



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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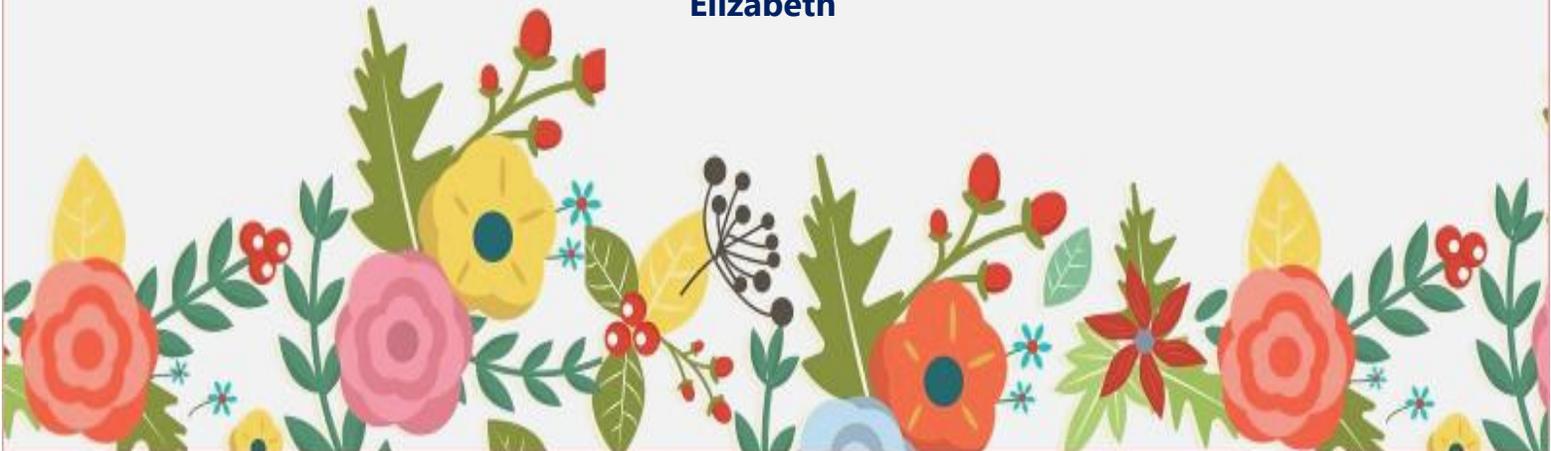
May 2018

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful to Matt, our elders and deacons, and all of you for your leadership and faithfulness while I was away on Sabbatical. It has been so rewarding for me to return to life in the congregation to find many people deeply engaged in new ways.

One of the most exciting things on the horizon came closer to fruition while I was away – that is, the partnership we will share with First Presbyterian Church in Norwood and Locust Presbyterian Church to build a house in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Several conversations have already taken place, and we are awaiting more information from Habitat as to a location for house #52 and the name of the homeowner with whom we'll partner. In the meantime, I urge you to make our fundraising goal (\$10,000) a top priority. It would be wonderful to have all of this money in hand before the groundbreaking. This is God's work, and it's a privilege to share in making a family's dream of homeownership come true. Please pray regularly for the family we will come to know and for this project.

**Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth**





Worship Notes

Sunday, May 6

Scripture: I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
The Sacrament of Baptism
Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education
Bread for the World Offering of Letters
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Brinson Page Long, daughter of Emma (McManus) and Josh Long will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Josh will also receive the Sacrament of Baptism as he makes a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Teachers and Leaders in our Christian Education program will be recognized for their commitment to this ministry.

We will receive and dedicate the Offering of Letters for *Bread for the World*. This offering is a tangible way for us to embody the words of Jesus when he spoke of feeding the hungry.

Sunday, May 13

Scripture: I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
Mother's Day
Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering

Sunday, May 20

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Pentecost Sunday
Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

Pentecost Sunday – Wear red, the liturgical color for the day. We will celebrate the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in creating and sustaining the community of faith. First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Recipients will be with us. We will receive the Pentecost offering of the PCUSA which provides support to youth and young adults. Forty percent of the offering will stay in our community.

Sunday, May 27

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17
Trinity Sunday
The Sacrament of Baptism

Goodwin Rory Chisholm, son of Caroline (Morton) and Rory Chisholm, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

SUMMER WORSHIP



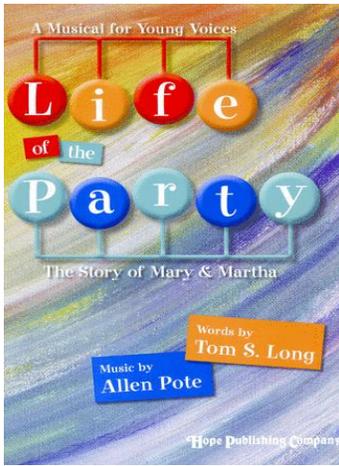
At its April meeting, Session approved the summer schedule that has been in place for a number of years. Beginning June 3 (and continuing through September 2), worship will be at 10:00 a.m. and there will be no Sunday School. Summer sermons will be based on the book of Acts. We, as a congregation, will read the book of Acts together and find ways to look at the scripture in depth.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on May 6. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. We received a total of \$419.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in March. 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!

2018 Flower Calendar

The 2018 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.



Life of the Party! The Story of Mary and Martha

Join us this summer at Music and Arts Camp as we bring the story of Mary and Martha to life with art, music, movement, Bible Study, recreation, and fellowship. *Life of the Party* is humorous and tells the story of family conflict, making time for Jesus amidst busy lives, and trusting God when things get tough. Get ready for fun, upbeat songs, some great one-liners, and an awesome message. Let's get creative and put on an awesome show!

*Register today to reserve your child's spot!
Registration form included in this newsletter!
For more information, contact Leah Beamon
(lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).*

MUSIC & ARTS CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JUNE 10-14, 2018



This year's Music and Arts Camp is taking place June 10th-14th. We need TONS of adult and youth volunteers to help run this program. There are a wide variety of areas we need volunteers for, and we will place you somewhere you feel comfortable. We need help with music, set design, shepherding the campers from activity to activity, recreation, art, sign-in and check-out, Bible study, and lunch-time. Please let us know as soon as possible what you can help with! Contact Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org).

COOKING CAMP

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)**

June 18-21

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

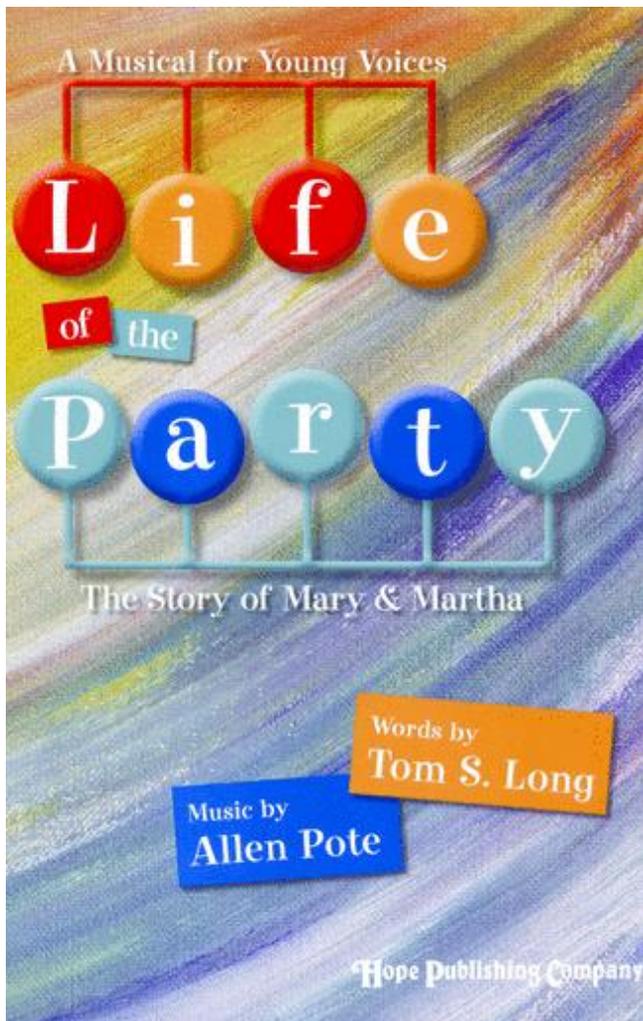
Cost: \$40.00 per child

Camp Limit of 12 children

(THE CAMP IS FULL...WAIT LIST ONLY)

!!! We are still in need of volunteers !!!

**For more information or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder
(704-438-3358 or 704-982-2722 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)**



First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 10-14, 2018

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 10 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

On June 11-14, 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 24).

Late Registration Fee is \$45.00 (after May 24).

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
Life of the Party...The Story of Mary & Martha
on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 11) _____

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 2018 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 Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org)

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...MARCH 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	98,225.00	137,870.00
Total Expenses:	<u>149,427.00</u>	<u>151,729.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$51,202.00)	(\$13,859.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET	<u>2018</u>
Pledges:	509,141
Total Income:	556,481
Total Expenses:	556,481

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,701

Average Weekly Amount Received in March : \$11,514

We are behind \$15,321 in pledges.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for March: \$419



In mid-March, we received a check in the amount of \$5,000 from The Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts. This unsolicited gift, which was designated for the gym renovation, comes as we are in the midst of improving acoustics.

NEWS and NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Pete Whitley, given by Dr. & Mrs. James L. Marshall.

In memory of Pete Whitley, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sawyer.

Music Fund:

In honor of Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, and the Chancel Choir, given by Frank & Mary Green.

In honor of Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, and the Chancel Choir, given by Kent & Edna Lipe Harkey.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Doris Simpson, given by Millie Bruton.

SYMPATHY

To David and Ellen Whitley upon the death of David's father, Pete Whitley, on March 29.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Adrienne (Earnhardt) and Kevin Averette upon the birth of their daughter, Maddie Leigh, born on April 11. Proud grandparents are Angie and John Earnhardt.

To Ashley (Marshall) and Keith Maust upon the birth of their daughter, Grace Katharine, on April 21. Proud grandparents are Kim and Jim Marshall.

SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on April 15, Session heard reports from the Christian Education, Mission, Personnel, Stewardship and Finance Interpretation, Scholarship, Nominating, and Endowment committees. The Christian Education committee reported: the Youth Club/Youth Cubs programs will be ending for the year with one more regular program and an end-of-year picnic/cookout; plans are underway for Music and Arts Camp; Leah Beamon is currently recruiting volunteers for Music and Arts Camp. The Personnel Committee will conduct staff reviews on April 25. The Stewardship and Finance Interpretation committee reported that some quarterly gifts were received in late March/early April. The Mission committee reported: the committee held a mini retreat on Sunday, April 8, following worship; Bread for the World letter writing will be held on April 29; a homemade bread sale will be held in the Pit Stop on April 29, with proceeds benefiting Bread for the World. The last two dates for filling backpacks will be on May 2 and May 29. The Property committee reported: First Presbyterian of Norwood has come up with a possible solution for removing the playground equipment behind the Masonic Temple; sanding and painting of outside railings is underway; the committee is looking at security systems for the church, and evaluating a proposal for cleaning inside and outside windows. The Endowment Committee will evaluate requests for the Gaither Grant in July. The Nominating committee will hold a congregational meeting on April 22 to present Jeff Robertson as a candidate for a vacancy on the Diaconate for the class of 2020. The Scholarship committee will meet at the end of April to begin reviewing applications. Session approved the May 3 wedding for Taylor Jolly and Kyle Barbee in the sanctuary. Session approved the baptism of Brinson Page Long, daughter of Emma McManus Long and Josh Long, and also approved the baptism of Josh Long, both on May 6, 2018. An unsolicited gift of \$5,000 was received from the Cannon Foundation for the stated purpose of completing work in the gym. Representatives attending the quarterly Presbytery meeting at Myers Park Presbyterian Church on May 15 will be Lynn White and Mary Kesselman. Session approved moving worship to 10 a.m. beginning the first Sunday in June and continuing through Labor Day.

Submitted by Mary Kesselman, Clerk of Session

NEWS and NOTES

Circle #5 will meet
at the home of Iris Coggins
(811 Sylvania Ave., Albemarle)
on Monday, 7 at 7:00 p.m.
We will be studying Lesson 7 in
Cloud of Witnesses:
The Community of Christ in Hebrews.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR
FEEL FREE TO
BRING A BAG LUNCH
For more information,
contact Miriam Russell
(704-982-3025).



Summer Newsletter Deadline
on Tuesday, May 22.
This newsletter covers information for
June, July, and August.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in
Microsoft Word,
please email them as an attachment to:
pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org.



Thanks for helping in the office in April : Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Sally Grantier and Martha White.
Thanks to Richard Lambert and Joe Snuggs for repainting the church's exterior doors and handrails on First Street.
Thanks to Ned Russell for his work on the exterior preschool door.
Thanks! If you've not already done so, stop in the downstairs classroom (Classroom 2) and take a look at the lovely cabinets built for that space by Andy Cotton. They will be used to protect the ORFF instruments, the many pieces of the new nativity scene, and variety of other things. Though Andy is the expert craftsman, he gets lots of assistance from Ruth. Thanks Andy and Ruth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF ROBERTSON

Jeff was elected, at the congregational meeting on April 22, to serve a term in the class of 2020 on the Diaconate. He is currently serving on the Property Committee of Session and will assume additional responsibilities.



Graduate Information Needed by May 14 for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 3

During worship on June 3, 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 2018, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org) by **May 14** with pertinent information.

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 6.** 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 13.** 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: _____



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:

- Dale Benson**, brother of Ann Crutchfield.
- Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Michelle Honeycutt Cole**, friend of Katie Carpenter; stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- 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.
- Glenn Fowler**, possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery.
- Marty Goforth**, treatment for melanoma.
- Calvin Hall**, kidney cancer.
- Elizabeth Howard**, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Ben Kierstead**, nephew of Leslie Carter; recovering from surgery.
- Jackie Lynn Krus**, ten year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Molly Amelia Lowder**, continuing health concerns.
- Diane Marks**, mother of Kyle Marks; treatment for breast cancer.
- Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Nic Presson**, brother of Dona Lisk.
- 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.**
- John Montgomery (at home; recovering from hip replacement).**
- Polly Moose.**
- Tommy Murrell.**
- Pam Myers (at home; recovering from heart valve replacement).**
- Linda Richards.**
- Pete Smith.**

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS



On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 10**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 17**.

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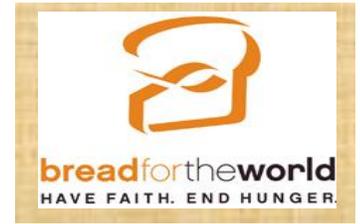
Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



BREAD FOR THE WORLD
OFFERING OF LETTERS
SUNDAY, MAY 6



Mwandi Infant Formula Program Update

The latest news from Mwandi is that the Infant Formula Program continues to provide life saving formula for infants of HIV positive mothers. Ida Waddell, Church of Scotland Mission Worker, recently reported that there are just over 40 babies currently receiving formula. According to Ida the need is great and she continues to struggle to find sources of funds.

First Presbyterian Church supports this program through their Necklace Ministry. Several ladies of the church started crocheting ribbon necklaces which sell for \$5.00 each. Although sales have declined locally, Ruth Cotton continues to keep a steady supply of necklaces for sale at the Black Mountain Quilt Shop.

First Presbyterian recently sent a check for \$1,500 bringing our total contribution to \$36,500. Necklaces are still available at the church and make nice gifts for teachers.



**Backpack Food Program
for Students at Central School**

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Large Cans of Soup, Tuna Helper, Small Cans of Tuna
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Dates/Times:

Wednesday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m.

STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY CHALLENGE FOR MAY
CANNED SOUP & CRACKERS

!!! Central Elementary Needs Your Help !!!

Central School will begin End of Grade (EOG) testing on May 24 and will continue through June 1. Proctors are needed during the testing period. A proctor is required by the state, for each testing group, to assist in monitoring the students while testing. Proctors are needed on testing days from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m. During the testing session, proctors are allowed to sit. A brief meeting will be held by the testing coordinator on your first day of testing. If you can volunteer for one or more days, contact Julie McSwain at Central School (704-961-3200 or julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org).



Community Table on Saturday, June 2

The Mission Committee will be serving lunch at the Community Table on June 2. If you have never been a part of this experience, we would love to have you join us. Folks are needed to provide food and to work at the lunch on Saturday. More information will be available soon. If you have questions, contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723 or Imaanderson1949@gmail.com).

**NOW SERVING
LUNCH**



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

- 18- Jackson Shedd
- 19- Piper Campbell
Tucker Moses
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
- 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
- 24- Josh & Stephanie Campbell
- 29- Lenny & Rose Saltzman
- 30- Al & Becky Andrew
Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall
- 31- Aaron & Alison Whisnant



Finish off the school year right by joining us for Youth Group in May. It's been a great year of youth ministry. As you prepare yourselves for a busy summer, check out what we'll be up to in the next month!

Sunday, May 6
Friday, May 11
Sunday, May 20

5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Time TBA
5:30 p.m.

Youth Group
Charlotte Knights Game
End-of-the-Year Cookout

Senior Recognition

There are two youth who are part of First Presbyterian Church who will be graduating from high school this spring. On June 3, we will celebrate seniors Adam Jolly and Isabel McLeod 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.

Charlotte Knights' Game

On May 11, the youth will attend the Charlotte Knights play a baseball game. Please see Matt for more information.



End of the Year Youth Ministry Cookout

On May 20, Matt and Claire will host our end of the year cookout at their house for youth and their families. We 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!

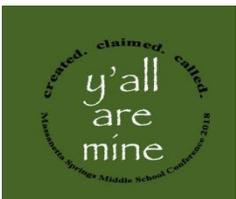
Montreat Youth Conference

Our high school youth, along with youth from First Presbyterian Norwood and Locust Presbyterian, will participate in the Montreat Youth Conference this summer from July 8-14. The theme will be *Lift Every Voice*. Youth from all over the region (and the country for that matter) will join us in singing, praying, worshipping, and expanding our faith experience in small groups. They will be accompanied by Matt Drumheller and Alexis Poolos. Please pray for our youth and leaders.



Massanetta Middle School Conference

Our middle school youth will travel to Virginia this summer to participate in the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference from June 26-29. They will spend several days dancing, singing, worshipping, meeting new friends, and strengthening their bonds with friends they already have as they explore the theme *Y'all Are Mine*. They will be accompanied by Matt Drumheller and Kristie Bryson. Please pray for the whole group as they travel.



MAY

18- Jackson Shedd

19- Natalie Taylor



Youth Sunday Recap

Our youth did a fantastic job leading worship on April 15. They did a wonderful job leading us in prayer, song, and reflection. Both Adam Jolly and Isabel McLeod told of their experiences growing up at First Presbyterian Church, and reflected on God's calling for the next steps of their journeys. Thank you to all of the parents and advisors who made it possible for our youth to be involved in leading worship.



**Please join us for
Homes of Hope's**

Spring Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser

Friday, May 4...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*

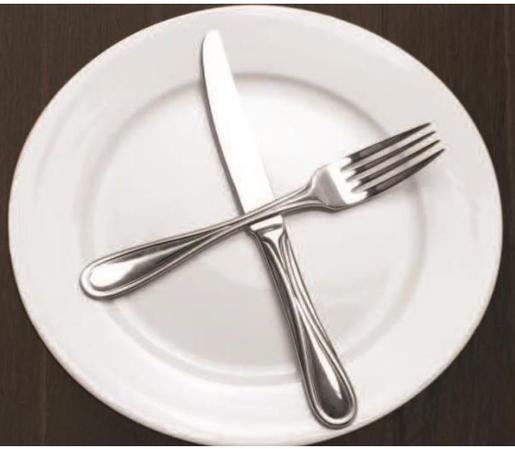
Sponsored by:



Homes of Hope is a Stanly County United Way agency.



There is a
place for
you at
our table...



FIRST FAMILY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

AT 6:00P.M. IN THE CHURCH GYM

**THIS WILL BE OUR LAST FIRST FAMILY MEAL TOGETHER UNTIL SEPTEMBER
SO LET'S ENJOY SOME GOOD EATS TOGETHER BEFORE HEADING OUT ON
OUR SUMMER ADVENTURES***

MENU:

GRILLED CHICKEN and BBQ CHICKEN SLIDERS

(with all the fixins)

MIXED GREEN SALAD

BLACK BEAN SALAD

FRESH FRUIT

MAC-N-CHEESE

ASSORTED CUPCAKES

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY STATION

TEA, LEMONADE, AND COFFEE

HEALTHY MEAL ALTERNATIVE:

GRILLED CHICKEN OVER MIXED GREEN SALAD WITH LOW-FAT DRESSING AND FRUIT

Please RSVP to the church office ([704-982-2722](tel:704-982-2722) or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



Volunteers Needed for First Family Dinner

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Salad Crew: Tuesday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Fruit and Mac-n-Cheese Crew: Wednesday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Set-up Crew: Wednesday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Last Touches Crew: Wednesday, May 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, May 2 at 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722,

on her phone 704-438-3358 or

email jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org

if you would like to help☺

!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch For 2nd & 3rd Graders !!!

Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Room

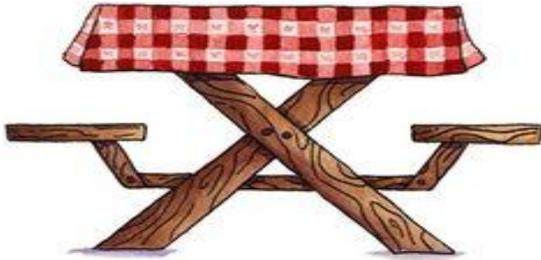


Come to the last Breakfast Bunch of the church year! If you are in the 2nd or 3rd grade, don't miss out on participating in this awesome group. We will meet in the Media Room on May 6th at 9:00 a.m. for muffins, fruit, yogurt, and more while we enjoy fellowship with our peers and strengthen our friendships while we pray for members of our congregation and community. Please contact Jill Niebler with any questions (jlniebler@gmail.com).

Teachers and Leaders of the Christian Education Program Recognition on Sunday, May 6



Thank you for sharing your time, your talents, and your creativity with our church and community through your work within our Christian Education programs this year. The participation of our volunteers is the lifeblood of our Christian Education programs, and the love and effort shown by them reflect God's unmeasurable love for all of us. With the deepest gratitude, we humbly thank our Sunday School teachers and substitutes for both children and adult classes, Children's Church volunteers, Youth Club volunteers, Nana's and Papa's, Preschool Partners, those who have led and helped with our middle and high school youth group, Faith Explorer teachers and field trip coordinators and chaperones, nursery volunteers, children's music leaders, Pray & Play leaders, and the Christian Education Committee members.



PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON THURSDAY, MAY 10 AT NOON AT CITY LAKE PARK (850 Concord Rd., Albemarle) SPEAKER: KEN KNIGHT TOPIC: WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL

Please save the date of May 10 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, tea and dessert. Ken Knight will be our speaker. 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). Join us for a fun luncheon at the park!

Come & Join Us for the Young Adult Lunch Thursday, May 10 at El Ranchito (716 NC-24/27, Albemarle)



Each month, young adults from the church and the community are invited to gather for lunch on the 1st Thursday at a local restaurant. We rotate around to a number of different delicious options each month, so make plans to join us if you can!

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. 2018 Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering Sunday, May 13

This year, The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. will provide services valued at over \$3.3 million, including the shortfall for Medicaid reimbursement, for senior adults who are unable to afford the full cost of their care. In our 66 year history, no resident have ever had to leave due to the inability to pay for services and care. Our partnership with churches helps to make this possible. Contributions from your church to the Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering are used to address immediate basic needs such as housing, meals, medical and dental care, special equipment, and other related expenses. Please give generously to this offering on May 13.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Worship on Sunday, May 20 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!



**SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PENTECOST
CHILDREN AT RISK*YOUTH*YOUNG ADULTS**

BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

*O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still
proclaim your wondrous deeds.
Psalm 71:17*

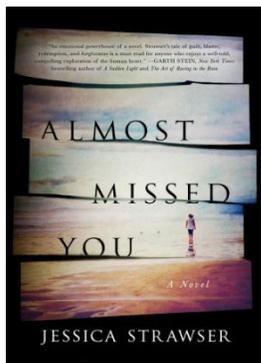
The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$14 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more – to inspire, support, and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith. Our congregation is joining the whole church in building for our future...in building individual lives of faith. Please give generously!

The 2018 Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, May 20.



Welcome to Summer Luncheon for College Students Sunday, May 20 In the Pit Stop following Worship

The College & Military Committee invites all college students to a *Welcome to Summer* luncheon on Sunday, May 20 in the pit stop following worship. A variety of salads will be served with chips and other refreshments. Come talk with other students about their year in college and reconnect with friends. Please RSVP by text to Kate Gibson (336-301-4564).



MAY BOOK CONVERSATION

MONDAY, MAY 21

7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

ALMOST MISSED YOU

by Jessica Strawser

Books are available for purchase for \$12.00 in the church office.

This debut novel is filled with difficult choices, secrets we keep and break, and the stories we tell to those we love. It's a tale of guilt, blame, forgiveness, and redemption. Come join the conversation as we seek the steady presence fo God in characters who are flawed just as we are.

Join First Presbyterian friends for a fun softball tournament benefiting the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic and Albemarle Parks and Rec! The tournament will take place over 16 hours and the FPC team will play three games between 6 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Saturday morning, June 2 at Rock Creek Park. Go team!



FPC needs players for our team and lots of fans to cheer us on. Whether you are a player or a fan, please bring yourself (and maybe your coffee) to Rock Creek Park Saturday morning, June 2! We look forward to seeing you at the ball field!

Questions? Want to sign up for the team?

Email:

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 Liz Jolly (liz.jolly@carolinashealthcare.org) or
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WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2018 WILLIAM BLACK LODGE MONTREAT, NC

Cost:

\$185.00 Double Occupancy

\$240.00 Single Occupancy

A \$75.00 deposit will reserve your spot.



Youth Club 2017-2018 Recap

It's hard to believe that we have finished out another year of Youth Club. New lessons have been learned, new games have been played, and new friends have been made. We have had many exciting new things happen at Youth Club this year, but the love, comfort, and familiarity the kids experience from this program remains ever the same. Our kids have worked alongside GHA in an environment of acceptance and kindness, participated in various fundraising and service projects that helped build their spirit of generosity and sacrifice (especially learned the lesson of sacrifice when it came to *making* not *eating* trail mix for our college students-M&Ms are hard to resist!), and tapped into their various strengths and talents during recreation and art. Recently, the children made centerpieces for the dining tables at Woodhaven Court. Our Faith Explorers have spent the better part of the year exploring what it means to build a spiritual faith through the program *The Way of the Child*-and learned many new practices for reflection, faith building, and prayer. They have enjoyed a plethora of field trips this year-from extreme trampoline jumping to feeding animals at the Lazy 5, it kind of seems like they have done it all!



The Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers ended the year with our annual Party at the (YMCA) Park, complete with relay games, free play, hamburger sliders, and of course ice cream. We look forward to another great year starting in the Fall!

***Back by
Popular Demand!***

Congregational Retreat for our Worshipping Community

**Dates:
October 12-14, 2018**

**Location:
Morrow Mountain State Park**



**Accommodations:
Cabin, Tent, or Your Camper**

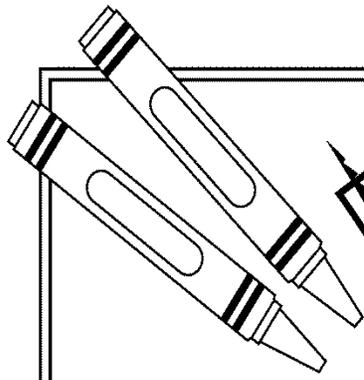
**Some may prefer their own comfy beds and may
commute for activities
during the day and in the evening.**

**Details available soon or contact any member of the
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PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

“ _____ your _____
 _____ and your _____,
 the _____ your _____ has
 _____.”
 _____ 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, “Mom, you’re the light of my life!” Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar’s neck.

Answer: “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you.” Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

MAY

Tuesday, May 1

- 9:00 am First Family Dessert Crew
- 1:00 pm First Family Salad Crew

Wednesday, May 2

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am First Family Fruit & Mac-n-Cheese Crew
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:30 am First Family Set-up Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 4:45 pm Congregational Retreat Planning Committee
- 5:00 pm First Family Last Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 3

National Day of Prayer

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch
at Coach's Neighborhood Grill
(720 NC 24-27, Albemarle)



Friday, May 4

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Spring Hearty Breakfast
Fundraiser at Central UMC Fellowship Hall
(172 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Sunday, May 6

Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Sacrament of Baptism

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Deadline for Mother's Day Flower Arrangement Forms

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (for 2nd & 3rd Graders)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 9

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 10

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon at City Lake Park
(850 Concord Rd., Albemarle)
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at El Ranchito (716 NC 24/27)

Friday, May 11

Youth Group at Charlotte Knights' Game

*childcare provided

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day

Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering for

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation

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

Monday, May 14

Deadline for Graduate Information

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

Tuesday, May 15

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Myers Park Presbyterian
Church (2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte)

Wednesday, May 16

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, and Shelley Shedd

Elder Greeters for May: Steve Cumming; Sandy Saunders

Nursery Room:

May 6: TBD
May 13: Kaitlyn Massey
May 20: Sara Kate Thomas
May 27: Kaitlyn Massey

Nana & Papa Team:

May 6: Barbara & Chris Whitley
May 13: Susan & Banks Garrison
May 20: Sarah & Ronnie Michael
May 27: Cathy King; Teresa Taylor

Acolytes:

May 6: Jackson Palmer
May 13: Elizabeth Bryson
May 20: Brent Lisk
May 27: Merrin Kinley

Preschool Partners:

May 6: Penny & Jack Morton
May 13: Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod
May 20: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks
May 27: Jane & Brad Boone

Children's Church for May:

May 6: Heather Kilde; David Kilde
May 13: Leah Beamon
May 20: No Children's Church
May 27: Leah Beamon

Outside Ushers:

May 6: John Howell; Kyle Marks
May 13: Steve Coats; Ronnie Michael
May 20: Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley
May 27: Josh Campbell; Bill Pickler

Diaconate & Session Meeting on

Sunday, May 20

Sara Kate Thomas

Pray & Play

Wednesdays

May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Heather Raborn

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