



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**November 2019**

**Dear Friends,**

The world's harvest season provides an excellent backdrop for the church to reflect on God's abundant provision. God's provision is evident in our personal lives and also in the communal life of the church. As we step forward in faith, we pray and trust in the goodness of God. Worship in this season will provide opportunity for reflection on God's provision and will challenge us to respond to God's provision with lives committed to the things of God. Use this time to talk with others about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ equipped for ministry in the world.

**Grace and Peace,  
Elizabeth**

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## **All Saints Day Sunday, November 3**

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

# WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate the saints of First Presbyterian Church who have entered the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints Day and the other saints of our lives. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Margot Johnston, daughter of Taylor and Lisa Rauch Johnston, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. We will also receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for hunger.

Sunday, November 10

Scripture: Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 17

Scripture: Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 24

Scripture: Luke 23:33-43

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# 10 CENTS A MEAL

## Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on November 3. 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 \$141.75 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for September. Let's do better in November!

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### 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](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.

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### Community Thanksgiving Worship

Date: Sunday, November 24

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Central United Methodist Church  
(175 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Albemarle)

Other area pastors will assist in worship.

**Nina Miller, pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church, will preach. An offering will be received for the CARE Café which provides scheduled respite for those who care for elderly family members. Refreshments and fellowship will follow worship.**

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### VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 3.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 10. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



### VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

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

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



# SERRV Fair Trade Bazaar Sunday, November 10

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, 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. By supporting 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 10.  
 Bring your Christmas shopping list!

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*Food for the Spirit*  
*Sunday, November 10*  
*9:45 a.m. in the Church Gym*



The Christian Education Committee will be hosting Food for the Spirit on Sunday, November 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited! Our goal is to get more people involved and sharing their faith. This event will be covered dish. Please bring your favorite breakfast casserole or other breakfast item and make this truly *food for the spirit!* We hope to see you there!



## Hanging of the Christmas Greenery & Chili Luncheon Sunday, December 1 following Worship

The first Sunday in Advent is December 1. Following worship on that day, we will have lunch (prepared by church officers) and proceed with decorating the church for the season. While children enjoy seasonal activities, plan to spend the afternoon getting to know other families while decorating the chrismon tree.

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### COMMUNITY ADVENT WORSHIP

Share in worship with our community on:

December 4, 11, and 18 at Noon at Christ Episcopal Church

Matt will preach on December 4. We will also provide lunch on that day. If you can help with lunch, contact Janet Schaefer (janet.schaefer@gmail.com or 614-579-9096), food coordinator.

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### Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 24 and December 1, 8, and 15, 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. The charities are: The Community Care Clinic, Homes of Hope/The Community Inn, Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM), and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).



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## Advent for All

Please join us on Sunday, December 1st to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent! Everyone is invited to join us after lunch for some fun Advent activities in the Pit Stop. We will create Advent crafts, experience Advent rituals for home, decorate cookies, and make cards for the Community Christmas dinner. If you would like to be a helper for this special event, please contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).

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### Angel Tree 2019



It will not be long before you will see our Angel Tree back in the Pit Stop, adorned with paper angels. They represent the Christmas wishes of Central Elementary School students and their siblings which would otherwise not be fulfilled. Each year, members and friends of this congregation have been very generous in their response to this program. In a few weeks, you will be informed when the tree is up, details in selecting an *angel* and the deadline for return of the gifts to the church. Should you have any questions, please contact Peggy Finley at 704-975-1136 or maf447@windstream.net.

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**The JOY Program is on Sunday, December 8**  
Our annual JOY program will be led by the children in Youth Club.  
Look for more details in the December newsletter and bulletins.

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**From the First Presbyterian Church Community Christmas Dinner Committee...**  
**Community Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 25 at First Baptist Church**

We are well on the way to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner with the following churches: Annunciation Catholic, Central UMC, Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, and First Lutheran and possibly The Gathering.

First Baptist Church committee is implementing some changes to the menu for this year. Check the bulletin board for volunteer sign-up opportunities.

More information will be forthcoming after the November 4 at which time representatives from participating churches will be meeting.

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

First Presbyterian Church Contact Person: Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com)



# STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	353,144.00	414,597.00
Total Expenses:	<u>389,823.00</u>	<u>420,435.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$36,679.00)	(\$ 5,838.00)

## 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 behind \$11,109 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in September: \$8,558

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for September: \$141.75

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## NEWS & NOTES

### Memorials and Honorariums

#### **Minister's Discretionary Fund:**

In honor of the birthday of Rev. Elizabeth Ayscue given by Mildred Andrew.

#### Sympathy

To Cathryn Harwood upon the death of her sister, Hilda Perry, on October 13.

To the family of Dr. Davis Fort upon his death on October 18.

#### Circle #5

**Circle #5** will meet at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle) on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Thank  
You!

Thanks to:  
Linda Anderson, Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Ruth Goodwin, and Ruth Ann Rogers for helping in the church office in October.

**Thank You...** Thanks to Roger and Gina Martin and Kim Robertson for the Art Pop-Up! The event was a huge success! You can view the artwork in the hall of the Education Building. It is beautiful. Thanks to Roger Martin and Leslie Carter for sharing their amazing art pieces with us.

**October's First Family Dinner...** Thanks to all of the AMAZING volunteers that helped make this dinner a delicious success! Mildred Andrew, Jane Boone, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Bill Hall, Jim Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Mary Kesselman, Lee McLaurin, Frankie Palmer, Ned and Gayle Russell, Jeff and Kim Robertson, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Carolyn and Harold Sharpe, Lee Snuggs, and all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION©

Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education and Fellowship

#### Session Notes

At its stated meeting on October 20, 2019, Session welcomed Dr. Bill Jolly, who presented the annual report of the columbarium committee, and then heard reports from Worship, Christian Education, Stewardship, Property, Mission and Gaither Endowment committees. The Worship committee asked Session to approve the baptism of Margot Johnson, daughter of Taylor and Lisa Johnston. The Christian Education committee reported that Youth Club is going well, and that the committee will be meeting later this month to work out details of activities that have been scheduled. The Stewardship committee announced that pledge cards were either picked up or mailed out and encouraged members of Session to return pledge cards by October 20 and that a congregational lunch will be held on Consecration Sunday, October 20. The Property committee reported that four security cameras have been installed at outside entrances to the church and that the locks on outside entrances have been replaced with keypads. Congregation members who have keys to the church are encouraged to return the keys to the church office. The Gaither Endowment committee met and approved funds for the recently installed security cameras and keypad locks. The Mission committee reported that the SERVV bazaar will be held on November 10. This will be the last opportunity to order items from the SERVV catalog. The Central School backpack program started again in September. One of the participating churches has dropped out of the program, and as a result, First Presbyterian will be filling packs on an additional date each month. The Sharing and Caring collection has ended but cups may still be returned. First Presbyterian will host the meal at the Community Table on Saturday, November 9. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Pit Stop. Alternative gifts will be available for purchase beginning November 24 and continuing for four weeks. Ministers' report: Rev. Drumheller will lead a discussion in the parlor about the "Purple Church" at 3:30 p.m. on October 20. Session will host a luncheon following worship on December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. The menu will include chili, cornbread, and other delicious treats. Rev. Ayscue will not be in worship on November 24. She will be assisting at Macedonia Presbyterian Church. Tammy Ocampo was welcomed into membership at First Presbyterian by Session on October 20. The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

# 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; immunotherapy treatment.
- David Bailiff**, friend of Debbie Hahn; kidney transplant complications.
- Dale Benson**, brother of Ann Crutchfield.
- Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn.
- Joan Bunn**, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns.
- Mike Burke**, brain cancer.
- Michelle Honeycutt Cole**, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Betty Sue Davis**, friend of Ruth Goodwin.
- Jeanette Eudy**, friend of Liz Davis; peritoneal cancer.
- Rinn Gannon**, friend of Isabel McLeod; recovering from a stroke.
- Marty Goforth**, treatment for melanoma.
- Calvin Hall**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer/stroke.
- Elizabeth Howard**, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
- Catherine Johnson**, niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Denise LaBoube**, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.
- Junior Lambert**, uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer.
- Molly Amelia Lowder**, continuing health concerns.
- Maddie McRae**, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
- Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- James Nunn**, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Sally Ormand**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
- Frank Osborne**, brother of Lillie Hancock.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Jane Scheer**, spouse of Stan Scheer; rehab at Trinity Place room F-7.
- Betty Stancik**, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Judy Toney**, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.
- Sally Warburton**, friend of Debbie & John Hahn.
- Jason Washburn**, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.

## Members of the Congregation:

- Mark Mabry.**
- Tommy Murrell.**
- Jane Pickler.**
- Cam Rogers.**
- Linda Richards.**
- Pete Smith.**
- Barbara Whitley**, recovering from back surgery.

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



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| 01- Brody Campbell<br>Donna Gaither                         | 14- Carol Sasser                                     |
| 03- Barbara Overcash  | 17- Taylor Johnston                                  |
| 04- Connie Wallace  | 18- Lee McManus                                      |
| 06- Shannon Newport   | 19- Gus Feather                                      |
| 08- Leni Henkenjohann<br>Nancy Joines<br>Mary Louise Sawyer | 21- Debbie Wainwright                                |
| 09- Ann Duckwall<br>Ross Holshouser<br>Sarah Newport        | 23- Meredith Moses<br>Gayle Russell<br>Thomas Taylor |
| 11- Rose Saltzman<br>Bill Stevenson                         | 24- John Earnhardt                                   |
| 12- Jay Andrew  | 25- Shirley Hinson                                   |
| 13- Lori Ivey   | 29- Janice Abernathy<br>Matt Drumheller              |
|   | 30- Bill Hall<br>Diane Stevenson                     |



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| 03- Matt & Katie Carpenter                              | 22- Ned & Gayle Russell      |
| 17- Steve & Michelle Cumming<br>Richard & Joyce Lambert | 26- Mark & Kim Andrew        |
|   | 29- Skeet & Elizabeth Ayscue |



**Community Table  
Saturday, November 9  
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church will host the Saturday lunch at the Community Table on Saturday, November 9. Volunteers are needed to help serve and provide food. Spend some time as neighbors helping neighbors! Please sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop area to say you can help.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes  
Return Filled Boxes on Sunday, November 10**



**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

**!!! Greatest Need is Breakfast Bars & Saltines !!!**

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Packing Date: Wednesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m.**



**Time for Homes of Hope's Fall...  
HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

**Friday, November 8th  
6:30 am - 9:30 am**

**Central United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall**

**172 N. Second Street, Albemarle  
Donations Accepted!**

**Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:**

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



**United Way  
of Stanly County**



**Mary & Martha Center Holiday Market  
Saturday, November 16  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
243 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle**



**SCCM NEED  
FOR NOVEMBER:**

**Canned Vegetables  
Green Beans**

**Corn**

**Carrots**

**Peas**

**Beans**

**Mixed Vegetables (Vegall) Canned  
Tomatoes**



Both our Trusty Travelers and our Faith Explorers helped lead worship on two consecutive Sundays in the month of October by singing. They sang beautiful songs about trusting God and stepping boldly forward. Thanks so much to those youth who were able to be present to help lead worship.

**Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders):** Our Trusty Travelers have been spending each week learning about the seasons of the church calendar. They have been exploring the stories paired with the changing cycle of the year. They have been doing artwork focused on the concept of the changing seasons.

**The Faith Explorers' (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders):** The Faith Explorers have been learning more about their Big Faith Questions, such as, *What do Presbyterians believe?*, *What is baptism for?*, *What does salvation mean?*, and *Do animals go the heaven?*. Our conversations have been very thought-provoking, and we have found many answers within scripture. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have thought of even more questions that we will discuss throughout the year!

### Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

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



## Faith Explorers' Outing Sunday, November 17 following worship

The Faith Explorers will journey into the great outdoors for a hike at Morrow Mountain. We will meet at the church following worship on Sunday, November 17. Bring comfortable walking shoes and pack a lunch to enjoy at our halfway point. Sign-up via google form or by contacting Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824).

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Fall is finally here! We are ready for the changing leaves, cool temperatures, and lots of fun youth activities. Plan to join us for some great fall events!

Sunday, November 3	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Middle School 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. High School
Sunday, November 10	No Youth Group	
Thursday, November 14	Board Game Night	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 17	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Middle School 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. High School
Sunday, November 24	Friendsgiving Dinner and Service (Time TBA)	

**SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
TIME (TBA)**

# F.R.I.E.N.D.S.G.I.V.I.N.G



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



**Chancel Choir Retreat**  
**Saturday, November 2**  
**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Henry Pfeiffer Chapel**  
**Pfeiffer University**



**!!! ATTENTION !!!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3.**  
**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS**  
**BACK ONE HOUR!**

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR**  
**FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**

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

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**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING**  
**EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE GYM**

November Menu: Chicken Casserole, Broccoli, Mixed Green Autumn Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water, and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Mixed Green Autumn Salad and Fruit.

**Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 4**  
**(704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).**

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**Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering**

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Side and Salad Crew: Wednesday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set-up crew: Wednesday, November 6 at 4:30 p.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, November 6 at 6:45 p.m.

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



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

November 7 at Roma Pizza Shop (801 North 1<sup>st</sup> St., Albemarle – Near Harris Teeter)

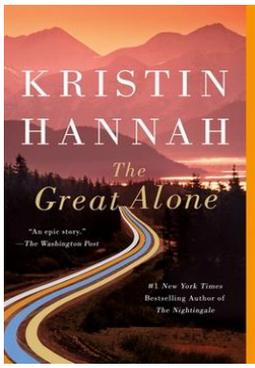


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❖ **The church is not in need of vases at this time.**



❖ **GHA continues to accept used egg carton – for one dozen eggs only. Drop cartons by the church kitchen and Jane will take them to GHA.**



**November Book Study Conversation**  
**Book: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah**  
**Monday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor**  
**Books are available in the church office. Cost: \$12.00**

Hannah's novel, set in the events and culture of the late 1970's, paints a compelling portrait of a family in crisis and a community poised for change. Carefully drawn characters give the reader a window into life in remote Alaska, the struggles of those who have experienced captivity at the hands of another human being, and the challenges of family life. Plan to join the conversation as we find moments of grace and the power of forgiveness.

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**Women's Retreat**  
**Sunday, November 3 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Home of Lynn Poplin**  
**(504 Muirfield Drive, Albemarle)**  
**Cost: \$15.00 for catered lunch**  
**Limited spaces available.**  
**Call the church office (704-982-2722)**  
**to say you'd like to come.**



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**PrimeTimers' Luncheon on Thursday, November 14**  
**Speaker: Mayor Ronnie Michael**  
**Program: Economic Development**

**Menu: Turkey, Baked Potatoes, Salad, and Desserts**

Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 11 to say you're coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).



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**Membership Event on Sunday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**at the home of Anne & John Montgomery**  
**(506 Muirfield Dr., Albemarle)**



Are you a regular visitor and participant at First Presbyterian Church? Have you thought about joining the church? John and Anne Montgomery are hosting a gathering at their home on November 17 at 5:00 pm for folks interested in meeting some other visitors and learning more about church membership. If you are interested in coming please contact Matt ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) or call the church office (704-982-2722).

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**2019 Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance**  
**Sunday, November 24**



The mission of Children's Hope Alliance is to provide a safe, healing journey for hurting children and families – creating hope now and in the future. All of the services provided by Children's Hope Alliance create hope for hurting children and families in three ways...

- ❖ *Healing the hurt*
- ❖ *Providing a safe home and*
- ❖ *Encouraging a healthy start*

Your generous donation will make an impact on each child.

Bring your offering on Sunday, November 24.

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NSRV)*

## Did You Know?

First Presbyterian Church recently received the Stanly News and Press *Readers Choice* award for *Best Church*. Thanks to all who voted for us. Let's continue to find ways to serve both congregation and community faithfully.



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### Are you interested in a travel seminar to China?

Union Presbyterian Seminary's president Brian Blount and his wife, Sharon, will lead an October 2020 trip which will allow participants to see the country, meet the people, engage the history, and experience the intersection between the church of Jesus Christ and the culture of contemporary China. For more information about the trip, go to <https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/upsemglobalseminar>.

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### Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers

#### Deacons (Class of 2022):

Emily Andrew, Martha Sue Hall, Greg Lisk, and Lee Snuggs

#### Ruling Elders (Class of 2022):

Duncan Bryson (serving 1 year term), John Earnhardt,  
Ken Knight, Sandy Rogers, and Ellen Snyder

#### Nominating Committee 2020:

Bob Johnston, Sarah Michael, Barbara McManus, and Andy McLeod

Training for the officers took place on October 15 and October 29. Please hold these folks in prayer as they prepare to serve the congregation. Officers will be ordained and installed in January 2020.

### December Newsletter Deadline:

Tuesday, November 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).



# From the Fellowship Committee

The JOY Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 8 following worship. Members of the congregation are asked to bring a favorite covered-dish to share – salads, meats, vegetables, fruits, breads, or desserts! Come join us for a great time of fellowship on Sunday, December 8!



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## Save the Date Christmas Kitchen Sponsored by the Youth Group Sunday, December 15

Join us before and after worship on Sunday, December 15 for the Christmas Kitchen. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, the youth will need volunteers to make their favorite casseroles, soups, BBQ, cookies, cakes, pies, and other sweets, to be sold at the Christmas Kitchen event. Mark the date on your calendar to come shop as well. Contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824) if you would like to contribute.

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Grandparent/Grandchild retreat is set for January 26, 2020.

Noon-2:30 p.m.

Grandparents of any age...

Children K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade...

Lunch in the gym followed by activities around the church.

Call or email the church office to sign-up.

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

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### 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 \$20.00 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 16.** A complete list will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22.

### 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.



**Saturday, November 2**

9:00 am-2:00 pm Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University

**Sunday, November 3**

*All Saints Day*

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

*Deadline for Veterans Day flower form*

*Daylight Saving Time Ends*

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in Media Room)

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee

12:00 pm-4:00 pm Women's Retreat at the home of Lynn Poplin

5:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group – Middle School

6:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group – High School

**Monday, November 4**

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson  
(811 Smith Street, Albemarle)

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

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

**Tuesday, November 5**

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

**Wednesday, November 6**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am First Family Sides & Salad Crew

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club

4:30 pm First Family Set-Up Crew

5:45 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 7**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

**Friday, November 8**

6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Breakfast Fundraiser at  
Central United Methodist Church (172 North 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Street, Albemarle)

**Saturday, November 9**

9:30 am-1:00 pm Community Table

\*childcare provided



**Sunday, November 10**

*Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child Due*

*SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop*

9:30 am-11:00 am SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop

9:45 am \*Sunday School/Food for the Spirit

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-1:00 pm SERRV Sale in the Pit Stop

**Monday, November 11**

*Veteran's Day*

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

**Wednesday, November 13**

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 14**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

6:30 pm-8:30 pm Youth Group Board Game Night

**Saturday, November 16**

9:00 am-3:00 pm The Mary & Martha Center for Women and  
Community Care Holiday Market

\*childcare provided

GIVE Thanks  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD;  
HIS Love ENDURES  
FOREVER!

*Psalm 107:2*



**Sunday, November 17**

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers hike & lunch at Morrow Mountain
- 5:00 pm Prospective Member Gathering at the home of Anne & John Montgomery
- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Youth Group – Middle School
- 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group – High School

**Monday, November 18**

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

**Tuesday, November 19**

- 12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, November 20**

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

**Thursday, November 21**

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

\*childcare provided

**Sunday, November 24**

- Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance*
- Youth Group Friendsgiving Dinner & Service (Time TBD)*
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship at Central UMC (172 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Albemarle)

**Monday, November 25**

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

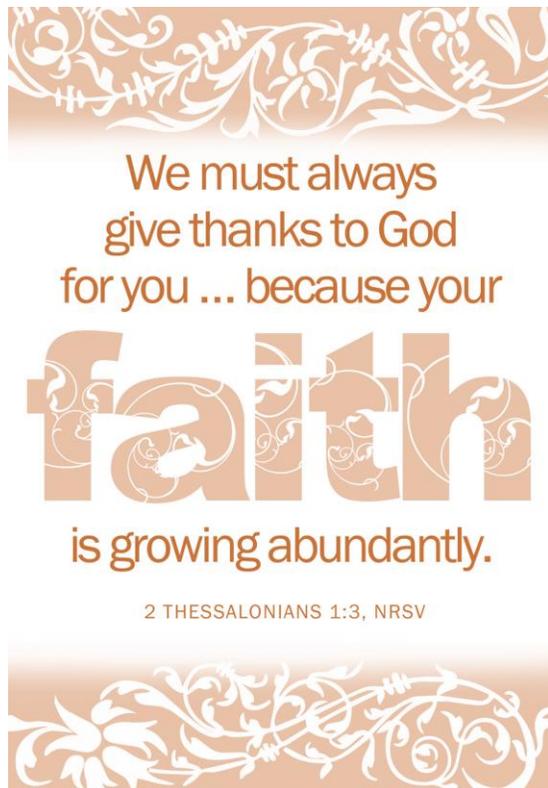
**Wednesday, November 27**

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

**Thursday, November 28**

- Thanksgiving Day*
- Church Office Closed*

\*childcare provided



**THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER**

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards

**Elder Greeters for November:** Jim Marshall; Jacob Palmer

**Nursery:**

**November 3:** Kate White  
**November 10:** Kate White  
**November 17:** Kate White  
**November 24:** Kate White

**Outside Ushers:**

**November 3:** John Howell; Greg Lisk  
**November 10:** Lee McManus; Ronnie Michael  
**November 17:** Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley  
**November 24:** Matt Carpenter; Eric Niederer

**Acolytes:**

**November 3:** Seth Richards  
**November 10:** Thomas Shedd  
**November 17:** Cooper Atwater  
**November 24:** Thora Kilde

**Kids Care Crew:**

**November 3:** Becky Andrew; Angie Earnhardt  
**November 10:** Penny & Jack Morton  
**November 17:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael  
**November 24:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser

**Children's Church for November**

**November 3:** *No Children's Church*  
**November 10:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly  
**November 17:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly  
**November 24:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly

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