

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

World Communion Sunday is this Sunday, October 4. In a demonstration of our unity, the downtown churches will gather at Courthouse Square Park (corner of Main & Second Streets) at 9:30 that morning for a brief communion service together. This service is for folks of all ages, and you are encouraged to park at the church and walk to The Square together. With Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, and Episcopalians, we will be reminded that the people of God are united by our common faith in Jesus Christ. This service will conclude at 10:00 a.m., and we will make our way back to church. ENGAGE will not meet this Sunday, but teachers of children and middle schoolers will look forward to welcoming their classes. Please participate and make ours a powerful witness to the uniting bond of Christ.

We have an exciting month ahead of us as we watch the kitchen renovation come together and finish preparations for hosting the Presbytery meeting on October 27. I hope you'll plan to be here for part of the day.

I am grateful to you for your ongoing commitment to Deepening Community within our congregation and with the universal body of Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth

CONSECRATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1

DEEPENING OUR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST, TO CHURCH, TO COMMUNITY

That is the theme for our Stewardship Campaign this year as we once again renew our support for First Presbyterian Church. In October, you will receive information both in the mail and from the pulpit that will outline our budget needs for 2016. Included in the mailing will be your 2016 pledge card. We will ask that you bring your completed card to church on Consecration Sunday, November 1st. If you are unable to attend that day, it would be most helpful if you could return the card to the church office by that date.

Our committee is thankful that we have such a generous congregation that seems to rise to the challenges needed to make ours a thriving community of faith.

Thank you for all you do.

Your Stewardship Committee

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

We will celebrate the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world as we come to the table. Global attire is welcome.

Preaching Theme: Deepening Community Through the Sacraments

Sunday, October 11

The Trusty Travelers will sing, and we will hear from the Stewardship Committee.

Preaching Theme: Deepening Community by Bearing One Another's Burdens

Sunday, October 18

Preaching Theme: Deepening Community through Grace & Gratitude

Sunday, October 25

The Faith Explorers will sing, and the Youth Handbells Ensemble will ring. Bibles will be presented to 3rd graders during worship.

Preaching Theme: Deepening Community through Generosity

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. 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! We received a total of \$282 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in August. Our goal is to receive an average of \$600.00 per month.

Something New for Kids in Sunday School...



Preschoolers through 5th graders will experience something new in their Sunday School Classes this fall. The Presbyterian Church (USA) created a new curriculum that we are happy to introduce, called *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* is rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship; extends an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love; and reaches beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God's grace.

Sessions of *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* are grounded in Bible stories that reveal God's grace. Through fun activities, prayer, and singing, children and their leaders will celebrate the meaning of this grace in their lives as they encounter a living God.

CHILDREN'S CLASS INFORMATION

Birth — 17 months...Nursery...Jana Sanderson is the lead caregiver for our youngest children.

18 months — 2 year olds...Toddler Room...Lauren Cranford, Cici Ly, Misty Honbarrier, and Salem Taylor lead these children.

3 year olds & 4 year olds...Preschool Room... taught by Heather Deese, Kate Gibson, and Jill Niebler.

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

Kindergarten — 2nd gradeArt Room... Teachers: Leah Beamon, Brett Richards, and Rose Saltzman.

3rd Graders — 5th Graders ...3rd Floor Classroom...Teachers: Taylor & Dustin Jolly, Penny Morton, and Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs.

6th-8th Graders...Teen Room 3rd Floor...Presbyterian Youth Curriculum...Teacher: Jim Carter



Sundays
October 11, 18, & 25
November 1 & 8

ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.

Come early for coffee, fellowship, & treats!

ENGAGE Groups begin at 9:45 a.m.

We are off to a strong start.

Almost 100 adults have committed to engaging their faith in a new way this fall.

It's not too late to find your group!

If you are interested in participating in an ENGAGE group, contact Larry Sitton
(larrysitton@rtmc.net or 336-461-5158).

There is a place for you!

Group 1:	Old Session Room (Basement Level)	Banks Garrison & Marshall Rogers
Group 2:	Gathering Place (2nd Floor)	Debbie Bennett & Ruth Ann Rogers
Group 3:	Chapel (Basement Level)	Skeet Ayscue
Group 4:	Session Room (Basement Level)	Patrick Currie & Debby Johnston
Group 5:	Classroom C (Basement Level)	Melissa Eudy & Rob McIntyre
Group 6:	Media Room (Basement Level)	Martha Sue Hall
Group 7:	Parlor (1st Floor)	Rich Schaefer

Chancel Choir Retreat
Saturday, November 7
Henry Pfeiffer Chapel at Pfeiffer University



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 11. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2018 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, Ellen Whitley. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Tom Norwood, Chair, Al Andrew, Virginia Currie, Bob Johnston, Anne Montgomery, Jim Sawyer, and Joe Snuggs. 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.

Nominating Committee (at-large members) for 2016

Bill Jolly Nancy and I joined FPC in September 1967. I have served on Diaconate, Session, and previous nominating committees. I practiced medicine in Albemarle from July 1967 until May 2005. Nancy and I enjoy growing orchids and working in our yard.

Frankie Palmer I have been a member of FPC for 40+ years, retired, served several terms as elder, and have always been involved in church activities. I have two children and three grandsons, and enjoy spending time with them.

Joe Snuggs My wife Ann and I have been members of First Presbyterian Church three different times (due to job transfers in and out of Albemarle) beginning in 1966 and most recently since 2007. I've served two terms as a Deacon in this church, one as Chair of the Senior Care Committee, an elder in Christ Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville, GA and a Deacon in Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN. I am a retired Sales Manager from ArvinMeritor Corporation.

Anna Wainwright I have been a member of FPC all my life and am the daughter of Debbie and Hugh Wainwright. I'm a junior at Albemarle High School where I run cross-country and participate in the Stanly County Youth Leadership program. I also study a lot! I am an active member of FPC and have attended the Youth Conference in Montreat for the past three years.

Nominees for the Office of Deacon for the Class of 2018

Mark Donham Paula and I have been members at FPC – Albemarle about six months. I have enjoyed participating in Worship, Sunday school, the Men's Prayer Breakfast, and Lenten small groups. Our family joined the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1997, in Monroe, and became a member in Oxford when we moved there. I have been active in the Presbyterian Church as an Elder, Clerk of Session, Finance Chair, Sunday School Teacher and in other capacities that continue to help me grow as a Christian. I am the director of economic development for the City of Albemarle. My career has involved working with communities to find growth opportunities. Reflecting on my hobbies, they have involved serving God, my family, and the communities that I live in. I love the outdoors. God has blessed me with my family beginning with Christian parents and grandparents. I have a loving Christian wife and children who worship God and give me joy. Now I have my first grandchild, Max, who demonstrates Christ's never ending blessings. I look forward to serving as a Deacon with the hope of better serving Christ and His Church.

Jim Hesley I've been a member of FPC about a year now but have been attending for almost 4 years. I retired from the textile business in 2008 and live in town with my stepson Daniel, plus a collection of K-9s and felines. I served as a volunteer at Central Elementary last year several times and really enjoyed it. What I love the most about FPC is the positive attitude that everyone seems to have when it comes to serving God and the community and I'm excited to be a part of that.

Taylor Jolly I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 6 years and am currently serving as a Youth Advisor, Sunday school teacher, a member of the Youth Council, and helping plan the Women's Retreat. I am an Environmental Health Specialist for Stanly County. I am a coach for every little league sport my kids play. Puzzles are my hobby. My husband is Dustin Jolly and we have two amazing sons, Maddox and Marshall Jolly. I am looking forward to learning more about our church and helping our church community grow.

Connie Wallace I became a member of FPC in 2012 and soon thereafter married Ken Knight. We lovingly share 3 daughters, 3 granddaughters and 3 mini's (2 of which are dachshunds!) I currently practice family medicine as a Physician Assistant in Salisbury, and I look forward to the new opportunities to serve God and our church as a deacon.

Nominees for the Office of Deacon for the Class of 2018 (continued)

Chris Whitley I have been a member of First Presbyterian for 25 years and have served as Deacon, Elder and was Treasurer for 17 years. I am married to Barbara Whitley and we have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren. I served 12 years on the Stanly County Board of Education and am presently serving on the Albemarle City Council. I spent 35 years in the military and have been in banking for 37 years. I am looking forward to retiring one day and spending more time at the beach and with our grandchildren. I have always tried to serve my community and country, and I look at being a church officer as one more way to fulfil that mission.

Elizabeth Wilson I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2012 and have served in the following capacities: member of Senior Care committee, Nana & Papa team and usher. I have assisted with packing the Central School backpacks and have enjoyed fun and fellowship in the kitchen while preparing for First Family meals and other events. I lived in Charlotte for 25 years working in the accounting profession and retired near the end of last year after several years of part-time work. As a deacon I look forward to strengthening my commitment to the church, working with and getting to know more members of our congregation and finding new ways to serve.

Nominees for the Office of Elder for the Class of 2018

Al Andrew I recently retired after 31 years of teaching and coaching in the Stanly County school system and am pursuing other career interests at this time. I am a lifetime member of FPC and, along with Becky, we enjoy parenting two college students. Emily is a junior at Wingate University, and Jay is a freshman at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I have previously served the church as elder, deacon, usher, and Sunday School teacher. I look forward to serving the church on Session.

Keith Bryson According to Mom, Gloria Bryson, I have been a member at FPC Albemarle since October of 1965. Have worked with Matt as a Youth Advisor the past couple years as well as working with the Youth Breakfast Committee for X # of years. I remember working with my father taking in clothes at what was the predecessor to the clothing closet that was run out of the front part of the basement of FPC. I have been a member of the Choir and still enjoying singing with them, as well as the Uwharrie Sound on occasion. Hobbies include cycling & golf and whatever the kids are doing. For the past 3 years, I have owned and operated Ad Image, an ad specialty business which is newly located on 2nd Street. I am the fortunate husband of Kristie, and we are proud parents of Duncan & Elizabeth. I can't imagine having a family without having a supportive church family. I served as a Deacon for several terms and look forward to seeing how the *thinkers* on Session work. I hope to use my Session experience to help define my Christian beliefs.

Mary Kesselman I joined First Presbyterian Church in 2010. I served on the Diaconate from 2012-2014, chaired the Senior Care Committee in 2014, and have served on the Membership, Technology and Fellowship committees. I am one of the coordinators of the Community Christmas Dinner that will be hosted by First Presbyterian in 2015 and 2016. I have volunteered for Music and Arts Camp, Muffins and More, and First Friends. I am retired and enjoy my volunteer activities with the church and with the UNCG Alumni Association. My husband Steve and I enjoy traveling. I am looking forward to serving as an elder to help guide the life of the church.

Dona Lisk My name is Dona Lisk and I will have been a member of FPC for 8 years in April 2016. In that time I have served in many capacities such as Diaconate (Moderator, one year), Handbells, Childcare (co-chair of the committee and working directly with children of different ages), Membership (chair, one year), Fellowship, Lay Committee member for Seminary Student, Covenant Partner, Associate Minister Search Committee member, Liturgist and Usher. I work for Bear Insurance where I have recently been able to reduce my hours in order to spend more time with my three children, Brent, Grant, and Caroline. The kids and my husband, Greg, keep me busy as a baseball, softball and football mama and coach's wife. I am excited to add to my Faith Journey as an Elder of FPC by learning more about the workings of the church and getting to better know other members of our church family.

Sarah Michael I have been a member of FPC for 57 years. During this time, I have served as both deacon and elder, served on many committees, taught children and adult Sunday School classes, and Bible study for Youth Club. My husband, Ronnie, and I have two wonderful daughters/son-in-laws and three grandchildren that fill our lives. I read a lot, but my joy is spending time volunteering in my granddaughter's school. Serving as elder is a great privilege, and I look forward to working with you as *we put our heads together and dream the same dream* for FPC.

Lynn White I have been a member of FPC since the late 70's and in the past have served on the Diaconate for 3 terms and served as teacher in our Sunday School Program. I am retired after 41 years as an educator, both as a teacher and as an administrator. I enjoy playing golf, following various sports teams, doing yard and garden work and working on a mountain retreat we are building. I have been married for over 38 years to Martha and we have a 31 year old daughter, Brittany, an Interior Designer in Charlotte. I look forward to being more involved with the family, work and mission of FPC during my up-coming time on Session.

Our Living Legacy Projects

- ✚ The pace of work in the kitchen is picking up and groups are still finding creative ways to provide food without use of the kitchen. Many thanks to Jane for her *can-do* spirit in this rather chaotic time.
- ✚ The gnarled and dying tree in front of the church has been removed and will be replaced with a large maple in October. Other landscaping projects will be completed at the same time.
- ✚ As of this writing, a contractor has begun work on the pointing and sealing of brick and mortar. This work will protect our building from water intrusion.
- ✚ Sanctuary carpet will be replaced in early November.

Credit Card Payments Now Accepted at First Presbyterian Church

Check out the website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can now make payments via credit card for your General Fund pledge, your Our Living Legacy pledge, or for any other purpose. Contact Kyle for more information (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

!!! Volunteers Needed !!!

Presbytery Meeting Luncheon... Tuesday, October 27

Volunteers are needed for the Presbytery Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday, October 27. We will be preparing lunch for 200+ people, and it is doubtful the kitchen will be completed. Prep work will be done at the home of Janet Schaefer (140 Tindall's Lane, New London) on Monday, October 26. We also need 10 dozen hardboiled & peeled eggs. Sign-up sheets are in the pit stop or contact Janet Schaefer (336-461-3422 or janet.schaefer@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for your help.

Donations Needed for Presbytery Meeting

Donations are needed to serve to those attending the October Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Albemarle. A basket/box is in the pit stop to accept your donations of:

8 oz. Bottled Water	Lance Crackers
Variety Packs of Individual Serving Chips	Small Fruit Juice Cans/Bottles



Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle Tuesday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m.

On October 27, we will host 250+ Presbyterians from throughout the seven county region of Charlotte Presbytery. They will be with us for the quarterly meeting. Susan Garrison is chairing the preparations for this meeting. She has assembled a remarkable group to help with the meeting, and

you can also help.

Are you available for an hour or two to serve as a greeter/direction giver during the meeting?

Greeters will be needed from approximately 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Contact the office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to let us know when you are available.

Will you pray for the last preparations and for everything on the day of the meeting to go smoothly?

Questions? Contact Susan Garrison (704-982-1190 or banksandsusan@me.com).

Candy Needed For Fall Carnival

SNL needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to the pit stop or contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Thank you so much for your support!



STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...AUGUST 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	333,665.00	372,841.00
Total Expenses:	<u>378,168.00</u>	<u>371,640.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	(44,503.00)	1,201.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2015

Pledges:	477,515	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,825</u>
Total Income:	562,887	Average Weekly Amount Received in August: <u>\$9,258</u>
Total Expenses:	562,887	

We are behind \$9,409 in pledges. (\$14,838 of 2015 pledges was prepaid in 2014)

Our Living Legacy Campaign (pledged): 101 pledges totaling \$291,873

August Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering: \$282

Faith on the Fifth (for SCCM Utilities Assistance): \$1,489

Gardening for SCCM: \$53.00

Circle the Sanctuary: 350 lbs. of food donated to SCCM

MEMORIALS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

- In memory of Monti Bell, given by Mildred Andrew.
- In memory of Monti Bell, given by Miriam Russell.
- In memory of Becky Carter, given by Don & Janice Abernathy.
- In memory of Charles Miller, given by Al & Becky Andrew.
- In memory of Charles Miller, given by Miriam Russell.
- In memory of Jack Morris, given by Miriam Russell.
- In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Miriam Russell.
- In memory of Mildred Virginia Sawyer, given by Miriam Russell.
- In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Al & Becky Andrew.
- In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Don & Nancy Joines.
- In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Miriam Russell.

Music Fund:

In memory of Mildred Virginia Sawyer, given by Marie Jones.

Our Living Legacy Campaign:

- In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Nathan & Marlene Sanges.
- In honor of Anne Montgomery, given by The Hawthorne Garden Club.

Scholarship Endowment:

- In memory of Becky Carter, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ivey.
- In memory of Becky Carter, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
- In memory of Charles Miller, given by Frank & Mary Green.
- In memory of Charles Miller, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
- In memory of Ben Misenheimer, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.
- In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.
- In memory of Erin Phillips, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.
- In memory of Mildred Virginia Sawyer, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ivey.
- In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ivey.
- In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.

SYMPATHY

- To the family of Bill Palmer upon her death on September 5, 2015.
- To Carolyn McLaurin upon the death of her father, Herman Hinson, on September 25.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Paula and Mark Donham upon the birth of their grandson, Max Sawyer Sessions, on August 19. Parents are Paige and Wil Sessions of Greensboro.

To Quinton Wainwright who has earned his Eagle Scout award, the highest award in Boy Scouting. He is the son of Debbie and Hugh Wainwright.

NEWS and NOTES

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on September 13, 2015, Session discussed several exciting events happening at our church. The Christian Education committee gave an update on the ENGAGE program which begins September 20, 2015. They are expecting the new program to be very exciting and hopefully well-received. The Mission committee is working on several projects including the "Sharing and Caring" program and the "Backpack Program" for students. The Property committee gave a progress report on the kitchen renovations and stated that we are on schedule to complete this project before the Presbytery meeting in October. The Worship committee is planning for two upcoming communions.

Circle #5 Monthly Meeting

Circle #5 meets at the home Ann Duckwall (609 N. 6th Street, Albemarle) on **Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.**



Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for the November Newsletter is noon on Tuesday, October 20.

Early submissions are always welcome! If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.com.

STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOOD CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER:

Paper Goods (toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, cleaning supplies)



To: Mildred Andrew, Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Margaret Ivey, Judy & Tommy Murrell, Frankie Palmer, Susan Pandich, Ruth Ann Rogers, Sandy Rogers, Rich Schaefer, and Martha White for assisting in the office during September.

First Family Thank You

Thanks to all the people that made this challenging dinner simple and easy: Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Rebekah Ayscue, Keith Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Michelle Cumming, Steve Cumming, Matt Drumheller, Ann Duckwall, Susan Garrison, Debbie Hahn, John Hahn, Bill Hall, Anna Henkenjohann, Peter Henkenjohann, John Howell, Robin Howell, Leslie Kinley, Stephan Kinley, Mark Mabry, Polly Moose, Sandy Saunders, Carolyn Sharpe, Harold Sharpe, Ellen Smet, Ann Snuggs, Billie Jean Snuggs, Joe Snuggs, Lee Snuggs, Elizabeth Wilson, and all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! I depend heavily on my First Family volunteers and am so thankful for your presence. I love spending time with you!!

Jane Snyder, Director of Fellowship Services

!!! Rally Day Thank You !!!



On September 13, one hundred fifty adults, youth and children gathered in the gym to kick off the new educational year with energy and creativity! From eating pancakes to the building of God's *sweet, sweet* community, a fun morning was had by all. The Christian Education Committee, with help from many others helped to *sweeten up* that event. Thanks to the following folks who jumped in the make it a fun event for us all: Kim Andrew, Skeet Ayscue, Keith Bryson, Josh Campbell, Jim Carter, Andy Cotton, Patrick Currie, Virginia Currie, Heather Deese, John Howell, Ken Knight, Dustin Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Chris Mabry, Roger Martin, Carolyn McLaurin, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Rose Saltzman, and Craig Taylor.

Thanks to everyone who made our September 19 **Morning of Mission** a success. A total of 17 workers left First Presbyterian Church a little before 9:00 a.m. last Saturday and headed to sites from New London to Norwood to help senior citizens with yard work, painting, and small home repairs. Greg Lisk fed us a great breakfast, without benefit of a kitchen, before we left. I appreciate the support that my church family has given with their time, talents, hard work, and money to this outreach program to our community. – Don Joines





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:

Chrissy Adams, friend of Shannon & Kent Newport; Hodgkin's disease.

Sheila Kirkland Breisch, sister-in-law of Gloria Bryson; Atrial fibrillation.

Amy Brinson, friend of Doris Forte.

Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.

Bob & Bessie Burris, grandparents of Kim Caudle.

Glenn Burris.

Jan Burton, mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer.

Millie Campbell, friend of Melissa Lemons; receiving treatment for breast cancer.

Katherine Cox, mother of Sherrie Richards.

Rachel Darling, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.

Roy & Katie Dearstyn, parents of Holly Norwood.

Rich Drye, nephew of Barbara Whitley; Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Sara Dyer, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.

Elliott Efird, grandson of Gayle & Ned Russell.

Lindsey Efird, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.

Jan Morris Everton, recovering from surgery for kidney cancer.

Tonia Icenhour, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.

Jeannette Isenhour, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.

Randall Kimrey, father of Bryce Kimrey.

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

Don Little.

Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Louise Medlin, mother of Dona Lisk; diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma.

Karen Niebler, mother of Jill Niebler.

Shannon Newton, diagnosed with cancer; friend of the Johnston family.

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

Barbara Petillo, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.

Brian Rogers, son of Jane Rogers; awaiting heart transplant.

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

David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges; recently received a bone marrow transplant for Acute Myloid Leukemia.

Charles Schinck, brother-in-law of Peggy Finley; recurrence of cancer.

Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Claudine Stone, friend of Laura Wheeler.

Ethel White, sister-in-law of Lynn White; diagnosed with mesothelioma.

Members of the Congregation:

Joe Carter.

Blue Honeycutt.

Greg Johnson.

June Johnson.

Fran Mabry.

Ed Myers.

Pete Smith.

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 01- Graham Chapman
Eston West | 16- Mary Lou Andrew |
| 02- Joan Boling
Emily Domenech | 17- Fran Mabry |
| 04- George Gilbreath
Andy McLeod
Norman Rogers | 20- Cody Stewart |
| 05- Christine Andrew | 21- Leo McLeod |
| 06- Kristen Tedder | 22- Billie Jean Snuggs |
| 08- Robert Land | 24- Martha White
Danny Saltzman |
| 09- J.D. Holbrook | 26- Luke Marshall |
| 10- Scott Griffin | 27- Elizabeth Ayscue
Dave MacMurray |
| 12- Ella Cumming | 29- Lillie Hancock |
| 13- Isabel McLeod | 30- Teresa Taylor |
| | 31- Ruth Cotton |



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 05- Steven & Mary Kesselman | 19- Art & Sandy Rogers |
| 06- Peter & Anna Henkenjohann
Bruce & Marlene Mittendorf | 24- Keith & Christine Andrew |
| 11- Philip & Shirley Welch | 25- Mark & Chris Mabry |
| 16- Keith & Kristie Bryson | 26- Russell & Bede Karr |
| | 31- Sam & Liz Davis |

MISSION NEWS...



Backpack Food Program

Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets

Breakfast Cookies

Individual Bags of Goldfish

Large Cans of Soup

Saltine Crackers

Hamburger Helper

Snack Crackers

Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Backpacks will be filled on Wednesday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m.



Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair October 5-9

The Central Book Fair is scheduled for October 5-9 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and therefore is the greatest need for volunteers. Family Night will be Thursday, October 8...time TBA.

If you are interested in helping with the book fair, contact Carroll Sitton (336-461-5158 or carrollsitton@rtmc.net).



The 8th Annual Empty Bowls Project "Help Fight World Hunger at the Local Level"

When: Friday, October 30th, 4:30 PM-7:30 PM

**Where: Central United Methodist Church
172 North Second Street, Albemarle**

Advance Tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the following locations:

SCCM Assistance Center SCCM Clothing Closet

506 South 1st Street

1324 East Main Street

(704-982-7915)

(704-982-0246)

For the first time, \$10 tickets for the meal only will also be available.

(No bowl will be included with at \$10 ticket.)

A ticket allows you to share in a wonderful meal of soup, bread, dessert, and beverage. Plus, you will receive a hand-crafted bowl made by a local potter. As a reminder that there are always *empty bowls* in our world, you will receive a hand-turned bowl to keep.

Advance Tickets guarantee you will receive a professionally-turned bowl.

Bowls will be limited to the first 200 tickets sold.

There will also be drawings and a silent auction during the meal.

SNL SEPTEMBER SCRIPT

After kicking off the year with an all-night lock-in, SNL is going full steam ahead! Our Fall schedule is packed with exciting things including fellowship activities, mission projects, games, and lots of food eating. I hope to see you every week as the weather grows chilly!

Sunday, October 4	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Corn Maze
Sunday, October 11	3:00 p.m. (@ YMCA Park)	Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 18	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	SNL
Sunday, October 25	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Fall Carnival



Presbytery High School Retreat

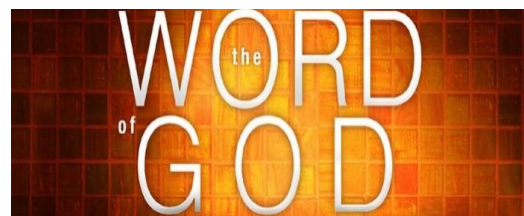
High schoolers, mark your calendars for the November 7-8 Presbytery of Charlotte High School Retreat! This event will include high schoolers from all over Charlotte Presbytery for worship, fun, and fellowship together. This is a great chance to meet some new people from our local area. The cost for the retreat is \$50.00. As always, scholarship money is available upon request. The deadline for registration is October 4, so contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for sign-up information.

Monday Night Bible Study

Starts Monday, October 5 at 8:30 p.m.

with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton

Elizabeth will be joined by Jack Morton for the Monday night Bible study with high schoolers this Fall. The group will gather at Elizabeth's house for about an hour at 8:30 pm on Monday evenings beginning on October 5. Please contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) with any questions.



10-02 Emily Domenech
10-13 Isabel McLeod



Necklace Ministry

Yes—our Necklace Ministry is Alive and Well & continues to fill orders!
New & Former Participants Invited to Participate! No Experience Needed!
Handmade Crochet Necklaces in beautiful colors selling for only \$5.00 each.
Great Gifts for Family & Friends.

Necklaces will be sold at the October 27 Presbytery Luncheon.
Since 2012, we have raised \$28,200 to purchase formula for HIV babies in Mwandia, Zambia.

Thanks for all your wonderful support.

Contact Mary Louis Sawyer (704-986-6320 or jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com) or Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com) if you are interested in this ministry.



World Communion Ecumenical Service

Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Square

Many of the churches of downtown Albemarle will come together on October 4 for our third annual World Communion service. This is a day when churches around the world acknowledge our global community by celebrating a sacrament of commonality across all of Christianity. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as a broad community. The service will take place at 9:30 a.m. in Courthouse Square. Our Sunday School classes will meet for this service and then walk back down to the church after the service is over.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR

FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

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



Young Adult Lunch

Young Adult Lunches continues each month. If you have any particular restaurant requests, let Matt know (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) Plan to meet at noon on the first Wednesday of every month:

October 7 at Little Tokyo (Hwy 52 location)

November 4 at El Ranchito (Hwy 24/27 bypass)

December 2 at Ly Cuisine (807A North 2nd Street)



Covenant Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings

Beginning October 6 at 10:00 a.m.



**First Family Gathering
Wednesday, October 7
Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m.
Meal at 6:00 p.m.**



Menu: Soup and Salad Bar, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade. Contact the church office to make your reservation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

- Salad Crew: Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 3:45 p.m.
- Decorating crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 4:00 p.m.
- Final Touches crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, October 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Before and after the First Family Gathering is a great time for fellowship. We have so much fun! Hope to see you at one of the above times! Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722, on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help.





The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Fall Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 10, at the historic Summerville Presbyterian Church in Harnett County, near Lillington. Registration is \$20, which includes lunch. Our speakers will be from the State Historic Preservation Office in Raleigh. Fifty-three Presbyterian churches in North Carolina are on the National Register of Historic Places, but how are small congregations to preserve them? Come to discuss this important issue. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact Program Chair Sam Martin at (910) 428-4165.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 3:00 P.M.
YMCA CANNON PARK

BLESSING OF THE
animals

- ❖ Bring your own lawn chair.
- ❖ All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.
- ❖ Bags for waste clean up and water (for pets & people) will be provided.
- ❖ SNL requests donations of animal supplies (dog food or cat food, kitty litter, or monetary donation) to assist in the care of dogs and cats at the Stanly County Humane Society.



We will gather in the YMCA Park for a blessing of the animals. Bring your pets (of all shapes & kinds!) to receive a blessing. We will also be honoring pets that have passed away in the last year.



Theology Lite

Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.
 Home of Mandy & Phillip Brown
 (44392 Dennis Road, Albemarle)

On **October 15**, young adults throughout our community are invited to Theology Lite. We will gather at the house of Phillip and Mandy Brown (44392 Dennis Road) to enjoy the fall weather, some beverages, and a good conversation. We are going to gather early at **6:00 p.m.** for this meeting, so please plan to bring a dish to share with the group. Non-members of FPC are invited to join in the conversation. Please RSVP to Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)!



Prime Timers Luncheon
Thursday, October 15 at Noon
at Sagebrush Steakhouse
(623 NC 24/27 Bypass East, Albemarle)
Speaker: Pastor David Kilde

The next Prime Timers luncheon will be a "Dutch-treat" luncheon at Sagebrush on Highway 24/27 in Albemarle on Thursday, October 15th at noon. Our speaker will be Pastor David Kilde who will speak to us about growing up in the Midwest (emphasis on cold winters with lots of snow). We can order from the menu at Sagebrush so everyone should be able to find something he or she can enjoy. There will be a gratuity added to the cost of each order. Please call the church by October 12th to let us know you are coming (704 982-2722). Call Debbie Hahn at 704 983-1067 if you have questions. You can view the Sagebrush menu at: <http://sagebrushsteakhouse.com/sagebrush-menus>.



!!! Youth Club Connects !!!



Youth Club is off to a great start and is connecting with forty children, Kindergarten through 5th grade! The theme for the year is **Deepening Community** through grade & gratitude and each group will strive to incorporate this theme into Bible lessons, mission, art and music.

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) will focus their lessons on “Prayer” during the fall. They will visit the Prayer Wall outside of the Chapel for an opportunity to lift up their prayers to God and pin them on the wall. The leaders will help the children to pray and learn creative ways to talk to God.

Faith Explorers (4th-5th graders) The new year for Faith Explorers kicked off on Sunday, September 13, with a pool party at the home of Jack and Penny Morton. (Thank you Jack and Penny and Dustin and Taylor!) The children who were able to attend had a wonderful afternoon of swimming, eating, trampoline jumping and much more.

Our group met for the first time at youth club on Wednesday, September 16, with eight fourth and fifth graders in attendance. We have lots planned for the coming months beginning a gratitude journal, a year-long project that will help us focus on all the things we have for which to be grateful and help us remember that everything we have is a gift from God. We will also begin a series of lessons titled “Bullying and the Bible” and we will continue to brainstorm ideas for how we, as a group, can give back to our community this year.

The scripture that we want to remember comes from Micah, chapter 6, verse 8, “...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Upcoming activities include a couple of Wednesday afternoons spent making Chrismons with Ruth Cotton and a Sunday afternoon trip to Get Lost Corn Maze.

*There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child,
there are seven million.*

Walt Streightiff



Youth Cubs (3 – 4 years old) is indeed a time of learning, fun, and discovery, all creating an afternoon of wonderment as we learn about God. Our goal is to help lay a spiritual foundation that will influence the childrens’ relationship with God throughout their lives. We will share friendships, art, prayer, stories, songs, play, and hands on experiences. October lessons will begin with the colorful story of Joseph, his brothers, and how God can take a bad situation and turn it into something good. The lesson will be reinforced by crafts and activities that use the same colors to describe the feelings and attitudes of the characters. We will next turn our attention to Moses, beginning with the story of baby Moses. We will focus on how families care for each other. A *Find Baby Moses* game will be played as well as a floating objects activity. A burning bush will be central in our next story when God speaks to Moses. God had a plan for the life of Moses, and he has a plan for each child’s life. Lastly, we will celebrate God’s gift of the beauty of our fall season.

Lynn Poplin, Youth Cubs Coordinator



Get To Know Your Bible

Calling ALL 3rd Graders

Join us as we open up and explore the Bible!

See what’s inside! Locate information! Read the stories!

Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25 at 9:45 a.m. (during regular Sunday School)

Meet in the 3rd – 5th Grade Sunday School Class

On Sunday, October 25 participants will receive their Bible during worship. Parents are invited to join the children and leaders for *lunch and share* at 2nd Street Sundries following worship. Leaders: Elizabeth, Matt, & Gina.



.... INCREASING AWARENESS AND REDUCING THE RATE OF CHILDHOOD DROWNING THROUGH MUSIC AND FUN

PUT MUSIC INTO YOUR DAY SMITH SPLASH FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17
YMCA Park, Albemarle NC
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Smith Splash is a great family event for a good cause! All proceeds raised support the Smith William Snuggs Endowment Fund. The Smith William Snuggs Endowment Fund was started by Billie Jean and Lee Snuggs in memory of their son, Smith. The purpose of the endowment fund is to support the aquatic programs of the Y and to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to learn to swim. Come join us for the day. Be sure to bring your kids, lawn chairs, and appetite. Food will be available for sale and activities will be going on for the kids.

**SWIM FOR SMITH FUNDRAISER •
FREE CONCERTS • LUCKY CHANCE SILENT AUCTION •
FAMILY FUN • FOOD**



First Presbyterian Church Booth at Smith Splash

TRAIL MIX BAR

First Presbyterian Church will be a part of the Smith Splash event on Saturday, October 17. We will host a **TRAIL MIX BAR** complete with loads of healthy options for afternoon snacking. Come out and build your own trail mix and load it up with your favorite ingredients as you listen to some fantastic music! Look for a sign-up sheet in the pit stop to volunteer to work a shift that day and/or to donate food items for the trail mix bar. Contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722) or Jane Boone (Janeh@carolinashealthcare.org or 704-984-6353) if you can help with this event.



Prospective New Members Luncheon Sunday, October 18 at Noon in the Parlor

Prospective members are invited to share lunch and conversation about the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 18 following worship. We will meet in the parlor. Childcare provided upon request.

*Lunch Meet-Up
Sunday, October 18 following worship
at Ly Cuisine*



Dutch Treat...Buffet...Limited Seating...Must Sign-Up in the Pit Stop.

**Tea & Conversation
Tuesday, October 20
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor**

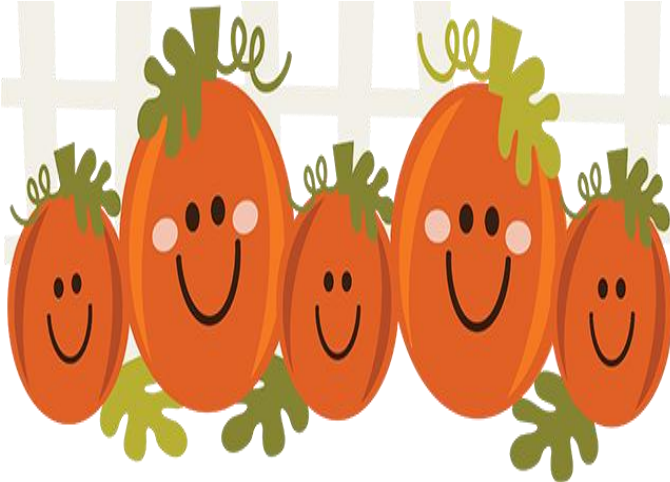




Faith Explorer's Get Lost in the **CORN MAZE**

**Sunday, October 25
Noon-3:00 p.m.**

Lunch at Pizza Hut following worship and then on to an **AMAZING** afternoon at "Get Lost Corn Maze" in Millingport. \$5 lunch and \$9 admission, plus extra for pumpkin picking or any snacks. Transportation provided to and from the maze –pick up at church at 3:00 p.m. Please let Gina know if your 4th or 5th grade Faith Explorer will be attending at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org by Wednesday, October 21.



Fall Carnival

**Sunday, October 25 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Church Side Parking Lot (1st Street)**

On October 25, SNL will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Dress up in your best Halloween costume and join us for games and treats of all kinds. Candy will be eaten, games will be played, music will be heard, and there will even be some dancing! Plenty of fun for all ages! We will be outdoors in the side parking lot (1st Street) this year, so join us there from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF During Sunday School on November 1

The children's classes will visit the Youth Middle School Sunday School and all ENGAGE! classes with information about UNICEF and their UNICEF boxes. Please be prepared to support UNICEF and the children of First Presbyterian Church as they support the children of the world on Sunday, November 1. Your gifts make a difference!

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 1.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 8. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



VETERANS 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: _____

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

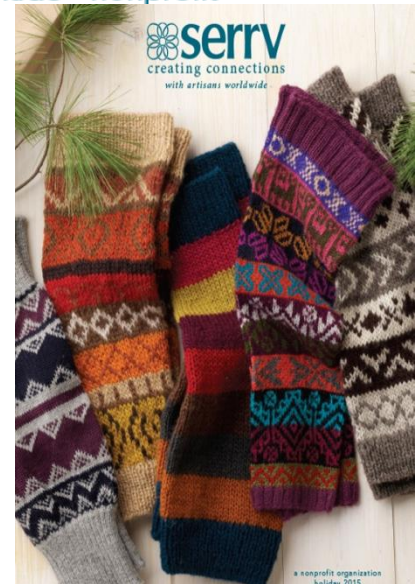




Time for the Homes of Hope fall...
HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
Donations Accepted!
Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 800 since 2005.
Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:
Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice, Fruit, Coffee, Gravy, Grits, & Sausage
6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 6
Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
172 N. Second Street, Albemarle
Homes of Hope is a United Way agency.

SERRV Bazaar
Sunday, November 8

creating connections
fair trade • handmade • nonprofit



How do YOU do mission?

One easy, yet very effective way, is through placing an order for fair trade items from the SERRV catalog and/or purchasing food items at the bazaar.

Who is SERRV?

SERRV is a nonprofit organization committed to fair trade for 65 years. It adheres to the 10 fair trade standards as defined by the World Fair Trade Organization. It assists artisan and farmer cooperatives in many countries with design, start-up funds, and transportation of their product to market through SERRV. The cooperative is benefitted through a steady income from larger orders placed throughout the year; AND they have input into setting a fair price for their product.

Learn more about SERRV at www.serrv.org/values.

When & where can I see a SERRV catalog?

On Sunday mornings in the Pit Stop:

October 4, 11, & 18 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship

During the week, in the church office until October 19.

After that, the order will be compiled and placed.

Catalog orders are shipped with the bazaar food items and will be available at the Bazaar on November 8.

When is the Bazaar? November 8 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and Noon-1:00 p.m. in the pit stop.

Does my order change anyone's life? Read a few brief stories in the catalog while you shop. You may be surprised and inspired by what you learn.



Men's Retreat November 20-22 at Camp Hanes

Our first annual Men's Retreat will take place at Camp Hanes over the weekend of November 20-22. It's not too late to get involved with this exciting new program for the men of our church. Please plan to join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship as we grow deeper in faith and friendship. Contact the church office to register (klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

Women's Retreat 2015

i have called you
by name,
you are
Mine

Who? For all women of First Presbyterian Church & their friends & family members.

When? November 13-15

Where? The William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC

What can I expect? Laughter, Bible study, Good Food & Fellowship with Women of All Ages, Time Together & Time Apart

What else? Cost for the retreat is \$178.00 (double occupancy) or \$236.00 (single occupancy) and includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and program materials.

Help with cost is available.

Reserve your spot with a \$75.00 deposit by October 5.



From the First Presbyterian Church Community Christmas Dinner Committee...

Community Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 25 at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Community Christmas Dinner in 2015 & 2016. Committees & Committee Chairs are:

Committees

- Children's Activities
- Clean-Up
- Dining Room Management
- Entertainment
- Food
- Logistics
- Publicity
- Set-Up
- Table Decorations
- Take-Out
- Volunteers

Committee Chair(s)

- Rebekah Ayscue
- Debbie Wainwright
- Hugh and Debbie Wainwright
- Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer
- Hugh Wainwright
- Lee Snuggs
- John & Anne Montgomery
- Lee Snuggs
- Ann Snuggs
- Skeet Ayscue
- Jim Carter and Lori Ivey

Coordinators for this event are: Martha Sue Hall, Mary Kesselman, and Sandy Saunders



Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway...April 8-10, 2016

The date and location for our congregational retreat have been set! Mark **April 8-10, 2016** on your calendars! We have chosen to have the retreat at Camp Caraway, about an hour away from Albemarle. The camp has all kinds of fantastic opportunities including a hiking, lake sports, and lots of open space to run and play. Your whole family will enjoy this weekend of worship, fellowship, and recreation as a church. We will have private bedrooms and bunk rooms available. [Please contact the church office \(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org\) to sign-up.](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)



COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES 2015-2016

Emily Andrew at Wingate University

Wingate University
P.O. Box 1247
Wingate, NC 28174

Ben Andrew at Stanly Community College

2928 Noritake Trail
Albemarle, NC 28001

Jay Andrew

UNC-Chapel Hill
1433 Granville Towers Lane West
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Austin Coats at Pace University

200 Water Street, Apt. 429
New York, NY 10038

Jake Davis at NC State University

NC State University
04205 Turlington Hall
Raleigh, NC 27607

Bailey Holshouser at Pfeiffer University

537 Valley View Drive
Albemarle, NC 28001

William Ivey at Coastal Carolina University

205 Cedar Branch Lane, Unit 4
Wilmington, NC 28403

Ginny Marshall at Appalachian State University

314 Meadowview Drive, #335
Boone, NC 28607

Luke Marshall at Caldwell Community College

150-A Positive Way
Boone, NC 28607

Caroline McLeod at University of South Carolina

650 Lincoln Street, #322A-A
Columbia, SC 29201

Alexis Poolos at High Point University

University Station 1494
833 Montlieu Avenue
High Point, NC 27262

Jacqueline Poolos at High Point University

University Station 1193
833 Montlieu Avenue
High Point, NC 27262

Nicole Poolos at High Point University

University Station 1087
833 Montlieu Avenue
High Point, NC 27262

Mackenzie Smet at UNC Chapel Hill

211 Henderson Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Morgan Smet at The University of Virginia

501 Gibbons
Charlottesville, VA 22904-2252

Hannah Smith at UNC-Charlotte

716 Enchanted Lane, Apt. 5111
Charlotte, NC 28213

Laney Smith at Central Piedmont Community College

9825 University City Blvd., Apt. 3118
Charlotte, NC 28223

Caroline Snyder at UNC-Charlotte

Scott Hall SC-0604-2
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223

Jack Snyder at Appalachian State University

106 A Glendamer Court
Boone, NC 28607

Alix Stewart at The University of Georgia

592 Oconee Street, Apt. 129C
Athens, GA 30605

Kendall Taylor at East Carolina State University

635 Cotanche Street, Unit 205
Greenville, NC 27858



Mwandi Mission Trip 2015

In August, six church members joined two from Pearisburg Presbyterian Church in Pearisburg, Virginia traveled to Mwandi, Zambia for a two-week mission trip. Members from Albemarle were Richard and Joyce Lambert, Janet and Richard Shaefer, Matt Drumheller and Andy Cotton. Meeting us from Virginia were Winston and Kathy Faust. We normally support the mission work in that village and surrounding villages. This includes the hospital, church, school OVC Orphans and Vulnerable Children’s Center),

homeless shelter and farm project. The purpose of this trip was to begin the process of installing a solar powered well for the community of Mabumbu.

Some of the activities we were involved with are:

- We had services in the newly constructed church which our church helped finance. It is an impressive and attractive building.
- We spent time sorting the donations for the school, hospital and special needs class. It’s amazing what can be packed in a suitcase!
- We were asked to provide a program for the children at the OVC. We read two stories that encouraged the children to participate with actions and voices.
- While there, five Congolese children ages five to ten were rescued from human traffickers. They were brought to Ida Waddell, wife of the Scottish missionary, for care until a better arrangement could be made. We were asked to look through the stores of donated children’s clothing to find several outfits for each child. Ida brought the children to the Simba house where we were staying for a “fitting.” To see the faces of the young children receiving four to five outfits that they could keep was truly moving. Hearing how they must have been treated while traveling was indeed troubling.
- There are always small and not so small projects that need to be accomplished. The ladies sorted medical supplies for storage while the men painted the maternity ward at the hospital.

We spent much of a day in Mabumbu meeting with local leaders regarding the well we wish to provide for the community. We have chosen to install the well near the school of around 600 pupils. The nearest working well is over a mile away. Mabumbu was chosen because there is a close working relationship between the mission in Mwandi and the UCZ (United Church of Zambia) church in Mabumbu. This ensures some ownership in the well.

Another mission group, “World Renew” was also in Mwandi. One mission of this group is to provide clean water to communities and encourage community gardens near the wells. We spoke with the man in charge of the water project. We asked if he would be able to drill the well for Mabumbu. He is experimenting with a drilling process called “percussion” drilling. It is a very low tech, easily transportable technique that shows great promise. We are hopeful that he will be able to drill the well for Mabumbu in the near future. Then the work of installing the pump, solar panels and tank can begin.

There is an American veterinarian residing in Mwandi with his family. Matt and Andy had the opportunity to spend the morning with him traveling to a remote farm in the bush. The farm was 20 minutes from the main road. All roads ended several miles before we reached the farm. The vet treated several cows with large abscesses. While there, Matt gave the children a soccer ball. They needed no encouragement to know exactly what to do with it! The children likely did not receive many gifts.

We were graced with an evening visit from the Mwandi UCZ church choir. We were entertained to about 45 minutes of spirited music. On distributing snacks after the performance, we had an unscheduled power outage. We went scrambling for battery-powered lights to light the house.

After leaving Mwandi, we traveled to Chobe National Park, Botswana for 2 days of safari. We were treated to many outstanding sightings of numerous animals in the park. We even endured an early morning one-hour ride in an open vehicle at around 35°!

From there we went to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe for two days. August is in the middle of the dry season so the falls were down considerably from the April trips.

It was an eventful two weeks. Schedules for projects often get changed so we were not as successful with the well project as some had hoped. We did accomplish many needed tasks while in Mwandi and had several relaxing days “playing the tourist.” We thank the church for its continued support of the mission projects in Mwandi.

Submitted by: Andy Cotton

GPS coordinates for several locations in the area. for folks who would like to use in Google Earth, here are the GPS coordinates for a couple of sites in the area: (Copy and paste into “Search” field in the upper left.)

Mabumbu (Site of proposed new well) 17°26'8.61"S, 24°54'20.41"E

Samba house (guest house where we stayed) 17°31'2.28"S, 24°48'47.46"E



Thursday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

- 9:30 am Ecumenical World Communion at Courthouse Square Park
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm SNL outing to Get Lost Corn Maze

Monday, October 5

Registration & deposit deadline for Women's Retreat

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Ann Duckwall (609 N. 6th Street, Albemarle)
- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 6

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 10:00 am First Family Salad Crew

Wednesday, October 7

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Little Tokyo (Hwy. 52)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 3:45 pm First Family Set-Up Crew
- 4:00 pm First Family Decorating Crew
- 5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:45 pm First Family Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm First Family Gathering
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, October 8

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

***childcare provided**



Sunday, October 11

Trusty Travelers sing in worship

Congregational Meeting following worship

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 8:45 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am Trusty Travelers rehearse (sanctuary)
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/Get to Know Your Bible (3rd Graders)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Congregational Meeting
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (YMCA Park)
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, October 12

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 13

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14

No Youth Club-SCS Early Release

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

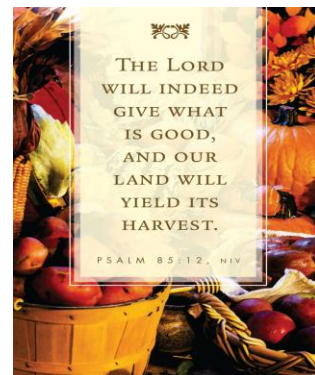
Thursday, October 15

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon (Dutch Treat) at Sagebrush Steakhouse (623 Nc 24/27 Bypass East, Albemarle)
- 6:00 pm Theology Lite at the home of Mandy & Phillip Brown (44392 Dennis Rd., Albemarle)

Saturday, October 17

Smith Splash at the Stanly County Family YMCA

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Sunday, October 18

- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/Get to Know Your Bible (3rd Graders)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 12:00 pm Prospective New Members Luncheon (parlor)
- 12:00 pm Lunch Meet-up at Ly Cuisine (limited seating...must sign up in the pit stop)
- 12:00 pm Childcare Staff Luncheon
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm SNL

Monday, October 19

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 20

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 12:00 pm November Newsletter Deadline
- 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation (parlor)

Wednesday, October 21

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

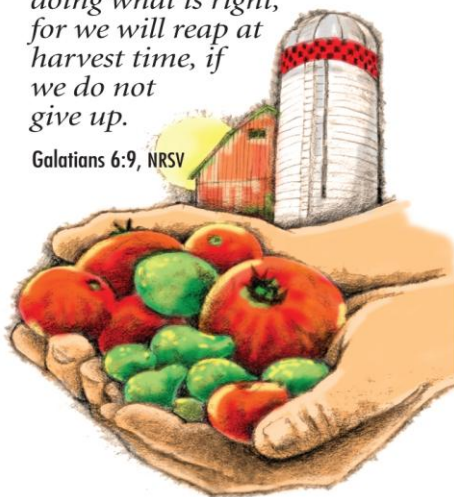
Thursday, October 22

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

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So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9, NRSV



Sunday, October 25

- Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship*
- Faith Explorers sing in worship*
- Bible to be presented to 3rd Graders*
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalog Orders (pit stop)
- 9:30 am Youth Club Handbells rehears (sanctuary)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE/Get to Know Your Bible (3rd Graders)
- 9:45 am Faith Explorers rehearse (sanctuary)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm *Get to Know Your Bible* (3rd Graders & Parents) Meet at 2nd Street Sundries
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorer's outing to Get Lost Corn Maze
- 3:00 pm-4:30 pm Fall Carnival

Monday, October 26

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 27

- Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church*
- 10:00 am Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Albemarle

Wednesday, October 28

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

- 4:30 pm-7:30 pm Empty Bowls Dinner at Central UMC (ticket required)

Saturday, October 31

Halloween

***childcare provided**



THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Ushers: Penny Morton, captain; Kim Andrew, Stephanie Campbell, Jim Carter, Jim Ivey, Dustin Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Kim Marshall, Carolyn McLaurin, Jack Morton, David Whitley, and Ellen Whitley

Elder Greeters: Heather Deese; Jim Ivey

Nursery Room:

October 4: Jana Sanderson

October 11: Jana Sanderson (8:30 am Diaconate)

October 18: Cici Ly

October 25: Jana Sanderson

Nana & Papa Team:

October 4: Joan Belsan; Joyce Lambert

October 11: Mary & Frank Green

October 18: Barbara & Bill Lindley

October 25: Chris Mabry

Toddler Room:

October 4: Misty Honbarrier

October 11: Lauren Cranford (6:45 pm Session)

October 18: Lauren Cranford

October 25: Salem Taylor

Preschool Partners:

October 4: Melissa Eudy; Dona Lisk

October 11: Heather & John Kilde

October 18: Jessica & John Palmer

October 25: Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz

Acolytes:

October 4: Andy McLeod

October 11: Leah Kilde

October 18: Graham Chapman

October 25: Katherine Jolly

Children's Church for September:

October 4: No Children's Church

October 11: Kim Andrew; Kate Melone; Jacob Palmer

October 18: Kim Andrew; Kate Melone; Jacob Palmer

October 25: Kim Andrew; Kate Melone; Jacob Palmer



For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1



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