



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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January 2016

Dear Friends,

The new year stretches before us like an unopened book. We will surely be confronted with new challenges and with new opportunities to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our world aches to hear, to know, to experience the love of Christ and the security of being held by our creator. It is my prayer as we enter this year together that we will recommit to lives of faithfulness and that we will pursue opportunities to deepen our faith and to invite others to share life with us in this congregation.

Grace and Peace,  
Elizabeth

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you  
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1:6

## May We Stop By?

During the cold, dark months of January and February, Elizabeth and Matt would like to visit in as many First Presbyterian Church homes as possible. If you would like a visit at your home, contact the office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) to let us know when is a good time for you to welcome them.

# WORSHIP NOTES

- Sunday, January 3      As we turn into a new year, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will also be received.  
Scripture: John 1:1-18 and Jeremiah 3:7-14
- Wednesday, January 6      Join your church family for Epiphany Worship on Wednesday, January 6 at the First Family Dinner at 6:00 p.m .
- Sunday, January 10      Scripture: Luke 3:1-17, 21-22
- Sunday, January 17      This is Race Relations Sunday and worship will provide opportunity for us to consider the issue within a theological framework  
Scripture: John 2:1-11 and Isaiah 62:1-5
- Sunday, January 24      Scripture: Luke 4:14-21 and Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- Sunday, January 31      Worship will celebrate God's particular call to service to each person and will include the ordination and installation of deacons and ruling elders in the class of 2018.  
Scripture: Luke 4:21-30 and Jeremiah 1:4-10



Epiphany occurs on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, January 6. It is the day the church has historically recognized the visit of the wise men to the manger. Youth Club children will sing and ring handbells during this worship service. Come share dinner and a brief worship celebration in the gym!

**First Family Dinner**  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
**6:00 p.m. in the gym**

You're invited to bring *warm* gifts to place in the manger – mittens, scarves, hats, socks, and gloves will be donated to the Clothing Closet.

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## Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on December 6. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. We received a total of \$423.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in November. 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.

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## 2016 Flower Calendar

The 2016 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or [fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com)) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.

# OFFICER'S RETREAT AND ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

The annual officer's retreat will be held at the church January 29-30. The following Deacons and Elders will be ordained and installed in worship on Sunday, January 31:

## Deacons

Mark Donham, Jim Hesley, Taylor Jolly, Connie Wallace, Chris Whitley, and Elizabeth Wilson

## Elders

Al Andrew, Keith Bryson, Mary Kesselman, Dona Lisk, Sarah Michael, and Lynn White

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## Church Officers – Coming & Going

Many thanks to the following people who have faithfully served this congregation as leaders for the past three years:

### Class of 2015

#### **Diaconate:**

Kim Andrew, Jane Boone, Ken Knight, Laura McLeod, Susan Pandich, and Barbara Whitley

#### **Session:**

Ruth Cotton, John Earnhardt, Jim Ivey, Don Joines, Kim Marshall, and Ellen Whitley

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & CORPORATION

Session has established the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation as Sunday, January 31. The meeting will be held immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive annual reports and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. We will also have a congregational meeting for the purpose of reviewing and approving the pastors' terms of call.

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## 2015 Committee Reorganization

Each year in January, committees reorganize and every member of the congregation has an opportunity to be part of the work of the church by saying YES, I want to help.



Contact Matt ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)/704-982-2722) or

Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)/704-982-2722)

**to learn more about the Diaconate and Session Committees  
and engage in the work of one or more.**

*Diaconate Committees which need you!*

Childcare  
College & Military  
Fellowship  
Membership  
Senior Care  
Ushering

*Session Committees which need you!*

Christian Education  
Mission  
Property  
Stewardship  
Scholarship  
Worship

Congregational  
 Retreat at  
 Camp Caraway  
 April 8-10, 2016  
**THE LATEST**  
**SCOOP**  
 Theme:  
*Saint  
 and  
 Citizen*

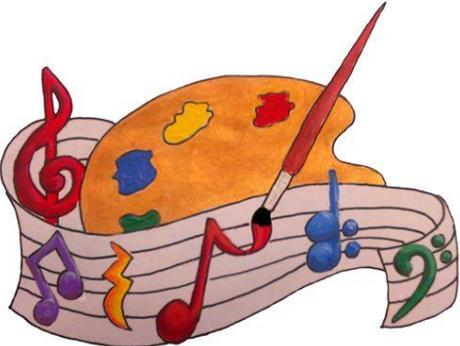
Our Congregational Retreat is set for this Spring! The dates are **April 8-10, 2016**. We hope you will plan to join us at Camp Caraway for a weekend of fun games, good food, and enlightening discussion led by Pastor David Kilde surrounding the topic of being religious and spiritual people in a multi-cultural world. Now is the perfect time to sign your family up for this retreat which they will not want to miss.

There are two housing options available for the Congregational Retreat:  
 Bunk Style Housing: \$102.00 per person  
 Single Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$186.00  
 Double Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$162.00  
 (Prices include 4 meals.)

Please be aware that there will be scholarships and payment plans available for this retreat. Please see the sign-up sheet available in the church lobby outside the office or contact the church office to sign up!

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**Save the Date for Music & Arts Camp  
 Summer 2016**



**Your children and grandchildren will thank you for putting the following week on your calendar for**

***Music & Arts Camp 2016!***

**Sunday, June 12-Thursday, June 16**

**Children ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy music, art, recreation, drama and fellowship with friends "old & new."  
 For volunteers of all ages...come share the week with us.**

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**2016 Children's Art Calendar**



The Trusty Travelers have created these lovely works of art as they have focused on *Deepening Community through Grace & Gratitude* each Wednesday.

\$ 8.00 each  
 Proceeds will support our neighbor, Laura,  
 in Montaña de Luz  
 On sale in the pit stop  
 Wednesday, January 7  
 (at the First Family Epiphany Dinner)



**Sundays**  
**January 3-February 7**  
**ENGAGE CAFÉ at 9:30 a.m.**  
**ENGAGE TOPICS**  
**begin at 9:45 a.m.**

ENGAGE! groups in the fall increased our adult Sunday School attendance dramatically, and we look forward to bringing them back with new leadership and your continuing commitment. ENGAGE! groups provide opportunity for theological reflection on the events occurring around us and help us connect with each other in new ways.

In addition to ENGAGE! groups, there will be one additional class.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FACILITATOR</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Session Room	Bill Jolly Larry Sitton	Video series of the Old Testament	Developed by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, these videos explore origins, meanings, and interpretations of familiar stories.
Parlor	Rich Schaefer Anne Montgomery		Group conversation based on the <i>Wired Word</i> : scripture & contemporary issues.
Old Session Rm.	TBD		Group conversation based on the <i>Wired Word</i> : scripture & contemporary issues.
Gathering Place	Skeet Ayscue		Group conversation based on the <i>Wired Word</i> : scripture & contemporary issues.

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**Covenant Bible Study**  
**Tuesday Mornings**  
**Beginning January 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

This excellent study continues with Part II beginning on January 12. If you want to get on board, contact Elizabeth (704-982-2722 or [eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)) for more information.

# Tree of Warmth



Decorate the tree in the pit stop with warm clothing items for the Clothing Closet. New and gently used scarves, mittens, gloves, socks & toboggans are welcome.

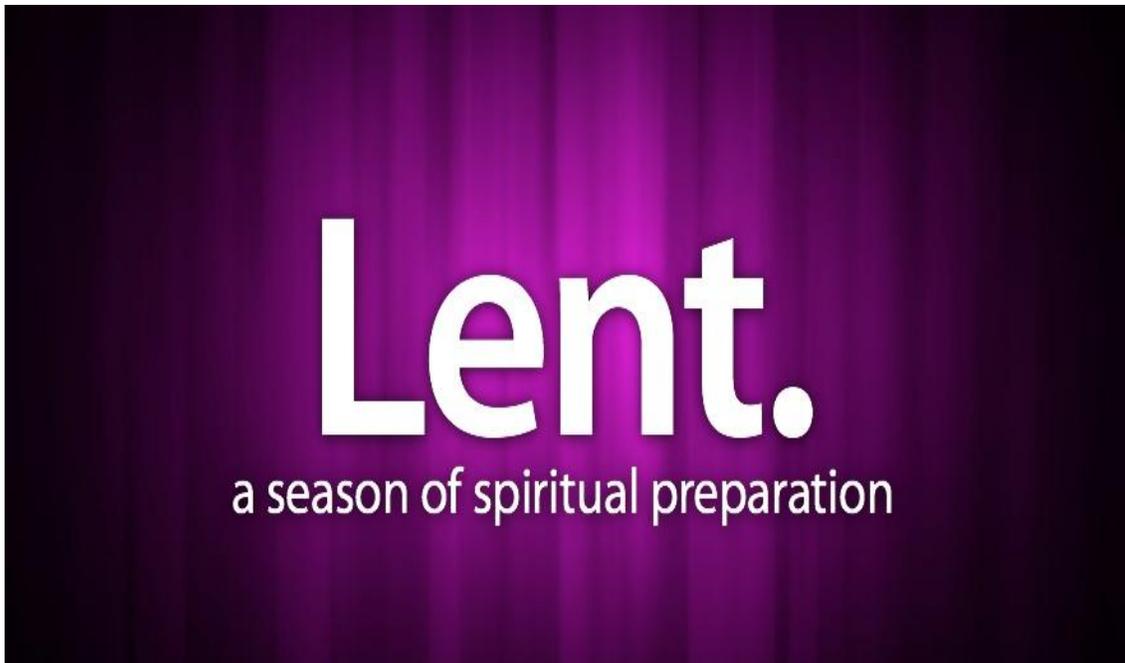
We will collect through Wednesday, January 6 and place these gifts at the manger during the Epiphany Worship Service that evening.

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## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE GRANTS

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).

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Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday worship on February 10 begins the season. Look for complete plans for the season by the end of this month. Planning team members are: Rebekah Ayscue, Leah Beamon, Leslie Carter, Ken Knight, Nathan Sanges, and Janet Schaefer.

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...NOVEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	487,411.00	516,344.00
Total Expenses:	<u>512,254.00</u>	<u>515,044.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	( 24,843.00)	1,300.00

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 November: <u>\$8,978</u>
Total Expenses:	562,887	

We are behind \$24,177 in pledges. (\$14,838 of 2015 pledges was prepaid in 2014)

Our Living Legacy Campaign (pledged): 102 pledges totaling \$291,973 Ten-Cents-A-Meal October: \$423  
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THANK YOU FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship and Finance Committee would like to thank this generous congregation for responding to our campaign. In addition to 10 new pledges, 73 pledges, out of a total of 120, increased their level of giving. That is fantastic!

We lost a few pledges due to death, moving, etc. and, although the budget is not finalized, we will still need to pull from reserves to balance the budget but much less than the current year.

Again, as we look forward to 2016, we, as a committee, want you to know how grateful we are for your continued support.

Marshall Rogers, Stewardship Chair

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Fund:

In honor of Elizabeth Ayscue, given by a grateful member.

In honor of Debbie Bennett, given by a grateful member.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Fran Mabry, given by Carole Yost.

In honor of the Christian Education Committee Members, given by Gina Martin.

SYMPATHY

To Peggy Finley upon the death of her brother-in-law, Charles Schinck, who died on December 8.

NEW ADDRESS

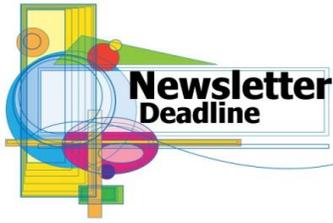
Yolanda & Lee Johnson  
4864 Backbay Street  
Suwanee, GA 30024

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on December 13, 2015, Session examined the deacons and ruling elders elect in the Class of 2018. All of the new officers were approved and will be installed/ordained in worship on January 31, 2016. The Session received a report from the Property Committee stating that work had begun on the parlor, the carpet had been ordered for the sanctuary, and the steps have been installed for the fire exit at the kitchen. Session approved the 2016 budget proposed by the Stewardship Committee. A congregational meeting on January 31 will provide opportunity for the congregation to review the budget and to approve the pastors' terms of call. The Mission committee reported that donations were supporting 58 recipients from this year's Angel Tree fundraiser. The Worship committee made a motion to designate the offering on Christmas Eve to Stanly County Habitat for Humanity.

Submitted by Ellen Whitley, Clerk of Session

# NEWS and NOTES



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the February 2016 Newsletter is noon on Tuesday, January 19.

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

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### STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOOD CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY: PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY



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To:

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 October & November.

The Mission Committee would like to thank the following people who helped purchase, prepare and/or serve food to our 116 guests at the Community Table on Saturday, December 5th: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Leah Beamon, Debbie Bennett, Gloria Bryson, Ruth and Andy Cotton, Patrick Currie, Ann Duckwall, Mark Donham, Peggy Finley, Debbie and John Hahn, Martha Sue Hall, Don Joines, Bob Johnston, Kim Marshall, Tom Norwood, Sandy Saunders, Janet Schaefer, Ellen Snyder, Ellen Whitley, and Elizabeth Wilson.

### SNL THANKS YOU

The SNL Christmas Kitchen fundraiser made \$950.00 this year! Thanks to everyone who participated by baking, prepping, setting up, cleaning up, and buying food. Thanks especially to Jane Boone and Liz Jolly for all of their hard work. Your support of our youth ministry is invaluable.

### December's First Family Dinner

GRACIAS to all of the EXTRAORDINARIO Señors and Señoras that helped make this dinner muy bueno! Linda Anderson, Jane Boone, Keith and Kristie Bryson, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Michelle Cumming, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Anna Henkenjohann, Margaret Ivey, Dustin Jolly, Liz Jolly, the Faith Explorers, Stephan, Leslie and Morgan Kinley, Mark Mabry, Sandy Saunders, Harold and Carolyn Sharpe, Lee and Witt Snuggs, Ann Upchurch, Elizabeth Wilson, and all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! I just can't thank everyone enough for being so generous with their time and talents especially during the busy holiday season!! MUCHAS GRACIAS© Working in the new kitchen was AWESOME! THANK YOU!





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.

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

**Tonia Icenhour**, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.

**Jeannette Icenhour**, 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.

**James Brian Rogers**, son of Jane Rogers; recovering from heart & kidney 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.

**Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

#### Members of the Congregation:

**Blue Honeycutt**.

**Greg Johnson**.

**June Johnson**.

**Ed Myers**.

**Pete Smith**.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 02- Pine Sydalack                  | 16- Debbie Hahn                                      |
| 03- Mike McLeod<br>Sandy Rogers    | 19- Nancy Feather<br>Ken Frazier                     |
| 04- Sandy Saunders                 | 20- Larry Sitton                                     |
| 05- Austin Coats<br>Miriam Russell | 23- Susan Garrison<br>Kim Marshall<br>Ronnie Michael |
| 06- Shannon Lisk                   | 24- Dennnis Gower                                    |
| 08- Jim Ivey, Jr.                  | 27- Linda Richards                                   |
| 09- Isabel McIntyre                | 28- Kim Andrew<br>Dona Lisk<br>Gus Holbrook          |
| 10- Rita Morgan<br>Jacob Palmer    | 30- Linda Anderson<br>Brittany White                 |
| 11- Drew McManus                   | 31- Garrett Chapman                                  |
| 12- Ruth Ann Rogers                |  |
| 13- Jane Borders                   |  |
| 15- Julian Eudy                    |  |

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

05-John & Debbie Hahn

# MISSION NEWS...



## MID-YEAR SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



The Mission Committee would like to ask the congregation to bring in school supplies for Central Elementary School. We will run the project from January 3-24. Here is the list of supplies we are asking for. It is a short list.



- #2 Pencils
- Pack of Notebook Paper (wide ruled and college)
- 24 count Crayola Crayons- please Crayola Crayons only
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Anti-bacterial wipes



## 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.**

**Next Backpack Food Program Packing Date is:  
Wednesday, January 6 at 10:30 a.m.**

## MISSION COMMITTEE MINI-RETREAT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

The Mission Committee will host a mini-retreat on Sunday, January 10 following worship. Its purpose will be to evaluate the various mission activities in which it has been engaged and develop a plan for 2016. All current and prospective members are invited to participate. Lunch will be provided. Mark it on your calendars. Further details will follow.

**MISSION**  
**Committee Mini-Retreat**



## CLEANUP BUCKET UPDATE

Eight buckets have been packed up and delivered to the Presbytery's Community Disaster Response Team. Thanks to all who donated supplies and to the participants of the 2015 Women's Retreat who designated their bingo card fees for the South Carolina flood relief effort.



## SNL JANUARY SCRIPT

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year, there are many SNL activities to get involved with. For the month of January, SNL will be teaming up with the youth groups from three of the other downtown churches. Each week we will be meeting at a different church with all of the other youth. We'll spend time eating together and we'll talk about that church's specific faith tradition. This will be an opportunity to learn about another faith tradition while also meeting some new folks and friends from other churches. Come find warmth in the fun programs, good food, and great friends!

Sunday, January 3  
Sunday, January 10  
Sunday, January 17  
Sunday, January 24  
Sunday, January 31

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
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5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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First Baptist Church  
First Lutheran Church  
First Presbyterian Church  
Central United Methodist Church



**SNL WILL HAVE ITS ANNUAL SKI TRIP THE WEEKEND OF  
FEBRUARY 27-28.**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**



**10-Jacob Palmer  
31-Garrett Chapman**





**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 12:00 P.M.**  
**IN THE PARLOR**  
**FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH.**  
 For more information,  
 contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).

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## 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 local dining. Please join us at noon on the first Wednesday of every month. The schedule for the beginning of the new year is:

January 6 at Jalapenos (1416 US Hwy 52. North)  
 February 3 at Rosebriar (528 Wiscassett Street)

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## FIRST FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 DINNER at 6:00 in the Gym

Now that we have survived the craziness of Christmas, let's relax a little with some of Craig Taylor's delicious Roast Beef and celebrate Epiphany.

On the menu:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
 Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Rolls,  
 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station,  
 King's Cake, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.

Contact the church office  
 (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org))  
 to make your reservation.



# Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering



- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, January 5 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Fruit and Veggie crew: Wednesday, January 6 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, January 6 @ 3:45 p.m.
- Decorating crew: Wednesday, January 6 @ 4:00 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, January 6 @ 6:45 p.m.

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at [jsnyder@fpcalbeamarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbeamarle.org) if you would like to help. ☺

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## **PrimeTimers Luncheon on Thursday, January 14**

**at Noon in the Pit Stop**

**Speaker: Pastor David Kilde**

**Topic:**

*Vikings, Fjords, Icebergs, and the Dawn of the Electronic Age:  
Magical Newfoundland*

**Menu:**

Vegetable Beef Soup, Vegetarian Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tea, Coffee, & Dessert

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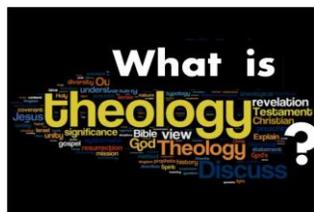
## **Afternoon Tea & Conversation**

**Tuesday, January 19**

**2:00 p.m. in the parlor**

Join us for delicious food and door prizes as we celebrate friendship. All women are invited & encouraged to bring a friend!

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## **Theology Lite on Thursday, January 21**

**8:00 p.m. at Off the Square**

On **January 21**, young adults are invited to **Theology Lite** at Off the Square. Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of theology. We will gather at 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite friends (members or non-members) to join in the conversation!

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## **Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat**

**Sunday, January 24, 2015**

**Noon-2:30 p.m.**

Partnering in Christian Education....Children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade...

Grandparents of any age...

Lunch in pit stop followed by activities in gym.

Call or email church office to sign up!

(704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbeamarle.org))



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## **Making All Things Possible....**

Mark your calendar for the annual Christian Education Mini-Retreat!

**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

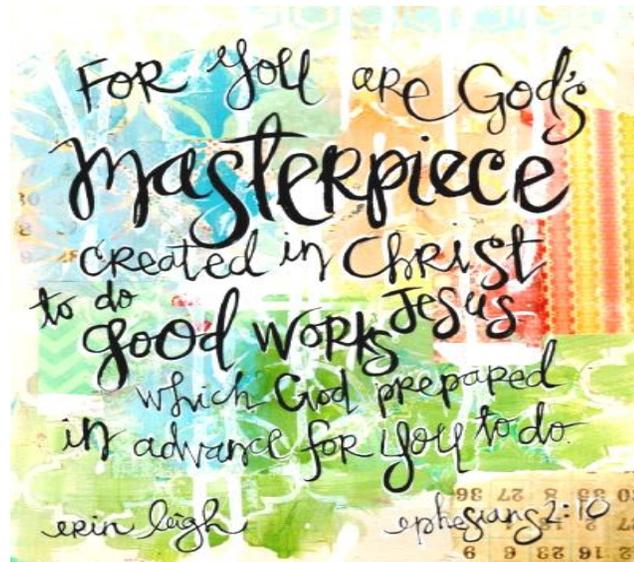
**Noon-2:30 in the pit stop**

Lunch will be served and we will spend the afternoon reflecting on the past and reaching into the future where we work together to make **ALL** things possible! Please feel free to join the Christian Education Committee on this mission.

Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 or Gina Martin at [gmartin@fpcalbeamarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbeamarle.org).

# !!! Youth Club News !!!

## Youth Club January Update



Youth Club rings in the new year on the day of Epiphany, marking the twelfth day of the Christmas season and the celebration of the revelation of Christ as the son of God. Bible time, snack, art and music will center on the three magi or *wise men* and their visit to baby Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. All will be encouraged to think of gifts they give to others as *valuable* (like those the Wise Men delivered) because they help others, just like Jesus did. When they take care of a friend in need, and that is a gift they are offering to Jesus.

**Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders)**...will spend time in January talking about how God has created each one of them as his masterpiece. The scripture for the month comes from Ephesians 2 verses 8-10, *For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

Lessons will help children learn how to allow God to continually work in their lives so that they look like Jesus. They will do this together by praying together, lifting one another up, helping each other and supporting one another. Dr. Seuss said it well, "Today you are you; that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is *youer* than you."

**Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders)**... Happy New Year from Faith Explorers! In December, we finished up our series of lessons titled *Bullying & the Bible*. Through the stories of Joseph; Moses; David; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; and Jesus and Jairus, we learned that bullying dates all the way back to biblical times and some of what happened to biblical figures still happens today. The Faith Explorers were very willing to share examples of bullying they've witnessed, and we talked about ways to stand up to bullying and also discussed times that seeking adult intervention may be appropriate. As we head into January, we will turn our attention to working on a fundraiser and selecting a local organization that will benefit from money raised. Details to come soon.

Submitted by Liz Jolly



**Youth Cubs (3 – 4 years old)**...January lessons will introduce the stories of fishers of men and the parable of the wise and foolish men. The first story will focus on the belief that we should follow Jesus and live for him. The latter story shows that a life foundation built on Jesus will never crack or give way and a life foundation without Jesus will crumble and wash away. We will play a game about wise choices we can make to strengthen our Christian foundation. God's world in wintertime will also be a focus supported through art, music and books.

Submitted by Lynn Poplin

Who can come?

What?

When?

Where?

Why?

Please let Gina Martin know if you are able to join us...([ginamartin@fpcalbemarle.com](mailto:ginamartin@fpcalbemarle.com))

\*Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.

### Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

2<sup>nd</sup> graders & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

Breakfast...muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, etc.

Sunday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Media Room

To pray together & build strong community of faith

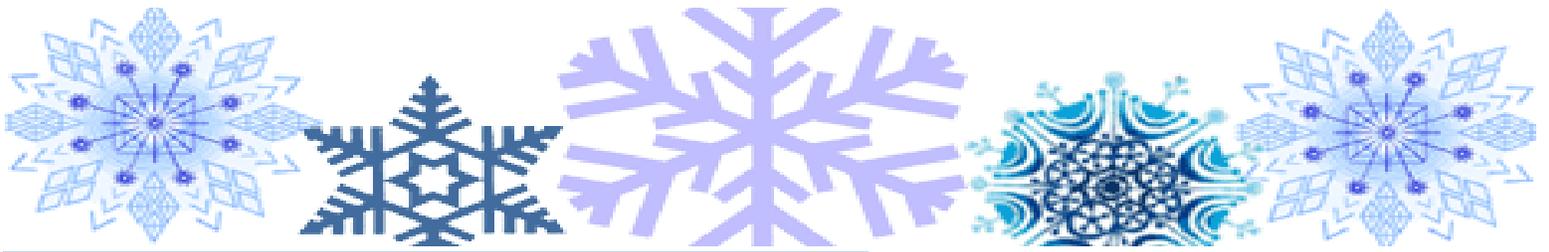


### Faith Explorers Bake & Take

Sunday, January 10

Noon-4:00 p.m.

Enjoy sandwiches for lunch and then the baking begins in the new kitchen! Once baked items cool and cards are made, items will be packaged with LOVE and taken to some folks in our community and church who need a cheerful visit from the Faith Explorers. Children need to be picked up at church 4:00 p.m.



*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Winter Art Exhibit*  
*Featured Artist... Judy Murrell*

Judy Murrell has studied at Meredith College with some of America's outstanding watercolor artists. She is well known in the Southeast for her paintings and also for her ability as a teacher of watercolor. In the past she has shown in the Southeastern Watercolor IV in the Deland Museum of Art, the Southern Watercolor Show in Durham, NC, The Watercolor Society of North Carolina in Asheville, NC, and won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in watercolor at the Mooresville Artists Guild, Inc.

Judy is an associate member of the American Watercolor Society, an associate member of the National Watercolor Society, a member of the Guild of Charlotte Artists, the Mooresville Artist Guild, Inc., the Davidson County Art Guild, the Stanly Art Guild, the Carolina Artists, and the Watercolor Society of North Carolina.

Judy taught adult art classes for Stanly Community College for five years and had a Private Art Studio, The Art Attic, where children's art classes were held and their work was displayed in the gallery below. Much of Judy's artwork can be appreciated in the following public places in Stanly County: a wall mural in the Randall house in Norwood, mural on back wall of ABC store in Albemarle, painting of Drye's in Dun-rite Cleaners and Albemarle Downtown Prints (a collage of downtown businesses) that are seen in many of the downtown businesses today. She was also commissioned to do tribute paintings of Toby Webb and Woody Durham when they were inducted into the Hall of Fame. These are privately owned by the respective families.

Albemarle Downtown Development Commission (ADDC) commissioned the downtown Christmas print of the old Huckabee house and Central United Methodist Church. In addition First Presbyterian Church commissioned a painting of its building that is used on wedding invitations, church bulletins and stationary.

Judy has displayed in art shows in Las Vegas, Washington, DC, New Orleans, New Bern, Lexington, Winston Salem and Davidson. Some of her prints are still available for purchase, such as *Peaceful Morning*, *Southern Magnolia*, *Southern Patio*, *Colonnade* and Santa Claus prints.

Recent commissions have been for portraits of Maddox & Marshall Jolly and her grandchildren, Brett & Sydney Milligan. Next on Judy's to do list is the painting of a portrait of her oldest great-grandchild-Layla Brown.

She and husband, Tommy reside on Lake Tillery, where they enjoy their grandchildren. Living on the lake enables her to portray its beauty in her own distinctive style. Along with painting scenes, her subjects include portraits, wildlife, homes, pets and flowers. Along with being an accomplished watercolor artist, Judy has a passion for cooking and loves to cook for her family who appreciate the dishes she prepares.







**Friday, January 1**

*New Year's Day*  
*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, January 3**

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*  
*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering*

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am \*Worship

**Monday, January 4**

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, January 5**

- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

**Wednesday, January 6**

*Epiphany*  
*Epiphany Worship*  
*Donations Accepted for the Tree of Warmth*  
*Sale of Children's Art 2016 Calendar*

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am First Family Fruit & Veggie Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (parlor)
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Jalapenos  
 (1416 US Hwy 52. North)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 3:45 pm First Family Set Up Crew
- 4:30 pm First Family Decorating Crew
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 6:00 pm First Family Gathering in the Gym/Epiphany  
 Worship
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean Up Crew
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

**Thursday, January 7**

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

**\*childcare provided**

**Sunday, January 10**

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee Mini-Retreat
- 12:00 pm-4:00 pm Faith Explorers Bake & Take
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL at First Baptist Church

**Monday, January 11**

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, January 12**

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 13**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 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, January 14**

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon

**Friday, January 15**

*Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant Applications*

**\*childcare provided**





**Sunday, January 17**

*Race Relations Sunday*

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL at First Lutheran Church

**Monday, January 18**

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday*  
*Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, January 19**

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 12:00 pm February 2016 Newsletter Deadline
- 2:00 pm Tea & Conversation

**Wednesday, January 20**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 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, January 21**

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 8:00 pm Theology Lite at Off the Square

**\*childcare provided**



**Sunday, January 24**

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL at First Presbyterian Church

**Monday, January 25**

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, January 26**

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 27**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 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, January 28**

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

**Friday, January 29**

- 6:00 pm-10:00 pm Officer's Retreat

**Saturday, January 30**

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm Officer's Retreat

**Sunday, January 31**

*Ordination & Installation of New Officers*  
*Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation*

- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL @ Central UMC

**\*childcare provided**



## **THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY**

**Ushers:** Phillip Brown, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Mandy Brown, Wes Eudy, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, and Mary Kesselman

**Elder Greeters:** Jim Carter; Ellen Whitley

### **Nursery Room:**

**January 3:** Jana Sanderson

**January 10:** Jana Sanderson

**January 17:** Cici Ly

**January 24:** Misty Honbarrier

**January 31:** Jana Sanderson

### **Toddler Room:**

**January 3:** TBA

**January 10:** Misty Honbarrier

**January 17:** Misty Honbarrier

**January 24:** Salem Taylor

**January 31:** Salem Taylor

### **Nana & Papa Team:**

**January 3:** Bede & Russell Karr

**January 10:** Susan & Banks Garrison

**January 17:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**January 24:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

**January 31:** Bede & Russell Karr

### **Preschool Partners:**

**January 3:** Penny & Jack Morton

**January 10:** Stephanie & Josh Campbell

**January 17:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod

**January 24:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese

**January 31:** Laura McLeod; Ben McLeod

### **Acolytes:**

**January 3:** Blake Taylor

**January 10:** Andy McLeod

**January 17:** Leah Kilde

**January 24:** Morgan Kinley

**January 31:** Katherine Jolly

### **Children's Church for January:**

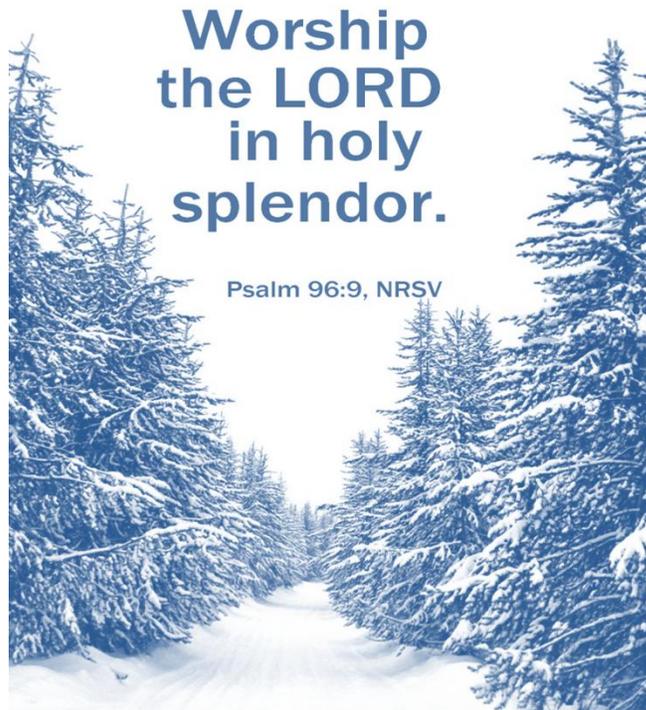
**January 3:** No Children's Church

**January 10:** Melissa & Wes Eudy

**January 17:** Melissa & Wes Eudy

**January 24:** Melissa & Wes Eudy

**January 31:** Melissa & Wes Eudy



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