



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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September 2016

Dear Friends,

In her sermon on August 14, Sharon Bryant, Mission Co-Worker in Thailand, challenged us to look forward. Using the words of Isaiah 43:18-19,

*Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.*

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

*I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

She called us to look toward the future and to participate in *God's new thing*. She went on to encourage each of us to consider God's call to us in this time and place.

It is certainly the case that God continues to do a new thing. As we look toward a new program year, your program staff has worked diligently to provide opportunities – old and new – through which we can discover together what God is doing in our midst. I hope you will find a new place for yourself in the study, mission, and worship opportunities before us. Together, we will seek to be faithful to God's call as we encourage one another in faith.

Grace and Peace,

Elizabeth

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**Labor Day Worship at the YMCA Park**  
**Sunday, September 4**  
**at 10:00 a.m.**

We'll worship together at the YMCA park and revel in the sights and sounds of God's good creation. Following worship, the Fellowship Committee will provide light breakfast refreshments.

Worship will focus will be on the places we've seen and/or experienced the work of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit during the summer.



Beginning September 11, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.

# WORSHIP

- Sunday, September 4      Family Worship will take place at the YMCA park. Enjoy this final *summer* worship at 10:00 a.m. Light breakfast snacks and fellowship will follow worship. The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received. Limited seating is available – bring a lawn chair if it’s easy.
- Sunday, September 11      We return to worship at 11:00 a.m. Teachers and Leaders in the educational program will be commissioned for service.  
 Old Testament Scripture:      Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
 Gospel Reading:      Luke 15:1-10
- Sunday, September 18      Old Testament Scripture:      Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
 Gospel Reading:      Luke 16:1-13
- Sunday, September 25      Old Testament Scripture:      Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
 Gospel Reading:      Luke 16:19-31

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### Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on September 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 \$277.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in July. 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!

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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.

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# STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOOD CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER:

## Boxed & Canned Pasta Meals



# CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

We have much to celebrate.

Our God has provided us with many opportunities for growth as a Christian here at First Presbyterian Church and in the larger community.

As we grow in our Christian faith, we are led by God to serve all His people.

Let us give thanks to God for all the talents he has given us –  
let us share these talents in His service.

**Debbie Bennett, Stewardship and Generosity Committees Chairperson**

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## **Commissioning of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education**

**Sunday, September 11  
during worship**

On Rally Day (Sunday, September 11), teachers and leaders in the Christian Education program will be commissioned during worship. Please plan to come to Rally Day (which begins at 9:30 a.m.) and worship (which begins at 11:00 a.m.) to support and encourage our 2016-2017 teachers and leaders as they begin guiding our congregation in various ways.

# Everything DOTS Rally Day 2016

Sunday, September 11  
9:30 a.m. in the gym

The Christian Education Committee is planning a DOT filled morning to kick off the new year in Christian Education.

Come prepared to hear of ways you can **Do One Thing** to make God's world better.

Games, Art, Music, & More...

Pancake Breakfast with all the trimmings...

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## CELEBRATE GENEROSITY THIS YEAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CHILDREN'S CLASS INFORMATION

**Birth - 17 months**....Nursery...Jana Sanderson is the lead child caregiver for our youngest children.

**18 months - 2 year olds**....Toddler Room...Cora Harrison, Cici Ly, Misty Honbarrier, and Samantha Wangler lead these children.

**3 year olds & 4 year olds**...Preschool Room... taught by Heather Deese, Kate Gibson, and Jill Niebler.

**Preschool Music**...Preschool Music will be led by Martha Sue Hall and Ken Knight.

**Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** ....Art Room... Teachers: Brett Richards, Rose Saltzman, and Salem Taylor.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Graders - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders** ...3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom...Teachers: Leah Beamon, Taylor Jolly, Penny Morton, and Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs.

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**...Teen Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor...Teachers: Kristie Bryson and Steve Cumming

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders**...Gathering Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor...Teacher: Matt Drumheller

### ADULT CLASS INFORMATION

#### Topics

This class will use *The Wired Word* to discuss contemporary issues in light of one's faith commitments.

This class will use a variety of resources to grow faith.

This class is designed with parents of school-aged children in mind. We will study scripture and think together about how to grow our own faith in a way that allows us to share faith with our growing children.

#### Leader

Sarah Michael  
Rich Schaefer

Skeet Ayscue  
and friends

Elizabeth Ayscue

#### Location

Church Parlor  
(First Floor)

Old Session Room  
(Basement)

Classroom 2  
(Basement)



# CELEBRATING YOUR GENEROSITY

Thanks to your generosity this summer:

585 pounds of non-perishable food was collected and delivered to Stanly County Christian Ministry.

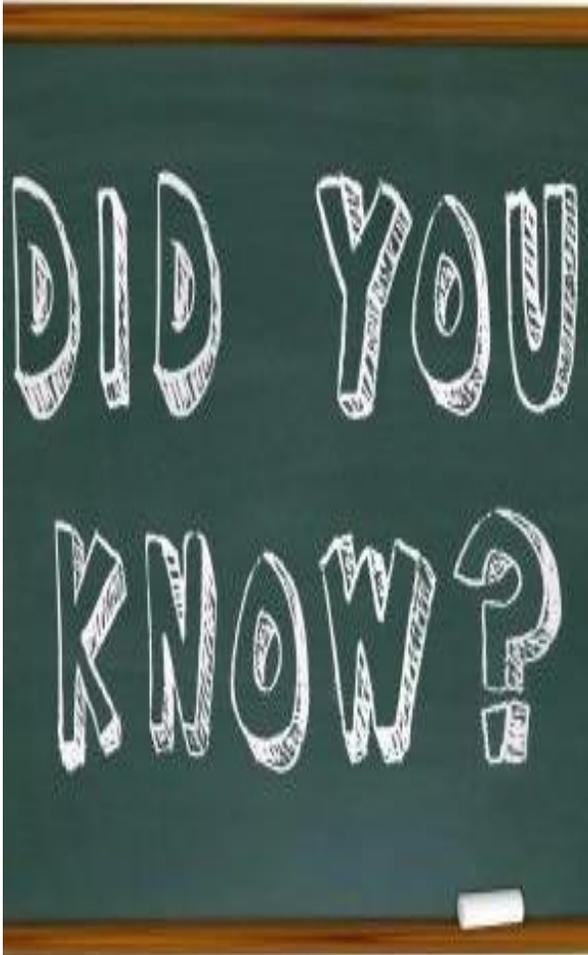
\$2047 was collected to assist with utility payments for clients at Stanly County Christian Ministry.

1 ramp was built for a senior adult in our community; several other senior adults had minor repairs done by our youth and adults.

100's of school supplies were donated to Central School.

1 shower trailer was constructed and painted for Presbyterian Disaster Services; it will be dispatched to disaster sites to provide showers for volunteers and victims.

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➤ The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to deliver lovely hand-knit and crocheted shawls to folks in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulty? If you want to be part of this ministry, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).

➤ The Necklace Ministry, which provides funds for the purchase of infant formula for babies in Mwandia, born to HIV infected mothers, continues to be life-giving. A recent payment of \$4500 was made bringing the total amount raised by our congregation to \$48,500. And that is by selling necklaces for \$5.00 each. Many of our necklaces are sold by Black Mountain Quilts in Black Mountain, NC. If you'd like to know more about this ministry, contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or [hugawolf@hotmail.com](mailto:hugawolf@hotmail.com)) or Mary Louise Sawyer (704-986-6320 or [jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com](mailto:jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com)).

➤ The kitchen is one of the best places to be in this congregation. Under Jane's leadership, new skills are learned, old ones honed, and laughter and joy are constant. If you're looking for a way to get involved, contact Jane Snyder ([jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722).

➤ We are always on the look-out for adults who want to share their time and their faith with children. If you have time and love to share with First Presbyterian Church's children, contact Gina Martin ([gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) to learn more.

## From the Property Committee

The Property committee has been hard at work for the first half of the year. We have cleaned up the playground by cutting and trimming tree branches, weed eating & mowing of overgrown grass and eventually washing playground equipment when weather cools off. Thanks to Tom Norwood, Banks Garrison, Taylor Johnston, Lynn white and Bob Johnston for their efforts in this cleanup.

Outside doors on the elevator have been stripped and painted. The roof above the doors at the First Street entrance to the education building has had a new roof membrane installed to stop the severe leaks when it rained. The underneath ceiling was re-patched and painted. Doors will be painted in near future.

The Workroom in the basement close to the elevator has been cleaned up and decluttered. Paint cans have been removed from previous painting projects and taken to the recycling center along with old monitors and computers.

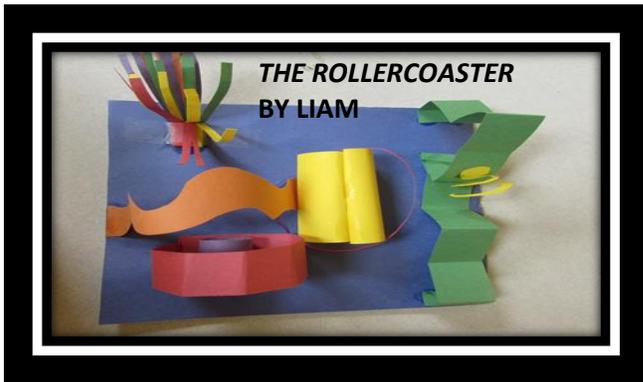
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## Gym Renovation

The Gym Renovation Committee has been working hard to finalize architectural plans that have been submitted by FWA Group from Charlotte, NC. Plans are for removing ceiling and exposing framework above plus adding new LED lighting along with new ductwork for heating/air system. Also, we will be removing two doors at end of gym with an updated door system that is appropriate for a gymnasium. All original clear windows will be removed for updated energy efficient windows that contain high impact glass. The Gym floor will be refinished along with new motorized glass backboards that can adjust from 5-10 feet in height. We will also be looking to upgrade the door system on the storage under the stage. Bids will soon go out to contractors.

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First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery  
presents the Fall Art Exhibit  
featuring the  
Paper Sculptures of Individuals at  
GHA Autism Supports Day Services Program

The GHA Day Services is a unique program operated by GHA Autism Supports. The Day Services Program provides a creative outlet for attending individuals daily; in addition to support in vast community areas. Monthly, the Day Program individuals participate in themed creative art classes. Part of this process is to learn the history of the artworks as well as renowned artists in this art medium.

For the month of September, individuals are learning about the artworks of Bert Simmons. Simmons is a Dutch artist that takes paper folding art into a whole new level by creating hyper-realistic 3D paper sculptures.

Paper isn't the first medium most people think of when they imagine sculptures. However, paper has unique and fascinating qualities when utilized in developing pieces of art. Folding and cutting paper into different sizes, shapes and designs also aid in promoting fine motor skills and adaptability for our individuals, while creating some amazing 3D sculptures during the process.

Each Individual was asked to pick something that made them happy and display that feeling through their paper sculpture. In this exhibit you will see many stories of *happiness through their eyes*; transformed simply by cutting and folding paper.

**The congregation is invited to attend an  
Art Gallery Reception  
Tuesday, September 20 from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JULY 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	285,439.00	327,051.00
Total Expenses:	<u>339,749.00</u>	<u>331,105.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	(54,310.00)	(4,054.00)

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

	<u>2016</u>	
Pledges:	505,070	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,866</u>
Total Income:	565,035	Average Weekly Amount Received in July : <u>\$8,052</u>
Total Expenses:	565,035	

**We are behind \$17,000 in pledges. (\$14,305 of 2016 pledges was prepaid in 2015)**

**Ten-Cents-A-Meal April: \$277**

**Faith on the Fifth (SCCM Utility Fund): \$2,047**

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**New Childcare Staff Member**

Samantha Wangler is joining the childcare team this fall to work primarily on Thursdays for *Pray and Play*. Samantha is a recent Albemarle High School graduate and is majoring in Psychology at Stanly Community College with emphasis on being a child therapist. She has been a nanny to her 7 and 8 year old cousins during the summer, sells Mary Kay products and enjoys dog sitting. In her spare time, Samantha loves to read, take nature photos and run. She ran cross country for two years while in high school. You may see Samantha in the nursery or toddler rooms on Sundays, as she subs from time to time.

**High School Conference Recap**

From July 10 through July 16, Lee Boone, Kalyn Caudle, Holland Currie, Lachlann Currie, Virginia Currie, Matt Drumheller, Adam Jolly, Taylor Jolly, Vicki Lambert, Jacob Palmer, and Witt Snuggs spent a week in Montreat, NC for the 2016 Montreat Youth Conference – **A World of Difference**. The group spent the week laughing, learning, rock hopping, and growing together. It was a week of group building and spiritual growth, and our youth are grateful for your support in making this conference possible. We look forward to returning for this conference next year.

**Raleigh Youth Mission Recap**

Steve Cumming, Holland Currie, Lachlann Currie, Virginia Currie, Jacob Palmer, and Barbara McManus spent a week in Raleigh, NC this summer working with the Raleigh Youth Mission. They worked with a variety of mission agencies in Raleigh contributing to homeless ministry and community building programs. They also spent time exploring Raleigh and enjoying their visit in our state's capital.

**Middle School Conference Recap**

Duncan Bryson, Kristie Bryson, Jim Carter, Grace Dombrowski, and David Kilde participated in the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference from June 21 to 24. The theme of the conference was **Gone Fishin'**. Our youth and adults spent the conference learning about God, playing games, meeting new people, and worshipping in the mountains of Virginia. Thank you for supporting this group and supporting the spiritual education of our youth!



**Attention College Students & Parents**

Please contact the church office

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**with your college mailing address and email address.**

# NEWS and NOTES

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by The Johnny Andrew Family.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Shirley Beal.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by The Garber Family.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Lowder.  
In memory of Pam Brafford, given by Marsh & Shannon Rogers.  
In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by John & Debbie Hahn.  
In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers.  
In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by Sandy Saunders.  
In memory of C.B. Crook, given by The Johnny Andrew Family.  
In memory of C.B. Crook, given by John & Debbie Hahn.  
In memory of C.B. Crook, given by Marsh & Shannon Rogers.  
In memory of C.B. Crook, given by Sandy Saunders.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Brenda Cox.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Dr. Davis Fort.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by John & Debbie Hahn.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Don & Nancy Joines.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Dick Liles.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Tommy & Judy Murrell.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Peggy Napier.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Marsh & Shannon Rogers.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Sandy Saunders.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Larry & Carroll Sitton.  
In memory of Martha McNair, given by Dr. Davis Fort.  
In memory of Martha McNair, given by Don & Nancy Joines.  
In memory of Martha McNair, given by Sandy Saunders.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Vondell & Jenny Curlee.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by John & Debbie Hahn.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Don & Nancy Joines.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Kenneth & Mary Elaine Nelson.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Carolinas Healthcare.  
In honor of Don Joines, given by Betty London.

### Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Sam Estridge.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Cham & Sylvia Glenn.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Green.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Jim & Faye McLawhorn.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Jim & Helen Nance.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Robert & Claudia Odom.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Bill & Diane Stevenson.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Ron & Beth Swanner.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Ann Upchurch.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Tom Webb & Kathryn Heath.  
In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Uwharrie Capital Corporation.  
In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Green.  
In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by Nathan & Marlene Sanges.  
In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.  
In memory of C.B. Crook, given by Nathan & Marlene Sanges.  
In memory of C.B. Crook, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.  
In memory of Walter Harkey, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Green.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Gus & Pam Holbrook.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers.

# NEWS and NOTES

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS (continued)

### Scholarship Endowment (continued):

In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Nathan & Marlene Sanges.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Carole Yost.  
In memory of Annie Ruth Kelley, given by Frances T. Lawhon.  
In memory of Neil Morton, given by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Bruce A. Coats.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Roger & Gina Martin.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Jim & Mary Louise Sawyer.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Kaye & Wendy Surles.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Keith & Martha Wolf.  
In honor of Gina Martin, given by Don & Nancy Joines.

### Music Fund:

In memory of Hazel Cooper, given by Robert & Claudia Odom.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Mildred Andrew.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Jimmy & Mary Boyd.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Mickey & Carol Cauble.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Rebecca Ensign.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Mary Garber.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by David & Peggy Grigg.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Roger & Gina Martin.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Polly Moose.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Jim & Helen Nance.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Robert & Claudia Odom.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Art & Sandy Rogers.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Marshall & Cam Rogers.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Dr. & Mrs. Whitman Smith.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by E. Lake I. Snyder.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Mike & Alice Taylor.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Eddie & Rose Thomas.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by David & Mary Troutman.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Ann Upchurch.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Ken & Suzy Walker.  
In memory of Neil Morton, given by Banks & Susan Garrison.  
In memory of Ed Myers, given by Art & Sandy Rogers.  
In honor of the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, given by Margaret Ivey.  
In honor of the Reverend Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, given by Margaret Ivey.  
In honor of Ann Crutchfield, given by Margaret Ivey.  
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by Margaret Ivey.  
In honor of Stan Scheer, given by Margaret Ivey.

### Our Living Legacy Fund:

In memory of Mary Lou Andrew, given by Mark & Chris Mabry.  
In memory of Jim Ivey, given by Mark & Chris Mabry.  
In memory of Annie Ruth Kelley, given by Mark & Chris Mabry.

### Property Endowment:

In memory of Dennie Carpenter, given by Mildred Andrew.

## SYMPATHY

To Jack Morton upon the death of his brother, Neil Morton, on June 6.  
To Margaret Ivey and family upon the death of her husband, James (Jim) Wallace Ivey, Jr., on June 9.  
To Paul Hinkle and family upon the death of his mother, Kathryn Hinkle, on July 24.  
To the family and friends of Annie Ruth Kelley upon her death on July 26.  
To Pam Morgan and family upon the death of her mother, Hazel Cooper, on August 1.  
To the families of Mark Andrew, Keith Andrew, and Keith Byrd, upon the death of their mother and sister (respectively), Mary Lou Andrew, on August 9.

# NEWS *and* NOTES

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Chris Whitley upon his retirement from Wells Fargo on July 1.

To Martha Wolf upon her retirement from the Stanly County Partnership for Children on June 1.

To Lisa and Taylor Johnston upon the birth of their daughter, Colette Lee, on August 22. Proud grandparents are Debby and Bob Johnston.

## NEW ADDRESS

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A brief congregational meeting will be held following worship on **Sunday, October 9** for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee. Biographies of those being nominated can be found in next month's newsletter.

## Session Notes

At its stated meeting on August 14, Session heard from: Church Treasurer, Lee McLaurin, made a presentation to Session on Finances of the Church. At this time pledges are behind \$17,000. This is normal for this time of year, but members are encouraged to keep up with pledged giving. Worship on September 4th will be held at the YMCA Park at 10 AM. Rally Day will be September 11th, at 9:30 AM. The Endowment Committee met all requests for funding this year. Since its inception in 2004, the Gaither Foundation has made disbursements to the Church, totaling \$303,397. A Congregational meeting will be held on October 9th for the purpose of acting on a slate of Deacons, Elders, and new Nominating Committee members. Also, to propose as possible, the inclusion of a Youth Elder (grades 9-12) to serve a one year term on Session. Memorial resolutions have been sent to the families of Jim Ivey and Mary Lou Andrew. Elder greeters will not only greet all as they enter the sanctuary, but be with ministers at the conclusion of worship, to re-greet visitors of the church.

Lynn White, Clerk of Session

## Circle #5

**Circle #5 has the following summer schedule:**

**Meeting at the home of Sally Grantier** (522 Avondale Ave., Albemarle) on Monday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m.  
Ann Duckwall will lead the discussion on Lesson 9.



## **October Newsletter Deadline...Tuesday, September 20.**

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).

**Thanks to** Connie Wallace & Ken Knighten and Robin & John Howell for hosting vespers this summer. Worship was delightful; ice cream was delicious!





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.
- Jim Barringer**, friend of Martha Sue Hall; heart issues.
- Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.
- Alice Brooks**, family friend of Nancy & Don Joines; bone cancer in leg.
- Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.
- Bob & Bessie Burris**, grandparents of Kim Caudle.
- Rachel Darling**, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.
- Mike Dearstyne**, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.
- Roy & Katie Dearstyne**, parents of Holly Norwood.
- Sara Dyer**, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.
- Lindsey Efird**, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.
- Gay Ellington**, former co-worker of Martha White; lung cancer.
- Cemita Gibbs**, friend of Laura McLeod.
- Tonia Icenhour**, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.
- Jeannette Isenhour**, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.
- Dick Kolk**, friend of Lynn & Martha White.
- Jackie Lynn Kruis**, seven year old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.
- Pat Long**, aunt of Roger Martin; on-going health concerns.
- Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Ray Michue**.
- Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.
- Carol Pelt**, friend of Doris Forte and former church member; brain cancer.
- Barbara Petillo**, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.
- James Brian Rogers**, son of Jane Rogers; recovering from heart & kidney transplant.
- Georgia Roney**, grandmother of Dona Lisk; diagnosis of small cell carcinoma.
- Karen Russell**, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.
- David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.
- Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- Connie Watson**, sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke.

**Members of the Congregation:**

- Blue Honeycutt.**
- Greg Johnson.**
- June Johnson.**
- Anne Montgomery**, auto-immune disease.
- Carolyn Sharpe.**
- Pete Smith.**

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## September Birthdays



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| 01- Frank Poolos     | 19- Becky Miller      |
| 02- Betty Crook      | 20- Angus Currie      |
| 03- Evan Johnson     | Brent Lisk            |
| Wayne Palmer         | Grant Lisk            |
| 04- Margaret Ivey    | 21- Ben Andrew        |
| 05- Braden Taylor    | Oliver Henkenjohann   |
| 06- Laura McLeod     | Caroline Morton       |
| 08- Sarah Paynter    | 22- Jake Whisnant     |
| 10- Bryce Kimrey     | 24- Aidyn Osborne     |
| Grace Richards       | 25- Kristie Bryson    |
| 11- Kelly Lentz      | 27- Carter Gibson     |
| Ned Russell          | Caroline West         |
| 13- Jane Pickler     | 28- Ruth Goforth      |
| Carolyn Sharpe       | 29- Al Taylor         |
| 15- Jim Hesley       | 30- Mary Grace Caudle |
| 16- Catherine Hinson | Hannah Martin         |
| Kyle Marks           | Jordan Morgan         |
| David Morgan         |                       |
| 17- Peggy Rogers     |                       |
| 18- Sam Davis        |                       |
| Nathaniel Eudy       |                       |



## September Anniversaries



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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 03- Miller and Teryn Morgan    | 15- Banks and Susan Garrison |
| 05- Jim and Leslie Carter      | 16- Don and Sheryl Stewart   |
| 10- Richard and Janet Schaefer | 26- Joe and Ann Snuggs       |
| Peter and Morgan Schultz       | 27- John and Jessica Palmer  |
| 12- Dustin and Taylor Jolly    |                              |

# MISSION NEWS...

## Youth Mission

Our youth engaged in a variety of mission projects throughout Albemarle this summer. On a variety of Monday mornings throughout June and July they worked with SCCM at a mobile food pantry, baked cookies for police officers, worked for Homes of Hope, and painted at the Mary and Martha Center.

On one particularly productive day, some of our youth and adults worked with folks from The Presbyterian Church in Norwood to build a ramp for a woman in Albemarle. They worked on a particularly hot day to provide a much-needed route in and out of her house. Our youth are doing small things that make a big difference in our community!



### SCCM's CARING and SHARING CAMPAIGN

It's that time of year when we will begin dropping loose change and bills into those little yellow cups. This year, our campaign will kick off on **Sunday, September 11** and continue until **Sunday, October 2**.

As in the past, the proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase food and supplies for the Community Tables and Food Pantry and will provide assistance with client needs. In 2015, the Community Tables in Albemarle and Norwood served 62, 698 meals. The Food Pantry distributed 571,202 pounds of food to clients, and the Assistance Center provided \$123,075.11 in rent, utility and medicine assistance.

Each of us contributing a little will make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors.

### DISASTER ASSISTANCE PORTABLE SHOWER UNIT

For several months now, you may have noticed a semi-trailer parked in the church parking lot on First Street. You may also have seen a small building under construction. This building is the portable shower unit that FPC Albemarle pledged to assemble for Charlotte Presbytery's disaster response team. Well, the building is finally ready to be sent wherever there is a disaster to provide shower facilities for volunteer workers. Let's give a big shout out to Harold Sharpe, Joe Snuggs, Don Joines, Rich Schaefer and John Howell who worked diligently to get this project finished.



## Volunteers Needed for Central School Book Fair October 3-7

The Central School Book Fair is Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 7. Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair. The busiest time is 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. each day. The book fair will be open each day until 3:00 p.m. If you can help out, please call or email Carroll Sitton at [carrollsitton@rtmc.net](mailto:carrollsitton@rtmc.net) or [336-461-5158](tel:336-461-5158).

# **MISSION NEWS (continued)...**



## **Eleven Years of Missions at Montaña de Luz**

In 2005, a group made up of FPC senior highs and college bound students, along with a few adults made the first trip to Honduras, never dreaming of the impact they would make on the children there, on the members of First Presbyterian Church, and on the whole Stanly County community. 2005 was a memorable year for First Presbyterian. Rebekah Ayscue conducted the first Music and Arts Camp, and First Presbyterian members were joined by several Albemarle churches and agencies to form Homes of Hope.

That first group of pioneers to MDL wasted no time in introducing themselves to the children there. Upon arriving and dropping off luggage, four of our FPC youth ventured inside the children's area and came out a few minutes later, each holding a small child. That year the main project was painting. A fresh coat of paint was applied to the outside of nearly every one of the 14 buildings in the compound on top of the mountain. However, lots of time playing with the children was the main thing everyone talked about. This was one of the first years for MDL after having converted from being a hospice for children dying from HIV complications to a facility of hope an empowerment.

Initially, the plan was to visit MDL every other year, so the next trip was in 2007. This trip included a few more adults interested in the excitement generated by the first group. That was the year of the road work. FPC was joined by members and youth from Central United Methodist Church. The dirt road from the village below to the mountain top had suffered from mud and deep ditches in the road from lots of rain. The previous year, MDL employees started a project to build stone gutters all the way from top to bottom on both sides of the road to channel the rain water, along with reshaping the road with a slight rise in the middle to direct the water to the gutters. The project for that year was for our group to fill in behind these new stone gutter walls with dirt to keep them from being pushed out over time. That was a lot of work in a lot of heat, with lots of jokes about prison road work, along with the wonderful discovery of frozen Gatorade.

The interest continued to build back at First Presbyterian Church and it was decided that a trip to MDL would be planned every year for any adult or youth having finished their junior year in high school. Nine trips have followed and many wonderful things have evolved at MDL over those years. Groups learned to mix concrete by hand on the ground as various assistance was given to building four new buildings in the village below for volunteers, staff, and a hopeful new program for the older children of MDL. Retasking some of the buildings on the campus spurred brick laying skills and construction demolition as a new dorm area for the older boys was started. Over the next few years, new sidewalks were constructed, housing was rewired, plumbing was added, furniture purchased along with a new lawnmower, a washer and dryer and a used truck, foundations and a water pit dug, and more painting completed. The constant in all the years was the joy of interacting with the children. (Ask Bruce Mittendorf about his birthday celebration!)

A new schoolroom was constructed on site and a new teacher hired to assist MDL children who were being left behind in the schools in the village. It was an immediate success. Child Psychologists are now a regular part of the staff. The older boys moved into one of the houses in the village to begin learning how to live as independent adults, guided by live-in house parents. This past year, a new house in Santa Lucia just outside the capital, was secured and five of the older youth are now living, working, and going to school there. They also have live-in house parents who guide them in creating a household budget, buying groceries and supplies, cooking meals, paying the bills, and cleaning the apartment. It is a little scary for them realizing how close they are to being on their own, but very exciting at the same time. This is the goal for all the children.

Several of the children our groups came to know and love have lost their health struggle over the years. Some because they arrived too late for the HIV drugs to take effect, some due to other complications from a weakened immune system. One especially bubbly MDL ambassador child died when our group was there. It was a very sad time, but the extra arms and laps from our group provided much needed comfort for so many children as they mourned the loss of their friend and questioned once again their own health.

Many other folks from around Stanly County and the country have joined our groups over the years and friendships have been formed to last a lifetime. Some these friends only want to come to MDL when our group is there. All have seen the wonderful progress MDL has made in creating the programs which assist these children in health, education, and life. First Presbyterian have been well represented over the years from all the donated supplies and support of fundraisers, to actual feet on the group working and watching these children grow up. Thanks to everyone for such a wonderful opportunity. Join us next year!

Submitted by: Skeet Ayscue



As we begin a new program year, I would like to let you know about a change that will take place for youth at First Presbyterian Church. We are going to change the name of our program this year. All of our youth activities and programs will be under the umbrella of **Youth Ministry**. The intention is to make it clear to our visitors when and where our programming for young people takes place. Our Sunday night program will be called **Youth Connection**. All of our events and activities (Sunday night Youth Connection, Monday Night Senior High Bible Study, summer Monday Morning Missions, etc.) will be parts of our **Youth Ministry**.

Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor



I am excited to begin this year of youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church! There are many exciting things on the horizon for our program, and the most important part of all those plans is your participation! Take a look at our schedule for the first month and plan to be involved!

Sunday, September 11	6:00 p.m.	Youth Connection Family Dinner & Kick-Off
Sunday, September 18	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Youth Connection
Sunday, September 25	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Youth Connection
Friday, September 30	7:00 p.m.	Youth Connection Lock-In

### Youth Connection Family Dinner

We are beginning our year of youth ministry with a potluck family dinner. We'll gather in the pit stop on Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. for some good food and fellowship. Matt will update the group on some of the programs for the year, and we will get energized about youth ministry at First Presbyterian! Please let Matt know what you plan to bring ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)).



### Monday Night Bible Study

Starts Monday, September 12

with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton

Elizabeth will be joined by Jack Morton for the Monday night Bible study with high schoolers this Fall. The group will gather at Elizabeth's house for about an hour at 8:30 pm on Monday evenings beginning on September 12. Please contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)) with any questions.



09-10 Grace Richards

09-20 Angus Currie



# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7 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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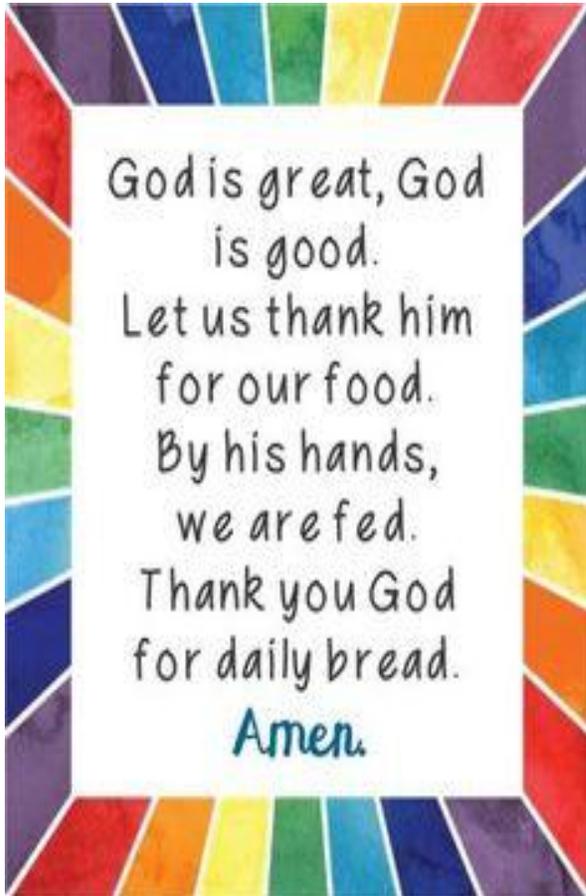


## Young Adult Lunch

We will be continuing our Young Adult Lunches during the fall. We will try to visit a variety of restaurants throughout the fall. If you have any requests, let Matt know ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)). Plan to meet at noon on the first Wednesday of every month:

September 7 at Drew's Place, October 5 at Coach's, and November 2 at El Ranchito

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# First Family Gathering

Wednesday, September 7

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

**We are gearing up for our FIRST FAMILY meal in September!!**

### **BUILD YOUR OWN BOWL!**

You will choose a starch (white rice, brown rice or Mexican rice), a protein (chicken, pork, black beans), toppings (avocado, tomato, corn, cilantro, shredded cheese, jalapeno, broccoli, cucumber, carrot, scallions, sour cream) and a sauce (salsa, garlic yogurt, peanut sauce, ginger sauce, southern white sauce).

There will be 3 stations: Thai Rice Bowl, Southern Barbeque Bowl and Mexican Bowl. We will also have 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 reservations.

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## Volunteers Needed for First Family Gathering

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set-up Crew: Tuesday, September 6 at 4:00 p.m.
- Meat, Fruit, Veggie Crew: Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Clean-up Crew: Wednesday, September 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Before and after the First Family Gathering is a great time for fellowship. We have so much fun in the kitchen. I would love to have some new folks join us this year! I have really missed our kitchen fellowship time this summer. I can't wait to get things started up again. Hope to see you soon!



# Are You Interested in Knowing More about Membership at First Presbyterian Church?

Plan to meet briefly in the church parlor following worship on September 11. We'll get acquainted and find another time for further discussion. For more information, contact Matt Drumheller ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722).

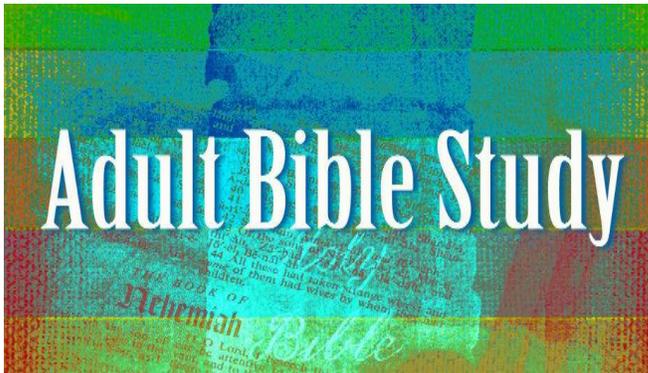
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**Lectionary-Based Bible Study**  
**Mondays from 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m**  
**Beginning September 12**  
**Location: Off the Square**  
**(114 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)**



Beginning on September 12, Matt will host a weekly Bible study this fall on Monday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 pm at Off the Square. Anyone is welcome to join Matt for this lectionary-based study.

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## Adult Bible Study

**When?** Tuesdays, September 20-October 18  
 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Where?** Old Session Room

Adults will gather for study and discussion around the topic of prayer in the Bible. We will also practice prayer together.

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### GRANDPARENT'S DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparent's 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 6**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparent's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparent's Day, September 11**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

### GRANDPARENT'S 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: \_\_\_\_\_



Coming Soon:  
September 23-25

Theme:  
Time...Feast or Famine

Join women from First Presbyterian Church and their friends for this week-end of study, worship, fellowship, and relaxation. We'll gather in Montreat at the William Black Lodge. Cost for the weekend is:

\$241.00 (single room occupancy)

\$183.00 (double room occupancy)

Contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-982-2722) for scholarship help. Deposits must be received by Wednesday, September 7.

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## Fall Book Studies

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

September 26

*Fig* by Sarah Elizabeth Schuntz

This young adult novel is a portrait of mother and daughter which portrays the pain of life with mental illness and the struggle of love to find a way forward. In addition to discussing the novel, we will discuss the church's response to people who live with mental illness.

### Future Book Studies

October 24

*When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

November 21

*Underground Airlines* by Ben Winters

Each book is available in the office for \$12.00. Read it, reflect, and come together for a conversation about its themes and the places where God is at work in the plot line and behind the scenes.

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## MANTREAT AT MONTREAT

Our next men's retreat will take place in the spring of 2017 at Montreat, NC. This is a conference aimed specifically at men. It will be a time for worship, relaxation, and community in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina. The conference will take place April 21-23. Please sign up with a \$100.00 depository by October 1. Details? Contact Matt Drumheller ([mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)).

Youth Club 2016

Celebrate

# Generosity

Open our hands, open our hearts, cultivate generosity...

Youth Club begins Wednesday, September 14

3:15p.m.-5:15 p.m.

K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders (Trusty Travelers)

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders (Faith Explorers)

Join us each week for recreation, snack, Bible time, art/activity, mission & music...

Orff (percussion instruments) led by Mr. Daniel Dickens...

Orff will be offered to children in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade each week from 5:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. with childcare provided for preschoolers.

Handbells led by Mr. Frank Poolos will be offered to children in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders...

Parents, please encourage your children to attend these optional music classes if suits your schedule.

### Youth Cubs

Cubs will be a fun group this year! Each week, pathways to God will be provided through scripture, prayer, music, play, art, and Bible lessons that teach how big God is and how much he loves us all! We will begin with themes of God's creation of our world and his creation of each of us.

Submitted by Lynn Poplin



## BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY!

Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Sunday, September 11

Noon-3:00 p.m.

At home of Jack & Penny Morton

Cook out burgers and hotdogs

Bring swim suit, towel and sunscreen

(transportation from church to Morton's home provided)

Please let Gina Martin [gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) know that you are coming by Wednesday, September 7.



## Pray & Play

When?

Thursdays beginning September 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Where?

Church Parlor

Mothers with preschool aged children are invited to share in fellowship, prayer, and Bible study as they navigate the joys and challenges of caring for young children.

Rose Saltzman ([rose.saltzman@gmail.com](mailto:rose.saltzman@gmail.com) or 704-982-8541) and Leah Beamon ([Leahmbeamon88@gmail.com](mailto:Leahmbeamon88@gmail.com) or 704-756-7336) provide leadership for this group. Childcare provided.



## Communion Workshop for Children on Sunday, September 25

Noon-2:00 p.m.

A Communion Workshop is planned for children in Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the afternoon of Sunday, September 25. During this time, children and families will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Plan to stay for lunch and plans are to conclude by 2:00 p.m.

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## SAVE THE DATE FALL PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP

The menu will include barbecue, slaw, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls, tea and dessert.

Matt Drumheller will speak on his trip to the Middle East.

Please RSVP to Kyle in the church office  
(704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org))  
by Monday October 10 if you plan to attend.



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### Save the Date for the Fall Carnival

Sunday, October 30

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

On October 30, SNL will host our annual Fall Carnival for the church. Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of costumed fun. We will have treats and games for all ages! Please join us from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



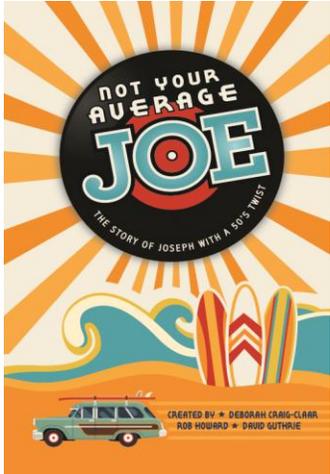
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# A LOOK BACK AT REVELATION

Despite its sometimes confusing imagery, the heart of Revelation is the HOPE we have in Jesus Christ. Thanks to the many people who read, questioned, studied, and prayed their way through the Revelation to John this summer.



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## Not Your Average Music & Arts Camp!!!

Music & Arts Camp scored **WELL ABOVE AVERAGE** this summer as a fun-filled week of entertainment for the 102 campers and for the army of volunteers! The finale of **Not Your Average Joe**, the story of Joseph's strong trust in God and ability to forgive, was enjoyed by all on Thursday evening, June 16. The week prior was filled with creative recreational activities, sensational Bible Study lessons, art involving the creation of lovely background scenery, music, drama, singing and dancing to some cute and peppy tunes, and making music on an assortment of Orff instruments. Thanks to the following folks that helped make this year's camp a success:

Janice Abernathy, Brook Allen, Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Leah Beamon, Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Steve Coats, Andy Cotton, James Cotton, Kate Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Betty Crook, Ann Crutchfield, Michelle Cumming, Grace Dombrowski, Ann Duckwall, Melissa Eudy, Peggy Finley, Ruth Goodwin, Debbie Hahn, John Hahn, Martha Sue Hall, Addison Harker, Cora Harrison, Misty Honbarrier, Margaret Ivey, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, David Kilde, Heather Kilde, Nikki Kindelberger, Dona Lisk, Chris Mabry, Dee Mahoney, Gina Martin, Roger Martin, Ben McLeod, Barbara McManus, Penny Morton, Jacob Palmer, Yogi Patel, Beth Poolos, Frank Poolos, Nicole Poolos, Lynn Poplin, Gayle Russell, Rose Saltzman, Jana Sanderson, Marlene Sanges, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Mary Louise Sawyer, Jillian Scardina, Stan Scheer, Morgan Schultz, Harold Sharpe, Ann Snuggs, Caroline Snyder, Jane Snyder, Salem Taylor, Teresa Taylor, Henry Thomas, Ann Upchurch, Christopher Walker, Connie Wallace, Shirley Welch, Martha White, Elizabeth Wilson, Brandi, Jamie, Lyndy, Nick, Wendy, and Kellise.

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## Gaither Grants Awarded

At its meeting on August 8, the Endowment Committee net to award grants from the requests to the Gaither Fund. We are happy to announce that the following requests were funded. The amount distributed from the Gaither Endowment totaled \$7,500 for this period. Funds were distributed to:

**The Christian Education Committee** for the purchase of new choir robes for the Faith Explorers, purchase of new frames for the Art Gallery, and for assistance for the Faith Explorers annual retreat.

**The Technology Committee** for the purchase of a new computer.

**The Worship Committee** for the purchase of a new Chrismon tree.

**The Fellowship Committee** for the purchase of a pickle ball set and purchases for kitchen baking items.

**The Property Committee** for assistance with the planned gym renovation.

Patrick Currie, chair; Ronnie Michael, Sandy Saunders, Ellen Snyder, Martha Wolf, Elizabeth Ayscue (ex-officio), Bob Gaither, and Lee McLaurin (ex-officio).



# September!

## Thursday, September 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Friday, September 2

6:30 pm-7:30 pm Meal at the Community Inn

## Sunday, September 4

*Worship at the YMCA Pavillion/Ten-Cents-A-Meal*

10:00 am \*Worship at the YMCA Pavillion

## Monday, September 5

*Labor Day – Church Office Closed*

## Tuesday, September 6

*Deadline for Grandparent's Day flower form*

10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

4:00 pm First Family Set-up Crew

4:00 pm-5:00 pm \*Faith Formation for Sunday School Teachers  
(Session Room)

## Wednesday, September 7

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Drew's Place

5:00 pm Membership Committee

5:00 pm First Family Meat, Fruit, Veggie Crew

5:00 pm-6:00 pm \*Faith Formation for Sunday School Teachers  
(Session Room)

5:15 pm Child Protection Policy Training (Parlor)

5:45 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm First Family Dinner

6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, September 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Saturday, September 10

7:30 pm Stanly County Dancing With The Stars Benefit for The  
Butterfly House (Agri-Civic Center)

## Sunday, September 11

*Rally Day/Commissioning of Teacher & Leaders in Christian  
Education/SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign/Grandparent's Day*

8:45 am \*Diaconate

9:30 am \*Rally Day (Gym)

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

12:00 pm Stewardship Committee

12:00 pm Prospective Members Meet in the Church Parlor

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorer's Pool Party

6:00 pm Worship Committee

6:00 pm Youth Connection Family Dinner & Kick-off

7:00 pm Session

## Monday, September 12

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Wednesday, September 14

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/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)

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

\*childcare provided

## Thursday, September 15

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Sunday, September 18

*SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

## Monday, September 19

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Tuesday, September 20

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline

2:00 pm-3:00 pm Art Gallery Reception Honoring GHA Day  
Services Program

## Wednesday, September 21

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/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)

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, September 22

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Friday, September 23

*Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)*

## Saturday, September 24

*Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)*

## Sunday, September 25

*Women's Retreat at William Black Lodge (Montreat, NC)*

*SCCM Caring & Sharing Campaign*

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm-2:00 pm Communion Workshop

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

## Monday, September 26

7:00 pm Fall Book Study (parlor)

8:00 pm-9:00 pm Lectionary Bible Study at Off the Square

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Tuesday, September 27

10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

## Wednesday, September 28

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/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)

7:00 pm \*Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

## Thursday, September 29

9:30 am \*Pray & Play

10:00 am Staff Meeting

## Friday, September 30

7:00 pm Youth Connection Lock-in (gym)

\*childcare provided

**THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER**

**Ushers:** Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming; Angie Earnhardt, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael

**Elder Greeters:** Martha Sue Hall; Marshall Rogers

**Nursery Room:**

**September 4:** Worship at the YMCA Pavilion

**September 11:** Jana Sanderson (Diaconate)

**September 18:** Jana Sanderson

**September 25:** Jana Sanderson

**Nana & Papa Team:**

**September 4:** Worship at the YMCA Pavilion

**September 11:** Susan & Banks Garrison

**September 18:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**September 25:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch

**Acolytes:**

**September 4:** Worship at the YMCA Pavilion

**September 11:** Ethan Richards

**September 18:** Blake Taylor

**September 25:** Andy McLeod

**Toddler Room:**

**September 4:** Worship at the YMCA Pavilion

**September 11:** Misty Honbarrier; Samantha Wangler

**September 18:** Cici Ly

**September 25:** Cora Harrison

**Preschool Partners:**

**September 4:** Worship at the YMCA Pavilion

**September 11:** Melissa & Wes Eudy

**September 18:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod

**September 25:** Leah Beamon; Rose Saltzman

**Children's Church for September:**

**September 4:** Worship at the YMCA Pavilion

**September 11:** Michelle Cummiing; Jacob Palmer

**September 18:** Michelle Cummiing; Jacob Palmer

**September 25:** Michelle Cummiing; Jacob Palmer

