



The Weekly Bulletin  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

MORNING MEDITATION

*All I have to know is that God is love, and that love will not let us go, not any of us.*

PEALING OF THE BELLS

OPENING SENTENCES

I was glad when they said to me,  
**Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 286                      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*                      all stanzas

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the family of God,  
**Bound together in the body of Christ.**  
We gather as the children of God,  
**Called together in the presence of the Spirit.**  
We gather this day to worship God,  
**And join our lives in the life of the church.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us to carry out the vows we make: to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if your reign has fully come. Amen.**

\*HYMN 321

*The Church's One Foundation*                      Aurelia

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence  
**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend our brokenness, that we may be one with you.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

From *Glimpses of Grace*  
by Madeleine L'Engle.

*Psalm 122:1*

The Greek and Hebrew words for *spirit* can be translated as *breath* or *wind*.

*Deuteronomy 30:16, 19  
and Matthew 5:21-37*

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

\*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.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go to the chapel for Children's Church.*

ANTHEM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Michael McCarthy

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow, thy ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth,  
And, oh what transport of delight from thy pure chalice gloweth.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never,  
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*Psalm 119:1-8*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day.  
Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory  
of your realm. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 30:15-20* Pew Bible, page 179

SERMON *Choose Life. Love God.* Reverend Ayscue

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* hymnal, page 35

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in  
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I  
believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

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

*The Apostles' Creed* is  
referred to as an  
*ecumenical creed* as it is  
widely used in a variety of  
Christian traditions.



**Third Annual New London United Methodist Church's  
Music & Missions Fundraiser for Hopes of Hope  
Afternoon with John Denver  
Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m. at New London United Methodist Church  
(206 South Main St., New London)  
Admission is free. Donations accepted.**

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**First Presbyterian Church...**

**POP-UP YOGA**

*with Anissa Chapman at First Presbyterian Church*

**Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Bring a yoga mat.**

**Questions? Contact Jane Snyder (704-438-3358 or [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)).**

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**PrimeTimers' Luncheon  
Thursday, September 26  
At Noon in the Pit Stop**



**Special Guest: Rev. Matt Drumheller  
Topic: While I Was Away**

**Menu: Pork BBQ, Macaroni Salad, Chips, & Desserts**

**Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, September 22 to say you're coming and/or if you need transportation (704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org)).**

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**COMMUNITY INN BBQ FUNDRAISER  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
11:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.  
WEST ALBEMARLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
336 CHURCH STREET, ALBEMARLE**

**Early Bird Special with ticket purchase before September 27  
BBQ Plate (BBQ, slaw, chips, bread, dessert) - \$8  
BBQ (pound container) - \$8  
BBQ Tray (6 1/2 pounds) \$48 (1/2 pound free)**

**Day of Event BBQ Pricing  
BBQ Plate or Pound - \$10  
BBQ Tray - \$55**

**Will deliver within Stanly County with minimum order of 5 plates.**

**Make checks payable to *The Community Inn*. Credit & debit cards accepted on the day of event.**

**Call or text 704-438-0858 with orders or questions.**



**MORNING FELLOWSHIP IN THE PIT STOP**

**Every Sunday  
10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.  
Sign-up to help!**

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**Pound cakes are needed for the Community Inn annual BBQ on September 27. Sign-up on the Mission bulletin board. You can also sign-up to help with deliveries, set-up, and much more.**  
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**First Presbyterian Church presents the Fall Art Exhibit  
*Tactile Texture Art Design*  
Featuring works by GHA Autism Supports Creative Arts Program**

Meet the GHA artists at the Art Gallery Reception on Tuesday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church common area. Refreshments will be served.

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**Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**  
Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Snack Crackers,  
Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups  
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

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**Faith Explorers' Pool Party & Lunch  
Sunday, September 22 after worship  
at the home of Penny & Jack Morton (40313 Hoops Court, Albemarle)  
Bring your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen.  
Pick-up at 3:00 p.m. at the Morton's house.**

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**Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019 and stalled over the islands for 24 hours, causing massive damage.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs with a solidarity grant. If you would like to donate to this relief effort go to the PDA website ([www.pda.pcusa.org](http://www.pda.pcusa.org)) and use the giving code "DR000194".

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 15

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 10:30 am \*Morning Fellowship
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Youth Parent Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Kick-Off Event

### Monday, September 16

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

### Tuesday, September 17

- 12:00 pm October Newsletter Deadline
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm GHA Art Gallery Reception (Common Area)

### Wednesday, September 18

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 19

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting

### Sunday, September 22

*Caring & Sharing SCCM Yellow Cup Campaign*

*First Day of Autumn*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 10:30 am \*Morning Fellowship
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders) Pool Party at the home of Penny & Jack Morton  
(40313 Hoops Ct., Albemarle)
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

**\*childcare provided**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SEPTEMBER

- 15-Jim Hesley
- 16-Kyle Marks  
David Morgan
- 17-Peggy Rogers
- 18-Sam Davis  
Nathaniel Eudy
- 19-Becky Miller
- 20-Angus Currie  
Brent Lisk  
Grant Lisk
- 21-Ben Andrew  
Oliver Henkenjohann
- 22-Jake Whisnant

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! SEPTEMBER

- 15-Banks & Susan Garrison
- 16-Don & Sheryl Stewart

## SCCM CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Canned Meat  
(tuna, chicken, Spam, salmon)

### Attention College Students & Parents

Please contact the church office  
(klambert@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722)  
with your college mailing address and email address.

A few people are still needed to serve as Silent Partners for our students in college. Contact the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) to say you'll help.