



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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March 2019



Dear Friends,

We are on the threshold of *Lent* which begins on Wednesday, March 6. On that day of *dust and ashes*, we begin a 40 day journey toward the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning (April 21). As a congregation, we will use this season to focus on the ways we experience the power of God in the *wilderness* areas of life. Sunday sermons and small discussion groups will focus on the same texts from Luke's gospel.

Together we'll read the entire gospel (in short daily readings), experience the joy of praying intentionally for one another (and being prayed for), gather for Wednesday evening prayer and dinner, and find ways to take the gospel out into the world. I pray this season will strengthen our faith, hope, and commitment to sharing the good news beyond the doors of our church.

Grace and Peace,

Elizabeth

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym

Come for pancakes hot off the griddle and some pre-Lent fun (including pancake decorating and races for the children)! Keith Bryson is coordinating the cooking so call if you want to help (704-984-0254). All proceeds will benefit the Backpack Program which provides weekend food for children at Central Elementary School.

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## Ash Wednesday...March 6

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 6:00 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 and will feast at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ to gain strength for the journey. Childcare provided.





**Sunday, March 3**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

Scripture: Luke 9:28-43a

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger will be received.

**Sunday, March 10**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, March 17**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, March 24**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, March 31**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

During Lent, sermons and small group topics will focus on some of the *wildernesses* that God's people faced in scripture and which we continue to face.

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**Ten-Cents-A-Meal**

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on March 3. 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 \$690.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in January.

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**2019 Flower Calendar**



The 2019 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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**Lenten Season Prayer Partners**

During Lent, everyone who is interested will trade information with another random member of the congregation. Throughout the season, you will be lifting that person up in prayer on a regular basis. You can choose to speak with that person about their prayer requests, or you can pray for them from a distance. This is a great chance to engage in intentional regular prayer, and to know that someone is praying for you. Prayer partner cards are available in the church office. We will exchange the cards on Sunday, March 10.



# LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

**GROUP MEETINGS WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 10.**

The Lenten Planning Committee is pleased to announce small group opportunities for the Lenten season. Small groups will meet once a week for the 5 weeks of Lent (not including Holy Week) at various times and locations. Each group will focus on the same scripture text. Choose the time and place that works best for you!

Discussion Group	Skeet Ayscue	Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Media Room at the church
Hiking Posse	Ken Knight and Connie Wallace	Sundays at 3:00 p.m. at Morrow Mountain State Park
Discussion Group	Kim Marshall	Sundays at 4:00 p.m. at her home (1203 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)
Kitchen Crusaders Description: Let's travel together exploring ways to utilize your kitchen in a timely, efficient, and user-friendly way. We will discuss ways to find joy while spending time in the kitchen.	Gayle Russell and Jane Snyder	Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in church kitchen
Discussion Group	Greg and Dona Lisk	Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in church kitchen Dinner Included
Discussion Group	Elizabeth Ayscue	Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. in church parlor Breakfast Included (\$5.00 per person)
Discussion Group	Lillie Hancock	Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the church
Discussion Group	Matt Drumheller	Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. at GloryBeans (134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
Storytelling Group	Barbara McManus	Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at her home (4599 Chanel Court, Concord or other Albemarle location)

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## FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

**Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 13**

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

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

Come for fellowship, meaningful conversation, and a simple mid-week meal together. Different groups in the church will provide meals. (If you're asked to help, please say YES!) Suggested donations per person is \$5.00.





# Daily Scripture Reading and Prayer for Lent

Whether alone or with another, you are encouraged to read the gospel of Luke during Lent.

March 6 Luke 1:1-25  
 March 7 Luke 1:26-56  
 March 8 Luke 1:57-80  
 March 9 Luke 2:1-40  
 March 10 Luke 2:41-52  
 March 11 Luke 3:1-38  
 March 12 Luke 4:1-30  
 March 13 Luke 4:31-42  
 March 14 Luke 5:1-26  
 March 15 Luke 5:27-39  
 March 16 Luke 6:1-19  
 March 17 Luke 6:20-49  
 March 18 Luke 7:1-35  
 March 19 Luke 7:36-50  
 March 20 Luke 8:1-25  
 March 21 Luke 8:26-50  
 March 22 Luke 9:1-27  
 March 23 Luke 9:28-62  
 March 24 Luke 10:1-24  
 March 25 Luke 10:25-42  
 March 26 Luke 11:1-28  
 March 27 Luke 11:29-53  
 March 28 Luke 12:1-34  
 March 29 Luke 12:35-59  
 March 30 Luke 13:1-21  
 March 31 Luke 13:22-35

April 1 Luke 14:1-24  
 April 2 Luke 14:25-35  
 April 3 Luke 15:1-32  
 April 4 Luke 16:1-18  
 April 5 Luke 16:19-31  
 April 6 Luke 17:1-19  
 April 7 Luke 17:20-37  
 April 8 Luke 18:1-14  
 April 9 Luke 18:15-42  
 April 10 Luke 19:1-27  
 April 11 Luke 19:28-48  
 April 12 Luke 20:1-26  
 April 13 Luke 20:27-47  
 April 14 Luke 21:1-19  
 April 15 Luke 21:20-38  
 April 16 Luke 22:1-38  
 April 17 Luke 22:39-71  
 April 18 Luke 23:1-25  
 April 19 Luke 23:26-56  
 April 20 Luke 24:1-35  
 April 21 Luke 24:36-53

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## Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 14

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter Lilies as an Easter Memorial or Honorarium, please fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium to read, **attach a check in the amount of \$15.00**, and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 14**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by April 14 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21.



### Easter Lilies

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

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

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

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

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

I will leave my lily for delivery to a homebound member.



# Community Lent Services

Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10 at Noon  
First Lutheran Church (230 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)

- March 13 Preacher: Rev. Jacob Waldrip, Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church  
Liturgist: Rev. Dan Freeman, Pastor at First Baptist Church
- March 20 Preacher: Rev. Bob Gruver, Pastor at First Assembly Church  
Liturgist: Rev. Paul Jenkins, Pastor at The Gathering
- March 27 Preacher: Rev. Nikki Raye Rice, Pastor at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church  
Liturgist: Rev. James Laurence, Pastor at First Lutheran Church
- April 3 Preacher: Rev. Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church  
Liturgist: Rev. Ray Sipe, Chaplain at Trinity Place and Interim Pastor at Mt. Gilead Lutheran Church and St. Martin Lutheran Church
- April 10 Preacher: Rev. Earl Bradshaw, Pastor at Central United Methodist Church  
Liturgist: Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church

Lunch provided. Donation proceeds will benefit Will's Place, a recovery resource center located in downtown Albemarle.

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**\*First Presbyterian Church will prepare and serve lunch on April 3 at First Lutheran Church. If you would like to help and/or contribute desserts, contact Jane Snyder ([jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org) or 704-438-3358) or Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498).**

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT CITY LAKE PARK  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
DONATE PLASTIC EGGS AND/OR CANDY,  
PLEASE BRING THEM BY THE PIT STOP OR DOROTHY'S OFFICE.**

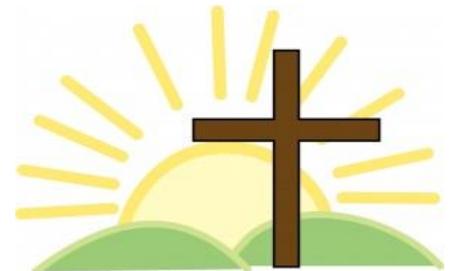
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## Sunday, April 21

### Easter Morning at Morrow Mountain

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the shelter at the top of the mountain. Join us at first light to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship will follow.

Overnight campers and afternoon/evening guests are welcome to gather at the group campsite for fellowship. Bring and/or cook your own dinner on Saturday afternoon, April 20. Supplies for s'mores will be provided. Contact Ken Knight (704-438-4686 or [kbknight17@gmail.com](mailto:kbknight17@gmail.com)) for more information.





## Jerusalem Market Place 2019

An event to be enjoyed with all your senses!

Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church Gym

...go back in time and experience the shops and the cuisine representative of the times.

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***Open Doors, Open Hearts***  
**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**  
**will be received on Sunday, April 21.**

 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing reflects the call of Isaiah to become repairers of the breach, opening doors to become the church with all the people we see. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world – sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Each gift helps to improve the live of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

***You shall be called repairers of the breach...Isaiah 58***

# STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JANUARY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	30,007.00	45,455.00
Total Expenses:	<u>69,285.00</u>	<u>68,824.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(\$39,278.00)	(\$23,369.00)

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019

Pledges:	479,500
Total Income:	552,963
Total Expenses:	552,963

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,634

We are behind \$11,866 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in January: \$7,502

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for January: \$690

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## Gaither Grants Awarded

In February, the Endowment Committee responded to the grant requests which were submitted. The amount distributed from the Gaither Endowment was \$10,112. Funds were distributed to:

**The Youth Group** to cover the cost of housing, leader registration, and van rental to the Montreat Youth Conference; to cover costs for youth to attend Carowinds and High Ropes.

**The Christian Education Committee** to cover the cost of food and supplies for the 2019 Summer Cooking Camp; to purchase new costumes for Youth Club; to fund the Youth Club Picnic/End of the Year Celebration at the YMCA park.

**The Worship Committee** to purchase equipment to upgrade the communion cabinet; to purchase new reserved pew markers.

**The Technology Committee** to upgrade the church phone system.

**The 2019 Women's Retreat** for scholarship assistance.

The 2019 Endowment Committee Members are: Lee McLaurin, chair; Debbie Bennett, Patrick Currie, Bob Gaither, and Nathan Sanges.

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# NEWS & NOTES

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Joe Kluttz given by Kent & Edna Lipe Harkey.

In memory of Joe Kluttz given by Bill & Jane Pickler.

In memory of Rev. Harold McKeithan given by Margaret Ivey.

In honor of Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue and Rev. Matt Drumheller given by Martha Chapman.

### Music Fund:

In honor of Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, and the Chancel Choir given by Martha Chapman.

### Necklace Ministry:

In honor of Ann Snuggs and Barbara Overcash given by Martha Chapman.

### Property Endowment:

In honor of Mary Kesselman, Sandy Saunders, Debbie Wainwright, and Elizabeth (Ibba) Wilson given by Martha Chapman.

### Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Rev. Harold McKeithan given by Ken & Laura Frazier.

### Ten-Cents-A-Meal Fund:

In honor of Rebekah Ayscue, Jane Boone, Ann Duckwall, Susan Garrison, Margaret Ivey, and Sandy Rogers given by Martha Chapman.

# NEWS & NOTES

## SYMPATHY

To Connie Wallace and Ken Knight upon the death of her brother-in-law, Ret. Colonel Michael W. Lehr (USAF) on February 12.

To Skeet and Elizabeth Ayscue upon the death of his brother-in-law, Raymond Elliott, on February 25.

## SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on February 17, 2019, Session heard reports from Worship, Personnel, Stewardship, Endowment and Mission committees. The Worship committee met on February 3 and discussed ways to include more members of the congregation in worship, especially children. The Personnel committee reported that the co-pastor model for First Presbyterian was approved unanimously by the Charlotte Presbytery at their meeting on February 9, 2017. The co-pastor model of leadership will be implemented later this year. The Stewardship committee reported that more pledges were received after the 2019 budget was approved. The Mission committee reported an ongoing need for supplies for the Backpack Program. The next date to fill backpacks is Wednesday, February 27. The committee also stated that several people have signed up for the trip to Montana de Luz scheduled for July 24-31, and there are additional spaces available. The Endowment committee reported that awards from the Gaither Endowment totaling about \$10,000 were approved in January. Ministers reported that the Lent committee has been meeting and planning activities for Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Dinner and evening prayer will be held on Wednesday evenings again this year. Meals will be prepared by Sunday School classes, the Diaconate, and Session. The theme for this year's Lenten season will be "Journey in the Wilderness." Confirmation classes are underway. Conversations are scheduled on February 17 and February 24 to discuss the book Beautiful Boy, which focuses on opioid addiction. A "Lunch and Learn" is scheduled in the Pit Stop on Tuesday, February 19 from 12-1. The topic is the opioid epidemic. Jennifer Layton, Health Educator at the Stanly County Health Department, is the guest speaker. A membership celebration will take place during worship on June 2. At that service, 50-year members will be recognized. Rev. David Sutton will preach on June 2. The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, at 8:30 a.m.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

## Circle #5

Circle #5 will meet at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle) on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study will be on Lesson 5 of God's Promise: I Am With You.

## Thanks to:

Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Ruth Ann Rogers, and Martha White for assisting in the church office in February.

## Thank You to February's First Family Dinner Volunteers

THANKS to everyone that helped make this southern style a success! Rebekah Ayscue, Jane Boone, Gloria Bryson, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Margaret Ivey, John and Debbie Hahn, Bill Hall, Martha Sue Hall, Jennifer Hesley, Nancy Joines, Mary Kesselman, Ken Knight and Connie Wallace, Greg Lisk, Mark Mabry, Gina Martin, Ronnie and Sarah Michael, Courtney, Natalie and Eric Niederer, Jeff and Kim Robertson, Ned and Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, Faith Explorers and all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! I just can't thank everyone enough for being so generous with their time and talents!!

Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education and Fellowship



**April Newsletter Deadline on**

**Tuesday, March 19.**

**Early submissions are always welcome!**

**If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: [pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighnten@fpcalbemarle.org).**



**Many Thanks**

**The Souper Bowl of Caring netted 466 cans of soup(359 lbs.)...265 Chicken Noodle, 182 Tomato, and 19 Miscellaneous) and \$267. SCCM and our neighbors are the big winners! Thank you for your generosity!**



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:

**Brinn Andrew**, daughter of Kellie & Jason Andrew; diagnosis & treatment for neuroblastoma.  
**Doug Archer**, cancer.  
**Debra Barnard**, daughter of Gloria Bryson; neuroendocrine carcinoma.  
**Dale Benson**, brother of Ann Crutchfield.  
**Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.  
**Margaret Brooks**, friend of Debbie Hahn.  
**Joan Bunn**, friend of Gina Martin; health concerns.  
**Mike Burke**.  
**Michelle Honeycutt Cole**, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma.  
**Katherine Cox**, mother of Sherrie Richards; health concerns.  
**Sara Dyer**, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.  
**Lindsey Efird**, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.  
**Jeanette Eudy**, friend of Liz Davis; peritoneal cancer.  
**Veronica Fraser**, friend of Debby Johnston; pancreatic cancer.  
**Mary Gladys**, mother of Ann Crutchfield.  
**Kathy Miles Gordon**, friend of Ruth Goodwin; pancreatic cancer.  
**Marty Goforth**, treatment for melanoma.  
**Steve Granger**, brother of Laura McLeod; stage 4 lung cancer.  
**Calvin Hall**, kidney cancer.  
**Elizabeth Howard**, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.  
**Jackie Lynn Kruis**, eleven year-old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.  
**Denise LaBoube**, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.  
**Junior Lambert**, uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer.  
**Molly Amelia Lowder**, continuing health concerns.  
**Maddie McRae**, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.  
**Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.  
**James Nunn**, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve.  
**Sam & Melanie Obermiller**, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.  
**Frank Osborne**, brother of Lillie Hancock.  
**Hilda Perry**, sister of Cathryn Harwood; continuing health concerns.  
**David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.  
**Judy Smith**, friend of Meredith Moses; pancreatic cancer.  
**Betty Stancik**, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.  
**Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.  
**John Taylor**, International Mission Worker.  
**Judy Toney**, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.  
**Sally Warburton**, friend of Debbie & John Hahn.  
**Eddie Wilson**, brother of Elizabeth Wilson; health concerns.

#### Members of the Congregation:

**Blue Honeycutt**.  
**Dick Liles**.  
**Tommy Murrell**.  
**Linda Richards**.  
**Cam Rogers**.  
**Pete Smith**.



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| 02- | Al Andrew         | 15- | Kate Melone        |
|     | Jordan Davis      | 16- | Steve Coats        |
|     | Luke Davis        | 17- | Bob Gaither        |
|     | Natalie Niederer  |     | Frank Green        |
|     | Ellen Snyder      |     | Eric Niederer      |
| 05- | Becky Andrew      | 19- | Catherine McIntyre |
| 06- | Keith Andrew      |     | Chris Whitley      |
|     | Robert Ivey       | 20- | Bo Andrew          |
| 07- | Chris Mabry       |     | Lee McLaurin       |
| 09- | Cidney Eudy       | 21- | Sherrie Richards   |
|     | Ginny Marshall    | 22- | Jane Hartsell      |
|     | David Whitley     |     | Maggie Melone      |
| 10- | Russ Carpenter    | 24- | Sam Holshouser     |
| 11- | Jim Carter        | 27- | Lachlann Currie    |
|     | Nancy Jolly       | 29- | Claude Harwood     |
| 12- | Morgan Kinley     | 30- | Ellie Niederer     |
| 14- | Leah Kilde        |     |                    |
|     | Courtney Niederer |     |                    |



- 10-David & Carroll Holbrook
- 13-Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers
- 19-Eric & Courtney Niederer
- 24-Nathan & Marlene Sanges



Anna  
Wainwright

1. What university do you attend? What year are you?  
UNC Chapel Hill - Sophomore, Class of 2021
2. What is your major? Sociology and Spanish
3. Do you reside on or off campus? Off campus in an apartment
4. What is your favorite place on campus? Probably Wilson Library, because it makes me feel I like I go to Hogwarts.
5. What has been/is your favorite class and why? This semester my class on Women in the US is super interesting. I get to learn about women's rights from colonial times to present day.
6. What school event would you like to relive? Def the UNC/Duke game last year when we beat Duke at home and I was there! Surreal!
7. What have you gotten involved in with student life? I am part of the Presbyterian Campus Ministry on campus, and I am trying to find another club to join!
8. What brightens your day and makes you smile? When I can answer questions in class.
9. If you have an hour between classes, where would we find you? I am probably looking at books in the student store.

Thank you Anna for being the first student spotlighted. If any member of the congregation would like to suggest clubs, relive victorious sporting events, or just say *hi*, please email Anna ([Annawain@live.unc.edu](mailto:Annawain@live.unc.edu)).

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Our 2019 Confirmation Class began meeting in late January. Our seven youth, including Graham Chapman, Angus Currie, Katherine Jolly, Maci Holshouser, Leah Kilde, Andy McLeod, and Ethan Richards, are meeting weekly to explore their faith. Although the group has been struggling with sickness, they are a hearty bunch. We have been exploring the important questions that will be asked of the confirmands when they stand up to join the church on April 14. All of our youth are engaged and asking important questions. Please continue to pray for them and their confirmation partners.



## Habitat for Humanity Project Update

Our Habitat for Humanity project is quickly nearing completion! Finishing touches are being completed inside the house, and the end is in sight! Volunteers are particularly proud of a yard shed that was built in the back yard in a very short amount of time by some of the hardest working members of our congregation. Thanks so much to all who have already made this such a successful project! We look forward to the house dedication with homeowner, Kendra Johnson, in the near future.



### Central School Book Fair Volunteers Needed March 4-8

If you are interested in helping Central School with the Book Fair, please sign-up on the Mission Bulletin Board or contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).

## SCCM NEED FOR MARCH:

### Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta, Instant Potatoes



### Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:

Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups  
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

**Next Packing Date: Wednesday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m.**



**Bread for the World  
Sunday, May 5**

# YOUTH GROUP

We have a lot of exciting activities planned for the youth in March! You are encouraged to participate and bring a friend!

Friday, March 1-Saturday, March 2	Lock-In at the Church	5:30 p.m.-9:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 3	No Youth Group	
Friday, March 8	Movie Night	
Sunday, March 10	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 17	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Monday, March 18-Friday, March 22	Stanly County Youth Breakfast	6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m.
Sunday, March 24	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 30	Youth Group Outing to Carowinds	
Sunday, March 31	No Youth Group	



## Youth Group Lock-In on March 1!

On Friday, March 1, we will be having a lock-in. Plan to arrive at the church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday with pick-up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Bring money for dinner and get ready for a scavenger hunt, games, and a movie!



### MARCH

- 03-06 Robert Ivey
- 03-12 Morgan Kinley
- 03-14 Leah Kilde
- 03-27 Lachlann Currie



## The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Breakfast March 18-22 from 6:30 a.m.-7:15 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church (Gym)

The Stanly County Youth Breakfast will be held here at the church the week of March 18-22. All middle and high school students are welcome! The theme is *Mirroring God's Image*. FPC's day to provide food will be Thursday morning. We need contributions of muffins (any flavor) which can be delivered on Wednesday, March 20.

### Carowinds Outing on Saturday, March 30

The youth will take a trip to Carowinds on Saturday, March 30. Plan to meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. to head to the park. Sign-up to attend by March 20<sup>th</sup> or contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org).



### Massanetta Information for Middle Schoolers

The date for Massanetta is June 25-28. The theme is *At the Door* based on Matthew 7:7-12. If you are definitely planning to attend and these dates work for you, contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824) for the registration code so you can register online. Scholarship assistance is available.

## Montreat High School Youth Conference July 14-20

Contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824) for more information.





## NECKLACE MINISTRY

The Necklace Ministry is still going! Ruth Cotton continues to make necklaces to sell with proceeds to purchase infant formula for HIV negative babies in Mwandia. Also, Black Mountain Quilts orders and sells necklaces for us! If anyone would like to help make necklaces, contact Ruth Cotton (704-983-2481 or hugawolf@hotmail.com).



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS THE SPRING ART GALLERY EXHIBIT 2019 CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' ART COLLECTION



We are so excited to be sharing the 2019 Central Elementary School art collection with you. This will be a collection of works that our Kindergarten through 5th grade students have been creating all year. You may catch a glimpse of our core subjects integrated into our artwork as we try to combine our subjects for optimal learning. You might also recognize the style of a famous artist in the designs as well. But our biggest hope is that you will enjoy the hard work our students have put in to each piece and that you will be visually stimulated by the fun we have had in the process. Thank you in advance for your support of our school and our art program.



P.S. Our students are really excited about the upcoming art show. We would welcome any personal comments on our artwork as well.

Tammy Palmer  
Visual Arts Teacher at Central Elementary School



YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEET & GREET  
RECEPTION FOR  
CONGREGATION, CENTRAL SCHOOL STAFF,  
ARTISTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES  
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5  
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMON AREA  
(BASEMENT)



The Prayer Shawl group will meet:  
Wednesday, March 6 at noon in the church parlor.  
(Bring your lunch if you like!)

All are welcome to join in crocheting and knitting prayer shawls.

For more information on how you can be part of this ministry, contact Peggy Finley (704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net).





## Young Adult Lunch

Young adult lunches are a chance to gather in the middle of the work week to enjoy each others company and some local dining. This month we will gather on Thursday, March 7 at 12:00 p.m. at 5 Points Public House (304 E Main St, Albemarle). I hope you are able to join us for lunch!

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Remember to *spring forward*  
one hour in the early morning hours of March 10  
(or before you go to bed on March 9).



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**PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEON**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 14 AT NOON IN THE PIT STOP**  
**SPEAKER: BILL STEVENSON**  
**TOPIC:**  
**WORKING WITH NASA**  
**DURING THE APOLLO MISSIONS**  
**MENU: SOUPS, FRUIT, & DESSERT**



Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Monday, March 11 to say you are coming and/or if you need transportation.

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**OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19 FROM NOON-1:00 P.M.**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE PIT STOP**  
**(126 WEST NORTH STREET, ALBEMARLE)**

Topic: The Relationship Between Trauma & Addiction

Speaker:

Delton Russell, Director of Development & Community Programs at Will's Place  
Lunch will be provided by Gateway to Hope.

Questions? Call the church office (704-982-2722).

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**PROPERTY COMMITTEE SPONSORED WORKDAY**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 23 FROM 9:00 A.M.-NOON**

Come join members of the Property Committee to clean the kitchen and spread mulch around the property. Coffee, juice, and doughnuts will be available in the morning with lunch being served by the Fellowship Committee (Salad & Baked Potato Bar). Contact David Whitley (704-982-1837 or davidwhitley1955@yahoo.com) or Debbie Wainwright (980-581-7500 or dwainwright@carolina.rr.com) for questions or to say you can help.

The Opioid Taskforce has taken action on its desire to educate our congregation and our community about drug use. After using *Beautiful Boy* to explore one family's struggles in February and hosting our first Lunch and Learn on February 19, we hope to continue this process. Our next Lunch and Learn will be on March 19 at 12:00 pm. Delton Russell from Will's Place in downtown Albemarle will be our guest speaker. Please plan to bring you lunch and join us for this important conversation.



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### CO-PASTOR UPDATE



On Saturday, February 9, the Presbytery of Charlotte voted unanimously to approve the co-pastor model of leadership at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle. This vote was the last step in a process of discernment that began nearly a year ago with a conversation in the Personnel Committee. Formal implementation of the co-pastor model will take place some time in the fall following Matt's sabbatical. Session is carefully monitoring expenses and income, and will determine, based on finances, the appropriate time to formally move Matt and Elizabeth to co-pastors. We will mark this new relationship with a celebration in worship.

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## Youth Sunday...April 7

Our youth will be leading worship on this Sunday, and our high school seniors will speak about their faith journeys.

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## Youth Sponsored Trivia Night

Save the Date

Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m.

More details to come.



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From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 8. if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2019 are: Jim Marshall, Chair; Al Andrew, Steve Coats, Debby Johnston, Lee McLaurin, Penny Morton, and Jeff Robertson.



Our Youth Club is continuing to explore some of the most important stories of faith from Scripture. Led by our wonderful volunteers in music, art, and Bible study, the children are learning from our ancestors in faith what it means to follow God.

**Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders):** As we move into Lent our Trust Travelers will be learning about this holy season. They will explore how we worship and the importance of the Easter story. They will also be exploring what it means to be a child of God, part of God's family.

**Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)...**The Faith Explorers volunteered at the Stanly County Humane Society in February and were able to donate 30 handmade dog toys. Thanks for your tee shirt donations! This month, the Faith Explorers will learn about how to stay connected to God and use the gifts He has given us.

**Youth Club volunteers will provide our youngest participants with a safe space of learning and play.**

### **Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!**

- Who can come? 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
  - What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.
  - When? Sunday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
  - Where? Media Room
  - Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith
- Please let Jill Niebler ([jlniebler@gmail.com](mailto:jlniebler@gmail.com)) know if you are able to join us.



## **Faith Explorer Outing**

**Saturday, March 16**

## **Talent Company Show: Little Women**

The Faith Explorers will attend the Talent Company's show, *Little Women*, on Saturday, March 16. We will meet at the Central Apartments Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. start time. The cost for an individual ticket is \$5.00. Contact Dorothy ([dhart@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:dhart@fpcalbemarle.org)) if you plan to attend.

# March

## Friday, March 1

5:30 pm Youth Group Lock-In Drop-Off

## Saturday, March 2

9:00 am Youth Group Lock-In Pick-Up

## Sunday, March 3

*Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger*

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee

## Monday, March 4

*Central School Book Fair*

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Gloria Bryson  
(811 Smith Street, Albemarle)

8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

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

## Tuesday, March 5

*Shrove Tuesday*

*Central School Book Fair*

3:00 pm-5:00 pm Art Gallery Reception for Central School  
Artists

6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

## Wednesday, March 6

*Ash Wednesday*

*Central School Book Fair*

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

6:00 pm \*Ash Wednesday Worship (Pit Stop)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

## Thursday, March 7

*Central School Book Fair*

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at 5 Points Public House  
(304 East Main Street, Albemarle)

## Friday, March 8

*Central School Book Fair*

*Youth Group Movie Night*

\*childcare provided

## Sunday, March 10

*First Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Daylight Saving Time*

8:45 am \*Diaconate

9:45 am \*Sunday School

9:45 am \*Lent Discussion Group led by Skeet Ayscue  
(Media Room)

11:00 am \*Worship

3:00 pm Lent Hiking Posse led by Connie Wallace & Ken  
Knight (Morrow Mountain State Park)

4:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Kim Marshall at her  
home (1203 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

## Monday, March 11

8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

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

## Tuesday, March 12

9:30 am Lent Kitchen Crusaders led by Gayle Russell & Jane  
Snyder (church kitchen)

6:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Greg & Dona Lisk  
(church kitchen-dinner included)

## Wednesday, March 13

6:00 am Lent Discussion Group led by Elizabeth (church  
parlor-breakfast included)

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Lutheran Church  
(230 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)

3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club

4:30 pm Discussion Group with a playful twist led by Lillie  
Hancock (Teen Room)

5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)

6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

## Thursday, March 14

12:00 pm PrimeTimers Luncheon (Pit Stop)

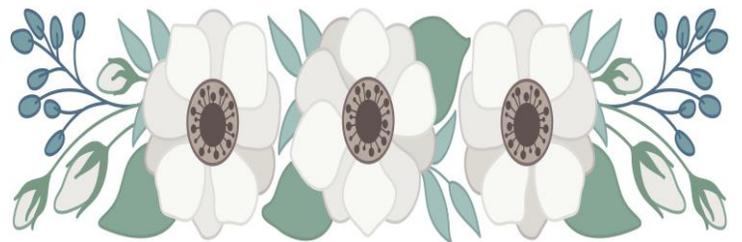
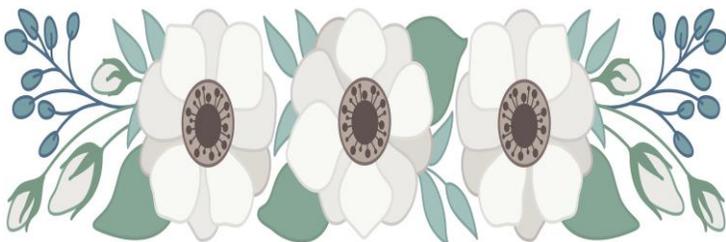
2:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Matt Drumheller at  
GloryBeans (134 West Main St., Albemarle)

6:00 pm Lent Storytelling Group led by Barbara McManus  
(TBD)

## Saturday, March 16

7:00 pm Faith Explorers meet at Central Apartments  
Auditorium for show...*Little Women the Musical*

\*childcare provided



# March

## Sunday, March 17

*Second Sunday of Lent /The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/  
Saint Patrick's Day*

- 8:30 am \*Session
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 9:45 am \*Lent Discussion Group led by Skeet Ayscue (Media Room)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 3:00 pm Lent Hiking Posse led by Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 4:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Kim Marshall at her home (1203 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

## Monday, March 18

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt

## Tuesday, March 19

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 9:30 am Lent Kitchen Crusaders led by Gayle Russell & Jane Snyder (church kitchen)
- 12:00 pm Opioid Lunch & Learn
- 12:00 pm April Newsletter Deadline
- 6:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Greg & Dona Lisk (church kitchen-dinner included)

## Wednesday, March 20

- 6:00 am Lent Discussion Group led by Elizabeth (church parlor-breakfast included)
- 6:30 am-7:15 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Lutheran Church (230 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 4:30 pm Discussion Group with a playful twist led by Lillie Hancock (Teen Room)
- 5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

## Thursday, March 21

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Matt Drumheller at GloryBeans (134 West Main St., Albemarle)
- 6:00 pm Lent Storytelling Group led by Barbara McManus (TBD)

## Friday, March 22

- 6:30 am-7:15 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast

## Saturday, March 23

- 9:00 am-12:00 pm Property Committee Sponsored Church Workday

**\*childcare provided**



## Sunday, March 24

*Third Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 9:45 am \*Lent Discussion Group led by Skeet Ayscue (Media Room)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 3:00 pm Lent Hiking Posse led by Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 4:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Kim Marshall at her home (1203 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

## Monday, March 25

- 8:00 pm Bible Study w/Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's

## Tuesday, March 26

- 9:30 am Lent Kitchen Crusaders led by Gayle Russell & Jane Snyder (church kitchen)
- 6:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Greg & Dona Lisk (church kitchen-dinner included)

## Wednesday, March 27

- 6:00 am Lent Discussion Group led by Elizabeth (church parlor-breakfast included)
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Service at First Lutheran Church (230 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)
- 3:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 4:30 pm Discussion Group with a playful twist led by Lillie Hancock (Teen Room)
- 5:45 pm Food for Body & Soul Evening Prayer (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Food for Body & Soul Dinner (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm-9:30 pm Confirmation Class

## Thursday, March 28

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Matt Drumheller at GloryBeans (134 West Main St., Albemarle)
- 6:00 pm Lent Storytelling Group led by Barbara McManus (TBD)

## Saturday, March 30

- 9:00 am Youth Group departs for Carowinds

## Sunday, March 31

*Fourth Sunday of Lent/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/  
Faith on the Fifth Offering*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 9:45 am \*Lent Discussion Group led by Skeet Ayscue (Media Room)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 3:00 pm Lent Hiking Posse led by Connie Wallace & Ken Knight (Morrow Mountain State Park)
- 4:00 pm Lent Discussion Group led by Kim Marshall at her home (1203 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

**\*childcare provided**



**THOSE WHO SERVE IN MARCH**

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Mark Donham, Judy Kilgore, Ethan Richards, Grace Richards, Danny Saltzman

**Elder Greeters for March:** Jacob Palmer; Gayle Russell

**Nursery:**

**March 3:** Kyle Lambert

**March 10:** TBD

**March 17:** Cortney Brown

**March 24:** TBD

**March 31:** Cortney Brown

**Acolytes:**

**March 3:** Brent Lisk

**March 10:** Natalie Niederer

**March 17:** TBD

**March 24:** Jackson Palmer

**March 31:** Danny Saltzman

**Kids Care Crew:**

**March 3:** Barbara & Chris Whitley

**March 10:** Jack & Penny Morton

**March 17:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**March 24:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser

**March 31:** Laura & Mike McLeod

**Outside Ushers:**

**March 3:** Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood

**March 10:** Mark Mabry; Kyle Marks

**March 17:** Mark Andrew; Jack Morton

**March 24:** Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley

**March 31:** John Howell; Greg Lisk

**Children's Church for March:**

**March 3:** TBD

**March 10:** No Children's Church

**March 17:** TBD

**March 24:** Taylor Barbee

**March 31:** Taylor Barbee

**Diaconate Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 10**  
TBD

**Session Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 17**  
Cortney Brown

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**Save the Date for Music & Arts Camp  
Summer 2019**

**Theme: Parables of Jesus**

Plan to join in on the fun this summer for a week of music, art, recreation, drama, and fellowship as we form new friendships and cultivate our old ones.

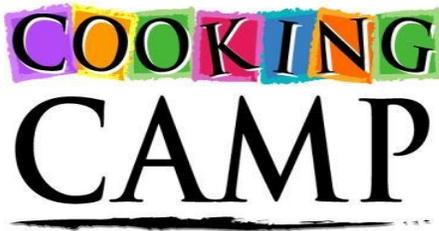
**Sunday, June 9-Thursday, June 13**

For children ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will enjoy a fun time!

Come help us with this extraordinary event!

Volunteers of all ages warmly welcomed!

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS**

**(COMPLETED 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

**June 17-20, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$40.00 per child**

**Camp Limit of 12 children**

**REGISTRATION  
BEGINS IN  
MARCH**

Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a cooking camp is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to completed 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders on Monday, June 17 - Thursday, June 20 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Young chefs expand their palates, learn kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, broaden utensil skills, master proper etiquette, and experiment with flavors and ingredients in cooking and baking. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be incorporating a field trip into the mix!

For more information, to register for camp, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at 704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)).

*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

1 Corinthians 10:31