



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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January 2022

From Where I Sit

Dear Friends,

January 2022. I guess it's true what they say....'time flies'. I'm praying you have a healthy and blessed new year, and I look forward to our continued ministry together in the coming days. One thing I love about a new year is that, though I may plan and plan and plan, there are lots of 'I don't knows...' that have to be accounted for. And I do.

One of the 'I don't knows' that may have crossed your mind is what-in-the-world is happening with the search for an Installed Pastor. While there's a whole lot about that that remains unknowable, there are a few things I know and wanted to share with you. This is a rough plan for the search process that I will update regularly in this article so that you stay up-to-date. Some 'code' words you need to know:

COM = Committee on Ministry; PNC = Pastor Nominating Committee

MIF = Ministry Information Form (church's resume); PIF = Personal Information Form (candidate's resume).

And here are the Steps of the Installed Pastor Search:

1. ~~Transitional Pastor Called~~
2. COM approves the formation of the PNC.
3. Once elected, COM liaison conducts orientation/training of the PNC.
4. Mission Study/Creation of MIF.
5. MIF must be approved by the Session of the church and by the COM to determine that it accurately reflects who the congregation is and the nature of the call.
6. MIF posted on the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection and one of the COM co-moderators will approve the MIF to upload.
7. Review of potential candidates.
8. When the PNC narrows to a few candidates and begins planning face to face visits, General Presbyter the performs an "exec check".
9. PNC selects final candidate and conducts interviews and extends a call.
10. The COM approves the transfer of the candidate, reviewing the PIF and the terms of call.
11. The PNC gets permission to go to their Session to request a congregational meeting be held to vote on their recommendation.
12. Installed Pastor is called and installed.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this process. In the meantime, let's continue to be faithful to God's call to us to tend to the work of ministry at hand, trusting God's guidance, leadership, and grace.

And that's the view from where I sit.

Happy New Year!

Cathy



IMPORTANT COVID UPDATED INFORMATION

UPDATED ON DECEMBER 8, 2021

For the health and welfare of our members and our community, the COVID Task Force Committee has set the following guidelines with the following updates:

The COVID Task Force continues to monitor the positivity rate in Stanly County. Unfortunately, this rate has increased and Stanly County has a high transmission rate. Your best protection is vaccination, booster, masking and social distancing.

- ❖ **UPDATE: Masks are REQUIRED for ALL FPC indoor functions/activities/SS/Worship, etc.**
- ❖ Masks will always be provided at the church for adults and children in case they are needed.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- ❖ If you are sick, please stay at home.
- ❖ **UPDATE: Singing will continue. Congregation encouraged to wear masks. Choir members may remove masks for singing and are socially distanced from congregation.**
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children's program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- ❖ **UPDATE: Church building and Gym may be used for outside groups that are already using the facility but no more outside groups may reserve the facility until positivity rate improves.**
- ❖ **UPDATE: Any small groups having meals/snacks (SNL, Youth Club, Men's Prayer Breakfast) may continue but should social distance while eating and wear masks when not eating**
- ❖ All toys, chairs, tables and bathrooms, (used that day) are to be wiped clean with a Clorox wipe or sprayed and wiped clean.
- ❖ First Family meals will be drive-thru.
- ❖ All surfaces (chairs and tables and bathrooms if used) have to be wiped clean (with spray or wipes) after any committee/group meets.

Your patience and flexibility are appreciated as we continue to deal with the pandemic. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (704-982-2722).

COVID TASK FORCE: Ellen Snyder, Debbie Bennett, Ben Jolly, Bob Johnston



If there is a question about Sunday schedule changes due to weather, call the church (704-982-2722). Changes will be made on the answering machine, on social media, and by mass email to those who receive the newsletter electronically.



2022 Flower Calendar

The 2022 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 Emily Andrew (704-322-5510 or em.andrew21@gmail.com) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.



Sunday, January 2 **Second Sunday of Christmas**
We will begin the year by celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received.

Sunday, January 9 **Baptism of the Lord**
Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed.

Sunday, January 16 **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Sunday, January 23 **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Sunday, January 30 **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**10 CENTS
A MEAL**

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on January 2. 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 \$638.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for November 2021.

OFFICERS' RETREAT AND ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Elders and deacons elect will gather for the annual Officer's Retreat on January 8. Ordination and installation of First Presbyterian Church officers will be Sunday, January 9 during worship. Your prayers and support of our leaders are essential during this weekend as they prepare to serve.

Our new officers are:

Elders – Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman, Andy McLeod, Catherine Moeller, and Chris Whitley

Deacons – Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy, Lillie Hancock, Liz Jolly, and Myron Lowder



Church Officers – Thank You for Your Service

With deep gratitude, we acknowledge the contributions and leadership of elders and deacons who have completed their terms on Session and the Diaconate:

Debbie Bennett, Steve Coats, Wiley Crutchfield, Melissa Eudy, John Howell,
Ben Jolly, Katherine Jolly, Courtney Niederer, and Jim Sawyer.



2022 Committee Reorganization

Each year in January, committees reorganize and every member of the congregation has an opportunity to be part of the work of the church by saying **YES, I want to help.**

Contact Cathy George (704-982-2722 or cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org)

to learn more about the Diaconate and Session Committees and engage in the work of one or more.

Diaconate Committees which need you!

Congregational Care

Fellowship

Ushering

Session Committees which need you!

Christian Education

Mission

Property

Stewardship

Worship

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	Year to Date	Budget-to-Date
Total Income Received:	417,321.91	480,938.24
Total Expenses:	<u>386,849.20</u>	<u>482,630.14</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	30,472.71	(1,691.90)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2021

Pledges:	466,936
Total Income:	523,978
Total Expenses:	523,978

Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: \$10,076

We are behind \$13,695.00 in pledges.

Average Weekly Amount Received in November: \$12,376

Ten-Cents-A-Meal for November: \$638.00



Gaither Endowment Grant Applications

The Endowment Committee will accept applications for grants from the Gaither Endowment until January 15. Applications are available in the church office. If you have questions, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

Facilities Maintenance Coordinator

The church is in great need of a Facilities Maintenance Coordinator. This position recently received a pay upgrade and requires approximately 10 hours per week. The ideal person would be able to open/prepare and close the church on Sundays and as needed for scheduled events. The position involves operating and assisting in routine maintenance of the building systems including lighting, heating, air conditioning, plumbing, etc. The coordinator will work closely with the Property Committee chair, minister, and office manager to determine long-term maintenance needs. A job description for this position can be requested from the church office. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office (704-982-2722).





Pfeiffer Pfriends Are Needed...The Health Sciences Program of Pfeiffer University continues its presence in downtown Albemarle. Students from across the United States and the world are working on a degree in the Physician's Assistant or Occupational Therapy Programs. First Presbyterian, along with some other churches in downtown, are in partnership with these students which is similar to our Silent Partner program for our college students. The main difference is the length of the relationship (each program is 27 months long), and the Pfeiffer student will know who their friend is. It is the hope that there will be communication at least once a month between the friend and the student. **There will be approximately 45 additional students beginning the Physician's Assistant program in January 2022. Your willingness to be a Pfeiffer Pfriend would be a blessing.**

For more information, please email Martha Sue at hallmsh@hotmail.com or call her at 704-985-5821. Currently, we have volunteers from First Baptist, First Lutheran, Central UMC, The Gathering, and some community volunteers. The Pfeiffer Pfriends Committee is reaching out to other churches in the community.



First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the 1st Friday of the month at the Community Inn. The next date to serve is January 7 at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers gather at 6:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Ruth Cotton (hugawolf@hotmail.com).

Central School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed

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

Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.



Faith on the Fifth Offering Sunday, January 30

The Mission Committee will receive a
Faith on the Fifth Offering on Sunday, January 30
to help those in our community with heating assistance through SCCM.

Angel tree 2021... Thank You

Thanks to all those who fulfilled the children's Christmas gift wishes through SCCM Helping Hands. A special thanks goes out to Bob Johnston who, each year, faithfully collates the children's information and creates the angel tags. Thanks also to personal shoppers Martha Sue Hall and Ruth Cotton, and to Steve Coats for transporting the gifts to the Helping Hands distribution site.

Thank You for Contributing to Alternative Gifts

Thank you for contributing to Alternative Gifts this Christmas season. Your generosity totaled \$2,205 for the following charities: The John P. Murray Community Care Clinic, Mwandi Milk Formula, OASIS, and Will's Place.

NEWS & NOTES

Memorials and Honorariums

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Cathryn Harwood, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Russell Forte, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Carter.
In memory of Russell Forte, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Gregg Liles, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of Bill Rogers, given by Miriam Russell.
In memory of JoAnn Whitley, given by Miriam Russell.
In honor of Linda Anderson, given by Martha & Lynn White.
In honor of Reverend Cathy George, given by Miriam Russell.
In honor of Art Rogers, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs.
In honor of Sandy Saunders, given by Joe & Ann Snuggs.
In honor of Ann and Joe Snuggs, given by Miriam Russell.

Music Fund:

In memory of Bill Rogers, given by Bill & Diane Stevenson.
In honor of Frank Poolos, given by The Chancel Choir.
In honor of Stan Scheer, given by The Chancel Choir.

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Endowment:

In honor of Marlene and Nathan Sanges, given by Martha & Lynn White.

New Address

Rebekah Ayscue	Wiley & Ann Crutchfield	Cathy George	Martha & Keith Wolf
195 25 th Street #5	909 Larkhaven Lane	804 Montgomery Avenue	10005 Fountain
Ogden, UT 84401	Albemarle, NC 28001	Albemarle, NC 28001	Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Session Notes

Session held its meeting on Sunday, December 19. The 2022 church budget was presented and passed, many thanks to committee chairs and others who helped with this process. From the Christian Education committee: January's Grandparents Day has been postponed until further notice. From the Mission committee: backpack program is going well, thanks to those volunteers who make that run smoothly. All angel tree names were taken, many thanks to those who are helping with this project. The Property committee has identified someone who can assess and hopefully fix the needed plaster repair needed in the sanctuary.

Steve Cumming, Clerk of Session

Thanks to the following people for helping at the church recently: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Ann Duckwall, John Earnhardt, Bob Gaither, Donna Gaither, John Hahn, Jim Hesley, Adam Jolly, Ken Knight, Frankie Palmer, Evan Sanges, and Rich Schaefer.

**Volunteer Thanks from Jane Snyder (Director of Fellowship & Congregational Care)
for First Family Drive-Thru Meal, 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal, and
GloryBeans Drive-Thru Meal**

These are the angels God sent to help this month, literally, God sent them! Linda Anderson, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Jennifer Hesley, Jim Hesley, Gus Holbrook, Chris Mabry, Lee McLaurin, Frankie Palmer, Ned Russell, Gayle Russell, and Lee Snuggs. Thank you so much for your help, your energy, your ideas, and your generous spirit. Your presence and enthusiasm are a rich blessing to our church! We appreciate you!!!

Thanks to Becky Andrew and Angie Earnhardt for decorating the windows in the sanctuary.

Thank You for Your Contributions to the Youth Group Christmas Kitchen

On December 12, members of our church donated all kinds of food to be sold for our annual Christmas Kitchen fundraiser. \$1,925.00 was raised for our youth missions and programming! We would like to thank everyone who prepared the wonderful dishes and desserts as well as everyone who supported our youth ministry.



In an effort to keep the prayer list updated, we would appreciate your help. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighen@fpcalbemarle.org) or Martha Sue Hall (704-985-5821 or hallmsh@hotmail.com) of changes.

Thank you.



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:

Debra Barnard, daughter of Gloria Bryson; liver cancer.
David & Marsha Bell, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
Tom Bonekemper, cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer.
David Bryson, son of Gloria Bryson.; recovering from surgical hip replacement.
Lindsey Clark, wife of Mark Clark, friend of Debbie Hahn; metastatic breast cancer.
Gus Feather.
Calvin Hall, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
Lindsey (Whitley) Harward, daughter of Carolyn & Mel Whitley.
Anna Hartsell, daughter of Janet & Gary Hartsell; colon cancer.
Ann Hatcher, mother of Ann Snuggs.
Sean Hickey, brother-in-law of Lori Ivey; colon cancer.
Betty Hunsucker, mother of Gina Martin; Hospice Care.
Denise LaBoube, half-sister of Martha White; Glioblastoma.
Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.
Fred & Wendy McInturff, parents of Michelle Cumming.
Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
Bryanna Medlin, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Bern Morehead, III, son of Sally Pleasant & Dr. Bernard “Bernie” Morehead; diagnosed with brain tumor.
James Nunn, nephew of Billie Jean Snuggs; continuing health concerns.
Sally Ormand, friend of Ruth Goodwin; cancer treatment.
Susan & John Prevatte.
Mark Rodgers, son of Laura and Tim Rodgers.
Judy Ross, friend of Tom & Holly Norwood; diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.
Jane Scheer, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
Brad Slusher, half-brother of Martha White; pancreatic cancer & COPD.
Betty Stancik, sister of Bill Hall; continuing health concerns.
Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Members of the Congregation:

Don Abernathy, multiple myeloma.
Gloria Bryson.
Anita Gower.
Claude Harwood.
Robin Howell.
Derreck Huneycutt.
Don Joines.
Nancy Jolly, Trinity Place.
Terry Morgan.
Jane Pickler.
Jean Rabe.
Pete Smith.



January

BIRTHDAYS

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|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| 03- | Mike McLeod | 21- | Drew Melone |
| | Sandy Rogers | 22- | Jaycee Barbee |
| 04- | Sandy Saunders | 23- | Susan Garrison |
| 05- | Austin Coats | | Kim Marshall |
| | Miriam Russell | | Ronnie Michael |
| 06- | Shannon Lisk | 24- | Dennis Gower |
| 09- | Isabel McIntyre | 26- | Thomas Shedd |
| 10- | Rita Morgan | 28- | Kim Andrew |
| | Jacob Palmer | | Gus Holbrook |
| 12- | Ruth Ann Rogers | 30- | Linda Anderson |
| 15- | Julian Eudy | 31- | Garrett Chapman |
| 16- | Debbie Hahn | | |
| 19- | Nancy Feather | | |
| | Ken Frazier | | |



January

ANNIVERSARY

05-John & Debbie Hahn



Sunday Night Live

Sunday, January 2

No Youth - Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 9

Youth 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16

No Youth – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance

Sunday, January 23

Youth 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 30

The Bigger Church Activity 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., FPC Albemarle

The Bigger Church Activity

Sunday, January 30

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

FPC, Albemarle

Our church is bigger than our walls.
Come join youth from several
downtown churches to eat, play
games, and fellowship.

High School Faith Conversations for 9th-12th graders
with Steve Cumming & Debby Johnston
at the home of Debby Johnston
(1212 Heritage Drive, Albemarle)
Mondays from 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Debby Johnston.
(704-322-8139 or debbyjohnston@hotmail.com)



26- Thomas Shedd



Child Protection Policy Training

Sunday, January 2 at 12:00 p.m. in the Old Session Room

Child Protection Policy Training will be offered on Sunday, January 2 at 12:00 p.m. in the Old Session Room. If you are interested in volunteering with the children at First Presbyterian Church, contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



**The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet
on Wednesday, January 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
Please contact Peggy Finley at 704-985-1136 or
maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.**



Warm Gifts of Winter



This winter, please help us spread the warmth to our friends in the community by bringing new and gently used scarves, mittens, gloves, socks, and toboggans to the First Family Drive-Thru on Wednesday, January 5 or place in the manger in the Pit Stop. We will donate these warm gifts to children at Central Elementary School and the SCCM Clothing Closet.



**FIRST FAMILY MEAL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, January 5! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, January 3 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

PLEASE DROP OFF WARM ITEMS WHEN YOU DRIVE THRU TO PICK-UP YOUR MEAL.

**Menu: Greg Lisk's Roast Beef, Rice, Broccoli, Caesar Salad,
Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake, and Brownies**

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is: call Anne Montgomery at 704-796 5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know how many plates you need, if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.

Christian Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 9 following worship in the Session Room

A Christian Education Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9 following worship. If you are interested in volunteering with the children at First Presbyterian Church, contact Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



Circle 5 will meet Wednesday, January 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit Stop

Sunday School Book Study for January

The January book for Sunday School will be *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris.

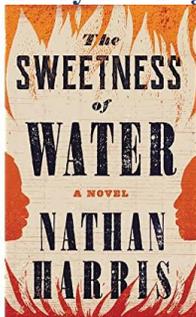
Here is the schedule:

Sunday, January 2: Pages 1-92

Sunday, January 9: Pages 93-187

Sunday, January 16: Pages 188-281

Sunday, January 23: Pages 282-358



**The February Newsletter Deadline is
Tuesday, January 18.**

**Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft Word,
please email them as an attachment to:
pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.**





DRIVE-THRU MEAL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

FROM 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17

PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

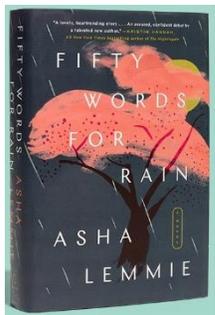
Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, January 19! Please RSVP by Monday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, January 19 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu: Hugh Wainwright's Brunswick Stew with Cornbread and Texas Sheet Cake

Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.

All we need you to do is: call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com and let her know how many plates you need, and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).



January Book Conversation

Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The January book is *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemmie. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24.

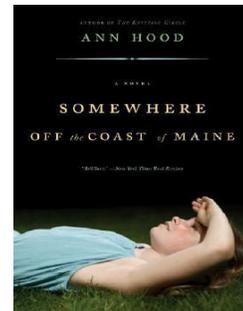
Spanning decades and continents, *Fifty Words for Rain* is a dazzling epic about the ties that bind, the ties that give you strength, and what it means to be free.

February Book Conversation

Monday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The February book is *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine* by Ann Hood. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28.

This novel is about the choices we make when we are young, and the changes brought about by the passing of time.





**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PARTNERSHIP DRIVE-THRU LUNCH
WITH TIFFANY'S
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 FROM 11:30 A.M.- NOON
RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Tiffany's at the Boardroom is partnering with FPC to provide lunch to you! Drive-Thru Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on THURSDAY, January 27! Please RSVP by Monday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Thursday, January 27 between 11:30 a.m.-NOON. For your safety, the kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

Menu:

Tiffany's Tomato Bisque, Grilled Cheese Sandwich supplies for you to make at home, & Red Velvet Cookies
Suggested Donation: \$5 per person....Maximum of \$15 per family.

Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church. We prefer cash.

All we need you to do is: call or text Jane Snyder at 704-438-3358 and let her know how many plates you need and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).

Prayer & Bible Study Opportunities

**Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays
10:00 a.m. via Zoom**



Morning Prayer meets on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10 am via Zoom. For the Zoom link, please email Debbie Hahn at hahnjdt@ctc.net. Please use this email address also to prayers for both joys and concerns.

Bible Study and Conversation

Meets via Zoom on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Matt and Catherine Moeller continue to lead Bible study on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Each week, we discuss the Scripture that will be used as the basis for the sermon the following weekend. We analyze the Scripture reading itself and discuss how to apply it in our lives. We also have a time in prayer. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Matt and Catherine (MattandCatherine@hotmail.com).





Youth Club Starts the New Year Off with Great Fun!!!

Youth Club Children will begin the month of **January** with a celebration of **Epiphany!** *On the twelfth day of Christmas...* January 6, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany! This special day celebrates the coming of the Magi – the three wise men (or kings), from the East who followed a star and came and adore Jesus. We will watch the movie, *The Fourth King*, a fanciful 'what-if' tale about a fourth Wise Man and his camel who were late for their rendezvous with the other Three Kings.

Children will begin a new unit entitled, *Confess*, which simply means *to say something*. They will learn that confession is more about actions than simply words. Although words are a form of action, confession involves saying some key (and often difficult) words like, *I apologize, and I'm sorry*. It also means we confess that we have done wrong, figure out another way to live, and how to repair the damage. Key scripture for this unit is Psalm 119:105, *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*.

Trusty Travelers ...K-3rd graders will spend time walking a labyrinth, learning The Parable of the Lost Son and the ways Biblical characters went astray, returned to the path and how they repented.

Faith Explorers...4th & 5th graders will spend time this month getting to know their Bible with a review of well-known Biblical characters, their stories and how to easily use their Bibles to locate this information. Leaders will use special activities and games to make this learning fun and meaningful with the hope that they will continue to use their Bibles at home on a daily basis.

Faith Explorers' Movie Afternoon

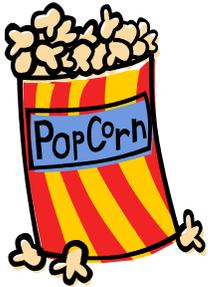
Sunday, January 9, 2022

Noon-3:00 p.m.

Bring a bag lunch, and we will provide the popcorn! *YUM!*

Featured movie: TBA

Please let Thomas Taylor (704) 467-3777 or Terri West (704) 968-2513 know that your Faith Explorer will be able to attend by **Wednesday, January 5.**



!!! Hurray For Breakfast Bunch for K-5th Graders !!!

- Who can come? K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th graders
- What? Gathering as friends to enjoy breakfast
- When? January 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
- Where? Stage in the gym
- Why? To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org) or Katherine Jolly (kat6420@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us. *Muffins, yogurt, fruit and juice provided.

**First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery
Coming Mid-January...Watch Bulletins for Opening Date
GHA Autism Supports Creative Arts Program Presents**

POP ART

Do you like looking at bold images of everyday items painted in bright colors? This type of art is called *Pop Art*, and it began in the 1950s. Pop Art is a style of art based on simple, bold images of everyday items, such as soup cans, painted in bright colors.

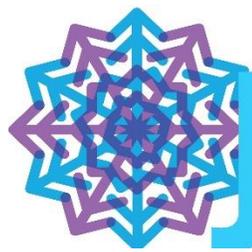
The term *pop art* originated with Lawrence Alloway, a British museum supervisor. He used the term to describe the new form of popular art that had a modern feel and the phrase stuck. Many famous artists who participated in this artistic movement became household names.

Andy Warhol is known for his paintings of Campbell's soup cans. He also painted animals, movie stars, musicians, and other well-known people. Warhol used small dots of bright color to create the paintings and became famous for using this method.

Roy Lichtenstein was famous for creating images inspired by comic strips and advertisements. He used a stencil style of painting because he wanted his work to look like it had been printed.

This year, the GHA Creative Arts students are exploring this artistic medium by using simple images and adding bright bold colors in a comic book style. Our courageous students have expressed themselves through their artworks more than words can express.





JANUARY

Saturday, January 1

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 2

*Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Child Protection Policy Training Meeting

The Wired Word Sunday School Class will not meet on Sunday, January 2.

Monday, January 3

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

2:00 pm RSVP Deadline for First Family Drive-Thru Meal

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, January 5

Donations of Warm Gifts taken at First Family Drive-Thru

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Friday, January 7

6:00 pm Meal for the Community Inn

Saturday, January 8

10:00 am-12:00 pm Officer's Retreat

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord/Ordination & Installation of Officers

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch for K-5th Graders (Gym)

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting (Session Room)

12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Movie Afternoon

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

Monday, January 10

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, January 12

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer

1:30 pm Circle #5 meets in the Pit Stop

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 13

10:00 am Staff Meeting

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Saturday, January 15

Deadline for Gaither Endowment Grant Applications

*childcare provided

Sunday, January 16

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, January 17

Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Church Office Closed

2:00 pm RSVP Deadline for 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal

Tuesday, January 18

12:00 pm February Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, January 19

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:30 am Backpack Food Program

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm 3rd Wednesday Drive-Thru Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 20

10:00 am Staff Meeting

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, January 23

8:30 am Session Meeting

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

Monday, January 24

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

2:00 pm RSVP for Drive-Thru Partnership Lunch

7:00 pm Book Conversation in the Parlor

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

Wednesday, January 26

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5th Graders)

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 27

10:00 am Staff Meeting

11:30 am-12:00 pm Drive-Thru Partnership Lunch with Tiffany's

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, January 30

Faith on the Fifth Offering for SCCM Heating Assistance

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth The Bigger Church Activity

Monday, January 31

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

*childcare provided

THOSE WHO SERVE IN JANUARY

Ushers: John Howell (captain), Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Jim Hesley

Elder Greeters: John Earnhardt; Sandy Rogers

Acolytes:

January 2: Natalie Niederer
January 9: Thora Kilde
January 16: Carter Gibson
January 23: Melanie Hendrix
January 30: Sophie Poplin

Outside Ushers:

January 2: Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley
January 9: John Earnhardt; Jack Morton
January 16: Wes Eudy; Tom Norwood
January 23: Steve Cumming; Ronnie Michael
January 30: Jim Marshall; Chris Whitley

Sound:

January 2: Evan Sanges; TBD
January 9: Evan Sanges; TBD
January 16: Evan Sanges; TBD
January 23: Evan Sanges; TBD
January 30: Evan Sanges; TBD

Filming:

January 2: James Cotton
January 9: Leah Kilde
January 16: Katherine Jolly
January 23: Andy McLeod
January 30: James Cotton

Nursery: Kate White

Kids Care Crew:

January 2: Becky Andrew; Emily Andrew
January 9: Penny Morton
January 16: Sarah Michael
January 23: Carol Sasser
January 30: Laura McLeod

Children's Church for December

January 2: No Children's Church
January 9: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde
January 16: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde
January 23: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde
January 30: Heather Kilde; Thora Kilde

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