



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

Matt Drumheller, Pastor

Frank Poolos, Director of Vocal and Handbell Music

Stan Scheer, Organist

Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education & Fellowship

Dorothy Hart, Youth Director

Kyle Lambert, Office Manager

Pam Knighten, Secretary

Church Office: (704) 982-2722

Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

E-mail: klambert@fpcalbemarle.org



September 2020

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for the beginning of a new program year, I consider that which is familiar and that which is not. With the beginning of September, we begin the familiar flow of the fall. We look forward to Sunday School classes and other Christian Education opportunities, First Family Gatherings, worship at 11:00 a.m., and the many on-going mission efforts that define our fall.

Yet these programs begin in a very unfamiliar setting. We are unable to do many of the things that we have done before in the same way that we have done them. This requires us to think creatively about how we can do the important things that we do. Throughout this newsletter, you will find information about how we plan to continue to be the church of Jesus Christ that is alive and well.

Considering these changes and marveling at our staff's ability to be flexible and creative has brought to mind for me the words of Psalm 46: *Though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...the Lord of hosts is with us.* I take comfort in knowing that God is present as we continue to serve Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Matt

September 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gracious good-byes over the past several months. I was so glad, at the backpack *drive through*, to tell the children of the church (one more time) how much they are loved. And I am grateful for our last conversations via zoom, in homes, in the street, or at church. I hope in each encounter you were reminded, as I was, that it is the grace and love of God which made us partners in ministry for eighteen years. I am grateful for the lessons we have learned together, for the opportunities we have had to worship and work together, and for the powerful witness of the church of Jesus Christ we have shared in the community and the world. Being your pastor and sharing life with you, has been a joy and a privilege.

A grace note in my ministry was the opportunity to work with Matt Drumheller and to share ministry with such a faithful and talented pastor. His creativity, his love for God, the church of Jesus Christ, and everyone he meets, his wisdom, and his ability to connect immediately and significantly with people of all ages is remarkable.

Through August, Matt and I joyfully shared ministry as co-pastors. As of September 1, Matt is your pastor and I am your former pastor. I will pray for you regularly, delight in your successes, and grieve your losses. I will never forget all that God has done for us together. And I will be your friend, always your friend. Please honor our friendship by not inviting me to participate in a funeral or wedding or baptism or to come to worship for your child's confirmation. I will want to be with you for all these events, but I will honor your relationship with your pastor, and ours, by celebrating these special events from afar. Though I will not join you for zoom gatherings or First Family meals, I will remember you when they occur.

There is a season for everything, a time for every matter under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1). In this new time, you will be led by one of the finest pastors in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Your service together will surely bring light into the dark places in our world. May the next chapter of ministry at First Presbyterian Church bring you joys and challenges, as of yet, unimagined.

Grace and Peace,

Elizabeth



with Faith & Hope

RALLY DAY 2020

CHURCH PARKING LOT DRIVE-THRU EVENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 9:30 A.M.

The Christian Education Committee would love you to join us for a drive-thru event in the parking lot for a morning of food, fun, and fellowship as we kick-off the new year in Christian Education. This is an intergenerational event and all ages are invited! Come to the drive-thru event, and we will send you home with food, activities, and information. We will post videos for you to watch at home about all the classes, ministries, and activities available this year as we move *ONWARD WITH FAITH AND HOPE!* You will be able to sign up for the different classes, activities, or ministries online, via email, or by calling the church office.

Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education

Sunday, September 13 during worship

On Rally Day, teachers and leaders in the Christian Education program will be commissioned during worship. Please plan to come to our drive-thru Rally Day (which begins at 9:30 a.m.) and online worship (which begins at 11:00 a.m.) to support and encourage our 2020-2021 teachers and leaders as they begin guiding our congregation in various ways.

Starting on Sunday, September 20, we will have Children's Church during worship via Zoom! Join us after the children's moment in our own Zoom room for an online version of worship for kids. We will read Scripture, have music, and do activities to help keep our Kindergarten-3rd grade students involved. Zoom login information will be available with worship information. Contact Melissa Eudy (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) for more information.

Sunday School is for Children starts at 10:15 a.m. beginning September 20

In the early years, parents lay the foundation for a life of faith in their children. This happens at home and through experiences the parent provides for their child(ren). Sunday School allows children to explore their faith in new ways with other adults and children. Our Sunday School program utilizes an age appropriate curriculum called *Grace and Gratitude*.

Sunday School groupings are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Grades	K-5 Zoom Room	Penny Morton
Grades	6-12 Zoom Room	Matt Drumheller

K-5th Graders....Zoom Room...Our elementary youth Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall! Penny Morton will be leading this class using the curriculum, *Grace and Gratitude*.

6th-12th Graders...Zoom Room...Our middle school and high school Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall. Matt will be leading this class.

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

The Wired Word

Led by Rich Schaefer

Location: Zoom

The Wired Word class is an opportunity for a group of us to discuss current events and also look at them from a biblical perspective. Each week the editors of the Wired Word provide us with a summary of a meaningful news event and then help guide our discussion with "key questions" as well as bible verses that relate to issues in the news article.

The lessons are emailed to you every Thursday morning. You can read it at your convenience and then think about it as much or as little as you want before we meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. To get started please send your email address to me at richard.schaefer@gmail.com and I will get you set up to receive the Wired Word each Thursday morning.



Sunday, September 6 Labor Day Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Though we cannot continue our regular tradition of worshipping outside as a congregation this year, our worship video will take place outdoors. We invite you to watch this worship service in your favorite outdoor space, or spend some time outdoors in God’s creation before or after worship. Though we cannot do it together, let us spend time celebrating God’s beautiful earth!

Sunday, September 13 Rally Day

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3

Worship returns to 11:00 am. Teachers and leaders in Christian Education program will be commissioned.

Sunday, September 20 Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 27 Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7



At its August 16 meeting, the session decided to continue worshipping online only until at least Sunday, October 25. Due to a continuing trend in high numbers of coronavirus cases, the session felt this was the safest plan for now. Session will discuss plans for the rest of the year at their September and October meetings.

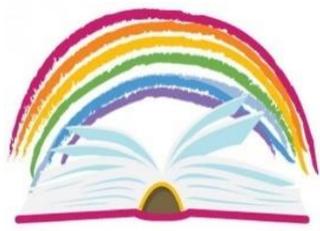
The session also voted to allow small groups (10 or fewer) to gather in the building. They created a form and covenant that will guide building use for any group that wishes to gather in one of a couple restricted locations in the church. If you would like a form, please contact the church office (704-982-2722).



Are you looking for a church home? Have you been visiting for a while and think you might like to put down roots? Have you been watching our worship videos and think you might be interested in life at First Presbyterian? We would love to talk to you about what being a member looks like! Please contact Martha Sue Hall (hallmsh@hotmail.com), the chair of our Congregational Care committee, or Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) to learn more.



**Beginning September 13,
worship returns to 11:00 a.m.
Join us online!**



First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. for Preschoolers
via YouTube livestream video

Each Tuesday Matt or a friend will livestream a video reading a children's Bible story. To access the video, click on the link from the weekly update email or go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) and click on the Storytime banner.

Morning Prayer

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



Throughout the majority of this year, members of FPC have been gathering on Zoom each Monday and Wednesday morning to share joys and concerns, to pray, and to spend time "together." This has become an important way to see and speak with one another. We invite you to join us in these regular meetings. See your weekly email update for the link to join us on Zoom.

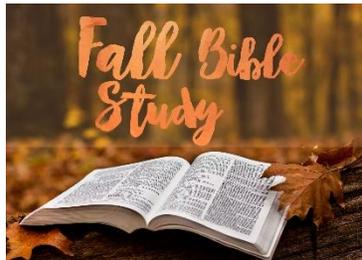


Bible Study and Conversation

Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. The material for this online discussion will be selected devotionals that our congregational members have written over the last few months. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion

will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. Topics will include how this challenging time impacts our faith, our spiritual gifts, our compassion, and our charity. This should be a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or Catherine Moeller (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!



Fall Bible Study with Matt

Tuesday Evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
via Zoom

September 22 through October 20

In this five-week series Matt will lead a conversation about the role of the Bible in contemporary Christianity. Focusing on Biblical authority, we will look at a variety

of readings by scholars. Participants will have a chance to explore their own thoughts and beliefs on the authority of Scripture. We will discuss what role Scripture plays in our daily lives. To sign up for the class, please email Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

AROUND THE TABLE

WITH JANE SNYDER & FRIENDS

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 22



Join Jane Snyder on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. via zoom for six weeks starting on September 22. Each week, we will watch a video of a parishioner sharing something *around the table*: Baking with Gloria Bryson, Napkin Folding with Anne Montgomery, Making Pickles with Gayle Russell, and other table topics. We will also be reading and discussing scripture associated with events *around the table*.

AROUND THE TABLE

with events *around the table*.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held on Zoom immediately after worship on Sunday, October 11. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2021 and to elect members of the congregational Nominating Committee. The congregation will hear and act on the report which will be presented by Nominating Committee member, Ken Knight. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ken Knight, Chair, Bob Johnston, Andy McLeod, Barbara McManus, Sarah Michael, and Gayle Russell. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

DIACONATE

Keith Bryson...Keith moved to Albemarle as a 5 year old and was put into church service upon arrival by his father who was quite often doing small jobs around the church. Since he passed away in 2013, Reverend Ayscue took over the task of keeping me involved at First Presbyterian Church with numerous calls saying, *I was thinking about you*. My mother, Gloria Bryson, has been a member here 50+ years, and my wife, Kristie, close to 20 years. Our children, Duncan and Elizabeth, have been fortunate to have been raised within the church, which has been a major influence on their lives. In the past, I have served on both the diaconate and session, been involved with Sunday Youth, and for quite a few years have assisted with the Stanly County Youth Breakfast, which First Presbyterian Church has supported and hosted for many years. In addition to being involved in family life, I am also an avid pickleball player which keeps me young and fit!

Michelle Cumming...Michelle has lived in Albemarle for over 20 years. She works as a Teacher's Assistant at Central Elementary School. She is married to Steve Cumming, and they are parents to Ella Cumming who attends Gray Stone Day School as a sixth grader. Michelle loves going to the beach and finding treasures at Goodwill Stores. This is Michelle's second time serving as a Deacon for First Presbyterian Church.

Jim Hesley...Jim lives in Albemarle with his son Bubba, his wife Jenny, and their daughter Jordan. Jim has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for six years and has previously served on the Diaconate. Jim also serves as a youth advisor to the youth group. Along with "thelittlepuppies"(Jim's trusty sidekick), they love the youth group! Jim says, *Y'all got some really cool kids*.

Laura McLeod...Laura has been a member of First Presbyterian for twenty-two years. She lives in Albemarle with her husband Mike, and they have five children - Caroline, Ben, Isabel, Andy, and Leo. During her time here at First Presbyterian Church, she has served on both Session and Diaconate. While serving as an officer, she has been involved with numerous committees (too many to name)! She has also helped lead Sunday School, has taught Children's Church, and has worked with Music and Arts Camp. In her spare time, she enjoys running, walking, reading, watching her children play sports, and traveling. She looks forward to serving our church again!

SESSION

Al Andrew...Al has enjoyed being a member of this congregation his entire life. He is married to Becky and they are the proud parents of Emily (25) and Jay (23). Al retired from a teaching and coaching career five years ago and now work in insurance. He enjoys playing golf, attending concerts, and following all things UNC. Al looks forward to serving as an elder once again.

Katherine Jolly...Katherine is the daughter of Liz and Ben Jolly and the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Jolly. She is a sophomore at Gray Stone Day School in Misenheimer, North Carolina. She enjoys swimming for both her school and competitive club team, playing the guitar, and reading. Katherine looks forward to serving as an elder next year!

Mike King...Mike grew up in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia University graduating in business administration. Subsequently, he attended Virginia Commonwealth University and received a Masters in Hospital Administration. Mike is retired, having finished his career as the CEO of Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He is a honeybee keeper and is active in Scouts USA Central North Carolina Council. He is married to Cathy and has three children and four grandchildren.

Kim Marshall...Kim has been member of First Presbyterian for thirty years, since she & Jim were married in 1990. They have four beautiful children - Brittany, Ashley, Ginny, and Luke. And, they have four even more beautiful grandchildren - Olivia, Greta, James, and Grace. Kim works in Jim's optometry practice and really enjoys serving on two non-profit boards, and feeding her reading obsession in her book clubs.

Ellen Whitley...Ellen is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church. She is married to David Whitley of the congregation. They have a daughter Emily, and two granddaughters, Ansley and Emersyn. Ellen works for the Central NC Council of the Boy Scouts. She has previously served on the Diaconate and Session. She looks forward to serving the church on Session.

Nominating Committee – at large members for 2021

Bob Johnston
Ken Knight
Barbara McManus
Andy McLeod
Sarah Michael
Gayle Russell

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JULY 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	280,452.00	325,377.00
Total Expenses:	245,485.00	334,276.00
(Shortage)/Surplus	34,967.00	(8,899.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2020

Pledges:	512,746
Total Income:	561,860
Total Expenses:	561,860

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,805

We are behind \$1,715 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in July: \$9,764

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for July: \$338.00



Our church looks forward with great anticipation to the approaching Stewardship Season as it is a time when we can all rethink how we use our time, talent, and treasures. With that in mind, the Stewardship Committee has decided upon a theme that we think all of you will appreciate. Our theme for 2021 will be *Onward with Faith and Hope*. We believe that in this difficult time, this theme says it all. Our faith and hope will lead us into the future that God has prepared.

We expect to be mailing our stewardship information to you in late September. Consecration Sunday is planned for November 1. Given the uncertainty of when we will be holding worship in the sanctuary, we ask that you plan to mail your pledges into the church office in advance of November 1. This will enable the church officers to begin developing the church budget for 2021.

Gaither Endowment Grants Awarded

The amount distributed from the Gaither Endowment was \$8,927. Funds were distributed for the following projects:

- ❖ from the Worship Committee, new sound system for the sanctuary to complement our online presence,
- ❖ from the Christian Education Committee, additional Christian Education materials to address COVID-19 impact on church programming,
- ❖ from the Worship Committee, video editing subscriptions to create worship videos, and
- ❖ from the Property Committee and Director of Christian Education & Fellowship, new HVAC unit for the kitchen and pit stop.

Endowment Committee members include: Debbie Bennett, chair; Elizabeth Ayscue, Patrick Currie, John Earnhardt, Bob Gaither, Mary Kesselman, Lee McLaurin, and Nathan Sanges. Our thanks to the Gaither family for their generosity and support of these church programs and needs.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal



We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on September 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 \$338.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for July 2020.

NEWS & NOTES

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

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

Music Fund:

In memory of Timothy Abernathy, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sawyer.

In memory of Dale Benson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sawyer.

In honor of Linda Anderson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Coman and Mr. & Mrs. Lynn White.

In honor of Ann Crutchfield, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Coman and Mr. & Mrs. Lynn White.

In honor of Frank & Beth Poolos, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Coman and Mr. & Mrs. Lynn White.

In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Coman and Mr. & Mrs. Lynn White.

Scholarship Endowment:

In honor of Claire Coman, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Coman and Mr. & Mrs. Lynn White.

In honor of Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Coman and Mr. & Mrs. Lynn White.

In honor of Reverend Matt Drumheller, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Coman and Mr. & Mrs. Lynn White.

SYMPATHY

To Ann Crutchfield upon the death of her brother, Dale Benson, on August 10.

To Don Abernathy upon the death of his brother, Timothy Abernathy, on August 10.

To Jim Hesley upon the death of his granddaughter, Kolbie Dawn Huneycutt, on August 17.

Contact Information

Kim & Jeff Robertson

855 Twin Cedars Road

Rock Spring, GA 30739

Kim: 610-908-4243 kjbrobertson84@gmail.com

Jeff: 704-796-9996 jeff.a.robertson10@gmail.com

Session Notes

Session met on Sunday August 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. via zoom. Reverend Drumheller participated in the Charlotte Presbytery meeting via zoom on August 15. Congregational Care continues to be a focus of both the Elders and Deacons as we support our church family. The Worship committee is meeting with a *return to worship* group focusing on the safe return of worship in our sanctuary. The current timeline is that the return will be no sooner than October 25. The Mission Committee sponsored a successful back-to-school prepacked lunch for Central Elementary School teachers and staff. The Christian Education Committee sponsored a successful virtual cooking camp this summer and has exciting plans for Rally Day this month. All of the church committees continue to re-adjust wonderfully in delivery of church activities safely and electronically when able.

Steve Cumming, Clerk of Session

Thanks to Linda Anderson, Donna Gaither, Frankie Palmer, and Rich Schaefer for helping in the church office.

Thanks to Martha Wolf for making and donating masks,

Thanks to Jane Boone, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Katherine Jolly, Mary Kesselman, and Katherine Jolly for creating backpack tags.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

The Central School lunch went very well. We arrived in time to set up the boxes and have everything ready for 12:00 noon. Ruth Cotton and Jane Snyder would like to thank everyone who brought food for the box lunches: Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Joan Eudy, Peggy Finley, Mary Green, Martha Sue Hall, Margaret Ivey, Mary Kesselman, Lynn Poplin, Sandy Rogers, Gayle Russell, Marlene Sanges, Martha White, and Martha Wolf.

Ruth Cotton wants to thank everyone who brought school supplies this year. There was a great amount of supplies. Thanks to Andy Cotton and James Cotton for helping to deliver those school supplies to Central School.





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:

- Brinn Andrew**, daughter of Kellie & Jason Andrew.
- David Bailiff**, friend of Debbie Hahn; kidney transplant complications.
- Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Tom Bonekemper**, cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer.
- Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn.
- Joan Bunn**, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns.
- Debbie Gabriel**, sister of Gayle Russell; breast cancer.
- Calvin Hall**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
- Sean Hickey**, brother-in-law of Lori Ivey; colon cancer.
- Catherine Johnson**, niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Denise LaBoube**, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.
- Molly Amelia Lowder**, continuing health concerns.
- Maddie McRae**, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
- Bryanna Medlin**, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Bern Morehead, III**, son of Sally Pleasant & Dr. Bernard “Bernie” Morehead; diagnosed with brain tumor.
- James Nunn**, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve.
- Sally Ormand**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
- Alan Phillips**, brother-in-law of Billie Jean & Lee Snuggs; radiation treatment at Duke for brain tumor.
- Judy Portner**, sister of Billie Jean Snuggs; stage 4 brain tumor (Glioblastoma).
- Mark Rodgers**, son of Laura and Tim Rodgers; recovering from surgery related to Ewing’s sarcoma.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Jane Scheer**, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
- Betty Stancik**, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Judy Toney**, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.
- Sally Warburton**, friend of Debbie & John Hahn.
- Jason Washburn**, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.
- Yoder Whitley**.

Members of the Congregation:

- Banks Garrison.**
- Don Joines.**
- Jane Pickler.**
- Jean Rabe.**
- Linda Richards.**
- Pete Smith.**

Want an opportunity to help others during this pandemic?

Senior Services of Stanly County needs people to deliver meals to home bound seniors during the weekday in the Albemarle area and occasionally in the Badin and Richfield areas. Volunteers may be used multiple times weekly if available. Volunteers are encouraged to use safety precautions of wearing masks and gloves, using hand sanitizer between each delivery, and limiting contact with recipients by placing bagged meals on the door rather than entering homes. Masks and hand sanitizer are provided if needed. Think you can help out? Please call Joy Richardson at 704-986-3773 if you have any questions and are interested.



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 01- Frank Poolos | 19- Becky Miller |
| 02- Betty Crook | 20- Angus Currie |
| 03- Wayne Palmer | Brent Lisk |
| 04- Margaret Ivey | Grant Lisk |
| 06- Laura McLeod | 21- Ben Andrew |
| 10- Grace Richards | Oliver Henkenjohann |
| 11- Kelly Lentz | Mary Lane |
| Ned Russell | 22- Jake Whisnant |
| 13- Jane Pickler | 25- Kristie Bryson |
| 15- Jim Hesley | 27- Carter Gibson |
| 16- Kyle Marks | Caroline West |
| David Morgan | 28- Ruth Goforth |
| 17- Peggy Rogers | 30- Kennady Atwater |
| 18- Sam Davis | Hannah Martin |
| Nathaniel Eudy | Jordan Morgan |

SEPTEMBER

Anniversaries

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 03- Miller and Teryn Morgan | 16- Don and Sheryl Stewart |
| 05- Jim and Leslie Carter | 26- Joe and Ann Snuggs |
| 10- Richard and Janet Schaefer | 27- John and Jessica Palmer |
| 15- Banks and Susan Garrison | |



We are ready to get started with a new year of youth group! I hope you will join us for some virtual events as we navigate this uncertain time. Our top priority is everyone's safety, and we hope to see your faces on the House Party app soon! Check our new Instagram page for more information: @fpcalbemarleyouth

September 9th - Virtual Game Night 7 p.m.
September 20th - Virtual Youth Group 7 p.m.
September 27th - Virtual Youth Group 7 p.m.



September Birthdays
 18- Nathaniel Eudy
 20- Angus Currie
 20- Brent Lisk
 20- Grant Lisk
 21- Ollie Henkenjohann
 27- Caroline West



Acolyte Training for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

If you or your youth would like to participate in worship as an acolyte, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Though we are not worshipping in person right now, we still need your help. We will find a time to meet and train you so that you can be in the worship videos. You will also be ready to help out once we start worshipping in person again.

Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders on Sunday, October 11

By third grade, most children are ready to move beyond a Bible storybook to reading the Bible for themselves. To meet this need, and as an expression of our baptismal vows, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church gives a Bible to each third grader and encourages participation of each child and parents in a *Getting to Know Your Bible* workshop.



Bibles will be presented to third graders as part of the Sunday morning worship video. Third graders and their parents will spend the afternoon getting acquainted with the new Bible.

Workshops Postponed



Due to COVID-19 and our continued online worship services, two of our regular workshops for children have been postponed this fall. Our Worship Workshop that typically takes place in August as an orientation for children who will begin staying in worship has been postponed until we are gathering together in person again. Likewise, our Communion Workshop for K-2 graders has been postponed.

Youth Club News



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Christian Education Committee has decided that it will not be possible for our children to gather in person at the beginning of this fall for Youth Club. Though we have hopes that the situation may change, our schedule will look different this fall. We are going to try an online version of Youth Club for 30 minutes each week. This may work, and it may not work. Give it a try with us!

Trusty Travelers will meet with Matt and others on Zoom each Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to learn about the Bible, to play games, sing songs, and even work on some art projects. To access the Zoom information, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or sign-up using the Rally Day form.

Faith Explorers will meet with Dorothy on Zoom each Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will talk about questions of faith and explore Bible stories together. To access Zoom information, please contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org) or sign-up using the Rally Day form.



FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FROM 5:00 P.M.– 6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, September 2! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather together for First Family in September. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, August 31 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, September 2 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Boston Butt, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit Kabob,
 Homemade Rolls, Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies**

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is:

call Anne Montgomery at 704-982-7823 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com

and let her know how many plates you need,

if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal

and

if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.



First Presbyterian Church Zoom Leader Training
Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop

RSVP and Questions: Contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435).

Please wear a mask.

Please social distance.

Please bring your own laptop with charger.

First Presbyterian Church...

**POP-UP
 EVENT**

Hiking at Morrow Mountain

Sunday, September 13

Meet at the Kron House Parking Lot at 2:00 p.m.



Join us for a great trail hike and see a few historical features - an old homesite and the Civilian Conservation Camp (CCC) from the 1930s. The hike will be *out and back* so folks can turn around at any point they want. Bring sturdy hiking boots and water. The hike (considered easy to moderate) will be along the Bilesville Road, which runs from the Kron House to the park entrance gate. We will be getting off-trail just a little bit. Participants need to be able to walk on a rocky, uneven surface, but don't need to be super fit. Meet at the Kron House parking lot at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Ken Knight (kbknight17@gmail.com or 704-985-6277).

First Presbyterian Church...

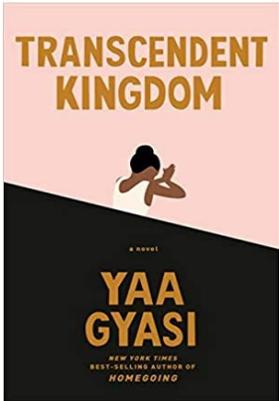
POP-UP EVENT

Scenic Overlook at Morrow Mountain

Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m.



Tom Rabe and family funded the scenic overlook renovation project and dedicated it to Tom's grandfather, Mr. James McKnight Morrow. There is a great story behind Morrow Mountain and the Rabe/Morrow family. Lynn Poplin is going to share the story with us! Join us at the top of Morrow Mountain at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 17 for muffins, coffee, water, and a history lesson. There is a handicap accessible area with a picnic table where we can meet and social distance. Please bring your mask and a chair (contact Jane Snyder if you need a chair 704-438-3358) and join us for a morning at our beautiful Morrow Mountain!



Book Conversation Monday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Book: *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi

Transcendent Kingdom is a deeply moving portrait of a family of Ghanaian immigrants ravaged by depression and addiction and grief--a novel about faith, science, religion, love. Exquisitely written, emotionally searing, this is an exceptionally powerful follow-up to Gyasi's phenomenal debut. (from Amazon). Books are not available in the office, but may be purchased through your favorite bookseller or Amazon. The book is available on September 1. For more information, contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435 call/text).

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79442562874>

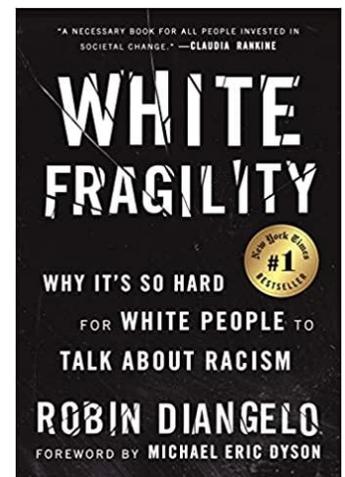
Meeting ID: 794 4256 2874

Passcode: 8YDT7s

Education and Conversation Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about systemic racism in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, *we are all one in Christ*. (Galatians 3:28)

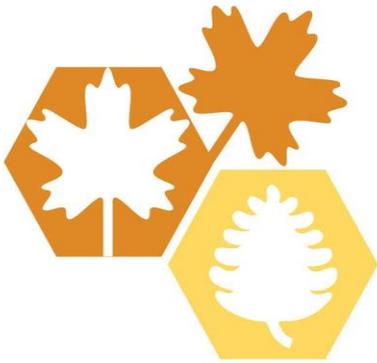
In September, we will be reading the book *White Fragility*. This book helps the reader understand racism as a practice not restricted to *bad people*. In doing so, the author moves our national discussion forward. Please join us on Zoom on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this book.





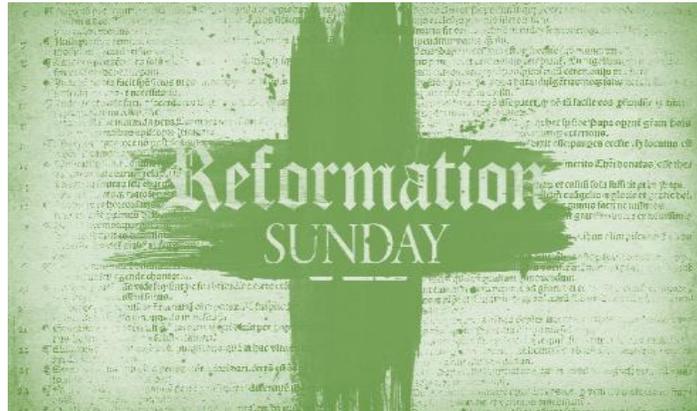
Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

First Presbyterian Church college students have been begun the 2020-2021 school year. We need you to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student and maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.



Save the Date Women's Retreat October 9-11

Questions? Contact Melissa Eudy
(the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747)



Save the Date Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans

Though we will not be worshipping in person for our Scottish Communion worship service this year, we will plan to celebrate our Presbyterian heritage. Please keep your eyes open for more information about this worship service.



september

Tuesday, September 1

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

Wednesday, September 2

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up

Thursday, September 3

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

7:00 pm Zoom Leader Training in the Pit Stop

Sunday, September 6

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

10:00 am Online Labor Day Worship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

Wednesday, September 9

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

Thursday, September 10

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, September 13

Rally Day

Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom

9:30 am Rally Day Drive-Thru Event (church parking lot)

11:00 am Online Worship

2:00 pm Pop-Up with Ken Knight: Hiking at Morrow Mountain

Monday, September 14

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, September 15

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

Wednesday, September 16

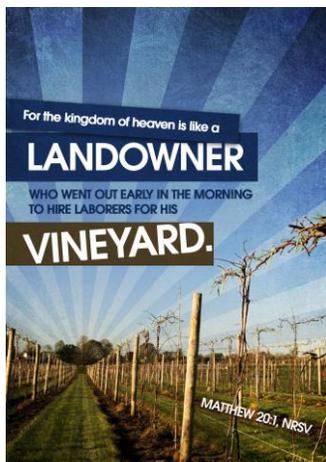
6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, September 17

10:00 am Pop-Up Event – Scenic Overlook at Morrow Mountain State Park

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller



Sunday, September 20

8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom

9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom

10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

7:00 pm Virtual Youth Group

Monday, September 21

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom

12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Fall Bible Study with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

Thursday, September 24

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, September 27

9:45 am-10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom

10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

7:00 pm Virtual Youth Group

Monday, September 28

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

7:00 pm Book Conversation via Zoom

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

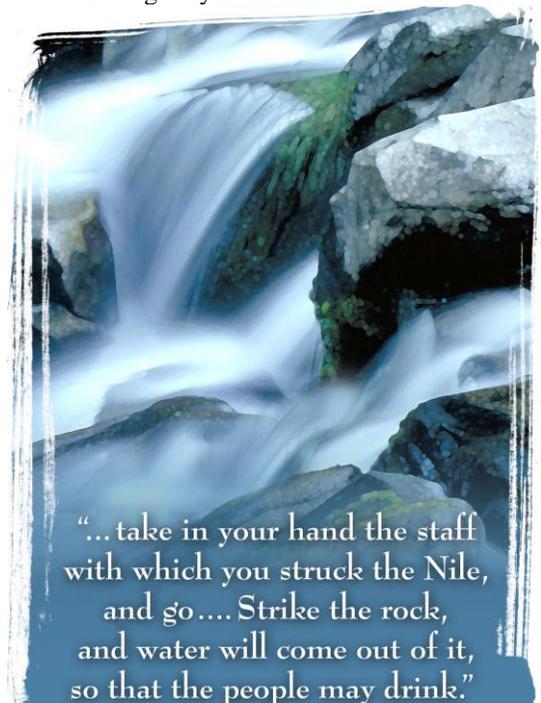
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Fall Bible Study with Matt via Zoom

7:00 pm Education & Conversation via Zoom

Wednesday, September 30

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom



Church Website Address & Staff Email Addresses

Church Website Address: www.fpcalbemarle.org
Church Email Address: klambert@fpcalbemarle.org
Matt Drumheller: mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org
Kyle Lambert: klambert@fpcalbemarle.org
Jane Snyder: jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org
Stan Scheer: sscheer@fpcalbemarle.org
Dorothy Hart: dhart@fpcalbemarle.org
Pam Knighten: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

All members of the church staff are working at home unless it is necessary for them to be at church. The church's answering machine is being checked periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact Matt (540.449.5319) directly.

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

October Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, September 22.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft
Word, please email them as an
attachment to:
pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.



Watch



your email for
additions and changes
to this schedule.

Now
faith
IS THE ASSURANCE
OF THINGS HOPED FOR,

the conviction of
THINGS NOT SEEN.

Hebrews 11:1