

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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## February 2016

Dear Friends,

On this Sunday, January 31, we will ordain and install elders and deacons to serve our congregation for the next three years. Ordination suggests that these women and men are set apart for this service at this time. In a much broader way, reformed theology suggests that all of God's people are set apart for particular service at particular times. I urge you to prayerfully consider the service to which God is calling you right now. Each of the committees of Diaconate and Session are currently reorganizing to be about the work of serving both church and community. The officers you have elected cannot serve without your help. Would you consider serving on the Mission Committee to make it possible for us to share the good news of God's love with people beyond the doors of our church? Or would you like to help chart the course for Christian Education by serving on that committee to plan events and programs for all ages? Or are you interested in learning more about how we organize the worship life of the church? Endless opportunities to serve are available both within the church and beyond. Please consider God's call to you and answer by offering your gifts to God through the life of First Presbyterian Church.

Grace and Peace,  
Elizabeth

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### Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

Whether alone or with another, you are invited to read the gospel of Luke during Lent. Sermons and small group conversations will be based on texts from Luke.

Suggested scripture readings for the Lenten days in February:

February 10	Luke 1:1-25	February 20	Luke 6:1-19
February 11	Luke 1:26-56	February 21	Luke 6:20-49
February 12	Luke 1:57-80	February 22	Luke 7:1-35
February 13	Luke 2:1-40	February 23	Luke 7:36-50
February 14	Luke 2:41-52	February 24	Luke 8:1-25
February 15	Luke 3:1-38	February 25	Luke 8:26-50
February 16	Luke 4:1-30	February 26	Luke 9:1-27
February 17	Luke 4:31-42	February 27	Luke 9:28-62
February 18	Luke 5:1-26	February 28	Luke 10:1-24
February 19	Luke 5:27-39	February 29	Luke 10:25-42

# Lent Preview



The theme for Lent reflects Luke's emphasis on growing the community of God's people beyond the Jews who have embraced Jesus as Lord and Savior. The following people are serving on the Lent Planning Committee: Rebekah Ayscue, Leah Beamon, Leslie Carter, Ken Knight, Nathan Sanges, and Janet Schaefer. They are putting the finishing touches on every part of the season and details will be available the second week of February.

- ❖ Contemplative Worship each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel.
- ❖ Wednesday Night Food for Body & Soul... Including evening prayer, dinner, and several classes. A different speaker each week will present and lead discussion.
- ❖ Worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- ❖ The CrossWalk through downtown Albemarle.
- ❖ Camping at Morrow Mountain on Easter Eve in preparation for the Sunrise Service on Easter morning.

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## Contemplative Lent Worship Tuesdays, February 16 & 23 and March 1, 8, & 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Beginning Tuesday, February 16, there will be an evening service in the chapel. These contemplative services (30 minutes) are designed to help worshipers focus the reading in Lent, to be silent before God, and to sing the hymns of faith. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Join us for this important worship opportunity.

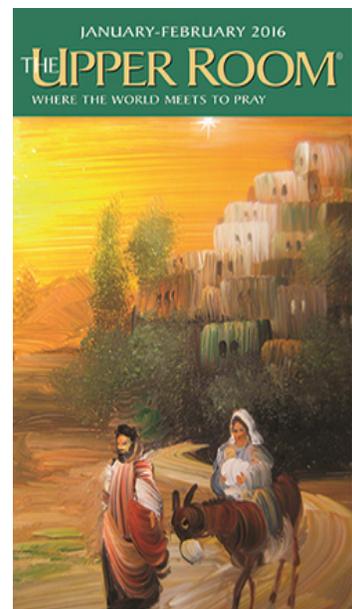
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## THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room magazine's mission is to provide a model of practical Christianity, accessible in varied formats, to help people feel invited and welcomed into God's presence to:

- listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story.
- commune with God in prayer.
- see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work.
- realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers.
- encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.

The Upper Room devotional guide is available for your use. Daily readings will help focus your prayer and study. The Upper Room can be found in the pit stop and the church office.



# WORSHIP NOTES

To enhance the meaning of Lent, Session has approved celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper each Sunday, holding Word and Sacrament together. Though the practice of weekly communion may seem unusual to us, it is the practice John Calvin strongly advocated throughout the Institute of the Christian Religion written in 1559.

Scriptures and sermons each week will focus on the Lenten theme, *Growing Community*. Together, we will explore Luke's emphasis on growing the community of Christians to include unexpected groups and individuals.

Sunday, February 7                      Souper Bowl of Caring offering will be received. Participation in the soup *co-petition* by bringing soup according to where you normally sit on Sunday mornings. See the Souper Bowl of Caring article elsewhere in the newsletter. The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will also be received. The Trusty Travelers will sing in worship.

Wednesday, February 10              **Ash Wednesday**  
There will be two worship opportunities as we begin the season of Lent.  
  
Noon-12:30 p.m. Contemplative worship in the sanctuary.  
Music, scripture, and prayer will fill the space.  
  
6:30 p.m. The choir will lead us in worship in the Pit Stop as we recall our sinfulness and the journey of Christ. We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare provided.  
  
Ashes will be available for imposition at each service.

Sunday, February 14                      **First Sunday of Lent**  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Scripture: Luke 4:16-30

Sunday, February 21                      **Second Sunday of Lent**  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
The Faith Explorers will sing and the Youth Club Handbell Ensemble will play.  
Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, February 28                      **Third Sunday of Lent**  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

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## Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on February 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 \$612.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in November. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome! Our goal is to receive an average of \$600.00 per month.

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## 2016 Flower Calendar

The 2016 flower calendar is posted in the pit stop. If you wish to put flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone or just to provide beauty to the service, please sign up on the calendar. **Flowers may be ordered from any local florist.** Contact Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or [fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com)) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.



# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

## Tuesday, February 9

### 6:00 P.M.

Pancakes abound on this last day before the beginning of Lent.  
Enjoy a variety of pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, coffee, juice & milk

Activities for children of all ages...

RACE, TOSS, BALANCE AND CRAWL with pancakes...

**NEW THIS YEAR...PANCAKE DECORATING CONTEST**

**FUN, FUN, FUN!!!**



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## Wednesday, February 10

The Lenten journey appropriately begins in worship.  
This year, there are two options.

### **Worship at Noon: Music and Meditation**

For thirty minutes, the sanctuary will be filled with instrumental music, prayer, and scripture reading. Come for this contemplative time together. Ashes will be available.

### **Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop:**

Plan to begin this season of penitence and preparation in worship. We will be reminded of our sin by the imposition of ashes. We will feast at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ to gain strength for the journey. Childcare provided.

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## COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP SERVICES

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBEMARLE

### WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 17 & 24, AND MARCH 2, 9, 16

### AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY

### THEME: THE PARABLES OF JESUS

### LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION



First Baptist Church is hosting the Community Lent Worship Services on Wednesdays, February 17 & 24, and March 2, 9, and 16 at noon in the sanctuary. An offering will be received each week in support of Habitat for Humanity and the Crisis Assistance Fund.

Wednesday, February 17 Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lamont Foster, Pastor of Union Chapel AME Zion  
Worship Leader: Dr. Andy Jung, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church

Wednesday, February 24 Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church  
Worship Leader: Dr. Roger Thomas, Executive Director of SCCM

Wednesday, March 2 Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jim Bernacki, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church  
Worship Leader: Rev. Jim Yow, Senior Pastor of Central United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 9 Preacher: Rev. John Futterer, Pastor of First Lutheran Church  
Worship Leader: Rev. Michael Furr, Associate Pastor of Family Ministries at First Baptist Church

Wednesday, March 16 Preacher: Rev. Bob Gruver, Pastor of First Assembly Church  
Worship Leader: Rev. Donald M. Phillips, Interim Pastor of St. Martin's Lutheran Church



## Which Ministry Is Right for You?

Many of our committee chairs are putting together groups to share in ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you might be involved in the work of one of these committees. Contact the folks below to say, *Here I Am!*

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Contact (email, phone number)</u>
Childcare	Taylor Jolly	<a href="mailto:tayjolly12@gmail.com">tayjolly12@gmail.com</a> 704-796-8302
Christian Education	Jim Carter	<a href="mailto:jimcartermail@gmail.com">jimcartermail@gmail.com</a> 704-661-6969
College & Military	Phillip Brown	<a href="mailto:ncbrowntown@gmail.com">ncbrowntown@gmail.com</a> 910-220-3099
Fellowship	Mark Donham	<a href="mailto:donhammark@gmail.com">donhammark@gmail.com</a> 919-702-8733
	Penny Morton	<a href="mailto:mortonpen@gmail.com">mortonpen@gmail.com</a> 704-985-8239
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Mission	Peggy Finley	<a href="mailto:maf447@windstream.net">maf447@windstream.net</a> 704-985-1136
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	Ellen Snyder	<a href="mailto:ellens@carolina.rr.com">ellens@carolina.rr.com</a> 704-991-5560
Ushering	John Howell	<a href="mailto:jmhowell@ctc.net">jmhowell@ctc.net</a> 704-984-1941



## Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway April 8-10

Our Congregational Retreat is set for this Spring! The dates are **April 8-10**. We hope you will plan to join us at Camp Caraway for a weekend of fun games, good food, and enlightening discussion. **Pastor David Kilde** will be our speaker on the topic of being religious and spiritual people in a multi-cultural democracy. Now is the perfect time to sign your family up for this retreat which they will not want to miss.

**There are two housing options available for the Congregational Retreat:**

**Bunk Style Housing: \$102.00 per person**

**Single Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$186.00**

**Double Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$162.00**

**(Prices include 4 meals.)**

Please be aware that there will be scholarships and payment plans available for this retreat. Please see the sign-up sheet available in the church lobby outside the office or contact the church office to sign up!

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## Camp

Your children and grandchildren will thank you for putting the following week on your calendar for **Music & Arts Camp 2016!**

**Sunday, June 12-Thursday, June 16**

Children ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy music, art, recreation, drama and fellowship with friends "old & new."  
For volunteers of all ages...come share the week with us.

# Our Living Legacy Update

Under the leadership of Mark Mabry and a very involved committee, the legacy projects continue to be completed.

Most recently –

- New carpet has been installed in the sanctuary and narthex.
- The parlor is in the final stages of refurbishment. Painting is complete; new carpet has been installed, and most of the furniture has been reupholstered. New window treatments are yet to be installed and finishing touches will soon be in place.

Many thanks to Susan Garrison, Barbara Lindley, and Cam Rogers for their oversight of this project.

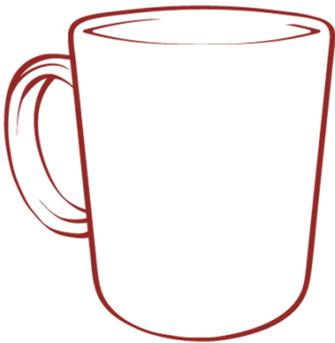
Thanks to Richard Lambert, crew chief, and all those who helped paint the parlor: Steve Coats, Bob Johnston, Bruce Mittendorf, Rich Schaefer, Joe Snuggs, and Lee Snuggs.

Still to come –

The gym renovation committee continues its conversation with architect, Gary Hubler, of the FWA Group in Charlotte.

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## Love Mugs



Faith Explorers have created the perfect gift for that special person in your life...  
On sale in the pit stop for \$8 per mug  
Sundays, February 7, 14, & 21

All proceeds benefit two local organizations helping the homeless in our community:

Homes of Hope & Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM)

*...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God...*

*Micah 6:8*

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## First Presbyterian Church Hosting the Community Lenten Lunch February 24 at First Baptist Church



Ann Duckwall is coordinator for the lunch. If you would like to help prepare and serve and/or provide a dessert, contact Ann (704-983-3498) or the church office (704-982-2722).

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...DECEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	575,225.00	562,887.00
Total Expenses:	<u>556,328.00</u>	<u>562,887.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	18,897.00	0

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	<u>2015</u>	
Pledges:	477,515	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,825</u>
Total Income:	562,887	Average Weekly Amount Received in December: <u>\$20,846</u>
Total Expenses:	562,887	

We are ahead \$8,790 in pledges. (\$14,838 of 2015 pledges was prepaid in 2014)

Ten-Cents-A-Meal December: \$612

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In honor of Elizabeth Ayscue, given by Miriam Russell.  
In honor of Matt Drumheller, given by Miriam Russell.

Music Fund:

In memory of Pam Brafford, given by the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church.  
In memory of Pam Brafford, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.  
In memory of Rita Whitley, given by Peggy Finley.

SYMPATHY

To Peggy Finley upon the death of her brother-in-law, Charles Schinck, who died on December 8.  
To Robert Land upon the death of his mother, Margaret Sauls, who died on December 27.  
To the family and friends of Pam Brafford upon her death on January 19.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Janet and Rich Schaefer upon the birth of their grandson, Bryson Richard Schaefer, on January 8.  
To Kate (Andrew) and Steve Melone upon the birth of their son, Andrew Charles, on January 21. Proud grandparents are Kim and Mark Andrew.

Circle #5

Circle #5 will meet on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peggy Finley (1205 Colonial Drive). Joyce Lambert will be the Bible study leader for Lesson 4.

# NEWS and NOTES



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March 2016 Newsletter is noon on Tuesday, February 16. Early submissions are always welcome! If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: [pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org).

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### **SCCM NEED FOR FEBRUARY:** **CANNED BEANS &** **DRIED BEANS**



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#### To:

Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Margaret Ivey, Judy & Tommy Murrell, Frankie Palmer, Ruth Ann Rogers, Sandy Rogers, Rich Schaefer, and Martha White for assisting in the office during December.



#### January's First Family Dinner

Thanks to all the people that make my job fun and enjoyable: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Jane Boone, Keith and Kristie Bryson, Ruth Cotton, Steve Cumming, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Liz Jolly and the Faith Explorers, Bryce Kimrey, Leslie, Stephan, and Morgan Kinley, Barbara and Bill Lindley, Mark Mabry, Kyle Marks, Gina Martin, Ronnie and Sarah Michael, Anne Montgomery, Wayne Palmer, Sandy Saunders, Carolyn and Harold Sharpe, Lee, Billie Jean and Witt Snuggs, Craig Taylor, Connie Wallace, Elizabeth

Wilson, all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym. Thanks also to Matt Drumheller and all the Youth Club kids for a wonderful Epiphany service! I depend heavily on my First Family volunteers and am so thankful for your presence. I love spending time with you!!  
Jane Snyder, Director of Fellowship Services

#### **SNL Recap**

Throughout January SNL participated with some of the other downtown churches in an ecumenical exploration. Each week, the group met at a different downtown church (First Baptist Church, First Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Central United Methodist Church) to learn about that church's beliefs and practices.



**Youth Club is in need of volunteers!**  
**If you are interested in helping,**  
**contact Gina Martin (704-982-2722 or**  
**[gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@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:

**Chrissy Adams**, friend of Shannon & Kent Newport; Hodgkin's disease.

**Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.

**Bob & Bessie Burris**, grandparents of Kim Caudle.

**Glenn Burris**.

**Jan Burton**, mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer.

**Millie Campbell**, friend of Melissa Lemons; receiving treatment for breast cancer.

**Katherine Cox**, mother of Sherrie Richards.

**Rachel Darling**, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.

**Roy & Katie Dearstyne**, parents of Holly Norwood.

**Rich Drye**, nephew of Barbara Whitley; Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

**Sara Dyer**, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.

**Dexter Efird**.

**Lindsey Efird**, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.

**Janet Gardner Fleming**, stepdaughter of Ruth Ann Rogers.

**Tonia Icenhour**, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.

**Jeannette Isenhour**, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.

**Randall Kimrey**, father of Bryce Kimrey.

**Jackie Lynn Kruis**, seven year old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.

**Don Little**.

**Roger Long**, uncle of Roger Martin; on-going health concerns.

**Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

**Louise Medlin**, mother of Dona Lisk; diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma.

**Ray Michue**, awaiting a heart transplant.

**Karen Niebler**, mother of Jill Niebler.

**Shannon Newton**, diagnosed with cancer; friend of the Johnston family.

**Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.

**Barbara Petillo**, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.

**James Brian Rogers**, son of Jane Rogers; recovering from heart & kidney transplant.

**Karen Russell**, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.

**David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges; recovering from a bone marrow transplant for Acute Myloid Leukemia.

**Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

**Jeff Underwood**.

**Connie Watson**, sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke.

#### Members of the Congregation:

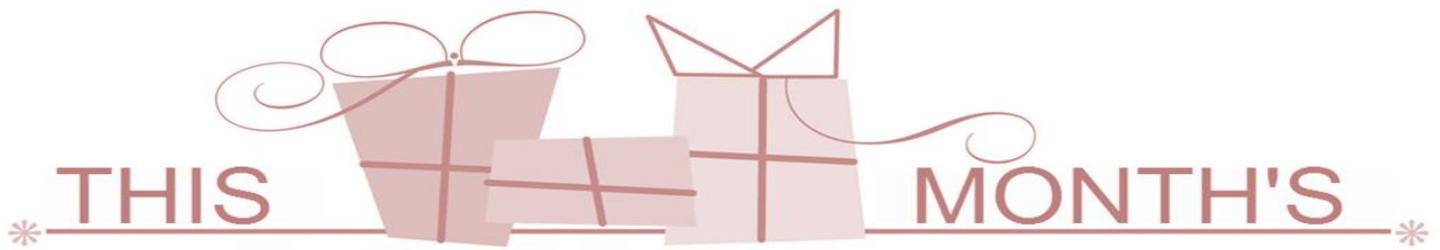
**Blue Honeycutt**.

**Greg Johnson**.

**June Johnson**.

**Ed Myers**.

**Pete Smith**.



# birthdays

## FEBRUARY

01- Jean Rabe

Caroline Smith

02- Lee Boone

Penny Morton

03- Kellyn Poole

04- Hugh Carpenter

Holly Holbrook

05- Keith Byrd

Robin Howell

06- Melissa Eudy

Bob Johnston

07- Jennifer Mabry

08- Mellanie Morgan

09-Debbie Bennett

10-Susan Pandich

11-Davis Fort

Katherine Jolly

11- Naly Sydalack

12- Karen Hinkle

14- Hunter Matthews

15- Emily Deese

Richard Griffin

Pete Smith

16- Miller Morgan

17- Amy Whitley

20- Ashley Deese

Peter Henkenjohann

22- Ben Lisk

25- Robbie Stevenson

Ann Upchurch

28- Carroll Holbrook

29- Cathryn Harwood



## FEBRUARY

06- Steve & Laura Blalock

09- Bill & Diane Stevenson

12- Ernie & Jane Borders

# **MISSION NEWS...**

## **Update on the Sharing & Caring Cup Campaign**

Our congregation donated a total of \$1226.37 to SCCM's fundraising effort this past fall. All of those funds are used for client services.

## **Mission Committee Mini-Retreat Recap**

The committee held a planning event on January 10. Matt Drumheller served as facilitator and introduced an evaluation tool to help the group focus on priorities for the coming year. Through the use of this tool, we identified three local ministries for particular emphasis: Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM), Homes of Hope/Community Inn and, Central Elementary School. On the international scene, there was much support for continuing our partnerships with Mwandi Mission in Zambia and Montana de Luz in Honduras. This list is not exclusive. The committee will continue to provide additional mission opportunities to the congregation as time, resources and interest permit.

## **Backpack Food Program**

### **Donations Needed:**

**Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies,  
Individual Bags of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers,  
Hamburger Helper, Snack Crackers,  
Pineapple or Fruit Cocktail Cups**

**A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.**

**Next Backpack Food Program Packing Date is:  
Wednesday, February 3 at 10:30 a.m.**





# SNL FEBRUARY SCRIPT

We have a broad variety of programs set up for February. I hope you are able to join us for all of these chances to hang out together, whether we're at the church on a trip!

Sunday, February 7

Souper Bowl Sunday during worship

No SNL

Sunday, February 14

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

SNL

Sunday, February 21

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

SNL

Sunday, February 26-28

Ski Trip



SNL will have its annual ski trip the weekend of February 26-28. We will be going to Beech Mountain this year and staying at the Currie's mountain house. We will leave from First Presbyterian on Friday evening to travel to the mountains. We'll ski on Saturday and possibly stay until Sunday morning. Please sign up with Matt if you are interested in attending!



02- Lee Boone

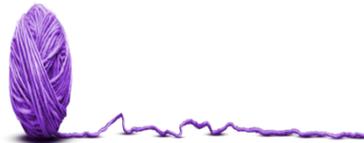




First Presbyterian Church  
Winter Art Exhibit  
Featured Artist... Judy Murrell

First Presbyterian Church  
Children's Art Gallery  
In the Educational Building

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR  
FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH.  
For more information, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).

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**Young Adult Lunch**  
**Wednesday, February 3 at Noon at the Rosebriar**  
**(528 Wiscassett Street)**

Young adult lunches are a chance to gather in the middle of the work week to enjoy each other's company and some local dining. Please join us at noon on the first Wednesday of every month.

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**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
**EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 in the Chapel**  
**DINNER at 6:00 in the Gym**

The winter has finally settled in. Let's have a warm, winter meal together!

On the menu:

Clam Chowder, Turkey Noodle Soup, Mixed Green Salad, Strawberry Avocado Spinach Salad, Fresh Fruit,  
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station,  
Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)) to make your reservation!

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**Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering**

- Dessert and Soup Crew: Tuesday, February 2 @ 10:00 am
- Fruit and Veggie crew: Wednesday, February 3 @ 11:00 am
- Set up crew: Wednesday, February 3 @ 3:45 pm
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, February 3 @ 6:45 pm

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) if you would like to help. ☺



# FEEL THE LOVE

Join us for the  
First Presbyterian Church  
Volunteer Reception

Thursday, February 4  
10 a.m.-Noon  
126 West North Street

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser benefiting the CARE Café



Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:00am- 9:00am  
First Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
202 North Second Street, Albemarle  
Cost: Donation



All proceeds benefit the  
CARE Café Adult Day Program  
Call 704-986-2273 for more information.  
CARE Café is a local ministry providing support to  
caregivers of senior adults since 2010.



# TACKLE HUNGER

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### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Our church will be participating in The Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 7. More than 20 years ago, this ministry began with a single youth group that prayed a simple prayer: *Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.* Since then more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the United States!

Youth will be collecting money and cans of food at the doors of the sanctuary following worship. We will have our second *copetition* this year.

**As you face the front of the sanctuary, if you typically sit on the right side (choir loft side) of the middle section, the right section, or the balcony, you are asked to bring in chicken noodle soup. If you sit on the left side of the middle section, the left section, or the section near the sound board, you are asked to bring in tomato soup.**

There will be designated spaces in the Pit Stop for each of these items. You bring them in that day or ahead of time. Let's see which section can collect the most food!

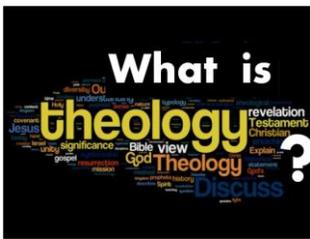
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Do you



to  
decorate???

You are invited to join the  
Decorating Committee's  
Brief Planning Meeting  
Sunday, February 7 at Noon  
(following worship)  
Meet in the Old Session Room.  
Bring your calendars and sign-up  
to decorate tables for an event or two.



**Theology Lite on Thursday, February 25  
8:00 p.m. at Coach's Neighborhood Grill**

On **February 25**, young adults are invited to **Theology Lite** at Coach's (next to El Ranchito on Route 24-27). Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of faith. We will gather at 8:00 pm. Please feel free to invite friends (members or non-members) to join in the conversation!

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# Habitat for Humanity Barbeque Chicken Fundraiser

½ BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Chips, Roll, and Dessert

**Thursday,**

**February 25, 2016**

**11 am – 7 pm**

Advance tickets up to \$2.00 off



TICKET PRICES:

**\$8.00 Purchase tickets by 1/31/2016**

**\$9.00 Purchase tickets by 2/24/2016**

**Day of Event \$10.00**

**Drive Thru, Take-Out,  
Delivery, & Dine-in**

(Delivery available with orders of 5+ plates)

Location: Centerview Baptist Church

508 Northeast Connector Albemarle

*Catered by Port-A-Pit BBQ*  
*Purchase your tickets at*  
*Habitat ReStore or Office*  
*1506 Hwy 24/27 West*  
*Albemarle*

*To assist with ticket distribution or to*  
*volunteer, please contact Habitat at*  
*(704) 985-1050*

Ticket Prices will change by dates above.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!**



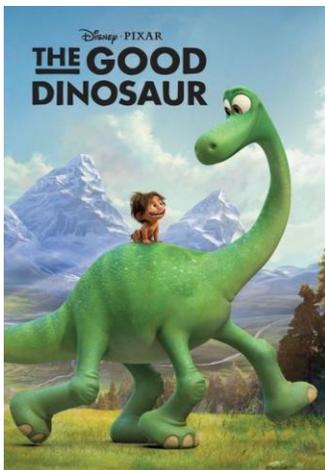
## Making **All** Things Possible

Mark your calendar for the annual  
Christian Education Mini-Retreat!

**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

**Noon-2:30 in the pit stop**

Lunch will be served and we will spend the afternoon reflecting on the past and reaching into the future where we work together to make **ALL** things possible! Please feel free to join the Christian Education Committee on this mission. Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 or Gina Martin at [gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org).



# WINTER MOVIE NIGHT ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4

## 6:30 P.M. IN THE GYM

Come warm up from the cool winter breeze & enjoy

**The Good Dinosaur**

*Disney Pixar's animated film tells the story of Arlo the dinosaur and his friend Spot, and their adventures together.*

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks.  
Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!

# !! Youth Club News !!

## Youth Club LOVES February...

**Youth Club and Cubs** continue to grow with fifty-two children in attendance and twenty-five volunteers and staff when everyone is well and present. Although this is a large number of volunteers and participants, there is always room for more. If you have time and would like to volunteer on Wednesday from 3:00-5:15 pm, please contact Gina Martin [gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org). If you have a child who is not currently participating, it's not too late. We have three more months of fun together and would welcome others to come experience Wednesday's at Youth Club!

**Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders)** have a "lovely" month planned with a focus on *gratitude* and recognizing their many blessings. They have heard the story of the ten lepers, reinforcing deep gratitude for God's healing power and will move into Lent on Ash Wednesday with a visit from Pastor Elizabeth. Pastor Matt also will visit them this month as he shares from the Bible many of those who were offered *grace*, this wonderful gift from God. In music they will prepare to sing on Sunday, February 7 and in art, children will create heart "love" projects and self-portraits with a focus on their uniqueness. Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

**Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders)**... The Faith Explorers are busy working on their fundraising project for the year. They are creating *Love Mugs* using white ceramic mugs that are no longer needed in the church kitchen. With the help of Joyce Lambert and Vicki Galloway, the children are painting designs on the mugs. Once they are complete, the mugs will be filled with a *sweet* surprise and available for purchase in February. Proceeds from the sale will be given to Homes of Hope and Stanly Community Christian Ministry. The children will be learning more about each of these organizations and all the good they do for our community. Please look for details to come about when the mugs will be available for purchase and help support our Faith Explorers as they seek to help those less fortunate.  
Submitted by Liz Jolly

**Youth Cubs (3-4 years old)**...The Bible is full of references about love and Valentine's Day is the perfect time to talk about it. Love comes from a heart connected to Jesus. The first Bible story we will hear this month is that of the Good Samaritan. This is a foundation example of what it means to foster a heart of compassion to help others in need. We will enjoy a class activity acting out the story. The second Bible story used will be that of Zacchaeus. Jesus gives a wonderful example in this story of reaching out to someone who is unloved by many. Jesus goes out of his way to reach out and Zacchaeus' heart is changed by his love. We will play a sticker game to reinforce this concept. One lesson will center on Valentine stories, crafts, songs, and fun. Happy Love Month!  
Submitted by Lynn Poplin

### Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come? 2<sup>nd</sup> graders & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders  
What? Breakfast...muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, etc.  
When? Sunday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m.  
Where? Media Room  
Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith  
Please let Gina Martin know if you are able to join us...([ginamartin@fpcalbemarle.com](mailto:ginamartin@fpcalbemarle.com))  
\*Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.



### Faith Explorer's Afternoon of ART

Sunday, February 21

Noon -3:00 p.m.

Artist Judy Murrell will lead the children in creating a painting for the Children's Art Gallery. Lunch will be pizza in the pit stop. Please let Gina Martin know ([gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) by Wednesday, February 17 if your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader will participate.

# February

## Monday, February 1

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Peggy Finley (1205 Colonial Drive)
- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Tuesday, February 2

- 10:00 am First Family Dessert & Soup Crew
- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

## Wednesday, February 3

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am First Family Fruit & Veggie Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (parlor)
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Rosebriar (528 Wiscasset St.)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 3:45 pm First Family Set-Up Crew
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:15 pm Lent Small Group Leader Training (Session Room)
- 5:45 pm Evening Worship in the chapel
- 6:00 pm First Family Gathering in the Gym
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean Up Crew
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, February 4

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Volunteer Reception

## Friday, February 5

- 7:00 am-9:00 am Care Café 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast  
Fundraiser at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
(202 North Second Street)

## Saturday, February 6

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte (200 West Trade Street)

## Sunday, February 7

- Trusty Travelers sing in worship*
- Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering*
- Souper Bowl of Caring*
- Faith Explorers' Love Mugs* for sale in the pit stop
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:30 am ENGAGE Café (pit stop)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School/ENGAGE!/Trusty Travelers rehearse in the sanctuary
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Decorating Committee (Old Session Room)

\*childcare provided

## Monday, February 8

- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Tuesday, February 9

- Shrove Tuesday*
- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (gym)

## Wednesday, February 10

- Ash Wednesday*
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (sanctuary)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (pit stop)
- 7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, February 11

- 9:30 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Sunday, February 14

- First Sunday of Lent*
- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*
- Valentine's Day*
- Faith Explorers' Love Mugs* for sale in the pit stop
- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL
- 6:30 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm \*Session

\*childcare provided

For God so loved the world  
that he gave his  
only  
begotten  
Son,  
that whoever  
believes  
in him should not perish  
but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

# February

## Monday, February 15

8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Tuesday, February 16

10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

12:00 pm March 2016 Newsletter Deadline

6:00 pm Contemplative Worship (Chapel)

## Wednesday, February 17

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Baptist Church

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

5:45 pm Lent Dinner

6:15 pm-7:15 pm \*Lent Classes

7:15 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, February 18

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Sunday, February 21

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship*

*Faith Explorers sing in worship*

*Faith Explorers' Love Mugs for sale in the pit stop*

9:45 am \*Sunday School/Faith Explorers rehearse in the sanctuary/Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rehearse in the sanctuary

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Pizza Lunch & Afternoon of Art (pit stop)

5:30 pm-7:00 pm SNL

\*childcare provided

"Create  
in me a  
clean heart,  
O God,  
and put a  
new and right  
spirit  
within me."  
Psalm 51:10

## Monday, February 22

8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Tuesday, February 23

10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

6:00 pm Contemplative Worship (Chapel)

## Wednesday, February 24

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Baptist Church

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Club

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

5:45 pm Lent Dinner

6:15 pm-7:15 pm \*Lent Classes

7:15 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, February 25

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am-7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken Fundraiser at Centerview Baptist Church (508 Northeast Connector, Albemarle)

8:00 pm Theology Lite at Coach's

## Sunday, February 28

*Third Sunday of Lent*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-2:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mini-Retreat

## Monday, February 29

8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

\*childcare provided



## **THOSE WHO SERVE IN FEBRUARY**

**Ushers:** Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Jim Ivey, Robert Ivey, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, Elizabeth Wilson,

**Elder Greeters:** Al Andrew; Heather Deese

### **Nursery Room:**

**February 7:** Jana Sanderson

**February 14:** Jana Sanderson

**February 21:** Jana Sanderson

**February 28:** Misty Honbarrier

### **Toddler Room:**

**February 7:** Misty Honbarrier

**February 14:** Misty Honbarrier

**February 21:** Cici Ly

**February 28:** Salem Taylor

### **Nana & Papa Team:**

**February 7:** Joan Belsan; Debby Johnston

**February 14:** TBD

**February 21:** Barbara & Bill Lindley

**February 28:** Chris Mabry

### **Preschool Partners:**

**February 7:** Taylor Jolly; Dona Lisk

**February 14:** Heather & John Kilde

**February 21:** John & Jessica Palmer

**February 28:** Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz

### **Acolytes:**

**February 7:** Kimbal Chapman

**February 14:** Robert Ivey

**February 21:** Duncan Bryson

**February 28:** Graham Chapman

### **Children's Church for February:**

**February 7:** Angie Earnhardt; Jacob Palmer

**February 14:** No Children's Church

**February 21:** Angie Earnhardt; Jacob Palmer

**February 28:** Angie Earnhardt; Jacob Palmer



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