



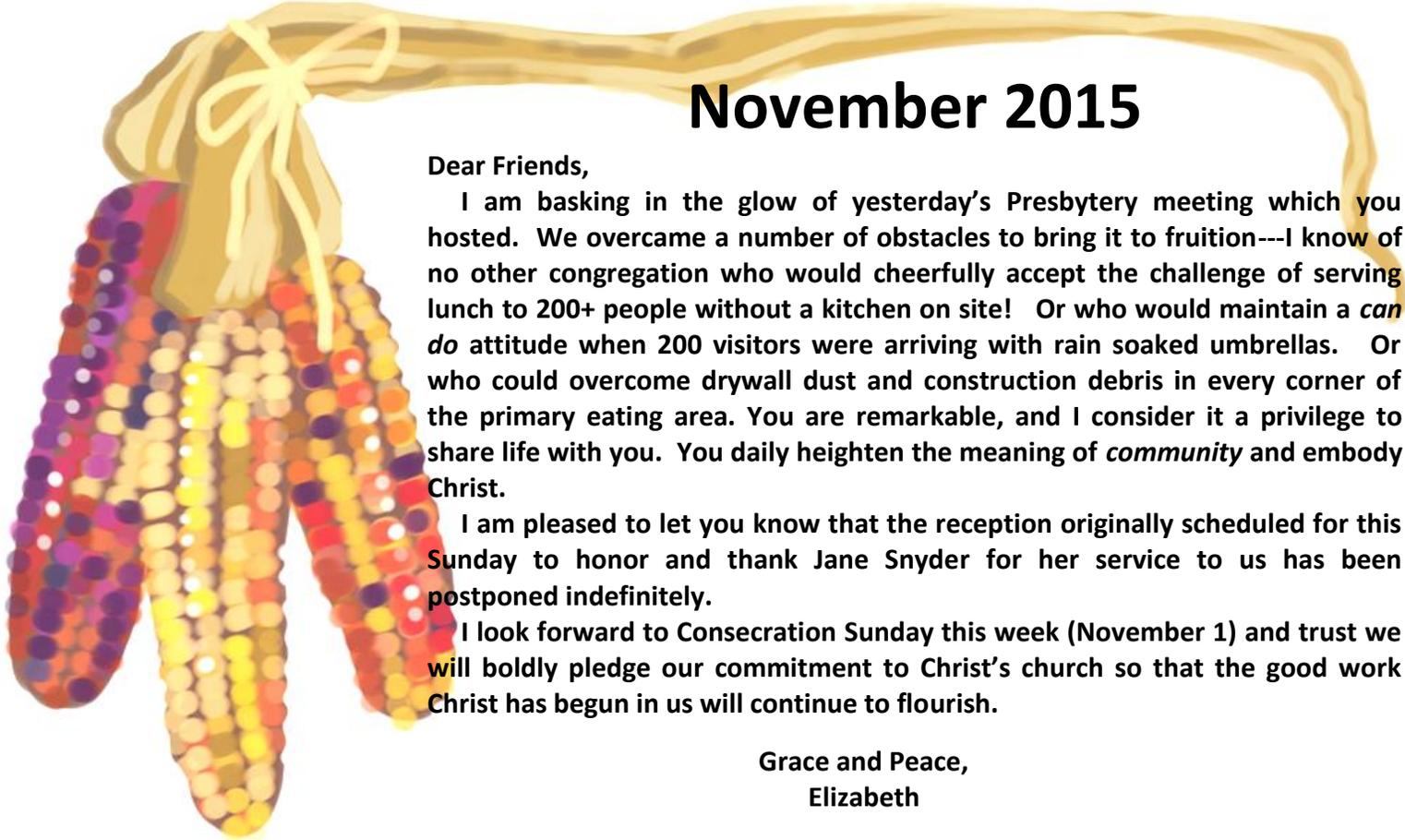
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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November 2015

Dear Friends,

I am basking in the glow of yesterday's Presbytery meeting which you hosted. We overcame a number of obstacles to bring it to fruition---I know of no other congregation who would cheerfully accept the challenge of serving lunch to 200+ people without a kitchen on site! Or who would maintain a *can do* attitude when 200 visitors were arriving with rain soaked umbrellas. Or who could overcome drywall dust and construction debris in every corner of the primary eating area. You are remarkable, and I consider it a privilege to share life with you. You daily heighten the meaning of *community* and embody Christ.

I am pleased to let you know that the reception originally scheduled for this Sunday to honor and thank Jane Snyder for her service to us has been postponed indefinitely.

I look forward to Consecration Sunday this week (November 1) and trust we will boldly pledge our commitment to Christ's church so that the good work Christ has begun in us will continue to flourish.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1

DEEPENING OUR COMMITMENT

TO CHRIST

TO CHURCH

TO COMMUNITY

We hope you can join us for Consecration Sunday November the 1st, an important day in the life of our Church. It is a time when we renew our commitment to First Presbyterian and we hope in a deeper way.

Please bring your completed pledge card to Church on Nov. 1st. If you are unable to attend please return the card to the Church office by Monday Nov. 2nd so your officers can complete the important job of preparing a 2016 budget.

Thank you for all you do to support our wonderful Church.

Your Stewardship Committee

WORSHIP NOTES

- Sunday, November 1 **Consecration Sunday and All Saints Day...**We will celebrate Consecration Sunday and All Saints Day. Pledge cards will be presented, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will also be received.
- Sunday, November 8 The preaching theme is *Deepening Community through Forgiveness.*
- Sunday, November 15 Pastor David Kilde will preach on the theme of *Deepening Community by Working Together for a Better World.*
- Sunday, November 22 **This is Christ the King Sunday.** We will conclude the sermon series on *Deepening Community* by looking at the importance of forbearance.
- Sunday, November 29 **First Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the liturgical year.** We will observe the lighting of the Advent candle and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by intinction.

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on November 1. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome! Our goal is to receive an average of \$600.00 per month.

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Day.



We will remember the members of our congregation who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year. Additionally, each worshipper will be given a flower upon entering the sanctuary. During worship, there will be an opportunity to place the flower in a basket to honor the memory of one your personal saints.

Community Thanksgiving Worship

**Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church
(230 S. 2nd Street, Albemarle)**



Once again, we will gather with churches throughout the community to give thanks for all God's blessings. Plan to join with the community in worship and to remain following worship for fellowship. Paul Jenkins, Lead Pastor of The Gathering Church, will be preaching.

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





Sundays... November 1 & 8

ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.

ENGAGE Groups begin at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, November 15...ENGAGE! MISSION

Our Honduras and Mwandi mission groups will spend time describing their mission areas and the experiences their particular group had this past summer. Join us at 9:45 a.m. to learn about the work our church is doing overseas and around the world!

Sundays, November 22 & 29...December 6, 13, & 20

ENGAGE! TOPICS

Old Testament Location: Old Session Room

Utilizing a video series developed by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish scholar who teaches at Vanderbilt University, Bill Jolly and Larry Sitton will lead this class. Levine presents a commentary on the origins, meanings, and interpretations of the stories in the Old Testament, in a thought-provoking and stimulating way. Interesting class discussion will follow.

Experiencing Advent through the Words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Location: Parlor

Matt Drumheller will be leading a daily reflection class based on the book *God in the Manger*. This is a book of daily devotions for the Advent season based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's reflections and sermons. Take this opportunity to read Bonhoeffer's compelling reflections...the writings of one of the most influential modern theologians, as well as one of our most inspirational models of faith.

A Good Funeral and Other Conversations to be Had as We (or our parents) Age Location: Old Session Room

Elizabeth and others will lead this class which will tackle such issues as funeral planning, long-term care options, and legal documents relating to growing older. Come for conversation and to share your experiences. Together we'll build the curriculum.



Hanging of the Greenery & Chili Luncheon on Sunday, November 29

The first Sunday in Advent is November 29. We'll enjoy the day with a chili luncheon prepared and served by Session. Following lunch, we'll decorate the Chrismon tree and participate in a variety of Advent activities for children and families.

Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 22 and 29 and, December 6 and 13, there will be opportunities to purchase alternative gifts in the Pit Stop. You will be able to select from among both local and international recipients. For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards that were designed by artist Leslie Carter.



WATCH FOR THE ANGEL TREE



Later in November, the Angel Tree will go up in the pit stop with the names of our Angels from Central School. These children and siblings will receive Christmas gifts from our church. Each family or group of friends may select Angels from the tree and purchase gifts of those children. The gifts are to be returned to the pit stop under the tree no later than Sunday, December 6. Keep your eyes and ears open for when those Angels are available to be selected.

COMMUNITY ADVENT WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

Join in worship with others from the downtown churches during Advent at Christ Episcopal Church (428 Pee Dee Avenue). We will gather there on the following Wednesdays at noon in Advent: *December 2, 9, and 16*. Lunch will follow.





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

Community Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 25

at First Presbyterian Church

We are well on the way to hosting the 26th Annual Community Christmas Dinner at First Presbyterian Church. Thanks to each of the following Committee Chairpersons who are working hard in their area of responsibility:

Committees

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

Committee Chair(s)

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

Our food and volunteer sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Pit Stop. If you sign up for Dressing or Sweet Potato Casserole we will provide the aluminum pan and lid. This year all six churches are purchasing the non-perishable items (canned vegetables; potatoes; gravy; rolls and tea) in bulk. We will be accepting monetary donations toward our church's portion of this total amount. If you would like to make such a donation, please indicate on your check Community Christmas.

We are certain additional volunteers will be needed to assist before Christmas Day. If you would like to help and will not be available on Christmas Day, please let Mary, Sandy or Martha Sue know.

We are looking forward to food, fun, fellowship and celebration on Christmas Day. Come out and bring your family...you will be blessed by the sharing of the season!

Coordinators for this event are:

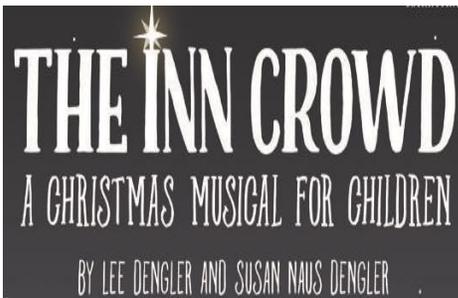
- Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com)
- Mary Kesselman (704-982-6754 or manapier@msn.com)
- Sandy Saunders (704-982-3845 or swsaunders63@gmail.com)

-Submitted by Martha Sue Hall



Community Table on Saturday, December 5

First Presbyterian Church will host the Saturday lunch at the Community Table on Saturday, December 5. Volunteers are needed to prepare food ahead of time and to help serve and clean-up on December 5. For more information as to how you can help or to volunteer your services, contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723) or refer to the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop area.



Joy Gift Program

Sunday, December 13 during Worship

Youth Club Children will be presenting *The Inn Crowd* on Sunday, December 13 during worship at 11:00 am. Through word, song and movement, these children will create a sense of wonder and joy as we move through the Advent season. Come see each child in their finest hour as they tell the story of Jesus' birth. Plan to stay for the Joy Gift Luncheon at noon and share a favorite covered dish with friends.



Christmas Joy Offering
Sunday, December 13

A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools.



Support SNL's

CHRISTMAS KITCHEN

Sunday, December 6
before and after worship
in the Pit Stop at FPC

SNL needs volunteers to make their favorite casseroles, soups, BBQ, cookies, cakes, coffee cakes, candies, & pies to be sold at the "Christmas Kitchen" on December 6. Make ahead & freeze if you like!

SNL also needs hungry members of the congregation to shop at the "Christmas Kitchen" on December 6. Stock your freezer with holiday food from the great cooks at First Presbyterian & support our youth!

Call Liz Jolly (704-699-6699) or Jane Boone (704-604-3836)
to let us know what delectable dish you can donate!

Our Living Legacy Projects...UPDATE

October has been a month of tremendous progress on Living Legacy projects. The radiators in the sanctuary have been sanded and painted in preparation for carpet installation. The landscaping is complete and makes a remarkable difference in the appearance of the building. The newly planted maple tree outside the sanctuary will soon be as beautiful as the one we are currently enjoying. Brick and mortar work is complete and the kitchen is just days from completion. We are currently awaiting some final inspections which will allow us to use the new appliances.

Still to be accomplished is work in the parlor and installation of sanctuary carpet. Decisions are being made on both of those projects now.

The gym renovation committee is hoping we will soon be able to move into phase 2 of the project. In preparation for that, they have met with two architects to discuss a new vision for the gym and are awaiting complete proposals and further conversation.



Presbytery Meeting Retrospective

October 27 was a grand day at FPC. 100s of people contributed to the warm hospitality that more than 200 members of the Presbytery of Charlotte experienced during their meeting in Albemarle. From beginning to end, the day was a perfect example of individuals sharing their best gifts for the community. Many thanks to each person who baked, brought, cleaned, cooked, called, greeted, moved, arranged, set, served, sold, parked, planned or prayed as part of this wonderful day. With the exception of Susan Garrison who has been planning for this event for more than a year, all gifts are acknowledged without distinction. To God be the glory!



Chancel Choir Retreat Saturday, November 7

Henry Pfeiffer Chapel at Pfeiffer University

Credit Card Payments

Now Accepted at First Presbyterian Church

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



A companion niche (two person) in the columbarium may be purchased at any time. Stop by the chapel and take a look at our completed columbarium. Consider whether it may be the right place for your final resting place. For information about purchasing a niche, contact Bill Jolly, Columbarium Chair (704-982-5420 or williamjolly@twc.com) or Kyle (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

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



VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...SEPTEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	369,875.00	419,884.00
Total Expenses:	<u>421,695.00</u>	<u>371,640.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	(51,820.00)	1,901.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	<u>2015</u>	
Pledges:	477,515	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,825</u>
Total Income:	562,887	Average Weekly Amount Received in September: <u>\$8,440</u>
Total Expenses:	562,887	

We are behind \$16,388 in pledges. (\$14,838 of 2015 pledges was prepaid in 2014)

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

2015 PLEDGE CARDS

The timely return of your pledge card is most important in the final 2016 budget planning process. This year the Proposed 2016 budget will be presented to Session on December 13, 2015.

The Stewardship Committee, along with Elders, Deacons and church staff, work together gathering information and projecting numbers for next year's budget. Each individual pledge card is important. No matter how large or small, from young or old. ALL commitments make it possible for FPC to be *Deepening Our Commitment to Christ, to Church, and to Community.*

MEMORIALS

General Fund:

In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Debbie & John Hahn.
In honor of David Kilde, given by Debbie & John Hahn.

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Herman Hinson, given by Mildred Andrew.
In memory of Fran Mabry, given by Mr. & Mrs. Banks Garrsion.
In honor of the Morning of Mission Work Group, given by Isabelle & Lou Howard.
In honor of Elizabeth Ayscue, given by Pam Brafford.
In honor of Matt Drumheller, given by Pam Brafford.

Music Fund:

In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Pam Brafford.
In honor of Craig Taylor, given by Pam Brafford.

Our Living Legacy Campaign:

In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Dr. Davis Fort.
In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood.
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Martha & Lynn White.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Fran Mabry, given by Teresa Bunting.
In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Mr. & Mrs. Banks Garrison.
In memory of Bill Palmer, given by Susan & Doug Stokes.

SYMPATHY

To Gus Holbrook upon the death of his sister, Betsy Underwood, on September 30.
To the family of Frances (Fran) Carr Mabry upon her death on October 10.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Charles McLaurin upon passing the Tennessee bar exam. Charles is the son of Carolyn McLaurin and Lee McLaurin.

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NEWS and NOTES

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on October 11, 2015, Session received an update on the status of the kitchen renovations and the final tasks to be completed. The Christian Education committee reported on the next phase of the ENGAGE program. The program attendance remains steady. The Mission committee is working on several project including the "SERV" Bazaar and the "Angel tree" for the holiday season. The Property committee gave a progress report on the landscaping around the building and the plans for new carpet in the sanctuary. The Worship committee reported that communion had been served to several homebound members of the congregation. Consecration Sunday is scheduled for November 1, 2015.

Circle #5 Monthly Meeting

Circle #5 meets at the home Polly Moose (24875 South Business 52 Hwy., Albemarle) on **Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **Newsletter Deadline:** **The deadline for the December Newsletter is noon on Tuesday, November 17.** Early submissions are always welcome! If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.com.



STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOOD CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER: Peanut Butter & Jelly



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

October First Family Thank You

Thanks to all the people that made this challenging dinner simple and easy: Kim Andrew, Mildred Andrew, Gloria Bryson, Keith Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Susan Garrison, John Hahn, Debbie Hahn, Bill Hall, Dustin Jolly, Liz Jolly, Bryce Kimrey, Leslie Kinley, Stephan Kinley, Sandy Saunders, Mary Louise Sawyer, Harold Sharpe, Carolyn Sharpe, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs, and the Faith Explorers, all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! I depend heavily on my First Family volunteers and am so thankful for your presence.

Jane Snyder, Director of Fellowship Services

We made a Splash at Smith Splash!!!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Trail Mix Bar at Smith Splash on Saturday, October 17. It was a beautiful day at the YMCA Park and the event was well attended. raised awareness and money for the William Smith Snuggs Endowment. The Trail Mix Bar made \$325 (which was donated directly into the endowment) thanks to the generosity of many people who contributed trail mix bar items and their time working the booth. The William Smith Snuggs Endowment supports the aquatic programs of the Stanly County YMCA to ensure all kids have the opportunity to learn to swim.



Check out the children's artwork in the educational building. Many thanks to Barbara Lindley (Youth Club art leader) and her staff for the framed art, and to Lynn Poplin and the Youth Cubs for the self-portraits.



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

Friends of the Congregation:

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

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

Bob & Bessie Burris, grandparents of Kim Caudle.

Glenn Burris.

Jan Burton, mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer.

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

Katherine Cox, mother of Sherrie Richards.

Rachel Darling, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.

Roy & Katie Dearstyne, parents of Holly Norwood.

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

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

Elliott Efird, grandson of Gayle & Ned Russell.

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

Jan Morris Everton, recovering from surgery for kidney cancer.

Tonia Icenhour, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.

Jeannette Isenhour, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.

Randall Kimrey, father of Bryce Kimrey.

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

Don Little.

Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

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

Karen Niebler, mother of Jill Niebler.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Claudine Stone, friend of Laura Wheeler.

Members of the Congregation:

Joe Carter.

Blue Honeycutt.

Greg Johnson.

June Johnson.

Ed Myers.

Pete Smith.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 01- Brody Campbell
Donna Gaither | 14- Carol Sasser |
| 03- Bailey Holshouser
Barbara Overcash | 15- Blue Honeycutt |
| 04- Connie Wallace | 17- Taylor Johnston |
| 06- Shannon Newport | 18- Lee McManus |
| 07- Joyce Burris | 19- Gus Feather |
| 08- Leni Henkenjohann
Nancy Joines
Elworth Plyler
Mary Louise Sawyer | 21- Tom Rabe
Debbie Wainwright |
| 09- Ann Duckwall
Ross Holshouser
Sarah Newport | 23- Meredith Hinson
Gayle Russell
Thomas Taylor |
| 11- Rose Saltzman
Bill Stevenson | 24- John Earnhardt |
| 12- Jay Andrew
Blake Taylor | 25- Shirley Hinson |
| 13- Lori Ivey | 26- Jane Rogers |
| | 27- Charles McLaurin |
| | 28- Shirley Welch |
| | 29- Janice Abernathy
Matt Drumheller |
| | 30- Bill Hall
Diane Stevenson |



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 03- Matt & Katie Carpenter | 24- Joseph Kluttz & Martha Chapman |
| 17- Steve & Michelle Cumming
Richard & Joyce Lambert | 26- Mark & Kim Andrew |
| Bounthanh & Panh Linthavong | 27- George & Judith Gilbreath |
| 22- Ned & Gayle Russell | 29- Skeet & Elizabeth Ayscue |

MISSION NEWS...



SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign

It is time once again for the Stanly Community Christian Ministry's annual Caring & Sharing campaign. SCCM has been at the aid of those in need for thirty years. Now, it is in need of assistance of its own. The nonprofit organization has been experiencing a difficult times in a strained economy - donations are down, yet demands are still high. The funds raised in the **Caring & Sharing** campaign go directly for client assistance such as help with electric bills, rent, and heating. The yellow cups filled with coins, dollars, and checks make a huge difference in SCCM's annual budget - please consider your donations prayerfully. **Cups are**

available for pick-up on Sunday, November 1. Filled cups need to be returned on Sunday, November 22.

Storms & Flooding Clean-Up Buckets Collection November 1-30

These disasters raise the need for Gift of the Heart Cleanup Buckets. Supplies offer help for families as they begin the overwhelming task of storm and flood cleanup. A cleanup bucket drive is being sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte Community Disaster Response Team. The drive will last through the end of November. The goal is to collect 200 buckets. First Presbyteryan Church of Albemarle has a goal to fill 10 buckets. Buckets are provided. Please place your donated items in the designated bins in the pit stop.



Mabumbu Well Update

We are looking into alternate methods of digging the well other than by shovel. One method is called a *percussion drill*, a manual method of driving a steel bit into the ground. These can be manufactured locally and are easily transportable. On testing the drill, Keith Waddell found that it was not very effective in the clay below the sand layer. They modified the drill into an auger, that will twist when it hits the ground. That seemed to work well. We are hopeful that work on the Mabumbu well will begin soon although we do not at present have a timeline for that.

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

- 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*



Photo: Roanna Wilson



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



Photo: Barry Carlin

This clean up bucket drive is sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte Community Disaster Response Team. The drive will last through the end of December. Our goal is to collect 200 buckets.

When your church has completed it's drive, contact the Presbytery's Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) at presby.disaster.response@gmail.com or by phone at 704-892-1580. We will then set up at least one collection point in every county and will email or call each church with details. Once all buckets are collected, they will be delivered to the central warehouse in Maryland for future distribution to disaster sites.

www.pcusa.org/pda



Backpack Food Program

Donations Needed:

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

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Backpacks will be filled on Wednesday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m.



SERRV Fair Trade Bazaar Sunday, November 8

This is the place to find...

- ❖ Gifts with meaning – helps children go to school, helps with community development
- ❖ Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables
- ❖ Fair trade gifts – artisan’s and farmer’s cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products
- ❖ Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, nuts, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items

Question:

Why do we at First Presbyterian Church support this mission?

Answer:

Small cooperatives who receive even a small, but steady income through fair trade have more food to eat, develop their communities, and send their children to school. It makes a huge difference in their lives – whether their cooperative is located in the United States or in a developing nation.

Women in areas where SERRV works often suffer astonishing degrees of discrimination and lack of opportunity, so by support this mission, we emphasize the empowerment of women artisans and support for their development in leadership skills, self-sufficiency, and independence.

Will you help support this mission?

We'll be in the pit stop from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

and

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 8.

Bring your Christmas shopping list!



Prospective New Members Luncheon Sunday, November 8 at Noon in the Parlor

Prospective members are invited to share lunch and conversation about the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 8 following worship. We will meet in the parlor. Childcare provided upon request.



SNL NOVEMBER SCRIPT

Matt has enjoyed seeing so many people at SNL this fall, and he is excited to continue into November together. Our Fall schedule continues to be packed with exciting things including fellowship activities, mission projects, games, and lots of food eating. I hope to see you every week as the weather grows chilly!

Sunday, November 1	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Corn Maze
Sunday, November 8	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	SNL
Sunday, November 15	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	SNL
Sunday, November 22	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Rake and Run
Sunday, November 29		No SNL

Rake & Run

This year's Rake and Run will be a joint initiative of the downtown churches to rake the yards of some of our community's shut ins. We will be teaming up with First Lutheran, First Baptist, and Central United Methodist to serve our neighbors. Please join us on November 22 at 3:00 pm. Location TBD.

Presbytery High School Retreat

High schoolers, mark your calendars for the November 7-8 Presbytery of Charlotte High School Retreat! This event will include high schoolers from all over Charlotte Presbytery for worship, fun, and fellowship together. This is a great chance to meet some new people from our local area. The cost for the retreat is \$50.00. Contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) for more information.



11-12 Blake Taylor

Necklace Ministry

New & Former Participants Invited to Participate! No Experience Needed!
Handmade Crochet Necklaces in beautiful colors sell for just \$5.00 each.
Great Gifts for Family & Friends.



Proceeds go toward the purchase of formula for HIV babies in Mwandi, Zambia.
Contact Mary Louise Sawyer (704-986-6320 or jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com) or
Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com) if you are interested in this ministry.



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

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR
FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

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





Young Adult Lunch

Young adult lunches are a chance to gather in the middle of the work week to enjoy each other's company and some delicious dining. Please let Matt know if you have any restaurant requests (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org). Plan to meet at noon on the first Wednesday of every month:

November 4 at Lucky Tusk (Hwy. 52 North)

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



Time for the Homes of Hope fall...

HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Donations Accepted!

Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 800 since 2005.

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

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

6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 6

Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

172 N. Second Street, Albemarle

Homes of Hope is a United Way agency.



Faith Explorers Climb...

(For all 4th & 5th graders)

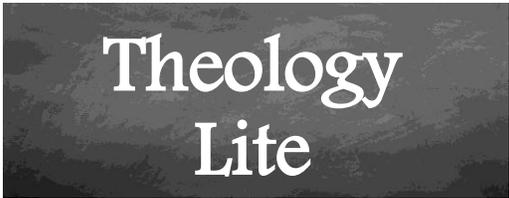
Sunday, November 15 following worship

Lunch at Subway in Locust... Pick up at 5:00 pm - church parking lot

Cost TBA & wear comfortable climbing clothes.

Contact Gina Martin for more information & to sign-up!

(gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722)



Thursday, November 19
8:00 p.m. at Off The Square
(114 South 2nd Street, Albemarle)

On November 19, young adults throughout our community are invited to Theology Lite. We will gather at Off the Square for conversation around good food and drinks. We are going to gather at 8:00 p.m. for this meeting. Non-members of FPC are invited to join in the conversation. Please RSVP to Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)!

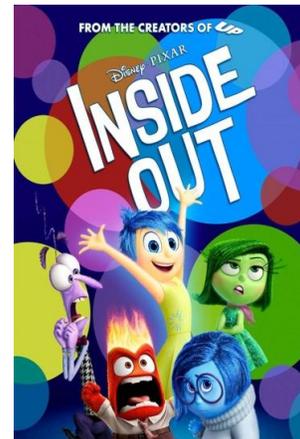
Fall Movie Night

Friday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym
Come warm up from the cool autumn air & enjoy ...

INSIDE OUT

Disney Pixar's inventive animated film!

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks
Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!





2015 Thanksgiving Offering
Sunday, November 22
for Children's Hope Alliance
(formerly Barium Springs Home for Children)

In April of 2014, Barium Springs Home for Children and the Grandfather Home for Children merged in an effort to have a greater impact in helping children and families across the region. The name chosen for the newly merged organization was Children's Hope Alliance. This name allows everyone to understand our deeply rooted mission...to provide hope and healing for hurting children and families. The future of Children's Hope Alliance is bright...our stability lies in our deeply-rooted mission and a willingness to attend to the special needs of each generation.

Your generous donation will make an impact on each child. Bring your offering on Sunday, November 22.

SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia(s) or contribute to the holiday greenery fund as a Christmas memorial/honorarium, please make a check for \$22.00 for the poinsettia or for the amount you wish for the greenery payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for poinsettias or greenery. Please return the check along with the form below to the church office by Monday, December 14. A complete list will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20.

SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

[] I plan to take my poinsettia(s) after the 5:30 p.m. service on December 24.

[] I will leave my poinsettia(s) for delivery to a homebound member.



!!! Youth Club News !!!

Youth Club will focus on *Grace and Gratitude* during this wonderful time of Thanksgiving as they practice for the Joy Gift Program on Sunday, December 13. *The Inn Crowd* musical fits well with the theme for Youth Club this year, “Deepening Community Through Grace & Gratitude,” as it teaches everyone that Jesus came for everyone, and that because of Him, we’re **ALL** definitely in God’s Kingdom. The children will also be given the opportunity to participate in providing gifts for six children from the Angel Tree (a Helping Hands ministry), which again reminds them of God’s grace and deep gratitude for what often is taken for granted.

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) will spend the month focusing on *Grace and Gratitude*. Grace is a gift, one that the children cannot earn and one that no one deserves. Children often are growing up in a world that operates in a “you-get-what-you-deserve” mode most of the time. God calls them-and-us to relax into a grace-shaped life of gratitude. Bible and activity time will lead them into conversation and art activities focusing on *Grace and Gratitude* to encourage the children to think about their many blessings and those who have less that desirable circumstances.



Faith Explorers (4th – 5th graders)... The Faith Explorers had a busy October! We were delighted to have Ruth Cotton join us for two weeks for some chrismon making. Ruth helped each of the children make two chrismons and will return one more week in November to help them finish up. Be sure and look for some of these lovely new ornaments on the tree in the sanctuary this Christmas season. Many, many thanks to Ruth for her time and patience in helping with this project.

As we move into November, we will continue our series of lessons titled *Bullying & the Bible*. Thus far, we have discussed the stories of Joseph and Moses, and discovered how bullying occurred in Biblical times and how it relates to situations we may find ourselves in today. The children will continue writing in their gratitude journals and have started to give a lot of thought to all the things in their lives for which to be grateful. They often enjoy sharing some of those things in class.

Our key Bible verse is a familiar one and comes from Micah: *...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* We have started to break this verse down and discuss what each part means to us.

Submitted by Liz Jolly



Youth Cubs (3 – 4 years old)... Thanksgiving is celebrated as a day to give thanks to God for his greatness and sufficient provision. Of all God’s gifts, the greatest one He has given is the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Cubs will focus on what God has blessed them with and the connection that they can always say *Thank You* for his kindness. Each lesson will be followed by music, prayer, art, and hands-on activities.

Lynn Poplin, Youth Cubs Coordinator

Advent for Kids

YOU ARE INVITED

Who? Children of All Ages

What? Advent Activities

Where? The Pit Stop

When? Sunday, November 29, following the luncheon

Why? To Celebrate the First Sunday in Advent

Theme? Light- Jesus is the Light of the World!

Activities Include: Creating Advent Candle, Creating 25 Days of Advent, Decorating Cookies & More





Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway

April 8-10, 2016

Theme:

Saint and Citizen

The date and location for our congregational retreat have been set! Mark **April 8-10, 2016** on your calendars! We have chosen to have the retreat at Camp Caraway, about an hour away from Albemarle. The camp has all kinds of fantastic opportunities including a hiking, lake sports, and lots of open space to run and play. Your whole family will enjoy this weekend

of worship, fellowship, and recreation as a church. We will have private bedrooms and bunk rooms available. Please see the sign-up sheet available in the church lobby outside the office.

Our keynoter for this retreat will be Pastor David Kilde. The theme for the retreat will be "Saint and Citizen." We will be discussing the challenges of being a faithful witness in the context of a multi-cultural democracy. This promises to be a compelling retreat and discussion.

Please look for more details as the time gets nearer and contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) with any questions.

From the Technology Committee...



In summer 2014, a church Technology Committee was formed to identify the technology needs of the church and to recommend and implement steps to address those needs. Members of this on-going committee are Marlene Sanges, chair; Bob Johnston; Mary Kesselman; Stan Scheer (staff member); Matt Drumheller (staff member); and Thomas Taylor (*ex officio*). Over the past year, here are the highlights of that committee.

1. Thomas Taylor was hired by the committee as our IT professional. He is responsible for updating and maintaining our network and computers.
2. Our movie theater projector was broken, and the equipment was outdated. We replaced the projector and added a blue-ray player. We replaced VGA cables with HDMI, creating much better quality picture and sound. All equipment was paid for through donations.
3. A new, dedicated laptop (donated) and mounted projector were added to the choir room. These are welcome additions for our Youth Club staff and Music & Arts program, and of course they may be used with any of our music programs.
4. Our roving laptop and projector cart (housed in the media center) now has a new laptop computer, following the demise of our very old, original laptop.
5. Hopefully, you've noticed our brand new website! Matt, working with Dustin Poplin at Uwharrie Technology, launched the site several months ago, and it only gets better and better. A really nice feature is that you now have the option of making pledge payments, honorarium and memorial gifts, Living Legacy donations, etc. online. We continue to have a Facebook page as well.
6. A new recorder and duplicator were purchased for our sanctuary sound system when it became apparent that it was going to be more expensive to repair them than to replace them outright.
7. We now have an amazing rear projector/projection screen/blue-ray player/projection cabinet/sound system combo in the gym, which is the envy of practically every outside person who sees it.
8. We have a "roving" Chromecast that allows a person to use his/her smart phone, tablet, or laptop to wirelessly stream media to a TV.
9. We have replaced 3 old staff computers with newer models and are planning to use the old ones to create a mini-lab for members of the congregation to use. Small-group classes and training sessions will be made available if there is sufficient interest.
10. Our most recent addition is the Sony Smart TV "message board" in the Pit Stop, which allows information to be presented slideshow-style. This is a work in progress, so we are still trying to work out a few kinks. We expect this to be a major help during the upcoming Presbytery meeting when many announcements will need to be broadcast.
11. The wi-fi system, which had a couple of outage areas, has been updated and is now available throughout the entire church.

Most of these projects were made possible thanks to the Gaither Endowment and several generous individuals. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any member of the committee.

November

Sunday, November 1

Consecration Sunday/All Saints Day/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering/Trick or Treat for UNICEF/Pickup SCCM Caring & Sharing Cups/Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 3:00 pm-4:30 pm SNL to Corn Maze

Monday, November 2

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Polly Moose (24875 South Business 52 Hwy., Albemarle)
- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, November 3

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Lucky Tusk (Hwy 52 North)
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Breakfast Fundraiser at Central United Methodist Church (172 N. 2nd Street)

Saturday, November 7

Chancel Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University

*childcare provided



Sunday, November 8

SERRV Bazaar in the Pit Stop

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Bazaar in the pit stop
- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Childcare Staff Luncheon
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm SERRV Bazaar in the pit stop
- 12:00 pm Adult Education Task Force & ENGAGE! Leaders
- 12:00 pm Prospective New Members Lunch & Learn (parlor)
- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm SNL
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day/No Youth Club

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

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC

Saturday, November 14

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC

*childcare provided



Psalm 95:2, NIV

November

Sunday, November 15

Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge in Montreat, NC

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE! MISSION (gym)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers' trip to Inner Peaks

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 8:00 pm Theology Lite at Off the Square
(114 S. 2nd Street)

Friday, November 20

Men's Retreat at Camp Hanes in King, NC

- 6:30 pm Movie Night...*Inside Out* (Gym)

Saturday, November 21

Men's Retreat at Camp Hanes in King, NC

*childcare provided

Sunday, November 22

Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance

Return SCCM Caring & Sharing Cups

Alternative Gifts Available

Men's Retreat at Camp Hanes in King, NC

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE! TOPICS
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Christian Education Committee (Session Room)
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm SNL Rake & Run Event
- 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at First
Lutheran Church (230S. 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Monday, November 23

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

Wednesday, November 25

No Youth Club

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

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent/Alternative Gifts Available

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE! TOPICS
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Hanging of the Christmas Greenery & Chili
Luncheon/Advent for Kids

Monday, November 30

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

*childcare provided



*O give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good.*

PSALM 136:1, KJV

THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, and Joe Snuggs

Elder Greeters: Peggy Finley; Marshall Rogers

Nursery Room:

November 1: Jana Sanderson

November 8: Jana Sanderson (Diaconate 8:30 am)

November 15: Cici Ly

November 22: Misty Honbarrier

November 29: Misty Honbarrier

Toddler Room:

November 1: Misty Honbarrier

November 8: Lauren Cranford; Misty Honbarrier (Session at 6:45 pm)

November 15: Lauren Cranford

November 22: Salem Taylor

November 29: Salem Taylor

Nana & Papa Team:

November 1: Carroll Sitton

November 8: Susan & Banks Garrison

November 15: Sarah & Ronnie Michael

November 22: Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

November 29: Bede & Russell Karr

Preschool Partners:

November 1: Penny & Jack Morton

November 8: Stephanie & Josh Campbell

November 15: Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod

November 22: Leah Beamon; Heather Deese

November 29: Laura McLeod; Ben McLeod

Acolytes:

November 1: Kimbal Chapman

November 8: David Kilde

November 15: Duncan Bryson

November 22: Graham Chapman

November 29: Grace Richards

Children's Church for November:

November 1: No Children's Church

November 8: Kim Andrew; Jacob Palmer

November 15: Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

November 22: Anna Wainwright; Jacob Palmer

November 29: No Children's Church

Enter ^{into} his ^{gates} ^{with} ^{praise}
thanksgiving,
& ^{into} his ^{with} ^{courts}
PRaise:



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