelope Return Address.
- See addressed envelopes for names of our Congressmen.

(Sample Letter)

Date _____

Representative _____

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Senator _____

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative _____, -or- Dear Senator _____,

As Congress works to renew our food and farm programs through the farm bill, I urge you to support legislation that builds healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Protect SNAP from funding cuts and further restrictions.
- Increase funding for fresh produce within SNAP benefits through the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP).
- Reduce food waste by cosponsoring the *Food Date Labeling Act*, H.R.3159/S.1484.
- Reauthorize the Food for Peace global nutrition program at no less than its current annual level and allow additional flexibility to provide the most effective form of assistance in each local context.

As a person of faith, I am moved to help locally and advocate for people experiencing hunger and poverty – no matter where they live.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Your Address)

(Your City, State, Zip Code)





END OF YEAR YOUTH PARTY!!

Sunday, May 19th at
The Bullards
Swimming, Burgers & Hotdogs!