



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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November 2022

From Where I Sit

I was going through files the other day and came across an interesting article that I thought I'd share. It's entitled 'The Perfect Minister':

The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect minister preaches exactly fifteen minutes. She/he condemns sins but never upsets anyone. She/he works from 8:00 AM until midnight and is also a janitor. She/he makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor. She/he is 28 years old and has preached 30 years. She/he has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens. The perfect minister smiles all the time with a straight face because she/he has a sense of humor that keeps he/him seriously dedicated to her/his work. She/he makes 15 calls daily on congregation families, shut-ins and the hospitalized, and is always in her/his office when needed.

If your minister does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other churches that are tired of their minister, too. Then bundle up your minister and send her/him to the church on the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 ministers and one of them will be perfect. Have faith in this procedure.

One church broke the chain and got its old minister back in less than three weeks....so don't break the chain.

In reflecting on these words, I can't help but smile as I think of how far from perfect I am or ever will be as a minister. Does such a person exist? Maybe he or she should conduct some workshops so that the rest of us can move toward that perfection. The rest of us can only hope to be faithful....faithful and thankful for the opportunity to serve our Lord in a particular place.

I also came across another article you might find interesting. It's entitled "The Perfect Church":

*If you should find the perfect church without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake! Don't join that church: You'd spoil the atmosphere.*

*If you should find the perfect church where all anxieties cease
Then pass it by lest joining it you'd mar the masterpiece.*

*If you should find the perfect church then don't you ever dare,
To tread upon such holy ground; you'd be a misfit there.*

*But since no perfect church exists made of imperfect men/women,
Then let's cease looking for that church and love the church we're in.*

*Of course, it's not a perfect church, that's simple to discern
But you and I and all of us could cause the tide to turn.*

*What fools we are to flee our post in that unfruitful search
To find at last where problems loom God proudly builds His church.*

*So let's keep working in our church until the resurrection.
And then we each will join that church without an imperfection.*

I know you join me in keeping the newly elected PNC in prayer as they begin their journey to find the non-perfect minister for this non-perfect church.

And that's the view from where I sit. *Cathy*



Sunday, November 6 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Day/Consecration Sunday
Sunday, November 13 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 20 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

Covid Task Force Update

With Covid here to stay and most eligible to receive vaccinations at this point, it is up to the individual to decide how they want to handle their own personal risk/exposure. Most organizations have returned to pre-pandemic norms, and here at FPC, we feel it is time to resume all usual activities. Masks will be available. Online worship will still be an option.



We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on November 6. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery.



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.



Community Thanksgiving Worship

Date: Sunday, November 20

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	331,446.54	357,897.78
Total Expenses:	347,920.39	379,623.10
(Shortage)/Surplus	(16,473.85)	(3,725.32)

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
 Average Weekly Amount Received in September: \$8,561

We are behind (20,806) in pledges.
 Ten-Cents-A-Meal for September: \$213



Memorials and Honorariums

Scholarship Endowment:

In memory of Debra Barnard, given by Mary Green
 In memory of Ken Frazier, given by Mary Green

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Peggy Smith, Mother of Kim Andrew, given by Mildred Andrew

Sympathy

To Martha White upon the death of her half sister, Denise LaBoube on October 8.
 To Kim Andrew and family upon the death of her mother, Peggy Smith, on October 14.

SESSION NOTES

At its stated meeting on Sunday, October 16, 2022, session briefly reviewed and discussed the congregational survey. The nominating committee reported that recommendations for members of the Pastor Nominating Committee would be presented at the called congregational meeting on October 16, 2022. The Christian Education committee reported that the First Family dinners might soon be offered more frequently. The plaster work in the sanctuary is underway and should be completed in a few weeks. Reformation Sunday and Kirkin' of the Tartans will be held on October 30. The stewardship committee reported that pledge cards will be mailed the week of October 17, and that a congregational lunch provided by Jane Snyder and the fellowship group will be held following worship on Consecration Sunday, November 6.

Submitted by Mary N. Kesselman, Clerk of Session

*Thank
You!*



Thanks to: Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Ruth Goodwin, Janet Schaeffer, Peggy Finley, Donna Gaither, and Ruth Cotton for assisting in the church office in October.

FIRST FAMILY AND THIRD WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS-

We could not do these meals without these folks! Linda Anderson, Ruth Cotton, Michelle and Steve Cumming, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Jennifer Hesley, Jim Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Chris Mabry, Lee McLaurin, Frankie Palmer, Ned and Gayle Russell, Lee Snuggs. Thank you!! We appreciate you so much!!!

NEWS and NOTES

Sunday School News and Updates

ANNOUNCEMENT: We will begin serving breakfast on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Pit Stop. In order to make this happen, we need a group willing to help out.



Do you enjoy preparing food for others and hanging out in the kitchen? Come be a part of the Kitchen Crew Sunday School class.

Contact Jane Snyder for more information or to sign up!

Sunday School Sharing Knowledge Through Stories class just started *The Last Blue*, by Isla Morley. In December we will read, *The Oceanography of the Moon*, by Glendy Vanderah. If you have questions, please contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435 or ccniederer@yahoo.com) or Kim Marshall (980-621-6577 or bookworm284@live.com). Hope to see you there!

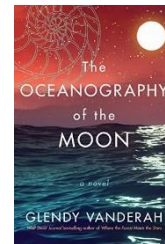
***The Last Blue* Reading Schedule:**

- November 6- pg 1-00
- November 13- pg 101-205
- November 20- pg 206-328
- November 27- this SS class will not meet



***The Oceanography of the Moon* Reading Schedule:**

- December 4- pg 1-107
- December 11- pg 108-215
- December 18- pg 216-319
- This class will not meet on December 25 or January 1





Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Return Filled Boxes on Sunday, November 6

Stop by the Pit Stop for a shoebox, fill it with simple gifts that are useful and delightful for a child. The pamphlet inside the box offers suggestions for gifts, labels and an envelope for mailing the shipping/handling fee. Bring the filled box to worship on November 6 or leave it in the church office before that date. Remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift; they will learn of God's great love for them along with the shoebox.

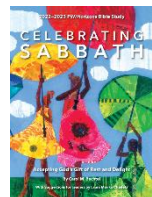
Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Please contact Peggy Finley at 704-985-1136 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.



Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the Pit Stop on Wednesday November 9. We will study Lesson 2 of "Celebrating Sabbath". Author Carol Bechtel says 'Sabbath Celebration is something that God has built into the structure of creation.' Scripture for the study is Genesis 1:1-2:3.



December Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, November 15.
Early submissions are always welcome!
If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email them as an attachment to:
bpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org



SCCM's CARING and SHARING CAMPAIGN



SCCM's 2022 Caring and Sharing campaign is still going on. This campaign began in 2010 and has tremendously impacted our available funds to help our neighbors Who would think that loose change and bills dropped into a little yellow cup could make such a difference? All of us working together makes the Caring and Sharing campaign so successful. In 2021 our Community Tables in Albemarle, Norwood, and Richfield served 48,537 meals. Our Food Pantry distributed 723,641 pounds of food to clients, and the Assistance Center provided \$217,505 in utility, rent and medicine assistance.

Yellow cups are in the Pit Stop. Please return them by Saturday, December 31.

Proceeds from this collection will be used to purchase food and supplies for the Community

Tables and Food Pantry and will provide assistance with client needs.

We appreciated your help so we can continue to provide services to people in need in our community in the future.

All Saints Day...Sunday, November 6

On this day we will remember all those who have gone before us. The Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember the saints who have paved the way in faith. Flowers will be available as you enter the sanctuary that you may place in baskets located at the front of the sanctuary during designated time in worship.



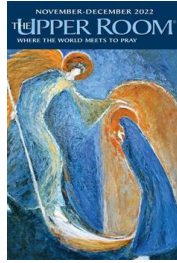
Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:



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

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, November 2 at 10:30 a.m.



THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide exists to:

- offer resources that encourage daily spiritual practice,
- call Christians to a life of living prayer,
- create meaningful, transformational experiences and studies for individuals, small groups, and congregations,
- help people grow deeper in love with God and neighbor,
- support churches in becoming centers of prayer and spiritual formation,
- inspire spiritual leaders to lead with a listening heart, and
- invite the “spiritually curious” to living waters.

The Upper Room devotional guide is available for your use. Daily readings will help Focus your prayer and study.

The Upper Room can be found in the pit stop, the church office, and the narthex

SERRV Bazaar on Sunday, October 30

The catalogs are here! You can review them and make your selections in the Pit Stop on Sunday morning October 30, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Review the Fall/Christmas catalog and place your order!

Also, catalogs will be available for your review in the church office during regular business hours.

We will place the combined order on November 2 and notify you when your order arrives.

Payment will be due at that time.



HIKING AT MOMO WITH KEN AND CONNIE

Let's walk off all that food we ate for Thanksgiving!!

Friday, November 25 (the day after Thanksgiving) at 2:00 pm.

Contact Ken Knight: 704-438-4686 or email KDKNIGHT17@gmail.com



!!! ATTENTION !!!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS THE FALL ART GALLERY EXHIBIT BY NORTH STANLY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

We are so excited that North Stanly Middle School student work will be featured in the art gallery for the months of November and December! NSMS students have been studying the elements of shape, line, form and Value. They are learning how to shade and create value, the lightness and darkness of a color, as well as depicting the illusion of form using these elements of art. In addition, we are exploring more with actual form in our pottery and ceramics unit.

Pumpkin luminaries are all aglow in our school this month! I hope you enjoy viewing some of the fantastic work that my students have created recently. We are so grateful for the opportunity to display our creativity in your gallery!

~Mrs. Crisco

Rebekah Crisco teaches visual arts at NSMS and has been teaching for 18 years. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University and is also a painter and ceramics artist. She has a home studio where she teaches kids and adult classes. She resides in Oakboro with her husband and 3 children and their dog "Painter".

**The congregation of First Presbyterian Church is invited to meet
the NSMS artists at the Art Gallery Reception
on Wednesday, November 2 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
in the church common area.**



!!! 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. **As of now, we have approx. 125 students who have been (some graduated) or continuing in class, matched with a volunteer. We are continuing to involve additional churches in our community as the need continues to grow. There will be 45 new students beginning the Physician's Assistant program in January 2023. 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.



Pfeiffer Pfriends Informational Sheet.

You are appointed for such a time as this!

Thank you for your interest in the *Pfeiffer Pfriends* Program at the Pfeiffer Health and Science Building in downtown Albemarle. As of to date, there are approximately 150 plus students on campus for our graduate programs. Some of the students are in Albemarle every day while others may be in "rotation" at some point in their 27-month journey.

The *Pfeiffer Pfriends* program is designed to "encourage, support, and friend" students that are many miles away from their home base. The *Pfeiffer Pfriends* are collectively appointed individuals from local churches and the community. There is a special "vetting" process before a student and an individual is paired together.

It is the expectation that the *Pfeiffer Pfriend* will contact the student at least one time a month during the student's 27-month period at Pfeiffer University. This contact can be in many forms: text, emails, cards, gifts, and the list goes on.

This is not a "silent" program as you are encouraged to reach out to your student and develop a relationship with him/her so that they know they can count on you to answer questions about our community; keep them updated on activities in our community, and most of all "*be there to support them.*" Be on the lookout for "mixer events" where we invite the students and the *Pfeiffer Pfriends* to come together at the campus as a safe way to meet. Our first event was a huge success. Many students and *Pfriends* felt very comfortable with this opportunity to get to meet one another.

You, as a *Pfeiffer Pfriend*, will be given an information sheet that the student has personally filled out. Some students are very forthcoming and detailed with their responses, whereas others are vague, and it might take some time for them to warm up to the idea of sharing what they like.

Things to remember as a *Pfriend*:

- This is **NOT A SILENT** partner program – they will know your name as you will know theirs.
- You are encouraged and asked to stay connected in some form or fashion with your student.
- Remembering that most if not all students are new in town and have a tough curriculum to sort through – they have been reminded and encouraged to respond to any kind of gesture on your part with a simple acknowledgment (thank you) – but do not be discouraged if they do not respond or forget. There is a great deal on their plate.
- Items are given or contacts can be made by:
 - Mail
 - Drop off at the campus through Kelly – just text (704-956-5556) and let her know you are there to drop off a gift and she will come downstairs on the side of the building and receive your gift. (kelly.loflin@pfeiffer.edu)
 - This program is **NOT** about bringing these students to church, but rather whatever you have done to the least of these you have done it unto me. We are to be his hands, his feet, and planting seeds wherever we go.

We want to encourage these students in their studies as they prepare for the journey that lies ahead. We welcome them into our rural community in hopes they will choose to work in our rural community healthcare system.

You are appointed for such a time as this – be their *Pfriend*!

Warm Regards –

Martha Sue Hall 704-985-5821

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

Thank you.

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:

David & Marsha Bell, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
Lindsey Clark, wife of Mark Clark, friend of Debbie Hahn; metastatic breast cancer.
Brayden Enzor, grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; at home.
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.
Mikayla Hege, friend of Elizabeth Bryson.
Debbie Hinson, mother of Melissa Eudy.
Anna Lashua, friend of Martha Sue Hall; breast cancer.
Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.
Taylor Blalock Mauldin, nurse at Atrium-Stanly; cancer.
Joyce McLeod, mother of Mike McLeod.
Wendy McInturff, mother 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.
Tim Rodgers, 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, Trinity Place.
Doris Forte, Spring Arbor.
Anita Gower.
Claude Harwood.
Don Joines.
Nancy Jolly, Trinity Place.
Polly Moose
Wayne Palmer, home.
Susan Pandich, Stage IV metastatic breast cancer. New address: 336 Middleton Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Jane Pickler, home.
Jean Rabe, Trinity Place.
Carole Yost, home.



November

BIRTHDAYS

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| 01- Donna Gaither | 13- Lori Ivey |
| 03- Barbara Overcash | 14- Carol Sasser |
| 04- Connie Wallace | 17- Taylor Johnson |
| 06- Shannon Newport | 21- Debbie Wainwright |
| 08- Leni Henkenjohann | 23- Gayle Russell |
| Nancy Joines | Thomas Taylor |
| Mary Louise Sawyer | 24- John Earnhardt |
| 09- Ann Duckwall | 25- Shirley Hinson |
| Ross Holshouser | 26- Jennifer Hesley |
| Sarah Newport | 29- Janice Abernathy |
| 11- Rose Saltzman | 30- Bill Hall |
| Bill Stevenson | Diane Stevenson |
| 12- Jay Andrew | |



November

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 03- Matt and Katie Carpenter | 22- Ned and Gayle Russell |
| 04- Bo and Lauren Andrew | 26- Mark and Kim Andrew |
| 17- Steve and Michelle Cumming | 29- Skeet and Elizabeth Ayscue |
| Richard & Joyce Lambert | |

Childcare Information

Bailey Mitchell is in our childcare every Sunday for ages birth-K. Older children are welcome to join in.



Children's Church



There will be no Children's Church during the month of November. Children in K-3 are encouraged to remain in worship. Worship bags are located in the two entrances to the sanctuary with interactive tasks to keep them engaged.

Kindergarten - Fifth Graders

Sunday School

We look forward to seeing you each Sunday morning at 9:45. Mr. Frank will get us started with some music, then Mrs. Kim & Mrs. Angie will share a story with us. We look forward to seeing you each Sunday morning!

Breakfast Bunch

This year Breakfast Bunch will be included in Children's Sunday School (K-5th graders). For the month of November, this will be on the 20th. Please join us for muffins and prayer during Sunday School time (9:45 am) downstairs on Sunday, November 20.



Kids' Kirk

Join us during worship on November 13, children K-5th grades will go to the chapel following Faith Sharing for a worship workshop. We will explore the elements of worship and what they mean.



Faith Explorer Sunday Outing



Who: Faith Explorers (4th-5th graders)

When: Sunday, November 13 after worship

What: Moana Jr. presented by Talent Company

Remain after worship and we will walk to the show.

RSVP to Kate Gibson (336) 301-4564 or katherine.e.gibson@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

Nov 6 Thomas Family Corn Maze-After church, we will have lunch & head to the corn maze for an afternoon of fun. Pick up at church at 3 pm.

13 SNL 6-8 pm

20 Friendsgiving 6-8 pm

Bring a covered dish to share as we celebrate our blessings together as a group.

27 NO SNL- Enjoy time with your families.

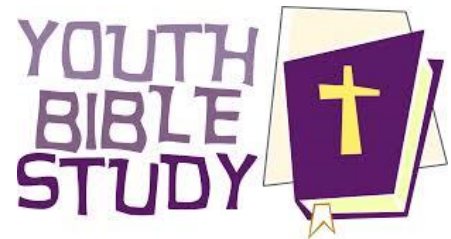


Monday Night Bible Study

Who: 9th-12th graders

When: Monday nights at 8:30pm

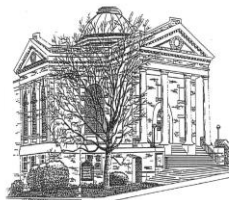
Where: Debby Johnson's House (1212 Heritage Dr.)



FPC T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Help the youth with Montreat expenses for the year by purchasing a tee shirt. Sign up for the color and size you want in the Pit Stop or email Melissa meudy@fpcalbemarle.org.

- Adult and Youth sizes available.
- Short-sleeved \$20, Long-sleeved \$25
- Color samples available in the Pit Stop.



**At Home
Under the Dome**





Montreat

Plan now to join us for MS Montreat (for youth who have finished grades 5-8)

July 19-23

For more information, visit <https://montreat.org/events/msc-23>.



High School Montreat: (youth who have finished 8th-12th grades)

July 9-15

For more information, visit <https://montreat.org/events/myc-23>.





Save the Date for the Joy Program Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.

The Youth will present the Joy Program during worship on December 11. The Joy Program is called, *O Come Let Us Adore Him*. While the story will be well-known, and the songs will be familiar, you will notice a few new twists on your favorite Christmas carols. Our children will tell us the age-old story of faith. We will have a covered dish following worship.



DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH (230 SOUTH 2ND ST, ALBEMARLE) SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 FROM 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

The Annual Community Christmas Dinner is still ON for this year. It will again be a DRIVE-THRU on Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25). The food will be prepared and packaged by caterer. All of the desserts are being provided by the Albemarle Sweet Shop, and all of the volunteers will be from First Lutheran. The only things we are being asked to provide are 100 Christmas Cards and the monetary donation (700) to help cover the cost of the meals from First Presbyterian Church. Please help us meet this goal by:

1. Giving Generously to the Community Christmas Dinner (in the memo of your check designate "Community Christmas Dinner").
2. First Family, in November and other groups within the church- will have the children color the Christmas cards this year.

CONTACT MARTHA SUE HALL FOR MORE INFORMATION
(704-985-5821 OR HALLMSH@HOTMAIL.COM)



November 6 Celebrating All Saints Day – (November 1)
November 6 is Consecration Sunday
November 20 - Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm
at First Presbyterian Church
December 11 - Joy Gift
December 18 - Lessons & Carols



CHOIR RETREAT Saturday, November 5 -FPC

The Chancel Choir will have a retreat on Saturday November 5th to rehearse music for Lessons & Carols. We will meet in the choir room at 10:00 am till noon with lunch to follow.



MEMBERSHIP AT FPC

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

Are you looking for a church home? Have you been visiting for a while and think you might like to put down roots? Are you simply interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of First Presbyterian Church? We would love to talk to you about what being a member looks like! Please contact Rev. Cathy George (cgeorge@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722), or Sandy Rogers (sandyrogers119@msn.com or 704-244-1191), chair of the Membership Committee!

Prayer & Bible Study Opportunities



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

Morning Prayer via Zoom meets on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am.

If you have prayers of thanks or prayers of concerns/needs please email

Deb Hahn at wolf lady520@gmail.com or text her at 704 985-9419.

We are a small group and welcome any who wish to join us for a single day or for as long as you wish.

Anyone who needs the URL for the Zoom meeting please either email or text Deb Hahn.

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 or 509-539-9482).



ADULT HANDBELLS

If you are interested in playing in an adult handbell group, please email or call/text

Frank Poolos at fpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-985-3115.

Possible rehearsal time would be 9:00 am on Sundays.





PRIME TIMERS' BOXED LUNCHES

Drive-Thru

Thursday, November 17 from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Menu: TBD

Contact Laura McLeod at 704-796-0487 (text or call) or email

mcLeod2@windstream.net \$5 donation.



**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:00 P.M.
DINE IN GYM**



- **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN-PERSON**
- **THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH DRIVE-THROUGH**

Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Marina Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Water and Lemonade.

Contact the church office 704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org by noon on Tuesday, November 1 to say you're coming.

**Due to the cost of food our Suggested Donation is \$6 per person....
Maximum of \$20 per immediate family.**

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

We will have activities for the kids after dinner!



Volunteer's Needed for IN-PERSON First Family Gathering

Tuesday Morning Crew: November 1 @ 9:30am

Wednesday Morning Crew: November 2 @ 9:30am

Final Prep Crew: Wednesday, November 2 @ 5:00pm

Clean-up crew: Wednesday, November 2 @ 6:45pm

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help☺



**DRIVE-THRU MEAL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.**

**RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL**

Take a break from cooking on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of every month and just **DRIVE-THRU** the church parking lot and pick up a plate of food! Please **RSVP** by Monday, November 14 by 2:00 p.m. Let Jane Snyder know if you would like to volunteer in any capacity.

This will not work without volunteers!

We will have your meal ready for pick-up between 5:00-6:00 pm

Menu:

Black Bean Cakes with Yogurt lime sauce (on the side), homemade salsa, Tortilla chips, Mixed Green Salad, and Blondie Brownies.

Due to the cost of food our Suggested Donation is \$6 per person....

Maximum of \$20 per immediate 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 dessert
- if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions)



Volunteer's Needed for DRIVE-THRU-

Tuesday Morning Crew: November 15 @ 9:30 am

Wednesday Morning Crew: November 16 @ 9:30 am

Plating Crew: Wednesday, November 16 @ 4:00 pm

Drive-Thru crew: Wednesday, November 16 @ 5:00 pm

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help☺

**First Presbyterian Church
Lunch Outing to *The Rosebriar*
Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 am**

Let's get together for lunch – Dutch Treat! We will meet at The Rosebriar at 11:30 am.

Let us know if you can join us! Jane Snyder 704-438-3358



**Consecration Sunday is November 6
with lunch following worship.**



Consecration Sunday ***November 6***

You will have an opportunity to return your pledge cards during worship on Consecration Sunday. Following worship, everyone is invited to a luncheon provided by your Fellowship Committee. We hope you will plan to stay and enjoy fellowship and delicious food.

On the Menu:

Chuck Roast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Yeast Rolls

Please bring a dessert to share.

FREEZER FEST

Date: Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen hosted by Kristie Bryson
We will make Sausage Muffins, Ham Biscuits and Spinach Balls that you can put in your freezer
to get a jump-start on holiday treats.

Cost: \$30.00 Limit: 10 people

Bring 3 large containers or freezer bags to transport your goodies home and into the freezer.

Or, you can donate some of your goodies to the Christmas Kitchen.

You must RSVP to Jane Snyder by Tuesday, November 1

(jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358).



**Tuesday, November 1***All Saints Day***Wednesday, November 2**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:30 am Packing of Back Packs
- 6:00 pm First Family Gathering Dinner in Gym
- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 3

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl in Parlor
- 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Saturday, November 5

- 9:30 am Freezer Fest
- 10:00 am Chancel Choir Retreat

Sunday, November 6*22nd Sunday after Pentecost**Consecration Sunday/ Ten Cents a Meal Offering*

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Christian Ed meeting in Session Room
- 12:00 pm Lunch in gym
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Following lunch- Youth to Thomas Family Corn Maze

Monday, November 7

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 12:00 pm Veteran's Day Deadline for flowers
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study –home of Debby Johnson

Wednesday, November 9

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 1:00 pm Circle Meeting
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10

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

Friday, November 11*Veteran's Day***Sunday, November 13***23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:45 am Diaconate Meeting
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Faith Explorers Outing-Talent Show- Moana Jr.
- 6:00 pm SNL

Monday, November 14

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study –home of Debby Johnson

Wednesday, November 16

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 5:00 pm Drive Thru Meal
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:30 am- 12:00 pm Prime Timers Drive Thru Meal
- 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, November 20*Christ the King/Reign of Christ*

- 8:30 am Session
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Breakfast Bunch (K-5th graders)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 6:00 pm SNL- Friendsgiving
- 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service- FPC

Monday, November 21

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study –home of Debby Johnson

Wednesday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 24*Thanksgiving Day***Sunday, November 27***1st Sunday of Advent*

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, November 28

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm High School Bible Study –home of Debby Johnson

Wednesday, November 30

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

***childcare provided**

THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Ushers: Myron Lowder (captain), Jim Hesley, Al Andrew, Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Jack Morton.

Elder Greeters: Mike King, Chris Whitley

Acolytes:

November 6: Melanie Hendrix
November 13: Ella Cumming
November 20: Russ Carpenter
November 27: Jordan Hesley

Outside Ushers:

November 6: Jm Ivey, Tom Norwood
November 13: Jim Marshall, Jack Mortyon
November 20: Ronnie Michael, Lee Snuggs
November 27: John Howell, Wes Eudy

Sound:

November 6: Evan Sanges
November 13: Evan Sanges
November 20: Evan Sanges
November 27: Evan Sanges

Filming:

November 6: James Cotton
November 13: Elizabeth Bryson
November 20: Jackson Palmer
November 27: James Cotton

Nursery for November:

November 6: Bailey Mitchell
November 13: Bailey Mitchell
November 20: Bailey Mitchell
November 27: Bailey Mitchell

<u>Elders</u>
Al Andrew
John Earnhardt
Bill Jolly
Mary Kesselman
Mike King
Ken Knight
Kim Marshall
Andy McLeod
Catherine Moeller
Sandy Rogers
Ellen Snyder
Chris Whitley
Ellen Whitley
<u>Deacons</u>
Emily Andrew
Keith Bryson
Shannon Bullard
Michelle Cumming
Wes Eudy
Martha Sue Hall
Lillie Hancock
Jim Hesley
Liz Jolly
Myron Lowder
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