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Dear Friends.

I write on the eve of the reception honoring Gina Martin as Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church. Her leadership over the past nearly ten years has led to tremendous growth in the quality of our Christian Education program and in the number of participants. She is responsible for revising exisiting programs and creating meaningful new experiences including the retreat for grandparents and grandchildren and a variety of activities that bring parents and children together for Christian Education. Perhaps most impressively, Gina has also mentored a cadre of adult and youth volunteers who are now equipped to step in to many of the roles she has occupied. It is a joy to see volunteers gathering for creative conversation about programs on the near horizon. Sarah Michael, as chair of the Christian Education Committee, moves from group to group encouraging the efforts of those around her.

Our gratitude for all the ways Gina enriched our life together is immeasurable, and I hope you will personally have an opportunity to tell her that.

Our Personnel Committee is continuing its conversations about leadership for the Christian Education position and hopes to bring a recommendation to Session at its September meeting. We look forward to seeing exactly who God will lead to us, and in the meantime, I'm grateful for your commitment to our on-going programs.

Rally Day is just around the corner (September 10; breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m.), and it provides an entry point into programs for children, teens, and adults. I urge your participation and deep engagement in our common life as we seek to be the body of Christ in and for the world.

Grace and Peace.

Labor Day Worship at the YMCA Park Sunday, September 3 at 9:00 a.m.

We'll worship at the YMCA Park and revel in the sights and sounds of God's good creation. Following worship, the Fellowship Committee will provide a continental breakfast.

Beginning September 10, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.





LAST CALL FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT THE POWER OF STORY

It's September 22-24 in Montreat and a few spaces are still available. Cost for the week-end is:

\$241.00 (single room occupancy) \$183.00 (double room occupancy) Contact the office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)

Riding the Tides of Foith

Rally Bay

Sunday, September 16

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The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Come prepared to learn how to Ride the Tides of Faith!

Games, Art, Music, & More...

Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings...

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education Sunday, September 10 during worship

On Rally Day, teachers and leaders in the Christian Education program will be commissioned during worship. Please plan to come to Rally Day (which begins at 9:30 a.m.) and worship (which begins at 11:00 a.m.) to support and encourage our 2017-2018 teachers and leaders as they begin guiding our congregation in various ways.

Riding the Tides of Faith in Sunday School All Classes Begin at 9:45 a.m.

Birth-17 months... Nursery... Cora Harrison, Kaitlyn Massey, and Jana Sanderson are the caregivers for our youngest children.

18 months-2 year olds...Toddler Room...Cora Harrison, Kaitlyn Massey, McKenzie Hinson, and Sara Kate Thomas lead these children.

3 year olds & 4 year olds... Preschool Room... Taught by Kate Gibson, Jill Niebler, and Rose Saltzman.

Preschool Music... Preschool Music will be led by Martha Sue Hall and Ken Knight.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade... Art Room... Teachers: Leah Beamon, Heather Deese, and Salem Taylor.

3rd-5thGgrades...3rd Floor Classroom... Teachers: Taylor Jolly, Penny Morton, Brett Richards

6th-12th Graders... Teen Room 3rd Floor... Teachers: Our middle school and high school Sunday School classes will combine the fall to spend our Sunday mornings together. We will use a resource called "Read Scripture" to explore Scripture, its broad themes, and how it informs our lives. Steve Cumming and Matt Drumheller will be leading this class.

Fall Sunday School for Adults

The practice of studying scripture and theology with other Christians pre-dates the church as we know it. It remains as one of the best ways for people of faith to encourage one another and to grow in faith. Why not take advantage of this opportunity?

Bible and Study Hour Led by Wes Eudy & Greg Lisk Location: Gathering Room (3rd Floor)

The Wired Word Led by Rich Schaefer Location: Parlor (First Floor)

The Seekers Class Led by Dr. Bill Jolly Location: Old Session Room (Basement)

The class will study Paul's letter to the church in

Rome.



Sunday, September 3

Worship at 9:00 a.m. at the YMCA Park Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Worship is at 9:00 a.m. at the YMCA Park. Dress for the weather and bring a chair if it's easy to do so. We'll gather near the pavilion to sing, pray, and reflect on God's work in the world and in the lives of people near and far. The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received. The Fellowship Committee will provide light refreshments following worship.

Sunday, September 10

Rally Day

Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

We return to worship at 11:00 a.m. Worship will be a celebration of our educational ministries. We will commission teachers and leaders for their roles. Session has approved an offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to be designated for victims of Hurrican Harvey.

Scripture for the Day: Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, September 17

The Sacrament of Baptism Dedication of Prayer Shawls

Tucker Jett Moses, son of Meredith and Derek Moses, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. We will dedicate prayer shawls to the service of God. Each one is lovingly crafted by a member of our congregation and will be shared with someone who is facinig illness or another type of adversity.

Scripture for the Day: Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 24

Scripture for the Day: Matthew 20:1-16

Ten-Cents-A-Meal...We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on September 3. 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.



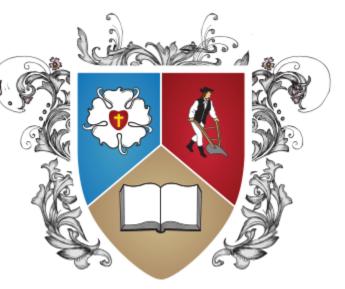
GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparent's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 10**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.	
In memory of:	
Given by:	
In honor of:	
Given by:	

PROTESTANT REFORMATION 500TH ANNIVERSARY



1517 - 2017

We will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this year. We will recognize this watershed event in several ways.

- For four Sundays in October, Elizabeth will teach an adult Sunday School class on the Reformation. We'll look at historical events, the catalyst for the Reformation, and what was lost and gained...and what that means for the Presbyterian Church of our time.
- Matt and Elizabeth will preach a four session sermon series on the theological implications in word and deed of the Protestant Reformation.
- On October 29 (Reformation Sunday), we will be joined for morning worship by fellow Presbyterians in Stanly County. We look forward to participation from the Locust and Norwood Presbyterian churches. We'll also be led in worship by Thomas Hahn on the bagpipes.



July Mission Trip to Montaña de Luz

On July 19, Anna Wainwright, Lex Poolos, and Skeet Ayscue were joined by three of Skeet's relatives (Cherry Ayscue, Bonnie and Chelsea Gatewood) for the 12th First Presbyterian Church sponsored trip to Montaña de Luz, the orphanage for children with HIV. The best discovery of the trip was that all the children were in reasonably good health with no major issues at the time. All seemed happy and eager to host the Americans for the week.

The first day started with Skeet helping get the wiring connected for a new water pump. This enabled the holding tank to fill, and more importantly to the group, allowed the hot water tanks to fill for warm showers. Most of the work days were spent at the older boys' house down in the village where the boys are learning to cook, clean, and live on their own with the help of Tio Marlon and Tio Daniel. The latest project there was to complete an outdoor kitchen by building some brick walls. An outdoor kitchen is quite useful when the electricity occasionally goes off, and also to keep the cooking heat out of the house. It resembles a car port with a pila (outdoor cement water pool for washing clothes, etc.) and, eventually, a brick and cement wood cooking stove.

The tasks included building forms with rebar and thick wire, hauling bricks, mixing cement for the vertical wall finishes, mixing mortar for brick laying, and getting quick lessons on proper bricking techniques. Anna and Lex turned out to be the *expert* brick layers as they balanced on the rear of the pila to complete the wall behind it. The rest of the *support* crew, kept the mortar moist and available, supplied the bricks, helped eyeing the alignment, and tapped the bricks in half when needed. In the meantime, Skeet also repaired a ceiling fan inside, and installed two others to make the rooms more comfortable.

Each day began with devotions with some of the children and Tias in the chapel, followed by a group devotion before work began. After work, the group prepared an activity or two for the children. Some of these included painting, relay races, making ice cream, constructing clay animals with a story about Noah's ark, a water balloon fight, and an evening of *capture the flag*. Lots of individual fun time was spent with the children as well. An excursion day included a trip to the national park in the capital, a visit with the older children living in Santa Lucia as a stepping stone to living on their own, and lunch and shopping at Villa de Angeles.

Members of our church donated seven tubs full of supplies for the trip and the staff was very excited and thankful for your generous gifts. This relationship with Montaña de Luz is a legacy of which First Presbyterian Church can be very proud.

Thanks from Montaña de Luz...Your donation of more than \$2700.00 will pay for new shoes and pants for <u>all</u> of the kids. We are grateful for all your congregation does for our children. God is working miracles through you.

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JULY 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	Year to Date	Budget-to-Date
Total Income Received:	280,305.00	318,433.00
Total Expenses:	<u>309,313.00</u>	<u>322,371.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(29,008.00)	(3,938.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2017

Pledges: 507,476 Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,544

Average Weekly Amount Received in July: \$7,876 Total Income: 548,314

Total Expenses: 548,314

We are behind \$17,399 in pledges. (\$20,488 of 2017 pledges was prepaid in 2016)

Faith on the Fifth Offering: \$1,445 designated for SCCM to be used for utility assistance



OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

SPECIAL OFFERING ON SEPTEMBER 10

Ten-Cents-A-Meal July: \$319

Session has approved a designated offering on Sunday, September 10. It will be channeled through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and will be used for clean-up, rebuilding, and meeting immediate needs for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

PDA is already working with presbyteries in the path of the storm. They are deploying resources and National Response Team members as needed. Their work will continue for many months into the future.



Our stewardship season will be starting soon. The theme this year is Live a Generous Life. Pledge cards will be mailed in mid-October and may be returned on or before Consecration Sunday (November 5). Everyone is invited to a luncheon following worship on Consecration Sunday to celebrate the generosity of our congregation.

Gaither Endowment Grants Awarded

At its electronic meeting in July, the Endowment Committee responded to the grant requests which were submitted. The amount distributed from the Gaither Endowment was \$8,850. Funds were distributed to:

The Youth Ministry for the assistance of youth attending Summer Youth Conferences.

The Property Committee for the purchase of storage cabinets/closets for ORFF instruments and other items that need a designated place.

The Christian Education Committee for scholarships and supplies for the Women's Retreat; the replacement/updates of learning material, toys, books, and storage in the preschool department; Youth Club Christmas skating party.

The Worship Committee for the purchase of handbell tables and chrismon supplies.

The Pickleball players for the purchase of new pickleballs.

OUTSIDE USHERS

During the summer months, you may have been greeted in the parking lot before worship. If so, you met one of our *Outside* Usher team members. Each Sunday, people are posted outside the church building before, during, and after worship. They will greet, help people who may be juggling a heavy load, keep an eye on the parking areas, and be available in case of an emergency. If you are interested in being an outside usher and have not made your interest known, contact Kyle Lambert (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

NEWS and NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Our Living Legacy Fund:

In memory of Virginia Marshall, given by Margaret Ivey.

In memory of Virginia Marshall, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mabry.

In memory of Louise Morris, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mabry.

In honor of Marlene Sanges, given by Margaret Ivey.

In honor of Toby Webb, given by Margaret Ivey.

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Jack Palmer, given by Susan & Tripp Bradshaw.

In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Amy & Donnie Owens.

In memory of Elworth Plyler, given by Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Seltzer.

In honor of my church family, given by Mildred Andrew.

In honor of Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, given by Mildred Andrew.

In honor of Reverend Matt Drumheller, given by Mildred Andrew.

Montaña de Luz Fund:

In honor of the graduation of Anna Wainwright, given by Peggy & Ross Finley.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Joyce Burris, given by Hessie Clark.

In memory of Brenda Kimrey, given by Bernard Kimrey.

In memory of Rowena Warren, given by Roger & Gina Martin.

In honor of Gina Martin, given by Doris Forte.

SYMPATHY

To Janet Schaefer upon the death of her nephew, Greg Collins, on June 3.

To Carol Goldsmith and family upon the death of Dr. Doug Goldsmith, on June 4.

To Roger Martin upon the death of his aunt, Pat Long, on June 5.

To David Whitley upon the death of his nephew, Brent Blalock, on July 10.

To Kent Newport upon the death of his mother, Margaret Newport, on July 15.

To Keith and Ann Byrd upon the death of their grandson, Jordan Basinger, on July 29.

To Jim Carter upon the death of his sister, Rowena Warren, on August 8.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Amanda and Jordan Morgan upon the birth of their son, Barrett Jackson, on July 26. Proud grandparents are Mellanie and David Morgan.

To Catherine and Ben Hampton upon the birth of their son, Atticus Benjamin, on July 28. Proud grandparents are Barbara and Chris Whitley.

To Ann Upchurch upon the birth of her great-grandson, Stryker Ray Upchurch, on July 29.

To Cassie and Daniel Lambert upon the birth of their son, Zander Keith, on August 7. Proud grandparents are Kyle and Danny Lambert.

To Emily and Charlie Hathcock upon the birth of their son, Charles Brayden, on August 18. Proud grandparents are Connie Wallace and Ken Knight.

NEW ADDRESSES

Betty CrookMelissa & Wes Eudy3000 Galloway Ridge1718 Arbor WayApt. A101Albemarle, NC 28001Pittsboro, NC 27312

Dick Liles 10300 Hanging Moss Trail Mint Hill, NC 28227 **Philip & Shirley Welch** 1231 Restoration Drive Waxhaw, NC 28173

NEWS and NOTES



WELCOME TO NEW CHILDCARE STAFF

We are delighted to welcome these new childcare providers to First Presbyterian Church. They join continuing providers Cora Harrison and Jana Sanderson.

Kaitlyn Massey is a graduate of Stanly Early College and a junior at Pfeiffer University where she is studying forensic psychology. She works at Gold's Gym in their childcare program and was a lifeguard for the Albemarle Parks and Recreation Department this past summer.

Mckenzie Hinson is a junior at North Stanly High School where she is in the color guard under the tutelage of our Beth Poolos. McKenzie has had extensive experience providing care for childcare, especially during the mentor family meetings for Homes of Hope.

Sara Kate Thomas is a senior cheerleader at Albemarle High School and hopes to attend UNC-Chapel Hill after graduation. She was a lifeguard for the Albemarle Parks and Recreation Department this past summer.

Lisa Hinson serves as the part-time Services Coordinator for Homes of Hope, Inc. and will provide childcare on Wednesdays for Pray and Play.

Session Notes

On August 13, Session accepted Gina Martin's resignation as Director of Christian Education. A reception following worship on Sunday, August 27 will be held in Gina's honor. Session approved FPC's participation again this year in SCCM's *Sharing and Caring* campaign (yellow cups) to benefit the Community Table, Food Pantry, and utility assistance. Session also approved placing "quarter jars" in the building to benefit the Mary & Martha Center. Approval for a united service at FPC with all PCUSA congregations of Stanly County (Badin, Locust, and Norwood) on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Scottish Communion will also be held on Sunday, October 29. Session additionally approved a motion to reduce, over a three year period, the number of officers serving on Diaconate and Session from 18 to 12 members to better align number based on the size of our congregation. The church finances are in good shape for this time of year. Members are encouraged to keep pledges up-date.

Lynn White, Clerk of Session

October Newsletter Deadline...Tuesday, September 12. Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.



Thanks to Robin & John Howell and Connie Wallace & Ken Knight for hosting vespers this summer. Worship was delightful; ice cream was delicious!

Thanks to Fellowship Committee members Wes Eudy and Elizabeth Wilson for coordinating the Lemonade in the Pit Stop on July 9 and August 6.

Thanks to the following people for assisting with the luncheon with food, set-up, and clean-up on August 16 for the Central Elementary School teachers and staff: Linda Anderson, Elizabeth Ayscue, Rebekah Ayscue, Cheryl Bristol, Gloria Bryson, Andy Cotton, James Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Joan Eudy, Peggy Finley, Donna Gaither, Susan Garrison, Mary Green, Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Debbie Johnston, Nancy Joines, Liz Jolly, Joyce Lambert, Richard Lambert, Gina Martin, Anne Montgomery, Polly Moose, Lynn Poplin, Jeff Robertson, Kim Robertson, Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Mary Louise Sawyer, Ann Snuggs, and Lynn White. The luncheon could not have happened without a lot of people helping. Also a BIG THANK YOU to all who brought school supplies. There were numerous supplies to help many of Central students.

Ruth Cotton and Carolyn Sharpe, Luncheon Coordinators

Words cannot express the gratitude I have for my church family and the many rich blessings I have received over the years while serving as Director of Christian Education. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to organize intergenerational events, guide volunteers and lead the children of the church on their path to faithful living. Your constant and steadfast love and support has been the driving force to make it all possible.

You are an amazing group and I appreciate the kind and generous way that you honored me following my retirement. Everything about the day was lovely, from the flowers and presentation to the reception and gifts. My heart is forever filled with fond memories and the love I felt from each one of you.

I am looking forward to participating fully in the life of the church and seeing you all on Sundays.

Much love, Gina Martin



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.

Cathy Dunlap, sister of Jill Freshley; recovering from a heart attack.

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.

Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.

Jackie Lynn Kruis, ten year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.

Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Meghan Niemann, friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer.

Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.

Nic Presson, brother of Dona Lisk; alcohol rehab.

Karen Russell, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.

David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges.

Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

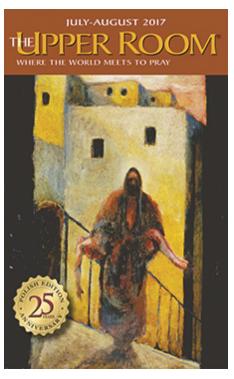
Members of the Congregation:

Blue Honeycutt.

Linda Richards.

Marlene Sanges.

Pete Smith.



THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room magazine's mission is to provide a model of practical Christianity, accessible in varied formats, to help people feel invited and welcomed into God's presence to:

- listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story.
- commune with God in prayer.
- see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work.
- realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers.
- encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.

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.



- 01- Frank Poolos
- 02- Betty Crook
- 03- Wayne Palmer
- 04- Margaret Ivey
- 05- Braden Taylor
- 06- Laura McLeod
- 08- Sarah Paynter
- 10- Bryce Kimrey Grace Richards
- 11- Kelly Lentz Ned Russell
- 13- Jane Pickler Carolyn Sharpe
- 15- Jim Hesley
- 16- Kyle Marks David Morgan
- 17- Peggy Rogers

- 18- Sam Davis Nathaniel Eudy
- 19- Becky Miller
- 20- Angus Currie Brent Lisk Grant Lisk
- 21- Ben Andrew Oliver Henkenjohann
- 22- Jake Whisnant
- 24- Aidyn Osborne
- 25- Kristie Bryson
- 27- Carter Gibson Caroline West
- 28- Ruth Goforth
- 29- Al Taylor
- 30- Hannah Martin Jordan Morgan



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



I am thrilled to begin this year of youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church! There are many exciting things on the horizon for our program, and the most important part of all those plans is your participation! This year, we are simplifying the name of our Sunday night programming to Youth Group. This will be an easy way to refer to what we are gathering together to do on most Sunday nights. We have a lot of other exciting activities this fall as well. Take a look at our schedule for the first month and plan to get involved! Youth Advisors for our youth group will be Rebekah Ayscue, Keith Bryson, Jim Hesley, Lori Ivey, Catherine Moeller, and Matt Moeller.

Sunday, September 10 5:00 p.m. Orientation Dinner Friday, September 15 6:00 p.m. Lock In Sunday, September 24 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Youth Group

Orientation Dinner—Sunday, Spetember 10

Before our official kick-off with the beginning of the year lock-in, come find out all that we're up to this fall! Matt and Catherine Moeller will host us at their house (1301 Prestwick Place) where we will talk about the fall, share good food, and hang out. Please let Matt know that you will be coming (mdrumheller@gmail.com).





Youth Group Lock In

Over the night of Friday, September 15 to Saturday, September 16 we will gather as a youth group to spend the night together. We'll go out to Concord for dinner and to try our hand at a breakout room. Then we'll come back and do all sorts of fun things here in Albemarle, including games, movies, and food. Bring yourself, some money for dinner and the break-out room, and your favorite snack to share. Sign up with Matt by Sunday, September 10.

High School Conference Recap

From July 9 through July 15, Jacob Palmer, Adam Jolly, and Anna Wainwright spent a week in Montreat, NC with Matt Drumheller and Barbara McManus for the 2017 Montreat Youth Conference. They explored the theme A Missing Peace. The group spent the week laughing, learning, singing, and growing together. You helped make this trip possible for our youth, and they are grateful for your support. We look forward to returning for this conference next year.

Middle School Conference Recap

Duncan Bryson, Leah Kilde, and Andy McLeod participated in the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference from June 21 to 24 with Michelle and Steve Cumming. The theme of the conference was All Together Now. Our youth and adults spent the conference learning about God, playing games, meeting new people, and worshipping in the mountains of Virginia. Thank you for supporting this group and supporting the spiritual education of our youth!



Monday Night Bible Study
Starts Monday, October 2
8:30 p.m.~9:30 p.m.
with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

We will use our time together to entertain questions of faith and to discern the places where God is at work in our lives and the life of the world. Please contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) with any questions.



09-10 Grace Richards 09-20 Angus Currie

It's a REVIVAL Of Muffins & More!

- Would you enjoy baking muffins while getting to know new people and renewing friendships?
- Would you like to spread cheer among folks who are facing a variety of challenges or share in the joy of members who are celebrating happy life events or even make the day brighter for public servants in our community?
- Would you be willing to share about two hours every other month?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) for more information.

Chancel Choir Retreat
Save the Date
Saturday, November 4
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Henry Pfeiffer Chapel
Pfeiffer University



The Chancel Choir will present the music of Advent on Sunday, December 17.





Attention College Students & Parents

Please contact the church office (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) with your college mailing address and email address.

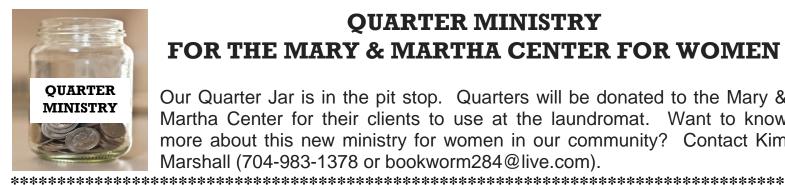


First Friday Meals at the Community Inn

Want to help in a mission project, but don't have a lot of free time? Consider assisting with the meal at the Community Inn on the first Friday of each month. First Presbyterian Church has a long history of providing meals at the Community Inn, Homes of Hope's overnight emergency facility, since it opened in 2009. The current commitment is providing a meal from 6:15 p.m. until about 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. There has been a faithful group who regularly help



with this outreach, but would love to get more people involved. There are usually four parts to each meal; a main dish, a vegetable, a fruit, and a dessert. You can sign-up to provide just one of the items, or multiple parts. You can prepare the items at home and someone can pick them up, or you can come help serve. If you don't feel your cooking prowess is something you want to share, you can volunteer to serve the meal. Please find a sign-up sheet in the Pit Stop on the Mission bulletin board and include your email address. You will be contacted via email each month and you can help when you can. That's just 12 meals for the entire year as we find ways to reach out to the homeless. Please help!



QUARTER MINISTRY FOR THE MARY & MARTHA CENTER FOR WOMEN

Our Quarter Jar is in the pit stop. Quarters will be donated to the Mary & Martha Center for their clients to use at the laundromat. Want to know more about this new ministry for women in our community? Contact Kim Marshall (704-983-1378 or bookworm284@live.com).



Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair October 2-6

The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 2 through Friday, October 6. Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. each day. The book fair will be open each day until 3:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact Kristie Bryson

(kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org or 864-230-6074).





Youth Mission

Our youth engaged in a variety of mission projects throughout Albemarle this summer. On a variety of Monday mornings throughout June and July they worked with SCCM at a mobile food pantry, baked cookies for police officers, cared for animals at the Humane Society, and painted at the Mary and Martha Center. This is one of the ways the youth in our church work to make our community a better place.





STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOOD CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER: **Canned or Dried Beans; Canned Tomatoes**





PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

For more information, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).

First Family Gathering on Wednesday, September 6 Evening Prayer in the Chapel at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym



We are gearing up for our First Family Gathering on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of every month. We will provide great meals with healthy meal choices every month. Let's have a fiesta to celebrate the start of a new season and the completion of the gymnasium!!!

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

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to make reservations.

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. Set up crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 11:00 a.m. Decorating crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 11:30 a.m. Taco and Salad crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 1:00 p.m. Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, September 6 at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 p.m. Clean-up crew:

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

We will be continuing our Young Adult Lunches during the Fall. We will visit a variety of restaurants. If you

have any requests, let Matt know (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Plan to meet at noon on the first Thursday of every month:

September 7 at Ly Cuisine, October 5 at Goody Shop Cafe, & November 2 at El Ranchito **************************

ACOLYTE TRAINING FOR 5TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH

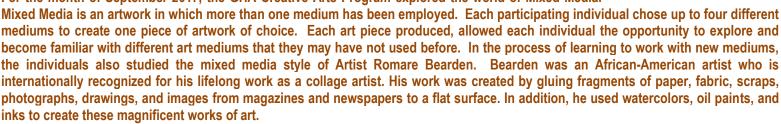
Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in worship as an acolyte. This is an important role that calls us to focus on Jesus Christ as the light of the world as worship begins and ends. An important training and information session for all acolytes will take place on Sunday, September 10 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service with John Howell and Elizabeth. Acolytes should meet at the front of the sanctuary.



Fall Art Exhibit at First Presbyterian Church Mixed Media Madness

Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports Exhibit Opens in the First Presbyon Sunday, September 10

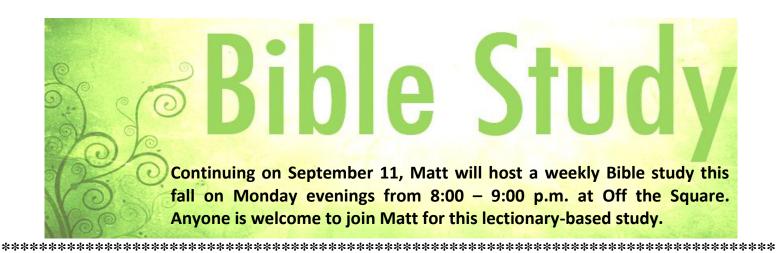
For the month of September 2017, the GHA Creative Arts Program explored the world of Mixed Media.



Kyoko Rorie-Bruton, Creative Arts Coordinator of GHA Autism Supports

The congregation is invited to attend an Art Gallery Reception on Tuesday, September 19 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. to meet the artists. Refreshments will be served.





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INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

If you have been visiting this congregation for a while (or just showed up) and want to know more about the privilege and responsibility of ministry, plan to join Matt and members of the Membership Committee for a very brief meeting.

When? Following worship on Sunday, September 17

Where? In the Parlor

What about Dinner Together?

Yearning to get to know some people in our church you don't already know well?

Do you like to eat? Tired of same ole, same ole? Want to have a good time with others?



Just might be for you!

Adults of all ages, single or paired, are invited to sign-up by September 17.

Each person will be assigned to a group of eight, and the group will gather at homes or restaurants for dinner once monthly for the next four months. To sign-up, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Fall Book Study Conversation

The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 ¹/₄ Years Old by Hendrik Groen Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor Books are available in the church office.

Cost: \$12.00

This novel, which details life in a retirement home is about friendship, love at any age, and an old man who is young at heart. Read it to learn about the Old-But-Not-Dead-Club, to find out who (and what) caused the death of all the fish in the aquarium, and to laugh out loud. At our September 18 conversation, we'll focus on the glimpses of God's grace and the way redemption is part of every life.



THE SECRET DIARY OF HENDRIK GROEN.

8314 Years Old

Pickleball Group of All Levels

Meet to Play in the Church Gym

Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in September

For more information, contact Martha Wolf

(704-983-3505 or mywolfmail@gmail.com) or just drop-in.



Youth Club 2017-18 begins Wednesday, September 13 3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Kindergarten-3rd grade (Trusty Travelers) 4th-5th grade (Faith Explorers)

Join us each week for recreation, snack, Bible time, art/activity, mission, & music!

ORFF (percussion instruments) led by Daniel Dickens...

Orff will be offered each Wednesday from 5:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. for children in Kindergarten-2nd grade.

Handbells led by Mr. Frank Poolos will be offered to children in grades 3-5...

Parents, please encourage your child/children to attend these optional music classes if it suits your schedule.



Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders)
Sunday, September 17
Noon-3:00 p.m.
At home of Jack & Penny Morton

Cook out burgers and hotdogs!
Bring swim suit, towel and sunscreen!
Transportation from church to Morton's home provided.
Contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or text/call 704-438-3358) Wednesday, September 13.



When? Wednesdays beginning September 13 from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. with parent/child play in the gym until 11:00 a.m.

Where? Church Parlor

Mothers with preschool aged children are invited to share in fellowship, prayer, and Bible study as they navigate the joys and challenges of caring for young children.

Rose Saltzman (rose.saltzman@gmail.com or 704-982-8541) and Leah Beamon (Leahmbeamon88@gmail.com or 704-756-7336) provide leadership for this group. Childcare provided.



Communion Workshop for Children on Sunday, September 24 Noon-2:30 p.m.

A Communion Workshop is planned for children in Kindergarten -2^{nd} grade and their parents for the afternoon of Sunday, September 24. During this time, children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Plan to stay for lunch and conversation.

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders

What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.

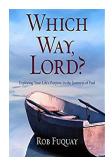
When? Sunday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Where? Media Room

Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. *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.





Which Way, Lord?

Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays beginning October 10 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

This study, for Christians at every stage of life, invites God's people to explore their life's purpose in the journeys of the Apostle Paul. We'll explore *purpose*, *adversity*, *detours*, and *reliance on God*.

Plan now to make a seven-week commitment to study, discussion, and prayer with others this fall. Sign-up now and get a book on Rally Day.

THEOLOGY LITE

On Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm, young adults are invited to join Matt at Coach's Grill for an evening of food, drinks, conversation, and fellowship in an informal atmosphere. We hope you're able to join as we *lite-ly* explore a theological topic. On tap this time: grace.





SAVE THE DATE FALL PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP GUEST SPEAKER: ANDY COTTON



The Fall Prime Timers Luncheon will be on Thursday, October 19 at noon in the pit stop at First Presbyterian Church. The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert. Andy Cotton will show slides and speak on his trips to Africa. Please RSVP to Kyle (704 982-2722 klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Monday, October 16 if you plan to attend.

HOLY BIBLE

Bibles for Third Graders

We sign our commitment to reading and understanding God's word by presenting Bibles to the children of the church throughout their life span. At baptism, each child receives a Bible story book which is read by parents and children together. At confirmation, confirmands receive a study Bible which honors their ability to read and understand scripture on a deeper level than before.

In third grade, children receive an easy to read Bible which includes interesting notes and facts about scripture.

Bibles will be presented to third graders on **Sunday, October 22** during worship. A gathering with the third graders and their parents will follow worship. Please save the date!

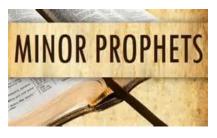


There's a fresh batch of pork BBQ made by the Good 'Ole Boys in the church freezer.

Price: \$10.00 per pound

Proceeds benefit The Community Inn (emergency housing for the homeless)





A Look Back at the Minor Prophets

From the 12 minor prophets this summer, we have heard of God's desire for: injustice to be extinguished, temple worship to be restored, God's people to take care of one another, the people to hear and heed his word, the people to demonstrate their love for God by doing justice, lovingkindness, and walking humbly with God. Through those who have served as our prophets, we have come to know something of the person

Oh Jonah Music & Arts Camp!!!

Music & Arts Camp was excellent this summer as a fun-filled week of entertainment for the 100+ campers and for the army of volunteers! The finale of *Oh Jonah*, a frolicking, fun-filled children's musical based on the Old Testament story of Jonah that carries a serious message about responsibility, was enjoyed by all on Thursday evening, June 15.



The week prior was filled with creative recreational activities, sensational Bible Study lessons, art involving the creation of lovely background scenery, music, drama, singing and dancing to some cute and peppy tunes, and making music on an assortment of Orff instruments. Thanks to the following folks that helped make this year's camp a success: Janice Abernathy, Brooke Allen, Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Leah Beamon, Jenna Biddle, Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Steve Coats, Teresa Copper, Andy Cotton, James Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Betty Crook, Ann Crutchfield, Michelle Cumming, Angus Currie, Holland Currie, Lacklann Currie, Grace Dombrowski, Ann Duckwall, Melissa Eudy, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Debbie Hahn, John Hahn, Lillie Hancock, Katerin Hernandez, John Howell, Margaret Ivey, Mary Kesselman, David Kilde, Cathy King, Dona Lisk, Chris Mabry, Dee Mahoney, Gina Martin, Roger Martin, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Kandyce Norton, Tom Norwood, Jacob Palmer, Alexis Poolos, Beth Poolos, Frank Poolos, Nicole Poolos, Lynn Poplin, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards, Kim Robertson, Gayle Russell, Rose Saltzman, Marlene Sanges, Carol Sasser, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Mary Louise Sawyer, Jillian Scardina, Mandee Schaub, Stan Scheer, Ann Snuggs, Caroline Snyder, Jane Snyder, Salem Taylor, Teresa Taylor, Ann Upchurch, Connie Wallace, Christopher Walker, Martha Wolf, Brandi, Liam, Lyndy, and Wendy.



Stanly County Dancing with the Stars
Saturday, September 9
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Show begins at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are available by calling the Stanly Health
Foundation at 980-323-4103

starnes Jewelers
Locust Health Center
\$30.00 Mezzanine

\$20 Balcony

Join the Friends of the Butterfly House for a magical evening at the Agri-Civic Center. This fabulous night of entertainment raises essential funds to provide evaluation and supportive services for child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect.

Vote for your favorite stars at stanlydancingstars.com!



Friday, September 1 Church Office Closed

Sunday, September 3 Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Worship at the YMCA Park

Monday, September 4 Labor Day/Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

Deadline for Grandparent's Day flower form

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

4:00 pm CPR class for childcare staff & volunteer leaders

Wednesday, September 6

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

11:00 am First Family Set-up Crew 11:30 am First Family Decorating Crew 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor) 1:00 pm First Family Taco & Salad Crew

4:30 pm Youth Club Volunteer Staff Meeting

5:15 pm First Family Final Touches Crew 5:30 pm Child Protection Policy Training (Parlor)

5:45 pm Evening Prayer 6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 7

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Ly Cuisine

(807A N. 2nd St., Albemarle)

Friday, September 8 Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 9

7:30 pm Stanly County Dancing with the Stars Benefit for

The Butterfly House (Agri-Civic Center)

Sunday, September 10

Rally Day/Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/Fall Art Exhibit Opens/Grandparent's Day/Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Special Offering for victims of Hurrican Harvey

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:00 am *Child Protection Policy Training (Parlor)

*Rally Day (Gym) 9:30 am

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Children's Church Meeting with Leaders (Chapel)

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room) 12:00 pm Acolyte Training (5th-8th Graders) 5:00 pm Youth Group Orientation Dinner (1301 Prestwick Place, Albemarle)

6:00 pm **Worship Committee**

*Session 7:00 pm

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

12:00 pm Deadline for October Newsletter Articles

Wednesday, September 13

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

*childcare provided

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, September 15 Church Office Closed/Youth Group Lock-In

Saturday, September 16 Youth Group Lock-In

Sunday, September 17

The Sacrament of Baptism

Dedication of Prayer Shawls

Deadline to sign-up for Dinners for 8

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

12:00 pm Prospective Members Meet in the parlor

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers (4th-5th Graders) Back to School Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack

Morton (40313 Hoops Ct., Albemarle)

Monday, September 18

7:00 pm September Book Study (Parlor)

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

Tuesday, September 19

2:00 pm Art Gallery Reception for GHA Artists

(Congregation Invited)

Wednesday, September 20

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, September 22

Church Office Closed

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

Saturday, September 23

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

Sunday, September 24

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm *Communion Worship for grades K-2

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, September 25

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

Wednesday, September 27

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

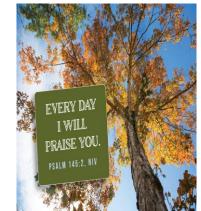
5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

10:00 am Staff Meeting Friday, September 29

Church Office Closed



*childcare provided

THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

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

Elder Greeters for September:

September 3: No Elder Greeter (Worship at YMCA Park)

September 10: Adam Jolly; Jim Marshall September 17: Adam Jolly; Jim Marshall September 24: Adam Jolly; Bob Johnston

Nursery Room:

September 3: No Childcare (Worship at YMCA Park)

September 10: Kaitlyn Massey September 17: Cora Harrison September 24: Cora Harrison

Nana & Papa Team:

September 3: No Childcare (Worship at YMCA Park)

September 10: Susan & Banks Garrison September 17: Sarah & Ronnie Michael September 24: Cathy King; Teresa Taylor

<u> Acolytes:</u>

September 3: No Acolyte (Worship at YMCA Park)

September 10: Ethan Richards September 17: Katherine Jolly September 24: Natalie Taylor

Outside Ushers:

September 3: No Ushers (Worship at the YMCA Park)

September 10: Brad Boone; John Earnhardt September 17: Lee Snuggs; Tom Norwood September 24: Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley

Toddler Room:

September 3: No Childcare (Worship at YMCA Park)

September 10: Mckenzie Hinson September 17: Sara Kate Thomas September 24: Mckenzie Hinson

Preschool Partners:

September 3: *No Childcare (Worship at YMCA Park)*

September 10: Jill Niebler/Isabel McLeod September 17: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks September 24: Jane & Brad Boone

Children's Church for September:

September 3: *No Children's Church (Worship at YMCAPark)*

September 10: Melissa & Wes Eudy; Jacob Palmer **September 17:** Melissa & Wes Eudy; Jacob Palmer **September 24:** Melissa & Wes Eudy; Jacob Palmer

Childcare for Diaconate Meeting Sunday, September 10

at 8:30 a.m. Mckenzie Hinson

Childcare for Session Meeting Sunday, September 10 at 6:45 p.m.

Sara Kate Thomas

Childcare for
Communion
Workshop

Sunday, September 24 at 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Kaitlyn Massey

Childcare for
Pray & Play
Wednesdays,
September 13, 20, 27
at 9:00 a.m.

Jana Sanderson Lisa Hinson

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