



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

Church is more verb than noun. We are made to get out, to love, and serve God.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 250

Hymn of Promise

all stanzas

Hymn 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

refrain only

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We do not live by bread alone.

People: But by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Leader: Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

People: Come, let us worship and give thanks.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giver of life, every day you rain down manna from heaven so that we can eat the bread of angels. Turn our complaints into gratitude, that we, as a church, may mature into the body of the risen Christ given for the life of the world. Amen.

Psalm 78:25;
Ephesians 4:13

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

*The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger
may be brought forward at this time.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:1, 3, 15

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Glory to God hymnal
page 582

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

In 180 A.D., a form of this creed was written by Roman Christians. It reached its final form in the 8th century.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mike McLeod

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, may the reading of your Word be for us the bread you send from heaven that gives life to the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING [*Psalm 78:23-29*](#) Pew Bible, page 509

The leader will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will respond reading the even numbered verses.

SOLO

O Lord Most Holy
Andy Cotton, Baritone

César Franck

GOSPEL READING

[*John 6:24-35*](#)

Pew Bible, page 92

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Soul Food

Mrs. Ayscue

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

During the hymn, ushers will collect your written prayers to be included in the Prayers of People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Mr. Drumheller

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

And of your own we give you.

Offertory

*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 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* How Sweet the Sound

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

My Offering cards are in the pews. As a regular practice, you are invited to take one, reflect on your giving, and place it in the offering plate when it comes to you.

Worship continues with fellowship in the Pit Stop. Join others for lemonade and conversation.

IN MEMORIAM
Virginia "Ginny" Connell
January 23, 1927-July 27, 2018

We rejoice that you are worshiping 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 Jackson Shedd. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Mount.

There is no Children's Church today. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship.

Thanks to Andy Cotton for his musical leadership in worship today.

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Robbie Beard, Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Lachlann Currie, Mark Mabry, Kyle Marks, Laura Beth Marks, Mike McLeod, and Chris Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Brad Boone; John Earnhardt **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Wainwright; David Whitley **Nursery:** Sara Kate Thomas **Preschool Partner:** Lachlann Currie **Nana & Papa Team:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Virginia (Ginny) Connell, Sally Grantier (recovering from quadruple by-pass surgery; NorthEast Medical Center), Denise LaBoube (half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer – Astrocytoma), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), Hessie Clark, Junior Lambert (uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer). **See newsletter for complete list.**

Back to School Luncheon for Central School Teachers & Staff
Monday, August 20 at 11:45 a.m. in the church gym
Please sign-up to help and/or with food (salad and/or dessert) on the Mission bulletin board.
Food needs to be in the church kitchen by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 20.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are now available throughout the church. Pick one up and fill it with gifts for a child. Boxes will be dedicated in worship on Sunday, August 26.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

!!! Volunteers Needed for the Community Inn BBQ !!!

The annual Community Inn BBQ is Friday, August 17 at West Albemarle Baptist Church (336 Church Street, Albemarle) from 11 AM – 6 PM. Volunteers are needed to make pound cakes, to help with setting up the day before the event, and to help with deliveries, serving, and cleaning up on the day of the event. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Pit Stop. Please stop by and sign up to help! Thanks!



First Presbyterian Church Congregational Retreat October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park

It's not too early to sign-up for First Presbyterian Church's congregational retreat on October 12-14 at Morrow Mountain State Park. See the bulletin board in the pit stop for more information.

The 2018 Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions of persons to be considered for service as Deacon or Ruling Elder. In thinking of folks who may be qualified to serve, please consider the following:

- Worship attendance
- Participation in church activities
- Service rendered to the church
- Christian living in daily life
- Ability to work cooperatively with others

Suggestions for Deacon

Suggestions for Ruling Elder

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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Please return suggestions to the church office or to Keith Bryson, Nominating Committee Chair, by August 5. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Keith Bryson, Robert Ivey, Taylor Johnston, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, Jack Morton, and Frankie Palmer.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

The 2018-19 school year will be here soon and school supplies are in the retail stores ready for purchase. Please take the list below and begin shopping for much needed supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Uniform shirts for youth are \$15.00 (these are plain polo shirts).

Donations for 1 or more shirts would be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put: CES uniform donation

Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 12.

If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.

Student Supplies

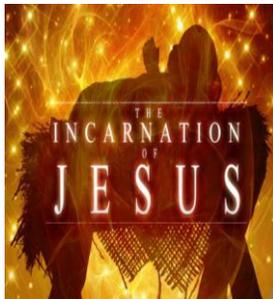
Crayons – 8, 16, or 24 count Crayola brand only
Glue Sticks
#2 Pencils
#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)
Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)
Scissors (child & youth sizes)
Pink Pearl Eraser
Card Stock Paper
Dry Erase Markers (small size)
Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)
Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box
Dividers with pockets
Spiral Notebooks with pockets
Plain Solid 2-pocket folders
Pocket folders with prongs
2” 3-ring binders
Pencil top erasers
1 pk. Highlighters
Colored Pencils
Colored Paper
3x5 index cards
Ear Buds
Ear Phones
Small Pencil Sharpener
Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes
Kleenex
Baby Wipes
Hand Sanitizer
Paper Towels
Band-aids
Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)



Christmas in August

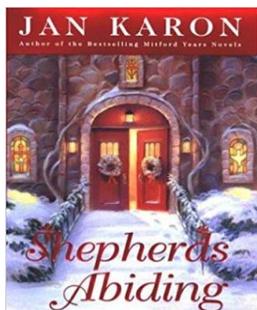


Adult Study on the Incarnation of Jesus
Tuesday, August 14 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Session Room
Sign-up by August 12; Dinner Provided.

In preparation for our August celebration of Christmas, join Matt and Elizabeth to examine how each gospel tells the story of the incarnation of Jesus. We'll enjoy good conversation as we explore the perspective of each gospel writer. Sign-up now! Childcare is provided upon request.

Advent Worship Sunday, August 19

A festive brunch will follow worship. If you would like to help, contact Jane Boone (704-984-6353 or jane.boone@carolinashealthcare.org). Following brunch, Ruth Cotton will lead a chrismon workshop for school-aged children and adults. We'll use the ornaments on our summer chrismon tree and then they can be taken home. Donations for lunch will be used for our Habitat for Humanity house. Construction begins in the fall.



Book Conversation
Monday, August 20
7:00 p.m. in the Parlor
Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story
by Jan Karon

Copies are available in the church office and at the public library.

MOVIE NIGHT
THE STAR
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 6:00 P.M.
WE'LL GATHER AROUND
THE BIG SCREEN IN THE THEATRE.



Christmas Celebration
Sunday, August 26

Carol singing, the birth of Jesus will be told in music and word. Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be dedicated and much more! Wear your Christmas colors!



Summer Vespers & Homemade Ice Cream
6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 12 at the home of
Robin & John Howell
(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)
 We'll gather for summer vespers and ice cream
 (let us know what kind you're bringing).
 We will sing, pray, and read scripture together.



Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

First Presbyterian Church college students will soon begin the 2018-2019 school year. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc.

The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way?

Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY INN FUNDRAISER!!



Making our community stronger
one person at a time
GOOD OLE' BOYS BBQ!



Stanly County's Homeless
Housing Program

Sponsored by



Friday, August 17th
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

West Albemarle Baptist Fellowship Building
336 Church Street, Albemarle

- purchase tickets before August 17th for best price!

- BBQ Plate - BBQ, slaw, chips, bread, dessert - \$8
- BBQ Pound container - \$8
- BBQ Tray 6 1/2 lbs. - \$48 (1/2 pound free)

Day of BBQ Prices: BBQ Plate or Pound - \$10; BBQ Tray - \$55

Drive-thru • Delivery • Dine-in



Homes of Hope is
a United Way
agency.

Will deliver within Stanly County with minimum order of 5 plates

Checks should be written to "The Community Inn" (credit & debit cards accepted on day of event)

Call or text 980-866-8259 with orders or questions

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 5

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 11:00 am Mission Committee (Session Room)

Wednesday, August 8

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, August 9

- 8:30 am Youth Group Monday Morning Mission

Sunday, August 12

- 9:00 am *Diaconate
- 10:00 am *Worship
- 11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (Pit Stop)
- 11:00 pm Child Protection Policy Class (Media Center)
- 6:30 pm Summer Vespers at the home of Robin & John Howell (20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

***childcare provided**



Quarter Ministry for The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care

The Mary & Martha Center for Women & Community Care is collecting quarters to assist women with laundromat expenses. Your donation of quarters can be dropped in jars located at the sanctuary entrances. Your quarters make a difference!

**FELLOWSHIP
&
LEMONADE
ON THE LAWN
EVERY SUNDAY
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP
IN THE
PIT STOP**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AUGUST

- 05-Caroline McLeod
- 06-Gabriel Beamon
- 07-Greg Lisk
Keith Wolf
- 08-Leslie Carter
Martha Sue Hall
Mellanie Hendrix
- 09-Hugh Wainwright
- 10-Patty MacMurray
Judy Murrell
- 12-Banks Garrison

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! AUGUST

- 06-Gus & Pam Holbrook
- 07-Ross & Terrie Holshouser
- 10-Al & Kassie Taylor
- 11-Bob & Debby Johnston

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST

Canned or Dried Beans,
Canned Tomatoes, Rice



**Summer Art Gallery Exhibit
Featuring Works
By Lilley Brookshire**