



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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March 2021

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent this year takes place predominately in the month of March. During this season of heightened spirituality and in-depth faith exploration, we are exploring the theme *Community*. The Christian community is both a gift and a challenge from God. We will spend these several weeks in worship and in weekly conversations talking about the ins and outs of community. We will explore how we intentionally practice and how we might better be community for one another.

I believe that it is particularly important for Christians to both embrace and model the gift and challenge that is community for the sake of the broader world. The hope and reconciliation that we demonstrate through our desire and practice of following Jesus Christ together is a tangible demonstration to the world that love is more powerful than division. This is the hope the world needs. I hope that this Lenten season will be, for you, a time to reflect on our community and your participation in it.

Grace and Peace,
Matt

Confirmation 2021

Our eighth and ninth graders and their partners have been diligently studying the questions they will be asked at the end of Confirmation. These questions have framed their sessions and conversations. After nine weeks of gathering and reflecting on faith, they will be confirmed as part of worship on **Palm Sunday, March 28**. Some of our youth will join the church, some will be baptized, and all will be celebrated for their intentional work this spring.

Special thanks to all of the adults who have served this year as confirmation partners: Rebekah Ayscue, Jane Boone, Melissa Eudy, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Ken Knight, Laura McLeod, Catherine Moeller, and Matt Moeller.

COVID-19 UPDATE

At its February 21 meeting, Session reviewed our plan for returning to worship. We also took into consideration the most recent data released by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Based on this information and the rate of vaccine distribution, Session is hoping to resume in-person worship on Sunday, April 11. Session will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to the schedule accordingly.

WORSHIP

The theme for Lent this year is Community. Worship throughout this season will focus on the gift and challenge of the church community.

Sunday, March 7

**Third Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger**

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received.
Scripture: Psalm 146:1-10

Sunday, March 14

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**
Scripture: Matthew 18:21-22

Sunday, March 21

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**
Scripture: Ruth 1:1-17

Sunday, March 28

**Palm Sunday
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Confirmation Sunday/
One Great Hour of Sharing/Holy Week Begins**
Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

**10 CENTS
A MEAL**

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on March 7. 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 \$325.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for January 2021.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Sunday, March 28

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*
- Presbyterian Hunger Program*
- Self-Development of People*

Please give generously. Mail your donation/check to:

**First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578
Albemarle, NC 28002**

**YOU SHALL BE
CALLED REPAIRERS
OF THE BREACH**

— ISAIAH 58

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



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Lent 2021

Theme: Community

Lent Opportunities

Daily Scripture

During the season of Lent, you are invited to participate in a practice of daily Scripture readings. As a congregation, we will be reading through the Gospel of Mark. Each day, there will be a short reading assigned for you to participate in this intentional practice.

Community Art

Beginning on the third Sunday of Lent (March 7), there will be a cross placed on the First Street lawn of the church. You are invited to come anytime to attach something to the cross which reminds you of our community. It can be an item you already have or an item you decorate. There will be templates available at the cross or for delivery (upon request) for you to take home, decorate, and bring back. Take a picture of yourself hanging your contribution on the cross and come check out the final project on Easter Sunday. More details and instructions will be available at the art location.

Wednesday Dinner and Gathering

On Wednesday evenings, you are invited to come by the church to pick up a simple meal. After sharing your meal together at home, you can log on to a weekly Zoom call at 7:00 p.m. There will be dedicated time for you to catch up with your FPC friends and family, and we will close each week with a time of worship and music together. Please keep your eyes open for details on how to participate in these weekly gatherings.

Prayer Vigil

As part of our Lenten practice this year, the church will host a 24-hour prayer vigil. We will begin praying as a community at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 and conclude with corporate prayer in worship on March 21. You can sign-up to participate in as much time as you would like for this prayer vigil. There will be an online sign-up form once the time gets closer. Unlike our prayer vigil last year, this one will take place from our homes. When you sign-up, you will receive resources and instructions to help guide your prayer. There will also be a live-stream of the church sanctuary with contemplative music to help focus your prayer time.



Daily Scripture Readings during Lent

March 1	Mark 6:14-29	March 13	Mark 11:1-14	March 25	Mark 15:33-47
March 2	Mark 6:30-56	March 14	Mark 11:15-33	March 26	Mark 16:1-8
March 3	Mark 7:1-23	March 15	Mark 12:1-12	March 27	Mark 16:9-20
March 4	Mark 7:24-37	March 16	Mark 12:13-27	March 28	Mark 11:1-33
March 5	Mark 8:1-21	March 17	Mark 12:28-44	March 29	Mark 12:1-17
March 6	Mark 8:22-38	March 18	Mark 13:1-23	March 30	Mark 12:18-34
March 7	Mark 9:1-13	March 19	Mark 13:24-37	March 31	Mark 13:1-37
March 8	Mark 9:14-29	March 20	Mark 14:1-26	April 1	Mark 14:1-72
March 9	Mark 9:30-50	March 21	Mark 14:27-42	April 2	Mark 15:1-47
March 10	Mark 10:1-16	March 22	Mark 14:43-72	April 3	No Reading
March 11	Mark 10:17-34	March 23	Mark 15:1-15	April 4	Mark 16:1-20
March 12	Mark 10:35-52	March 24	Mark 15:16-32		



DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 3, 10, 17, and 24

FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEAL

Lenten Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesdays during Lent: March 3, 10, 17, and 24. If you would like a Lenten meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meal. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

The menu will be emailed in advance.

Menu for Wednesday, March 3:

**The Eudy Family's BBQ, Red Slaw and Pound Cake
accompanied with Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans and a Roll.**

Menu for Wednesday, March 10:

**Elizabeth Ayscue's Tomato Bisque
Crackers
Pound Cake**

Menu for Wednesday, March 17:

**Chicken Pot Pie
Pound Cake**

Menu for Wednesday, March 24:

Ann Duckwall's Chicken Niçoise Salad

**(Grilled Chicken, Mixed Greens, Roasted Potatoes, Marinated Beans, Tomatoes, Carrots, Boiled Egg, Homemade Croutons)
served with a house French dressing, and choice of pound cake, sweet potato cake, or brownie**

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is:

call Anne Montgomery at **704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com
and let her know how many plates and desserts you need, and if it will be pickup or delivery
(include address and any special instructions).**



There are several activities going on during Holy Week in which you are invited to participate.

LENTEN TIME OF REFLECTION

We are creating a space in the parlor during Holy Week for you to spend some time in peaceful meditation. You will feel as if you are outside walking on a path. We will have a labyrinth (the path) to give you an opportunity to deepen your awareness of God's presence and guidance. Please sign-up if you would like to get out of your house to enjoy some peace and quiet in reflection. Call or email Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 540-449-5319) to sign up for 15 minute slots:

Sunday, March 28 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday, March 29 & 31 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, March 30 & April 1 from Noon-7pm.

Perk and Pray

Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 2

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Drive through the parking lot on First Street for a cup of coffee/juice box and a prayer.

Maundy Thursday Online Worship

Thursday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

We'll read the story of Christ's last meal with his disciples and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in this online worship service.

Good Friday Cross Drive

Friday, April 2

Any time during the day on Good Friday, you can come by the church and pick-up a map to guide you to several spots around Albemarle. At these spots, you will be encouraged to pray for our local community using provided prayers, as well as your own.

Good Friday Online Worship at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Join us online for a contemplative worship service as we mark the final moments of Jesus' life.



April 4

6:30 a.m.

Gather at the Badin Road Drive-In (2411 Badin Rd., Albemarle)
to celebrate the risen Christ.

11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate Easter online
with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and joyful music.



John Hahn Retirement

After many years of service and commitment to First Presbyterian Church as a staff member, John Hahn has decided that it is time for him to re-retire. While John will continue to be available for necessary consultations, he will no longer be responsible for the regular upkeep of the church property. We are thankful for the countless hours, expertise, creativity, and commitment John has given to the church. He will now resume his role as a member of the congregation. In lieu of reception or other gathering, we are inviting you to express your appreciation to John and all of his hard work by calling him (980-581-4581) or sending him a card:

John Hahn
 P.O. Box 766
 Albemarle, NC 28002

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	81,942.00	43,040.00
Total Expenses:	<u>48,232.00</u>	<u>60,970.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	33,710.00	(17,930.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021

Pledges:	466,936
Total Income:	523,978
Total Expenses:	523,978

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,076

We are ahead \$40,025 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in January: \$16,388

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for January: \$325.00

The Gaither Family Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee has met to distribute earnings from the Gaither Family Endowment Fund. This fund was established from the estate of Frances Breerwood and Frank Howard Gaither. The amount distributed from the Gaither Family Endowment Fund was \$9,000. The projects funded were:

From the Christian Education Committee.....Cooking Camp 2021 to purchase supplies & food items

From the Worship Committee.....Chrismons for Tree

From Matt Drumheller.....Digital Soundboard to provide clean & clear livestream

From Matt Drumheller.....New HVAC for Kitchen and Pit Stop

We would like to thank the Gaither family for their generosity and support. The Endowment Committee is comprised of: Session – Debbie Bennett, Chair & John Earnhardt; Members-At-Large: Al Andrew, Marshall Rogers, and Nathan Sanges; and Ex-Officio Members: Matt Drumheller (minister), Dr. Bob Gaither (member), and Lee McLaurin (treasurer).



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

Donations may be dropped off at the church.

Packing Date: Wednesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

The volunteers pack 20 bags with food for 3 in each bag. Donations are greatly needed and appreciated.



First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the 1st Friday of the month at the Community Inn. We usually plan to feed around 10 guests. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com).



ITEMS NEEDED

- PANCAKE SYRUP
- CANNED LIMA BEANS
- GREAT NORTHERN BEANS
- CANNED NAVY BEANS
- CANNED BLACK BEANS
- CANNED BLACK EYED PEAS
- CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO
506 S. FIRST ST.
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9AM - 4PM

The image shows a collection of food items including jars of syrup, cans of beans, bags of lentils, and a bottle of oil, arranged on a wooden surface.

NEWS & NOTES

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Eudy.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Foster.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Karr.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. James Matheny.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mary Resch.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. Adrienne Robinson.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Smith.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by The Uwharrie Point Community Association.
In memory of Jack Boling, given by Toms Creek Landscaping.
In memory of Jan Forte, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Carter.
In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Dick Liles.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mildred Andrew.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Barbara Durvin.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Gina & Chuck Melman.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Miller.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Marshall Rogers.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Smith.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stevenson.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by William Storrs.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by The Uwharrie Point Community Association.
In memory of Betty Michael, given by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Martin.
In memory of Carolyn Sharpe, given by Dick Liles.
In memory of Edward Simpson, given by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Martin.
In memory of Yoder Whitley, given by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Martin.

Ayscue Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Jack Boling, given by Mr. & Mrs. Rich Schaefer.
In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mr. & Mrs. Rich Schaefer.

SYMPATHY

To Mary Kesselman and family upon the death of her cousin, Elizabeth Howard, on January 18.
To the family and friends of Bryce Kimrey who died on February 1.
To Russell Karr and family upon the death of Bede Karr, who died on February 13.
To Michelle Cumming and family upon the death of her grandmother, Muriel Williams.
To Laura Beth Marks and family upon the death of her uncle, Jeffrey Sikes.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Catherine and Rob McIntyre upon the birth of their son, William Spence McIntyre, on February 21.

Session Notes

As is stated Session meeting on Sunday, February 21, ruling elders voted to postpone in person worship until April 11. March will be a good time to evaluate Stanly County Health Department Covid numbers and vaccinations administered as future in-person worship decisions are made. The season of Lent has begun and many activities are ongoing. These include Wednesday night virtual worship and drive thru dinners. The Gaither grant committee funded requests for the 2021: Cooking Camp, new Chrismons for the Chrismon Tree, new digital soundboard to enhance virtual worship and other online projects and the HVAC project benefiting the kitchen. The Mission committee reports the backpack program is ongoing, helping with weekend food for elementary school students.

Steve Cumming, Clerk of Session

New Address

Mary Lane & Craig Minkler
1134 Capitol Street
Ogden, UT 84401

NEWS & NOTES



Thanks to Frankie Palmer and Rich Schaefer for helping in the church office.

February's First Family Dinner

Thanks to all that helped make this dinner a huge success! This was our best turnout to date! We served 134 plates! This would not have been possible without Linda Anderson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Jennifer Hesley, Ronnie Michael, Sarah Michael, Catherine Moeller, Anne Montgomery, Gayle Russell, Ned Russell, and especially Hugh Wainwright. The food was amazing! Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with us.

Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education & Fellowship

MANY THANKS TO: Ann Crutchfield, Nancy Joines, Cathy King, Gina Martin, Gayle Russell, and Jane Snyder for baking approximately 12 dozen muffins for ALL OF THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY at the Pfeiffer Health Sciences Building. These were delivered along with over 100 bags of candy so that everyone on the campus had something the Friday before Valentine's Day. The muffins were a big surprise and greatly appreciated by each student and faculty member. It is such a blessing to have folks who can be called upon to share Jesus' love through such a wonderful ministry. I am so appreciative to these "baking ladies" as they helped to welcome all those on the campus.

Martha Sue Hall

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

Thank you to everyone who donated cans for our Souper Bowl of Caring event. We collect 224 cans of food for SCCM on February 7. Clients of SCCM will be very appreciative.



PFEIFFER PFRIENDS

We were able to kick off the Pfeiffer Pfriends Program in our Community during February. We have Pfriends from our church, First Baptist, First Lutheran, Central United Methodist, The Gathering, and some community leaders. Currently there are 42 students who have asked for and have been assigned a Pfriend. The response has been great! The students are excited to receive each gift of love and encouragement. What an absolute blessing that this dream became a reality, and it is continuing to grow. There is expectation that there will SOON be more students wanting a Pfriend. For more information, please email Martha Sue at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821.



Prayer Partners during Lent

Members of First Presbyterian Church have begun intentionally praying for one another this Lent as part of our annual Prayer Partners program. If you did not have a chance to sign up, but would like to be given someone to pray for, please contact Matt Drumheller at mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org.



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.
- David Bailiff**, friend of Debbie Hahn; previous kidney transplant concerns & immunity issues.
- David & Marsha Bell**, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
- Tom Bonekemper**, cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer.
- Gus Feather**.
- Debbie Gabriel**, sister of Gayle Russell; breast cancer.
- Calvin Hall**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
- Lindsey (Whitley) Harward**, daughter of Carolyn & Mel Whitley.
- Ann Hatcher**, mother of Ann Snuggs; recovering from a fall.
- Sean Hickey**, brother-in-law of Lori Ivey; colon cancer.
- Catherine Johnson**, niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Mary Kratz**, friend of Linda Anderson; diagnosed with breast and ovarian cancer.
- Denise LaBoube**, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.
- Bailey Long**, friend of Linda Anderson; recovering from snowboarding accident.
- Molly Amelia Lowder**, low immunity health concerns.
- Maddie McRae**, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
- Bryanna Medlin**, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Bern Morehead, III**, son of Sally Pleasant & Dr. Bernard "Bernie" Morehead; diagnosed with brain tumor.
- James Nunn**, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve.
- Sally Ormand**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
- Judy Portner**, sister of Billie Jean Snuggs; stage 4 brain tumor (Glioblastoma).
- Clay Price**, cousin of Steve Cumming; cancer.
- Mark Rodgers**, son of Laura and Tim Rodgers.
- Sam Roper**, father-in-law of Marsh Rogers; cancer diagnosis.
- Judy Ross**, friend of Tom & Holly Norwood; diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Jane Scheer**, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
- Betty Stancik**, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Jason Washburn**, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.

Members of the Congregation:

- Don Joines**.
- Jane Pickler**.
- Jean Rabe**.
- Sandy Saunders**.
- Pete Smith**.

Address for Lindsey (Whitley) Harward
 Lindsey Harward
 c/o Carolyn & Mel Whitley
 30 Cumberland Terrace Drive, #1F
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 02- Al Andrew
Jordan Davis
Luke Davis
Natalie Niederer
Ellen Snyder
- 05- Becky Andrew
- 06- Keith Andrew
Robert Ivey
- 07- Chris Mabry
- 09- Cidney Eudy
Ginny Marshall
David Whitley
- 10- Russ Carpenter
- 11- Jim Carter
Nancy Jolly
- 12- Morgan Kinley

- 14- Leah Kilde
Courtney Niederer
- 15- Kate Melone
- 16- Steve Coats
- 17- Bob Gaither
Eric Niederer
- 19- Catherine McIntyre
Chris Whitley
- 20- Bo Andrew
Lee McLaurin
- 22- Jane Hartsell
Maggie Melone
- 24- Sam Holshouser
- 27- Lachlann Currie
- 29- Claude Harwood
- 30- Ellie Niederer



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 10-David & Carroll Holbrook
- 13-Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers
- 19-Eric & Courtney Niederer
- 24-Nathan & Marlene Sanges



Youth Club News

Our Youth Club children continue to gather on Wednesday afternoons for time of fellowship, singing, and faith reflection with their peers. As we enter the season of Lent, we will explore the theme that the congregation is exploring in this season: Community. Each session stands on its own, so we're always happy to welcome any K-5th graders who would like to join us!

Trusty Travelers meet with Matt and others on Zoom each Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We play games, sing songs, pray together, and celebrate God's blessings. To access the Zoom information, please contact Matt (mdrumheller@fpcalbeamarle.org).

Our **Faith Explorers** continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. We have been discussing different stories of the Bible as requested by our 4th and 5th graders. So far, we have talked about Jesus turning water into wine, the story of Jonah, and some of the Psalms. We look forward to exploring the Bible even further!



Youth Group News & Information

Warm weather is almost here! We look forward to some socially distanced outdoor events for youth. Make sure to check your email and our Instagram page (@fpcalbeamarleyouth) for the latest updates!

Sunday, March 7	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 14	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 18	Pelican's Snoballs	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 21	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 28	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.



High School Bible Study
with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton
Mondays at 8:30 p.m.



Montreat Youth Conference

Montreat Youth Conference for high school students is happening this summer! The past year has reinforced our belief in the value of being together as the body of Christ. A Montreat Youth Conference affirms youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to help youth come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God and to be a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. Please keep an eye on your email for updates and details about which week in June or July we will plan to attend!



02- Natalie Niederer
12- Morgan Kinley
14- Leah Kilde

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Please contact Peggy Finley 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.



Remember to *spring forward*
one hour in the early morning hours
of March 14
(or before you go to bed on March 13).





Education and Conversation Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

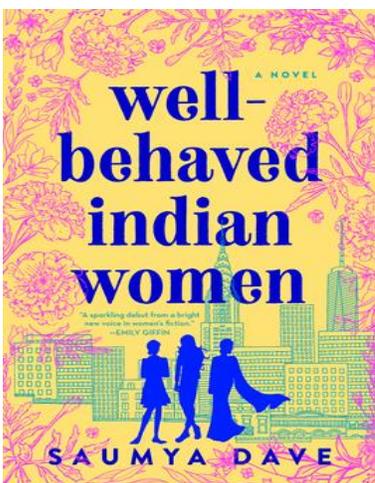
Our congregation, along with many others, is continuing a challenging journey of educating ourselves about race in America. Members of the church have been gathering on Zoom to explore how we benefit from or are affected by systems of privilege, and how we might bring about a kingdom-oriented world in which, *we are all one in Christ* (Galatians 3:28).

Our March conversation will take place Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. We will be watching three TED Talks around issues of race. The links for these TED talks will become available as we get closer to the conversation date. Please keep your eyes open for the links for these important TED talks and the link for our Zoom conversation.

S'MORES AND GAMES

Sunday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join us Sunday, March 21 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for s'mores and games! Fire pits and s'mores bags will be available, as well as cornhole and other games. Fire pit times of 30 minutes must be reserved by contacting Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) or Michelle Cumming (704-984-0435 or michellecumming85@yahoo.com).



March Book Conversation Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Book: *Well-Behaved Indian Women* by Saumya Dave

From a compelling new voice in women's fiction comes a mother-daughter story about three generations of women who struggle to define themselves as they pursue their dreams.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76026386946>

Meeting ID: 760 2638 6946
Passcode: Z71g4D

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 28

For this year's Easter Egg Hunt, we have two options for families. The first option is for you to pick up Easter eggs from the church on Palm Sunday (March 28th) after worship to hide at your home. The second option is to have the youth hide Easter eggs at your house (also on Palm Sunday). If you'd like to do either of these options, please fill out the google form using the link below. If you have any questions, contact Dorothy at dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824.

<https://tinyurl.com/mbte898w>





Easter Camping

Tentatively Schedule for Saturday, April 3
Depending upon the restriction in place at the beginning of April, we are planning to have our annual pre-Easter campout. Please keep your eyes open for further announcements about this event.



From the Scholarship Committee...

Scholarship applications are available Monday, March 1 on the church website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). **The deadline to return completed applications is Tuesday, April 6.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2021 are: Steve Coats, Chair, Ben Jolly, and Courtney Niederer.



April 11

On Sunday, April 11, our graduating seniors will be speaking during worship. We look forward to hearing their words and supporting these youth as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives.



MUSIC & ARTS CAMP

Save the Date for Music and Arts Camp
Summer 2021

Sunday, June 13 through Thursday, June 17

Though we are unsure what the situation will be this coming summer with COVID 19, we are beginning to make plans for Music and Arts Camp with the hope that we will be able to gather together for music, art, recreation, drama and fellowship. Look for more information in the near future!



Save the Date

Monday, June 21 through Thursday, June 24
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We are planning a face-to-face Cooking Camp this year for children in completed 4th-6th grades (limited to 12 children)!

If you would like to volunteer, please let Jane know as soon as possible (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).



COMING SOON!

A Collection of Sermons of the late Reverend J. Harold McKeithen, Jr.

The children of the late Reverend J. Harold McKeithen, Jr., are compiling a collection of Harold's sermons from throughout his 57-year career into a book to be published in the future. The book will include sermons from Harold's time as pastor at FPC Albemarle: 1972-1981.

The number of books published will be based on interest. The cost is estimated to be in the \$15 range. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact Ben Jolly at 704-984-3239 or bajollysr23@gmail.com.



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

Members of FPC have been gathering on Zoom each Monday and Wednesday morning to share joys and concerns, to pray, and to spend time *together*. This has become an important way to see and speak with one another. We invite you to join us in these regular meetings. See your weekly email update for the link to join us on Zoom.



Bible Study and Conversation

Meets via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. The material for this online discussion will be selected from pieces of scripture from which Matt is preaching. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance and application of the scripture. Topics will include how this challenging time impacts our faith, our spiritual gifts, our compassion, and our charity. This should be a great opportunity for Bible study and connecting with a cross-section of our church family. If you need help with Zoom, contact the church office (704-982-2722). Please email Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or Catherine Moeller (mattandcatherine@hotmail.com) to say you are interested or need more information. Please join us!

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.



BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VDEO

___ ___ ___ ___ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

___ ___ ___ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

___ ___ ___ ___ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

___ ___ ___ ___ (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

___ ___ ___ ___ ___

“Are not five ___ ___ ___ ___ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many ___ ___ ___ ___.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV



MARCH

Monday, March 1

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for First Family Meal
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, March 2

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

Wednesday, March 3

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Meal Pick-Up
- 7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

Thursday, March 4

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

Friday, March 5

World Day of Prayer

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 8

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for Lent Meal
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, March 9

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

Wednesday, March 10

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Lent Meal Pick-Up
- 7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

Thursday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/
Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 9:00 am Diaconate Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 15

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for Lent Meal
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, March 16

- 12:00 pm April Newsletter Deadline
- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Lent Meal Pick-Up
- 7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

Thursday, March 18

- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller
- 5:00 pm Youth Group at Pelican's Snoball

Saturday, March 20

First Day of Spring

- 12:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (at your homes)





MARCH

Sunday, March 21

Fifth Sunday in Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 8:30 am Session Meeting via Zoom
- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm S'mores and Games (Reservations Required)
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 22

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 2:00 pm Deadline to RSVP for Lent Meal
- 7:00 pm March Book Conversation with Courtney Niederer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, March 23

- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Confirmation Class via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation via Zoom

Wednesday, March 24

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom
- 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Lent Meal Pick-Up
- 7:00 pm Lent Gathering via Zoom

Thursday, March 25

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

Many people spread
their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy
branches that they had
cut in the fields.

MARK 11:8, NRSV



Sunday, March 28

*Palm Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/
Confirmation Sunday/One Great Hour of Sharing/
Holy Week begins/Easter Egg Hunt (Reservations Only)*

- 9:45 am-10:30 am Adult Sunday School via Zoom
- 10:15 am Children & Youth Sunday School via Zoom
- 11:00 am Online Worship
- 2:00 pm-4:00 pm Lenten Time of Reflection
(located in the parlor – Reservations Required)
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 29

Holy Week

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:00 am-5:00 pm Lenten Time of Reflection
(located in the parlor – Reservations Required)
- 7:00 pm March Book Conversation with Courtney Niederer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, March 30

Holy Week

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 12:00 pm-7:00 pm Lenten Time of Reflection
(located in the parlor – Reservations Required)

Wednesday, March 31

Holy Week

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:00 am-5:00 pm Lenten Time of Reflection
(located in the parlor – Reservations Required)
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm-4:00 pm Youth Club Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders) via Zoom
- 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Youth Club Faith Explorers (4th & 5th graders) via Zoom

“Blessed
is the
one
who comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!”

Mark 11:9, NRSV



Acolyte Schedule for March

March 7: Nathaniel Eudy

March 14: Thora Kilde

March 21: Natalie Niederer

March 28: Elizabeth Bryson

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**PLEASE
NOTE:**

**All members of the church staff are working at home
unless it is necessary for them to be at church.
The church's answering machine is being checked
periodically; however, in case of an emergency, please contact
Matt (540.449.5319) directly.**

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

April Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, March 16.

Early submissions are always welcome!

**If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an
attachment to:**

pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.



Watch



**your email for
additions and changes
to this schedule.**



“HOSANNA!

**BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD**

— THE KING OF ISRAEL!”

JOHN 12:13, NRSV