



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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April 2022

From Where I Sit

Dear Friends,

I'm a news junky. But lately, with the constant, awful news out of Ukraine, I'll switch to reruns of *Friends* or *Modern Family*. In recent months, my mother has died, as has the husband of a dear friend, and we all know and love people who are dealing with health issues and personal issues and so forth and so on. There's just too much and it's just not fair. Life is not fair. Life is never fair.

In chapter 13 of Luke, Jesus is told about the killing of some Galileans in the temple by Pilate. They were raising the oldest of religious questions: *How is it that the more or less righteous suffer while those who are clearly evil often seem to win?* Instead of great sympathy from Jesus in the face of this tragedy, he gives a direct rebuttal to any who would claim that there's a simple correlation between human goodness and human suffering. Life is not fair. Life is never fair.

And Jesus seems to know this about life and to accept life for what it is. He's saying that suffering and death will come to all of us sooner or later in one form or another (and remember, he's on his way to Jerusalem where he will suffer and die). We all get a turn. The only question is whether, when it comes, we will be found standing in right relation to God. We neither gain favor nor avoid loss by our faith. What our faith gives us is not protection from the unfairness of life. What our faith gives us is something far more precious than that. What our faith gives us is God, a relationship with God. And as far as Jesus is concerned, without God, all that matters is clearly lost already. It's only God's grace which sustains us in good times as well as bad.

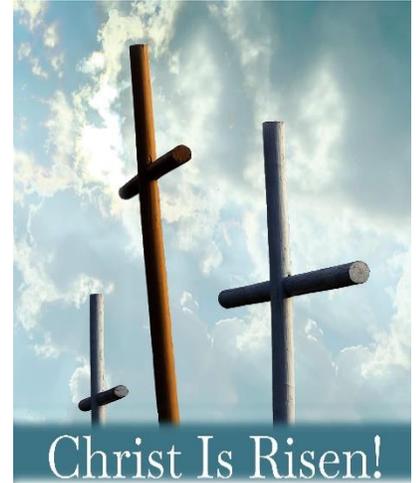
In his book, *A Grace Disguised*, Gerald Sittser writes of his profound loss. In a single car accident, he lost his mother, his wife, and his 14 year old daughter. He said that many people consoled him with word about the unfairness of it all and that at first, those words gave him comfort. But then he writes: *Over time, I began to be bothered by the assumption that I had a right to complete fairness. Granted, I did not deserve to lose three members of my family. But then, I'm not sure I deserved to have them in the first place. Perhaps I did not deserve their deaths; but I didn't deserve their presence in my life, either. On the face of it, living in a perfectly fair world appeals to me. But deeper reflection makes me wonder. In such a world, I might never experience tragedy, but neither would I experience grace, especially the grace God gave me in the form of three people whom I lost.*

So, I think I'm asking God to spare us a lifetime of fairness. To live in a world with grace is better by far than to live in a world of absolute fairness. A fair world might make life nice for us, but only as nice as we are. We might get what we deserve, but I wonder how much that is and whether or not we'd really be satisfied. A world with grace will give us more than we deserve. It will give us life, even in our suffering.

Life is not fair. Life is never fair. Yet....despite all of our losses, in spite of all of our suffering, all of us get far more than we can ever earn, far more than we can ever deserve in this life. Life is not fair. Life is never fair. Thanks be to God for that. Thanks be to God for grace. And that's the view from where I sit.

And that's very good news from where I sit.

Cathy



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IS RISEN
INDEED

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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:

FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE (FEBRUARY 28, 2022)...

1. With improving community COVID positivity rate, masks will be **OPTIONAL** beginning February 27.
2. **Outside groups may use facilities.**
3. **Communion will continue with pre-packaged elements for the foreseeable future.**
4. **Congregational meals will remain on hold until positivity rate remains consistently below 8% for 2 weeks. The COVID Task Force will continue to monitor community positivity rate and adjust recommendations as needed.**

- ❖ Masks will always be provided.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available. Please use it.
- ❖ If you are sick, please stay at home.
- ❖ Communion will be given with prepackaged elements.
- ❖ All volunteers and paid employees involved in any children's program(s) are required to be vaccinated.
- ❖ 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



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.

Sign·up



Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent/The Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger will be received.

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with palm branches and shouts of praise. The Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers will participate in worship with the Chancel Choir. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)

We will worship and share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, April 17

Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Worship at Sunrise at Morrow Mountain State Park at 7:00 a.m.

Worship in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the receiving of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Sunday, April 24

Youth Sunday

Worship will be led by our middle and high school youth.

**10 CENTS
A MEAL**

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on April 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 \$319.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal for February 2022.



Community Lent Services

Wednesday, April 6 at Noon

Central United Methodist Church (172 North 2nd Street, Albemarle)

April 6: Preacher: Rev. Jill Rhinehart, Pastor at Central United Methodist Church

Lunch provided. Donations accepted with proceeds to benefit a community organization.

DRIVE-THRU LENT MEALS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

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

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEAL

Lenten Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, April 6. If you would like a Lenten meal, please RSVP by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meal. We will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

The menu will be emailed in advance.

Menu for Wednesday, April 6:

Baked Potato with Cheese, Sour Cream, Butter, and Bacon on the side, and Pound 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 and desserts you need, and if it will be pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).



Palm Sunday Fair

Sunday, April 10

9:30 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

(*Rain Plan: Church Gym)

Intergenerational Event for ALL!!!

Continental Breakfast

Conversation around the Table

Activities for Children of ALL Ages

Spirituality Centers will be set-up around the church to reflect on Christ's final days.

Centers will remain in the church during Holy Week.

Join in the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week.



Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout

Sunday, April 10

City Lake Park

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by SNL

All children are invited to come celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter by hunting for Easter eggs, enjoying a delicious cookout, and playing outside together! Bring your Easter basket!



Perk & Pray
Monday, April 11 – Friday, April 15

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Drive through the parking lot on
First Street
for a cup of coffee or a juice box
and a prayer.





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THURSDAY

April 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We will worship and share the Lord's Supper.

... carry the
CROSS
and follow me...

Good Friday Cross Walk
April 15
10:30 a.m.
For All Ages

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

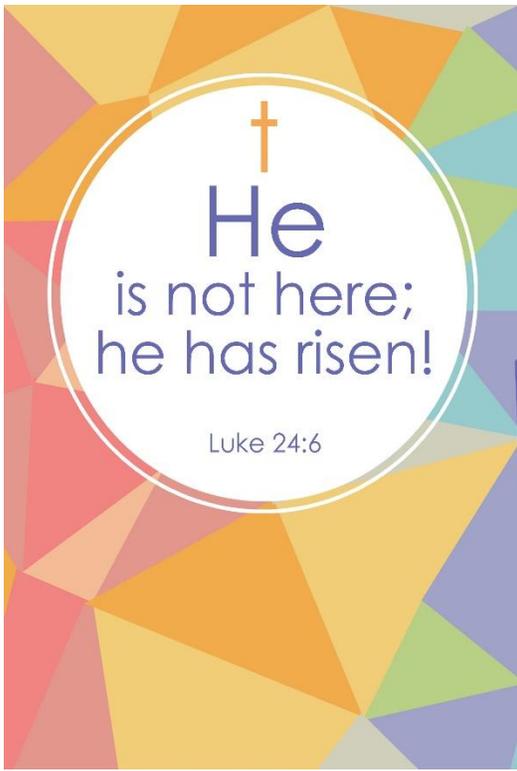
Luke 14:27, NRSV



Easter Eve Cookout & Camping
Saturday, April 16
at Morrow Mountain State Park

Hardy souls are invited to camp out the night before Easter at Morrow Mountain. For those feeling less hardy, there will be plenty of time for a cookout and fellowship before the sun goes down. Campers and non-campers can arrive at the group campsite (5 & 6) around 5:00 p.m. Feel free to bring dinner to cook on the coals, or if you wish, you can bring supper from home or take out from your favorite restaurant. S'mores will be provided! Please bring your drinks and chairs along as well! Contact Ken Knight if you plan to join the gathering (kbknight17@gmail.com or 704-438-4686)!

Easter Sunday April 17



7:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages.

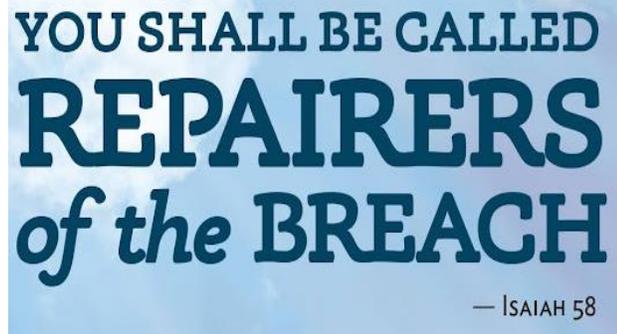
11:00 a.m.

Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

Worship will include seasonal music and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday, April 17

On April 17, we will receive a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering is the single, largest way that Presbyterians join 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. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32%. Please join in God's call to share our bread with the hungry, to aid and shelter people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression.





In lieu of Easter lilies, memorials and/or honorariums may be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in emergency response to the war in Ukraine. If you would like to contribute to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in memory and/or in honor of a loved one, fill out the form below exactly as you wish the memorial or honorarium

to read. Please place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Sunday, April 10**. Checks should be payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designated "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Ukraine." **All memorials/honorariums received by April 10 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 17.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Ukraine

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

AMAZINGLY CREATED

First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle

Amazingly Created

Kid's Camp

Dates: Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24, 2022

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Ages 4 years old – Rising 6th Graders

Please complete a form for each child.

Visit Link to Pre-Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdetda4t>



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

FOR THE

AMAZINGLY CREATED CAMP

If you have some time the week of June 20-24, come join us as we love and share how *Amazingly Created* these adorable group of children are! For more information, contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) or Adrienne Averette (704-428-2866 or adrienne.earnhardt@gmail.com).

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...FEBRUARY 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

| Actual: | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>Budget-to-Date</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Income Received: | 90,234.29 | 83,532.84 |
| Total Expenses: | 81,391.22 | 99,337.80 |
| (Shortage)/Surplus | 8,843.07 | (15,804.96) |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

| | <u>2022</u> | |
|---|-------------|---|
| Pledges: | 494,764 | |
| Total Income: | 503,697 | |
| Total Expenses: | 503,697 | |
| Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: | \$9,687 | We are ahead \$6,754 in pledges. |
| Average Weekly Amount Received in February: | \$6,839 | Ten-Cents-A-Meal for February: \$319.00 |



**First Presbyterian Church continues to provide dinner on the
1st Friday of the month at the Community Inn.
The next date to serve is April 1 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 Backpacking Date: Wednesday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m.



Pantry Needs

updated 3/22/2022

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| <p>FOOD Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Vegetables • Sliced Carrots • Black Eye Pease • Lima Beans • Great Northern Beans • Navy Beans • Whole or Sliced potatoes • Diced Tomatoes • Hamburger Helper • Beef Stew | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancake Mix • Syrup • Mayo • Mustard • Ketchup |
| <p>CLEANING SUPPLIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dish Detergent • Laundry Detergent • Paper Towels • All Purpose Spray Cleaner | |

Items we do **NOT** need

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canned Whole Kernel Corn • Canned Cut Green Beans • Pinto Beans • Sweet Peas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaghetti Noodles & Other Pasta Noodles • Tomato Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup • Canned Pasta • Mac & Cheese |
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NEWS & NOTES

Memorials and Honorariums

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Rev. Gus Feather, given by Ruth Goodwin.

In memory of Joan Sharp, given by Ruth Goodwin.

Sympathy

To Rev. Julie Hill and family upon the death of her mother, Margaret Clemmons Hill, on February 24.

To Martha White upon the death of her half-brother, Brad Slusher, on March 4.

To Bill Hall upon the death of his sister, Betty Hall Stancik, on March 11.

Congratulations

To Martha and Lynn White upon the birth of their grandson, Cai James Coman, on February 4. Parents are Brittany White Coman and Ryan Coman.

To Mayor Ronnie Michael upon receiving the NC Main Street Champion award for working to cultivate the continued downtown development in Albemarle.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on Sunday, March 20, 2022, Session approved rescheduling the next Session meeting to Sunday, April 10, 2022. The personnel committee reported that interviews for the position of facilities maintenance coordinator will take place during the next few weeks. The stewardship committee is seeking three volunteers to conduct an annual review of the financial affairs of the church. The property committee reported: Mudwerk has been contracted for plaster repair in the sanctuary; air conditioning systems in the sanctuary and office have been repaired; the air compressor unit in the gym is still awaiting a part. The scholarship committee reported that application packets have been distributed to all area schools and Stanly Community College; applications must be submitted by April 5. The membership care committee reported that committee members will reach out to congregation members who have not attended worship in more than two years. Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session



Thanks to the following people for helping at the church recently: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Keith Bryson, Ann Duckwall, John Earnhardt, Peggy Finley, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, John Hahn, Jim Hesley, John Howell, Ken Knight, Lee McLaurin, Frankie Palmer, Evan Sanges, Marlene Sanges, Rich Schaefer, Lee Snuggs, and Debbie Wainwright.

Volunteer Thanks from Jane Snyder (Director of Fellowship & Congregational Care) for First Presbyterian Church Meals

These are the incredible, patient, hard-working volunteers that showed up AGAIN to help at our drive-thru meals! Linda Anderson, Ruth Cotton, Ann Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Wes Eudy, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Jim Hesley, John Howell, Margaret Ivey, Chris Mabry, Lee McLaurin, Frankie Palmer, Gayle Russell, Ned Russell, Jim Sawyer, Lee Snuggs, and Ann Upchurch. Thank you so much for your help, your energy, your ideas, your positive attitudes and your generous spirit. Your presence and enthusiasm are a rich blessing to our church! We appreciate you !!! A special shout out to Wes Eudy for the amazing smoked chicken on March 16!!

Thank you to the following people who help with March 2022 Community Inn dinner: Martha Sue Hall, Don Joines, Nancy Joines, Carol Sasser, and Janet Schaefer. Also thanks to Linda Anderson and Andy Cotton for serving the meal.

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; chemotherapy treatment for liver cancer.
David & Marsha Bell, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
Tom Bonekemper, cousin of Linda Anderson; pancreatic cancer.
Lindsey Clark, wife of Mark Clark, friend of Debbie Hahn; metastatic breast cancer.
Brayden Enzor, grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook.
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.
Debbie Hinson, mother of Melissa Eudy.
Betty Hunsucker, mother of Gina Martin; Hospice Care.
Denise LaBoube, half-sister of Martha White; Glioblastoma.
Donna Lehr, sister of Connie Wallace; cancer diagnosis.
Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.
Wendy McInturff, mother of Michelle Cumming.
Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
Bryanna Medlin, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Helen Melton, niece of Elizabeth Wilson; Atrium-Stanly.
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.
Tim Rodgers, friend of Thomas Hahn.
Judy Ross, friend of Tom & Holly Norwood; diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.
Jane Scheer, spouse of Stan Scheer; Spring Arbor.
Johnny Sharp, father of Cathy George.
Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Members of the Congregation:

Don Abernathy, multiple myeloma.
Gloria Bryson.
Doris Forte.
Ken Frazier.
Anita Gower.
Claude Harwood.
Robin Howell.
Don Joines.
Nancy Jolly, Trinity Place.
Terry Morgan.
Jane Pickler.
Jean Rabe.
Carole Yost, Trinity Place.



APRIL
BIRTHDAYS

- 01- Leslie Kinley
Kent Newport
- 04- Wes Eudy
- 05- Steve Blalock
Amy Jones
- 07- Angie Earnhardt
Russell Karr
- 08- Joyce Lambert
- 10- Murphy Hall
Grayson Jones
Holden Taylor
- 11- Maddie Averette
- 12- Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
- 13- Matt Moeller
- 14- Anissa Chapman
- 17- David Kilde

- 18- Elizabeth Wilson
- 19- Cooper Atwater
- 20- Peggy Finley
- 22- Marshall Rogers
- 23- Emma Gibson
Polly Moose
- 24- Liz Davis
Anita Gower
Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos Hart
Nicole Poolos
- 25- Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell
- 26- Ella Averette
John Kilde
- 27- Ethan Richards
- 28- Aaron Whisnant
- 29- Harold Sharpe



APRIL
ANNIVERSARIES



- 02- Michael & Kristen Laton
Lynn & Martha White
- 16- Kyle & Laura Beth Marks
- 19- Robert & Myra Land

- 22- Jim & Lori Ivey
- 24- Robin & Melissa Lemons
- 25- Steve & Kate Melone
- 28- Kevin & Adrienne Averette
- 29- Steve & Elaine Coats



Sunday Night Live

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| Sunday, April 3 | 2:30 p.m. | SNL Youth meet to see <i>Annie</i> . Bring \$10 for your ticket. |
| Sunday, April 10 | 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. | Easter Egg Hunt at City Lake Park |
| Sunday, April 17 | Easter Sunday – Enjoy the day with your families! | |
| Sunday, April 24 | 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. | SNL Youth |



High school

When: July 10-16

Where: Montreat

Who: Rising 9th graders- Seniors

What: An amazing experience to meet people from around the United States who gather to worship, play games, build fellowship, and share meals. \$100 deposit required.

Let Melissa (the5eudys@gmail.com or 704-439-6747) or

Liz Jolly (jollymom2@gmail.com or 704-699-6699) know if you would like to sign up!

Middle school

When: July 20-24

Where: Maryville College

Who: Rising 6th-8th graders

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)

THEY SAY IT'S YOUR
BIRTHDAY

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| 04-10 | Holden Taylor |
| 04-19 | Cooper Atwater |
| 04-27 | Ethan Richards |



Scholarships

From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are to be **completed and returned to the church office by Tuesday, April 5.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2022 are: Catherine Moeller, Chair, Shannon Bullard, Wes Eudy, Kim Marshall, and Lee McLaurin.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on
Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
Please contact Peggy Finley at 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net
if you have questions.



The May Newsletter Deadline is **Tuesday, April 19.**
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft Word,
please email them as an attachment to:
pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org.

Youth Sunday

April 24 during worship

Our youth will lead worship for us on April 24.

Please come, support, and pray
for our youth as they lead in worship.





Friends of the Senior Center
(283 N. 3rd Street, Albemarle)

Spring Art & Craft Sale

April 9 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Many art and craft vendors will be displaying and selling their handmade merchandise. Food trucks will be on site serving their delicious food. Ruth Cotton and Mary Louise Sawyer will be there selling necklaces for Mwand!

The Talent Company presents *Annie*

April 1 & 2 at 7:00 p.m. and April 3 at 3:00 p.m.

Albemarle Neighborhood Theater
(219 East North Street, Albemarle)

Adult Ticket (14 and up) \$10 Youth Ticket (13 and under) \$5

www.TheTalentCompany.org

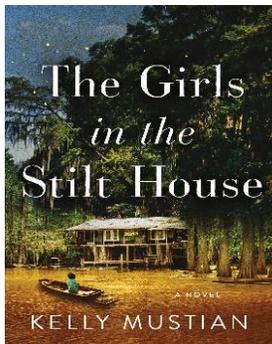


April Book Conversation

Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The April book is *The Best Kind of People* by Zoe Whittall. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25.

A local schoolteacher is arrested, leaving his family to wrestle with the possibility of his guilt, in this exquisite novel about loyalty, truth, and happiness.



May Book Conversation

Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The May book is *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. We will meet in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23.

Set in 1920s Mississippi, this debut Southern novel weaves a beautiful and harrowing story of two teenage girls cast in an unlikely partnership through murder—perfect for readers of *Where the Crawdads Sing* and *If the Creek Don't Rise*. Ada promised herself she would never go back to the Trace, to her hard life on the swamp and her harsh father. But now, after running away to Baton Rouge and briefly knowing a different kind of life, she finds herself with nowhere to go but back home. And, she knows there will be a price to pay with her father. Matilda, daughter of a sharecropper, is from the other side of the Trace. Doing what she can to protect her family from the whims and demands of some particularly callous locals is an ongoing struggle. She forms a plan to go north, to pack up the secrets she's holding about her life in the South and hang them on the line for all to see in Ohio. As the two girls are drawn deeper into a dangerous world of bootleggers and moral corruption, they must come to terms with the complexities of their tenuous bond and a hidden past that links them in ways that could cost them their lives.

Prayer & Bible Study Opportunities



Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 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 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).



MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 1**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 8**. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



Youth Club in April

Youth Club wraps up the year during the first two weeks of April as they prepare to triumphantly enter the sanctuary waving palm branches on Palm Sunday, April 10. Children will reflect on how they have spent Lent in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Each group will focus on *Unplugging* and be challenged to note how they spend their time. Using the scripture from *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*, they will discover that *there is a time for everything*. Our world is connected 24/7 with entertainment, information, and access to almost anything and the pandemic forced us to rely on digital learning very frequently.

Having to be on screens so often has led to *zoom fatigue* and by unplugging, we can give our bodies and minds needed rest. *Unplugging* can be a spiritual discipline to *disconnect* for a time and *reconnect* with God and others.

Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday)

All Youth Club children will participate during the 11:00 am worship service.

Wednesday, April 13 is the last Youth Club gathering for the year. We will meet at the YMCA Park from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and enjoy food, fellowship, fun & games together.

!!! 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? *** April 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. ***Note change of date!
 Where? Stage in the gym – We can spread out for eating.
 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.

Youth Club Celebrates End of Year Celebration at the YMCA Park

It is hard to believe that Youth Club will soon come to a close.

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

*Join us for games & activities on the lawn, followed by kabob snacks, chips & ice cream at the covered shelter!



A special thank you goes out to all adult and youth volunteers for making the Youth Club year a SUCCESS for so many children!!! Thanks you to: Linda Anderson, Hugh Carpenter, Ann Crutchfield, Ella Cumming, Emily Deese, Ann Duckwall, Nathaniel Eudy, Lillie Hancock, Jim Hesley, Cathy King, Sarah Michael, Beth Poolos, Frank Poolos, Lee Snuggs, Jane Snyder, Caroline West, and Terri West.



Join us for the last Faith Explorers Outing this school year with an extra special trip to Urban Air Adventure and Trampoline Park in Mint Hill, NC.

Sunday, May 1 from Noon-5:00 p.m.

Needed: \$26 for the pass into Urban Air.



Please add an extra \$5.00 in case they do not include the special socks in the admission price and snack money.

We will eat lunch at the church and then head over to Mint Hill. Please RSVP to Kate Gibson by Friday, April 22 so she can book the time online. (336-301-4564 or katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com)

Tickets will be bought in advance.



**Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat
Sunday, May 15 from Noon-3:00 p.m.
Partnering in Christian Education**

Grandparents & Grandchildren of ANY age ...

It all begins with worship at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church! Participants will get everything they need for lunch and a fun-filled afternoon at New London Memorial Park (220 N. Main St., New London). Come enjoy a nature walk, stories, art, and much more!

Call or email the church office to sign-up (704) 982-2722 or gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org.

***Rain Date* Sunday, May 22**

MAY 2022



- May 8 Mother's Day/Recognition of Scholarship Recipients
- May 15 Grandparent/Grandchild Retreat (*Rain Date: May 22)
- May 22 Bread for the World – Letter Writing Sunday
Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice working to end hunger and improve the nutrition of children in American and around the world. Together, we can make significant progress even in trying times.
- May 22 Recognition of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education
Teachers and Leaders of all Christian Education programming for this year will be recognized for their faithful work in worship.



Graduate Information Needed by Tuesday, April 19

If you have a family (or are graduating) member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in the spring of 2022, please contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org) by **Tuesday, April 19** with specific information.

COOKING CAMP



Save the Date

**Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

We are planning Cooking Camp this year for children in completed 4th-6th grades (limited to 12 children)! **ONLY 1 SPOT REMAINS!!!** If you would like to volunteer, please let Jane know as soon as possible (704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).



APRIL 2022

Friday, April 1

6:00 pm Meal for the Community Inn

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent/Ten Cents a Meal Offering for Hunger

9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (K-5th Grades – Gym)

9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

2:30 pm SNL meets to see the play *Annie*

3:00 pm Hiking Group (Morrow Mountain State Park)

Monday, April 4

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10:00 am Gratitude Group (Pit Stop)

2:00 pm RSVP Deadline Lenten Drive-Thru Meal

4:00 pm Walking Group (Rock Creek Park)

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Tuesday, April 5

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

6:00 pm Dinner Out Group (Badin Brews)

Wednesday, April 6

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12:00 pm Community Lent Service at Central UMC

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

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

4:00 pm-4:45 pm Confirmation Class

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

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Lenten Drive-Thru Meal

5:00 pm-7:00 pm Lent Fest (Church Lower Parking Lot)

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 7

10:00 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Tea & Conversation (Church Parlor)

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

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/

Youth Club Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers Sing in Worship/

Deadline for Presbyterian Disaster Memorial/Honorarium Forms in lieu of Easter Lilies

8:30 am Session Meeting

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting

9:30 am *Palm Sunday Fair (Church Parking Lot)

11:00 am *Worship

4:30 pm-6:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt & Cookout at City Lake Park

Monday, April 11

Monday of Holy Week

7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)





APRIL 2022

Wednesday, April 13

Wednesday of Holy Week/Last Day of Youth Club

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 1:30 pm Circle #5
- 3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club End-of-the-Year Picnic at the YMCA Park
- 4:00 pm-4:45 pm Confirmation Class
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller
- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

- 7:30 am-8:30 am Perk & Pray (1st Street Parking Lot)
- 10:30 am Cross Walk

Saturday, April 16 *Great Vigil of Easter*

- 5:00 pm Easter Eve Cookout & Camping

Sunday, April 17

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

- 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, April 18

Easter Monday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 19

- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, April 20

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Friday, April 22

Earth Day

***childcare provided**

Sunday, April 24

Second Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

- 9:30 am Faith, Fellowship, & Food at Glorybeans Coffee House
(134 West Main Street, Albemarle)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting (Session Room)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm SNL Youth

Monday, April 25

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Book Conversation (Church Parlor)
- 8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations

Wednesday, April 27

Administrative Professionals Day

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 28

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

***childcare provided**



THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL

Ushers: Wes Eudy (captain), Cidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Melissa Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Ethan Richards, Seth Richards

Elder Greeters: Ken Knight, Andy McLeod

Acolytes:

April 3: Seth Richards
April 10: Holden Taylor
April 17: Sophie Poplin
April 24: Thora Kilde

Outside Ushers:

April 3: John Earnhardt; Chris Whitley
April 10: Ronnie Michael; Jack Morton
April 17: Steve Cumming; Tom Norwood
April 24: John Howell; Jim Marshall

Sound:

April 3: Evan Sanges; Ken Knight
April 10: Evan Sanges; Ken Knight
April 17: Evan Sanges; Ken Knight
April 24: Evan Sanges; Ken Knight

Filming:

April 3: Leah Kilde
April 10: Katherine Jolly
April 17: Andy McLeod
April 24: James Cotton

Nursery for April: Kate White

Kids Care Crew:

April 3: Kristie Bryson
April 10: Melissa Eudy; Cidney Eudy
April 17: Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly
April 24: Gayle & Ned Russell

Children's Church for April

April 3: Kyle Lambert; Katie Carpenter
April 10: No Children's Church
April 17: No Children's Church
April 24: Kyle Lambert; Katie Carpenter

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*"I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV