



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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March 2020

Dear Friends,

Lent has begun. This season invites us to deeper devotion and renewed commitment to the faith we profess. This forty day season ends on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our Lent committee has created a variety of ways for us to be together as we deepen our commitment to faith, community, and one another. Instead of small groups this year, we encourage you to make weekly Wednesday dinners a priority. We will have *table talk* each week that relates to the weekly theme. And, of course, a delicious dinner, too. Additionally, there will be other opportunities each week. I hope you will take full advantage of every opportunity to respond to God's grace and kindness.

Grace and Peace,
Elizabeth



LENT 2020 RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Lent Opportunities

- Sunday, March 8 2:00 p.m.** A congregational gathering at Rock Creek Park. Meet at the shelter and we will enjoy the walking trail, a scavenger hunt for all ages, a cornhole tournament, and other lawn games. Bring a lawn chair and games to share.
- Sunday, March 15 After Worship** We will gather at the top of Morrow Mountain after worship (bring a simple lunch for yourself). After lunch, there will be hikes (varying in length and difficulty), singing, a devotional focusing on stewardship of the earth, and campfire treats. Plan to stay as long as you can into the afternoon.
- Friday, April 3 6:30 p.m.** Family Game Night...Bring your favorite board game (or play someone's else's) and a snack to share. Come and enjoy good fellowship!

Mission Opportunities

- Saturday, March 14** Join others to work on the Habitat House at 509 Jackson Street in Badin. Let Ned Russell (704-438-2559 or Nedrussell36@gmail.com) know if you can help. Working hours are 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lunch providers are also needed.
- Saturday, March 15** Trash pick-up at Morrow Mountain. Meet at the shelter at the top of the mountain after worship.

Worship in Lent

The theme for Lent this year is **RSVP – Responding to God’s Grace**. Worship through Lent will focus on the gift of God’s grace and how we may faithfully respond.

- Sunday, March 1** Lent Theme: God’s Grace
Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9
- Sunday, March 8** Lent Theme: Responding to God’s grace by caring for ourselves.
Scripture: Psalm 139
- Sunday, March 15** Lent Theme: Responding to God’s grace by caring for God’s good gift of the earth.
Scripture: Genesis 1-2
- Sunday, March 22** Lent Theme: Responding to God’s grace with our lives.
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
- Sunday, March 29** Lent Theme: Responding to God’s grace with our resources.
Scripture: Luke 21:1-4

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** each Sunday. Every member of the worshipping community is invited to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.

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 \$325.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for January 2020.



2020 Flower Calendar

The 2020 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) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.



Prayer Vigil

As part of our Lenten practice this year, the church will host a prayer vigil. Members of First Presbyterian Church will be present in the chapel of the church for 24 hours praying for our community and the world. We will begin at 12:00 p.m. on March 14, and we will conclude with corporate prayer in worship on March 15 at 11:00 a.m. You are welcome to sign up for as much time as you’d like for this prayer vigil. A sign-up board can be found in the Pit Stop.



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBEMARLE
(202 NORTH 2ND STREET, ALBEMARLE)
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, AND APRIL 1
AT NOON IN THE SANCTUARY
LUNCH FOLLOWING IN THE GYM...COST: DONATION

The downtown churches will gather as a single worshipping community on Wednesday during Lent. We will provide lunch on March 11. Contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to say you'll help provide food and serve. Worship will take place at noon at First Baptist on Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. Each worship service will focus on a Psalm and lunch will be provided following worship.

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| Wednesday, March 4 | Preacher: | Rev. Jacob Waldrip
Associate Pastor of Family Ministries at First Baptist Church, Albemarle |
| | Liturgist: | Rev. Nina Miller, Pastor at Bethany United Methodist Church, Albemarle |
| | Psalm of the Day: | Psalm 32 |
| Wednesday, March 11 | Preacher: | Rev. Elizabeth McNair Ayscue
Co-Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle |
| | Liturgist: | Rev. Ryan Clore, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church, Albemarle |
| | Psalm of the Day: | Psalm 121 |
| Wednesday, March 18 | Preacher: | Rev. James Laurence, Pastor at First Lutheran Church, Albemarle |
| | Liturgist: | Rev. Matt Drumheller, Co-Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle |
| | Psalm of the Day: | Psalm 95 |
| Wednesday, March 25 | Preacher: | Rev. Ray Sipe
Interim Pastor at Mt. Gilead Lutheran Church and St. Martin Lutheran Church; Chaplain at Trinity Place |
| | Liturgist: | Rev. Jill Rhinehart, Pastor at Central United Methodist Church, Albemarle |
| | Psalm of the Day: | Psalm 23 |
| Wednesday, April 1 | Preacher: | Paul Jenkins, Lead Pastor at The Gathering, Albemarle |
| | Worship Leader: | Rev. Nikki Ray Rice
Pastor at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Misenheimer |
| | Psalm of the Day: | Psalm 130 |

Easter Lilies...Deadline: Sunday, April 5



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 5**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Easter Lilies." All memorials/honorariums received by April 5 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12.

Easter Lilies

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

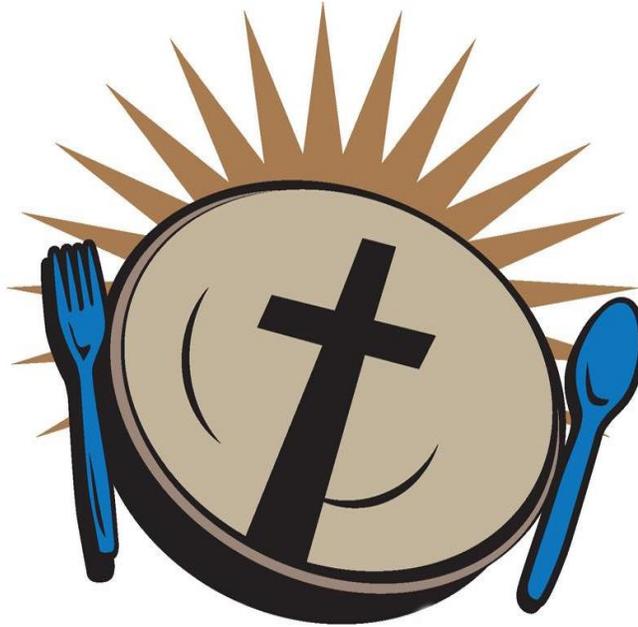
In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

I plan to take my lily after worship on Easter.

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

LENT DINNER & TABLE TALK



Wednesday, March 4

Menu: Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Homemade Desserts

Host: Adult Bible Discussion Sunday School Class

Wednesday, March 11

Menu: Taco Bar & Homemade Desserts

Host: Softball Team for the Community Care Clinic Tournament

Wednesday, March 18

Menu: Basil Ginger Beef Stir-Fry, Curry Chicken, Jasmine Rice, Fried Rice, & Spring Rolls

Host: The Wired Word Sunday School Class

Wednesday, March 25

Menu: Pot Luck...Share your time & talent by bringing one of your family's favorites to share.

Host: The Congregation

Wednesday, April 1

Menu: Filet Mignon, Baked Potato, Salad, Homemade Desserts

Host: Youth Club Faith Explorers



Palm Sunday (April 5)

9:30 a.m. Journey to the Cross

Walk Christ's journey during those final days...

Enjoy foods typical of those eaten in the time of Jesus.

Shepherds will guide you on the journey.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

Worship will include a palm parade.

Maundy Thursday (April 9) in the Pit Stop at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a favorite covered dish or two to share with your church family. We'll have a meal, and then hear the story of Christ's last meal with his disciples. We will share the Lord's Supper around the tables. This is a family-friendly meal and worship.

Good Friday (April 10)

10:30 a.m. Cross Walk (for all ages)

Meet outside the sanctuary (on North Street). We'll follow the cross through downtown Albemarle and pray for the people of our community.

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

The choir will lead this solemn service which focuses on the declining loyalty of the disciples and the fading light of the world as Jesus departs from it. We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Childcare provided.

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...JANUARY 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	34,313.00	34,313.00
Total Expenses:	<u>61,463.00</u>	<u>61,463.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(27,150.00)	(27,150.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2020

Pledges:	512,746
Total Income:	561,860
Total Expenses:	561,860

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,805

We are behind \$8,811 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in January: \$8,578

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for January: \$325.00

Gaither Endowment Grants Awarded

The Endowment Committee met on February 4 to distribute funds available through the Gaither Endowment Fund. This fund was established from the state of Frances Breerwood and Frank Howard Gaither. The amount distributed from the Gaither Endowment was \$7,875.00. The following requests were funded:

From the Worship Committee...New church marquee letters & numbers to replace the old ones.

From the Worship Committee...Video streaming equipment and sanctuary audio equipment.

From the Fellowship Committee...New split HVAC system for the kitchen and pit stop.

Thanks to the 2020 Endowment Committee: Session – Debbie Bennett, chair, John Earnhardt, Nathan Sanges; Member-at-Large – Patrick Currie and Bob Gaither; Ex-Officio – Rev. Elizabeth Ayscue and Lee McLaurin (treasurer).

Sunday, April 5

On April 5, we will receive a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:



- 1) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We work alongside communities as they recover from devastating disasters.
- 2) Presbyterian Hunger Program. We work to alleviate hunger and systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- 3) Developing People. We invest in community programs that address critical problems including injustice and oppression.

There are three ways to give:

- Through our special offering on April 5th
- Credit card online at: presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHs to 20222 to give \$10.00

Please give generously so that together we continue to build the kingdom of God on earth.

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

NEWS & NOTES

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

General Fund:

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by Dr. & Mrs. Scott Bullard.

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by Lisa & Perrin Dargan.

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by Russell & Bede Karr.

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by Mr. & Mrs. C. Edward Pleasants.

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by Bill & Diane Stevenson.

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by Ben & Gwen Treece.

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by David & Ellen Whitley.

In honor of Ruth Ann Rogers, given by Bill Rogers.

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Cam Rogers, given by Rich & Janet Schaefer.

Sympathy

To Barbara Earnhardt and family upon the death of Gene Earnhardt on February 4.

Thanks to:

Linda Anderson, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Marlene Sanges, Martha White, and Martha Wolf for helping in the church office in February.

February's First Family Epiphany Dinner

For our February's First Family meal much thanks goes to: Andy and Ruth Cotton, Karlyn Cox, Ann Duckwall, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Bill Hall, Jennifer Hesley, Jim Hesley, Derreck Huneycutt, Margaret Ivey, Stephan and Leslie Kinley, Ken Knight, Greg Lisk, Ronnie and Sarah Michael, Penny and Jack Morton, Kim and Jeff Robertson, Ned and Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, Jim Sawyer, and the Faith Explorers, and all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym!

Jane Snyder, Director of Christian Education & Fellowship



Circle #5 will meet with Ann Duckwall (609 North 6th Street, Albemarle) on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. We will study Lesson 5 of *Love Carved in Stone*.



Session Notes

The Gaither Endowment committee awarded three grants: funding to help with media streaming capabilities in the gym for events with overflow attendance, funding to support HVAC alternative solutions for the kitchen and new lettering for the outdoor church sign on the First Street side. The Mission committee will be continuing their support of the backpack program helping Central Elementary students with weekend meal needs. Matt Drumheller reported on the Rise Against Hunger event our church is hosting on February 23.

Submitted by Steve Cumming, Clerk of Session

April Newsletter Deadline...Tuesday, March 17

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to: pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.



Many Thanks

The Souper Bowl of Caring netted 345 lbs. of canned soup...243 Chicken Noodle and 167 Tomato and \$275. SCCM and our neighbors are the big winners! Thank you for your generosity!

prayer Requests



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; immunotherapy treatment.
David Bailiff, friend of Debbie Hahn; kidney transplant complications.
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.
Michelle Honeycutt Cole, friend of Katie Carpenter; in remission-stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Gene Freshly, spouse of Jill Freshly; recovering from mild stroke.
Debbie Gabriel, sister of Gayle Russell; breast cancer.
Rin Gannon, friend of Isabel McLeod; recovering from a stroke.
Calvin Hall, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
Sean Hickey, brother-in-law of Lori Ivey; colon cancer.
Elizabeth Howard, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.
Catherine Johnson, niece of Elizabeth Wilson; diagnosed with breast cancer.
Denise LaBoube, half-sister of Martha White; diagnosed with brain cancer-Astrocytoma.
Junior Lambert, uncle of Danny Lambert; stage 4 lung cancer.
Jane Lisk.
Molly Amelia Lowder, continuing health concerns.
Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
Bryanna Medlin, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
James Nunn, 19 year old nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; hospitalized following surgery on optic nerve.
Sally Ormand, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
Katie Regner, daughter of Meg Connell Watson; pregnancy with triplets.
David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges.
Jane Scheer, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
Betty Stancik, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
Finley Sutton, daughter-in-law of Ruth Ann Rogers; heart valve replacement.
Judy Toney, sister of Jim Hesley; chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer.
Sally Warburton, friend of Debbie & John Hahn.
Jason Washburn, friend of Jessica & John Palmer; pancreatic cancer.

Members of the Congregation:

Frank Green, (Trinity Place).
Don Joines.
Jane Pickler.
Jean Rabe (Trinity Place-Assisted Living).
Linda Richards.
Carolyn Sharpe.
Pete Smith.



BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM



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.

Packing Date: Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m.

February 5 Backpack Update...23 bags were packed...63 children served

SCCM NEED FOR MARCH

Boxed Pasta Meals (Hamburger Helper)

Instant Potatoes

Stuffing Mix



Bread for the World

Letter Writing

April 26

**Bread Sale &
Offering of Letters**

May 3

Focus:

Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow



Rise Against Hunger Update

About 165 people from the three area Presbyterian churches gathered on Sunday, February 23 to pack meals with Rise Against Hunger. The group spent just over an hour packing meals to be sent all over the world. Though we committed to packing 20,000 meals, we ended up packing 23,312. Each meal packet provides a meal for 6 individuals. Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time, their money, and their energy to making this important ministry happen. Because of your generosity there are fewer hungry stomachs in the world.



Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

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



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.

The Trusty Travelers (K-3rd Graders): As we move into Lent our Trusty 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.

The Faith Explorers (4th & 5th Graders): This month, the Faith Explorers continue to enjoy their snack, recreation, music, and Bible study time. During our lesson, we have been discussing the second coming of Christ, what heaven will be like, and what it means to *step boldly forward* for God.

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

Who can come?

2nd & 3rd graders

What?

Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.

When?

Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Where?

Media Room

Why?

To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.



Faith Explorer Sunday Outing

Saturday, March 7

Meet at First Presbyterian Church at 8:30 a.m.

For our March outing the Faith Explorers (4th and 5th graders) will be **visiting a Greek Orthodox monastery** in Troy, NC. We will **meet at First Presbyterian on Saturday, March 7th at 8:30 a.m.** in order to make it to their morning service on time. We will attend a worship service and then have a light brunch. The sisters have also graciously allowed us to do a question and answer session with them after the brunch so that the Faith Explorers can ask them about life in the monastery.

Another thing to note is that **there is a strict dress code:** "Men are asked to wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Women are asked to wear ankle-length skirts, long-sleeved shirts, and are to have their heads covered with a veil or scarf. Please **DO NOT** wear hats (unless over a scarf), sheer scarves, pants (unless under a skirt), shorts, pant-skirts, mini-skirts, sleeveless blouses, short-sleeved shirts, etc. Everyone is asked to wear socks (especially when wearing sandals)."

Feel free to contact Dorothy for more information (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS THE 2020 SPRING ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' ART COLLECTION

Central Elementary School is thrilled to share this year's student art work with First Presbyterian Church. The work is from students in kindergarten through 5th grade. You will see some winter themed work, as well as art that reaches into the realm of math. Marion McClure is the 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 3 3:45 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMON AREA (BASEMENT)



Youth Group News & Information

We have a busy March before us with a lot of exciting activities. Please join us for a great month of fellowship and spiritual growth!

- Sunday, March 1 Youth Group (5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – Middle Schoolers; 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.-High Schoolers)
- Wednesday, March 4 Youth Group Guest Speaker on Drug Use Prevention (7:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, March 7 Low-Key Youth Day (1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, March 15 Youth Group (5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – Middle Schoolers; 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.-High Schoolers)
- Sunday, March 22 Youth Group (5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – Middle Schoolers; 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.-High Schoolers)
- Sunday, March 29 Youth Group (5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – Middle Schoolers; 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.-High Schoolers)



**Stanly County Youth Breakfast
ONE DAY ONLY**

Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Stanly County Youth Breakfast is trying something new this year! We will be having a One Day Only Saturday brunch on April 4 from 10 a.m.-Noon at First Presbyterian Church. Our theme is *Do It For The Gram*. We will have a delicious brunch, worship, and breakout sessions focused on learning more about our strengths.



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| March 2
Natalie Niederer | March 12
Morgan Kinley |
| March 6
Robert Ivey | March 14
Leah Kilde |



**Montreat High School Youth Conference
July 12-18**

There is still time to register for Montreat Youth Conference! This week long conference is open to rising 9th graders – 12th graders. Contact Dorothy (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824) for registration information if you would like to attend. This promises to be a great conference in a beautiful spot!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR
FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

For more information, contact Peggy Finley (704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net).

Young adult lunches are a chance to gather in the middle of the work week to enjoy each other's company and some local dining.

March 12 at Noon at Thai Spice (1621 East Main Street, Albemarle)



Remember to *spring forward*
one hour in the early morning hours of March 8
(or before you go to bed on March 7).





**Around the Clock Classic Softball Tournament
May 29-30**

**Supporting the John P Murray Community Care Clinic
& Albemarle Parks and Recreation**

First Presbyterian Church will have a team playing in this tournament – and we'd love for you to join us!

(Three games between 6:00pm - 12midnight Friday, May 29)

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR TEAM!

All FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC & ALBEMARLE PARKS AND REC!

Make sure to join us for Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, March 11 for a TACO BAR brought to you by the First Presbyterian Church Softball Team!

PrimeTimers' Luncheon Thursday, March 12

Topic: Health Heroes of Stanly County (1850-1950)

Presented by:

Dr. Eric Johnsen & Dr. Steve Seltzer

Menu: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, & Dessert

Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by Monday, March 9.





**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Elizabeth Byrd Basinger
(Daughter of Keith Byrd; for kidney/pancreas transplant)**

Friday, March 27

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Dine-in or Take-out Cost: Donation Only

Menu: Spaghtetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert, Drink

Donations will help cover medical and living expenses while unable to work.



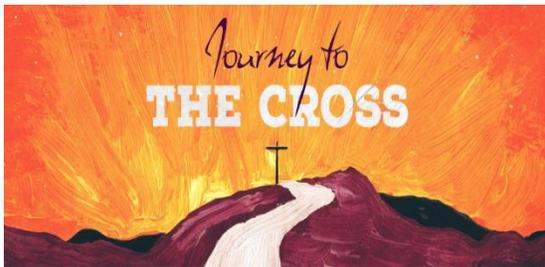
Stanly County Youth Breakfast

ONE DAY ONLY

**Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
at First Presbyterian Church (Gym)**

**FYI
change
of date**

Our theme for youth breakfast is, *Do It for the Gram*. We will need volunteers to help with food preparation on the morning of, and donation of breakfast food items. Contact Dorothy if you would like to contribute (dhart@fpcalbemarle.org or 828-244-3824).



Journey to the Cross

Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Walk Christ's journey during those final days...

Enjoy foods typical of those eaten in the time of Jesus.

Shepherds will guide you on the journey.

CAMPING AT MORROW MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

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 11. Supplies for s'mores will be provided. Contact Ken Knight (704-438-4686 or kbknight17@gmail.com) for more information.





From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 6.** if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2020 are: Steve Coats, Chair, Emily Andrew, and Taylor Johnston.



*Save the Date for
Youth Sunday...April 26*

We hope you will join us for this youth led service!



Save the Date for Music & Arts Camp Summer 2020

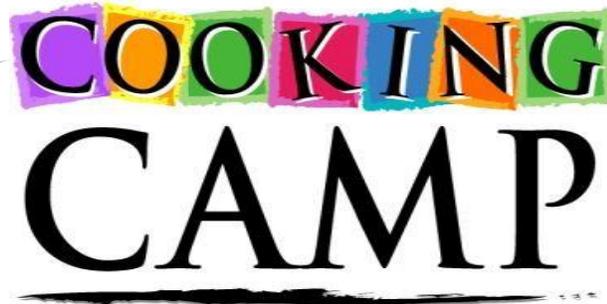
Plan to join in on the fun this summer for a week of music, art, recreation, drama, and fellowship as we form new friendships and cultivate our old ones.

Sunday, June 14-Thursday, June 18

For children ages 4 years through 6th grade will enjoy a fun time!

Volunteers...Come help us with this extraordinary event!

Volunteers of all ages warmly welcomed!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS

(COMPLETED 4th - 6th Grades)

June 22-25, 2020

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

Cost: \$50.00 per child

Scholarships Available Upon Request

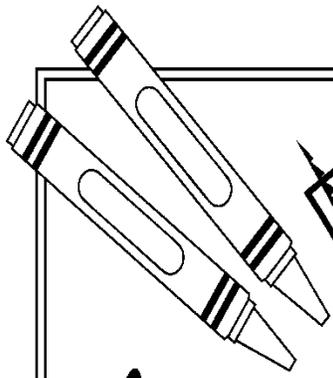
Camp Limit of 12 children

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 4th-6th graders on **Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25** 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.

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

(1 Corinthians 10:31)

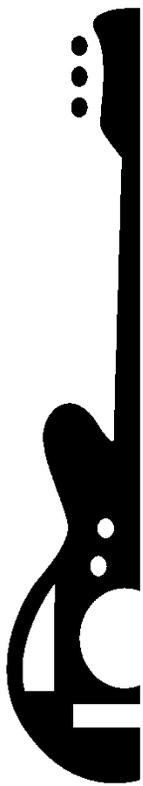


PUZZLE

MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

 People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music. 

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.



A type of horn _ _ _ _ _ MURTEP

Played by King David _ _ _ PRHA

Plucked to make sound _ _ _ _ _ IGSNSTR

Similar to a tambourine _ _ _ _ _ MRBELIT

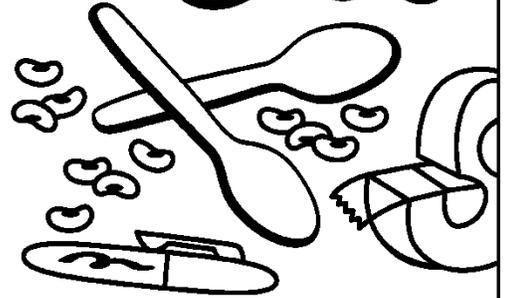
A type of harp _ _ _ ELRY

Blown through to make sound _ _ _ EPPI

A percussion instrument _ _ _ _ _ _ YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Joyful noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV



MARCH

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2nd & 3rd Graders in Media Room)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 2

7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Ann Duckwall
(609 North 6th Street, Albemarle)

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's
(1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, March 3

3:45pm-5:30 pm Central School Art Gallery Reception
(Common Area – Basement)

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at First Baptist Church
(202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club

6:00 pm Lent Dinner & Table Talk

7:00 pm Youth Group Guest Speaker

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

10:30 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Ly Cuisine
(807A North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Saturday, March 7

8:30 am Faith Explorers meet at the church for trip to Greek
Orthodox Monastery in Troy, NC

1:00 pm-5:00 pm Low-Key Youth Day

***childcare provided**



For by
GRACE
you have
been saved
through
FAITH ...
it is the gift
of **GOD** ...

Ephesians 2:8, NRSV

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Daylight Saving Time

8:45 am Diaconate

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

2:00 pm Lent Opportunity: Congregational Gathering at Rock
Creek Park

Monday, March 9

8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at First Baptist Church
(202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club

6:00 pm Lent Dinner & Table Talk

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Thai Spice
(1621 East Main Street, Albemarle)

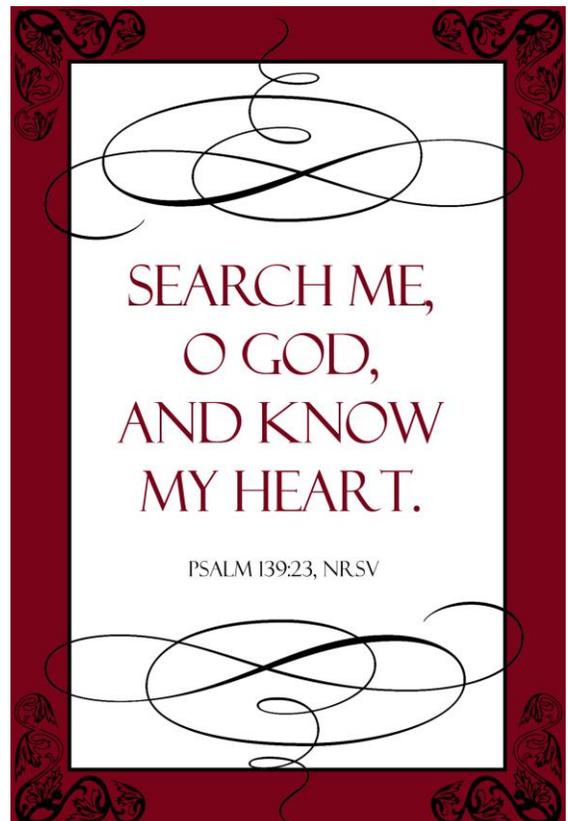
12:00 pm PrimeTimers' Luncheon

Saturday, March 14

8:30 am-2:30 pm Lent Mission Opportunity: Habitat House
Workday (509 Jackson Street, Badin)

12:00 pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins (Chapel)

***childcare provided**





MARCH

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday of Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends (Chapel)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Lent Opportunity: Congregational Gathering at Morrow Mountain/Trash Pick-up at Morrow Mountain
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 16

- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, March 17

- 12:00 pm March Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at First Baptist Church (202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 6:00 pm Lent Dinner & Table Talk
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

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Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 23

- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (parlor)
- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

Tuesday, March 24

- 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, March 25

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Community Lent Worship at First Baptist Church (202 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 6:00 pm Lent Dinner & Table Talk
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Friday, March 27

- 5:30 pm-8:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

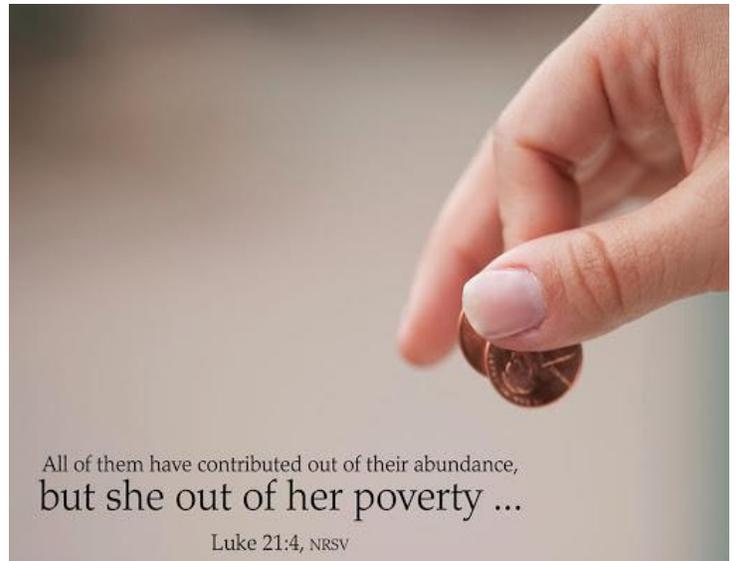
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 30

- 8:00 pm Bible Study with Matt
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study at Elizabeth's (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN MARCH

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Rebekah Ayscue, Duncan Bryson, Bill Hall, Jim Hesley, Derreck Huneycutt, and Ken Knight

Elder Greeters for March: Gayle Russell; Rich Schaefer

Nursery:
March 1: Kate White
March 8: Kate White
March 15: Kate White
March 22: Kate White
March 29: Kate White

Outside Ushers:
March 1: John Howell; Greg Lisk
March 8: Lee McManus; Ronnie Michael
March 15: Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley
March 22: Matt Carpenter; Eric Niederer
March 29: Brad Boone; John Earnhardt

Acolytes:
March 1: Thora Kilde
March 8: Holden Taylor
March 15: Elizabeth Bryson
March 22: Merrin Kinley
March 29: Addison Marks

Kids Care Crew:
March 1: Becky Andrew; Angie Earnhardt
March 8: Penny & Jack Morton
March 15: Sarah & Ronnie Michael
March 22: Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser
March 29: Gayle & Ned Russell

Children's Church for March
March 1: No Children's Church
March 8: Katie Carpenter
March 15: Katie Carpenter
March 22: Katie Carpenter
March 29: Katie Carpenter

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