



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*It's hope that helps us keep the faith, despite the evidence, knowing that only in doing so has the evidence any chance of changing.*

William S. Coffin

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONGS

Hymn 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* stanzas 1 and 3  
Hymn 463 *How Firm a Foundation* stanzas 1 and 2

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**People: Happy are those who trust in God.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

Psalm 118; Psalm 34

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

John 6:41-51

\*HYMN 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* Holy Manna

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mrs. Ayscue

Silence

**Unison**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*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.**

*Glory to God* hymnal  
page 582

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara McManus

*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

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

[\*1 Kings 19:4-8\*](#)

Pew Bible, page 311

### SOLO

*Bread of Life*

René Clausen

Dr. Ann Crutchfield, Soprano

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

[\*John 6:35, 41-51\*](#)

Pew Bible, page 92

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Holy Manna*

Mr. Drumheller

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything. We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

**And of your own we give you.**

Offertory

*Adagio*

Benedetto Marcello

\*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

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

From  
*A Declaration of Faith.*

*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.

\*HYMN 541

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

Randolph

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

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\*All who are able may stand.

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

**IN MEMORIAM**  
Rodney Mabry Morgan  
July 5, 1947 – August 3, 2018

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**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 Natalie Taylor.** 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 honor of the second wedding anniversary of Murphy and Valerie Hall by Bill, Martha Sue, and Dan.

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

**Thanks to Dr. Ann Crutchfield** for her 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:** Wes Eudy; Josh Campbell **Elder Greeters:** Debbie Wainwright; David Whitley **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool Partner:** Heather Deese; TBD **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** The family of Rodney Morgan (husband of Rita Morgan), Judy Murrell (Trinity Place), Jennie Green (at NorthEast with back/foot injuries; sister of Kristie Bryson), Joan Bunn (health concerns; friend of Gina Martin), Kathy Miles Gordon (pancreatic cancer; friend of Ruth Goodwin), Sally Grantier, Denise LaBoube (half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer – Astrocytoma), Sally Warburton (friend of Debbie & John Hahn), HESSIE CLARK. **See newsletter for complete list.**

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**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.**



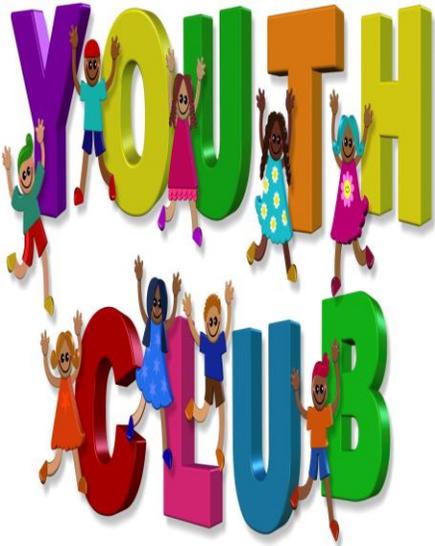
Operation Christmas Child boxes are now available throughout the church. Pick one up and fill it with gifts for a child. Boxes will be dedicated in worship on Sunday, August 26.

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**COOKS NEEDED**

- ❖ Pound Cakes are needed for the Community Inn Fundraiser by August 16
  - ❖ Salads & Desserts are needed for the Central School Luncheon on August 20
- Sign-up to help with these events on the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop.**

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*What is Youth Cubs/Clubs?*

*An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**First Day of Youth Cubs/Youth Club is Wednesday, September 13 from 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Orff (percussion) instruments for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders led by Daniel Dickens 5:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.**

**Handbells for 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders led by Frank Poolos 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

**\*Childcare provided for preschoolers until 5:45 p.m. For more information, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).**

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**GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS**

On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 10**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS**

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

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

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

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

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

**Child Protection Policy Training**  
**Sunday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Media Room**

Child Protection Policy Training will be offered on Sunday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Media Room. If you are interested in volunteering with the children and/or youth at First Presbyterian Church, contact Jane Snyder (jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722 or 704-438-3358) or Debbie Bennett (704-463-1604 or dbennett@stanlycountync.gov).

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**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST**

Stanly County Schools start on August 27. Please bring school supplies by Sunday, August 19 to be distributed at the luncheon for Central Elementary School staff.

**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**

**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)



**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.



**Blessing of the Backpacks**  
**Sunday, August 26**

The Blessing of the Backpacks will take place in worship on Sunday, August 26. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpack and participate in this ritual as they return to school.

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**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.

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**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

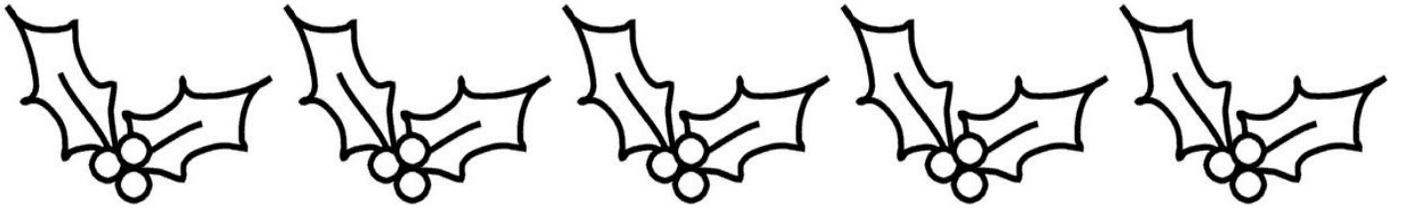


Homes of Hope is a United Way agency.

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



# Christmas in August

- August 14** 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Join Matt & Elizabeth for a Bible study and dinner.  
We'll examine the gospel stories related to the birth of Jesus.
- August 19** \*Worship will focus on readings and carols related to the Advent candles.  
  
\*A festive holiday brunch will follow. Tacky Christmas sweaters are welcome!  
Cost: Donation for our Habitat for Humanity house (to be built in the fall)  
  
\*Chrismon Workshop  
Ruth Cotton will lead this workshop after brunch. It's for school-aged children and above. The project will take approximately 45 minutes.
- August 20** 7:00 p.m.  
*Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story* by Jan Karon  
Book Conversation in the Parlor
- August 24** 6:00 p.m.  
Movie Night: *The Star*  
The movie will be shown in our theatre.
- August 26** Christmas Celebration in Worship  
We'll dedicate shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and bless backpacks.  
We'll also share the Lord's Supper.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 12

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

### Monday, August 13

- 8:30 am Youth Group Monday Morning Mission

### Tuesday, August 14

- 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Adult Study – The Incarnation of Jesus
- 6:00 pm Nominating Committee

### Wednesday, August 15

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

### Thursday, August 16

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Saturday, August 18

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Derita Presbyterian Church  
(2230 West Sugar Creek Rd., Charlotte)

### Sunday, August 19

#### *Advent Sunday*

- 8:30 am \*Session
- 10:00 am \*Worship
- 11:00 am Holiday Brunch
- 12:00 pm Chrismon Workshop

\*childcare provided

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### AUGUST

- 12-Banks Garrison
- 13-Dan Samples
- 14-Salem Taylor
- 15-Sheryl Stewart
- 16-Kimbal Chapman  
Elaine Coats
- 18-Sarah Michael  
Brett Richards
- 19-Mark Andrew  
Don Joines

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### AUGUST

- 13-Tommy & Judy Murrell
- 17-Roger & Gina Martin
- 18-Norman & Peggy Rogers

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST

Canned or Dried Beans,  
Canned Tomatoes, Rice

# Women's Retreat

Where? William Black Lodge

When? September 28-30

Theme: The Gift of Bread

Cost: \$185 double occupancy  
\$240 single occupancy

Join others for fellowship, worship, Bible study, and lots of fun. Friends are welcome. Deposits (\$75.00) are needed by September 5.



First Presbyterian Church  
Congregational Retreat  
October 12-14

**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.