



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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May 2019

Dear Friends,

With Easter behind us and summer fast approaching, I am making my final plans for a three-month sabbatical. Beginning May 20, I will be spending time this summer in rest, spiritual renewal, and continuing education. I will spend time visiting with my family and Claire's family. Claire and I will take a trip in mid-June to Scotland where we will hike the West Highland Way from outside of Glasgow to Ft. William. This 100-mile hike will take us about 9 days to complete. During this time, I will also be reading about and incorporating Celtic spirituality into my daily practice. At the end of July, I will co-direct two of the Montreat Youth Conferences for about 1,300 youth and their leaders.

There will also be an educational element to my sabbatical. I will spend time studying and reading about the role of pastoral leadership in a time of increasing society polarization and tribalism. I will be learning about how to foster conversations of faithful disagreement, and what it looks like to care for a congregation which reflects the diversity of God's creation and our surrounding culture.

I appreciate all of your prayer and support during this time of renewal and growth. I look forward to returning to ministry at First Presbyterian Church at the end of these three months prepared to faithfully continue my calling.

Peace,
Matt

Can You Help? Music & Arts Camp



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



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.



**Sunday, May 5 Bread for the World Letter Writing/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger
Scripture: John 21:1-19**

**Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day/Mother's Day & Father's Day Offering /
Recognition of Scholarship Recipients/Bread for the World Offering of Letters
Scripture: John 10:22-30**

We will receive the Mother's Day/Father's Day offering in support of the Presbyterian Retirement Communities in North Carolina. Scholarship recipients will be recognized. We will dedicate the Bread for the World letters which bind our Christian faith to the needs of the world.

**Sunday, May 19 Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in the Christian Education Program/
High School Graduate Recognition
Scripture; John 13:31-35**

Teachers and Leaders in our Christian Education program will be recognized for their service. High school graduates will be recognized. We will bid Matt farewell as he begins sabbatical.

**Sunday, May 26 Ascension Sunday
Scripture: John 14:23-29**



Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on May 5. 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 \$409.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in March.



2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.



**The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc.
2019 Mother's Day/Father's Day Offering
Sunday, May 12**

Our traditional Mother's Day/Father's Day offering in support of the Presbyterian Homes' Foundation will take place on Mother's Day, May 12. 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*



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD:
BETTER NUTRITION, BETTER TOMORROW
LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, MAY 5 IN THE PIT STOP
(9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

BREAD SALE ON SUNDAY, MAY 5 IN THE PIT STOP
(DONATIONS FOR SCCM)

OFFERING OF LETTERS
SUNDAY, MAY 12 DURING WORSHIP

Join our collective voice in urging Congress to *pass legislation that will accelerate progress on global nutrition.*

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 support legislation and increased funding to accelerate progress on global malnutrition.*
- Give reasons for your request – share a personal story that motivated you to write or choose something from the side bar (Hunger and Poverty Facts).
- Write your name and address on both the letter and envelope Return Address.
- See pre-addressed envelopes for names of our Congressmen.

(Sample Letter)

Date May 5, 2019

Sen. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

-or-

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator _____ or Dear Representative _____

I ask you to support legislation and increased funding to accelerate progress on global malnutrition.

(Add personal story or something from the sidebar.)

My faith calls me to have compassion and stand alongside women and children around the world. I urge you to increase our nation's commitment and investment in efforts to advance global nutrition.

Sincerely,
Your name
Your address (city, state, ZIP)



**HUNGER AND
POVERTY FACTS**

- **In 2017**, the number of people experiencing hunger around the world increased for the third year in a row. Much of the increase in hunger is due to climate change, conflict, and economic downturn.
- **Forty-five percent** of all preventable child deaths are linked to malnutrition.
- **One in 4 of the world's children** (151 million children) suffers from physical and cognitive stunting, which is irreversible and heartbreaking for mother and child – a life sentence.
- **Good nutrition for mother and child** during pregnancy and the child's first two years is critical to brain development, health, and future well-being.
- **Premature births, pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, and other illnesses** result in 5.4 million deaths of children under age 5 every year. Almost half of those children die of causes related to malnutrition.



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

FOR WHOM?

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

WHAT WILL WE DO?

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

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on Sunday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. On June 10-13, these are the hours:

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

WHAT ELSE?

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

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

The camp's grand finale will be a performance of

Once Upon a Parable

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

(Ice Cream follows)

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 9) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

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

Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

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

I have read and understand the above:

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

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

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

COOKING CAMP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
 (COMPLETED 4th - 6th Grades)
 June 17-20, 2019 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$40.00 per child
 Camp Limit of 12 children
 (3 Spots Left!)



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

Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a **cooking camp** is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to completed 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 17 - Thursday, June 20** from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Young chefs expand their palates, learn kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, broaden utensil skills, master proper etiquette, and experiment with flavors and ingredients in cooking and baking. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be incorporating a field trip into the mix!

For more information, to register for camp, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at 704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org.

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
 1 Corinthians 10:31



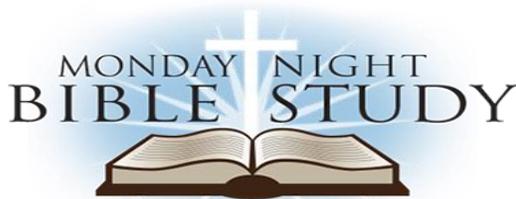
Congratulations to the following high school seniors who have been part of our worshipping community. High School Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 19 during worship.

Lee Boone, son of Jane & Brad Boone, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School in Misenheimer and plans to attend the University of South Carolina.

Lachlann Currie, daughter of Lisa & Patrick Currie, will graduate from Carolina Christian School in Locust and plans to attend Appalachian State University.

Peyton Hatley, daughter of Jill & Mike Hatley, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School in Misenheimer and plans to attend Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina.

Witt Snuggs, son of Billie Jean & Lee Snuggs, will graduate from School Without Walls High School in Washington, D.C. and plans to attend North Carolina State University in Raleigh.



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE WHILE MATT IS ON SABBATICAL

While Matt is away on sabbatical, Monday night Bible Study will continue. Each week will be led by a different member of the group as we continue to study texts from the Revised Common Lectionary. If you are interested, plan to meet the group at 8:00 p.m. at Off the Square!



MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...MARCH 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	126,116.00	136,366.00
Total Expenses:	<u>148,281.00</u>	<u>155,018.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$22,165.00)	(\$18,652.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019

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

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

We are ahead \$1,175 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in March: \$12,058

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for March: \$409

NEWS & NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Property Endowment:

In memory of Sara Dyer, given by Terry & Frank Coman.

In honor of Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, given by Martha & Lynn White.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Dr. William Currie, given by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Green.

In memory of Sara Dyer, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.

In memory of Reed Furr, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.

In memory of Mildred Cooper, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.

In memory of Amanda Cauble, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.

SYMPATHY

To Laura McLeod upon the death of her brother, Stephen Granger, on March 28.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jordan and Amanda Morgan upon the birth of their daughter, Henley Jean Morgan, on April 18. Proud grandparents are Mellanie and David Morgan.

SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on April 7, 2019, Session met with members of this year's confirmation class and their parents. The students talked about their faith journeys and topics they have been discussing in confirmation classes. Members of the class will be confirmed during worship on April 14, 2019. Following the conversations with the confirmation class, Session held a short business meeting and heard reports from Christian Education, Property, Scholarship and Nominating committees. The Christian Education committee reported that plans for the Palm Sunday Marketplace have been completed. The Property committee reported that the church volunteer workday on March 23 was productive. The committee also reported that roof repairs have been scheduled to take place after Easter and will take about two weeks. Quotes have been obtained for repainting the gym ceiling; work on the acoustics will begin after the ceiling is repainted. The Scholarship committee reported that applications are due by April 8. The committee will meet to review applications and make final decisions. Scholarship recipients will be recognized in worship on May 12. The Nominating committee will meet prior to the next Stated Session meeting in May to discuss potential nominees for the Diaconate and Session.

Ministers' report: Youth Group Trivia Night fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, at 6 p.m.; the last Youth Club meeting of the year is the week of April 8; Maundy Thursday worship in the Pit Stop will start at 5:30 p.m., a half hour earlier than originally scheduled; Perk and Pray will take place Monday – Friday of Holy week from 7:30-8:30 a.m.; activities on Good Friday, April 19, will include a Cross Walk at 10:30 a.m., noon prayer in the chapel, and worship in the sanctuary at 8 p.m. Ministers' report also included highlights of summer worship: On June 2, Rev. David Sutton will preach and there will be a membership celebration in worship that day; on June 23, Anna Wainwright will speak in worship about her trips to Cuba and Africa with Presbyterian Campus Ministries.

The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

NEWS & NOTES

Thank You

Thanks to:

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

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Lent luncheon at First Lutheran Church on April 3 a special meal. Those who volunteered, prepared, and/or transported food, served, and cleaned-up were: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Susan Garrison, Sally Grantier, Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Mary Kesselman, Kyle Lambert, Gayle Russell, Mary Louise Sawyer, Janet Schaefer, Carolyn Sharpe, Harold Sharpe, Ann Snuggs, Jane Snyder, Diane Stevenson, Ann Upchurch, and Sandy Saunders.



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



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



Can You Help???

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

Circle #5

Circle #5 will meet at the home of Sally Grantier (522 Avondale Ave., Albemarle) on Monday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study will be on Lesson 7.

SCCM NEED FOR MAY: Canned or Dried Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Rice



Summer Newsletter Deadline on

Tuesday, May 21.

**Early submissions are
always welcome!**

**If you type your items in
Microsoft Word, please email
them as an attachment to:
pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.**



Bread Bakers Needed

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



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

prayer Requests



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

Friends of the Congregation:

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

Members of the Congregation:

Caroline Morton Chisholm, chemotherapy; daughter of Penny & Jack Morton.
Elaine Coats, at home; recovering from compound fracture of the ankle.
Davis Fort.
Blue Honeycutt.
Terry Morgan, at home recovering from knee replacement.
Tommy Murrell.
Jane Pickler, pancreatic cancer.
Linda Richards.
Pete Smith.



- 03- Carole Yost
- 04- Brad Boone
- 08- Barbara McManus
Lee Snuggs
- 11- Spencer Ayscue
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- Piper Campbell
Tucker Moses
Jim Sawyer
Natalie Taylor
- 20- Jim Ivey, III
Bill Lindley
- 21- Kristen Laton
Quinton Wainwright
- 22- Richard Lambert
- 23- Laura Mittendorf
- 26- Chris McLaurin
- 27- Gerald Poplin
- 28- Rebekah Ayscue
- 30- Jackson Lisk
- 31- David Holbrook
John Palmer



- 02- Bob & Donna Gaither
- 09- Lee & Barbara McManus
Derek & Meredith Moses
- 12- Rob & Catherine McIntyre
Keith & Martha Wolf
- 14- Greg & Dona Lisk
- 17- Tom & Holly Norwood

- 21- Brett & Sherrie Richards
- 24- Josh & Stephanie Campbell
- 29- Lenny & Rose Saltzman
- 30- Al & Becky Andrew
Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall
- 31- Aaron & Alison Whisnant



Community Table on Saturday, May 18

The Mission Committee will be serving lunch at the Community Table on May 18. If you have never been part of this experience, we would love to have you join us. Folks are needed to provide food and to work at the lunch on Saturday. If you are interested in helping, contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723 or lmaanderson1949@gmail.com) and/or sign-up on the Mission bulletin board.



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

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

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



Gardening for SCCM

Spring has sprung and we are looking forward to our First Presbyterian vegetable gardeners once again bringing forth the rewards of their labors. For a donation, they will share their home-grown produce with members of the congregation. Remaining veggies will be taken to the Stanly County Christian Ministry to be distributed to its clients. The monetary donations will also be sent to SCCM for its food program. So, remember to check out the garden table in the Pit Stop during the summer months. Look for more information in future church publications!



End-of-the-Year Brunch for Central School Staff

Friday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gym



First Presbyterian Church will host an end-of-the-year brunch for the staff of Central School on Friday, June 7 at 9:30 a.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and look for more information in future publications!



The school year is coming to a close, and I am so grateful for this year in youth ministry. We have had a lot of fun and also grown together spiritually. I hope you will join us for some exciting activities in May!

- Saturday, May 4
- Sunday, May 5
- Friday, May 10
- Sunday, May 12
- Sunday May 19

- Goat Yoga at Fine Family Farms
- Youth Group
- Board Game Night
- No Youth Group (Mother's Day)
- Youth End-of-the-Year Party

- Depart at 2:15 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Conference at Massanetta

Massanetta will be from June 25th-28th. The theme for this year is *At the Door* from Matthew 7:7-12 - will you knock? Join us as we ask and seek out what it might mean to be in relationship with God. Our personal faith journeys are full of many types of doors: surprise doors, open doors, closed doors, big doors, small doors, even revolving doors. Please pray for the whole group as they travel to and from Massanetta.



Let Love Lead

High School Youth Conference at Montreat

Montreat will be from July 14th-20th. The theme for this year is *Let Love Lead*, with an emphasis on equipping and empowering youth to make tangible changes within themselves and the greater community by hearing their peers voices and using their own. We invite youth to be their authentic selves, to form deep, spiritual, and intentional relationships with God, themselves, and others. Please pray for our youth and leaders as they spend a week at Montreat.

May Birthdays

- 18-Jackson Shedd
- 19-Natalie Taylor





Ben McLeod

1. What school do you attend? What year are you?

I am a sophomore at UNC Charlotte.

2. What are you majoring in?

I am majoring in Computer Engineering and minoring in Computer Science.

3. Do you reside on campus or off?

I live on campus in Levine Hall. It's right at the entrance of UNCC in South Village.

4. What is your favorite place on campus?

Probably the top floor of the library. It has a great view of the campus and the surrounding area. You can also see downtown Charlotte from there.

5. What has been or is your favorite class?

My favorite classes have been the Java and C++ classes. Learning about the basics of different programming languages has been fun and both of those classes weren't difficult either.

6. What school event would you like to relive?

No events in particular, but I would like to relive the first few weeks of my first semester since everything on campus was still new to me and the classes were not that much more difficult than the ones I had in high school.

7. What have you gotten involved in with student life?

I was in the University Honors Program for my first year at UNCC before dropping out to pick up my minor. I checked out the Game Development club earlier this year but didn't stick with it either. I've been thinking about going to some of the LAN parties that one of the school's clubs hosts every so often, but I keep forgetting to look into it.

8. What brightens your day and makes you smile?

When I wake up hours before my alarm clock and see that I can still sleep a few hours more.

9. If you have an hour between classes, where would we find you?

Either on the second floor of the library or in my room working on homework or studying.

Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

Desserts & Toppings Crew: Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.
 Set-up Crew: Wednesday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.
 Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, May 1 at 5:15 p.m.
 Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, May 1 at 6:45 p.m.

Please contact Jane Snyder (704-982-2722 or 704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to help.



First Family Dinner
Wednesday, May 1
5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m. Meal in the Gym

BUILD YOUR OWN MEXICAN BOWL

Choose your base, protein, toppings, and sauce!

Base: Jasmine Rice, Cous Cous, Lettuce, Black Beans, Tortillia Chips

Protein: Shredded Chicken or Ground Beef

Toppings: Avocado, Tomato, Charred Corn, Cilantro, Shredded Cheese, Jalepeno, Lime, Onion

Dressing/Sauces: Cilantro Yogurt, Salsa, Sour Cream, Cheese Sauce

Desserts: Sweet Potato Cake, Brownies, Cookies

RSVP to the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Tuesday, April 29 to let us know you are coming.



Time for Homes of Hope's Spring HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Friday, May 3 from 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Donations Accepted!

Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of: Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice, Fruit, Coffee, Grits, Gravy, and Sausage.

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

5 MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

- 1 Your Mom and your birthday!
- 2 Times when you are happy!
- 3 Beautiful images.
- 4 Favorite times in nature.
- 5 Always breathe well.

LOVE THIS!

The Mary and Martha Center for Women in partnership with Stanly Arts Guild and Gifts presents an evening of arts and fun in appreciation and honor of Mothers.

Art supplies, artists and food provided. We need you to come and join us either indoors or outdoors at 243 N. Second St.

Saturday May 4th, 2019

Mother and Daughter Joyful Arts Tea Party
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2nd & 3rd graders

What?
 Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.

When?
 Sunday, May 5 from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Where? Media Room

Why?
 To pray together & build a strong community of faith.

Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON PICNIC IN THE PARK
With Guest Speaker: Rev. Dennis Testerman,
Moderator of Presbyterians for Earth Care
Topic: Trees Are For Healing... Wellness and Wholeness
THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT NOON AT CITY LAKE PARK

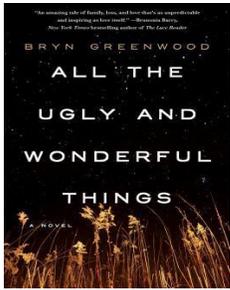
Join us for our PrimeTimers' luncheon on Thursday, May 9 at City Lake Park. Our picnic menu is: Chicken, Green Bean Casserole, Potato Salad, Salad or Vegetable Tray, Fruit Salad, Rolls, and Dessert.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dennis Testerman, Moderator of Presbyterians for Earth Care. The topic will be *Trees Are For Healing... Wellness and Wholeness*. Please call the office by May 8 to let us know you are coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

DANCING WITH YOUR FAITH

Teachers & Leaders of the Christian Education Program Recognition on Sunday, May 19

Thank you for sharing your time, your talents, and your creativity with our church and community through your work within our Christian Education programs this year. The participation of our volunteers is the lifeblood of our Christian Education programs. Their love reflects God's unmeasurable love for all of us. With deepest gratitude, we humbly thank our Sunday School teachers and substitutes for both children and adult classes, Children's Church volunteers, Youth Club volunteers, Kids' Crew Members, Youth Group volunteers, Faith Explorer teachers and field trip coordinators and chaperones, nursery volunteers, children's music leaders, and the Christian Education committee members.



May Book Conversation

Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

Books available in the church office for \$12.00.

The Book: *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things* by Bryn Greenwood

Greenwood tells the story of two unlikely people whose relationship elevates them above the Midwestern meth lab backdrop of their lives. The characters are carefully drawn in this powerful story of resilience and love. It's challenging and disturbing, and forces the reader to look with compassion on each character. Come share in conversation about redemption and the resilience of the human spirit!

OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN

A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER

TUESDAY, MAY 21 FROM NOON-1:00 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE PIT STOP

(126 WEST NORTH STREET, ALBEMARLE)

Bring your lunch! Drinks and dessert provided!



Look Ahead to June

June 2 **Membership Celebration Sunday:** David Sutton will be our guest preacher as we celebrate God's goodness.

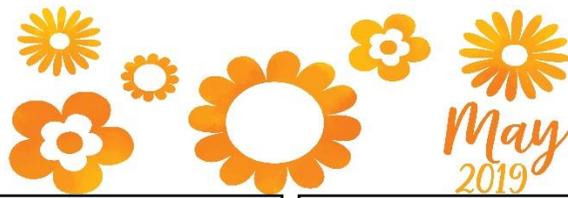
June 9 **Pentecost Sunday**

June 9-13 **Music & Arts Camp**

June 17-20 **Cooking Camp**

June 23 Anna Wainwright will share her growing understanding of what it means to be a Presbyterian in a global context. She will share significant experiences she had on a recent trip to Cuba with Presbyterian Campus Ministry and on an upcoming trip to Zambia, Africa with members of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill where Anna is actively involved. After worship, the Honduras Mission team will prepare and serve an authentic Honduran meal. Proceeds will provide scholarships for trip participants to Montaña de Luz.





Wednesday, May 1

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am First Family Set-Up Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 5:15 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner (Gym)
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Thursday, May 2

National Day of Prayer

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, May 3

- 6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Spring Fundraiser
Breakfast at Central UMC (172 N. 2nd St., Albemarle)

Saturday, May 4

- 2:15 pm Depart for Goat Yoga Outing

Sunday, May 5

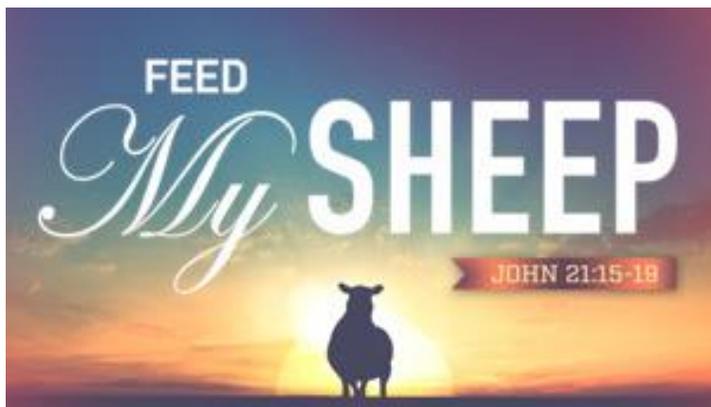
Bread for the World Letter Writing

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Deadline for Mother's Day Arrangement form

- 9:00 am-11:00 am Bread for the World Letter Writing (pit stop)
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (pit stop)
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

*childcare provided



Monday, May 6

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Sally Grantier
(522 Avondale Ave., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon at City Lake Park

Friday, May 10

- 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Group Board Game Night

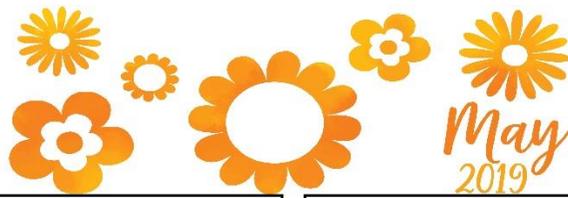
Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day/Mother's Day & Father's Day Offering for the Presbyterian Homes Foundation/Bread for the World Offering of Letters/Recognition of Scholarship Recipients/Deadline for Graduate Information

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

*childcare provided





Monday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Saturday, May 18

Community Table

Sunday, May 19

High School Graduate Recognition/Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in the Christian Education Program

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 6:30 pm Youth Group End-of-the-Year Party

*childcare provided

Monday, May 20

- 7:00 pm May Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

Tuesday, May 21

- 12:00 pm Summer Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, May 26

Ascension Sunday

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day/Church Office Closed

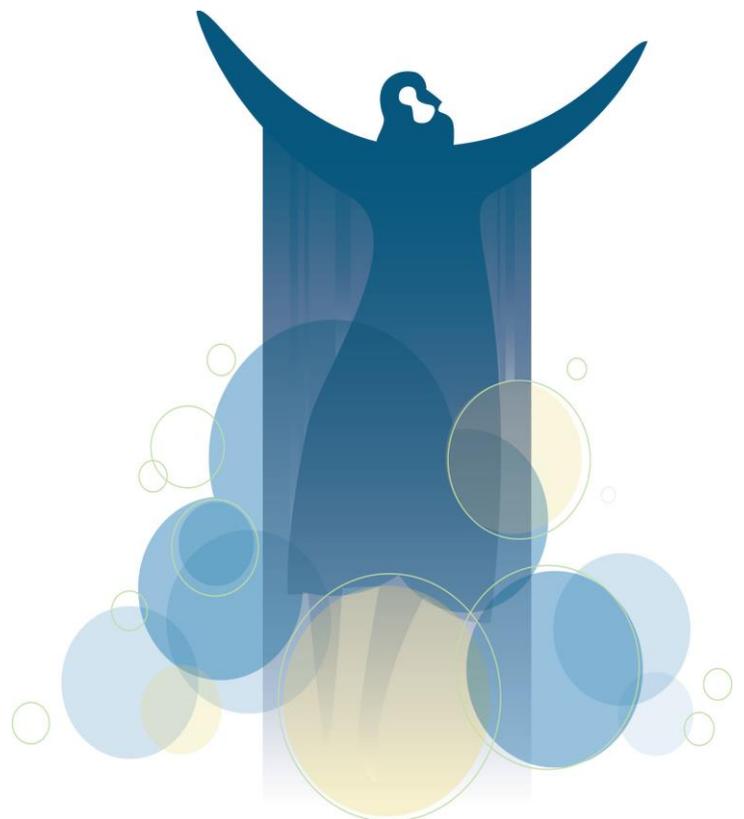
Wednesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 30

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

*childcare provided



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Mike McLeod, and Chris Whitley

Elder Greeters for May: Steve Cumming; Sandy Saunders

Nursery:

May 5: Emily Andrew
May 12: TBD
May 19: TBD
May 26: TBD

Outside Ushers:

May 5: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood
May 12: Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks
May 19: Mark Andrew; Jack Morton
May 26: Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley

Session Meeting
Sunday, May 19
TBD

Acolytes:

May 5: Graham Chapman
May 12: Katherine Jolly
May 19: Leah Kilde
May 26: Andy McLeod

Children's Church for May:

May 5: Kristie Bryson
May 12: TBD
May 19: TBD
May 26: TBD

Kids Care Crew:

May 5: Barbara & Chris Whitley
May 12: Jack & Penny Morton
May 19: Sarah & Ronnie Michael
May 26: Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser

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**Prayer Shawl Group meets Wednesday, May 1 at Noon in the Church Parlor
(Bring your lunch if you like!)**

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

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



Women's Retreat

October 11-13

William Black Lodge in Montreat

Cost:

Double Occupancy \$183.00 Single Occupancy \$240.00

A \$75.00 deposit will reserve your spot.