



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Freedom is coming!

People: We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.

Leader: Hope is coming!

People: We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair.

Leader: God is here!

People: God is present with us. God guides. God heals. God lifts the spirits of those who call on the name of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God together.

*CHORAL INTROIT

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

Joachim Neander

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Woodrow Wilson, author (1856-1924)

Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love truth; give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people; and bring us at last to the fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, and whose builder and maker you are; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. We have not boldly proclaimed the gospel and we have not shared the good news of salvation. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Renunciation and Affirmation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, page 35

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Introduction to the Congregation

Solo

New Soul

artist, Yael Naim

Ginny Marshall, guitar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

hymnal, page 288

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:13-15,22-25

Pew Bible, page 179

ANTHEM

An American Hymn

Cecil Effinger

SERMON

Living by the Spirit

Mrs. Ayscue

*HYMN 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

(During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to come forward and take a fruit of the Spirit from the basket as a reminder of God's gifts.)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Fred Wally

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 340

This Is My Song

Finlandia

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Cecil Effinger

*POSTLUDE

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Lee Boone. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jane Snyder for all she has done for our congregation by Janet and Rich Schaefer.

Greta Jane Mallory, daughter of Brittany (Marshall) and Joe Mallory, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism today. Elder Jim Marshall is participating in the baptism.

We welcome Fred Wally to worship this morning. He is the moderator of the Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte and lives in Davidson, North Carolina. He will be available in the pit stop following worship for questions and to provide additional information about the fall mission trip being sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte.

Ushers: Penny Morton, captain; Kim Andrew, Stephanie Campbell, Jim Carter, Jim Ivey, Dustin Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Kim Marshall, Carolyn McLaurin, Jack Morton, David Whitley, and Ellen Whitley **Elder Greeters:** Martha Sue Hall; Larry Sitton **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Salem Taylor **Preschool Partners:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz **Nana & Papa Team:** Barbara Lindley; Elizabeth Wilson **No Children's Church**

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Anita Gower (Forrest Oakes), Miriam Williams (grandmother of Michelle Cumming), Bailey Holshouser (U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School), Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler; at home following liver transplant), Rita Whitley, Linda Slimick, Barbara McManus, Becky Carter, David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

We as Christians in Stanly County wish to show our support for Charleston, SC following the tragic shootings at Mother Emmanuel AME Church last week. We will gather this Sunday evening (June 28) at Saints Delight Church (520 Wall St, Albemarle, NC 28001) at 5:00 p.m. for a community prayer service. The service will be led by several Stanly county pastors to show our unity in Christ. An offering will be received and sent to assist the victim's families. Please come and support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Shortbread Bakers Needed... Shortbread bakers are needed for Scottish Communion on July 19. If you can help by making a batch, sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop or contact Jane Boone (704-984-6353 or jane.boone@stanly.org).

Our Summer Sermon Series this year incorporates a number of children's stories and poems. In conjunction with this series, we are looking for elementary-aged children to create original illustrations based on stories and poems. If your child would like to be involved, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Our Living Legacy

Demolition has begun in the kitchen. Take a peek following worship. Pledges are still being received to cover costs related to the work in the kitchen, replacement of the metal steps leading to the parking lot, and other projects. For additional information or a pledge card, contact Mark Mabry (704-982-2149 or mabryins@vnet.net), chair of the *Our Living Legacy* Campaign Committee.



**Thanks to
Katherine Jolly
for her artwork based
on the book
Miss Tizzy
by Libba Moore Gray.**

SUMMER VESPERS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28 AT 7:30 P.M.

Join us for ice cream, outdoor fellowship, music, and worship at the home of Connie Wallace and Ken Knight (32034 Valley Drive, Albemarle). Bring a lawn chair. Freezers of homemade ice cream are needed. Contact Ken Knight (704-985-6277 or kbknight17@gmail.com) to say what flavor(s) of ice cream you are bringing.

Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 15**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). If you have questions about the application process, please contact Kim Marshall. Endowment Committee members include: Kim Marshall, chair; Debbie Bennett, Bob Gaither, Ronnie Michael, Shannon Newport, and Sandy Saunders. Elizabeth Ayscue, and Lee McLaurin (treasurer) are ex-officio members of the committee.

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents the Summer Art Exhibit
Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert**

A collection of oil paintings by Joyce Lambert, a member of this congregation, are exhibited in the First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery. This exhibit features wildlife, the Mwandu Village, several portraits, and landscapes. We appreciate Joyce sharing her art work with us.

A Prayer Wall has been added to the church in the basement outside the chapel. This is a visual reminder for all to **write** about their needs and concerns and to pray for others. You are encouraged to add praise notes as well; for who God is, what God has done, and how God has answered our prayers. Take a moment soon to sit by the **Prayer Wall** in quiet meditation and prayer.



Home

Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym

Come discover the true meaning of the word *home*!
Dream works comic adventure with a positive message about hope, friendship, and never giving up!

Bring the entire family out to enjoy a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks...
*Bring a chair or blanket and plan to relax!

Bring a non-perishable food item to help stock the shelves at Stanly Community Christian Ministries.

The 2015 Nominating Committee

welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder. In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:
Worship attendance, Participation in church activities, Service rendered to the church, Christian living in daily life, Ability to work cooperatively with others

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| Suggestions for Deacon | Suggestions for Ruling Elder |
| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |

Please return suggestions to the church office or to Tom Norwood, Nominating Committee Chair, by July 6. Other members of the Congregational Nominating Committee are: Al Andrew, Virginia Currie, Bob Johnston, Anne Montgomery, Jim Sawyer, and Joe Snuggs.

Mission Trip to Mwand, Zambia

The Mwand, Zambia mission trip participants will depart on July 31 and, after a long flight, will arrive late in the evening on August 1. While there, they will participate and serve in a number of areas. A priority will be to visit the surrounding bush villages to assess the clean water needs of the people. Participants from First Presbyterian are Rich and Janet Schaefer, Richard and Joyce Lambert, Andy Cotton, and Matt Drumheller. We will be joined in Mwand by Kathy and Winston Faust from Pearisburg Presbyterian Church, Pearisburg, VA. Kathy and Winston have been a part of our Mwand group since our first trip in 2008.

We can all participate in their trip by providing any of the following needed items:

Gloves for doctors and nurses

Gauze

Cotton Balls

Thermometers

Materials are needed for a new *special needs* class. Students range in grades 1 through 6. Books for pupils with intellectual disabilities:

Math

Pre-vocational

Skills for daily living

Literacy and Language

Other supplies include:

Crayons, Rulers, Colored Pencils, Play dough, Scissors

Stickers (keep in mind that fairy tale type stickers and books are not appropriate) Story books, Markers, Balls (soft), Paint & Paint brushes, Soccer Balls

Wish List Montaña de Luz

Skeet Ayscue, Cherry Ayscue, and Virginia Currie are departing July 22 for Montaña de Luz, Honduras. Please note that the mission team can only take 3 large tubs of supplies on the trip, so no need to purchase a lot of one thing. Below is a list of items needed for the people of that community:

Hygiene Items (Family Size)

Soap & Body Wash, Shampoo & Conditioner, Deodorant-male & female, Moisturizing lotion, Razors, Shaving cream/gel, Feminine Pads, Hair gel, Hairbands, Hair clips-girls, Hand sanitizer, Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher), Toothpaste (NO toothbrushes needed), Shoe polish

Pharmacy/Medical Supplies

MULTIVITAMINS-Children and Adult, Vitamin C, Antacids:1-Tums, 2: PeptoBismol/Mylanta/Maalox liquid, ACE Bandages-All sizes, Lice Shampoo kits, Metal Lice Combs

General/Office Needs

USB Memory Sticks (any size/recycled is fine), Printer Ink HP 60
Needles for Ball/Bicycle Pump, Laptops in good condition/cleaned,
Staplers

!!! Watch future bulletins for additional needs !!!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 28

- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 7:30 pm Summer Vespers at the home of
Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
(32049 Valley Drive, Albemarle)

Monday, June 29

- 8:30 am SNL Monday Morning Mission

Tuesday, June 30

- 7:00 pm Summer Movie Night (Gym)

Wednesday, July 1

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, July 2

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, July 3

Church Office Closed – Summer Friday

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

Sunday, July 5

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

- 10:00 am *Worship

***childcare provided**

Due to the kitchen renovation, we will no longer need/be able to use the range, griddle, or the large island (closest to the gym). If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) immediately.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 28-Maddox Jolly
- Sophie Poplin
- Robin Lemons
- 29-Virginia Marshall
- 30-Anna Wainwright

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

- 01-David Hancock
- Gina Martin
- Ben McLeod
- 03-Addison Marks
- 04-Don Abernathy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JUNE

- 28-Wes & Melissa Eudy
- 29-Connie Wallace & Ken Knight
- 30-Dave & Patty MacMurray

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

JULY

- 01-Roger & Joan Belsan

SCCM NEED FOR JUNE:

Soup & Crackers

SCCM NEED FOR JULY:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, & Pasta

Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on Fridays through August.

ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS!!!

As you tend your summer vegetable garden, please remember to plant a little extra so that you can share some of the fruits of your labors with members of our congregation as well as the clients at the Stanly Community Christian Ministry. Bring your harvest to the table in the pit stop on Sunday mornings so that folks can have an opportunity to make a purchase. The donations will be sent to SCCM. Whatever vegetables remain will be transported to the SCCM food pantry.