



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

MORNING MEDITATION

On that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit truly called the people together in understanding and forgiveness and utter, wondrous joy. The early Christians, then, were known by how they loved one another. Would it not be wonderful if people could say that of us again? Not an exclusive love, shutting out the rest of the world, but a love so powerful, so brilliant, so aflame that it lights the entire universe!

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PENTECOSTAL PROCESSION

Stanley R. Scheer

The wind represents the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit moves, the elements of worship will be placed in the worship space.

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

Lancashire

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silence

Unison

Living God, it is easy to see pride and prejudice in other people. And, it is tempting to think we are better and smarter than they are. But God, we are no different. We too are foolishly proud. We too are afraid of people who are different from ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Help us to see and celebrate your life-giving Spirit within the whole creation, within all people, at all times, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

From
Glimpes of Grace
by
Madeline L'Engle

Glory to God
hymnal, page 582

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Taylor Johnston

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lee McLaurin

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

hymnal, page 451

Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Pew Bible, page 111

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Why We Need It

Mrs. Ayscue

WITH AND THROUGH THE SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit,

Fill us.

Come, Holy Breath,

Live in us.

Come, Holy Wind,

Move through us.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again.

(Romans 8:14-15a)

Where we are led by other impulses, we become slaves again, and our way of being is guided by fear.

Where we are guided by prejudice,

Fill us with love.

Where we are guided by pessimism,

Fill us with joy.

Where we are guided by misunderstanding,

Fill us with peace.

Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes,

Fill us with patience.

Where we are guided by self-interest,

Fill us with kindness.

Where we are guided by apathy,

Fill us with goodness.

Where we are guided by convenience,

Fill us with faithfulness.

Where we are guided by complacency,

Fill us with meekness.

Where we are guided by temptation,

Fill us with self-control.

Come, Holy Spirit,

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

Sermons are posted to the church's website (www.fpcalbemarle.org). You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

This Pentecostal litany comes from the Christian AIDS Bureau of South Africa.

Fill us.
Come, Holy Breath,
Live in us.
Come, Holy Wind,
Move through us. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Come, Holy Spirit, Come* Andrew Carter

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name...

Sanctus

Congregation and Choir

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and

might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Upon direction from the ushers, the congregation will come forward to receive the elements. Gluten-free elements are available at the front of the sanctuary.

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Anthem *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

(Sung by choir and congregation)

Alleluia No. 1
hymnal, page 240

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

*POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Spirit

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All who are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Brent Lisk. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Processional participants today are: Emily Andrew, Luke Davis, Nathaniel Eudy, Lillie Hancock, Robert Ivey, Brent Lisk, Addison Marks, Eric Niederer, and Natalie Niederer.

Scripture Readers are: Andy Cotton (Lozi), Matt Drumheller (German), Mary Kesselman (English), Marlene Sanges (French), and Anna Wainwright (Spanish).

There is no Children's Church today. School-aged children will remain in worship and participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Ushers: Jill Niebler, captain; Steve Cumming, Heather Deese, Nancy Joines, Katherine Jolly, Ken Knight, Andy McLeod, and Shelley Shedd

Outside Ushers: Steve Coats; Stephan Kinley **Elder Greeters:** Steve Cumming; Sandy Saunders **Nursery:** Grayson Harris **Preschool**

Partners: Laura Beth & Kyle Marks **Nana & Papa Team:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael **No Children's Church**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, May 20. Please prepare your heart to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. The table is open to all those who trust in Jesus Christ and all those who want to trust him more.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 20! The liturgical color for the day is RED! Plan to wear red as we celebrate the coming of the Spirit into the church. **We will receive the Pentecost Offering** which supports programs for at-risk children and youth, locally and nationally. A portion of this offering will be used to provide summer camp scholarships at our YMCA.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Liz Davis (recovering from knee replacement), Eddie Wilson (continuing health concerns; brother of Elizabeth Wilson), Kathy Miles Gordon (tumor on pancreas; friend of Ruth Goodwin). **See newsletter for complete list.**

The book for the May 21 conversation is *I Almost Missed You* by Jessica Strawser. Books are available for purchase (\$12.00) in the office.



Welcome to Summer

Luncheon for College Students on Sunday, May 20 in the Pit Stop following Worship
The College & Military Committee invites all college students to a *Welcome to Summer* luncheon on Sunday, May 20 in the pit stop following worship. A variety of salads will be served with chips and other refreshments. Come talk with other students about their year in college and reconnect with friends.

Mental Health First Aid classes will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the pit stop. The class is open to anyone; registration is required. It is free and lunch will be served both days. You must attend both classes. With Mental Health First Aid, you'll be prepared when a mental health crisis occurs. RSVP: laura.emery@carolinashealthcare.org or phone: 704-403-4742.

We Need You...To Volunteer at Music & Arts Camp June 10-14

If you have some time the week of June 10-14, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with a group of 100 children! For more information, contact Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbeamarle.org).

Musical & artistic ability NOT required

!!! Central Elementary Needs Your Help !!!

Central School will begin End of Grade (EOG) testing on May 24 and will continue through June 1. Proctors are needed on testing days from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m. A brief meeting will be held by the testing coordinator on your first day of testing. If you can volunteer for one or more days, contact Julie McSwain at Central School (704-961-3200 or julie.mcswain@stanlycountyschools.org).





End-of-the-Year Brunch for

Central Elementary School Staff on Friday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Gym

Sign-up sheet is on the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop.

!!! Your help is needed !!!

Community Table on Saturday, June 2

The Mission Committee will be serving lunch at the Community Table on June 2. If you have never been a part of this experience, we would love to have you join us. Folks are needed to provide food and to work at the lunch on Saturday. Sign-up sheets are located on the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop. If you have questions, contact Gayle Russell (704-438-2779 or gayleruss@gmail.com).



COOKING CAMP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKING CAMP

June 18-21 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Camp Limit of 12 children (THE CAMP IS FULL)

!!!VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!

For more information or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at
704-438-3358 or 704-982-2722 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31



Around the Clock Classic

Join First Presbyterian friends for a fun softball tournament benefiting the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic and Albemarle Parks and Rec! The tournament will take place at Rock Creek Park over a 16 hour period, and our FPC sluggers will take the field at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, June 2. Rise and shine and go team!

FPC needs lots of fans to cheer us on for our three morning games. Whether you are a player (we can always use one or two more) or a fan, please bring yourself and your coffee to Rock Creek Park Saturday morning, June 2! We look forward to seeing you at the ball field!

Questions? Want to sign up for the team? Email:

Jane Boone (jane.boone@carolinashealthcare.org) or

Liz Jolly (liz.jolly@carolinashealthcare.org) or

Rebekah Ayscue (rebekah.ayscue@carolinashealthcare.org)

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS



On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 10.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 17.**

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

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

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

First Presbyterian Church 2018 Scholarship Recipients

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:

Tanner Carrick. He is a senior at North Stanly High School and plans to attend North Carolina State University majoring in Plant Science-Crop Production.

Tate Cord. He attends North Carolina State University majoring in Math Education and Statistics.

Milly Cotton. She is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Coastal Carolina University majoring in Marine Science.

Savannah Dean. She is a senior at South Stanly High School and plans to attend Brunswick Community College then transfer to The University of North Carolina Wilmington to major in Recreational Therapy.

Courtney Earnhardt. She attends Pfeiffer University majoring in Elementary Education.

Samaria Lilly. She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend Pfeiffer University majoring in Special Education.

Makayla Shaw. She attends Stanly Community College majoring in Science.

Sara Kate Thomas. She is a senior at Albemarle High School and plans to attend The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill majoring in Political Science.

Gracien Treece. She attends Stanly Early College and plans to attend East Carolina University majoring in Recreational Therapy.

Francys and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:

Jacob Davis. He attends The University of North Carolina Charlotte majoring in Psychology and Spanish.

Riley Graeff. She attends Appalachian State University majoring in Commercial Photography.

Jacob Lancaster. He attends High Point University majoring in Religion.

Noah Lancaster. He attends The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill majoring in Chemistry with a Biochemistry track.

Laney Smith. She attends The University of North Carolina Charlotte majoring in Communications.

Caroline Snyder. She attends The University of North Carolina Charlotte majoring in Elementary Education.

Maude Boysworth Scholarship recipient is:

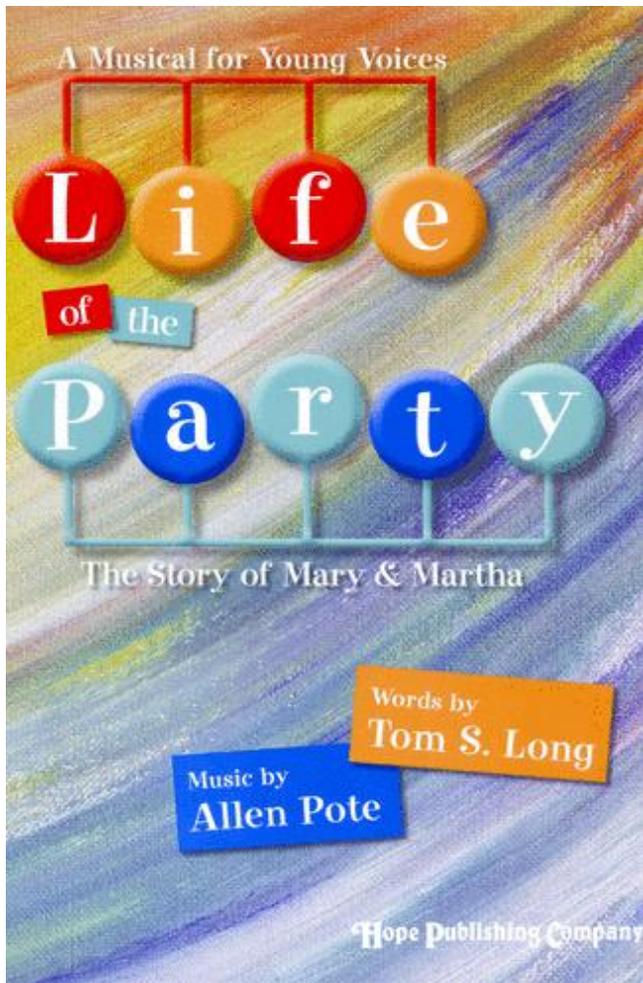
Anna Wainwright. She attends The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill majoring in Sociology and Spanish.

Helen Mount Scholarship recipient is:

Joey Little. He attends Appalachian State University majoring in Business.

Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship recipient is:

Brayden Meadors. He is a senior at West Stanly High School and plans to attend Appalachian State University majoring in Graphic Design.



First Presbyterian Church Music & Arts Camp June 10-14, 2018

FOR WHOM?

For you if you are age 4 (must turn 4 before June 30) or older - - all the way through completed 6th grade AND if you love to create, sing, and have fun with others. Everyone is welcome.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

We'll sing and dance, create sets, play percussion instruments, study the Bible in new ways, act, and play. It will be a full and exciting week.

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

It all begins on Sunday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
On June 11-14, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$40.00 (by May 24).
Late Registration Fee is \$45.00 (after May 24).

Children who have completed grades K-6 should bring a lunch each day.
Drinks will be provided.

**The camp's grand finale will be a performance of
Life of the Party...The Story of Mary & Martha
on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.
(Ice Cream follows)**

Name _____ Age _____ & Grade Completed (as of June 11) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Emergency Contact during hours of Music & Arts Camp _____

Food or other allergies _____

T Shirt Size: YX-Small (2-4) YSmall (6-8) YMedium(10-12) YLarge (14-16) YXLarge(18-20)
Adult S M L XL

Other things we should know about this child _____

Permission to Use Photograph: I grant to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, the right to take photographs of my child/children during the 2018 Music & Arts Camp and to use such photographs for any purpose.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____ Printed Name _____
of parent or guardian (if under age 18)

Return registration form to:
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1578 126 West North Street
Albemarle, NC 28002

Questions? (704) 982-2722
or email Leah Beamon (lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org)

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 20

*Pentecost/Pentecost Offering/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/
Recognition of Scholarship Recipients*

- 8:30 am *Session Meeting
- 8:45 am *Diaconate Meeting
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Worship Committee (Old Session Room)
- 12:00 pm Welcome to Summer Luncheon for College Students (Pit Stop)
- 5:30 pm Youth Group End-of-the Year Cookout at the home of Matt & Claire George Drumheller (31682 Ameron Circle, Albemarle)

Monday, May 21

- 7:00 pm May Book Conversation (Parlor)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square

Tuesday, May 22

- 12:00 pm Summer Newsletter Deadline
- 9:30 am-1:00 pm Mental Health First Aid Class (Pit Stop)

Wednesday, May 23

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am *Pray & Play
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 24

- 9:30 am-1:00 pm Mental Health First Aid Class (Pit Stop)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, May 27

Trinity Sunday

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

- 20-Jim Ivey, III
- Bill Lindley
- 21-Kristen Laton
- Quinton Wainwright
- 22-Richard Lambert
- 23-Laura Mittendorf
- 26-Chris McLaurin
- 27-Gerald Poplin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MAY

- 21-Brett & Sherrie Richards
- 22-Rodney & Rita Morgan
- 24-Josh & Stephanie Campbell

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR MAY

Canned Soup & Crackers

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Large Cans of Soup

A bin in the pit stop
will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date:

Wednesday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m.



**SAVE THE DATE
CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT
MORROW MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
OCTOBER 12-14
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**