



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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October 2019

Dear Friends,

As we move through the changing of the seasons in the world around us, we also embrace the changing seasons of the church. With the cooler weather and changing leaves, come returning programs and activities. With the new season, comes a renewed sense of energy and engagement in the church, and I am thankful for your commitment to God's church.

Throughout October, we will explore the stories of people in Scripture who have stepped boldly forward following God. I encourage you to spend time this season reflecting on your life. Consider times in the past when you have boldly followed God. Consider how Christ is at work in your life today. Consider how the Holy Spirit may be calling you to step boldly forward in faith. I challenge you to consider how you might be a participant in the amazing work God is doing through First Presbyterian Church. I look forward to embracing this changing season and this challenging call with you!

Matt



REFORMATION SUNDAY

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KIRKIN OF THE TARTANS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

We look forward to welcoming our Presbyterian neighbors from Locust and Norwood for worship. A combined choir, tartan processional, bagpipes, and a post-worship reception will be part of the day. The guest preacher for the morning is Bryan Price, Public Relations Director at Stanly County Habitat for Humanity. Be a part of the day by carrying your family tartan in the opening processional and/or by making shortbread for the post-worship reception. Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) for either.

What *Stepping Boldly Forward* means to me...

"Responding energetically to the blessings of and from this church and to the immense challenge of its message and mission."
-Jim

WORSHIP NOTES

- Sunday, October 6 **World Communion Sunday**
We'll consider God's work throughout the world and how we may Step Boldly into the world. We'll receive the Ten-Cents-a-Meal offering for hunger.
- Sunday, October 13 Filled Caring & Sharing Cups will be returned for Stanly Community Christian Ministry. Third Graders will receive Bibles.
- Sunday, October 20 **Consecration Sunday**
We'll **Step Boldly Forward** with our financial commitments to the church and our personal commitment to Jesus Christ. We'll celebrate God's generosity with a bountiful meal following worship.
- Sunday, October 27 **Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' of the Tartans**
Worship will be shared in our sanctuary with the congregations of Locust Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Norwood. Bagpipes and a combined choir will lead our music. We'll celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Preacher: Bryan Price, Public Relations Director at Stanly County Habitat for Humanity.



Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on October 6. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. We received a total of \$463.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in August. Let's do better in September!



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.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

World Communion Sunday was established in the dark days of World War II as a way for the Christian community to recognize the value of its brothers and sisters all over the world. As we take bread and drink from the cup of salvation on this Sunday, we will be joined in this act by Christians around the world. You can expect worship to include music and liturgy from around the world, as well as symbols which remind us of our brothers and sisters worldwide.

Purple Church Conversation Sunday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. In the Church Parlor

In an age in which the world and the church are becoming increasingly divided, First Presbyterian Church seeks to model community and connection. Being a church made up of people with a variety of opinions and views on any number of topics makes us a *purple church*. After studying and reading during his sabbatical, Matt is going to host a conversation about human division and the purple church on Sunday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. Please join him in the parlor to discuss the important role our church plays in our divided world.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, October 13. The purpose of the meeting is to elect deacons and ruling elders to the Class of 2020 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, Ben Jolly. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Ben Jolly, Chair, Bob Johnston, Nancy Joines, Morgan Kinley, Barbara McManus, Jack Morton, and David Whitley. Once the committee has presented the slate of officers, the floor will be open for additional nominations. As a matter of courtesy, please check with any person whose name you plan to place in nomination prior to doing so.

DIACONATE

Emily Andrew...I am a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church and am the daughter of Al and Becky Andrew. I graduated in 2017 from Wingate University and am currently employed at Uwharrie Bank. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, going to concerts, and running my small online jewelry business. I look forward to serving the church and learning more about it.

Martha Sue Hall...I am a lifelong Presbyterian having grown up in the Norwood Church where I was Organist/Choir Director/Handbell Director and a Deacon. In May 2014, I retired from a 30-year career with the Courts of North Carolina having been involved with the creation of the Guardian ad Litem Program and the Victim/Witness Program; the Juvenile Court/Truancy Court and Family Court models and Drug Courts. I have been a member of First Presbyterian in Albemarle for over 20 years assisting with Christian Education; Community Christmas Dinner and Local Missions. I have served on both the Diaconate and Session at First Presbyterian. I served from 1994-2000 as a Stanly County Commissioner and am currently Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Albemarle (having first been elected to City Council in 2003). I am mom to Morgan (Speech Pathologist in Wake Forest) and Murphy (Wildlife Officer in Wilmington); wife to Dan Samples (retired Captain with US Airways) and MIMI to Palmer. In my spare time, I love to dance; play bass fiddle; teach swimming lessons to Second Graders at the YMCA and spend time with family!

Greg Lisk...My wife, Dona, and I live in Norwood, and we have three children. I operate a Barber Shop in Albemarle. In my free time, I enjoy fishing and coaching youth football and basketball. We have been members of First Presbyterian for 11 years, and I lead the Adult Bible Discussion Class on Sunday mornings.

Lee Snuggs...I returned to Albemarle in January of this year after living in DC where my son, Witt, completed his senior year of high school. We missed our home in Albemarle and our church family at First Presbyterian Church and were very happy to return home. We have attended First Presbyterian Church since moving here in 2007. I have been on the Diaconate, taught Sunday school, regularly attend Men's Prayer Breakfast, and am now helping at Youth Club. I returned to Albemarle as director of the Rocky River Rural Planning organization. We have rental properties and a family farm on Lake Tillery that keep us busy. When we have spare time, we are with family and friends or boating on the lake.

SESSION

John Earnhardt...I am a lifetime member of the church and married to Angie. We have two daughters, Adrienne Everette and Kelly Lentz, and four grandchildren. I have served as a Deacon and Elder in the past. I enjoy hunting and being with friends and family.

Ken Knight...I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 32 years and have been both an Elder and Deacon. I'm a wildlife biologist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and am married to Connie Sue Wallace. I have two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, a step-daughter, Emily, four grandchildren and a weiner dog. I look forward to serving as Elder again.

Sandy Rogers...My husband Art and I have been members of First Presbyterian Church for 50 years. We have three children and seven grandchildren and enjoy spending time with all of them. I have previously served as Elder and Deacon and have been active in numerous community organizations. I am currently on the board of Stanly County Family YMCA and the board of Keep Stanly Beautiful Corporation. I am a member of DAR and Hawthorn Garden Club and am on the steering committee for Events Plus at Pfeiffer. What keeps me happy is being able to work in my yard and walk 3 miles just about every day.

Ellen Snyder...I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 12 years and have previously served on Diaconate and Session. I am a Nurse Practitioner at Albemarle Medical Services and volunteer regularly at the Community Care Clinic. My daughters, Mackenzie and Morgan, and I love our FPC faith family and all that our church does in the community and beyond. I look forward to serving again on Session.

Duncan Bryson...Baptized and raised in First Presbyterian Church Albemarle, I have been very involved in the church including youth group, music and arts camp and Monday night Bible Study. I am a junior at Gray Stone Day School where I participate in cross-country, basketball, and track. In addition to church and school activities, I am active in Boy Scouts and currently working on my Eagle Scout project. Additionally, I have a small lawn mowing and dog-sitting business in my spare time.

Nominating Committee – at large members for 2020

Bob Johnston
Sarah Michael
Barbara McManus
Andy McLeod



STEPPING BOLDLY FORWARD



Sunday School is for Everyone
9:45 a.m.-10:40 a.m.

In the early years, parents lay the foundation for a life of faith in their children. This happens at home and through experiences the parent provides for their child(ren). Sunday School allows children to explore their faith in new ways with other adults and children.

Our Sunday School program utilizes an age appropriate curriculum called *Grace and Gratitude*. Sunday School groupings are as follows:

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Teachers</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Preschool | Preschool Room | Kate Gibson; Jill Niebler |
| Grades K-2 | K-2 Room | Heather Deese; Melissa & Wes Eudy |
| Grades 3-5 | 2 nd Floor Classroom | Penny Morton; Courtney Niederer; Brett Richards |
| Grades 6-12 | Teen Room | Matt Drumheller |

6th-12th Graders...Teen Room 3rd Floor...Our middle school and high school Sunday School classes will continue to meet together this fall. We will use a video resource called, *The Bible Project* to explore broad themes of scripture, the words used in the Bible, and the meanings of particular Bible books. Matt will be leading this class.

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

Adult Bible Discussion Led by Greg Lisk Location: Classroom 2 (Basement)
Greg Lisk will lead this group as they make connections with Scripture, each other, FPC members, and the wider community. Anyone is welcome to share in the fellowship and conversation.

Connections Class Led by Elizabeth Ayscue Location: Media Room (Basement)
This is a new adult Sunday School class designed specifically for parents with school-aged children, but others are welcome. It's a place to connect with peers who may share similar frustrations and joys. It's a place to ask questions of faith... and to find mutual understanding. The curriculum will be decided by the group.

The Wired Word Led by Rich Schaefer Location: Parlor (First Floor)
Join Rick Schaefer for conversation which weds current events/topics with scripture and theological reflection. Each week is a *stand alone* topic, so feel free to join the group!

The Seekers Class Led by Dr. Bill Jolly Location: Old Session Room (Basement)
Dr. Bill Jolly will continue to explore some of the difficult callings introduced in scripture through the book, *The Hard Sayings of Jesus* written by F.F. Bruce. Join us to explore the wondrous calling of discipleship.



STEPPING BOLDLY FORWARD



This fall season the theme for our church is **Stepping Boldly Forward**. We have heard Old and New Testament stories of those who Stepped Boldly Forward to do what God told them to do. During worship, we have also heard personal testimony from Laura McLeod and Debbie Bennett. In this newsletter, you can also read quotes from a number of our members about what Stepping Boldly Forward means to them in terms of stewardship.

As our stewardship campaign begins, we are asking you to Step Boldly Forward as you make your pledge for 2020. Our proposed budget is \$569,000, an increase of \$16,300 over this year. For us to meet that goal, we hope that you will prayerfully consider increasing your 2020 gift in a manner consistent with your financial situation.

If you would like to better understand our budget or if you have any questions or concerns, we can arrange for a personal visit by Elizabeth or Matt or a member of the Stewardship Committee. Just call the church office at 704-982-2722.

Stewardship materials and a pledge card should arrive at your home by early October. Consecration Sunday is October 20th, and we hope you can attend that service. Following worship, we will have a wonderful lunch to celebrate your generosity. If you are unable to attend that Sunday, we ask that you please return your completed pledge card to the church by October 20th so that your officers can prepare the final 2020 budget.

We thank all of you for your strong commitment to our church and your heartfelt giving that enables us to do God's work in this world.

**Consecration Sunday is October 20
with lunch following worship.**

What *Stepping Boldly Forward* means to me...

Stepping boldly forward means stretching to commit ourselves financially to the church by supporting mission, worship, facilities, staff, and programming.
-Mike

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...AUGUST 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

| Actual: | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>Budget-to-Date</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Income Received: | 310,355.00 | 366,142.00 |
| Total Expenses: | 346,201.00 | 374,175.00 |
| (Shortage)/Surplus | (\$35,846.00) | (\$ 8,033.00) |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019

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|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Pledges: | 479,500 | |
| Total Income: | 552,963 | |
| Total Expenses: | 552,963 | |
| Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: | <u>\$10,634</u> | We are behind \$14,704 in pledges. |
| Average Weekly Amount Received in August: | <u>\$8,484</u> | Ten-Cents-A-Meal for August: \$463 |

NEWS & NOTES

Circle #5 will meet at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle) on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.



Thanks to:

Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Ruth Ann Rogers, and Martha White for helping in the church office in September.

Robin and John Howell for hosting the September cook-out and fun and games.

Penny and Jack Morton for hosting the Faith Explorers' pool party.

Kim Robertson for hosting the stand-up paddleboard Pop-Up event.

Anissa Chapman for teaching the Pop-Up yoga class.

September's First Family Dinner

Thanks to all of the INCREDIBLE volunteers that helped make this dinner so nice! Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Steve and Michelle Cumming, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, John and Debbie Hahn, Bill Hall, Jennifer and Jordan Hesley, Jim Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Frankie Palmer, Lynn Poplin, Jeff and Kim Robertson, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Carolyn and Harold Sharpe, Lee Snuggs, and all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! YOU ARE A BLESSING TO ME! I just can't thank everyone enough for being so generous with their time and talents!! I LOVE YOU PEOPLE☺

Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education and Fellowship

RALLY DAY THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the people that helped make Rally Day a huge success this year: Skeet Ayscue, Keith and Elizabeth Bryson, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Steve Cumming, Matt Drumheller, John Hahn, Dorothy Hart, John Howell, Greg Lisk, Laura Beth Marks, Penny Morton, Natalie Niederer, Gayle Russell, Billie Jean Snuggs, Ann Snuggs, Todd and Bobbie Throneburg and all the people that helped set up and clean up the gym. Events like this are not possible without a lot of volunteers. THANK YOU!



Shortbread Cookies Needed...Can You Help?

Shortbread cookies are needed for fellowship following worship and the Kirkin' of the Tartans on Reformation Sunday, October 27. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you'll make a couple dozen.

November Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, October 22

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:

pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org.



prayer Requests



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

Friends of the Congregation:

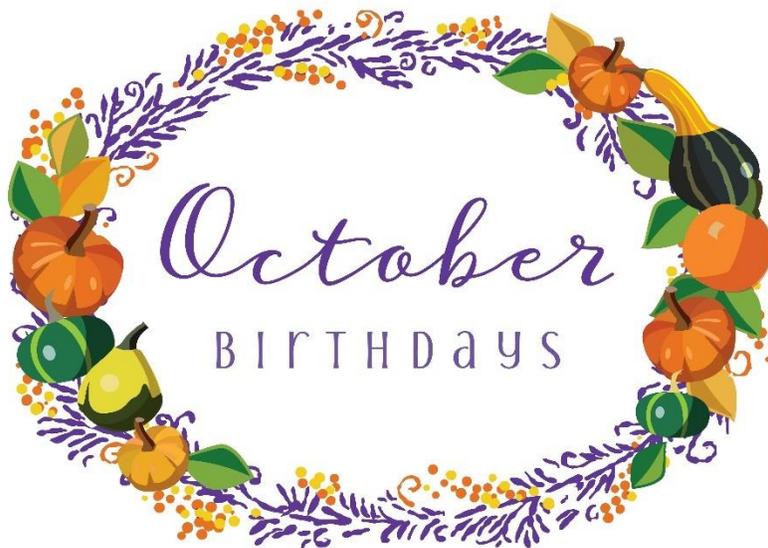
- Brinn Andrew**, daughter of Kellie & Jason Andrew; treatment for neuroblastoma.
Dale Benson, brother of Ann Crutchfield.
Ted Biggers, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn.
Joan Bunn, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns.
Mike Burke, brain cancer.
Michelle Honeycutt Cole, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Betty Sue Davis, friend of Ruth Goodwin.
Jeanette Eudy, friend of Liz Davis; peritoneal cancer.
Marty Goforth, treatment for melanoma.
Calvin Hall, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer/stroke.
Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
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.
Sally Ormand, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
Frank Osborne, brother of Lillie Hancock.
Hilda Perry, sister of Cathryn Harwood; continuing health concerns.
David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges.
Betty Stancik, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
Judy Toney, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.
Sally Warburton, friend of Debbie & John Hahn.
Jason Washburn, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.

Members of the Congregation:

- Davis Fort.**
Mark Mabry.
Tommy Murrell.
Jane Pickler.
Cam Rogers.
Linda Richards.
Pete Smith.



Visit the First Presbyterian Church
Fall Art Gallery Exhibit
GHA Autism Supports
Creative Arts Program Presents: Tactile Texture Art Design



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

- 20- **Cody Stewart**
- 21- **Leo McLeod**
- 22- **Billie Jean Snuggs**
- 24- **Danny Saltzman**
Martha White
- 26- **Luke Marshall**
- 27- **Elizabeth Ayscue**
- 29- **Lillie Hancock**
- 30- **Teresa Taylor**
- 31- **Ruth Cotton**



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

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



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.

Packing Dates: Wednesday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m.



YOUR OPPORTUNITY

SHARE your change by placing it in the cup during our campaign. By your **CARING**, your change will go to help those in need!
Yellow Cups will be returned on October 13.

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”
Matthew 25:40

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

The green and red shoeboxes will be available in the Pit Stop. Pick-up a flyer to learn the most recent information about packing a box. (Exclude candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toys guns, knives, or military figurines; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow-globes or glass containers; aerosol cans). **Boxes need to be returned to the church office by November 10.** Remember that shoeboxes are distributed by churches in over 100 countries who will nurture the child in their faith. As you pack your box, pray for the child who will receive it along with the gospel printed in their own language. It has been estimated that thirty or more family members and friends will also read and receive the good news through the booklet. **It will be the greatest GIFT they ever receive!** (And we ever share!) If you’re not a shopper, a donation of \$15 will help with shipping a box and the 12 week follow-up discipleship course, *The Greatest Journey*.



**SERRV Bazaar
Sunday, November 10**

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 70 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 6, 13, & 27 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & following worship
During the week, in the church office until October 23. 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 10.*

When is the Bazaar? November 10 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.

Cleanup Buckets Needed

Storms. Tornadoes. Flooding.

These disasters raise the need for *Gift of the Heart* Cleanup Buckets. These supplies offer help for families as they begin the overwhelming task of storm and flood clean up.

Contents: (must be in these exact amounts)

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 5 dust masks
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 1 box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 pair work gloves
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.*
- 1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 25 oz.*
- 1 pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 24-count roll heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- 1 bottle insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol), 6-14 oz.*

***liquids in plastic bottles only*



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



This clean up bucket drive is sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte Community Disaster Response Team.

Buckets may be dropped off at the following location

Bethpage Presbyterian Church, 6020 Mooresville Rd., Kannapolis, NC
(*please contact Fred Wally at fdwally@hotmail.com or phone #: 704-892-1580 before delivering items to Bethpage)

www.pcusa.org/pda



**SCCM NEED
FOR OCTOBER:**

**Canned Fruit
(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)**

FEEDING THOSE WITHOUT HOMES

The first Friday of each month, several members of First Presbyterian Church gather at the Community Inn to serve the evening meal. We have several volunteers that rotate providing food and coming to help for about an hour. **If you would like to be a part of this outreach, we would love to have you.** You can volunteer to make some of the food, volunteer to serve, or both! **Send your desire to help in an email to Skeet at aayscue1@live.com.** He will add you to the list in which he sends out a message each month requesting help with the meal. If you can help, let him know. It's a very easy way to make a difference.



Bluegrass Gospel Concert Featuring...

The Hatley Family & Gospel Plowboys

Saturday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

Concert tickets \$10 in advance by October 4

Sold at Albemarle, West Stanly & Troy Senior Centers & Coltrane LIFE Center (Concord)

**Tickets \$12 at the door Children 10 & under Free
(cash or check only)**



Food available from Bud's Bodacious BBQ 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. \$10 a plate (first come first serve basis)

Proceeds to benefit Coltrane LIFE Center-Stanly Adult Day Health Care Services

Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the Charitable Solicitation Licensing Section at 1-888-830-4989. The license is not an endorsement by the State.

What *Stepping Boldly Forward* means to me...

"Trying even harder to be more involved in the mission of our church by giving more of my time and money." - Sandy



Youth Club is under way in earnest for the fall. With new and returning youth and new and returning volunteers, there is a great positive energy around the building on Wednesday afternoons. As they play, eat, learn, create artwork, and sing, children from the church and the community have an opportunity to encounter Christ. Please continue to keep this important program in your prayers!

Trust Travelers (K-3rd Graders): Knowing that the seasons of the church change just like the seasons of the world, our children are exploring the Bible through the cycle of the seasons. Beginning with Pentecost, they are exploring how the church year flows and they are exploring Scripture that matches this seasonal cycle. Through the seasons and holidays of the church, they will better understand God at work in their lives.

The Faith Explorers' (4th & 5th Graders): The curriculum this year is based on Big Faith Questions, which have been provided by our Faith Explorers themselves. We will be delving into different topics and Bible stories that the children have questions about. We hope to gain more knowledge about "holy mysteries" and lean deeper into our faith.

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

- Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders
 - What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
 - When? Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m.
 - Where? Media Room
 - Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith
- Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



Faith Explorers'
Sunday Afternoon of Art
Sunday, October 13
Noon-2:30 p.m.

The Faith Explorers' October outing will be an afternoon of art at the church. We will meet following worship on Sunday, October 13 until 2:30 p.m. and work on various bird-related art projects to be used to decorate spaces in the church. Contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you're coming.



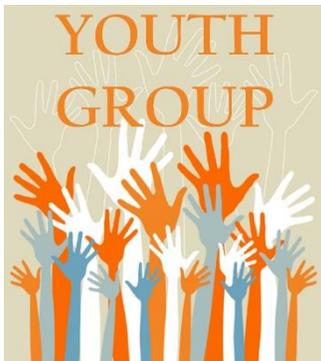
Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders

By third grade, most children are ready to move beyond a Bible storybook to reading the Bible for themselves. As an expression of our baptism vows, the congregation at First Presbyterian Church gives a Bible to each third grader and encourages participation of each child and parent in a *Getting to Know Your Bible* workshop.

Date: Sunday, October 13
Bibles will be presented in worship, and parents and third graders will spend the afternoon with Matt and Elizabeth getting acquainted with the new Bible.

What *Stepping Boldly Forward* means to me...

"Living out my faith and my calling to address the pain of the world by contributing, not only my time and energy to the church, but also many of the treasures that God has given me." -Matt



During October, we will participate in a high ropes course here in Albemarle, have fun at a Halloween lock-in, and host the Fall Carnival. I hope to see you at all of our exciting and spooky events.

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| Saturday, October 5 | High Ropes Course | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 13 | Youth Group | 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (Middle Schoolers) 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (High Schoolers) |
| Friday, October 18- Saturday, October 19 | Halloween Lock-In | 5:30 p.m. drop-off 9:00 a.m. pick-up |
| Sunday, October 27 | Fall Carnival | 4:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. |

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Youth Outing to Carolina Treetop
High Ropes Course
Saturday, October 5
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

at Elizabeth's house (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)
Mondays at 8:30 p.m.

FALL CARNIVAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

The youth will help set-up and facilitate games and activities for our youngest church members! All children 5th grade and under are invited to attend for Halloween games and treats!

October Birthdays
10-01 Graham Chapman
10-04 Andy McLeod
10-24 Danny Saltzman

What *Stepping Boldly Forward* means to me...

“Serving Christ and others with my money and talent. Doing more than I would do otherwise.” -Mark



Candy Needed for Fall Carnival

The Youth Group needs donations of candy for the Fall Carnival. Please bring your candy donations to Dorothy's office or contact her (dorothyhart@fpcalbemarle.org). Thank you so much for your support!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR
FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

For more information, contact Peggy Finley (704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net).



FIRST FAMILY GATHERING

EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM

October Menu: Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Green Salad, Biscuits, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Sweet Potato Cake, Ice Cream Sandwich Cake, Texas Sheet Cake, Tea, Coffee, Water, and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Mixed Green Salad.

Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, October 1
(704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Side and Salad Crew: Wednesday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Set-up crew: Wednesday, October 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Clean-up crew: Wednesday, October 2 at 6:45 p.m.



Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 if you would like to help ☺



We will continue meeting for Young Adult Lunches this fall. Each month we will meet at a different restaurant around town to get a taste of the many flavors of Albemarle. Please let Matt know if you would like to request a restaurant. Plan to meet the first Thursday of every month.

October 3 at Noon at Suejay's Soul Food (231 South 1st Street, Albemarle)

First Presbyterian Church...



Art Event Hosted by Gina & Roger Martin

Sunday, October 13 from 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop

For Ages 4th Grade-Adult

Join us for an art activity on Sunday, October 13 at 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. This event is for 4th graders up through adults. We will provide lunch and all art supplies. If you have really nice colored pencils, please feel free to bring them with you. We will be making bird art to hang in the Education Building. You can take your art home after it has been displayed. Roger Martin will be sharing some of his artwork, as well as Leslie Carter! RSVP to Gina Martin (704-244-0186 or ginamartin73@gmail.com) or Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) by **October 10** so we can prepare properly. **THANK YOU!**

**Opioid Panel Discussion
Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary

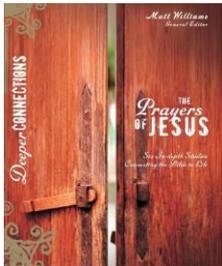
On the evening of October 3rd at 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church will host a conversation in our sanctuary about the opioid crisis. We will host a panel of three important perspectives on this crisis. Sheriff Jeff Crisco will represent law enforcement, Missy Estridge (a community paramedic) will represent emergency services, and Wendy Growcock will represent the Stanly County Health Department. We hope that these people will be able to lend interesting perspectives and insights into a crisis about which we have been educating ourselves. Please join us for important conversations and bring your questions with you.

**The Opioid Crisis:
The Faith Community Responds
Clergy Breakfast on Thursday, October 17
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Salem United Methodist Church
(20987 NC Hwy 73, Albemarle)**

Are you interested in learning more about the opioid crisis?

Are you interested in ways that your congregation can get involved?

Come hear what faith leaders are saying and doing in North Carolina.



Morning Bible Study

When? Tuesdays, beginning October 15 from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Where? At the church

What? *The Prayers of Jesus* – Utilizing both video and at home preparation, the group will focus on the prayers of Jesus and how they connect our personal and public lives of faith.

Cost: \$10.00 for the book.

**Consecration Sunday Lunch
October 20 Following Worship**

Join your church family for a delicious meal prepared by Greg Lisk and friends.

Menu:

Chuck Roast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Yeast Rolls
Please bring a dessert to share.



**Fall Carnival on Sunday, October 27
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**

On October 27, our youth will host the annual Fall Carnival for the children and families of the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. There will be prizes of all shapes and sizes, plenty of candy, and even a costume contest. Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

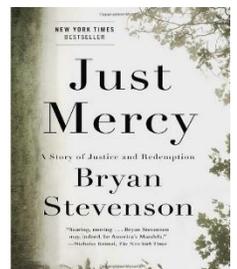
October Book Study Conversation

Book: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

Monday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor

Books are available in the church office. Cost: \$12.00

In this work of non-fiction, Stevenson tells the story of the legal practice he founded to protect the rights of people on the margins of American society. A gifted story-teller, Stevenson lingers on small moments of grace, forgiveness, and encouragement. His work is both heartbreaking and hopeful.



!!! ATTENTION !!!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!





All Saints Day...Sunday, November 3

On the day we remember all those who have gone before us, the Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember your saint. Please pick up a daisy provided as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday, November 3. During the service at the designated time, you may place your daisy in a basket located at the front of the sanctuary as you remember your loved one.



Women's Retreat
Sunday, November 3
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Home of Lynn Poplin
(504 Muirfield Drive, Albemarle)

Cost: \$15.00 for catered lunch

Join other First Presbyterian Church women (of all ages) and their friends for conversation around scripture and life, good fellowship, and prayer. Sign-up by Wednesday, October 30.

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 3.** 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 10. 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: _____

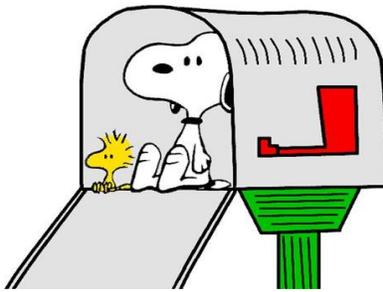
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Given by: _____

What *Stepping Boldly Forward* means to me...

"I have faith that as my family and I, along with this congregation, step boldly forward, we can continue to provide funding for programs and staff that are so essential to our church as our needs grow." -Anne

"Willingly digging deeper to be a sacrificial giver so that we can do God's work here on earth." -Rich



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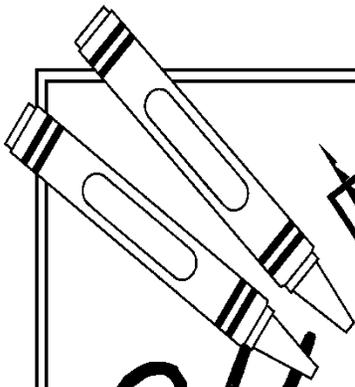
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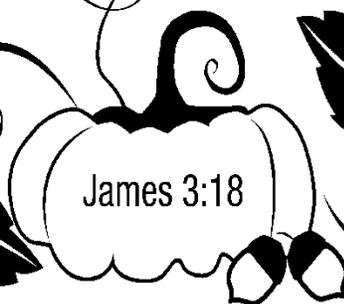
Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

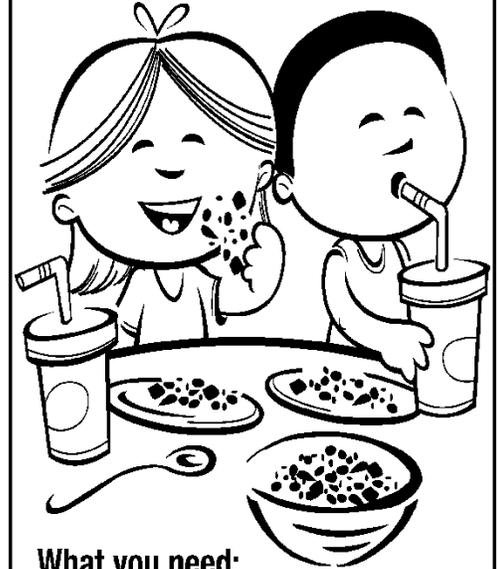
I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

HARVEST

Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



Tuesday, October 1

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 am First Family Sides & Salad Crew
 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
 4:30 pm First Family Set-Up Crew
 5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)
 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

10:30 am Staff Meeting
 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Suejay's Soul Food
 (231 South 1st Street, Albemarle)
 7:00 pm Opioid Panel Discussion at First Presbyterian Church
 (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 5

10:00 am-1:00 pm Youth Group Outing to Carolina Tree Top
 Challenge High Ropes Course
 6:00 pm Bluegrass Gospel Concert Benefitting Coltrane LIFE
 Center – Stanly Adult Day Health Care Services at the
 Stanly Agri-Civic Center

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday
Caring & Sharing Cups Campaign for SCCM
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders in Media Room)
 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
 9:45 am *Sunday School
 10:30 am *Morning Fellowship
 11:00 am *Worship
 12:00 pm SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
 12:00 pm Mission Committee

Monday, October 7

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

Wednesday, October 9

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:30 am Backpack Food Program Packing
 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

10:30 am Staff Meeting

***childcare provided**

Sunday, October 13

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles
Return Cups for Caring & Sharing Campaign for SCCM
 8:45 am Diaconate
 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
 9:45 am *Sunday School
 10:30 am *Morning Fellowship
 11:00 am *Worship
 12:00 pm SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting
 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Faith Explorer's Art Day at FPC
 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 14

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
 (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 15

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 17

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, October 18

5:30 pm Youth Group Halloween Lock-In (drop-off)

Saturday, October 19

9:00 am Youth Group Halloween Lock-In (pick-up)

***childcare provided**





Sunday, October 20

Consecration Sunday

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Luncheon
- 3:30 pm Purple Church Conversation (Parlor)

Monday, October 21

- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 22

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, October 23

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

***childcare provided**

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans

- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SERRV Catalogs available in the pit stop
- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Fall Carnival

Monday, October 28

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, October 29

*Presbytery Meeting at Hopewell Presbyterian Church
(10500 Beatties Ford Rd., Huntersville)*

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, October 30

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program Packing
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 31

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

***childcare provided**



THOSE WHO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Heather Deese, Katherine Jolly, and Dona Lisk

Elder Greeters for October: Steve Cumming; Lee McLaurin

Nursery:

October 6: Kate White
October 13: Kate White
October 20: Kate White
October 27: Kate White

Outside Ushers:

October 6: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood
October 13: Lee Snuggs; Kyle Marks
October 20: Mark Andrew; Jack Morton
October 27: Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley

Acolytes:

October 6: Nathaniel Eudy
October 13: Ella Cumming
October 20: Holden Taylor
October 27: Stella Marks

Kids Care Crew:

October 6: Kristie Bryson; Elizabeth Bryson
October 13: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks
October 20: Dona & Greg Lisk
October 27: Gayle & Ned Russell

Children's Church for October

October 6: *No Children's Church*
October 13: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde
October 20: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde
October 27: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde

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