



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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November 2017

Dear Friends,

During the fall, you have heard, through the voices of your peers, what it means to be part of First Presbyterian Church and why they support this congregation with financial resources, as well as time and talent. Dona Lisk, Sarah Michael, Rebekah Ayscue, (and soon the Bryson family) have used their own words to speak of their deep commitment to First Presbyterian Church, which is born of their faithfulness to the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ. Each of them also spoke of generosity – beginning with God’s generosity to us, and then yours, and theirs.

Stewardship is a way of life. For Christian people, it begins in the saving work of Jesus Christ and calls forth a generous and faithful response from God’s people. On Consecration Sunday (November 5), I will preach on *Jumping into God’s Grace* and what they may look like. I hope between now and then, you will prayerfully consider the financial commitment you will make to the church in 2018. The programs of which we are so proud depend upon your generosity. Capable staff who guide those programs depend upon your generosity. Keeping the lights on, classrooms stocked with crayons and paper, and on-going support for SCCM, Homes of Hope, the Community Care Clinic (and many others) depends upon your generosity. I urge your generosity to reflect God’s generosity.

Grace and Peace,

Elizabeth

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*Live a Generous Life*  
*2017 Stewardship Season*

**Consecration Sunday**

**November 5**

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 the Fellowship Committee. We hope you will plan to stay and enjoy fellowship and delicious food. On the Menu: Craig Taylor’s Beef Brisket with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Desserts, Tea, Coffee, and Water

# WORSHIP

**Sunday, November 5**      **All Saints Day/Consecration Sunday/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/  
Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger**  
We'll gather remembering God's generosity to us and the remarkable people who have  
graced our lives.  
Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

**Sunday, November 12**      **Pfeiffer Day of Mission**  
We will welcome Pfeiffer students and staff with whom we'll partner in both worship and  
work on this day.  
Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

**Sunday, November 19**      **Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be dedicated.**  
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday, November 26**      Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

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## Pfeiffer Day of Mission



On November 12, students from Pfeiffer will join us for worship and an afternoon of mission  
work in the Albemarle community. Everyone who is going out to work will gather for lunch  
after worship. Church members will be grouped with college students to do service work for  
those in need in our community. This will be a great chance to meet some of the students  
attending college in our county and a great way to help those in need. Please contact Matt  
Drumheller to sign up (mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org) by November 5.

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**Ten-Cents-A-Meal...**We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on November 5. This monthly offering is used by  
the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery. 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!

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**2017 Flower Calendar...**The 2017 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.

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*All Saints' Day*

*Sunday, November 5*

On the day we remember all those who have gone before us, the Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember your saint. Please pick up a daisy provided as you enter the sanctuary on Sunday, November 5. At the designated time during the service, you may place your daisy in a basket located at the front of the sanctuary as you remember your loved one.



**Community Thanksgiving Worship  
at First Baptist Church  
(202 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)  
Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join other downtown worshippers as we celebrate God's gifts in this harvest season. Members of our choir will be part of the combined choir. Earl Bradshaw, pastor at Central United Methodist Church, will preach and an offering will be received for on-going hurricane relief. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

# A Look Ahead to Advent...

This year, Advent begins late (December 3) and ends late (December 24). We will celebrate this season in many of the same ways as we await the birth of the Christ Child and the saving power of Christ in our world.

## Save the Date...December 3

Chili lunch following worship, decorating the Chrismon tree, and hanging of the greenery.

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## Alternative Christmas Gifts

On November 19 and December 3, 10, and 17, there will be opportunities to purchase alternative gifts in the Pit Stop. You will be able to select from among both local and international recipients. Charities will be announced soon! For each purchase, you will receive one of several holiday-themed acknowledgement cards that were designed by artist Leslie Carter.



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## Advent for Kids

Please join us on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent! Kids of all ages are invited to join us after lunch for some fun Advent activities in the Pit Stop. We will create Advent crafts, decorate cookies, and make cards for the Community Christmas dinner. If you are a teen or adult and would like to be a helper for this special event, please contact Leah Beamon at [lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:lbeamon@fpcalbemarle.org).

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## Angel tree

By the end of November, the *Angel Tree* will be in the Pit Stop with the names of our *angels* from Central Elementary School. These children and their siblings will receive Christmas gifts from our congregation. Each individual, family or group of friends may select *angel* cards containing the children's wish lists from the tree and purchase gifts for those children. There will a sign-up sheet that you will need to fill out when you take a card so that we can keep track of who has them. Instruction sheets will also be available regarding wrapping. The gifts are to be returned to the Pit Stop no later than Sunday, December 10.



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## JOY Gift Program Sunday, December 10

The program will be led by the children in Youth Club.  
Look for more details in the December newsletter and bulletins.

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## From the First Presbyterian Church Community Christmas Dinner Committee...

### Community Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 25 at Central UMC

We are well on the way to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner with the following churches: Annunciation Catholic, Central UMC, Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, and First Lutheran.

Check the bulletin board for food and volunteer sign-up opportunities. We are looking forward to food, fun, fellowship and celebration on Christmas Day at the host church, Central United Methodist. Come out and bring your family...you will be blessed by the sharing of the season!

Food and Volunteer Sign-up Sheets will be on the Mission bulletin board soon! Blessings to all for helping provide a Christmas meal for so many in our community.

First Presbyterian Church Contact Person:

Martha Sue Hall

(704-985-5821 or [hallmsh@hotmail.com](mailto:hallmsh@hotmail.com))





## Sanctuary Window Décor for Advent

- ❖ The worship committee has decided to adorn the sanctuary windows differently this year, and we need your help in making it happen.
- ❖ Each window will be filled with nativity scenes owned by members and friends of our congregation. Would you be willing to share one of yours and to provide a brief written explanation of its significance for your family?
- ❖ Nativity scenes of all types and sizes are welcome – some windows will feature more than one.
- ❖ Please bring your nativity scene to the church by December 3 so we can include it. Note: We will do all we can to protect your property, but note accidents can happen.

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### SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia(s) or contribute to the holiday greenery fund as a Christmas memorial/honorarium, please make a check for \$20.00 for the poinsettia or for the amount you wish for the greenery payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for poinsettias or greenery. Please return the **check along with the form below to the church office by Monday, December 18.** A complete list will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 24.

### SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY

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

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to take my poinsettia(s) after the 5:30 p.m. service on December 24.

I will leave my poinsettia(s) for delivery to a homebound member.

STEWARDSHIP AND SUCH...SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

<b>Actual:</b>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget-to-Date</u>
Total Income Received:	374,343.00	411,685.00
Total Expenses:	<u>397,347.00</u>	<u>414,142.00</u>
(Shortage)/Surplus	(23,004.00)	( 2,757.00)

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

<b>2017</b>		
Pledges:	507,476	Weekly Amount Needed to Keep Commitments: <u>\$10,544</u>
Total Income:	548,314	Average Weekly Amount Received in September: <u>\$8,357</u>
Total Expenses:	548,314	

**We are behind \$17,077 in pledges. (\$20,488 of 2017 pledges was prepaid in 2016) Ten-Cents-A-Meal September: \$245.00**

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**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

**Our Living Legacy Fund:**

In memory of Margaret Newport, given by Margaret Ivey.

In memory of Dr. Frank Pattishall, given by Margaret Ivey.

**Scholarship Endowment:**

In honor of Gina Martin, given by Bill & Diane Stevenson.

**SYMPATHY**

To the family and friends of Mary Ella Vick who died on October 18.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Cathryn and Claude Harwood upon the birth of their great-granddaughter, Kathryn Grace Brackins, on September 15. Her parents are Holly (Harwood) and Jason Brackins of Spartanburg, SC. Big brother is Cooper Thomas Brackins.

To Emma (McManus) and Josh Long of Summerfield, NC upon the birth of their daughter, Brinson Page Long, on September 26. Proud grandparents are Barbara and Lee McManus.

**Session Notes**

At its October Session meeting, Session welcomed Julie Hill and Cathy George from the Presbytery's stewardship team and heard a presentation on the important ministry taking place throughout the presbytery. Committee reports were heard, including the report of the Nominating Committee with its full slate of officer nominees to be presented to the congregation. Details regarding the Reformation Sunday service on October 29 and Consecration Sunday on November 5 were discussed.

Lynn White, Clerk of Session

**Many Thanks to Jana!**

For six years, Jana Sanderson has served as one of our faithful childcare providers. As our primary provider in the nursery, she has often been the first person to greet our new babies. We are grateful for her kindness and faithfulness to this task over many years. Now she has decided to find her place in other areas of the life and work of the church, and we look forward to that.

# NEWS and NOTES

Circle #5 will meet on Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith Street, Albemarle).

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## December Newsletter Deadline on Tuesday, November 14.

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word,  
please email them as an attachment to:

[pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org).

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## Thank You for Helping with October's First Family Dinner

Thanks to all the people that made this dinner simple and easy: Linda Anderson, Rebekah Ayscue, Jane Boone, Keith and Kristie Bryson, Katie Carpenter, Andy and Ruth Cotton, Matt Drumheller, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, John and Debbie Hahn, Margaret Ivey, Leslie and Stephan Kinley, Ken Knight and Connie Wallace, Dona and Greg Lisk, Polly Moose, Gayle and Ned Russell, Carol Sasser, Harold and Carolyn Sharpe, Lee and Witt Snuggs, Elizabeth Wilson, Martha Wolf, Terri West and the Faith Explorers, all those who helped break down the tables and chairs and clean up the gym! I depend heavily on my First Family volunteers and am so thankful for your presence.

## Check Out a New Painting...

Thanks to Marshall Rogers for a new painting of the crucifixion painted by Jamini Roy, a remarkable 20<sup>th</sup> century artist in India. The painting depicts the crucifixion of Jesus in bold colors. The piece hangs in the outer office.

## Thanks for the Lovely Donation

Thanks to Miriam Russell for a set of lovely hand-crocheted placemats and coasters for special occasion use in the parlor. Wiscasset yarn was used to make them.

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## Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers

### Deacons (Class of 2020)

**Kate Gibson, Jill Niebler, Tom Norwood, and Salem Taylor**

### Ruling Elders (Class of 2020)

**Lee Boone (1 year term), Taylor Johnston, Gayle Russell, Sandy Saunders, and Rich Schaefer**

### Nominating Committee 2018:

**Robert Ivey, Nancy Joines, Bill Jolly, and Frankie Palmer**

**Officer Training will conclude in November and new officers will be ordained and installed in worship in January.**

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## **Women's Retreat A Look Back to The Power of Story**

September 22-24 was the time; William Black Lodge in Montreat was the place. It was a lively weekend for nearly 30 women from First Presbyterian Church and their friends and family. We enjoyed delicious meals, a visit to Montreat's fresco of the prodigal son painted by Ben Long, found our place in scripture's story and in each other's story, and were surprised to learn that both Rebekah Ayscue and Courtney Niederer could stand on one foot for an indefinite period of time. (We called it a tie after more than 3 minutes!) Perhaps you can join us next year. **The dates are: September 28-30, 2018!**



# 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:

**Dale Benson**, brother of Ann Crutchfield.

**Ted Biggers**, friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples.

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

**Rachel Darling**, friend of Dona Lisk; battling cancer.

**Mike Dearstyne**, brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns.

**Cathy Dunlap**, sister of Jill Freshley; recovering from a heart attack.

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

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

**Gay Ellington**, former co-worker of Martha White; lung cancer.

**Glenn Fowler**, possible nerve damage and failed rotator cuff surgery.

**Calvin Hall**, kidney cancer.

**Elizabeth Howard**, cousin of Mary Kesselman; health concerns.

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

**Mike Lehr**, brother-in-law of Connie Wallace; radiation & chemotherapy for lung cancer.

**Molly Amelia Lowder**, continuing health concerns.

**Bryanna Medlin**, nine year old diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.

**Meghan Niemann**, friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer.

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

**Braden Poplin**, son of Carla & Dustin Poplin; Autism Therapy.

**Nic Presson**, brother of Dona Lisk; alcohol rehab.

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

**David Sanges**, brother of Nathan Sanges.

**Garin Stepp**, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

## Members of the Congregation:

**Blue Honeycutt.**

**Myra Land.**

**Polly Moose**; at Trinity Place for rehab.

**Frankie Palmer.**

**Linda Richards.**

**Marlene Sanges.**

**Pete Smith.**



# November Birthdays

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| 01- Brody Campbell<br>Donna Gaither                         | 15- Blue Honeycutt                                   |
| 03- Bailey Holshouser<br>Barbara Overcash                   | 16- Reese Dombrowski                                 |
| 04- Connie Wallace  | 17- Taylor Johnston                                  |
| 06- Shannon Newport   | 18- Lee McManus                                      |
| 08- Leni Henkenjohann<br>Nancy Joines<br>Mary Louise Sawyer | 19- Gus Feather                                      |
| 09- Ann Duckwall<br>Ross Holshouser<br>Sarah Newport        | 21- Tom Rabe<br>Debbie Wainwright                    |
| 11- Rose Saltzman<br>Bill Stevenson                         | 23- Meredith Moses<br>Gayle Russell<br>Thomas Taylor |
| 12- Jay Andrew<br>Blake Taylor                              | 24- John Earnhardt                                   |
| 13- Lori Ivey   | 27- Charles McLaurin                                 |
| 14- Carol Sasser  | 28- Shirley Welch                                    |
|   | 29- Janice Abernathy<br>Matt Drumheller              |
|   | 30- Bill Hall<br>Diane Stevenson                     |

# November Anniversaries

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| 03- Matt & Katie Carpenter                              | 22- Ned & Gayle Russell      |
| 17- Steve & Michelle Cumming<br>Richard & Joyce Lambert | 26- Mark & Kim Andrew        |
|   | 29- Skeet & Elizabeth Ayscue |







**Chancel Choir Retreat  
Saturday, November 4  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Henry Pfeiffer Chapel  
Pfeiffer University**



**Faith Explorers' Fundraiser  
Coming Soon**

Our Faith Explorers (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders) will be raising money this December for SCCM's Helping Hands cooperative Christmas Assistance program. They will be making some beautiful handmade Christmas cards that will be sold December 3, 6, 10, & 17. More information coming soon!



**Can You Help?  
Community Advent Luncheon  
Wednesday, December 13 at Noon**

First Presbyterian Church is responsible for providing lunch after the Community Advent worship service on Wednesday, December 13. Gayle Russell is the coordinator of the luncheon. Please let her know if you can donate a dessert, soup, or finger sandwiches. She will also need help with prep, transporting, serving, and clean up on the day of the lunch. A sign-up sheet is on clip board in Pit Stop or call Gayle at [704-438-2779](tel:704-438-2779). Thank You!

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**VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 5.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 12. Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



**VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

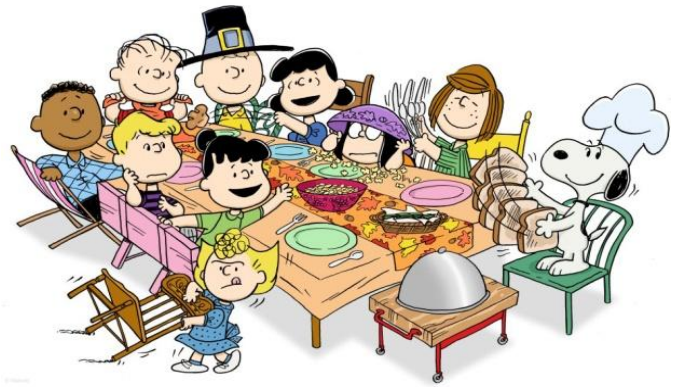
Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



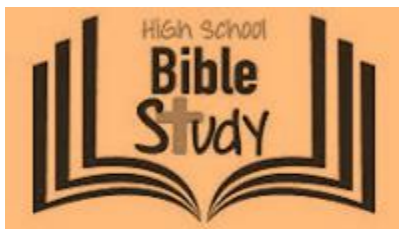
November promises to be a busy month of exciting stuff going on at First Presbyterian Church. We'll do all kinds of fun things, and I hope you'll plan to be a part of it!

Sunday, November 5	3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Christmas Kitchen Prep (at the Moeller's house)
Sunday, November 12	4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Christmas Kitchen Prep
Sunday, November 19	5:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Potluck
Sunday, November 26		No Youth Group

## Thanksgiving Potluck Sunday, November 19



We'll be joining together with youth from some of the other downtown churches for a potluck dinner and fellowship. We'll meet in the First Presbyterian Church gym at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share with the group. After dinner, we'll walk up to First Baptist Church as a group for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. Come bring your favorite food and enjoy some time together!



## Monday Night Senior High Bible Study Mondays from 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. with Elizabeth Ayscue & Jack Morton (1611 Bellamy Circle, Albemarle)

We will use our time together to entertain questions of faith and to discern the places where God is at work in our lives and the life of the world. Please contact Elizabeth ([eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org)) with any questions.



**NOVEMBER**  
11-12 Blake Taylor  
11-16 Reese Dombrowski



Time for the Homes of Hope fall... HEARTY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Donations Accepted!

Stanly County's homeless housing program serving more than 800 since 2005.

Enjoy a Hearty Breakfast of:

Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Bacon, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice, Fruit, Coffee, Gravy, Grits, & Sausage

6:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 10 Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. Second Street, Albemarle)

Homes of Hope is a United Way agency.



Community Table Saturday, December 9

First Presbyterian Church will host the Saturday lunch at the Community Table on Saturday, December 9. Volunteers are needed to prepare food ahead of time and to help serve and clean-up on December 9. For more information as to how you can help or to volunteer your services, contact Linda Anderson (704-982-3723) or refer to the Mission Bulletin Board in the pit stop area.

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STANLY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY FOOD CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER: CANNED FRUIT

(Lite Syrup or No Sugar Added)



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Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish, Large Cans of Soup, and Canned Tuna

A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m.





# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE PARLOR  
FEEL FREE TO BRING A BAG LUNCH

For more information, contact Miriam Russell (704-982-3025).

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## Family Seasoning Class Recap

This class has a great mix of generations, a good amount of laughter to spice it up, and a heaping spoonful of great ideas to help create a recipe for family time success. We have enjoyed cooking together and supporting each other in our quest for quality family time around the dinner table. We look forward to sharing some of our favorite ideas with you at our First Family meal on November 1!



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**FIRST FAMILY GATHERING**  
**EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 P.M. (CHAPEL)**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 6:00PM (GYM)**

We will gather as a church family for dinner on November 1 at 6:00pm.

Everyone is welcome for fellowship and a delicious meal together. Jane needs your help cooking, baking, prepping, serving and cleaning up.

### **MAKE YOUR OWN RICE BOWL**

- Thai Rice Bowl – Brown Rice, Shredded Chicken, Bean Sprouts, Carrots, Edamame, Peanut Sauce or Garlic Yogurt Sauce, Crushed Peanuts
- Southern Barbecue Bowl – White Rice, Shredded Pork, Corn, Pintos, Pickles, Slaw, Tangy White Sauce
- Desserts: Sweet Potato Cake, Lemon Cookies and Chocolate Cake

Contact the church office to make reservations: 704-982-2722 or [klambert@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).

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### Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

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| Dessert Crew:       | Tuesday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m.   |
| Main Course Crew:   | Wednesday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m. |
| Set up crew:        | Wednesday, November 1 at 3:45 p.m.  |
| Final Touches crew: | Wednesday, November 1 at 5:00 p.m.  |
| Clean-up crew:      | Wednesday, November 1 at 6:45 p.m.  |



Before and after the First Family Gathering is a great time for fellowship. We have so much fun in the kitchen. I would love to have you join us! Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722, on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at [jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org).

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### **Come & Join Us for the Young Adult Lunch**

We will be continuing our Young Adult Lunches during the fall. We will try to visit a variety of restaurants throughout the Fall. If you have any requests, let Matt know ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) Here is the schedule for the next couple of gatherings:

**Thursday, November 2 at El Ranchito and Thursday, December 7 at TBD**





**SERRV**  
**Fair Trade Bazaar**  
**Sunday, November 12**

**This is the place to find...**

- ❖ Gifts with meaning – Margret, a cocoa farmer in Ghana says, *Before, I couldn't read and write. Now I can.* She participates in a literacy program funded by the purchase of Divine Chocolates. Savita, of Mumbai says, *I was determined to give my children the education I didn't have.* Her work with MarketPlace cooperative makes that possible.
- ❖ Environmentally sensitive gifts – some organic or shade grown products which are shipped in recyclables.
- ❖ Fair trade gifts – artisan's and farmer's cooperatives have input in setting a fair price for their products.
- ❖ Gifts for under \$10.00 – coffee, tea, chocolates, baking cocoa, nuts, soup mix, jams, mango chutney, spice mixes, olive oil, and other food items.

**Question:**

Why do we at First Presbyterian Church support this mission?

**Answer:**

Small cooperatives who receive even a small, but steady income through fair trade have more food to eat, develop their communities, and send their children to school. It makes a huge difference in their lives – whether their cooperative is located in the United States or in a developing nation.

Women in areas where SERRV works often suffer astonishing degrees of discrimination and lack of opportunity, so by supporting this mission, we emphasize the empowerment of women artisans and support for their development in leadership skills, self-sufficiency, and independence.

**Will you help support this mission?**

**We'll be in the pit stop from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.  
on Sunday, November 12.**

**Bring your Christmas shopping list!**

# 2017 Thanksgiving Offering

## Sunday, November 19

### for Children's Hope Alliance

(formerly called Barium Springs Home for Children)

The mission of Children's Hope Alliance is to provide a safe, healing journey for hurting children and families – creating hope now and in the future. All of the services provided by Children's Hope Alliance create hope for hurting children and families in three ways...

- ❖ *Healing the hurt*
- ❖ *Providing a safe home and*
- ❖ *Encouraging a healthy start*

Your generous donation will make an impact on each child.

Bring your offering on Sunday, November 19.

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

**John 15:12 (NSRV)**



**children's hope**  
— ALLIANCE —

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## November Book Study

### Monday, November 27

#### 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

#### *Reading with Patrick* by Michelle Kuo

In this memoir, Kuo, the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants, shares the story of her complicated, but rewarding mentorship of Patrick Browning. It is an inspirational story of friendship, a coming-of-age story of both a young teacher and a student, a deep meditation on education, race, and justice in the rural South, and a commentary on the power of literature to transcend social barriers. Come for conversation around all the book's issues and contemplation of where we fit into this complicated picture.

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## Tea & Conversation

### Tuesday, November 28

#### 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### Church Parlor

#### Theme: Hobby Stories

All women of the church are invited to come for an afternoon of conversation and Jane's lovely tea refreshments. Bring something that represents a hobby you have (or once had) and be prepared to tell a story about it. Call the office (704-982-2722) to let us know you want to be part of the fun!





## Youth Club 2017-18

Last month our Youth Club blessed us during worship with their musical gifts of singing and ringing handbells. This month they will be hard at work practicing for the Joy Gift program they will share with you on December 10.

**Trusty Travelers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders)** are continuing to learn more about *The Stories* of the Bible and the lessons they teach us about living our very own lives. Mrs. Sarah Michael and Mrs. Cathy King lead the Bible study portion of Youth Club, and they have been creating all kinds of fun learning scenarios for the children-last month they even took a ride on Noah's Ark! The children read about Abraham's generosity to his three visitors and even learned how to make "Muddy Buddies" as a snack to share with visitors in their own home.

**Faith Explorers- (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)** are still looking at Signs of God at work in both scripture and their own lives. Last month, Ruth Cotton shared her talents with our Faith Explorers as she taught them how to make Chrismons. After getting rained out of our Corn Maze trip last month, we are very much looking forward to our next outing, which will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Many of our Faith Explorers are participating in the Talent Company's "Honk Jr.", and we will be taking the rest of the group to go see them. The kids are working hard on a holiday-themed fundraiser to raise money for SCCM. Look for details of this project in the December newsletter and bulletins, as they would love your support.

Submitted by: Leah Beamon, Christian Education Program Coordinator

**Youth Cubs...**Cubs will visit the story of Joseph this month. This story presents amazing insight into how God sovereignly works to overcome evil and bring about his plans. We even have a new Joseph coat of many colors, just the size for preschoolers! The children will enjoy taking turns wearing it as they listen to the story and participate in related art activities. We will learn about the first Thanksgiving and the faith the pilgrims had in God. At this time of year, we are reminded to give thanks each and everyday for what God provides in our lives.



Submitted by: Lynn Poplin, Youth Cubs Coordinator



### Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders (Childcare available for younger & older siblings.)  
Breakfast...muffins, fruit, yogurt, milk, juice, etc.  
Sunday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m.  
Media Room  
To pray together & build strong community of faith

Please let Jill Niebler (jlniebler@gmail.com) know if you are able to join us.

## Faith Explorers' Outing

Sunday, November 19

Our Faith Explorers have an exciting outing planned this November. We will meet in the upstairs Faith Explorers' room at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19 to work on the Christmas card fundraiser before heading to Albemarle High School to watch the play *Honk Jr.* presented by The Talent Company. What makes this especially exciting is that many of our Faith Explorers are acting in this play-so we will get to share in our friends' talents!





# Christmas Kitchen

Our Youth Group is hosting its Christmas Kitchen on December 17. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, we are making and collecting dishes (not just sweets) that will be sold in preparation for the Christmas season. These are dishes that can be reheated to take the burden off during the busy holiday season. Keep in mind, cookies and other sweets are still very welcome, but we are going to collect your favorite dishes to be sold as well. The sale will take place right before Christmas to fill any of your last-minute cooking needs!

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## Save the Dates

Please note that our annual Grandparent/Grandchild retreat is set for January 28, 2018. This is a multi-generational event designed to not only be a lot of fun for both young and old, but also to deepen the bonds we share between our grandparents and grandchildren. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

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### Mantreat at Montreat

In April of this year, several of our men spent a weekend in Montreat worshipping, hiking, eating, and fellowshiping together. It was a great time to spend together in a beautiful place, and a wonderful chance to get to know one another. Matt would like to take a group back in the spring, and he would like to hear from you! Please contact Matt ([mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org](mailto:mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org)) to let him know that you are interested in a Mantreat this spring!





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- Visit our website [hospiceofstanly.org](http://hospiceofstanly.org)
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## Holiday Market

presented by

The Mary & Martha Center for Women

Saturday, November 18, 2017

9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

243 North Second Street  
Albemarle, NC

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| pottery         | knitted dishcloths       |
| soaps           | painted wine glasses     |
| paintings       | Earl's blackberry syrups |
| jewelry         | wreaths                  |
| woodcarvings    | baked goods              |
| gourd ornaments | clay ornaments           |
| stained glass   | raffle                   |

and more work by regional artists!

[www.themaryandmartha.com](http://www.themaryandmartha.com)

Facebook: The Mary and Martha Center  
for Women and Community Care





**Wednesday, November 1**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play
- 10:00 am First Family Main Course Crew
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 3:45 pm First Family Set-up Crew
- 5:00 pm First Family Final Touches Crew
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff Ensemble (Grades K-2)
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Handbells (Grades 3-5)
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer
- 6:00 pm First Family Dinner
- 6:45 pm First Family Clean-up Crew
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 2**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at El Ranchito

**Saturday, November 4**

- 9:00 am-2:00 pm FPC Choir Retreat at Pfeiffer University

**Sunday, November 5**

*Consecration Sunday/All Saints Day/Ten-Cents-A-Meal/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form/Daylight Saving Time Ends*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 10:00 am \*Child Protection Policy Training (Media Room)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Congregational Luncheon
- 3:00 pm-7:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Kitchen Prep at the Moeller's home

**Monday, November 6**

- 7:00 pm Circle meets at the home of Gloria Bryson (811 Smith St., Albemarle)
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, November 7**

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 8**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am-11:00 am \*Pray & Play
- 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)
- 5:45 pm Evening Prayer
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 9**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Friday, November 10**

6:30 am-9:30 am Homes of Hope Fall Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser at Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)

**Saturday, November 11**

*Veteran's Day*

**\*childcare provided**

**Sunday, November 12**

*Pfeiffer Day of Mission*

*SERRV Bazaar in the Pit Stop Before & Following Worship*

- 8:45 am \*Diaconate
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders-Media Room)
- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)
- 4:00 pm-7:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Kitchen Prep
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm \*Session

**Monday, November 13**

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, November 14**

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 12:00 pm December Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, November 15**

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

**Thursday, November 16**

*Deadline for filled Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes*

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

**\*childcare provided**

Thanks  
be to God  
for his  
incredible  
gift!  
2 Corinthians 9:15



**Sunday, November 19**

*Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance*

- 9:45 am \*Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 1:00 pm Faith Explorers Christmas Card Making & *Honk Jr.* Play at AHS presented by The Talent Company
- 5:30 pm Youth Group Thanksgiving Potluck
- 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church (202 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Albemarle)

**Monday, November 20**

- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, November 21**

- 10:00 am-11:30 am Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 22**

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 am Backpack Food Program

**Thursday, November 23**

*Thanksgiving  
Church Office Closed*

**Friday, November 24**

*Church Office Closed*

\*childcare provided



PSALM 136:1, KJV

**Sunday, November 26**

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

**Monday, November 27**

- 7:00 pm November Book Study
- 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Bible Study with Matt at Off the Square
- 8:30 pm Senior High Bible Study at Elizabeth's

**Tuesday, November 28**

- 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Tea & Conversation (Parlor)

**Wednesday, November 29**

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

**Thursday, November 30**

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

\*childcare provided



Psalm 95:2, NIV

**THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER**

**Ushers:** Brett Richards, captain; Judy Kilgore, Jim Marshall, Mike McLeod, Grace Richards, Lee Snuggs

**Elder Greeters for November:** Steve Cumming; Ellen Snyder

**Nursery Room:**

**November 5:** McKenzie Hinson

**November 12:** Kaitlyn Massey

**November 19:** McKenzie Hinson

**November 26:** McKenzie Hinson

**Nana & Papa Team:**

**November 5:** Barbara & Chris Whitley

**November 12:** Susan & Banks Garrison

**November 19:** Sarah & Ronnie Michael

**November 26:** Cathy King; Teresa Taylor

**Acolytes:**

**November 5:** Grant Lisk

**November 12:** Addison Marks

**November 19:** Lily Snyder

**November 26:** Jackson Shedd

**Outside Ushers:**

**November 5:** Lee McManus; Greg Lisk

**November 12:** Kyle Marks; Mark Mabry

**November 19:** John Earnhardt; Lee Snuggs

**November 26:** Brad Boone; Tom Norwood

**Toddler Room:**

**November 5:** Sara Kate Thomas

**November 12:** McKenzie Hinson

**November 19:** Sara Kate Thomas

**November 26:** Sara Kate Thomas

**Preschool Partners:**

**November 5:** Jack & Penny Morton

**November 12:** Jill Niebler; Isabel McLeod

**November 19:** Laura Beth & Kyle Marks

**November 26:** Jane & Brad Boone

**Children's Church for November:**

**November 5:** No Children's Church

**November 12:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Grace Richards

**November 19:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Grace Richards

**November 26:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly; Grace Richards

**Childcare for  
New Officer's Training  
on November 8  
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**  
Kaitlyn Massey

**Childcare for  
Diaconate Meeting  
Sunday, November 12  
at 8:30 a.m.**  
McKenzie Hinson

**Childcare for  
Session Meeting  
Sunday, November 12  
at 6:45 p.m.**  
Kaitlyn Massey

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