



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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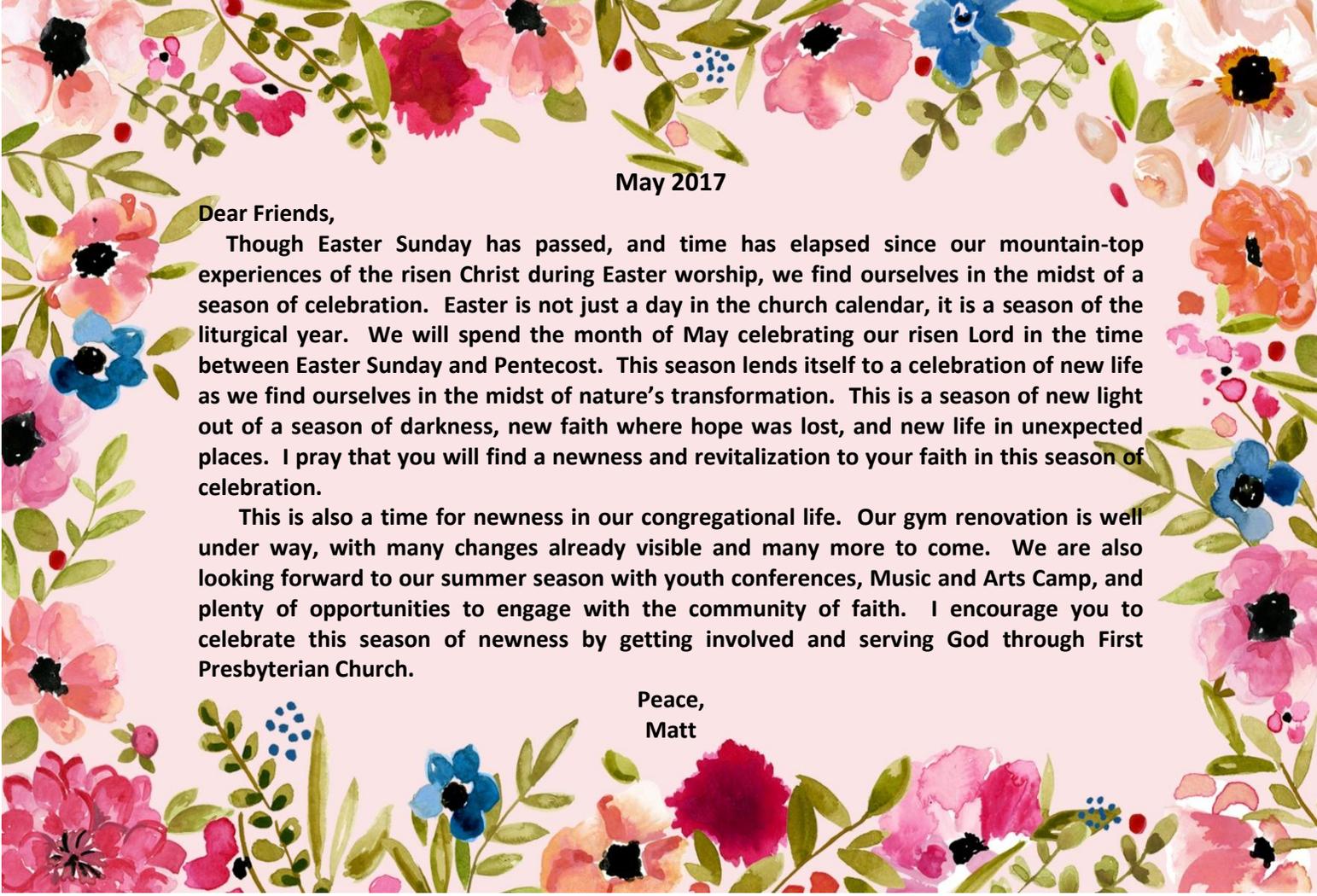
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May 2017

Dear Friends,

Though Easter Sunday has passed, and time has elapsed since our mountain-top experiences of the risen Christ during Easter worship, we find ourselves in the midst of a season of celebration. Easter is not just a day in the church calendar, it is a season of the liturgical year. We will spend the month of May celebrating our risen Lord in the time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. This season lends itself to a celebration of new life as we find ourselves in the midst of nature's transformation. This is a season of new light out of a season of darkness, new faith where hope was lost, and new life in unexpected places. I pray that you will find a newness and revitalization to your faith in this season of celebration.

This is also a time for newness in our congregational life. Our gym renovation is well under way, with many changes already visible and many more to come. We are also looking forward to our summer season with youth conferences, Music and Arts Camp, and plenty of opportunities to engage with the community of faith. I encourage you to celebrate this season of newness by getting involved and serving God through First Presbyterian Church.

Peace,
Matt



Oh, Jonah!

Have a whale of a good time this summer at Music & Arts Camp as the story of the prophet Jonah is brought to life with music, art, recreation, Bible, movement and more. It's more than just a good story about a whale swallowing a human. It's a story about us. It's a tale involving responsibility, repentance, listening for the word of God in our lives, accepting people who are different from us, and believing that there is mercy and compassion for all who turn to God...serious thoughts, but told with a sense of humor and good fun.

Register today to ensure a space for your child!!!



We Need You...

To Volunteer at M & A Camp

June 11-15

If you have **some time** the week of June 11-15, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with these adorable group of **100 children!** For more information, contact Gina Martin at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org. *Musical & artistic ability NOT required*

WORSHIP

Sunday, May 7

Bread for the World Offering of Letters
Recognition of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Scripture: John 10:1-10

We will offer thanks to the teachers and leaders in our Christian Education program and dedicate the letters written through the *Bread for the World* initiative.

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day
Mother's Day Offering

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 21

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients
The Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture: John 14:15-21

Nora Lynn Carpenter, daughter of Katie and Matt Carpenter, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Recipients of all First Presbyterian scholarships will be recognized.

Sunday, May 28

Scripture: John 17:1-11



SUMMER WORSHIP

Session has approved the following Sunday morning schedule for the summer:

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School.

This schedule will be in effect from June 4-September 3.

Early worship makes it possible to enjoy more of the afternoon outside.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal... We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on May 7. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome!



2017 Flower Calendar... The 2017 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 fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.

Save
the
Date

Women's
Retreat

September
22
-
24



Presbytery of Charlotte Legacy Award

Each year, the Presbytery of Charlotte's Leadership Development Committee honors older adult church members within the Presbytery *who actively live out their faith in service to the church and community*. Our Session nominated Miss Ann Duckwall for this award. The letter Ann received confirming her receipt of the Legacy award included the following information: *The Session of your church chose to nominate you for this award in accordance with the Guidelines for Nomination, which includes exemplifying positive images of aging personally, and serving as a role model to generations for growing older with a sense of God's grace. Yours is one of 30 awards to be given this year.* Ann will be honored at a luncheon on Thursday, May 4 (along with other recipients of the Legacy Award) at First Presbyterian Church in Concord, North Carolina. The letter nominating Ann from our church is pasted below:

Nomination of Ann Duckwall for the Legacy Award – Presbytery of Charlotte

The Senior Care Committee and the Ruling Elders of First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle wish to nominate Ann Duckwall for the Presbytery of Charlotte Legacy Award. Ann has been a member of First Presbyterian Church (FPC), Albemarle since July 23, 1967 and has served as a Ruling Elder (at least 3 times from the records that were found) and as a Deacon. She has been a member of the Mission Committee of FPC for over 40 years. Her role on the Mission Committee includes coordination of *Bread for the World* Letter Writing Campaign and coordination of the yearly *SERRV* sale. The *Bread for the World* Letter Writing Campaign implores our elected officials to provide for the hungry in our world. *SERRV* is a nonprofit, fair trade organization which provides opportunities for impoverished artists and farmers to sell their goods and support themselves and their families. A recent Mission Committee Chair, Peggy Finley, stated, *As past chairperson of the Mission Committee, it was reassuring for me to know that Ann would always take the initiative to make these activities successful.* Ann also works with our First Family Wednesday night meal helping to prepare food and clean up. She comes at 10:00 a.m. and remains until after dinner. Jane Snyder, kitchen coordinator for FPC, describes her as a *marathoner*. She often coordinates the church's noon meal for the ecumenical Lenten series held each year at various downtown churches. Ann Duckwall was part of FPC's 2015 kitchen renovation committee. She not only helped make decisions on equipment and placement, but also helped to clear and clean the kitchen before and after the renovation. She helps with the weekly Youth Club snack. In addition, she assembles bulletins for the weekly church services and plays a leadership role in her circle. Ann Duckwall is a tremendous asset to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle and the Senior Care Committee and Ruling Elders nominate her with great enthusiasm.



!!! Spaces are filling up quickly !!!

!!! Sign Up Now !!!

First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 11-15, 2017



FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th grade AND if you love to create, sing and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.).
On June 12-15, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Grades K-6 (completed) 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$40.00 (by May 25).
Late Registration Fee is \$45.00 (after May 25).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day. Drinks will be provided.

The camp's grand finale will be a performance of *Oh Jonah* on Thursday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. (Ice Cream follows)

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)
Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2017 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____
of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

Return registration form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578 126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? (704) 982-2722
or email Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)



OFFERING OF LETTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 7

Urge Congress to support measures that help mothers and children receive the nutrition needed to be healthy and live active lives.

*Sample Letter
(Handwritten letters using your own words are most effective.)*

breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Date _____

Sen. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

or

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator _____,

or

Dear Rep. _____

As Congress works on the 2018 budget and spending bills, I ask you to make funding decisions that will put us on track to end hunger by 2030.

I urge you to invest in programs like WIC, SNAP, tax credits for low-income workers, and international development assistance. These programs help millions of people escape from hunger.

We have made great progress reducing hunger and poverty in our country and around the world, but our work remains unfinished. My faith calls me to urge you to make investments that will reduce and end hunger.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

_____ (your name)

_____ (your address)

_____ (city, state, ZIP)

Please write your name and return address on the envelope. Members of Congress want to know that they represent you.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS

(completed 4th - 6th Grades)

June 19-22

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per child

Camp Limit of 12 children

!!! Only 6 Spaces Left - Sign Up Now !!!

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 19 - Thursday, June 22 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 visiting Carolina Farms, an innovative program in Albemarle that enables individuals from the autistic population to realize a dream of living and working in a farm environment, where we will harvest fresh produce and return to church to prepare what we have harvested.

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

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Teachers and Leaders of the
Christian Education Program
Recognition on Sunday, May 7



Thanks for sharing your time, energy, knowledge, creativity and patience with our children, youth and adults this year.

Through your dedicated efforts, the Christian Education Programs have reached many within the church and beyond, as we have celebrated generosity. The love that has been shared so generously with others is a reflection of God's deep love for each of us. It is with deep gratitude that the following people be recognized.

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

Janice Abernathy
Linda Anderson
Kim Andrew
Mildred Andrew
Adrienne Averette
Elizabeth Ayscue
Rebekah Ayscue
Skeet Ayscue
Leah Beamon
Lisa Biddle
Duncan Bryson
Keith Bryson
Kristie Bryson
Josh Campbell
Stephanie Campbell
Jim Carter
Andy Cotton
Ruth Cotton
Betty Crook
Michelle Cumming
Steve Cumming
Liz Davis
Heather Deese
Daniel Dickens
Mark Donham
Matt Drumheller
Ann Duckwall
Angie Earnhardt
Melissa Eudy
Wes Eudy
Banks Garrison
Susan Garrison
Kate Gibson
Mary Green
Frank Green

Martha Sue Hall
Lillie Hancock
Cora Harrison
Anna Henkenjohann
Lori Ivey
Margaret Ivey
Debby Johnston
Adam Jolly
Katherine Jolly
Liz Jolly
Taylor Jolly
Bede Karr
Russell Karr
Mary Kesselman
Sandi Kilde
Ken Knight
Kelly Lentz
Barbara Lindley
Dona Lisk
Greg Lisk
Brianna Little
Cici Ly
Chris Mabry
Laura Beth Marks
Gina Martin
Roger Martin
Catherine McIntyre
Lee McLaurin
Andy McLeod
Ben McLeod
Isabel McLeod
Laura McLeod
Mike McLeod
Barbara McManus
Ronnie Michael

Sarah Michael
Catherine Moeller
Matt Moeller
Jack Morton
Penny Morton
Jill Niebler
Jacob Palmer
Beth Poolos
Frank Poolos
Lynn Poplin
Brett Richards
Linda Richards
Kim Robertson
Gayle Russell
Ned Russell
Rose Saltzman
Jana Sanderson
Carol Sasser
Jillian Scardina
Rich Schaefer
Carroll Sitton
Billie Jean Snuggs
Lee Snuggs
Jane Snyder
Kassie Taylor
Salem Taylor
Teresa Taylor
Connie Wallace
Anna Wainwright
Samantha Wangler
Shirley Welch
Martha White
Martha Wolf

First Presbyterian Church 2017 Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients. Recipients will be recognized on **Sunday, May 21** during worship.

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:

- Charnai Ewing.** She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend North Carolina Agricultural and State University majoring in Pre-Law.
- Jacob Lancaster.** He attends High Point University majoring in Religion.
- Noah Lancaster.** He attends UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Chemistry.
- Madison McSwain.** She is a senior at North Stanly High School and plans to attend Brevard College majoring in Psychology.
- Abigail Pate.** She is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Lenoir-Rhyne University majoring in Health Science.
- Karie Shields.** She is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Pfeiffer University majoring in Exercise Science.
- Jacob Whitley.** He is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Catawba College majoring in Nursing.

Francys and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:

- Cidney Bowers.** She is a senior at Saurth Stanly High School and plans to attend East Carolina University majoring in Nursing.
- Tate Cord.** He is a senior at North Stanly High School and plans to attend North Carolina State University majoring in Statistics.
- Kimrey Lowder.** She is a senior at Stanly Early College and plans to attend Appalachian State University or UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Middle Grades English, Science, & Art Education.
- Lefler McManus.** She is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend UNC-Greensboro majoring in Religious Studies.
- Caroline Snyder.** She attends UNC-Charlotte and is majoring in Elementary Education.
- Jack Snyder.** He attends Appalachian State University and is majoring in Marketing.
- Quinton Wainwright.** He attends Stanly Community College majoring in Commercial Art with an emphasis on Graphic Arts.

Maude Boysworth recipient is:

- Anna Wainwright.** She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill.

Helen L. Mount Scholarship recipient is:

- Joey Little.** He attends Appalachian State University majoring in Business.

Daniel Mann Whitley recipient is:

- Riley Graeff.** She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend Appalachian State University majoring in Art & Graphic Design.

A big thank you to the Scholarship Committee for 2017: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Anne Montgomery, Elizabeth Wilson, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Worship on Sunday, June 4 will be a celebration of the outpouring of God's spirit on the early church.

Red is the liturgical color for the day so wear your red!

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...MARCH 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	123,211.00	134,928.00
Total Expenses:	<u>146,191.00</u>	<u>146,041.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(22,980.00)	(11,113.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	2017	
Pledges:	507,476	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,544</u>
Total Income:	548,314	Average Weekly Amount Received in March: <u>\$14,170</u>
Total Expenses:	548,314	

We are ahead \$7,665 in pledges. (\$20,488 of 2017 pledges was prepaid in 2016) Ten-Cents-A-Meal March: \$447

Update on Gym Renovation

As of April 21, the 40th day of renovation of the gym has been completed. Ceiling has been completed, lighting has been installed along with the installation of new windows. Painting has started on stage, walls of the gym and storage rooms along with stairwell outside of gym. New glass basketball backboards are installed. All measurements for automated window shades have been made with anticipation of installation soon. New doors have been installed for storage area under stage that offers improved entry into that area. Gym project is about finished with 19 more working days to finish the painting of gym, installing window blinds and to refinish the gym floor. Stokes Construction has done a great job to keep this project on schedule.

Submitted by: Bob Johnston, Property Committee Chair

MANTREAT AT MONTREAT RECAP



Men from our church participated in the Mantreat at Montreat the weekend after Easter. They spent time in worship and workshops as well as in fellowship together. It was a great weekend of retreat in the mountains of North Carolina.

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 7**. 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 14**. 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: _____

NEWS and NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Joan Belsan, given by Frank & Mary Green.
In memory of Joyce Burris, given by Frank & Mary Green.
In memory of Katie and Roy Dearstyne, given by Dick Liles.
In memory of Katie and Roy Dearstyne, given by Tom & Jean Rabe.
In memory of Roy Dearstyne, given by Mildred Andrew.
In memory of Louise Morris, given by Davis Fort.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Richard M. Adams & family.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Adams, Jr. & family.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Daniel & Kathleen Amos.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Richie, Katherine, & Sarah Cullon.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Davis Fort.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Fulk.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Barb Lee & Alston Gardner.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Cham & Sylvia Glenn.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Frank & Mary Green.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Jim Hesley.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Holly Dearstyne Norwood and Tom Norwood.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Tom & Jean Rabe.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Diane & Bill Stevenson.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Tom Webb.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence B. Bauknight.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Mr. C. Brock Bauknight
In honor of Jim Sawyer, given by Jim Hesley.
In honor of Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, given by Peggy & Stephen Isenhour.
In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Peggy & Stephen Isenhour.
In honor of the Chancel Choir, given by Peggy & Stephen Isenhour.
In honor of the Funeral Food Committee, given by Peggy & Stephen Isenhour.

Our Living Legacy Fund:

In memory of Roy Dearstyne, given by Mark & Chris Mabry.
In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Mark & Chris Mabry.

Property Endowment:

In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Lynn & Gerald Poplin.
In memory of Roy Dearstyne, given by Lynn & Gerald Poplin.

SYMPATHY

To Mellanie Morgan upon the death of her mother, Louise Morris, on April 4.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Johnny and Lauren Howell upon the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Jane, on April 5. Proud grandparents are Robin and John Howell.

STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CHALLENGE FOR MAY:

Canned Vegetables

Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Beans

NEWS and NOTES

Circle #5

Circle #5 will meet on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Iris Coggins (811 Sylvania Ave., Albemarle). Discussion on Lesson #7 will be lead by Ann Duckwall.



Summer Newsletter Deadline... Tuesday, May 23

Early submissions are always welcome!

This newsletter covers information for June, July, and August.

If you type your items in Microsoft Word,
please email them as an attachment to:

pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org

Lectionary-Based Bible Study on Mondays

8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m

Location: Off the Square (114 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Matt hosts a weekly Bible study on Monday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 pm at Off the Square. Anyone is welcome to join Matt for this lectionary-based study.



Thanks to the following people for assisting in the church office in March: Ann Duckwall, Gloria Bryson, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Judy & Tommy Murrell, Sandy Rogers, Ruth Ann Rogers, and Martha White.

A special thanks to the people that came to the church early Saturday morning, April 1, to shovel, haul, and spread mulch around the church grounds: Al Andrew, Skeet Ayscue, John Earnhardt, John Howell, Bob Johnston, Taylor Johnston, Richard Lambert, and Lynn White. The help of many hands made the work easier.

David Whitley, Property Committee

Youth Club & Youth Cub Volunteers

It is with deep gratitude that we thank the following Youth Club & Youth Club volunteers and leaders!!! These folks have dedicated their time, energy and creativity each Wednesday afternoon to provide a wonderful Christian Education for 60 children in our church and community.

Janice Abernathy, Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Leah Beamon, Lisa Biddle, Duncan Bryson, Betty Crook, Daniel Dickens, Ann Duckwall, Margaret Ivey, Sandi Kilde, Dona Lisk, Laura Beth Marks, Catherine McIntyre, Sarah Michael, Jacob Palmer, Beth Poolos, Frank Poolos, Lynn Poplin, Kim Robertson, Linda Richards, Rose Saltzman, Carol Sasser, Jillian Scardina, Teresa Taylor, Anna Wainwright, and Martha White.



PRAYER requests

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:

- Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Rachel Darling**, friend of Dona Lisk; battling cancer.
- Mike Dearstyne**, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.
- Sara Dyer**, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.
- Lindsey Efird**, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.
- Gay Ellington**, former co-worker of Martha White; lung cancer.
- Beth Harris**, sister-in-law of Martha Sue Hall; health concerns.
- Elizabeth Howard**, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis**, ten year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Pat Long**, aunt of Roger Martin; on-going health concerns.
- Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Fred McInturff**, father of Michelle Cumming; vision loss.
- Meghan Niemann**, friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Barbara Petillo**, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.
- Bruce Roney**, uncle of Dona Lisk; breast cancer.
- Karen Russell**, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Rowena Warren**, sister of Jim Carter; rehab at Stanly Manor Room 305.
- Caroline West**, granddaughter of Sarah & Ronnie Michael; health concerns.
- Eddie Wilson**, brother of Elizabeth Wilson; health concerns.

Members of the Congregation:

- Andy Cotton.**
- Blue Honeycutt.**
- Linda Richards.**
- Sandy Rogers** (hip replacement on May 2).
- Pete Smith.**



Spring Art Exhibit
Featuring works by students at
Central Elementary School
Who Am I?: Self-Portraiture





MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 01- David Holbrook
- 03- Carole Yost
- 04- Brad Boone
- 08- Barbara McManus
Lee Snuggs
- 09- Ari Beamon
- 11- Spencer Ayscue
Elizabeth Boyle
Debby Johnston
- 12- Skeet Ayscue
Alix Stewart
- 13- Laura Frazier
- 15- Stephan Kinley
- 16- Roger Martin
Olivia Maust
- 17- Liz Jolly
Ken Knight
Art Rogers

- 19- Piper Campbell
Jim Sawyer
Natalie Taylor
- 20- Jim Ivey, III
Bill Lindley
- 21- Kristen Laton
Quinton Wainwright
- 22- Richard Lambert
- 23- Laura Mittendorf
- 26- Chris McLaurin
- 27- Gerald Poplin
- 28- Rebekah Ayscue
- 30- Jackson Lisk
- 31- John Palmer



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02- Bob & Donna Gaither
- 09- Lee & Barbara McManus
Derek & Meredith Moses
- 12- Rob & Catherine McIntyre
Keith & Martha Wolf
- 14- Greg & Dona Lisk
Keith & Ashley Maust
- 17- Tom & Holly Norwood

- 18- Jordan & Amanda Morgan
- 21- Brett & Sherrie Richards
- 22- Rodney & Rita Morgan
- 29- Lenny & Rose Saltzman
- 30- Al & Becky Andrew
Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall
- 31- Aaron & Alison Whisnant



Youth Ministry Script for May

Our program year is coming to a close, and I am thankful for a wonderful year in youth ministry. As we close out the year we will spend some time together wrapping our spring theme: **Do Something**. Please join us for these last few Sundays to share time together in ministry and fellowship!

Sunday, May 7	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Youth Connection
Sunday, May 14	5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Youth Connection
Sunday, May 21	5:30 p.m.	Cookout at Matt's House

Monday Night Bible Study at 8:30 p.m. with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton

Location: 1611 Bellamy Circle (Elizabeth's house)

Come for fellowship, study of the Scriptures, and prayer. Bring a Bible and a friend. Please contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) with any questions.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

30-Jackson Lisk

End of the Year Youth Ministry Cookout

Matt and Claire will host our end of the year dinner at their house this year as a cookout. They will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and you are invited to bring a side or dessert. We'll spend time outside playing games and hanging out together. Please join us at 5:30 to celebrate the end of the year!



Senior Recognition

There are four youth who are part of First Presbyterian Church who will be graduating from high school this spring. On Sunday, June 4, we will celebrate Holland Currie, Sam Holshouser, Ben McLeod, and Anna Wainwright in worship. We are proud of the accomplishments of our young folks and we celebrate with them as they prepare to take the next steps of their journeys.



Massanetta Springs

Middle School Conference

Some of our middle schoolers will travel to Massanetta Spring this summer to participate in their annual middle school conference from June 22 - 25. Placed into small groups to meet new people, our youth and leaders will participate in worship, workshops, and games. This will be a wonderful time for our young people to grow in faith. Please keep this entire group in your prayers.

Montreat Youth Conference

Our high school youth will participate in the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina this summer from July 9 - 15. The theme will be *A Missing Peace*. Along with praying, singing, dancing, and worshipping, our youth will spend the week deepening their faith and expanding their friendships. They will be accompanied by Barbara McManus and Matt Drumheller. Please pray for our youth and leaders!





Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more 1000 since 2005.

Please join us for Homes of Hope's Spring Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser Friday, May 5...6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Donations will be accepted!

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

Pancakes, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Cereal, Sausage, Grits, Gravy, Biscuits, Juice, and Fruit



Sponsored by:



Homes of Hope is a Stanly County United Way agency.



PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX. WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.



NOW SERVING LUNCH

COMMUNITY TABLE SATURDAY, JUNE 17

First Presbyterian Church will serve lunch at the Community Table on June 17. Contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723) for more information and/or if you can help.



Backpack Food Program Donation List

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

Next packing date: Wednesday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m.

TESTING PROCTORS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

EOG testing is set for May 31-June 7 at Central School. Proctors are desperately needed! There will be training prior to and the day of testing. If you can help, contact Julie McSwain at julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org or 704-961-3200.

Proctors Needed!

It is time to turn in your application for the trip to Montana de Luz on July 19-26. The application fee is \$100. If you have any questions, please contact Skeet (704-984-2883 or aayscue1@live.com).





Young Adult Lunch

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. Please join us for lunch and fellowship.

**Thursday, May 4 at Noon at The Goody Shop Café
(241 West Main Street, Albemarle)**

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

- Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders
- What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
- When? Sunday, May 7 at 9:00 a.m.
- Where? Media Room
- Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith



Please let Gina Martin know if you are able to join us...gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org. *Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.

PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON THURSDAY, MAY 11 AT NOON AT CITY LAKE PARK



Please save the date of May 11 for the next Prime Timers Luncheon. The luncheon will be held at City Lake Park at the double shelter closest to the lake. The menu will be fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, green beans, fruit salad, tea and dessert. Ken Knight will speak on *Our Wild North Carolina*. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the Pit Stop. Please call the office by May 8 to let us know you are coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

An Afternoon with John Denver
Part of New London United Methodist Church
Music and Missions Series
Sunday, May 21...4:30 PM - 6:00 PM.
Donations Accepted...No Charge to Attend



Rod Almond and friends will present an hour and a half of John's music, recreating a typical concert from before Denver's untimely passing 20 years ago.

All proceeds go to Stanly County Homes of Hope, Inc., a non-profit organization working to reduce homelessness in Stanly County through transitional housing, emergency housing, case management, resource connections and skill acquisition that will enable individuals and families in need to gain independence and become successful community members. More information on this wonderful charity at <http://homesofhopestanly.org/home>. Please join us for 90 minutes of music and memories.



Check out the new art in the Children's Art Gallery, featuring Faith Explorers' self portraits and Trusty Travelers' floral paintings. Thank you to the teachers who led and encouraged these budding artists along their artistic journey.

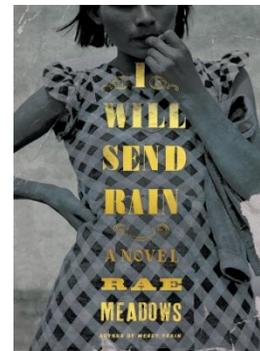
Leah Beamon & Billie Jean Snuggs



Graduate Information Needed by May 15 for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 4

During worship on June 4, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2017, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) by **May 15** with pertinent information.

Book Conversation May Book Study on Monday, May 22 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor Cost: \$12.00



Set in Mulehead, OK in 1934, this novel is a carefully rendered novel about the resilience of family and the power of choices. It is filled with hope, longing and laughter, its characters will stay with the reader long after the last page is turned.



GUIDING THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

*For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away...
Acts 2:39*

The Pentecost Offering is devoted to nurturing and guiding young people as they lay the foundation for their futures – providing opportunities to deepen their faith, find the joy in serving others, and seek God's will for their lives. Also, caring mentors to help guide them and a supportive community helps ground them in faith for their whole lives. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, this is what you are supporting...a foundation of faith for a more promising future for our young people. Please share gladly and give generously.

The 2017 Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, June 4.

AROUND THE CLOCK CLASSIC

**BENEFITING THE JOHN P. MURRAY COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC AND ALBEMARLE PARKS AND REC
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT ROCK CREEK PARK**

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 (6:00 P.M.)- SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (6:00 P.M.)

Join First Presbyterian friends for a fun 24-hour softball tournament benefiting the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic and Albemarle Parks and Rec! The tournament will take place from 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 2 – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Rock Creek Park.

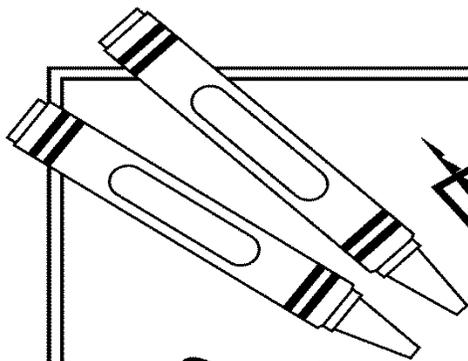


FPC needs players for our team and lots of cheerleaders! The What-A-Burger food truck will be at the event along with other carnival-food- concessionaires and a portion of all food purchases will be donated to the Clinic and AP&R. So, whether you are a player or just someone who enjoys a good burger, sno-cone, funnel cake or cotton candy – it all helps the cause!

Questions? Email jane.boone@carolinas.org

Confirmation Class Recap

Our 2017 class of confirmands has completed their work and were recognized in front of the congregation on Palm Sunday, April 9. One of our youth, Kimbal Chapman, was baptized and joined the church. Two of our confirmands, Duncan Bryson and Morgan Kinley, also joined the church. We also celebrated the accomplishments of two of our confirmands, David Kilde and Grace Dombrowski, who completed the confirmation process and chose not to join the church at this time. All of these youth, with the support of their confirmation partners, dedicated many hours of class time, service, and hard work to this program, and we celebrate with them this part of their faith journeys.



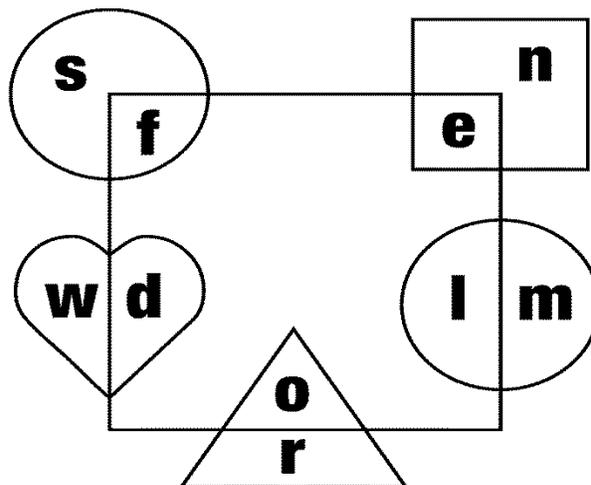
PUZZLE

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs.
 What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
 grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
 in all his splendor was _____
 like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV



Monday, May 1

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Iris Coggins (811 Sylvania Ave., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, May 3

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 4

National Day of Prayer



- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at The Goody Shop Café (241 West Main St., Albemarle)

Friday, May 5 *Church Office Closed*

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Spring Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser at Central UMC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 7

Bread for the World Offering of Letters/Ten-Cents-A-Meal
Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education
Deadline for Mother's Day Flower Arrangement Forms

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, May 8

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, May 10

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Backpack Food Program
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 11

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon at City Lake Park

Friday, May 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 13

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

***childcare provided**

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Mother's Day Offering

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship



Monday, May 15

Deadline for Graduate Information

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, May 16

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church (8601 Bryant Farms Rd, Charlotte, NC)

Wednesday, May 17

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 am *Chancel Choir

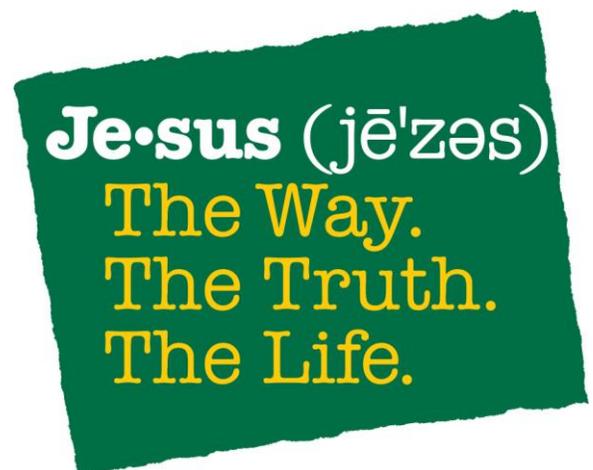
Thursday, May 18

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 19

Church Office Closed

***childcare provided**





Sunday, May 21

The Sacrament of Baptism

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

4:30 pm-6:00 pm *An Afternoon with John Denver* Homes of Hope Fundraiser at New London UMC

5:30 pm Youth Connection Cookout at the home of Matt & Claire Drumheller

Monday, May 22

7:00 pm May Book Study in the church parlor

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, May 23

12:00 pm Summer 2017 Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 25

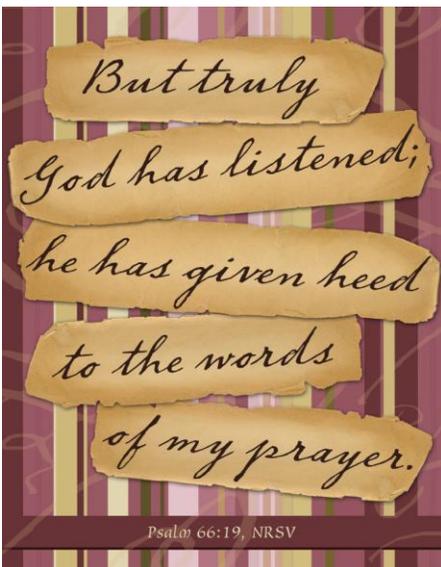
9:30 am *Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 26

Church Office Closed

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Sunday, May 28

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship



Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

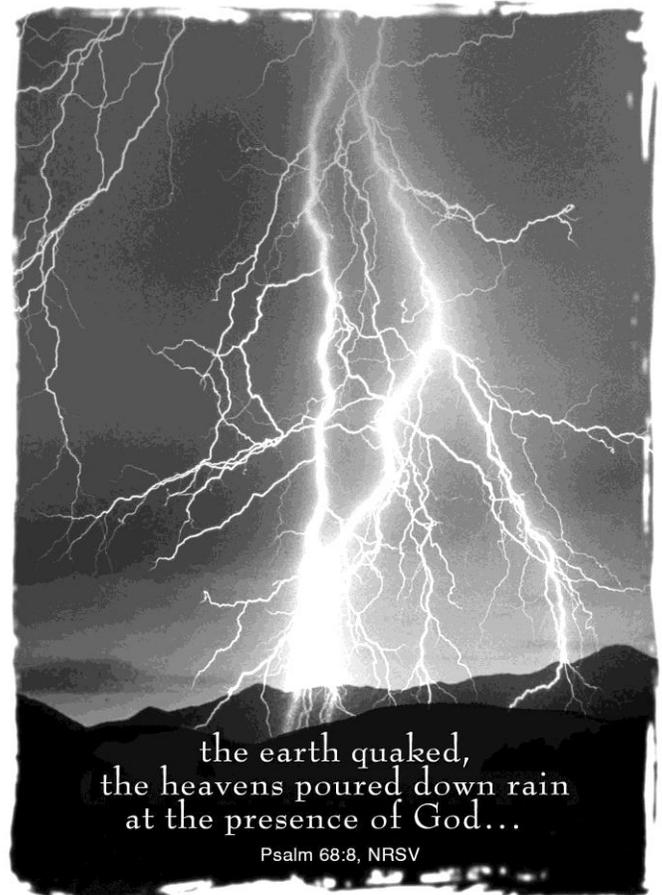
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Wednesday, May 31

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 pm *Chancel Choir

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

Ushers: Steve Cumming, captain; Brad Boone, Michelle Cumming, Jim Ivey, Kyle Marks,

Elder Greeters for May: Heather Deese; Jim Marshall

Nursery Room:

May 7: Jana Sanderson
May 14: Samantha Wangler
May 21: Jana Sanderson
May 28: Cora Harrison

Toddler Room:

May 7: Samantha Wangler
May 14: Brianna Little
May 21: Brianna Little
May 28: Samantha Wangler

Nana & Papa Team:

May 7: TBA
May 14: Susan & Banks Garrison
May 21: Sarah & Ronnie Michael
May 28: Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

Preschool Partners:

May 7: Penny & Jack Morton
May 14: Melissa & Wes Eudy
May 21: Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod
May 28: Leah Beamon; Rose Saltzman

Acolytes:

May 7: Andy McLeod
May 14: Kimbal Chapman
May 21: Angus Currie
May 28: Katherine Jolly

Children's Church for May:

May 7, 14, 21, 28: Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz; Jacob Palmer



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