



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from the Iona Community

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

People: to the rising of this life itself.

Leader: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

People: The hand of God between us and each hand,

Leader: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

People: The love of Christ between us and each love.

Leader: O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day,

All: Bring us to the guiding light of eternity as we worship you together.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

ANTHEM

Steal Away
Andy Cotton, Soloist

H.T. Burleigh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

hymnal, page 288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:1-8

Pew Bible, page 186

SERMON

Life Giving

Mrs. Ayscue and Mr. Drumheller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the mind of humanity. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of love. Amen.

*HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Stuttgart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF SUMMER TRAVELERS

from the Iona Community

Blessing

Leader and Congregation: The Maker's blessing be yours, on your road, on your journey, guiding you, cherishing you.

Travelers: The Son's blessing be yours, wine and water, bread and stories, feeding you, challenging you.

Leader and Congregation: The Spirit's blessing be yours, wind and fire, joy and wisdom, comforting you, disturbing you.

Travelers: The Angel's blessing be yours, on your house, on your living, guarding you, encouraging you.

All: God's blessing be ours; the blessing of pilgrims, all the nights and days of our journey home.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Air from 'Water Music'

George F. Handel

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 761

Called As Partners In Christ's Service

Beecher

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hornpipe from 'Water Music'

George F. Handel

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Emma Grace Lemons. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to David Kilde and Laura Wheeler for their dramatic contribution to worship and to Andy Cotton for his musical contribution.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Al Andrew, Jay Andrew, Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Greg Lisk, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod, Barbara McManus, and Joe Snuggs

Elder Greeters: Jim Carter; Ruth Cotton **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford

Preschool Partners: Connie Wallace & Ken Knight **Nana & Papa Team:** Susan & Banks Garrison

There will be no Children's Church during July and August.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Randall Kimrey (father of Bryce Kimrey; bone marrow transplant on July 8), Charles Miller (battling cancer; husband of Marion Andrew Miller); Anita Gower, Miriam Williams (grandmother of Michelle Cumming), Karen Niebler (mother of Jill Niebler), Rita Whitley, Barbara McManus, David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

Those being commissioned today are:

For Montreat Youth Conference (departing July 12):

Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Holland Currie, Lachlann Currie, Virginia Currie, Matt Drumheller, Penny Morton, Witt Snuggs, and Anna Wainwright.

For Montana de Luz (departing July 22):

Skeet Ayscue and Virginia Currie

For Mwandu Mission (departing July 31):

Andy Cotton, Matt Drumheller, Joyce Lambert, Richard Lambert, Janet Schaefer, and Rich Schaefer.

Shortbread bakers are needed for Scottish Communion on July 19. If you can help by making a batch, sign-up on the bulletin board in the pit stop or contact Jane Boone (704-984-6353 or jane.boone@stanly.org).

Endowment Committee Grants

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until **July 15**. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org). If you have questions about the application process, please contact Kim Marshall. Endowment Committee members include: Kim Marshall, chair; Debbie Bennett, Bob Gaither, Ronnie Michael, Shannon Newport, and Sandy Saunders. Elizabeth Ayscue and Lee McLaurin are ex-officio members of the committee.

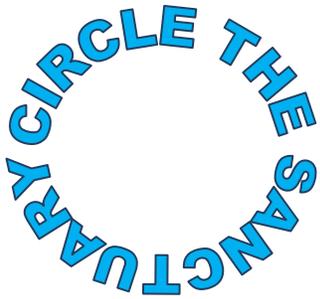
Our Living Legacy

Kitchen demolition has taken place and permits are being obtained. Windows in the parlor will soon be replaced and other improvements are on the near horizon. Pledges in excess of \$280,000 have been received, and we welcome yours in a timely manner. Because of your generosity, the Our Living Legacy committee is moving into phase 2 of the campaign which includes renovation and upgrading the gym. Stay tuned.



**Thanks to Addison Marks
for her artwork based on the book
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein.**

**SCOTTISH COMMUNION
AND
KIRKIN' O' TARTANS
SUNDAY, JULY 19
10:00 A.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



The summer months at SCCM find the food pantry quite bare. Children are home from school and we don't want any of them to go hungry. So, once again, the Mission Committee is asking you to help by bringing the requested food items and placing them in the appropriate places around the perimeter of the sanctuary.

The collection will take place on July 12, 19, & 26.

Let's make this the biggest collection ever!

Food item categories are: canned meat, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese/pastas, cereal, grits, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned vegetables

Wish List, Mwandu Mission

The Mwandu, Zambia mission trip participants will depart on July 31 and, after a long flight, will arrive late in the evening on August 1. The congregation can participate in the trip by providing any of the following needed items:

Gloves for doctors and nurses, Gauze, Cotton Balls, and Thermometers

Materials are needed for a new *special needs* class. Students range in grades 1 through 6. Books for pupils with intellectual disabilities:

Math, Pre-vocational, Kkills for daily living, Literacy and Language

Other supplies include:

Crayons, Rulers, Colored Pencils, Play dough, Scissors

Stickers (keep in mind that fairy tale type stickers and books are not appropriate) Story books, Markers,

Balls (soft), Paint & Paint brushes, Soccer Balls

Wish List, Montaña de Luz

The Montana de Luz mission trip participants are departing July 22. The congregation can participate in the trip by providing any of the following needed items:

Hygiene Items (Family Size)

Soap & Body Wash, Shampoo & Conditioner , Deodorant-male & female, Moisturizing lotion, Razors, Shaving cream/gel, Feminine Pads, Hair gel, Hairbands, Hair clips-girls, Hand sanitizer, Sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher), Toothpaste (NO toothbrushes needed), Shoe polish

Pharmacy/Medical Supplies

MULTIVITAMINS-Children and Adult, Vitamin C, Antacids:1-Tums, 2: PeptoBismol/Mylanta/Maalox liquid, ACE Bandages-All sizes, Lice Shampoo kits, Metal Lice Combs

General/Office Needs

USB Memory Sticks (any size/recycled is fine), Printer Ink HP 60, Needles for Ball/Bicycle Pump, Laptops in good condition/cleaned, Staplers

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 12

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Adult Education Taskforce

Monday, July 13

1:30 pm *Our Living Legacy* Committee
(Old Session Room)

Wednesday, July 15

Deadline for Gaither Grant Applications

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Friday, July 17

Church Office Closed – Summer Friday

Saturday, July 18

9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Rockingham
(904 Fayetteville Rd., Rockingham)

Sunday, July 19

Scottish Communion and Kirkin' of the Tartans

Circle the Sanctuary

10:00 am *Scottish Communion & Kirkin' of the Tartans

11:00 am Fellowship:

Lemonade & Scottish Shortbread in the pit stop

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY

12-Jameson Lisk

13-Kalyn Caudle

17-Matt Carpenter

Michael Laton

Panh Linthavong

Summer Fridays

The church office is closed on Fridays through August.

SCCM NEED FOR JULY:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, & Pasta

Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream

Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Home of Robin & John Howell (20959 Old Aquadale Road, Albemarle)

We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream (let us know what kind you're bringing) to sing, pray, and read scripture together.

First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents the Summer Art Exhibit

Featured Artist, Joyce Lambert

A collection of oil paintings by Joyce Lambert, a member of this congregation, are exhibited in the First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery. This exhibit features wildlife, the Mwandu Village, several portraits, and landscapes. We appreciate Joyce sharing her art work with us.

ATTENTION VEGETABLE GARDENERS!!!

As you tend your summer vegetable garden, please remember to plant a little extra so that you can share some of the fruits of your labors with members of our congregation as well as the clients at the Stanly Community Christian Ministry. Bring your harvest to the table in the pit stop on Sunday mornings so that folks can have an opportunity to make a purchase. The donations will be sent to SCCM. Whatever vegetables remain will be transported to the SCCM food pantry.