



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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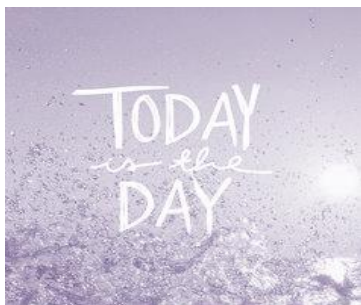
Dear Friends,

Thank you for sharing fully in the Christian story as we walked through Holy Week together. Beginning with the bustling Jerusalem Marketplace on Palm Sunday where baby goats, chickens, ducks, and rabbits shared space with shopkeepers and Roman soldiers, and continuing until the last chord of the Hallelujah chorus was released at the conclusion of worship on Easter morning, it was a remarkable celebration of God's work in the world and of the presence of the risen Christ in our own time.

The Easter season continues for fifty days, and we will use it as a time to reflect on the presence of the risen Christ among his earliest followers and in our life today. I urge your fullest participation in worship and Sunday School/ENGAGE as we move forward as people who have experienced Christ anew.

Grace and Peace,

Elizabeth



!!! SIGN-UP NOW !!!

Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway

April 8-10

Our Congregational Retreat is April 8-10. We hope you will plan to join us at Camp Caraway for a weekend of fun games, good food, and enlightening discussion. Pastor David Kilde will be our speaker on the topic of being religious and spiritual people in a multi-cultural democracy. Now is the perfect time to sign your family up for this retreat which they will not want to miss.

There are two housing options available for the Congregational Retreat:

- Bunk Style Housing: \$102.00 per person
- Single Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$186.00
- Double Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$162.00
- (Prices include 4 meals.)

If a family would like to just come up for Saturday, the price for the day (for lunch & dinner) is \$34.00 per person.

FAMILY PRICING

All children under the age of 12 in one family are welcome for the price of 1!

Scholarships & payment plans available for this retreat.

Please contact the church office to sign up (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

WORSHIP NOTES

During the Easter season (which continues through May 8), we will utilize the revised common lectionary Scriptures which bring the followers of Jesus face to face with the risen Christ. We will also continue to sing the triumphant Easter hymns.

Sunday, April 3 Gospel Reading John 20:19-31
We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger.

Sunday, April 10 Gospel Reading John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 17 **Youth Sunday**
Several of our high school seniors will speak to their faith journey as it has been lived out within our congregation.

The Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers will sing in worship.

Sunday, April 24 Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

The Youth Club Handbell Ensemble will ring in worship.

Ten-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 \$322.00 for Ten-Cents-A-Meal in January. Ten cents per person per meal is just \$9.00 per month and helps provide people both nourishment and hope. If you don't have a Ten-Cents-A-Meal container, you can find one in the pit stop. Checks and/or coins are welcome! Our goal is to receive an average of \$600.00 per month.



2016 Flower Calendar

The 2016 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 Frankie Palmer (704-982-1757 or fpalmer3@carolina.rr.com) for more information and to make arrangements for the flowers to be delivered to the church on Saturday or Sunday morning before worship.



Lent Small Group Recap

Nearly seventy-five people participated in small groups during Lent...exploring biblical texts through music, movement, mission, art, and word. Many thanks to everyone who came together to explore the scripture and to the leaders who made it possible. In addition to Matt and Elizabeth, leaders were: Rebekah Ayscue, Leslie Carter, Debby & Bob Johnston, Dona Lisk, Bruce Mittendorf, Judy Murrell, Kellyn Poole, Marlene & Nathan Sanges, and Rich Schaefer.



THE GOAL

Youth Breakfast at
First Presbyterian Church

April 11-15

Starts at 6:30 a.m. each morning

Join us each morning the week of April 11-15 for the annual Stanly County Youth Breakfast. Starting at 6:30 a.m., we will have a delicious breakfast, listen to live music, and hear from some of our local athletes and coaches as they talk about our theme: *The Goal*.

This is a great time to hang out with about 150 other youth from all over Stanly County. Come join us!



Music & Arts Camp

Summer 2016

June 12-16

Come relive the classic Old Testament story of Joseph as it is retold in the exuberant times and music of the 50's. It's surfer beats, leather jackets and surfboards, but the gospel truth remains the same...trust the Lord with all your heart.

Plan to join friends, old and new, for a week of music, drama, recreation, art, percussion instruments, lunch and more, while learning about God's love for us and the power of forgiveness.

Registration forms available online and in the church office April 1.

Any questions, contact Gina Martin (704-982-2722 or gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org).



We Need You...

To volunteer at Music & Arts Camp this year!

June 12-16, 2016

If you have **some time** the week of June 12-16, come join us as we sing, dance, teach, paint and move with these adorable group of **100 children!**

For more information, contact Gina Martin at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD
LETTER WRITING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24
IN THE PIT STOP
(9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

BREAD SALE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24

OFFERING OF LETTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 1

Urge Congress to support measures that help mothers and children receive the nutrition needed to be healthy and live active lives.

Sample Letter

(Handwritten letters using your own words are most effective.)

Date

Sen. _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

or

Rep. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator _____,

or

Dear Rep. _____

Tremendous progress has been made in improving the nutrition of mothers and children. Until the work is complete, however, my faith calls me to urge that we continue until all mothers and their children have the chance to survive and thrive.

As congress considers funding for next year, I ask you to support at least \$230 million for international maternal and child nutrition programs of the global health account in the State Department foreign operations appropriations bill.

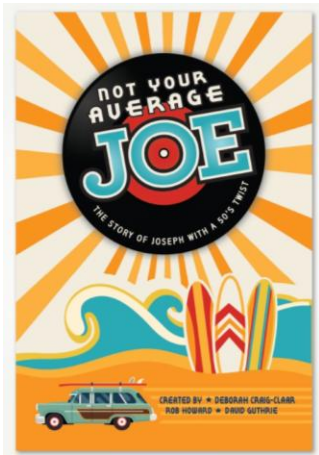
Thank you!

Sincerely,

_____ (your name)

_____ (your address)

Please write your name and return address on the envelope. Members of Congress want to know that they represent you.



NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE

THE STORY OF JOSEPH WITH A 50'S TWIST

First Presbyterian Church

Music & Arts Camp

June 12-16, 2016

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 12 at 2:00 p.m. ('til 5:00 p.m.). On June 13-16, these are the hours:

Ages 4-5	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Grades K-6 (completed)	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHAT ELSE?

Early Bird Registration Fee is only \$30.00 (by May 29).

Late Registration Fee is \$35.00 (after May 29).

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 *Not Your Average Joe* on Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. (Ice Cream follows)

Name _____	Age _____	& Grade Completed (as of June 10) _____
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 2016 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 Gina Martin (gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org)

COOKING CAMP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
 (completed 4th - 6th Grades)
 June 20-23
 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$25.00 per child
 Camp Limit of 12 children

Do your children have a passion for cooking or love to help you prepare meals in the kitchen? Then perhaps a cooking camp is the perfect summer camp for them. This camp is offered to completed 4th-6th graders on Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Young chefs expand their palates, kitchen hygiene and healthy eating habits, utensil skills, proper etiquette, cooking and baking and will experiment with flavors and ingredients. This camp will be packed with culinary excitement and tasty adventures! We will also be visiting Carolina Farms, an innovative program in Albemarle that enables individuals from the autistic population to realize a dream of living and working in a farm environment, where we will harvest fresh produce and return to church to prepare what we have harvested.

[For more information, to register for camp, or to volunteer contact Jane Snyder at 704-982-2722/704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org\).](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org)

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

BUCKNELL STUDENTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



First Presbyterian Church recently hosted nine students from Bucknell University along with their two group leaders. Bucknell is located in central Pennsylvania, and the students opted to drive south and spend their spring break doing volunteer work in Stanly County. They arrived in Albemarle on Sunday, March 13 and worked every day the following week on the Habitat for Humanity House being built on Snuggs Park Road. The group did carpentry work inside the house and installed subsiding, gray vinyl siding and white overhead trim on the house.

After their work hours, the students enjoyed visiting Morrow Mountain, going bowling and skating, seeing a movie at the local drive-in, and visiting with Robin and John Howell on their farm for a Thursday evening cook-out.

Many thanks to all the individuals and groups who provided food and hospitality to the Bucknell group during their stay at Frist Presbyterian. The students and leaders asked that I convey to you their deep appreciation for the warm hospitality extended to them during their visit.

Submitted by: Don Joines



Thank You Salem... Thank you Salem Taylor for your dedication to caring for our youngest children at First Presbyterian Church. Salem has provided childcare in the nursery and toddler room on Sunday mornings for several years, where she cared deeply for our children. She has provided Christian Education and love for them as well as keeping those spaces safe for our children. Now that the Taylor children are a little older, Salem wishes to volunteer with their church activities.

Welcome Cora... We would like to welcome Cora Harrison to the childcare staff in the toddler and nursery rooms! Cora is a student at Stanly Community College and is pursuing a career in neonatal nursing. She is currently employed at All Star Learning Center and has a passion for working with children. In her spare time, Cora enjoys playing the piano.

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...FEBRUARY 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Actual:	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	61,394.00	93,443.00
Total Expenses:	<u>112,691.00</u>	<u>106,685.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus:	(51,297.00)	(13,242.00)

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	<u>2016</u>	
Pledges:	505,070	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,866</u>
Total Income:	565,035	Average Weekly Amount Received in February: <u>\$7,351</u>
Total Expenses:	565,035	

We are behind \$12,620 in pledges. (\$14,305 of 2016 pledges was prepaid in 2015)
Ten-Cents-A-Meal February: \$322



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Music Fund:

In memory of Pam Brafford, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ivey.

Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship Fund:

In memory of Daniel Mann Whitley, given by Jeff Noah.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sam Davis on his retirement from the Montgomery County Schools.

To Keith Wolf on his retirement from the City of Albemarle.

To Carolyn and Harold Sharpe upon the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Elizabeth Hanus, on March 18. She is the daughter of Elizabeth (Sharpe) and Leo Hanus.

Change of Address

Annie Ruth Kelley
701 Plantation Estates Drive, Suite 209
Matthews, NC 28105

Session Notes

At its stated meeting on March 13, Session had a spotlight presentation by the Christian Education Committee presented by Jim Carter and Gina Martin. The Session approved motions from the Property Committee to contract for lawn maintenance effective April 1st, to increase the monthly contract for the cleaning due to increase of time needed to the clean kitchen, and to use designated funds from the building fund to repair an air-conditioning compressor. The Session also approved a request presented by Marshall Rogers from the Men's Prayer Breakfast group to have a plaque placed in the church's kitchen honoring Toby Webb.

Lynn White, Clerk of Session

Circle #5

Circle #5 will meet on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle). Sally Grantier will be the Bible study leader for Lesson 6.

NEWS *and* NOTES



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May 2016 Newsletter is noon on 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.



SCCM NEED FOR APRIL: CANNED FRUIT



THANKS

FOR

BEING

AWESOME

To:

Mildred Andrew, Gloria Bryson, Ann Duckwall, Donna Gaither, Ruth Goodwin, Sally Grantier, Margaret Ivey, Judy & Tommy Murrell, Frankie Palmer, Susan Pandich, Ruth Ann Rogers, Sandy Rogers, Marlene Sanges, Rich Schaefer, and Martha White for assisting in the office during February and March.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Ayscue, Rebekah Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Andy Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Betty Crook, Melissa Eudy, Liz Jolly, Catherine Moeller, Matt Moeller, and Carroll Sitton who helped during the Central Elementary School Book Fair.

Thanks to Leslie Carter and Martha Sue Hall for serving as pianists for contemplative worship during Lent.

Thanks to Ruth Goforth for making a new tablecloth for the communion table in the chapel.

Thanks to Robin and John Howell for hosting a cook-out for the Bucknell group at their home, to Melissa Eudy for providing dinner for them, and to Don Joines, Marlene & Nathan Sanges, for helping with logistics.

Thanks to Billie Jean Snuggs for masterminding the Lenten art project in worship, to Harold Sharpe and Richard Lambert for building frames and hanging the finished project, and to artists: Katherine Jolly, Liz Jolly, David Kilde, John Kilde, Morgan Kinley, Stephan Kinley, Jacob Palmer, Frankie Palmer, Billie Jean Snuggs, Lee Snuggs, Witt Snuggs, Blake Taylor, and Kassie Taylor.

Thanks to each of you for warmly welcoming our visitors from Bucknell University. They offered deep thanksgiving for your hospitality.

Many thanks to all who helped make the lunch at First Baptist Church on February 24 a special meal. Those who prepared and/or served were: Linda Anderson, Mildred Andrew, Elizabeth Ayscue, Gloria Bryson, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Donna Gaither, Susan Garrison, Debbie Hahn, John Howell, Margaret Ivey, Pam Knighten, Polly Moose, Judy Murrell, Tommy Murrell, Jim Sawyer, Mary Louise Sawyer, Harold Sharpe, Carroll Sitton, Jane Snyder, Bill Stevenson, Diane Stevenson, Ann Upchurch, Shirley Welch, and Elizabeth Wilson.

SNL RECAP

The month of March saw many youth activities. We finished up a program which we started in February in which we met with a Muslim man from Stanly County to discuss his faith. We met in March and discussed ISIS, its relationship to Islam, and the danger it poses to the modern world. We also spent time in March playing together and hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the families of the congregation.



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:

Chrissy Adams, friend of Shannon & Kent Newport; Hodgkin's disease.

Margaret Brooks, friend of Debbie Hahn; at an assisted living facility.

Bob & Bessie Burris, grandparents of Kim Caudle.

Glenn Burris.

Jan Burton, mother of Mandy Brown; breast cancer.

Millie Campbell, friend of Melissa Lemons; receiving treatment for breast cancer.

Katherine Cox, mother of Sherrie Richards.

Rachel Darling, friend of Dona Lisk; ovarian cancer.

Mike Dearstyne, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.

Roy & Katie Dearstyne, parents of Holly Norwood.

Rich Drye, nephew of Barbara Whitley; Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Sara Dyer, mother of Martha White; ongoing health concerns.

Dexter Efird.

Lindsey Efird, daughter of Karen Efird and Mark Efird; battling MPS.

Janet Gardner Fleming, stepdaughter of Ruth Ann Rogers.

Tonia Icenhour, friend of Kim Caudle; lymphoma.

Jeannette Isenhour, sister of Frankie Palmer; COPD.

Randall Kimrey, father of Bryce Kimrey.

Dick Kolk, friend of Lynn & Martha White.

Jackie Lynn Kruis, seven year old great-niece of Gloria Bryson.

Don Little.

Roger Long, uncle of Roger Martin; on-going health concerns.

Bryanna Medlin, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Ray Michue.

Karen Niebler, mother of Jill Niebler.

Shannon Newton, diagnosed with cancer; friend of the Johnston family.

Sam & Melanie Obermiller, friends of John & Debbie Hahn.

Barbara Petillo, friend of Peggy Finley; disabling health problems.

James Brian Rogers, son of Jane Rogers; recovering from heart & kidney transplant.

Karen Russell, First Baptist Church Wee Care Teacher; breast cancer.

David Sanges, brother of Nathan Sanges; recovering from a bone marrow transplant for Acute Myloid Leukemia.

Helen Smith, aunt of Teresa Taylor; recovering from heart bypass surgery.

Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Connie Watson, sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke.

Members of the Congregation:

Blue Honeycutt.

Greg Johnson.

June Johnson.

Ed Myers.

Pete Smith.

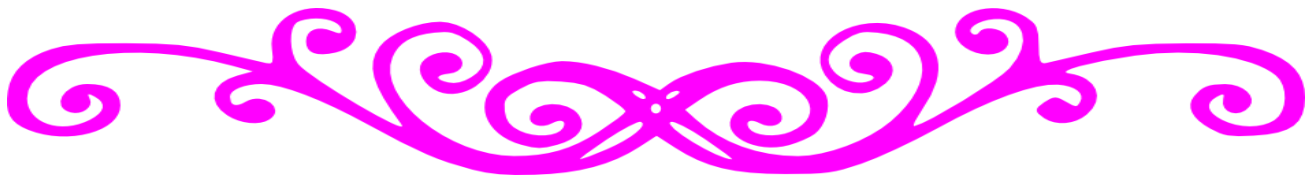
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BIRTHDAYS

01- Leslie Kinley
Kent Newport
02- Judith Gilbreath
04- Wes Eudy
05- Steve Blalock
06- Ed Myers
07- Angie Earnhardt
Russell Karr
08- Joyce Lambert
09- Ashley Maust
10- Murphy Hall
Holden Taylor
11- Annie Ruth Kelley
Marlene Mittendorf
12- Laura Blalock
Jake Davis
Holly Norwood
14- Anissa Chapman

17- David Kilde
20- Peggy Finley
22- Kim Caudle
Marshall Rogers
23- Emma Gibson
Polly Moose
24- Liz Davis
Anita Gower
Alexis Poolos
Jacqueline Poolos
Nicole Poolos
25- Emma Grace Lemons
Tommy Murrell
26- John Kilde
27- Ella Averette
Ethan Richards
28- Aaron Whisnant
29- Harold Sharpe



ANNIVERSARIES

02- Michael & Kristen Laton
Lynn & Martha White
07- Thomas & Salem Taylor
13- Gus & Nancy Feather
16- Kyle & Laura Beth Marks
19- Robert & Myra Land

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

MISSION NEWS...



SCCM Clothing Closet It's Spring Cleaning Time

As you are cleaning out your closets and cupboards, remember that the Clothing Closet at 1324 E. Main Street can use almost all of your cast-offs (with the exception of TVs, computers and furniture). Even clothing that is worn or stained can be sold for rags. You can drop off your items inside or at the outside drop chute. Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The store is closed on Wednesday.

Providing a Meal at the Community Inn

THE COMMUNITY INN
EMERGENCY HOUSING

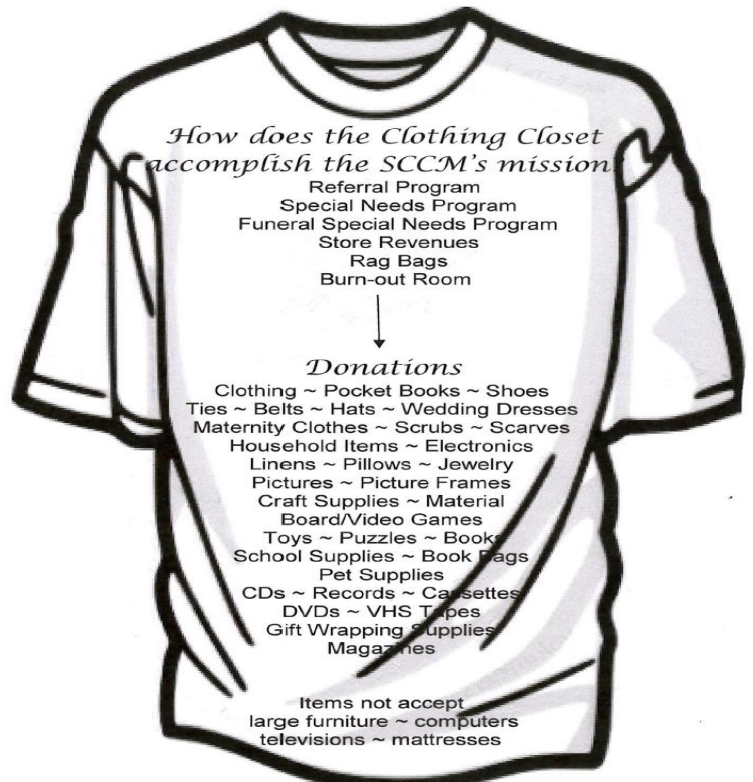


The Mission Committee would like to lead members of First Presbyterian Church in providing meals at the Community Inn. We have been booked to provide the meal on the first Friday of each month starting May 6th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Pit Stop where you can commit to helping with a meal sometime in 2016. A simple meal to serve 10 – 15 people is all that is required. Come join the Mission Committee in this important outreach!

Bread Bakers Needed for Bread for the World



If you make quick breads, sourdough breads, or yeast breads, and can supply some for the sale table on April 26 as part of the Bread for the World letter writing campaign, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498). Remember that all donations for the bread are given to SCCM!



MISSION NEWS (continued)...

From Our International Mission Partners

In Montaña de Luz...

In late February, we heard from Montaña de Luz that the work truck our congregation had helped (along with Central UMC) purchase in 2008 was beyond repair. They had identified another suitable truck and were seeking revenue sources. They received a \$26,000 loan from World Orphan Fund and it was later learned that ½ of the loan would be forgiven if Montaña de Luz could raise matching funds by April 1. A number of our members who have participated in trips through the years responded generously, proceeds from two of the Lenten dinners were committed to this cause, and \$2000 from the international mission line item of our budget combined to provide a gift of \$4,500 for the truck. Thank you for your generosity.

In Mwandi...UCZ Church Dedication & Mabumbu Well Project

On March 13, Richard Lambert attended the dedication of the new United Church of Zambia (UCZ) Mwandi sanctuary. He reports that it was an exciting event with representatives from all over Zambia and other countries in attendance. There were numerous choirs and the music was outstanding. This made the lengthy service pass quickly. First Presbyterian participated in this project by donating \$10,000 toward the construction.

Africa, by any definition, operates on its own schedule. It is compounded when the internet and the electricity come and go at the most inopportune times. A lack of a vehicle necessitates a long 90 mile trip by taxi for shopping and contacting construction sources.

Having said all of that, Richard is making amazing progress on the installation of the well in Mabumbu. On March 22, the well construction people were to meet with him to plan for the installation of the well. The solar system company from Livingstone has committed to the installation of the pump and solar system as soon as the well is in place.

By any standards, even American, the well project is moving forward in a timely manner.

Backpack Food Program

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



Next Backpack Food Program Packing Date is: Wednesday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m.



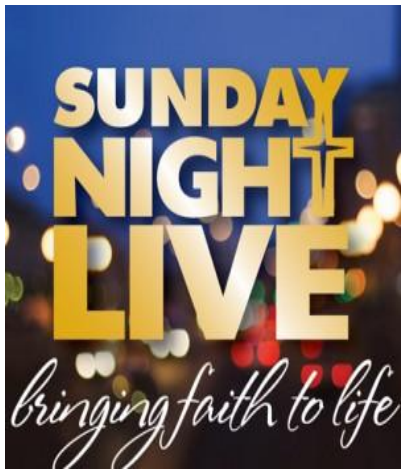
Montaña de Luz

Who's going on the Montaña de Luz Mission Trip?

- Why not you?
- It's a short trip – less than 5 hours by plane for 1 week.
- It's safe – probably the healthiest place you could be in Honduras!
- It's fun! The children love visitors and demonstrate that every day.
- The work is meaningful. The work of the volunteers saves MDL money and supports the mission there.
- Fulfills a calling. Tired of pushing down that feeling that you ought to be doing more or you want to do something different? – This is it!
- History of success. This will be the 11th FPC sponsored trip and we haven't lost anyone yet!
- Perfect way to share the love of Jesus Christ which we regularly proclaim in an up close, real, and personal way.
- Make a lifetime of wonderful memories, knowing that your efforts made a difference in the lives of 35 children with HIV.

Trip dates Wednesday, July 20 – Wednesday, July 27.

Call or email Skeet (704-984-2883, aayscue1@live.com) with questions and tell him you are interested. A meeting will be scheduled shortly for those interested.



SNL APRIL SCRIPT

April is going to be filled with exciting programs and activities for our youth. We will have evening conversations, we'll participate in the congregational retreat, we will lead the church in worship on Youth Sunday, and we'll even be having a food drive. What a great month to be involved at First Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, April 3	SNL	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 10	Set Up for SCYB	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 17	Youth Sunday	No SNL
Sunday, April 24	SNL Scavenger Hunt	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



- 17- David Kilde
- 25- Emma Grace Lemons
- 27- Ethan Richards



Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday will take place on April 17 this year. Our youth will lead worship based on the theme of our GreenFest, and some of our graduating seniors will be sharing about their faith journeys. Please support our youth for this important worship service.

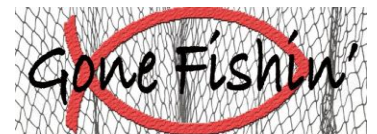


High School Retreat

Our high schoolers are going to be participating in the **Montreat Youth Conference** July 10-16. This will be a time of learning and spiritual development for our youth, as well as an opportunity to have fellowship with many high schoolers from all over the east coast. If you have a high schooler who would like to go, there is still time to sign up, just contact Matt. Please keep our high schoolers and leaders in your prayers as they travel.

Middle School Retreat

SNL middle schoolers will be going on a retreat this summer to Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference. They will be there in mid-June playing, worshipping, and learning about God. Please sign your middle schooler up with Matt.



!! Youth Club News for April !!

April will be a short month for Youth Club as we draw to a close on Wednesday, April 13. Please note the important dates below that involve our Youth Club children:

Wednesday, April 13...End of Year Cookout & Games at the YMCA Park 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (drop off and pick up at the YMCA Park).

Sunday, April 17...All Youth Club children will sing during worship on this "Green Sunday" in celebration of Earth Day. This is also Youth Sunday at First Presbyterian Church so plan to also celebrate the lives of our youth.

Sunday, April 24...Youth Club handbells will play during worship.

Trusty Travelers (K-3rd graders)... will be creating art pieces to be displayed in the Children's Art Gallery during the summer months. They will spend time in music preparing to sing during Green Sunday and in Bible time they will wrap up their year of learning about *Deepening Community through Grace & Gratitude*.

Being the hands and feet of Jesus means we serve the needs of others first and at all times. Jesus tells us that we can and will do these things and greater. John 14:12...*Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father...* fills us with hope.

Children will hear from guest speaker, Debby Johnston, member of First Presbyterian Church, about the mission at Montana de Luz in Honduras *mountain of light* where Laura lives. The children at Youth Club were the feet and hands of Jesus back at Christmas when they raised over \$700 to support Laura for two years, through the sale of the Children's Art Calendar. Debby will share images and information about how their funds help Laura to have a better life.

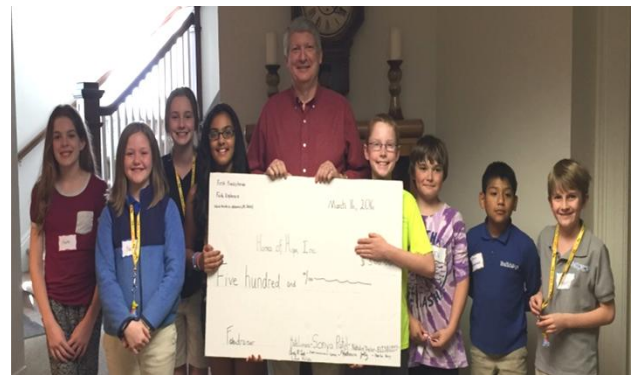
A continued focus on Jesus' last days on earth and our role of being the feet and hands of Jesus will be experienced through activities focusing on the events of Holy week (the time between Palm Sunday and Easter).

Faith Explorers (4th - 5th graders)... During March, Elizabeth and Matt spent two Wednesday afternoons with the Faith Explorers talking with them about prayer. They discussed the different types of prayer and had some fun activities to help the children remember to be thankful and to confess their sins and ask for God's forgiveness. The Faith Explorers wrote their own prayers that were attached to juice boxes given out in the mornings during Holy Week. The group ended March by presenting the money they raised from their "Love Mug" sale and from their Lenten dinner to Homes of Hope and the Stanly Community Christian Ministry. As a result of the group's hard work, each of these organizations received \$500! We look forward to wrapping up our year in April and to gathering for our end of the year party in the park on April 13.

Submitted by Liz Jolly

Youth Cubs (3-4 years old)... We will continue our stories of Jesus, including Jesus' appearance to his followers, his miracles, Saul's surprise on the road to Damascus, and Paul and Silas going to jail. It has been our hope this year that through the stories and activities shared at Cubs, the children have learned about God's creativity, power, and great plans for us. Most importantly, they have discovered that God loves them and sent Jesus who died for their sins. We will greatly miss five of our Cubs as they continue their journey of faith by moving into the Youth Club group next year. We look forward to welcoming new Cub members as well. Thanks to all of our parents for allowing us to be a part of your child's life for the last two years. We love them all!

Lynn, Martha, and Jillian



Who can come?
What?
When?
Where?
Why?

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

2nd graders & 3rd graders
Breakfast...muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, etc.
Sunday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m.
Media Room
To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Gina Martin know if you are able to join us...(ginamartin@fpcalbemarle.com) *Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.

A Hiking We will Go!

Faith Explorers Sunday Outing to the Morrow Mountain Trails

Sunday, April 17 Noon-3:00 pm

Bring a picnic (bag) lunch and plan to leave just following worship. Plan to spend the afternoon with friends and enjoy the beautiful outdoors! *Please let Gina know if you can attend at gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org by Wednesday, April 13.*





Covenant Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings

April 5-May 19 at 10:00 a.m.

It's not too late to engage in this outstanding Bible study. The final 8-week session is *Trusting the Covenant*. We'll begin on April 5.

To sign-up and/or to get a book, contact Kyle (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

AT 12:00 P.M.

IN THE PARLOR

FEEL FREE TO

BRING A BAG LUNCH.

For more information,

contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).



Art Gallery Spring Exhibit

featuring

Students of Central
Elementary School

Agriculture:

A Wise and Noble Pursuit





First Family Gathering

Wednesday, April 6

Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m.

in the Chapel

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

in the Gym

Spring has sprung. Let's get together for a meal!

On the menu: Roasted Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potato Bar, Fresh Fruit, Rolls, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water, and Lemonade

Volunteers Needed for next First Family

- Dessert Crew: Tuesday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Set up crew: Wednesday, April 6 at 3:45 p.m.
- Meat, Fruit, and Veggie crew: Wednesday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m.
- Clean-up crew: Wednesday, April 6 at 6:45 p.m.



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 😊.



KEEP CALM

No Food Scraps

are to go

DOWN THE SINK!

As you know, we have had some issues with the grease trap and drains in the kitchen since the remodel. By ordinance, we had to have a grease trap, a certain type of flooring, floor drains and CANNOT have garbage disposals. I know this is disheartening for some of us and an adjustment. Just remember



(aside from the fact that it is an ordinance) it is much better for the environment and our city's water system to NOT HAVE GARBAGE DISPOSALS. The reason for the problem with the drains and grease trap is US!! We continue to put food down the drains. We have added strainers to prevent this from happening. Please make every effort to dispose of solids in the garbage cans provided. This will save us hundreds, if not thousands of dollars!! We love our new kitchen and appreciate your cooperation.



Scholarships

From the Scholarship Committee...

The Scholarship Committee will be hard at work over the next few months. Scholarship applications and information packets were mailed to Stanly County high schools plus Stanly Community College and Pfeiffer University. Applications are also available on the counter in the common area outside

the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 11.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2016 are: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Phillip Brown, Jim Sawyer, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.



Young Adult Lunch

Monday, April 11

(Please note change of date.)

Noon at Coach's Grill

(720 Hwy. 24/27 East)

**YOUTH CLUB
!!! END-OF-THE-YEAR COOKOUT !!!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.
AT THE YMCA PARK**

**All Youth Cub/Club families invited.
Games and activities for the children at
3:00 p.m. and eat at 3:45 p.m.**



Share A Bloom...

Support Hospice of Stanly and give a potted gerbera daisy to your mother, co-workers, staff, friends, wife, teachers, husband, or anyone!

You can pick up your daisies at the Hospice office or we'll deliver for you!

For delivery, all orders must be received by April 8th

Free delivery available in Stanly County, 9am-5pm

Wednesday, April 13th



\$10

Each gerbera daisy
will be in a wrapped
4 1/2" pot

Courage Blooms

Your gift to Hospice allows us to continue our focus on the comfort of our patients—and the spiritual, emotional, psychological support we provide to both patient and family alike.



For more information call Hospice at 704-983-4216

How To Order?

- **Mail** orders to Hospice:
960 N First St. Albemarle, NC 28001
Checks payable to: Hospice of Stanly
- **Phone:** The Hospice office
(704) 983-4216 & place your order with a credit/debit card
- **Online** at hospiceofstanly.org

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OR

I will pick up my purchased gerbera daisies at the Hospice office.

Green Fest

Sunday, April 17, 2016

9:30 a.m. in the gym

!!!Celebrate God's creation!!!

Learn of ways to re-purpose, re-use and recycle to preserve our beautiful world!

!!! Continental breakfast, free items, door prizes !!!

*Ride your bike to church or carpool to save resources...

*Bring a water bottle for your beverage to save cups...





The SERRV Spring Catalog for 2016 is available!

Check it out & place an order!

Catalogs are available in the church office.

An order will be placed on Monday, April 18.



Theology Lite on Thursday, April 21

8:00 p.m. at Coach's Grill (720 Hwy. 24/27 East)

Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of faith. We'll gather at 8:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite friends (members or non-members) to join in the conversation!

Earth Day

Movie Night on Friday, April 22

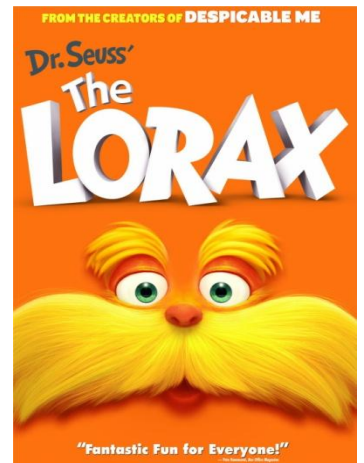
6:30 p.m. in the gym

Come celebrate *Earth Day* & enjoy *Dr. Seuss' The Lorax*

A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.

Bring the entire family out to a movie with friends, popcorn, candy & drinks!!!

Cozy up in your chair or blanket and plan to relax and laugh out loud!!!



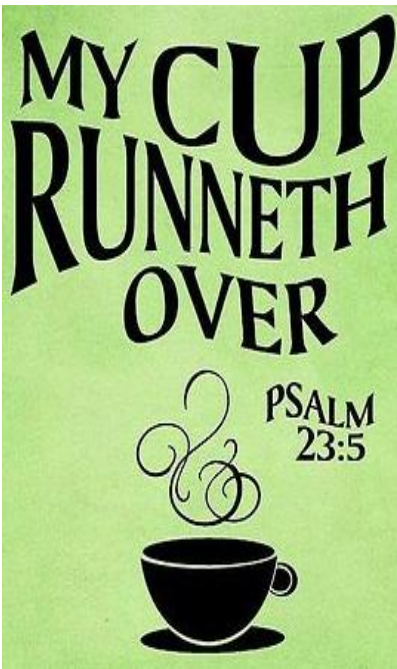
SNL SCAVENGER HUNT FOR FOOD & SUPPLIES TO DONATE TO SCCM

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Youth will be visiting homes of members throughout our congregation for canned food and non-perishable items to stock SCCM shelves. If you are interested in having youth visit you, contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).





What if you could purchase a beautiful pottery coffee mug made by local potters and have 100% of the proceeds go to any local charity of your choice here in Stanly County?

Stop by Glory Beans anytime between 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 30 and fill your mug of choice with coffee/tea/hot cocoa. Light breakfast refreshments will be served and no tickets necessary. Just come and support your favorite local charity.

Hope to see you there!

Saturday, April 30
8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
at Glory Beans
(134 West Main Street)
Mugs: \$20 each



The Stanly County Chorale will present its 2016 Spring Concert on Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 PM, in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. The Concert is titled, *Jazz Impressions* and will feature jazzy choral arrangements of songs such as *Cheek to Cheek*, *Bewitched*, *Swinging with the Saints*, *Jazz Alleluia*, *Amazing Grace*, *Take the A Train*, *In My Life*, *Blackbird* and more. Caroline Stephenson is the Musical Director, and Zoey Brouthers will be returning as the group's accompanist.

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: _____

Please join us for

Homes of Hope's Spring Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser

Friday, May 13...6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

(172 N. 2nd Street, Albemarle)

Donations will be accepted!

On the menu:

Pancakes, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Cereal, Sausage, Grits,

Gravy, Biscuits, Juice, and Fruit



Homes of Hope is a grassroots organization of churches and human service agencies that provides short term transitional housing and services to homeless families. Through support and counseling, families are prepared to move into stable independent housing.

Homes of Hope is a Stanly County United Way agency.



SNL Trivia Night Sunday, May 1

SNL will host its 3rd annual trivia night to benefit our summer trips! Join us on **May 1** for an evening of fun competition, trivia, and support of our youth program. You can come as an individual, or you can put together a team of 6-8 people.

Recognition of Teachers and Leaders in Christian Education Sunday, May 15 during worship

Thanks for sharing your time, energy, knowledge, creativity and patience with our children, youth and adults, who are thirsty for knowledge. Through your dedicated efforts, the Christian Education Programs have made a huge splash this year.



**SAVE THE DATE
PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, MAY 19
CITY LAKE PARK...COVERED SHELTER**

The next Prime Timers luncheon will be a picnic at City Lake Park in the covered shelter on the lake itself on May 19 at noon. The menu will be fried chicken and all the fixings. Please send your acceptance to Kyle Lambert ([704-982-2722](tel:704-982-2722) or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org) by May 12.



Around the Clock Classic:

A 24 Hour-CoEd Softball Tournament
to support the John P. Murray Community Care Clinic &
Albemarle Parks & Recreation Department
Dates: Friday, June 3-Saturday, June 4

Details:

First Presbyterian Church will have a team to support our ministry partner.

We need at least 15 players and 3-4 need to be female. Stephan Kinley will be our team captain. Contact Stephan to sign-up or for more information (Home...704-986-0888 or Cell...704-791-2737).



Save
the
Date

*Women's Retreat
September 23-25
William Black Lodge
Montreat, North Carolina*



Friday, April 1

April Fool's Day

Sunday, April 3

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm SNL

Monday, April 4

- 7:00 pm Circle #5 meets at the home of Joyce Lambert (750 Pee Dee Ave., Albemarle)
- 8:30 pm Sr. High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday, April 5

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 10:00 am First Family Dessert Crew

Wednesday, April 6

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program
- 11:00 am First Family Meat, Fruit, & Veggie Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 3:45 pm First Family Set-Up Crew
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer (chapel)
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner (gym)
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-Up Crew
- 7:05 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, April 7

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 8

Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway

Saturday, April 9

Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway

***childcare provided**



Sunday, April 10

Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway

- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 4:00 pm SNL Set-up for Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, April 11

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Coach's Grill (720 Hwy. 24/27 East)
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday, April 12

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, April 13

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3:00 pm Last Day of Youth Club Cookout at YMCA Park
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

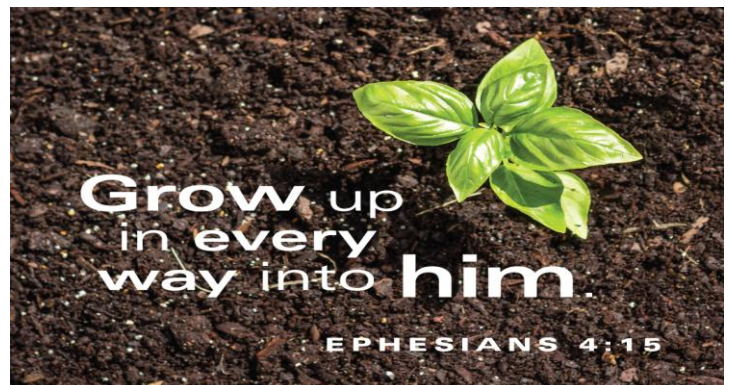
- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast
- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 15

Tax Day

- 6:30 am Stanly County Youth Breakfast

***childcare provided**





Sunday, April 17

Youth Sunday

GreenFest

Trusty Travelers and Faith Explorers sing in worship

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:00 am *GreenFest in the gym
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers' Outing to Morrow Mountain

Monday, April 18

- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday, April 19

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study
- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 21

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 8:00 pm Theology Lite at Coach's Grill (720 Hwy. 24/27 East)

Friday, April 22

Earth Day

- 6:30 pm Movie Night in the gym; *Dr. Suess' The Lorax*

*childcare provided



Sunday, April 24

Youth Club Handbell Ensemble rings in worship

- 9:00 am *Breakfast Bunch
- 9:00 am *Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Bread for the World Letter Writing (Pit Stop)
- 5:00 pm-7:00 pm SNL Scavenger Hunt

Monday, April 25

- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Tuesday, April 26

- 10:00 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, April 27

Administrative Professionals Day

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

Thursday, April 28

Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day

- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 29

Arbor Day

Saturday, April 30

- 7:30 pm Stanly County Chorale Concert at First Presbyterian Church

*childcare provided



So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

1 Corinthians 3:7, NIV

THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL

Ushers: Heather Kilde, captain; Jim Carter, Michelle Cumming, David Kilde, Ben McLeod, Isabel McLeod
(Mandy & Phillip Brown-Alternates)

Elder Greeters: Bob Johnston; Mary Kesselman

Nursery Room:

April 3: Jana Sanderson

April 10: Jana Sanderson

April 17: Jana Sanderson

April 24: Cora Harrison

Nana & Papa Team:

April 3: Joan Belsan; Debby Johnston

April 10: Mary & Frank Green

April 17: Barbara & Bill Lindley

April 24: Chris Mabry

Acolytes:

April 3: Ethan Richards

April 10: Blake Taylor

April 17: Andy McLeod

April 24: Leah Kilde

Toddler Room:

April 3: Cora Harrison

April 10: Cici Ly; Cora Harrison

April 17: Misty Honbarrier

April 24: Misty Honbarrier

Preschool Partners:

April 3: Melissa Eudy & Dona Lisk

April 10: Heather & John Kilde

April 17: Jessica & John Palmer

April 24: Angie Earnhardt; Adrienne Averette; Kelly Lentz

Children's Church for April:

April 3: Virginia Currie; Jacob Palmer

April 10: Virginia Currie; Jacob Palmer

April 17: *No Children's Church (Youth Sunday)*

April 24: Laura McLeod; Andy McLeod; Jacob Palmer



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