



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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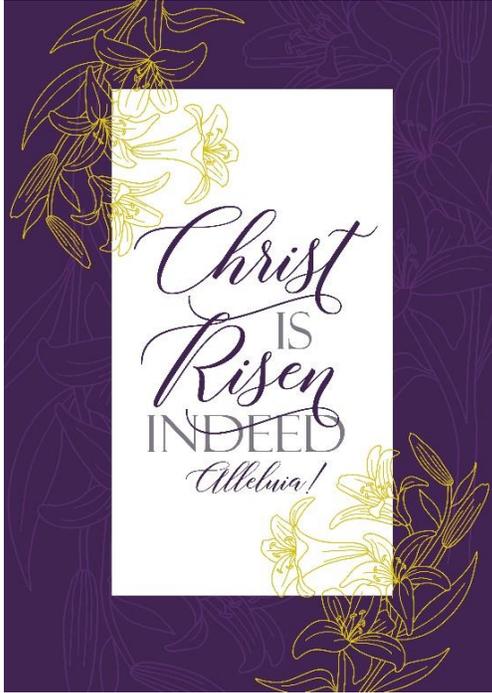
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April 2021

Dear Friends,

As we turn our hearts and our minds to Easter, spring seems to burst forth around us. Spring and Easter come this year not only with the hope that we often feel because of new life and resurrection. This year, it seems as though the hope of Easter is overflowing into our pandemic lives. Vaccines are becoming more broadly available. The COVID numbers in Stanly County and beyond are improving. Warmer weather means more opportunities for safer outdoors activities.

With all of these things comes the hope of a new normal. Though we still have challenges before us, I cannot help but celebrate the progress that has been made. As we prepare to return to in-person worship this month, I cautiously celebrate the opportunities before us. I urge you to get a vaccine when you are able to, to continue to follow guidelines to keep yourselves and others safe, and to join me in thanking God for the hope of tomorrow.

Grace and Peace,
Matt

COVID-19 UPDATE

At its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 21, the Session discussed again the possibility of returning to in-person worship. Taking into consideration the growing number of vaccinated people in Stanly County, the recommendations by the CDC, the recent executive order by the governor, and our ability to adjust, the Session decided to resume in-person worship on **Sunday, April 18**.

Out of a desire to continue to keep all members of our community safe, there are a few guidelines we will need to follow that will allow us to meet in person.

- We will limit the number of worshippers to 50 people each Sunday morning to ensure that we can maintain safe social distance. People may call-in beginning at 12:00 noon the Monday before Sunday to register for worship in the week leading up to Sunday.
- Masks and social distancing (within family groups) will be required for all worshippers for the duration of worship.
- Worshippers will be asked to enter and exit through the North Street door and to avoid gathering in groups before or after worship.
- Seating will be staggered, and ushers will help worshippers locate their seats.

In addition to these guidelines, worship will look different. There will be no hymn singing, we will limit contact points, and worship will not last as long. We will also continue to offer online worship for those who do not feel comfortable returning or who are unable to. The worship service will be livestreamed at 11:00 on Sunday mornings.

As we begin this process, we recognize that we will have much to learn. We ask you to be patient and gracious with this process. We hope to create a safe, inclusive space for all people to worship God, and you can help us do this by following these guidelines.



Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

Worship at Sunrise at Morrow Mountain State Park at 7:00 a.m.

Worship online at 11:00 a.m. including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received.

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8, 9-11

Sunday, April 11

Youth Sunday

Worship will be led by our middle and high school youth, and we will hear testimony from our seniors. You are sure to be inspired by their words and work in the kingdom.

Scripture: James 1:19-27

Sunday, April 18

Scripture: Luke 24:36-48

Sunday, April 25

Scripture: John 10:11-18

**10 CENTS
A MEAL**

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on April 4. 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 \$120.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for February 2021.



Daily Scripture Readings during Lent

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| April 1 | Mark 14 |
| April 2 | Mark 15:1-47 |
| April 3 | No Reading |
| April 4 | Mark 16:1-20 |



Easter Camping on Saturday, April 3

We are planning to have our annual pre-Easter campout. Overnight campers and afternoon/evening guests are welcome to gather at group campsite 4 & 5 for fellowship and fun! Bring and/or cook your own dinner on Saturday afternoon, April 3. Contact Ken Knight (704-438-4686 or kbknight17@gmail.com) for more information. We'll have a great evening of fellowship and trek to the sunrise service together.



LENTEN TIME OF REFLECTION

A space in the parlor is available for you to spend some time in peaceful meditation. You will feel as if you are outside walking on a path. A labyrinth (the path) is set-up in the parlor to give you an opportunity to deepen your awareness of God's presence and guidance. Please sign-up if you would like to enjoy some peace and quiet in reflection. Call or email Matt Drumheller (m drumheller@fpcalbemarle.org or 540-449-5319) to sign up for a 15 minute slot:

Thursday, April 1 from Noon-7pm.

Perk and Pray

Thursday, April 1 - 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.

Community Art

You still have time to contribute to our community art installment on the front lawn of the church.

The cross will be in place until after Easter Sunday.

You may come by any time and add ribbons to the cross.

You can find the instructions at the cross location.

Be sure to come check out the final transformed project on Easter morning. It will look very different!

You can even take an Easter picture there!

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 Zoom worship service.

Good Friday Cross Drive from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Friday, April 2

Between 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Good Friday, you can come by the church and pick-up a map to guide you to several spots around Albemarle.

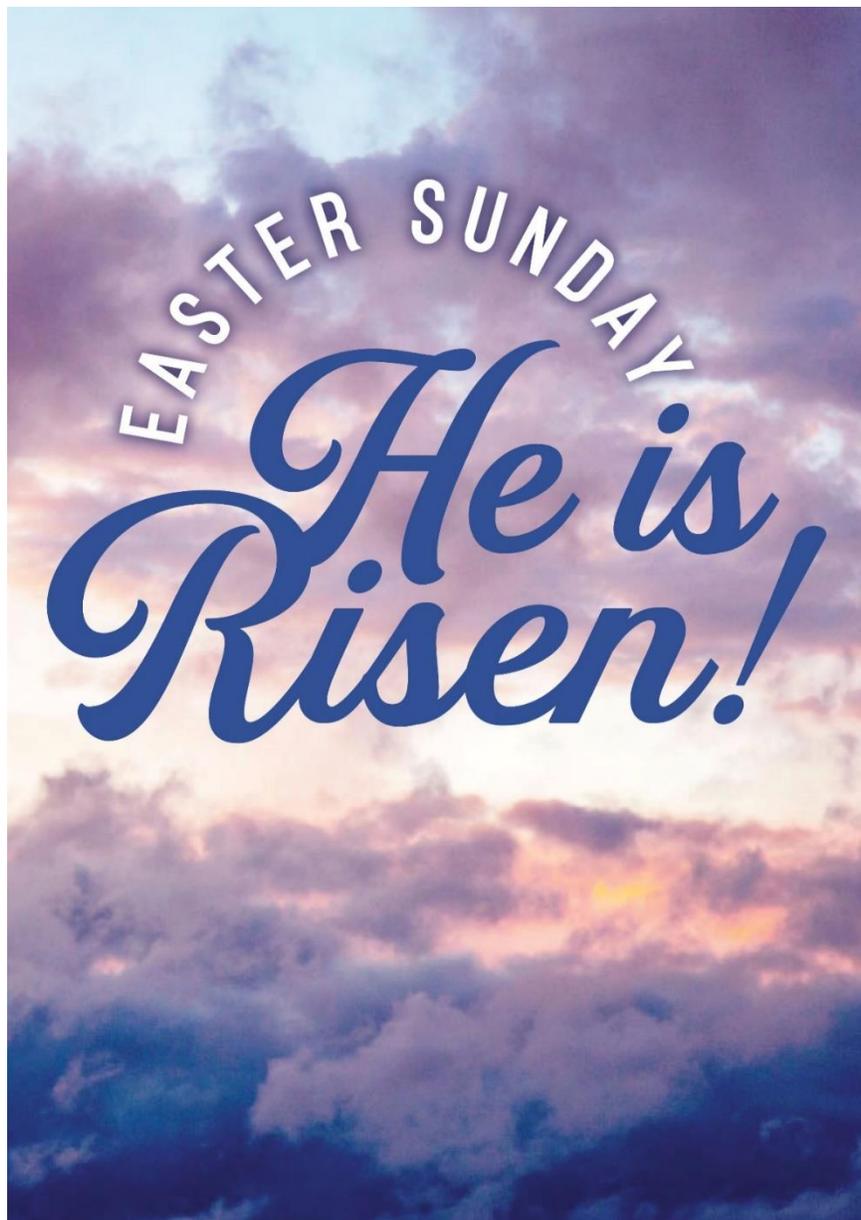
At these spots, you will be encouraged to pray for our local community using provided prayers, as well as your own.

We will also provide snacks for your Cross Drive.

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

7:00 a.m.

Gather at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ.
Breakfast will not be provided. BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee)

11:00 a.m.

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

Any time during the day on Easter Sunday come by the church building
to see the final result of our Lenten Art Project.

The cross will look very different, and we invite you to come
take an Easter picture at the church!

REGISTRATION FORM



First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle
Sunday, June 13-Thursday, June 17, 2021

***SPACE IS LIMITED.**

***KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE ONLY**

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2021**

FOR WHOM?

For you if you have completed Kindergarten all the way through completed 6th grade.

Space is limited due to COVID19:

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

2nd-3rd Grade: Maximum of 10 Children

4th-6th Grade: Maximum of 20 Children

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on **Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** On June 14-17, the hours are **9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

WHAT ELSE?

Registration Fee: \$20.00

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

Everyone should be masked and socially distanced.

The final performance will be filmed for people to watch at home.

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 13) _____

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) Y-Small (6/8) Y-Medium (10/12) Y-Large (14/16) Y-XLarge (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 2021 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 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 klambert@fpcalbemarle.org

For Office Use Only

Date Received _____

Staff Initials _____

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...FEBRUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	118,769.00	86,080.00
Total Expenses:	<u>67,485.00</u>	<u>102,317.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	51,284.00	(16,237.00)

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 \$40,270 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in February: \$9,207

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for February: \$120.00

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION

Saturday, April 17, 2021 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center

Rear Parking Lot




Call Solid Waste Dept. at
704.986.3698 for details
No small appliances accepted




Residents of Stanly County Welcome. No Businesses Allowed.



Grace Place

Grace Place is a ministry in Stanly County operated out of the old Tabernacle United Methodist Church. Their motto is *More Grace...Less Judgment*. They serve dinner on Mondays & Thursdays from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to anyone who wants to participate. They are looking for volunteers to help serve dinner to some of the people in our community who have fallen through the cracks. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Matt Drumheller (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).

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. 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 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.

SCCM Volunteers Needed

SCCM is in need of volunteers to help at the Assistance Center on a weekly basis. This work would include things like packing food boxes for clients, stocking shelves, bringing out food to clients to self-load, weighing donations that come in, and other duties. Volunteers are needed even if it only one day or a few hours per week. Times needed are:

Monday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.;
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To sign up, please contact Jenny Clore at jclore@sccminc.org.



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, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.



MWANDI UPDATE

Mwandi translates into English as a place of plenty fish. The picturesque village of mud structures with thatched roofs sits on the banks of the massive Zambezi River and looks across to the Caprivi Strip of Namibia.

Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, is approximately 90 miles downstream from Mwandi and attracts international visitors. Mwandi, however, is a world away in economic wealth and stability. It is a rural area with most of the population earning its living through subsistence farming, cattle herding and small-scale seasonal fishing. HIV-AIDS, TB, malaria, drought, and lack of educational opportunities provide ongoing challenges. Zambia, in its heyday of wealth from government owned copper mines, provided adequate funding for the hospital and schools. Since the collapse of copper prices, government funding for salaries and supplies is sporadic.

Mwandi sits at a historic crossroads of the Zambezi River and a trading path used by indigenous peoples and colonial traders. David Livingstone crossed the Zambezi at Mwandi three times in his explorations of Africa and is said to have *rested* on what is now the site of the local United Church of Zambia (UCZ). The culture of this historic area has been shaped by the great tribal wars of sub-Saharan Africa, visits by David Livingstone, colonial interventions, and 19th century support of the French and Scottish Mission Societies.

In the 1980's, the Medical Benevolence Foundation of PC(USA) began to support of the UCZ Mission Hospital with the provision of medical supplies. With the growing knowledge of the medical needs, numerous PC(USA) churches joined in a fund-raising project to bring electricity to the mission and to build an improved hospital facility. First Presbyterian members Richard and Joyce Lambert served as PC(USA) Volunteers in Mission at the Mwandi UCZ Hospital from 1997 to 2000. Richard served as Maintenance and Construction Supervisor, and Joyce served in administration and accounting. They resided at the Mwandi Guesthouse and hosted many international guests. One of their highlights was hosting the US Ambassador to Zambia during her tour of the Western Province of Zambia.

The UCZ Mission, the 2nd mission established in Zambia, has grown in an attempt to meet the many needs of the local people. The mission's medical station has now grown to be a first level hospital. In addition to the UCZ Hospital and church, the mission now includes a preschool, a K-12 school, homeless shelter, and the Orphans and Vulnerable Children's (OVC) Project.

The OVC Project operates a number of different programs that are mostly based around the Drop-in Centre. The feeding program, counseling, medical support, vegetable gardens, and school support are among the major programs run out of the OVC Project. Over 170 children are provided with one balanced meal per day, and 250 children are supported in schools. First Presbyterian's Mission Committee has opted to currently provide education support to 7 elementary students and 3 high school students. The cost to support a high school student is \$350 and an elementary student is \$100 annually. This contribution provides for school fees, uniforms and educational supplies.

Our Necklace Ministry continues to provide formula for babies of HIV positive mothers. Ruth Cotton continues to crochet necklaces which are marketed by Black Mountain Quilts.

First Presbyterian has visited Mwandi Mission on four different occasions. On each, they immersed themselves in the culture of the village and the work of the mission. Several years ago, we raised funds to provide a well for clean water for the village of Mabumba. Richard Lambert worked tirelessly to coordinate the construction of the well which now provides water to the Mabumba School students.

Mwandi is fortunate that it lies on the Zambezi River which provides water and abundant fish. It has benefited from its history and connection to international church communities, but it still struggles in its effort for funding to provide medical and educational opportunities to its people.

Submitted by: Joyce Lambert

On Saturday, May 15, First Presbyterian Church will be providing lunch for the guests at the Community Table. Our menu will be tuna salad, baked beans, fruit, chips, rolls, and

dessert. We will need donations of the following items for this lunch:

Individual bags of chips, individual fruit cups, rolls, homemade or bought cakes or cookies (no icing), and money to be used to help buy tuna and baked beans (money may be given to Kyle in the office).

If you wish to donate any food items, please contact Linda Anderson in order to avoid too much of any one item. If you plan to donate money, please let Linda know that as well (704-982-3723).

All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Thursday afternoon, May 13. Please label your donation with a Community Table sign. When dropping off donations, call the church office to be sure someone will be there to let you in the building. If you would like to help on May 15 to assemble the take-out containers and hand them out, please contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723).

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Child hunger in both the United States and abroad has skyrocketed! The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the effects of hunger and poverty around the globe; it has had a disproportionate impact on Black, Latino, Native American, and immigrant families. Moreover, it has exposed places in our safety net which need to be reformed by legislation and public policies. Hunger is a bipartisan issue and traditionally has bipartisan support. Our faith calls us to stand alongside impacted people in our community and around the world.



We have an opportunity to demonstrate our concern for justice through participating in the Bread for the World Offering of Letters. This year, in addition to handwriting letters to our Congressional leaders from North Carolina, we can access them by phone or online as follows:

Call the Capital switchboard 800-822-7323 to be connected to the office of Senator Richard Burr, Senator Thom Tillis, and Representative Richard Hudson.

Letter Writing is on Sunday, April 25 at your home. Packets will be available for pick-up at the church or during First Family drive-thru, if we are still unable to meet in person. For online access, follow the prompts and submit the form letter at www.bread.org/act

If you use either of these methods, please let the church office or Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) know so that your participation can be counted and included in the **Offering of Letters** during worship on **Sunday, May 2**. Thank you for your participation.

Bread for the World Sample Letter to Congress

Date _____

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Sen. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator _____, Dear Representative _____

Hunger is reaching historic levels. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate communities across the United States with disproportionate impact on Black, Latino, and Native American families, and immigrants, and worsening the effects of hunger and poverty around the globe.

The pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in our safety net and food systems from farm to fork. And child hunger in both the United States and abroad has skyrocketed. Specifically, Congress should:

- ❖ Make the expansion of the child tax credit in the American Rescue Plan permanent and available to all children regardless of immigration status. The CTC expansion will lift millions of children out of poverty, as well as help reduce hunger and narrow the racial wealth gap exacerbated by unemployment amid COVID-19.
- ❖ Increase U.S. leadership and funding for global nutrition programs without which an entire generation may be denied of their God-given right to flourish.

Now more than ever, my faith calls me to stand alongside impacted people in my community and around the world. Let us work together to ensure U.S. policies help people move out of poverty and feed their families in the U.S. and around the world.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[Your City, State, ZIP]

NEWS & NOTES

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Penny & Jim Bolin.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Lance & Susan Emory.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Victor Farrah & Donna Azzolini.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gary O. Giles.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Douglas & Sidney Muir.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Steve & Lucy Mullen.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Niparts.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Nancy Nuckols.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Susan Pandich.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Mr. & Mrs. James Potts.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Tex & Marilyn Powell.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Claude & Joyce Rogers.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Steve & Kendall Sharpe.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Leonard & Karen Shelor.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Henry & Julie Tharpe, Jr.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by John & Emily Thompson.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Gary & Sue Tyler.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Greg & Betsy Young.
- In memory of Bede Karr, given by Leonard & Pat Zeabart.

Music Fund:

In honor of John Hahn, given by Doris Forte.

Ayscue Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Bede Karr, given by Ross & Peggy Finley.

SYMPATHY

To Dick Liles and family upon the death of his son, Gregg Liles, on March 13.
To Anne Montgomery and family upon the death of her sister, Margaret Duncan, on March 24.

Session Notes

At the stated March meeting, Session approved a return to in person worship beginning April 18, 2021. Many church activities are happening virtually including Holy Week activities. Easter Sunrise Service will take place at Morrow Mountain with COVID-19 safety measures in place. First Presbyterian Scholarship information has been mailed to the local high schools. The scholarship form is available on the church website. Please encourage high school seniors to apply. Planning work on identifying a Director of Christian Education continues, please help the personnel committee by spreading the word about this opening.

Steve Cumming, Clerk of Session

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

Thanks for Help with Lent Dinners

Thanks to all who helped make the Lent Dinners a huge success: Linda Anderson, Elizabeth Bryson, Gloria Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Melissa Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Wes Eudy, Jennifer Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Bob Johnston, Debby Johnston, Leslie Kinley, Merrin Kinley, Morgan Kinley, Stephan Kinley, Ronnie Michael, Sarah Michael, Catherine Moeller, Anne Montgomery, Sandy Rogers, Gayle Russell, Ned Russell, Ann Upchurch, and Martha Wolf. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with us.

Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education & Fellowship



**Circle #5 will meet on Wednesday, April 14
at 1:30 p.m. in the pit stop.**

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

Thank you.

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.
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:

Claude Harwood.
Don Joines.
Jane Pickler.
Jean Rabe.
Pete Smith.

APRIL



- 01- Leslie Kinley
Kent Newport
- 04- Wes Eudy
- 05- Steve Blalock
- 07- Angie Earnhardt
Russell Karr
- 08- Joyce Lambert
- 10- Murphy Hall
Holden Taylor
- 11- Maddie Averette
Marlene Mittendorf
- 12- Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
- 13- Matt Moeller
- 14- Anissa Chapman
- 17- David Kilde
- 18- Elizabeth Wilson

- 19- Cooper Atwater
- 20- Peggy Finley
- 22- Marshall Rogers
- 23- Emma Gibson
Polly Moose
- 24- Liz Davis
Anita Gower
Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos
Nicole Poolos
- 25- Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell
- 26- Ella Averette
John Kilde
- 27- Ethan Richards
- 28- Aaron Whisnant
- 29- Harold Sharpe

APRIL



- 02- Michael & Kristen Laton
Lynn & Martha White
- 13- Gus & Nancy Feather
- 16- Kyle & Laura Beth Marks
- 19- Robert & Myra Land

- 22- Jim & Lori Ivey
- 24- Robin & Melissa Lemons
- 25- Steve & Kate Melone
- 28- Kevin & Adrienne Averette
- 29- Steve & Elaine Coats



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 celebrate the season of Easter, we hope you will join us to spend time together each week. **For our last session, we will gather at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28th at Pelican's for a round of Putt-putt and sweet treats.** We hope you will make plans to join us as we play outdoors in a safe and socially-distanced way!

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@fpcalbemarle.org).

The **Faith Explorers** continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. We have been discussing parables and readings from the Old and New Testaments. **On Wednesday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. is our End of the Year Party at Pelican's!** Join us for some in-person fellowship, snow cones, and mini-golf!



Youth Group News & Information

Our youth group continues to meet outside for social distancing and beautiful weather! We continue our quest to try all 100 flavors of snow cones during Parables & Pelican's. We hope you will join us for some more fun activities in April

Sunday, April 4

Sunday, April 11

Saturday, April 17

Sunday, April 25

No Youth Group (Easter)

Parables & Pelican's

Outdoor Movie Night in Locust

Parables & Pelican's

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.



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



Montreat Youth Conferences

Middle School Conference - July 13th-17th

High School Conference - July 11th-17th

There is still time to register for both Montreat Youth Conferences! The middle school conference is open to rising 5th-9th graders, and the high school conference is open to rising 9th-graduating seniors. Contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824) for registration information if you would like to attend. Both of these conferences are full of fun, faith, and the outdoors!



**10 - Holden Taylor
17 - David Kilde
19 - Cooper Atwater
27 - Ethan Richards**

We Need You to Volunteer for Music & Arts Camp



If you have some time the week of June 13-17, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with these children! For more information, contact the church office (pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org). ***Musical & artistic ability NOT required***



From the Scholarship Committee...

Scholarship applications are available 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop. Please contact Peggy Finley 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.



Youth Sunday

April 11 during worship

Our youth will lead worship for us on April 11. Join us in virtual worship to hear our 5 seniors speak about their experiences in church and their faith journeys. Our seniors are: Duncan Bryson, Judson Bullard, Kimbal Chapman, David Kilde, and Morgan Kinley. The youth group will also participate and lead in other parts of worship.

Education and Conversation Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

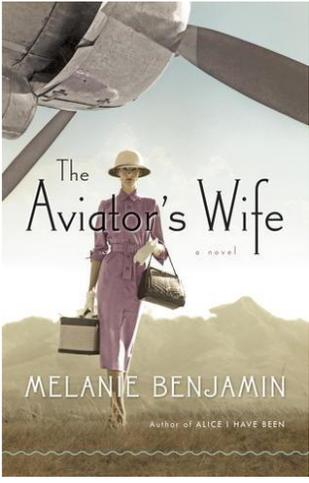


On Tuesday, April 27, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. in-person and via Zoom for our next Education and Conversation. We will use a resource we have referenced before: the 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge. This time, we will discuss a series of short articles recommended by American and Moore. The list of articles will be made available early in April for anyone who is interested.

You are invited to join us in this conversation by reading these articles ahead of time. We are also going to be discussing what are some possible next steps for our congregation. We hope you will join!

SCCM MONTHLY NEED
Canned Soup & Crackers

April Book Conversation
Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Book: *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin



When Anne Morrow, a shy college senior with hidden literary aspirations, travels to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her family, she meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh, fresh off his celebrated 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic. Enthralled by Charles's assurance and fame, Anne is certain the aviator has scarcely noticed her. But she is wrong. Charles sees in Anne a kindred spirit, a fellow adventurer, and her world will be changed forever. The two marry in a headline-making wedding. In the years that follow, Anne becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States. But despite this and other major achievements, she is viewed merely as the aviator's wife. The fairy-tale life she once longed for will bring heartbreak and hardships, ultimately pushing her to reconcile her need for love and her desire for independence, and to embrace, at last, life's infinite possibilities for change and happiness.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76026386946>
Meeting ID: 760 2638 6946
Passcode: Z71g4D



Graduate Information Needed by Thursday, May 13
for Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 23

During worship on **May 23**, 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 2021, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) by **May 13** with the following information:

- Student Name
- Name of High School, College, or Graduate School
- Name of College Attending
- Degree (if graduating from College or Graduate School)

Join us as we celebrate our graduating seniors as they complete their high-school journeys and start the next chapter in their lives.

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 or deliver to the church office with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 2**. 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 9**. 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: _____



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).

Confirmation 2021

Our eighth and ninth graders and their partners have finished the 2021 Confirmation program. After 9 weeks of gathering and reflecting on faith, they were confirmed as part of worship on Palm Sunday, March 28. It is a joy to celebrate the gifts of these young, inquisitive minds in the life of the church. Many thanks to the youth and parents who participated in the program, and to the adult confirmation partners that met with their youth on weekly meetings and encouraged them throughout the Spring.



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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.



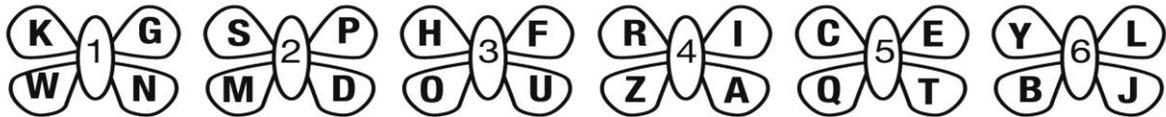
Bible Study and Conversation

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

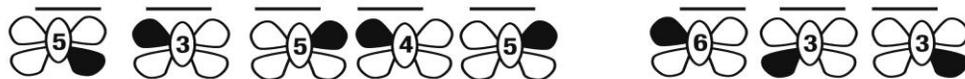
Join Catherine and Matt Moeller for fellowship and biblical reflection. The material for this online discussion will be selected from pieces of scripture from which Matt is preaching. Each Monday, you will receive an email with the selected devotional for the week. Discussion will focus on the significance 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!

Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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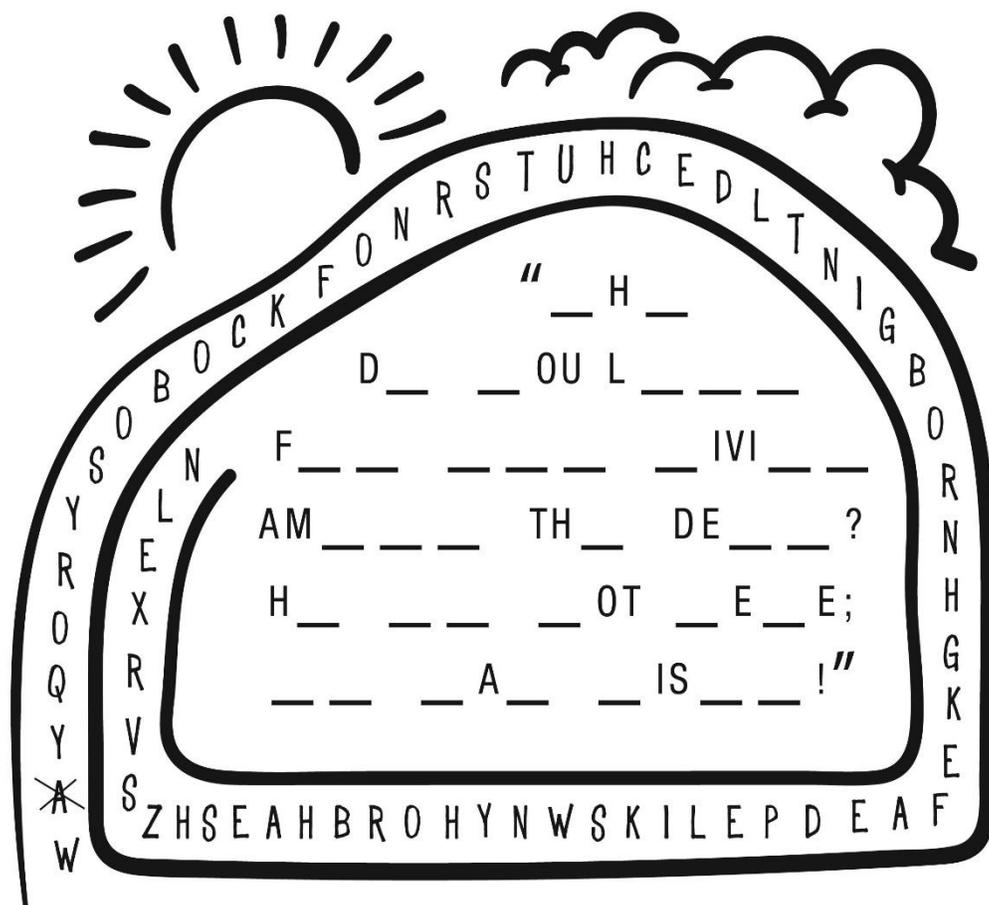
Answer: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.”



EASTER MORNING *message*

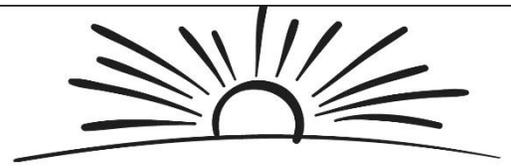
Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

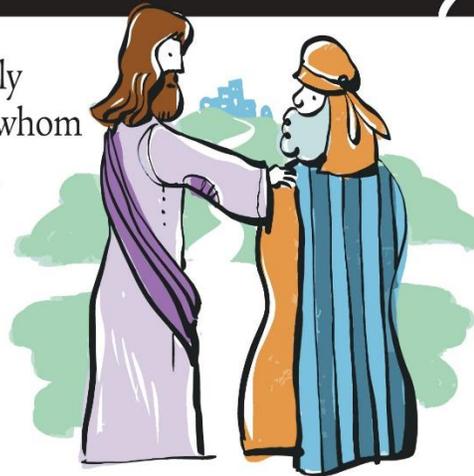


Bible Quiz



We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



April

Thursday, April 1 *Maundy Thursday*

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 12:00 pm-7:00 pm Lenten Time of Reflection (parlor-reservations required)
- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Zoom Worship

Friday, April 2 *Good Friday*

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 10:30 am-11:30 am Good Friday Cross Drive
- 8:00 pm Good Friday Online Worship

Saturday, April 3 *Easter Camping*

Sunday, April 4 *Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

- 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 11:00 am Online Worship

Monday, April 5 *Easter Monday/Church Office Closed*

Tuesday, April 6 *Deadline for Scholarship Applications*

Wednesday, April 7

- 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)

Thursday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 11 *Youth Sunday*

- 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 Parables & Pelican's

Monday, April 12

Begin Reservations for In-Person Worship for Sunday, April 18

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Tuesday, April 13

- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, April 14

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:30 pm Circle #5 meets in the 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

Thursday, April 15

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

Saturday, April 17

- 7:00 pm Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night in Locust

Sunday, April 18

- 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 Worship

Monday, April 19

Begin Reservations for In-Person Worship for Sunday, April 25

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study with Debby Johnston & Jack Morton

Wednesday, April 21

- 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

Thursday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 25

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

Monday, April 26

Begin Reservations for In-Person Worship for Sunday, May 2

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm April 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, April 27

- 7:00 pm Education & Conversation

Wednesday, April 28

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast Zoom Meeting
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm Youth Club End-of-the-Year Party at Pelican's

Thursday, April 29

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



Acolyte Schedule for April

April 4: Merrin Kinley
April 11: Jordan Hesley
April 18: Seth Richards
April 25: Holden Taylor

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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:**

**May Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday, April 13.
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.**



*“I am the
resurrection
and the
life.”*