



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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April 2019

Dear Friends,

We continue our journey in the wilderness as we move through Lent. We do so with the expectation that God meets us in the wilderness and prepares a table for all who wander. On April 7, we will have the opportunity to worship under the leadership of our middle and high school youth. The seniors: Lee Boone, Lachlann Currie, Peyton Hatley, and Witt Snuggs will provide reflection on the scripture.

On Palm Sunday (April 14), we will have the joy and privilege of sharing in worship as our 2019 Confirmation Class is received into membership.

Life at First Presbyterian Church is full and rich. Even in the wilderness, the abundant provision of God is overwhelming. Invite a friend or acquaintance to share in our life together.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth





HE IS RISEN

Celebrate the Resurrection!

*Easter
Sunday
April 21*

- 6:30 a.m.** Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate Easter with the rising of the sun! We'll be joined by the congregation of Bethany United Methodist Church for our resurrection worship. Be sure to dress for the weather and plan to enjoy a light breakfast after worship provided by the Fellowship Committee.
- 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.



Sunday, April 7

**Fifth Sunday of Lent/Youth Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger**

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

Worship will be led by our middle and high school youth, and we will hear testimony from our seniors. You are sure to be inspired by their words and work in the kingdom. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday/Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers Participate in Worship/The Presentation of the 2019 Confirmation Class/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

We will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of praise. The Trusty Travelers and the Faith Explorers will participate in worship with the chancel choir. The 2019 Confirmation Class will be received into membership. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, April 21

Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Worship at Sunrise at Morrow Mountain State Park at 6:30 a.m.

Worship in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the receiving of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Sunday, April 28

Scripture: John 20:19-31

The celebration of Easter continues as Scripture leads us through the post resurrection appearances of Jesus.



Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on April 7. 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 \$578.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in February.

2019 Flower Calendar



The 2019 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.

**Open Doors, Open Hearts
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
will be received on Sunday, April 14.**



One Great Hour of Sharing reflects the call of Isaiah to become repairers of the breach, opening doors to become the church with all the people we see. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world – sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries. This Palm Sunday, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

You shall be called repairers of the breach...Isaiah 58

FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

Wednesdays, April 3 and April 10

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

Suggested donations per person is \$5.00.

Come for fellowship, meaningful conversation, and a simple mid-week meal together.





Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

Whether alone or with another, you are encouraged to read the gospel of Luke during Lent.

April 1 Luke 14:1-24
 April 2 Luke 14:25-35
 April 3 Luke 15:1-32
 April 4 Luke 16:1-18
 April 5 Luke 16:19-31
 April 6 Luke 17:1-19
 April 7 Luke 17:20-37
 April 8 Luke 18:1-14
 April 9 Luke 18:15-42
 April 10 Luke 19:1-27
 April 11 Luke 19:28-48

April 12 Luke 20:1-26
 April 13 Luke 20:27-47
 April 14 Luke 21:1-19
 April 15 Luke 21:20-38
 April 16 Luke 22:1-38
 April 17 Luke 22:39-71
 April 18 Luke 23:1-25
 April 19 Luke 23:26-56
 April 20 Luke 24:1-35
 April 21 Luke 24:36-53

Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 14

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, April 14**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by April 14 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21.



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.



Community Lent Services

Wednesdays April 3 and 10 at Noon

First Lutheran Church (230 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)

April 3 Preacher: Rev. Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church
Liturgist: Rev. Ray Sipe, Chaplain at Trinity Place and Interim Pastor at Mt. Gilead Lutheran Church and St. Martin Lutheran Church

April 10 Preacher: Rev. Earl Bradshaw, Pastor at Central United Methodist Church
Liturgist: Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church

Lunch provided. Donation proceeds will benefit Will's Place, a recovery resource center located in downtown Albemarle.



April 7 during worship

Our youth will lead worship for us on April 7. Our seniors, Lee Boone, Lachlann Currie, Peyton Hatley, and Witt Snuggs, will reflect on their faith journeys tied to our Lenten theme. The youth group will also participate and lead in other parts of worship.



On Palm Sunday (April 14), our 2019 Confirmation Class will finish its time together as the youth make a public profession of faith and join the church. Graham Chapman, Angus Currie, Katherine Jolly, Maci Holshouser, Leah Kilde, Andy McLeod, and Ethan Richards, have spent the last two

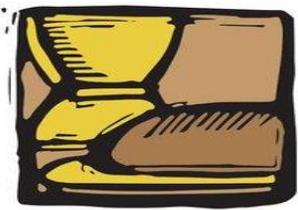
months meeting with Matt and members of the congregation. They have been exploring their faith and learning about what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of the church. They will meet with the session to present their statements of faith, to discuss what they have learned, and to be approved as our newest members. We celebrate this important rite of passage in the church and rejoice at the ways that God is at work in the lives of these young people.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COOKOUT
SUNDAY, APRIL 14
AT CITY LAKE PARK
4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

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 Dorothy's office by Wednesday, April 10. This is one of our favorite activities every year, so bring the family out for an afternoon of fun!



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday (April 14)

9:30 a.m. Marketplace

The fun for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. We'll experience many of the same sights, sounds, and aromas of the Marketplace in Jesus' day. There will be morsels to nibble, costumes to wear, stories to hear, baby animals to hug, bead and clay crafts, and much more. This is Christian Education fun for the whole family. At the conclusion of the Marketplace, we will process into the sanctuary with palms.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade and the presentation of the 2019 Confirmation Class.

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

Just for fun! Come to City Lake Park where there will be an Easter egg hunt for children (1 year old-grade 5) and fellowship for everyone. Egg hunters are encouraged to bring their baskets. Hot dogs off the grill will be supplemented by the chips/drinks each family is asked to contribute.

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Perk & Pray

Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee/juice box and a prayer.

Maundy Thursday (April 18) in the Pit Stop at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a favorite covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal, and then hear the story of Christ's last meal with his disciples. We will share the Lord's Supper around the tables with the story of the night told in the voices of several of the disciples. This is a family-friendly meal and worship.

Good Friday (April 19)

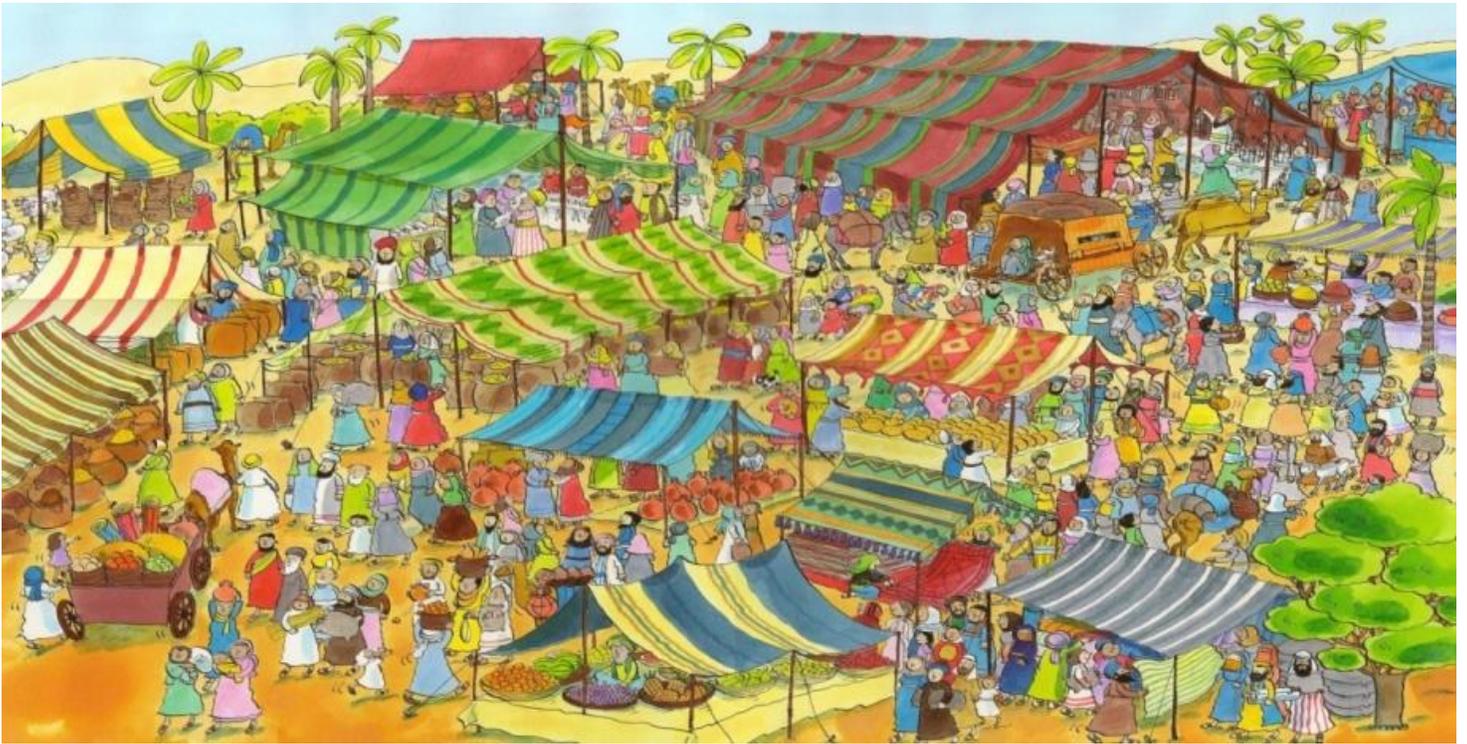
10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

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 provided.



Jerusalem Market Place 2019

An event to be enjoyed with all your senses!

Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym

...go back in time and experience the shops and the cuisine representative of the times.

Easter Eve Cookout & Camping at Morrow Mountain on April 20

Overnight campers and afternoon/evening guests are welcome to gather at group campsite 5 & 6 for fellowship and fun! Bring and/or cook your own dinner on Saturday afternoon, April 20. Supplies for s'mores will be provided. Contact Ken Knight (704-438-4686 or kbknight17@gmail.com) for more information. We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.



Sunday, April 21

Easter Morning at Morrow Mountain

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the shelter at the top of the mountain. Join us at first light to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will be joined by the pastor and congregation of Bethany United Methodist Church. Doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship will follow.





First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 9-13, 2019

FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th grade AND if you love to create, sing, and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act, and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on Sunday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. On June 11-14, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$40.00 (by May 23). **Late Registration Fee** is \$45.00 (after May 23).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day. Drinks will be provided.

The camp's grand finale will be a performance of

Once Upon a Parable

on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

(Ice Cream follows)

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

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)

Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2019 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____
of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

Return registration form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578 126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? Contact the church office at (704) 982-2722
or email Pam Knighten (pknighen@fpcalbemarle.org).

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	65,825.00	90,911.00
Total Expenses:	<u>107,784.00</u>	<u>111,584.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$41,959.00)	(\$20,673.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019

Pledges:	479,500
Total Income:	552,963
Total Expenses:	552,963

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,634

We are behind \$17,165 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in February: \$8,955

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for February: \$578

NEWS & NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Sarah Bignall, given by Bill & Jane Pickler.

In memory of Raymond Elliott, given by Mildred Andrew.

Music Fund:

In honor of the Chancel Choir, given by Mildred Andrew.

Property Endowment:

In memory of Sara Dyer, given by Nathan & Marlene Sanges.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Norma Forsman, given by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Green.

In memory of Norma Forsman, given by Susan Pandich.

In memory of Joe Kluttz, given by Bob & Carol Sasser.

In memory of Charlene and Harold McKeithen, given by Carole Yost.

SYMPATHY

To Janet Schaefer upon the death of her mother, Norma Forsman, on February 27.

To Art Rogers and Marshall Rogers upon the death of their cousin, Lyna Rogers, on February 27.

To Kristen Laton upon the death of her mother, Sarah Bignall, on March 1.

To Patrick Currie upon the death of his father, Dr. William Currie, on March 14.

To Martha White upon the death of her mother, Sara Dyer, on March 15.

SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on March 17, 2019, Session heard reports from Worship, Property, Mission, and Scholarship committees. The Worship committee reported that communion will be served every Sunday through Easter, plus Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Property committee reported that recycling for the church began March 1. The committee also reported that the heating issue in the gym has been resolved, that a cause and solution for discoloration of the ceiling panels in the gym have been found, and that the acoustics problem in the gym can be resolved after the ceiling has been repainted. Roof repairs have been contracted and will take about two weeks. All planned work will begin after Easter. A church volunteer workday project has been planned for Saturday, March 23, from 9-12. The Mission committee reported an ongoing need for supplies for the Backpack Program. Items that are needed are listed in the weekly bulletin. The next date to fill backpacks is Wednesday, March 27. The committee also stated that several people have signed up for the trip to Montana de Luz scheduled for July 24-31, and there are additional spaces available. The Faith on the Fifth offering on March 31 will be used to help with the costs of the trip to Montana de Luz. The Scholarship committee reported that applications were sent to all high schools, Stanly Early College, Stanly Community College, and Pfeiffer. Ministers reported that confirmation classes are underway, and that the members of the class will be confirmed in worship on Sunday, April 14. Matt Drumheller will be helping at Star Presbyterian Church, which is currently without a minister.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

NEWS & NOTES



Can You Help???

We are in need of an office volunteer to answer phones and to do other office tasks on the 1st and 2nd Thursday mornings of each month – during staff meetings. Would you be available for either of these days? Please contact Kyle (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) if you can help.

Circle #5

Circle #5 will meet at the home of Frankie Palmer (819 North 6th Street, Albemarle) on Monday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study will be on Lesson 6 of God's Promise: I Am With You.

Thanks to:

Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Sally Grantier, Ruth Ann Rogers, Sandy Rogers, Marlene Sanges and Martha White for assisting in the church office in March.

To Keith Bryson for his on-going leadership of the Stanly County Youth Breakfast.

To Ann Snuggs and her creative team for transforming the sanctuary into a wilderness area for Lent.

To the Lenten planning team members Jim Carter, Lillie Hancock, Dorothy Hart, Anne Montgomery, and Nathan Sanges for their planning and preparations which have enhanced the meaning of Lent for the congregations.

To the Sunday School classes and groups who prepared and served Wednesday evening meals during Lent.

From the Property Committee: Thanks to all who came to our church-wide workday on March 23rd to clean the kitchen and spread mulch. We had a great time! Please take time to notice their work!

David Whitley, Property Committee Chair



We Need You to Volunteer for Music & Arts Camp

If you have some time the week of June 9-13, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with these adorable group of 100 children! For more information, contact the church office (pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org). ***Musical & artistic ability NOT required***




May Newsletter Deadline on Tuesday, April 9.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.




Bread Bakers Needed

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the May 5 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 SPRING ART GALLERY EXHIBIT
 2019 CENTRAL ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOL STUDENTS' ART
 COLLECTION**

Sabbatical

— refresh | rest | refocus —

Beginning on May 20, Matt will begin a three-month sabbatical. This sabbatical will include time for study revolving around the topic of pastoral leadership for churches in a divisive and tribal age, visiting with family and friends, and a trip with Claire to Scotland for a long-distance hike on the West Highland Way. He will also be spending over two

weeks co-directing one of the Montreat Youth Conferences at the end of July and beginning of August. Matt will return from this sabbatical on August 18. Please keep him in your prayers as he spends time studying, traveling, and resting.



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

Friends of the Congregation:

- Brinn Andrew**, daughter of Kellie & Jason Andrew; treatment for neuroblastoma.
- Doug Archer**, cancer.
- Debra Barnard**, daughter of Gloria Bryson; neuroendocrine carcinoma.
- Dale Benson**, brother of Ann Crutchfield.
- Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn.
- Joan Bunn**, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns.
- Mike Burke**.
- Michelle Honeycutt Cole**, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Katherine Cox**, mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns.
- Lindsey Efird**, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.
- Jeanette Eudy**, friend of Liz Davis; peritoneal cancer.
- Mary Gladys**, mother of Ann Crutchfield.
- Kathy Miles Gordon**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; pancreatic cancer.
- Marty Goforth**, treatment for melanoma.
- Steve Granger**, brother of Laura McLeod; stage 4 lung cancer.
- Calvin Hall**, kidney cancer.
- Elizabeth Howard**, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis**, eleven year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Denise LaBoube**, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.
- Junior Lambert**, uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer.
- Molly Amelia Lowder**, continuing health concerns.
- Maddie McRae**, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
- Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- James Nunn**, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Frank Osborne**, brother of Lillie Hancock.
- Hilda Perry**, sister of Cathryn Harwood; continuing health concerns.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Judy Smith**, friend of Meredith Moses; pancreatic cancer.
- Betty Stancik**, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- John Taylor**, International Mission Worker.
- Judy Toney**, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.
- Sally Warburton**, friend of Debbie & John Hahn.
- Eddie Wilson**, brother of Elizabeth Wilson; health concerns.

Members of the Congregation:

- Blue Honeycutt**.
- Dick Liles**.
- Tommy Murrell**.
- Linda Richards**.
- Cam Rogers**.
- Pete Smith**.



01- Leslie Kinley
Kent Newport

04- Wes Eudy

05- Steve Blalock

07- Angie Earnhardt
Russell Karr

08- Joyce Lambert

09- Ashley Maust

10- Murphy Hall
Holden Taylor

11- Maddie Averette
Marlene Mittendorf

12- Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood

13- Matt Moeller

14- Anissa Chapman
Paul Hinkle

17- David Kilde

18- Elizabeth Wilson

19- Cooper Atwater

20- Peggy Finley

22- Marshall Rogers

23- Emma Gibson
Polly Moose

24- Liz Davis

Anita Gower

Alexis Poolos

Jacqueline Poolos

Nicole Poolos

25- Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell

26- Ella Averette

John Kilde

27- Ethan Richards

28- Aaron Whisnant

29- Harold Sharpe



02- Michael & Kristen Laton
Lynn & Martha White

07- Thomas & Salem Taylor

13- Gus & Nancy Feather

16- Kyle & Laura Beth Marks

19- Robert & Myra Land

22- Jim & Lori Ivey

24- Robin & Melissa Lemons

25- Steve & Kate Melone

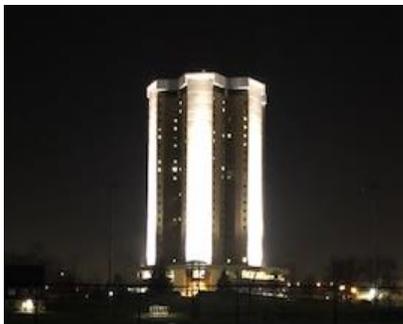
28- Kevin & Adrienne Averette

29- Steve & Elaine Coats

The logo features two blue fountain pens at the top, with yellow beams of light extending downwards. The text "College Student" is written in a red, cursive font across the beams, and "SPOTLIGHT!" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters at the bottom.

*Isabel
McLeod*

- 1. What university do you attend? What year are you?**
I'm a freshman at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.
- 2. What is your major? I'm majoring in International Business and Spanish with a minor in Human Rights, but that's really up in the air right now.**
- 3. Do you reside on or off campus? I live on campus in the same dorm my dad lived in his freshman year (Lincoln Tower), but it's so far away from everything that it feels like it's off campus.**
- 4. What is your favorite class and why? So far my favorite class is Hebrew 2703: Prophecy in Biblical & Post-Biblical Literature – my professor is one of, if not the, most biblically knowledgeable people I've ever met, and the subject matter is really super interesting to me and is making me want to go to divinity school one day.**
- 5. What school event would you like to relive? The Michigan football game has definitely been one of the top moments of my life, and is 100% something I would live over and over again if I could.**
- 6. What have you gotten involved in with student life? Right now, the two biggest organizations I'm involved in are YoungLife and APTE. I'm training to be a YL leader for either high schoolers or middle schoolers, and once I get placed at a local school, I'll start sharing the gospel with teens! APTE stands for Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship, and it's this awesome club that puts on a summit once a year where really cool speakers come in and talk about their social entrepreneurships!**
- 7. What brightens your day and makes you smile? Honestly, I'd say I have the best view on campus from my dorm room, so just waking up and looking out on OSU and Columbus is super incredible. I really love this place a lot. Plus, the cold weather is honestly very nice so that's been awesome lately. In between classes, I'm either feasting on grilled cheese at Scott Traditions or on the first floor of Thompson Library studying (everybody raves about the view from the 11th floor, but it's way too quiet up there and the view is better from my dorm anyway).**



Lincoln Tower



At the OSU vs Michigan rivalry football game!



Thompson Library



BREAD FOR THE WORLD
LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, MAY 5
IN THE PIT STOP

(9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

BREAD SALE ON SUNDAY, MAY 5

The focus for the 2019 Bread for the World's Offering of letters is *Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow.*



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

As people of faith, we are called to care for one another and speak out for those in need. Today, nearly 821 million persons in the world--11% of the world's population--remain hungry.

One in four (151 million) of the world's children are affected by stunting, an irreversible physical and cognitive life consequence of chronic malnutrition. Countries in Central America, South America, and Sub-Saharan Africa are disproportionately affected. Almost half of all child deaths worldwide are linked to malnutrition.

Are there tools available which have proven effective to prevent stunting? What can we do to help these children and their families?



for more information in the April Sunday bulletins and on line at bread.org!!!



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,
Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers,
Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.

SCCM NEED FOR APRIL:

Canned Meat...Tuna, Chicken, Spam, and Salmon

Montana de Luz Mission Trip
July 24- 31

There is still time to sign up for First Presbyterian Church's 13th trip to Honduras this summer to help with the children of Montana de Luz and with the upkeep of the campus. It appears that thus far there are eight members going, but we need twelve to meet the minimum requirement. If you ever thought about going on a mission trip, or to help in another country, this may be the time to step out, be bold, and sign up to go with us! Skeet will be glad to answer all your questions, but you can also ask Debby Johnston or Melissa Eudy who have made multiple trips. It really is the trip of a lifetime!



Montaña de Luz
Providing hope for children
affected by HIV/AIDS in Honduras



The Community Inn Meals

Just a reminder that a small group of folks from our church provide a meal at the Community Inn on the first Friday night of each month. We would love for you to join the rotation to help with one of those meals. We usually gather 3-4 folks and provide an entrée, a vegetable, a fruit and dessert for 5-10 people. The time frame is from 6:15 p.m. to about 7:15 p.m. or so. It's an easy way to reach out and help that doesn't require extensive preparation or time commitment. If you would like to help, just send Skeet an email at aayscue1@live.com and he will add you to the list. Each month, Skeet sends out a request for those on his email list and if you can help that month, let him know. We have folks that provide food, but can't help serve. We have folks who serve, but do not bring food. And we have folks that do both. Whatever works for you! It is much appreciated by the other volunteers and the guests and staff at the Community Inn.



YOUTH GROUP

Our youth had an exciting lock-in featuring a scavenger hunt around Albemarle and a trip to Carowinds last month. We hope you can join us this month for more youth activities!

- April 7 Youth Sunday during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Trivia Fundraiser (Youth arrive at 5:00 p.m.)
- April 14 Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park
(Youth arrive at City Lake Park at 3:30 p.m.)
- April 21 No Youth Group (Easter)
- April 28 Youth Group 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH CONFERENCES



Massanetta Conference for Middle Schoolers is June 25-28

The date for Massanetta is June 25-28. The theme is *At the Door* based on Matthew 7:7-12. If you are definitely planning to attend and these dates work for you, contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824) for the registration code so you can register online. Scholarship assistance is available.

Montreat High School Youth Conference July 14-20

Contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824) for more information. Scholarship assistance is available.



!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL !!!

- 17- David Kilde
- 27- Ethan Richards



**Prayer Shawl Group meets Wednesday, April 3 at Noon in the Church Parlor
(Bring your lunch if you like!)**



All are welcome to join in crocheting and knitting prayer shawls.

For more information on how you can be part of this ministry, contact Peggy Finley (704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net).



Young Adult Lunch

Young adult lunches are a chance to gather in the middle of the work week to enjoy each others company and some local dining. This month we will gather on Thursday, April 4 at 12:00 p.m. at Highway 55 Burgers Shakes & Fries (750-A Leonard Ave., Suite E, Albemarle). I hope you are able to join us for lunch!

**Youth Group Trivia Night Fundraiser
Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.**



The youth group will host a Trivia Night fundraiser on April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for some desserts and a fun-filled evening of trivia competition! There will be categories for people of all ages. Teams can be anywhere from 5-7 people. The cost is \$15 per individual with a \$50 family maximum. The proceeds will go toward our youth program scholarship funds! Contact Dorothy to sign-up (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org).



From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 8.** if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2019 are: Jim Marshall, Chair; Al Andrew, Steve Coats, Debby Johnston, Lee McLaurin, Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson.



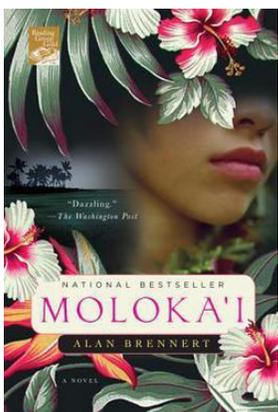
OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN

**A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER
TUESDAY, APRIL 16 FROM NOON-1:00 P.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE PIT STOP
(126 WEST NORTH STREET, ALBEMARLE)**

Topic: Stigma & Recovery Messaging
Speaker: Delton Russell

Director of Development & Community Programs at Will's Place
Bring your lunch! Drinks and dessert provided!





April Book Conversation

Monday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

Books available in the church office for \$12.00.

The Book: *MOLOKA'I* by Alan Brennert

Rachel Kalama is a 7 year old Hawaiian girl who dreams of traveling like her father. When a rose colored spot appears on her skin, those dreams die. Taken from her home and family, Rachel finds herself in a quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Moloka'i. There she joins others who live in the face of death. This novel brings 20th century Hawaii to life and raises questions of darkness and light...tragedy and triumph. Get your book and enjoy wide ranging conversation!



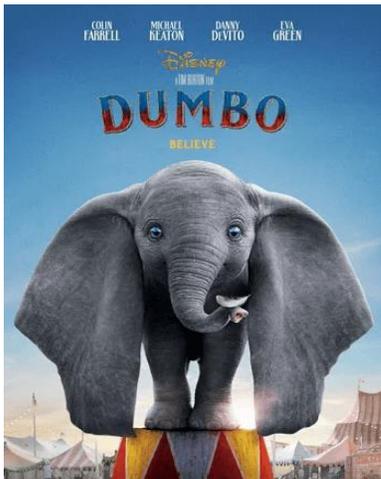
Our Youth Club is wrapping up another wonderful year of Wednesday afternoon ministry. After a final regular program on April 3, we will finish off the year with our tradition of an afternoon of fun and game at the YMCA Park on April 10. We will start at 3:00 p.m. and finish up at 5:00 p.m. There will be sliders provided as a snack, as well as an ice cream truck! It promises to be a great day of celebration after a wonderful year.

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders): The Trusty travelers will be singing once more for worship on Palm Sunday, April 14th. They will team up with the adult choir to celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders)...Our Faith Explorers are diving deep into the history and meaning of Lent this month. We have been learning about Jesus' journey in the wilderness, his time with Zacchaeus, and the traditions we practice today. We are learning about the similarities between Lent and Advent: both times of introspection and preparation for the two biggest days fo the Christian calendar year. Please Note: The Faith Explorers will participate in the Palm Sunday worship service with the Chancel Choir and Trusty Travelers.

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

- Who can come? 2nd& 3rd graders
 - What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
 - When? Sunday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
 - Where? Media Room
 - Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith
- Please let Jill Niebler (jniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



Faith Explorer Outing Saturday, April 13 Movie: Dumbo

This Faith Explorer outing will be on Saturday, April 13 to see the movie, Dumbo. Showtimes will be available closer to the date so be on the lookout for an email with more details! Contact Dorothy at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824 to sign-up.

!!! Thank You Youth Club Volunteers !!!

Our important Wednesday afternoon Youth Club program would not be possible if it were not for the help of a FANTASTIC team of dedicated volunteers. These people have devoted their time to caring for young children in our church and community, and they do so with a generous spirit. Thank you for all that you do!



Linda Anderson, Alison Atwater, Elizabeth Bryson, Daniel Dickens, Ann Duckwall, Melissa Eudy, Debbie Hahn, Martha Sue Hall, Margaret Ivey, Cathy King, Kyle Lambert, Chris Mabry, Gina Martin, Sarah Michael, Frank Poolos, Beth Poolos, Lynn Poplin, Kim Robertson, Jim Sawyer, Mary Louise Sawyer, Carol Sasser, Jane Snyder, Rose Saltzman, Lily Snyder, Teresa Taylor, and Martha White.



MAY 2019

May 12 Mother's Day/Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

May 19 Graduate Recognition/Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in the Christian Education Program



Graduate Information Needed by May 12 for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 19



During worship on May 19, we will recognize First Presbyterian Church's high school graduates. If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2019, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org) by **May 12** with pertinent information.



Time for Homes of Hope's Spring HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 3rd 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Donations Accepted!

Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. Second Street, Albemarle)

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice, Fruit, Coffee, Grits, Gravy, and Sausage.

Homes of Hope is Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 1300 since 2005. Homes of Hope is an agency of the United Way of Stanly County.

*Women's Retreat at the William Black Lodge in Montreat
October 11-13*





Stanly County Youth Breakfast Recap

The 52nd Annual Stanly County Youth Breakfast was a wonderful success! We enjoyed delicious food and had inspiring speakers on the topic of *Mirroring God's Image*. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare food, set-up, and clean-up each morning. We had a great time ensuring our youth had a hearty breakfast and uplifting message every day.

The Opioid Taskforce has sponsored two Lunch and Learn educational opportunities here at FPC. On March 19, Delton Russell from Will's Place in downtown Albemarle was the guest speaker. He spoke with those gathered about trauma. Our next *Lunch and Learn* will take place on April 16 at 12:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Please plan to bring your lunch and join us for this important conversation.



MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 5**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 12**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



Monday, April 1

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Frankie Palmer (819 North 6th St., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, April 2

- 9:30 am Lent Kitchen Krusaders led by Gayle Russell & Jane Snyder (church kitchen)
- 6:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Greg & Dona Lisk (church kitchen-dinner included)

Wednesday, April 3

- 6:00 am Lent Discussion Group led by Elizabeth (church parlor-breakfast included)
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Lutheran Church (230 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 4:30 pm Discussion Group with a playful twist led by Lillie Hancock (Teen Room)
- 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
- 8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, April 4

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Hwy 55 (750-A Leonard Ave., Suite E, Albemarle)
- 2:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Matt Drumheller at GloryBeans (134 West Main St., Albemarle)

Sunday, April 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent/Youth Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/Lent Discussion Group led by Skeet Ayscue (Media Room)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 12:00 pm Session Meeting
- 3:00 pm Lent Hiking Posse led by Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 4:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Kim Marshall at her home
- 6:00 pm Youth Group Sponsored Trivia Night Fundraiser

*childcare provided



Monday, April 8

Scholarship Application Deadline

- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, April 9

- 9:30 am Lent Kitchen Krusaders led by Gayle Russell & Jane Snyder (church kitchen)
- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline
- 6:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Greg & Dona Lisk (church kitchen-dinner included)

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:00 am Lent Discussion Group led by Elizabeth (church parlor-breakfast included)
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Lutheran Church (230 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Last Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 4:30 pm Discussion Group with a playful twist led by Lillie Hancock (Teen Room)
- 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
- 8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, April 11

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Matt Drumheller at GloryBeans (134 West Main St., Albemarle)

Saturday, April 13

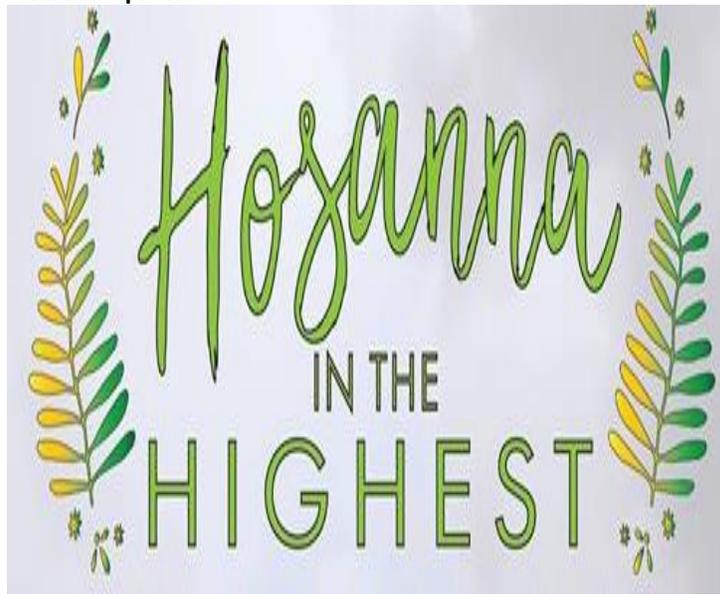
Faith Explorers' Moving Outing - TBD

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday/Marketplace/Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers participate in worship/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Presentation of the 2019 Confirmation Class/ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering/Deadline for Easter Lilies form

- 9:30 am *Marketplace (Gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout (City Lake Park)

*childcare provided





Monday, April 15

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, April 16

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 12:00 pm Opioid Lunch & Learn (Pit Stop)

Wednesday, April 17

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Covered Dish Meal & Worship (Pit Stop)

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

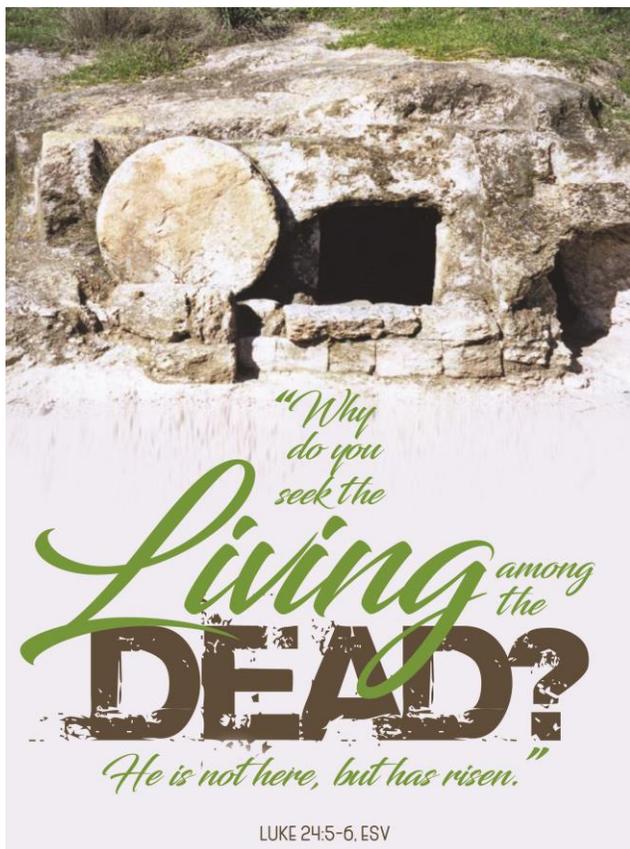
- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray
- 10:30 am CrossWalk
- 12:00 pm Noon Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:00 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 21

Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

*childcare provided



Monday, April 22

- Earth Day*
- Easter Monday/Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, April 24

- Administrative Professionals' Day*
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, April 28

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, April 29

- 7:00 pm April Book Study (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson, and Kim Robertson

Elder Greeters for April: Steve Coats; Jim Marshall

Nursery:

April 7: Emily Andrew
April 14: TBD
April 21: TBD
April 28: TBD

Acolytes:

April 7: Elizabeth Bryson
April 14: Grant Lisk
April 21: Natalie Taylor
April 28: Jackson Shedd

Kids Care Crew:

April 7: Kristie Bryson; Elizabeth Bryson
April 14: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks
April 21: Chris Mabry; Greg Lisk
April 28: Sarah & Ronnie Michael

Outside Ushers:

April 7: Lee McManus; Ronnie Michael
April 14: Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley
April 21: Eric Niederer; Greg Lisk
April 28: Brad Boone; John Earnhardt

Children's Church for April:

April 7: No Children's Church (Youth Sunday)
April 14: No Children's Church (Palm Sunday)
April 21: No Children's Church (Easter)
April 28: TBD

Diaconate Meeting

Sunday, April 7

TBD

Session Meeting

Sunday, April 28

TBD

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Matt Drumheller:	mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org	Jane Snyder:	jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org
Dorothy Hart:	dhart@fpcalbemarle.org		



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
(COMPLETED 4th - 6th Grades)
June 17-20, 2019 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 completed 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 17 - Thursday, June 20 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Young chefs expand their palates, learn kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, broaden utensil skills, master proper etiquette, and experiment with flavors and ingredients in cooking and baking. 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



!!! Volunteers for Cooking Camp Needed !!!
!!! Contact Jane Snyder to say you can help !!!
704-982-2722/704-438-3358
or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org