



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

Reverend Cathy George, Transitional Pastor

Frank Poolos, Director of Vocal and Handbell Music

Stan Scheer, Organist

Jane Snyder, Director of Fellowship & Congregational Care

Gina Martin, Interim Director of Christian Education

Kyle Lambert, Office Manager

Pam Knighten, Secretary

Church Office: (704) 982-2722

Website: www.fpcalbemarle.org

E-mail: klambert@fpcalbemarle.org



May 2022

From Where I Sit

Dear Friends,

Remember the old ad, *...inquiring minds want to know?* Anyway, I wanted to share some information with those of you who want to know about the Mission Study process this congregation is about to enter. A Mission Study is a process that a congregation goes through to seek discernment about how God would have that church to be and to act in the future. It's led by a team appointed by the Session and will be referred to as the Mission Study Team (MST). This team is being formed. The process results in a report that will be presented to the Session for approval and to the Committee on Ministry for review. This review is a necessary step before a congregation can begin the search for the next installed pastor.

There are several reasons for a Mission Study. As a church, we always seek to examine ourselves and our actions in the light of scripture and prayerfully to ask God's guidance as we try to determine the work God wants us to do in a certain time and place. Secondly, unlike most corporations, the church is a *volunteer* organization. The corporate model in which leadership sets direction and tells staff to follow it does not work well in a church. It's important to involve as much of the congregation as possible in the process of self-examination and decision-making. There are two reasons for this. One is that as Reformed Christians we believe both in the priesthood of believers and in the corporate body of the church — that together we are richer and wiser than we are separately. The second helps to develop a sense of ownership within the congregation of the new directions for the ministry of that church in the coming years.

A Mission Study does fact-finding about this congregation and the community in which it ministers. It will provide an opportunity for members of the congregation to prayerfully study what scripture says about the church, to learn new information about the community and its needs, to learn who you have been and who you are as a congregation, and to celebrate the gifts as a church. Once this period of learning is complete, then the congregation has the information it needs to begin to design its vision and develop new goals and objectives for its ministry in the coming years. As one presbytery leader put it when explaining the idea of a mission study to a congregation, *It boils down to a church looking out the window (What's our mission field?) and in the mirror (Who are we and what gifts have God given us for this time and place?).*

Information will be coming as to what your role will be in this process. In the meantime, continue to pray for your Session, the Mission Study Team, your Transitional Pastor, and all members of this congregation as we continue in our ministry to our Lord in this place. The newly appointed Mission Study Team members are: Bill Jolly, Kim Marshall, Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers, and Ellen Whitley. And that's the view from where I sit....

Cathy

IMPORTANT COVID UPDATED INFORMATION

UPDATED ON DECEMBER 8, 2021

For the health and welfare of our members and our community, the COVID Task Force Committee has set the following guidelines with the following updates:

FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE (FEBRUARY 28, 2022)...

1. With improving community COVID positivity rate, masks will be **OPTIONAL** beginning February 27.
2. **Outside groups may use facilities.**
3. **Communion will continue with pre-packaged elements for the foreseeable future.**
4. **Congregational meals will remain on hold until positivity rate remains consistently below 8% for 2 weeks. The COVID Task Force will continue to monitor community positivity rate and adjust recommendations as needed.**

- ❖ Masks will always be provided.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- ❖ If you are sick, please stay at home.
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children's program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- ❖ All toys, chairs, tables and bathrooms, (used that day) are to be wiped clean with a Clorox wipe or sprayed and wiped clean.
- ❖ First Family meals will be drive-thru.
- ❖ All surfaces (chairs and tables and bathrooms if used) have to be wiped clean (with spray or wipes) after any committee/group meets.

Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we continue to deal with the pandemic.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (704-982-2722).

COVID TASK FORCE: Ellen Snyder, Debbie Bennett, Ben Jolly, Bob Johnston



2022 Flower Calendar

The 2022 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 Emily Andrew (704-322-5510 or em.andrew21@gmail.com) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.





Sunday, May 1 **Third Sunday of Easter/The Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering**
The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received.

Sunday, May 8 **Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day/The Presbyterian Homes Foundation Mother's Day & Father's Day Offering/Youth Sunday/Recognition of Scholarship Recipients**
Worship will be led by our middle and high school youth, and First Presbyterian Church scholarship recipients will be recognized. Also, we will receive the Mother's Day/Father's Day offering for the Presbyterian Homes Foundation.

Sunday, May 15 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, May 22 **Sixth Sunday of Easter/Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education/Bread for the World Letter Writing Sunday**

Sunday, May 29 **Seventh Sunday of Easter/Bread for the World Offering of Letters/The Faith on the Fifth Offering for Book Buddies Literacy Program**
(see more information on the On Mission page of this newsletter).



We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on May 1. 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 \$204.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for March 2022.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

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 1**. 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 8**. 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: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

AMAZINGLY CREATED

**First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle
Kid's Camp**

Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Ages 4 years old – Rising 6th Graders

Please complete a form for each child.

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2022**

FOR WHOM?

Ages 4 years old – Rising 6th Graders

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Name of Child _____	Age _____	& Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____
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) Y-Small (6/8) Y-Medium (10/12) Y-Large (14/16) Y-XLarge (18/20) Adult S M L XL		
Other things we should know about this child _____		
Do you have a need for Early Drop-Off or Late Pick-Up?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Drop Off (before 9 am)	<input type="checkbox"/> Late Pick-Up (after 2 pm)	<input type="checkbox"/> No Issues
Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 202 Amazingly Created 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 form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? Contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com)

For Office Use Only

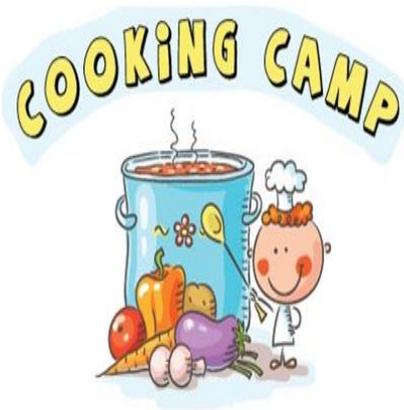
Date Received _____

Staff Initials _____



**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE
AMAZINGLY CREATED
CAMP**

If you have some time the week of June 20-24, come join us as we love and share how *Amazingly Created* these adorable group of children are! For more information, contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) or Adrienne Averette (704-428-2866 or adrienne.earnhardt@gmail.com).



**Cooking Camp
2022**

**Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

We are planning Cooking Camp this year for children in completed 4th-6th grades (limited to 12 children)! **WAIT LIST ONLY!!! If you would like to volunteer, please let Jane know as soon as possible (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).**



**Jane Snyder is in need of Cooking Camp Volunteers.
If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Jane
(704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).**

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...MARCH 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	153,057.52	125,299.26
Total Expenses:	134,383.46	139,195.70
(Shortage)/Surplus	18,674.06	(13,896.44)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	<u>2022</u>
Pledges:	494,764
Total Income:	503,697
Total Expenses:	503,697
Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments:	\$9,687
Average Weekly Amount Received in March:	\$15,706

We are ahead \$31,082 in pledges.
Ten-Cents-A-Meal for March: \$204.00

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc.

2022 Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering on Sunday, May 8

Our traditional Mother's Day/Father's Day offering in support of the Presbyterian Homes' Foundation will take place on Mother's Day, May 8. As you may know, the Foundation operates three excellent Continuing Care Retirement Communities across our state, providing housing and a caring environment for seniors. Because of the generosity of church members, no resident has ever been asked to leave one of these facilities when unforeseen situations adversely affect their ability to pay for services or care. We hope that you will continue to give generously to support this Presbyterian outreach program to seniors in need.



"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."
Hebrews 13:16

First Presbyterian Church is in need of a Part-Time Secretary. Must be proficient in Word, Publisher, Google Docs, and Google Sheets. The job is 20 hours per week (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If interested, please contact the church office (704-982-2722).





Introducing
our
**NEW
STAFF!**

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce two recent staff hirings.

Melissa Eudy - Transitional Director of Christian Education (part-time)
Melissa is a teacher at Gray Stone Day School, a member of this church, and currently volunteering as the Youth Leader. Melissa brings exciting ideas and new energy for this position. We are excited to have her continue to be an important leader/facilitator in all our ministry program for all ages.

Shawn Graeff - Facilities Maintenance Position (part-time)
Shawn is a teacher and coach at Albemarle Middle School and will be retiring in June. He and his wife, Tonya, live in Albemarle. Their daughter, Riley, is a recent ASU graduate. Shawn is very excited about beginning his *second* career, and we know he will do a great job!

We encourage you to welcome Shawn and Melissa to their new roles and to introduce yourself to Shawn when you see him in the building.



**First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the
1st Friday of the month at the Community Inn.**

The next date to serve is 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers gather at 6:00 p.m.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com).



Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed

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

Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.

Next Backpacking Date: Wednesday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.



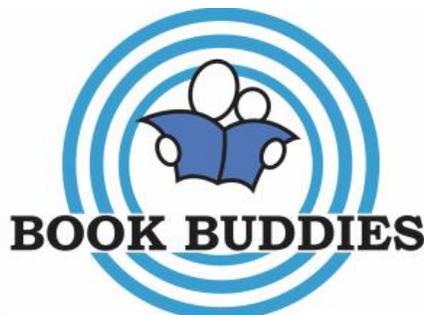
**NOW
SERVING
LUNCH**

Community Table on Saturday, May 14

On Saturday, May 14th, First Presbyterian Church will host lunch at the Community Table. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- 1) to provide a pasta salad to serve 15-20 people;
- 2) to provide a dessert (pound cakes, cookies, or brownies);
- 3) to help serve and clean up on the 14th from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

At this time, meals are takeout only, but this could possibly change to dining in building. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Linda Anderson (lmaanderson1949@gmail.com or 704-982-3723).



Central United Methodist Church has scheduled a Book Buddies Literacy Camp this summer for June 20-July 29. The camp will be open from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and will include 24 rising first graders who would benefit from low student-to-teacher ratio educational opportunity. They ask for donations (it costs an average of \$1600 per camper) and/or volunteers. During the week, scholars will have 3 hours of instruction in the morning and enrichment activities in the afternoon. The Mission Committee has decided to support this program by donating the Faith on the Fifth Offering in May and encouraging members of First Presbyterian Church to contact Central United Methodist Church if they are interested in helping.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 IN THE PIT STOP
9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M
OFFERING OF LETTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 29 IN WORSHIP**

Join our collective voice in urging Congress to pass legislation that will help people move out of poverty and feed their families in the United States and around the world.

Steps for an effective letter – handwritten letters in your own words are most effective.

- **Ask for a specific action, such as, *I ask you to...***
- **Give reasons for your request – share a personal story or conviction that motivated you to write.**
- **Write your name and address on both the letter and the envelope Return Address.**
- **See addressed envelopes for names of our Congressmen.**

(Sample Letter)

Date _____

Representative _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Senator _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative _____, -or- Dear Senator _____,

More than 12 million children in the United States are not getting enough to eat. Access to adequate and safe nutrition is vital to growth and learning, especially in the first 1000 days of a child's life.

Specifically, I urge you to reauthorize child nutrition programs and make the one-year expansion of the Child Tax Credit permanent, fully refundable, and available to working families regardless of their children's immigration status. Otherwise, an estimated 9.9 million children are at risk of poverty.

Globally, an additional 13.9 million children are expected to be severely malnourished by next year. Approximately 811 million people are facing hunger across the globe, erasing years of progress. I urge you to support the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
(Your Name)
(Your Address)
(Your City, State, Zip Code)



GROWING
TO SERVE



Expanding our building | Expanding our reach

SCCM is expanding their food warehouse by
5,000 sq. feet to better serve the
needs of our community.

Will you support SCCM as they support our neighbors in need?

Learn more & give at www.sccminc.org/grow



NEWS & NOTES

Memorials and Honorariums

Ayscue Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Betty Hunsucker, given by Stanley & Nancy Napier.

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.

In memory of Betty Hunsucker, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.

In honor of Claude Harwood's 90th birthday, given by Mildred Andrew.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Mildred Andrew.

In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.

In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Jim Hesley.

In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Margaret B. Ivey.

In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Terry & Pam Morgan.

In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Robert E. Thomas.

In memory of Betty Hunsucker, given by Mildred Andrew.

In memory of Betty Hunsucker, given by Margaret B. Ivey.

In memory of Betty Hunsucker, given by Terry & Pam Morgan.

Sympathy

To Gina Martin and family upon the death of her mother, Betty Hunsucker, on March 28.

To Laura Frazier and family upon the death of her husband, Ken Frazier, on April 1.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on Sunday, April 10, 2022, Session welcomed Natalie Niederer into membership at FPC. The mission study that needs to be completed before a new pastor is hired will be conducted after Easter. Worship services will be held at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, June 5. Several Christian education events will take place in May and June: youth Sunday will be on May 8; the Grandparents Retreat will be held on May 15; teachers and leaders will be recognized in worship on May 22; and summer camps will be held in June. The personnel committee reported: the facilities maintenance position has been filled; Pam Knighten has submitted a letter of resignation from her position as part-time secretary, effective May 26. The annual stewardship campaign will kick off in July. The contract for plaster repair in the sanctuary has been signed but the start date has not yet been determined. The Faith on the Fifth offering in May will be used to support the request from Central United Methodist Church for their Book Buddies Literacy Camp scheduled for June 20-July 29. The scholarship committee reported that recipients of scholarships have been selected.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session



Thanks to the following people for helping at the church recently: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Keith Bryson, Ann Duckwall, John Earnhardt, Bob Gaither, Donna Gaither, John Hahn, Jim Hesley, John Howell, Ken Knight, Lee McLaurin, Frankie Palmer, Evan Sanges, and Rich Schaefer.

Lenten Drive-Thru Volunteer Thanks

from Jane Snyder (Director of Fellowship & Congregational Care)

Doing the drive-thrus every week was a big commitment and thanks to all these volunteers, we were able to do it! Linda Anderson, Ruth Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Jim Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Liz Jolly, Leslie Kinley, Stephan Kinley, Chris Mabry, Frankie Palmer, Gayle Russell, Ned Russell, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Lee Snuggs, Diane Stevenson, and Ann Upchurch. Thank you for your continuous time and energy! We appreciate you!!!

Thank you to the following people who provided food and served the Community Inn dinner in April: Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Peggy Finley, Nancy Joines, Marlene Sanges, and Nathan Sanges.

Thank You



A special thank you goes out to the Lenten Planning Committee for creating and organizing an array of activities and events that provided opportunities for gathering during the season of Lent. From small groups to Palm Sunday and Holy Week, this committee made sure there were fellowship opportunities for all ages at various locations and times in order to meet the needs of our congregation. Members: Emily Andrew, Kim Andrew, Keith Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Angie Earnhardt, Debby Johnston, Ben Jolly, Ken Knight, Connie Wallace, Kim Marshall, Leo McLeod, Penny Morton, Lynn Poplin, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs and Jane Snyder.

In an effort to keep the prayer list updated, we would appreciate your help. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighen@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

Thank you.

prayer Requests



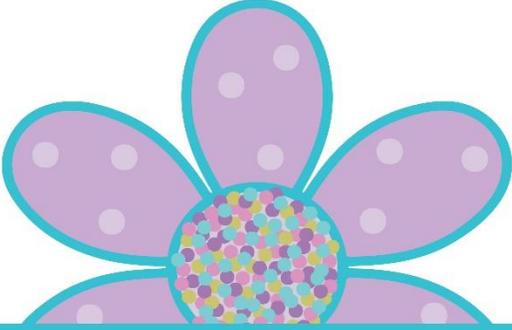
Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. Folks with chronic needs will be listed for a month in the bulletin. Following 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:

Debra Barnard, daughter of Gloria Bryson; chemotherapy treatment for liver cancer.
David & Marsha Bell, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
Tom Biggers, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
Tom Bonekemper, cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer.
Lindsey Clark, wife of Mark Clark, friend of Debbie Hahn; metastatic breast cancer.
Bill Cotton, brother of Andy Cotton.
Brayden Enzor, grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo & then radiation.
Doris Fudo, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples; breast cancer.
Calvin Hall, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
Lindsey (Whitley) Harward, daughter of Carolyn & Mel Whitley.
Anna Hartsell, daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell; colon cancer.
Ann Hatcher, mother of Ann Snuggs.
Debbie Hinson, mother of Melissa Eudy.
Denise LaBoube, half-sister of Martha White; Glioblastoma.
Anna Lashua, friend of Martha Sue Hall; breast cancer.
Donna Lehr, sister of Connie Wallace; praise - cancer free.
Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.
Taylor Blalock Mauldin, nurse at Atrium-stanly; cancer.
Wendy McInturff, mother of Michelle Cumming.
Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
Bryanna Medlin, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Helen Melton, niece of Elizabeth Wilson; multiple health concerns.
Bern Morehead, III, son of Sally Pleasant & Dr. Bernard “Bernie” Morehead; diagnosed with brain tumor.
James Nunn, nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; continuing health concerns.
Sally Ormand, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
Susan & John Prevatte.
Tim Rodgers, friend of Thomas Hahn; cancer.
Jane Scheer, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
Johnny Sharp, father of Cathy George.
Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Members of the Congregation:

Don Abernathy, multiple myeloma.
Gloria Bryson.
Doris Forte, Spring Arbor.
Anita Gower.
Claude Harwood.
Robin Howell.
Don Joines.
Nancy Jolly, Trinity Place.
Jane Pickler.
Jean Rabe, Trinity Place.
Witt Snuggs.
Carole Yost, home.

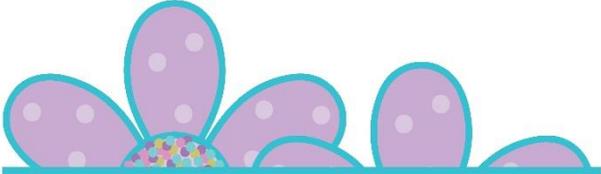


MAY

BIRTHDAYS

- 03- Carole Yost
- 04- Brad Boone
- 08- Lee Snuggs
- 11- Elizabeth Boyle
Debby Johnston
- 12- Skeet Ayscue
Alix Stewart
- 13- Laura Frazier
- 15- Stephan Kinley
- 16- Roger Martin
- 17- Liz Jolly
Ken Knight
Art Rogers
- 18- Jackson Shedd

- 19- Jim Sawyer
Natalie Taylor
- 20- Jim Ivey, III
Bill Lindley
- 21- Kristen Laton
Quinton Wainwright
- 22- Richard Lambert
- 26- Chris McLaurin
Shelley Shedd
- 27- Gerald Poplin
- 28- Rebekah Ayscue
- 30- Jackson Lisk
- 31- David Holbrook
John Palmer



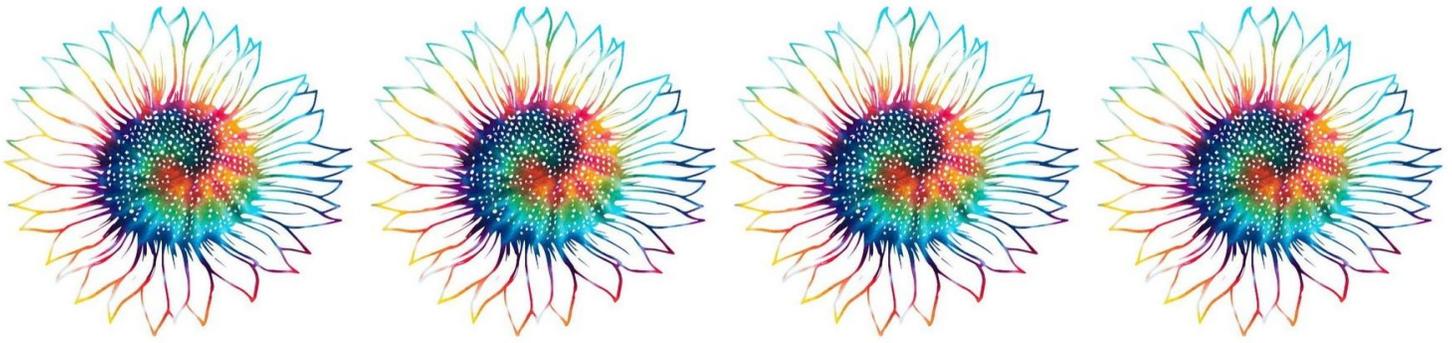
MAY

ANNIVERSARIES



- 02- Bob & Donna Gaither
- 03- Kyle & Taylor Barbee
- 12- Rob & Catherine McIntyre
Keith & Martha Wolf
- 17- Tom & Holly Norwood

- 22- Mike & Cathy King
- 30- Al & Becky Andrew
Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall
- 31- Aaron & Alison Whisnant



Sunday Night Live

- Sunday, May 1** **SNL Youth** **6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, May 8** **Youth Sunday - No Youth meeting in the evening.**
- Sunday, May 15** **Outing to Pelican's for Putt-Putt**
Bring \$10 for mini-golf and a sno-cone.
We will meet at 5:30 p.m. and wrap-up around 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 22** **End-of-the-Year Party** **6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
Details to come!



- High school** **Middle school**
When: July 10-16 **When: July 20-24**
Where: Montreat **Where: Maryville College**
Who: Rising 9th graders- Seniors **Who: Rising 6th-8th graders**
What: An amazing experience to meet people from around the United States who gather to worship, play games, build fellowship, and share meals. \$100 deposit required.

Let Melissa (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) or Liz Jolly (jollymom2@gmail.com or 704-699-6699) know if you would like to sign up!

High School Faith Conversations for 9th-12th graders with Steve Cumming & Debby Johnston at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle) Mondays from 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Debby Johnston. (704-322-8139 or debbyjohnston@hotmail.com)



!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

05-18 Jackson Shedd
05-19 Natalie Taylor

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
Please contact Peggy Finley at 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.

**LAST FIRST FAMILY DRIVE-THRU
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH
FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 2ND**



Our last First Family Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, May 4th. If you would like a meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2nd. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

**Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, and Mixed Green Salad
with a choice of Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake or Brownie**

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.
Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.**

**All we need you to do is:
call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at
johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com
and let her know how many plates, your dessert choice
and**

if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat





Youth Sunday & Graduate Sunday May 8 during worship

Our youth will lead worship, and our graduates will be recognized on May 8. Please come, support, and pray for our youth as they lead in worship.



High School Graduates

First Presbyterian Church recognizes the following graduates:

Maci Holshouser, daughter of Terrie Holshouser and Ross Holshouser, will graduate from North Stanly High School. She will attend East Carolina Univeristy.

Ethan Richards, son of Brett Richards and Sherrie Richards, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. College plans are pending at this time.

Higher Education Graduates

Carolina McLeod will graduate in May from The Medical University of South Carolina with her M.D. (Doctor of Medicine). She will begin her residency in June at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

John Hardin Sawyer will receive his Doctor of Ministry on May 21 from Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He is pastor of Bedford Presbyterian Church in Bedford, NH and was ordained at First Presbyterian Church in September 2004. He is the son of Mary Louise and Jim Sawyer.



SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 9. The Scholarship Committee members are: Catherine Moeller, Chair, Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy, Kim Marshall, and Lee McLaurin.

Circle 5 will meet Wednesday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop. We will study Lessons 7 and 8. The group who met in April decided to break during June, July, and August and resume in September with Lesson 9.





The Summer Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, May 17. This newsletter covers news for June, July, and August.

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

First Presbyterian Church 2022 Scholarship Recipients

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:

Landon Almond...will graduate from North Stanly High School and plans to attend Pfeiffer University majoring in Criminal Justice.

Hayden Furr...will graduate from North Stanly High School and plans to attend Pfeiffer University or The University of North Carolina-Pembroke majoring in Psychology with a minor in Sports Management.

Ali Little...will graduate from Albemarle High School and plans to attend The University of North Carolina – Wilmington majoring in Nursing.

Will Little...attends Pfeiffer University majoring in Health and Physical Education.

Gavin Olivieri...attends The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill majoring in Exercise and Sports Science and Cognitive Science.

Cortney Queen...attends Pfeiffer University majoring in English Education.

Francys and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:

Avery Carrick....attends The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill majoring in Exercise & Sports Science with a minor in Food Studies.

Morgan Kinley...attends Appalachian State University majoring in Exercise Science.

Tamara Rice...attends The University of North Carolina-Wilmington majoring in Nursing.

Trevor Rice...attends The University of North Carolina-Charlotte majoring in Marketing.

Witt Snuggs...attends North Carolina State University majoring in Forestry Management.

The Ayscue Scholarship recipient is:

Sadye Helms...attends The University of North Carolina-Pembroke majoring in Biology with a Biomedical Emphasis.

Maude Boysworth Scholarship recipient is:

Grace Richards...attends The University of North Carolina – Charlotte majoring in Environmental Studies.

Moeller Family Endowment Scholarship recipient is:

Edgar Hernandez...attends the University of North Carolina-Charlotte majoring in International Business and Japanese.

Helen Mount Scholarship recipient is:

Ethan Richards...will graduate from Gray Stone Day School and plans to attend Appalachian State University majoring in Computer Science.

Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship recipient is:

Alyssa Pope...will graduate from West Stanly High School and plans to attend The University of North Carolina – Wilmington majoring in Digital Arts.



**INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?**

Are you looking for a church home? Have you been visiting for a while and think you might like to put down roots? Are you simply interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church? We would love to talk to you about what being a member looks like! Please contact Rev. Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbe.marle.org or 704-982-2722), or Sandy Rogers (sandyrogers119@msn.com or 704-244-1191), chair of the Membership Committee!

**SNL Meal Fundraiser on Sunday, May 15
Pick-Up Following Worship
or Drive-Thru**



Menu: Chicken Bog (Chicken & Rice), Bread, Fruit

Contact Melissa (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) to place your order. Donations welcomed. Monies go to support youth trips to Montreat this summer.



PRIMETIMERS' BOXED LUNCHES

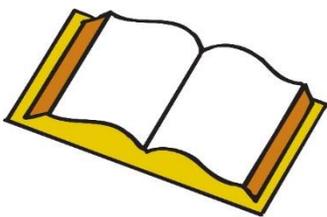
**PrimeTimers' Drive-Thru Luncheon
Thursday, May 19**

**Pick-up your boxed lunch
between 11:30 p.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Menu: To Be Determined

**Text or Email Laura McLeod:
704-796-0487 or mcleod2@windstream.net
by Noon on Monday, May 16**





**Recognizing Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education
Sunday, May 22**

Plan to join the Christian Education Committee on Sunday, May 22 during worship as we recognize the teachers & leaders who have fulfilled their commitment to share the teachings of Christ with children, youth and adults during the past year. Because of the dedication of these folks, our children, youth, and adults have grown in their faith development and formed a closer relationship with Christ. Thank you to: Linda Anderson, Al Andrew, Becky Andrew, Emily Andrew, Kim Andrew, Adrienne Averette, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Hugh Carpenter, Katie Carpenter, Ann Crutchfield, Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, Emily Deese, Hannah Domenech, Ann Duckwall, Angie Earnhardt, Cidney Eudy, Melissa Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Cathy George, Kate Gibson, Debbie Hahn, Lillie Hancock, Heather Hatley, Jim Hesley, Derreck Huneycutt, Debby Johnston, Katherine Jolly, Bill Jolly, Liz Jolly, Heather Kilde, Thora Kilde, Cathy King, Kim Marshall, Lee McLaurin, Laura McLeod, Leo McLeod, Sarah Michael, Catherine Moeller, Matt Moeller, Jill Niebler, Courtney Niederer, Beth Poolos, Frank Poolos, Gayle Russell, Ned Russell, Carol Sasser, Rich Schaefer, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs, Jane Snyder, Caroline West, and Terri West.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"I always thank God for you" 1 Corinthians 1:4



GAITHER ENDOWMENT GRANTS

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 12**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). Applications may be submitted by individual church members or committee chairpersons. Once funding requests are received, the Endowment Committee will review the applications and determine which requests will be funded. Personal interviews may be requested if further information is needed regarding a funding request.

If you have questions about the application process, please contact the office. Endowment Committee members include: John Earnhardt, Chair; Al Andrew, Session; Bob Gaither, ex-officio, Lee McLaurin, ex-officio, Amy Jones, Member-at-Large; Mark Mabry, Member-at-Large; Connie Wallace, Member-at-Large; Rev. Cathy S. George, Transitional Pastor, ex-officio.

!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch for K-5th Graders !!!

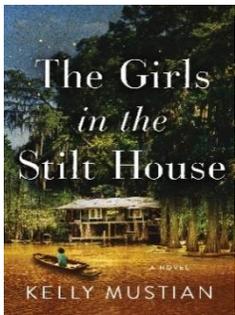


- Who can come?** K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders
- What?** Gathering as friends to enjoy breakfast
- When?** *** May 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. ***Note change of date!
- Where?** Stage in the gym – We can spread out for eating.
- Why?** To pray together & build strong community of faith
- Please let Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) or Katherine Jolly (kat6420@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. *Muffins, yogurt, fruit and juice provided.**



Attention 3rd – 8th Graders
 You are invited to join us for a Springtime Outing to
 Urban Air Adventure & Trampoline Park in Mint Hill, NC.
 Sunday, May 1 from Noon-5:00 p.m.
 Needed: \$26 for the pass into Urban Air.

Please add an extra \$5.00 in case they do not include the special socks in the admission price and snack money. Bring a bag lunch to eat at the church, and then we will head over to Mint Hill. Please RSVP to Kate Gibson by Monday, April 25 so she can book the time online. (336-301-4564 or katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com)

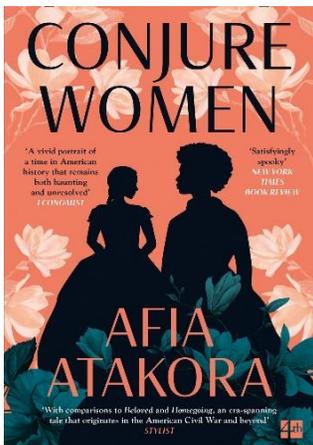


May Book Conversation on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The May book is *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23.

Set in 1920s Mississippi, this debut Southern novel weaves a beautiful and harrowing story of two teenage girls cast in an unlikely partnership through murder—perfect for readers of *Where the Crawdads Sing* and *If the Creek Don't Rise*. Ada promised herself she would never go back to the Trace, to her hard life on the swamp and her harsh father. But now, after running away to Baton Rouge and briefly knowing a different kind of life, she finds herself with nowhere to go but back home. And, she knows there will be a price to pay with her father. Matilda, daughter of a sharecropper, is from the other side of the Trace. Doing what she can to protect her family from the whims and demands of some particularly callous locals is an ongoing struggle.

She forms a plan to go north, to pack up the secrets she's holding about her life in the South and hang them on the line for all to see in Ohio. As the two girls are drawn deeper into a dangerous world of bootleggers and moral corruption, they must come to terms with the complexities of their tenuous bond and a hidden past that links them in ways that could cost them their lives.



June Book Conversation Monday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The June book is *Conjure Women* by Atakora Afia. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27.

Conjure Women is a sweeping story that brings the world of the South before and after the Civil War vividly to life. Spanning eras and generations, it tells of the lives of three unforgettable women: Miss May Belle, a wise healing woman; her precocious and observant daughter Rue, who is reluctant to follow in her mother's footsteps as a midwife; and their master's daughter Varina. The secrets and bonds among these women and their community come to a head at the beginning of a war and at the birth of an accursed child, who sets the townspeople alight with fear and a spreading superstition that threatens their newly won, tenuous freedom.

Magnificently written, brilliantly researched, richly imagined, *Conjure Women* moves back and forth in time to tell the haunting story of Rue, Varina, and May Belle, their passions and friendships, and the lengths they will go to save themselves and those they love.



Pentecost Sunday on June 5

Worship on Sunday, June 5 will be a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit for the church. Red is the liturgical color for the day, so wear your red! We will also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Prayer & Bible Study Opportunities



Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Morning Prayer meets on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am via Zoom. For the Zoom link, please email Debbie Hahn at hahnjdt@ctc.net. Please use this email address also to prayers for both joys and concerns.

Bible Study and Conversation via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Matt and Catherine Moeller continue to lead Bible study on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Each week, we discuss the Scripture that will be used as the basis for the sermon the following weekend. We analyze the Scripture reading itself and discuss how to apply it in our lives. We also have a time in prayer. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Matt and Catherine (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com).



FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS



On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 12.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 19.**

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

COLORING PAGE

Enlarge, print and color this image.



LOVED
Beyond
MEASURE





A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



- | | | |
|----------|--------|--------|
| son | mother | father |
| daughter | honor | home |
| respect | family | obey |
| | love | |

1. _ _ _ _ _ _ _
2. _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ _ _
4. _ _ _ _
5. _ _ _ _ _
6. _ _ _ _
7. _ _ _ _ _ _
8. _ _ _
9. _ _ _ _ _ _ _
10. _ _ _

_ _ono_ _ your _ _ather and _ _our mo_h_r,
 so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
 the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.



Sunday, May 1

Third Sunday of Easter/Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger/

Deadline for the Mother's Day Flower Form

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (K-5th Grades – Gym)
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
- 12:00 pm-5:00 pm 3rd-8th Graders Outing to Urban Air
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL

Monday, May 2

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm RSVP Deadline for First Family
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Wednesday, May 4

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday/Graduate Sunday/

Scholarship Recognition Sunday/Mother's Day/The Presbyterian

Homes Mother's Day & Father's Day Offering

- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:30 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 9

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Wednesday, May 11

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:00 pm Circle #5
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Saturday, May 14

- 9:30 am Community Table Lunch

***childcare provided**



PSALM 30:4, NRSV



Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter/SNL Meal Fundraiser

- 8:30 am Session Meeting
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm SNL Meal Fundraiser – Pickup following worship or drive-thru
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL

Monday, May 16

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Tuesday, May 17

- 12:00 pm Summer Newsletter Deadline

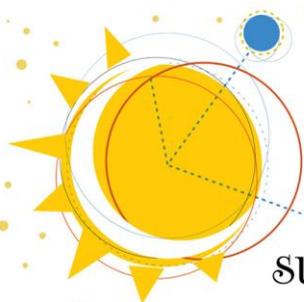
Wednesday, May 18

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon Drive-Thru
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

***childcare provided**



Praise him,
sun and moon;
praise him, all you
shining stars!

PSALM 148:3, NRSV

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Bread for the World Letter Writing Sunday/ Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education

- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting
- 9:00 am-11:00 am Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL End of the Year Party

Monday, May 23

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Church Parlor)
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Wednesday, May 25

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Faith on the Fifth Offering for Book Buddies Literacy Camp/Bread for the World Offering of Letters

- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 30

*Memorial Day
Church Office Closed*

***childcare provided**



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

Ushers: John Howell (captain), Derreck Huneycutt, Ken Knight, Natalie Niederer, Chris Whitley, and David Whitley

Elder Greeters: Mike King; Ellen Whitley

Acolytes:

May 1: Carter Gibson
May 8: Melanie Hendrix
May 15: Sophie Poplin
May 22: Madelyn Taylor
May 29: Leo McLeod

Sound:

May 1: Evan Sanges
May 8: Evan Sanges
May 15: Evan Sanges
May 22: Evan Sanges
May 29: Evan Sanges

Nursery for May:

May 1, 15, 22, 29: Kate White **May 8:** Kyle Lambert

Kids Care Crew:

May 1: Becky Andrew; Emily Andrew
May 8: Penny Morton
May 15: Sarah Michael
May 22: Carol Sasser
May 29: Laura McLeod

Outside Ushers:

May 1: Wes Eudy; Lee Snuggs
May 8: John Earnhardt; Jack Morton
May 15: Ronnie Michael; Chris Whitley
May 22: Steve Cumming; Jim Marshall
May 29: Jim Ivey; Tom Norwood

Filming:

May 1: Jackson Palmer
May 8: Katherine Jolly
May 15: Andy McLeod
May 22: James Cotton
May 29: Elizabeth Bryson

Children's Church for May

May 1: Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy
May 8: Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy
May 15: Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy
May 22: Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy
May 29: Ella Cumming; Nathaniel Eudy

Church Website Address & Staff Email Addresses

Church Website Address:

www.fpcalbemarle.org

Church Email Address:

klambert@fpcalbemarle.org

Rev. Cathy George:

cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org

Kyle Lambert:

klambert@fpcalbemarle.org

Pam Knighten:

pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org

Jane Snyder:

jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org

Stan Scheer:

sscheer@fpcalbemarle.org

Gina Martin:

gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org

