



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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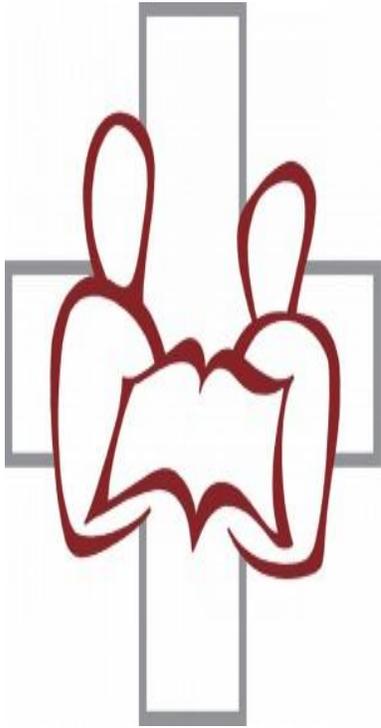
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March 2018

Dear Friends,

We have begun this Lenten season by focusing on *Living the Word* and exploring the ways that Christ calls us to be disciples in this time and place. In my own journey through this season of increased spiritual focus, I am encouraged by the faithfulness of this congregation to the process. I am encouraged by your commitment to this church, this community, and the witness to which we have been called by Jesus Christ. I am encouraged by your love and care for one another during this time that Elizabeth is on sabbatical. You are living out Christ's call to love, to forgive, to abandon judgment and fear, to serve one another, and to believe in the risen Christ. I challenge you throughout the remainder of Lent, to recommit yourself to the practice of discipleship.

Peace,
Matt





COMMUNITY
Lenten Services

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE

THEME: JESUS' QUESTIONS

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH, 7, 14, and 21

AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY

LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE PIT STOP...COST: DONATION

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services this year. An offering will be received to support the Mary and Martha Center for Women and Community Care

Wednesday, March 7	Preacher:	Rev. James Lawrence, Pastor of First Lutheran Church
	Worship Leader:	Rev. Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, March 14	Preacher:	Rev. Jacob Waldrip, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church
	Worship Leader:	Dr. Andy Jung, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church
Wednesday, March 21	Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Jim Bernacki, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church
	Worship Leader:	Rev. Ben Sloan, Pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church



Just a reminder...While Elizabeth is on Sabbatical, contact Matt with pastoral emergencies (church 704-982-2722; cell 540-449-5319; email mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received, and we will celebrate The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:45-52

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We will observe The Sacrament of Baptism of John Robert McIntyre, Jr., son of Catherine and Rob McIntyre. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Scripture Reading: John 8:1-11

Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-13

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

We will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of praise. The Trusty Travelers will lead the palm processional, and the Faith Explorers will sing with the chancel choir. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. We will celebrate the baptism of Barrett Jackson Morgan, son of Amanda and Jordan Morgan.

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on March 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 \$633.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in January. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome!

2018 Flower Calendar

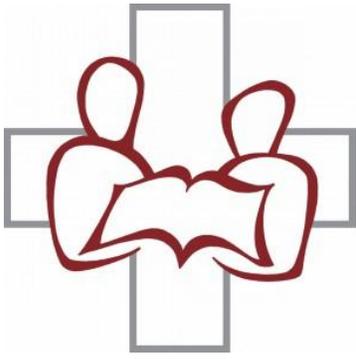
The 2018 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by sharing our bread with the hungry, aiding and sheltering people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and resourcing communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.





Living the Word

Lenten Small Groups

During Lent, small groups will gather weekly for discussion and prayer around our theme, *Living the Word*. Some groups will be stationary and others will be on the move. All groups meet for approximately 1 hour each week.

Cooking Group

Led by Gayle Russell and Jane Snyder, this group will discuss (and cook with) seeds that nourish your spirit, mind, and body. This group will meet on **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** in the pit stop and kitchen. There will be a \$10 per person supply fee.

Film Group

Led by Nancy and Don Joines, this group will meet on **Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** in the church theatre. They will use clips from films to explore the theme, *Living the Word*.

Fruit of the Vine

Led by a variety of couples in the congregation, this group will spend time learning about and tasting the *fruits of the vine* as they gather around the Word. The gathering will rotate between a variety of homes and meet on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** If you enjoy wine, or would like to learn more about wine, this is the group for you!

Hiking Group

Led by Connie Wallace and Ken Knight, this group will meet on **Sundays (rain or shine) at 3:00 p.m.** at Morrow Mountain State Park.

Reading Group

Led by Courtney Niederer and Kim Marshall, who became friends through their love for reading. The group will read the book, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. The church will have books available for purchase for those who sign-up for this group on February 4. The group will meet on **Sundays at 3:00 p.m.** in the church parlor.

Walking Group

Led by Mary Louise Sawyer, this group will gather in the church gym on **Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.** They will have group discussions *on the go* as they incorporate walking into their study.

Yoga Group

Led by Rebekah Ayscue and Alexis Poolos, this group will meet on **Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.** at the church in Classroom 2 (Basement).

Traditional Discussion Groups

Led by Steve Cumming, this early morning group will meet on **Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m.** in the church parlor. They will have breakfast (available for \$5) together as they explore our theme.

Led by Skeet Ayscue, this group will meet on **Sundays during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m.)** in the Media Room (basement).



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday (March 25)

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Fair

Reflect on Christ's final days using spirituality centers set up around the church.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade celebrating Christ's triumphal entry.

4:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Monday-Friday

7:30 a.m. Perk & Pray

-8:30 a.m. Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee or a juice box and a prayer.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer

Spend time each day of Holy Week in intentional worship and prayer.

Maundy Thursday (March 29) in the Pit Stop at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal and then briefly worship as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper around the tables.

Worship is child-friendly and a wonderfully tactile experience for children and the people who love them!

Good Friday (March 30)

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare is provided.



Palm Sunday Fair

Sunday, March 25

9:30 a.m.~10:45 a.m.

in the Church Gym

Intergenerational Event for ALL!!!

Continental Breakfast

Educational stations for Children, Youth, & Adults

Join in the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 25

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at City Lake Park

The youth will host an Easter Egg Hunt for congregation families at City Lake Park on Palm Sunday. Come enjoy some time outside, join in fellowship and food, and maybe find some Easter eggs! Families are asked to bring a bag of chips and/or a drink to share. Anyone who would like to donate bags of candy, please drop off your donations at Matt's office by Wednesday, March 21. We do NOT need plastic eggs this year. This is one of our favorite activities every year, so bring the family out for an afternoon of fun!

Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain State Park Saturday, March 31

This is no April's Fool Joke! Hardy souls are invited to camp out the night before Easter at Morrow Mountain. For those feeling less hardy, there will be plenty of time for a cookout and fellowship before the sun goes down. The Fellowship Committee extends a welcome to campers and non-campers at the group campsite around suppertime. Feel free to bring dinner to cook on the coals, or if you wish, you can bring supper from home or take out from your favorite restaurant. Smore's will be provided! Please bring your drinks and chairs along as well! Contact the office if you plan to join us (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)!



H E I S R I S E N
C E L E B R A T E T H E R E S U R R E C T I O N

Easter Sunday

April 1

7:00 a.m.

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.

Worship will include seasonal music, guest musicians, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, March 25

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, attach a check in the amount of \$15.00, and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than Sunday, March 25. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by March 25 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JANUARY 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	28,417.00	45,956.00
Total Expenses:	<u>67,501.00</u>	<u>63,055.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$39,084.00)	(\$17,099.00)

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

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

Average Weekly Amount Received in January: \$7,104

We are behind \$8,857 in pledges.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for January: \$633

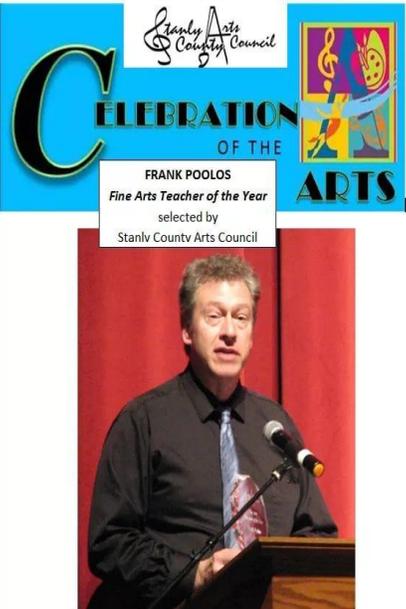
NEWS and NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Toby Webb, given by Letty & Keith Stoneman.

CONGRATULATIONS



FRANK POOLOS
Fine Arts Teacher of the Year
 selected by
 Stanly County Arts Council

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

By a very narrow margin, the left side of the sanctuary won our Souper Bowl of Caring co-competition to collect cans of food. The total number of cans collected was close to 500 cans at 507 pounds of soup. We also collected over \$400 to support those in need in Stanly County. Thank you so much for your participation in this fun and important collection.

SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on February 18, Session heard reports from the Christian Education, Mission, Property, Endowment, and Scholarship committees. The Christian Education Committee held a mini-retreat on February 18 to plan programs. Session approved the Faith on the Fifth Offering on April 29 to be designated as funding for the joint Habitat for Humanity project with Norwood First Presbyterian and Locust Presbyterian Church. The Property Committee reported the completion of the outside steps to the gym and upcoming projects around the church. Session approved the March 11 baptism of John Robert McIntyre, Jr. (son of Catherine & Rob McIntyre). The Lenten programming began Wednesday, February 14 with Ash Wednesday services and will continue to Easter (April 1).
Submitted by Mary Kesselman, Clerk of Session

Circle #5 will meet
at the home of Ann Duckwall
(609 N. 6th Street, Albemarle)
on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Lesson #5 will be discussed.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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).

April Newsletter Deadline
on Tuesday, March 20.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in
Microsoft Word,
please email them as an attachment to:
pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org

Thanks for helping in the office in February: Linda Anderson, Ann Duckwall, Gloria Bryson, Jill Niebler, and Martha White.



THANK YOU TO FEBRUARY'S FIRST FAMILY VOLUNTEERS

I just LOVE my volunteers and couldn't live without you! Mildred Andrew, Rebekah Ayscue, Ruth Cotton, Michelle and Steve Cumming, Matt Drumheller, John and Debbie Hahn, Jim Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Stephan and Leslie Kinley, Mark Mabry, Sarah and Ronnie Michael, Penny Morton, Connie Wallace and Ken Knight, Gayle and Ned Russell, Kim Robertson, Rose Saltzman, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Ann Upchurch, the Faith Explorers, and all that helped clean up the gym!!!
Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education & Fellowship



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

Friends of the Congregation:

- Dale Benson, brother of Ann Crutchfield.
- Ted Biggers, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Rachel Darling, friend of Dona Lisk; battling cancer.
- Mike Dearstyne, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.
- Sara Dyer, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.
- Lindsey Efird, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.
- Gay Ellington, former co-worker of Martha White; lung cancer.
- Glenn Fowler, possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery.
- Marty Goforth, treatment for melanoma.
- Calvin Hall, kidney cancer.
- Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis, ten year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Molly Amelia Lowder, continuing health concerns.
- Diane Marks, mother of Kyle Marks; diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Nic Presson, brother of Dona Lisk.
- Karen Russell, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.
- David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Members of the Congregation:

- Blue Honeycutt.
- Myra Land.
- Polly Moose.
- Linda Richards.
- Marlene Sanges.
- Pete Smith.



Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Canned Tuna, and Saltine Crackers. A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Packing Date/Time:
Wednesday, March 28
at 10:30 a.m.

STANLY COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY
FOOD CHALLENGE FOR
MARCH:
Boxed Pasta Meals
(Hamburger Helper)
Instant Potatoes
Stuffing Mix



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birthdays

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| 02- | Al Andrew
Jordan Davis
Luke Davis
Natalie Niederer
Ellen Snyder | 15- | Kate Melone |
| 05- | Becky Andrew | 16- | Steve Coats |
| 06- | Keith Andrew
Robert Ivey | 17- | Bob Gaither
Frank Green
Eric Niederer |
| 07- | Chris Mabry | 18- | Kendall Taylor |
| 09- | Cidney Eudy
Ginny Marshall
David Whitley | 19- | Catherine McIntyre
Chris Whitley |
| 10- | Russ Carpenter | 20- | Bo Andrew
Lee McLaurin |
| 11- | Jim Carter
Nancy Jolly | 21- | Sherrie Richards |
| 12- | Morgan Kinley | 22- | Jane Hartsell
Maggie Melone |
| 14- | Leah Kilde
Courtney Niederer | 24- | Sam Holshouser |
| | | 27- | Lachlann Currie |
| | | 29- | Claude Harwood |
| | | 30- | Ellie Niederer |



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ANNIVERSARIES

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| 10- | David & Carroll Holbrook |
| 13- | Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers |
| 19- | Eric & Courtney Niederer |
| 24- | Nathan & Marlene Sanges |



YOUTH GROUP

Here is our schedule of activities for this month. As we move through Lent, we will focus with the rest of the congregation on living the words of Jesus. We hope you will join us as much as you can to spend time together for food, fellowship, and fun!

Sunday, March 4	5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Game Night
Sunday, March 11	2:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Kickball Tournament
Sunday, March 18	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Sunday, March 25	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt

Charlotte Knights Game Lock-In

On May 11, the youth will see the Charlotte Knights play a baseball game. Then the group will spend the night sleeping out on the field in the baseball stadium while watching a movie and playing games. The cost for this event is \$30. Please sign-up with Matt by March 4.

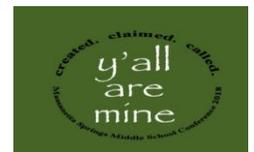


Montreat Youth Conference

There is still time to sign up for this summer's Montreat Youth Conference (July 8-14). Contact Matt by March 11 to sign up for *Lift Every Voice*. This promises to be a great conference in a beautiful part of North Carolina!

Massanetta Middle School Conference

Middle schoolers are invited to attend the middle school conference this summer at Massanetta Springs in Virginia. We plan to go June 21-24 to join in the conference titled, *Y'all are Mine*. Please sign up as soon as possible with Matt.



YOUTH BREAKFAST

APRIL 16-20

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We will be exploring the impact that faith has had on musicians from a variety of different genres. Regardless of what kind of music you listen to, there will be something for you to enjoy. Join us each morning at 6:30 a.m. as we explore faith and music!



MARCH

03-06	Robert Ivey
03-12	Morgan Kinley
03-14	Leah Kilde
03-27	Lachlann Currie



Come & Join Us for the Young Adult Lunch Thursday, March 1 at Five Points Public House (304 East Main Street, Albemarle)

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

PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON THURSDAY, MARCH 8 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP

Guest Speaker: Mr. Bill Stevenson



The PrimeTimers will meet in the pit stop on Thursday, March 8 at noon to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship together. Along with lunch, the group will be treated with a look back in time to another place with Mr. Bill Stevenson. He will share his experience as a youth growing up in England during the war.

The menu for lunch is: Bean Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, & Tomato Soup, along with mini-sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, and desserts.

Please RSVP to the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) that you are coming and/or if you need transportation.



Remember to *spring forward* one hour in the early morning hours of March 11 (or before you go to bed on March 10).



Hosting Habitat Volunteers from Bucknell University

We will be hosting the Bucknell University students again this year for their spring break trip. They will arrive Saturday, March 10 and depart Saturday, March 17. They have established an on-going relationship with



our local Habitat for Humanity. Don Joines is the church contact for the group. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them on our campus.

From the Senior Care Committee...



The Senior Care Committee is seeking potential drivers to provide transportation for our seniors to allow them the mobility to go to church events, grocery stores, and doctor appointments. We need a pool we can call on to provide these services on an as needed basis. This probably will be a low volume service, but first we need a pool of potential drivers to call upon. Please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to be placed on the Senior Transportation Drivers List. If you have any questions, contact Tom Norwood (704-983-3647 or fnorwood@vnet.net), Senior Care Committee Chair.

Sermon Recordings

If you miss worship on Sunday morning, do not fear! You can always go online and listen to the sermon. On the church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org) there is an option under the "Worship" tab for sermons. On this page you can find our most recent sermons and an archive of old sermons. You can also log on to Youtube (www.youtube.com) and search for "First Presbyterian Church Albemarle" to find our channel. All of our sermons are located there. You never have to miss a sermon again!





From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 9.** if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2018 are: Lee McLaurin, Chair; Al Andrew, and Taylor Johnston.



First Presbyterian Church Welcomes to the Art Gallery Spring Exhibit The Artwork of Central School Students

We are excited to be sharing the 2018 Central Elementary School art collection with you. This will be a compilation of works that our Kindergarten through 5th grade students have been creating all year. You may see a bit of math, social studies, or science hidden in these pieces as we try to integrate our subjects for optimal learning, or you may recognize a favorite book character swinging from the vines on our papers. We learn about a variety of artists and their styles in our art room, so you will see those reflected in some of these masterpieces as well.

Our hope is that you will recognize the hard work our students have put in to each piece and that you will be visually stimulated by the fun we have had in the process. Thank you for your support of our school and our art program.

Tammy Palmer, Art Teacher

You Are Invited to a Meet & Greet Reception for
Congregation, Central School Staff, Artists, and their families
on Tuesday, March 6

3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Common Area
(Basement)



Youth Club 2018



Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders)...The Trusty Travelers have been getting more familiar with well-known Bible stories during their Bible study period at Youth Club. During the Lenten season, they will read and discuss familiar stories about Jesus and how he has taught us to live. The children will put some of these lessons into action as they work on a service project during art. They will be creating beautiful spring centerpieces to donate to a local elder care facility to use on the tables in their dining room. This not only shows them the importance of generosity, but also helps the children see how God can use our gifts to bless others.

Faith Explorers (4th and 5th graders) The Faith Explorers have really gotten into their new program...*The Way of the Child*. Using various prayer stations, they have been learning the art of quiet mediation and reflection as a way to build their individual spirituality. Last month, the Faith Explorers had a successful Bake and Take outing. They blessed members of the congregation in need of extra care with some delicious homemade treats and a visit. Special thanks to Lillie Hancock, Chris Mabry, Sarah Michael, and Jane Snyder for helping our children with this special act of kindness.

There will be no Youth Club on April 4th.

Youth Cubs...The Easter story, while beautiful, can be very confusing to preschoolers. Therefore, I simplified the story in a way they would understand. One of these ways was to compare a stuffed white bunny to the characteristics of Jesus each of us should have. Examples are white as snow because Jesus takes all our sins away, big ears are quick to listen, big feet to go tell others about Jesus, big eyes to look and choose what is good, etc. Resurrection Eggs provide an activity to delight their imaginations while helping to understand the Easter story. We also enjoyed Easter art and flannel board stories. We decided that Easter is a birthday for us all, to joyfully celebrate our new birth through God's most astonishing miracle, the resurrection and promise of eternal life. April will include more Bible stories and the celebration of spring.



Submitted by: Lynn Poplin, Youth Cubs Coordinator



Trusty Travelers Fundraiser for Montana de Luz

Help us raise funds for Montaña de Luz by joining us on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. for a family dinner sponsored by our Youth Club Trusty Travelers. We are inviting our Youth Club parents to help us out by preparing dishes to serve. The children will be pitching in by helping with set-up and creating beautiful spring centerpieces for the tables. Donations for dinner will support our on-going ministry in Montaña de Luz!

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

Sunday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Room

Attention 2nd & 3rd graders!!! Breakfast Bunch will meet before Sunday School on March 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the media room. Come join us for a breakfast of milk, juice, muffins, yogurt, and fruit while we get to know each other better and join together in prayer. This is a fun and unique time of fellowship for our 2nd & 3rd graders, and a great chance for them to deepen relationships with one another. Please let Jill Niebler (jniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us or if you have questions.



FAITH EXPLORERS' LAZY 5 RANCH OUTING

Sunday, March 18 from Noon-4:00 p.m.

Emus, antelope, and zebras, oh my!!!

Faith Explorers...Please join us on Sunday, March 18 for an outdoor animal adventure at the Lazy 5 Ranch in Mooresville. We will leave from the church at noon and grab some lunch before heading to the ranch. Pick-up will be at 4:00 p.m. at the church. RSVP to Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org). Be on the lookout for more information soon!



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Thursday, March 1

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Five Points Public House
(304 East Main Street, Albemarle)
- 7:00 pm Fruit of the Vine Small Group

Sunday, March 4

*Third Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
Ten-Cents-A-Meal*

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (Media Room)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
*Classical Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue in the
Media Room (Basement)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group meets at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer & Kim
Marshall in the Church Parlor
- 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Game Night

Monday, March 5

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Ann Duckwall
(609 N. 6th Street, Albemarle)
- 7:00 pm Film Group with Nancy & Don Joines
(Church Theatre-basement/children's building)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, March 6

- 9:30 am Cooking Group with Gayle Russell &
Jane Snyder (Pit Stop/Kitchen)
- 11:00 am Walking Group with Mary Louise Sawyer in the Gym
- 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Art Gallery Reception for Central School
- 7:30 pm Yoga Group with Rebekah Ayscue & Alexis Poolos in
Classroom 2 (Basement)

Wednesday, March 7

- 6:00 am Traditional Discussion Group & Breakfast
with Steve Cumming
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service at FPC
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 8

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon
- 7:00 pm Fruit of the Vine Small Group

*childcare provided



Sunday, March 11

*Fourth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
The Sacrament of Baptism/Daylight Saving Time Begins*

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
*Classical Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue in the
Media Room (Basement)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 2:45 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group Kickball Tournament
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group meets at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer & Kim
Marshall in the Church Parlor
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee

Monday, March 12

- 7:00 pm Film Group with Nancy & Don Joines
(Church Theatre-basement/children's building)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, March 13

- 9:30 am Cooking Group with Gayle Russell &
Jane Snyder (Pit Stop/Kitchen)
- 11:00 am Walking Group with Mary Louise Sawyer in the Gym
- 7:30 pm Yoga Group with Rebekah Ayscue & Alexis Poolos in
Classroom 2 (Basement)

Wednesday, March 14

- 6:00 am Traditional Discussion Group & Breakfast
with Steve Cumming
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service at FPC
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

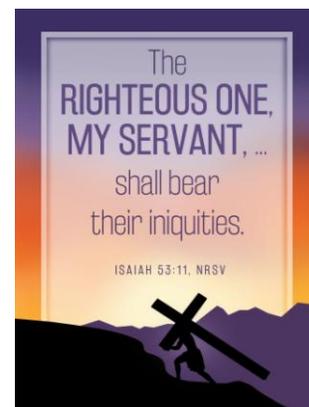
Thursday, March 15

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Fruit of the Vine Small Group

Saturday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

*childcare provided



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Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 8:00 am Session
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
*Traditional Discussion Group with Skeet Ayscue in the Media Room (Basement)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-4:00 pm Faith Explorers' Field Trip to Lazy 5 Ranch
- 3:00 pm Hiking Group meets at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 3:00 pm Reading Group with Courtney Niederer & Kim Marshall in the Church Parlor
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 19

- 7:00 pm Film Group with Nancy & Don Joines (Church Theatre-basement/children's building)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, March 20

First Day of Spring

- 9:30 am Cooking Group with Gayle Russell & Jane Snyder (Pit Stop/Kitchen)
- 11:00 am Walking Group with Mary Louise Sawyer in the Gym
- 12:00 pm April Newsletter Deadline
- 7:30 pm Yoga Group with Rebekah Ayscue & Alexis Poolos in Classroom 2 (Basement)

Wednesday, March 21

- 6:00 am Traditional Discussion Group & Breakfast with Steve Cumming
- 6:00 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 12:00 pm Community Lenten Service at FPC
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 22

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Fruit of the Vine Small Group (Location: TBA)

*childcare provided



Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*
- Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers Sing in Worship*
- The Sacrament of Baptism/Deadline for Easter Lilies Form*
- 9:30 am *Palm Sunday Fair (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park

Monday, March 26

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, March 27

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday, March 28

- 6:00 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday (Covered Dish Meal-Gym)

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 10:30 am Cross Walk
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:00 pm *Worship (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 31

Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain State Park

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MARCH

Ushers: Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Jim Hesley, Judy Kilgore, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman, Rose Saltzman

Elder Greeters for March: Mary Kesselman; Lynn White

Nursery Room:

March 4: Sara Kate Thomas
March 11: Kaitlyn Massey
March 18: Sara Kate Thomas
March 25: Kaitlyn Massey

Nana & Papa Team:

March 4: Susan & Banks Garrison
March 11: Barbara & Chris Whitley
March 18: Sarah & Ronnie Michael
March 25: Cathy King; Teresa Taylor

Acolytes:

March 4: Danny Saltzman
March 11: Jackson Shedd
March 18: Natalie Taylor
March 25: Maci Holshouser

Preschool Partners:

March 4: Penny & Jack Morton
March 11: Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod
March 18: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks
March 25: Jane & Brad Boone

Children's Church for March:

March 4: Jacob Palmer
March 11: Jacob Palmer
March 18: Jacob Palmer
March 25: No Children's Church

Outside Ushers:

March 4: Wes Eudy; Ronnie Michael
March 11: Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley
March 18: Josh Campbell; Bill Pickler
March 25: Lee McManus; Greg Lisk

Diaconate Meeting on
March 11
Kaitlyn Massey

Pray & Play
Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28
TBD

Good Friday Evening Worship
March 30
Sara Kate Thomas

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR MUSIC & ARTS CAMP
SUMMER 2018**

Plan to join in on the fun this summer for a week of music, art, recreation, drama, and fellowship as we form new friendships and cultivate our old ones.

Sunday, June 10-Thursday, June 14

Children ages 4 years through 6th grade will enjoy a fun time!

Volunteers...Come help us with this extraordinary event!

Volunteers of all ages warmly welcomed!

We are missing copies of previous Music and Arts Camp musicals. Please look at your home, car, etc. to see if you have one that belongs in our music department. Thank you!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS

(COMPLETED 4th – 6th Grades)

June 18-21 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per child Camp Limit of 12 children



Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to rising 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 18 – Thursday, June 21 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Young chefs expand their palates, kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, utensil skills, proper etiquette, cooking and baking, and will experiment with flavors and ingredients. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be incorporating a field trip into the mix!

For more information, to register for camp, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at 704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31