



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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October 2020

Dear Friends,

I recently asked a group of First Presbyterian Church members who had gathered for a rare in-person moment to introduce themselves to the group and share their favorite season. I had the seasons of nature in mind when I asked the question, but one member of the group immediately asked, *Do you mean seasons of the church?* Thank God for that question!

While the seasons of nature shift and change around us from summer into fall, so do the seasons in other parts of our lives. The church has moved into a new season of programming as we move *Onward with Faith and Hope*. In worship, we are approaching the end of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time (not as in, *normal*, but rather, *ordinal*). Perhaps our lives are moving from one season to another. Our world is certainly moving into a new and different *season*.

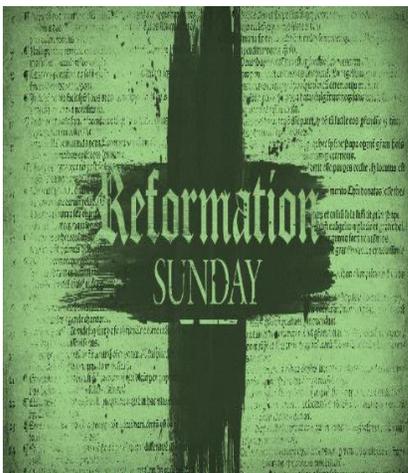
Changes in season are marked by the noticeable differences that accompany them. Autumn brings falling leaves and cooler weather. A new programmatic year bring energy and excitement. The end of the liturgical calendar draws us close to Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, and Advent. The change of seasons in our lives and in the world is also marked by changes. Some of these may seem good and exciting. Some of them may be challenging. As we look with hope, anticipation, and maybe even anxiety, at the changes taking place around us, I encourage you to trust that God is at work in all seasons.

Grace and Peace,
Matt

Dear Friends,

Your send-off was remarkable. Marshall's comments in worship on August 30 were gracious, and the announcement of the Ayscue scholarship (and your generous support of it) was astounding. I have savored each note and video---all of them reminding me of the many experiences we have shared. I am grateful. My prayers for you continue.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth



Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans Sunday, October 25

Though we will still be online for worship on Reformation Sunday, we will be celebrating in many of the ways we typically do. Through familiar words and sounds, we will celebrate both our denominational Scottish heritage and the history of the Protestant Reformation. We will include the tartans that we use every year, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Plans are being made to have a drive-thru opportunity for everyone to see our tartans and collect communion supplies (as well as other treats). Keep your eyes open for more information.

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger.

Sunday, October 11

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Scripture: Psalm 91

Our third graders will receive Bibles during worship.

Sunday, October 18

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' of the Tartans

Scripture: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

We will celebrate our Scottish heritage as a denomination through word and song. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



At its September 20 meeting, the session voted to continue worshipping online until at least Sunday, October 25. On the recommendation of the COVID Taskforce, a survey was sent out to the congregation to gather information about the interest in attending in-person worship.

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).

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

World Communion Sunday is a day when churches around the world recognize our connectedness in Jesus Christ. Established in the midst of WWII, it is a day in which Christians everywhere celebrate communion. As we partake in the Lord's Supper in our separate homes this year, we join Christians around the world in this sacrament. Worship will include symbols from around the world. If you would like to have communion elements delivered to you in the days leading up to World Communion Sunday, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

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 their parents in a *Get to Know Your Bible* workshop.

Date: Sunday, October 11

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.



Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on October 4. 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 \$75.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for August 2020.



nward

with Faith & Hope

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

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.

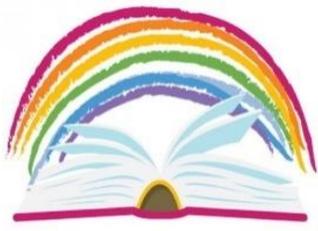
Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

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.

Children’s Church happens 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 read Scripture, have music, and do activities to help keep our Kindergarten-2nd 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.



First Presbyterian Church Storytime for Children

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

Each Wednesday, 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 from pieces of scripture from which Matt is preaching. 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!



Wrestling with Scripture Continues October 6, 13, & 20 via Zoom on Tuesday Evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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.



AROUND THE TABLE CONTINUES IN OCTOBER WITH JANE SNYDER & FRIENDS TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM

We will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. through October 27. Each week, we watch a video of a parishioner sharing something *around the table*. We also be read and discuss scripture associated with events *around the table*.

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...AUGUST 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	313,972.00	371,573.00
Total Expenses:	<u>280,274.00</u>	<u>378,667.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	33,698.00	(7,094.00)

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 \$7,559 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in August: \$6,703

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for August: \$75.00

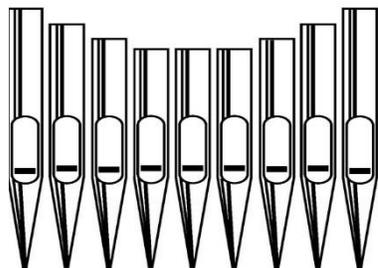
Faith on the Fifth Offering: \$220



As perpetual stewards of Christ's love, we have officially started our Stewardship Campaign wherein we ask all those in our church family to recommit to supporting our church and its many programs. These programs include worship, Christian education, music, fellowship, youth activities, and mission work. This includes not only participation in these programs, but also financial support. While we are not physically gathering in the sanctuary yet, these programs are underway as we move **ONWARD WITH FAITH & HOPE**.

You will soon be receiving budget information for 2021 together with a pledge card. We ask that you give your heartfelt consideration to financially supporting the wonderful work our church does both locally and in our world. Please mail in your pledge to the church office by November 1 (Consecration Sunday) so our officers can complete the budget.

Thank you for your generosity of time, thought, and deed as you support the church.



On Sunday, August 30, we inaugurated a set of tubular bells (chimes) that was added to the organ this summer. Although the organ built in 2007 retained the set of chimes from the first pipe organ dating to 1924, these chimes had 20 notes and not the current standard 25-note compass. Music written for chimes often exceeded this short compass, which required rewriting the music to accommodate the missing notes. The previous set of chimes also were installed at the very back of the organ, which rendered them very soft to listeners in the pews. The new chimes are visible to the right of the organ where they can be heard more prominently in the sanctuary. While these chimes are new to us, this particular set was built more than 50 years ago. Although the name *chimes* is usually associated with this type of percussion instrument, it is more properly referred to

as *tubular bells*, which reflects the desire to imitate the harmonic development of church bells. What is special about this set is the way they were designed and manufactured. Organists and organ technicians often refer to them as *graduated diameter* chimes because the tubes for the low notes are larger diameter than those for the upper notes. This provides appropriate tonal resonance to all the notes rather than just the correct pitch.

Over time, chime manufacturers decreased the cost of chime sets by using the same small diameter metal tube for all of the notes. While these tubes played the correct pitches, the musical quality was greatly diminished especially in the low and mid-range notes. Shortly after this set was installed in a church in Richmond, Virginia in 1964, the company making these bells discontinued making them in favor of cheaper sets. It has not been possible to buy new graduated-diameter chimes for decades, and it is extremely rare that a used set becomes available, which makes this addition to our musical resources very special. While I hoped to solve the problem of the short musical compass and the lack of presence of their sound in the sanctuary, I never imagined that the solution would involve acquiring tubular bells of this type and quality. I have been asked where they came from, and the answer is about as unlikely as one could imagine. I discovered them two blocks from the church in a warehouse on Depot Street. Albemarle resident, Graham Hatley purchased the organ that was originally installed in St. Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond, Virginia. The organ had been removed from that building and was in storage in northern Virginia for years. After Graham purchased the organ and moved it to Albemarle, he asked me to look at the instrument in his warehouse where I discovered this rare set of chimes. He was not planning to use them so we arranged to purchase them. The playing mechanism from the 1964 installation would not fit our physical location so we had a new mechanism built by Organ Supply Industries of Erie, Pennsylvania. This summer our organ technician, Morris Spearman, installed the mechanism and wired them to the organ's switching system. I want to thank John Hahn and Thomas Hahn for their assistance in helping to get the chimes mechanism hung on the wall, and to Ann Duckwall for cleaning years of grime from the surfaces of the 25 tubes.

Stan Scheer, Organist



Caring & Sharing for Stanly Community Christian Ministry



The Mission Committee is partnering with SCCM to make a difference in the lives of people who require financial and food assistance in Stanly County. It's time for *Caring and Sharing* once again. **The yellow cups will be distributed at our First Family drive-thru on Wednesday, October 7.** Please fill the cups with change that will change the lives of people in our community. Cups are to be returned to the church at the First Family Dinner in November. Thank you for supporting the work of SCCM.

Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

- Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,
- Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper,
- Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups

Donations may be dropped off at the church.

Packing Dates: Wednesday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Packing a shoebox will be the best gift that you can give a child because he/she will also receive the great, good news of Jesus, our Savior. Each child who receives a shoebox also receives a colorful book in their own language which tells them the story of Jesus. It is estimated that at least 30 family members or friends will also read the book. Plastic preprinted boxes are available in the church Pit Stop. **Please pick up a box with suggestions/directions for packing, fill your box, and return it to the church office by Thursday, November 12.** The shoeboxes will be dedicated in worship on **November 15.**

THE UNITED CHURCH OF ZAMBIA

All Staff, Volunteers and Children at the Mwandi UCZ OVC Project

sincerely thanks

Joyce

For supporting the Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Mwandi Community, Zambia

Stay Safe

27 July 2020

From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the sun
the LORD'S name is to be glorified
PSALM 113:1-2

Hi from Mwandi,

We just say thank you for the endless love and support you give to the Mwandi UCZ OVC Project. We really pray that God keeps you safe as we pass through the Covid-19 pandemic.

God Bless you,
All the Staff, Volunteers, and Children

NEWS & NOTES

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Linda Richards, given by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Martin.

In memory of Linda Richards, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sawyer.

In honor of Marshall Rogers, given by Ellie Niederer and Natalie Niederer.

Music Fund:

In honor of Reverend Elizabeth Ayscue, given by Doris Forte.

SYMPATHY

To Leah Beamon and family upon the death of her grandmother, Marjorie Patterson, on August 23.

To Kim & Jeff Robertson upon the death of their nephew, Adam Beachum, on September 1.

To Kevin and Adrienne Averette upon the death of his father, Preston Averette, on September 10.

To Brett Richards and family upon the death of his mother, Linda Richards, on September 12.

Congratulations

To Heather Deese and Mike Hatley upon their marriage on September 12.

Contact Information

Taylor & Lisa Johnston

Colette & Margot

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Session Notes

Session met on Sunday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. The main topic continues to be studying a safe return to physical activities at church. A survey gauging interest in returning to worship safely was sent to church membership following the meeting. While small groups have been safely convening at church, worship will not begin again before October 25. The Christian Education committee provided a fun, yet different, drive thru Rally Day. Sunday School information was handed out at Rally Day and will continued to be sent to membership. Campaign information will be mailed shortly. Consecration Sunday will be on November 1. From the Mission committee: the backpack program benefitting Central Elementary School students has started back. Steve Cumming, Clerk of Session



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

Thanks to Courtney Niederer for leading the Zoom class training sessions.

Rally Day Thank You

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that helped make Rally Day a success. A lot of work went into getting Rally Day coordinated and organized in a Covid fashion. Much appreciation goes to: Linda Anderson, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Wiley Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Melissa Eudy, Peggy Finley, Martha Sue Hall,

Dorothy Hart, Debby Johnston, Sarah Michael, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Courtney Niederer, Ellie Niederer, Natalie Neiderer, Gayle Russell, Ned Russell, Rich Schaefer, and Martha Wolf.

September's First Family Dinner

Thanks to all of the INCREDIBLE volunteers that helped make this dinner a huge success! We served 98 plates! Linda Anderson, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Gloria Bryson, Keith Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Jim Hesley, Nancy Joines, Merrin Kinley, Kim Marshall, Laura McLeod, Lee McLaurin, Sarah Michael, Anne Montgomery, Catherine Moeller, Penny Morton, Gayle Russell, Ned Russell, Ann Upchurch, and Martha Wolf. YOU ARE A BLESSING TO ME!! Thanks you so much for sharing your time and talents with us.

prayer Requests



Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. Folks with chronic needs will be listed for a month in the bulletin. Following that month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so. Critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

Friends of the Congregation:

- Brinn Andrew**, daughter of Kellie & Jason Andrew.
- David Bailiff**, friend of Debbie Hahn; kidney transplant complications.
- David & Marsha Bell**, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer & an unknown infection.
- 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).
- Clay Price**, cousin of Steve Cumming; cancer.
- 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.**
- Pete Smith.**

!!! ATTENTION !!! 9 SILENT PARTNERS NEEDED



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 Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.



OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 01- **Graham Chapman**
Eston West
- 02- **Joan Boling**
- 04- **Andy McLeod**
- 05- **Christine Andrew**
- 06- **Jeff Robertson**
- 08- **Robert Land**
- 12- **Ella Cumming**
- 13- **Isabel McLeod**
- 21- **Leo McLeod**

- 22- **Billie Jean Snuggs**
- 24- **Danny Saltzman**
Martha White
- 26- **Luke Marshall**
- 27- **Elizabeth Ayscue**
- 28- **Judson Bullard**
- 29- **Lillie Hancock**
- 30- **Teresa Taylor**
- 31- **Ruth Cotton**



OCTOBER

Anniversaries

- 05- **Steve & Mary Kesselman**
- 06- **Peter & Anna Henkenjohann**
Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf
Matt & Catherine Moeller
- 08- **Luis & Kellyn Luna**
- 13- **Trey & Kate Gibson**
- 16- **Keith & Kristie Bryson**

- 19- **Art & Sandy Rogers**
- 24- **Keith & Christine Andrew**
- 25- **Mark & Chris Mabry**
- 26- **Russell & Bede Karr**
- 31- **Taylor & Lisa Rauch Johnston**

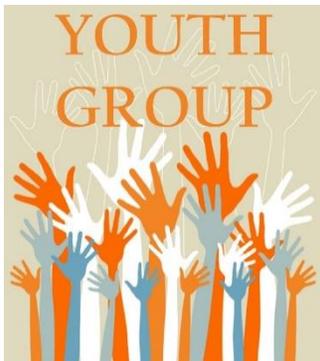


Shortbread Cookies Needed...Can You Help?

Shortbread cookies are needed for the drive-thru fellowship following worship and the Kirkin' of the Tartans on Reformation Sunday, October 25. Please notify Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you'll make a couple dozen.



Donations of candy are needed for the Trunk or Treat event (in lieu of the Fall Carnival) on Sunday, October 25th from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Candy can be dropped off at the church in Dorothy's office, or you are highly encouraged to give out the candy from your car trunk during the event itself! Contact Dorothy at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org with any questions.



We are so excited to be able to meet together (socially distanced of course) for our youth events in October. Bring your mask and join us for some fun activities indoors and outside! Be sure to check your email for more information and follow along with our youth Instagram account, @fpcalbemaryouth

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| Oct. 3rd | 6:30 p.m. | Movie Night in Locust (Aladdin) |
| Oct. 11th | 1:00 p.m. | Youth Hike at Morrow Mountain |
| Oct. 14th | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group Virtual Game Night |
| Oct. 18th | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group |
| Oct. 24th | 6:30 p.m. | Movie Night in Locust (Frozen II) |

Youth Group Outdoor Movie Nights

Saturday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Locust

Movie: Aladdin

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Saturday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Locust

Movie: Frozen II



**Youth Group Hike
at Morrow Mountain State Park
Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.**

Ding-Dong-Ditch Day for Middle School Students (6th-8th Graders)

Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. at FPC



Come to church at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, where we will bake a bunch of muffins. You will take some home for your family and Ding-Dong-Ditch some muffins to a friend or neighbor. Due to COVID, space is limited to 8 Middle Schoolers. Please call, text or email Jane Snyder to sign up 704-438-3358 jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Looking forward to seeing you face-to-face!



**High School Bible Study
with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton
at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston
(1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)
Mondays at 8:30 p.m.**

	October Birthdays
	10-01 Graham Chapman
	10-04 Andy McLeod
	10-12 Ella Cumming



Youth Club News

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).

This year, the **Faith Explorers** are meeting online on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Discussion encompasses the Beatitudes, which are a central part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We will learn more about being peacemakers, becoming pure in heart, and seeking righteousness. If you have not received the email with the Zoom link, please contact Dorothy at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org.

**Get to Know your Bible for Third Graders & Parents
Sunday, October 11 with Matt via Zoom
following the Congregational Meeting**



Please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for zoom information.



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, October 7! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family in October. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, October 7 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit,
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).**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, October 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Pit Stop.** Please contact Peggy Finley 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.



First Presbyterian Church

Women's Retreat 2020

October 9-11

Theme:

Stay – Finding Refuge (Psalm 91)

Schedule:

Friday, October 9 from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. (Locations TBA)

Join with women from the church in small, safe groups to discuss Psalm 91.

Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church

Participate in a variety of stations full of activities centered around *staying* healthy and calm.

Saturday, October 10 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Morrow Mountain State Park

Choose from a variety of activities about *staying* fit and connected. Bring a picnic dinner!

Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship with your family in a place of refuge.

Contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) to be added to the informational update list. Contact Melissa or Shannon Bullard (shanbullard@yahoo.com) for more information.



TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

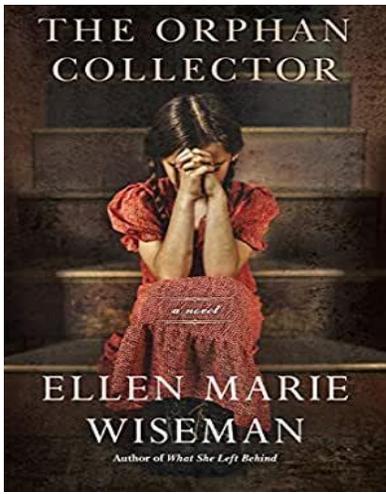
5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

CHURCH PARKING LOT

This year, our elementary school students are invited to an outdoor Trunk-or-Treat event on October 25th from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.! We will have a parade for everyone to show off their costumes, and everyone will walk around the church parking lot and trick-or-treat for candy from the back of socially distanced cars.

Masks are required, and costumes are encouraged!

Volunteers from the congregation are needed to decorate their trunks and distribute candy to the children. Contact Dorothy at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org if you are interested.



Book Conversation

Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Book: The Orphan Collector by Ellen Marie Wiseman

We will meet via Zoom on October 26 at 7:00 p.m., and we will be discussing *The Orphan Collector* by Ellen Marie Wiseman. *The Orphan Collector* is a gripping and powerful tale of upheaval—a heartbreaking saga of resilience and hope—set in Philadelphia during the 1918 Spanish Flu outbreak—the deadly pandemic that went on to infect one-third of the world’s population.

If you ordered a book through the church, drive thru pick-up will be October 1 from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.

For more information, contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435 call/text).

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73022893917>

Meeting ID: 730 2289 3917 Passcode: 0kWz3s

Education and Conversation

Monday, October 26 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 October, we will be watching the film *13th* on Netflix. This documentary takes an in-depth look at the abolition of slavery in the 13th Amendment and the creation of the modern criminal justice system. Please join us on Zoom on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 pm to discuss this film.

Fundraiser

for

Elizabeth Byrd Basinger
to receive kidney and pancreas
transplant



Friday, October 2nd
11 AM to 7 PM
Saturday, October 3rd
11 AM to 4 PM

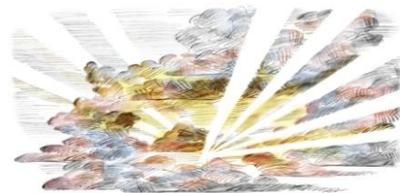


Due to vulnerability of
transplant patients,
please wear a face
covering!

Please join us for a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on
Friday, Oct. 2 & Saturday, Oct. 3 at American Legion Post 76
(Stanly Co. Fairgrounds) in Albemarle. Dinner price is donation
only. Take out or limited outdoor seating available.

Donations to help cover cost of 7-10 day hospital stay, doctor appointments, blood
work, transportation, medications, time off work and living expenses. Thank you in
advance for your support and may God bless each giver!

Prayers are also appreciated!



All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1

On the first day of November, we remember all those who have gone before us. The Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember the saints who have paved the way in faith.



!!! ATTENTION !!!

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

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October



Thursday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 3

6:30 pm Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night in Locust

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

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

10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

3:00 pm Ding Dong Ditch Day with Middle Schoolers

Monday, October 5

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

2:00 pm Deadline to sign-up for First Family Meal

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 6

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

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, October 7

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:30 am Staff Meeting

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom

4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up & Distribution of SCCM Caring & Sharing Yellow Cups

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

6:30 pm-8:30 pm Women's Retreat (Location: TBA)

Saturday, October 10

9:00 am-12:00 pm Women's Retreat at First Presbyterian Church

3:00 pm-7:00 pm Women's Retreat at Morrow Mountain State Park

Sunday, October 11

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

Get to Know your Bible for 3rd Graders & Parents with Matt via Zoom following the Congregational Meeting

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom

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

10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom

11:00 am Online Worship

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting via Zoom

1:00 pm Youth Group Hike at Morrow Mountain State Park

Monday, October 12

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt

8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 13

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

12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, October 14

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:30 am Staff Meeting

10:30 am Backpack Food Program

1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)

3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom

4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

7:00 pm Youth Group Virtual Game Night

Thursday, October 15

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



October

Sunday, October 18

- 8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 7:00 pm Youth Group (socially distanced-mask required)

Monday, October 19

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 20

- 10:00 am Around the Table with Jane Snyder & Friends via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Wrestling with Scripture with Matt via Zoom

Wednesday, October 21

Church Office Closed

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

Thursday, October 22

Church Office Closed

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

Friday, October 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 24

- 6:30 pm Youth Group Movie Night (Locust)

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday/Kirkin' o' the Tartans/

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 1:00 pm New Officer Training
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat

Monday, October 26

Church Office Closed

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation via Zoom with Courtney Niederer
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton at the home of Debby & Bob Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 27

Church Office Closed

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

Wednesday, October 28

Church Office Closed

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 1:00 pm Online Story Time (Preschoolers)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

Thursday, October 29

Church Office Closed

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

Friday, October 30

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 31 Halloween



Acolyte Schedule for October

October 4: Addison Marks
October 11: Jackson Palmer
October 18: Hugh Carpenter
October 25: Leo McLeod

Children's Church Schedule for October

October 4: No Children's Church (Communion)
October 11: Heather Kilde, Leah Kilde, & Thora Kilde
October 18: Heather Kilde, Leah Kilde, & Thora Kilde
October 25: No Children's Church (Communion)

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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.



November Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, October 13.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft
Word, please email them as an
attachment to:
[**pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.**](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)



Watch



your email for additions and changes to this schedule.



The church office will be closed
October 27-November 3.
Please contact Pam Knighten (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org)
or
Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)
if you need assistance.