

The Weekly Bulletin FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Albemarle, North Carolina

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Based on a prayer from the 1929 Scottish prayer book.

MORNING MEDITATION

Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this congregation. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING SONG

Hymn 175

Seek Ye First

all stanzas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble. (repeated on cue from the leader)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living Christ, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us wherever we are. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace. Amen.

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

God of past, present, and future, we confess that we live casual lives. Too often, we commit ourselves to things of little consequence and ignore what matters most to you. We are a people of many words, and yet ignorant in the ways of your Word. We are busy with many things, yet slow to respond to others with the love of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, increase in us a faith sufficient for our time, give us hope whose roots grow deep, and enlarge our hearts so we may love others as you love us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

Amen.

Glory to God hymnal page 582

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

Romans 10:8b Psalm 91:9

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

From the Belonging to God
Catechisms.
These catechisms were adopted by the General Assembly of the PCUSA in 1998.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Melissa Eudy

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word, may your Spirit rest upon us. Make us steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

<u>Isaiah 43:1-7</u>

Pew Bible, page 631

<u>Psalm 23</u>

Pew Bible, page 474

ANTHEM

Ain't Goin' to Study War No More

Harry T. Burleigh

Andy Cotton, Baritone

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Pew Bible, page 148

SERMON Does God Give Us More Than We Can Handle?

Reverend Ayscue

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil and all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven, and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth. Amen.

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

During the hymn, ushers will collect your prayers to be included in the Prayers of the People.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reverend Drumheller

AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Bourrée

Georg Philipp Telemann

Doxology

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

*BENEDICTION

*All that are able may stand.

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

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

Thanks to Andy Cotton, soloist, for sharing his musical talent with us today.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Maude and Jim Boysworth.

Thanks to the processional participants this morning and to Billie Jean, Lee, and Witt Snuggs for creating the boulders.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper next Sunday. Use the week ahead to prepare your hearts and minds to share this meal.

There is no Children's Church in the summer. School-aged children are encouraged to remain in worship. Nursery is available for newborns-preschoolers.

Ushers: Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jeff Robertson, Kim Robertson Outside Ushers: John Howell; Stephan Kinley Elder Greeters: Ben Jolly; Debbie Wainwright Nursery: Kate White Kids Care Crew: Chris Mabry; Greg Lisk

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Cam Rogers, Don Joines, Mark Mabry, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

Consider this call – We are seeking folks to serve in several areas of our Christian Education program. Would you be willing to share your faith and life experience with children or teens for a couple hours each month? Please pray about this opportunity and let Elizabeth know how you might help (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



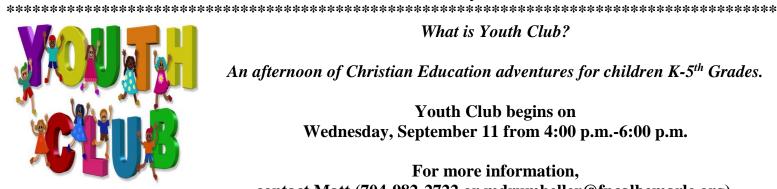
Due to the painting of the GHA Autism Supports office, their parking lot is closed until further notice. The GHA staff requests that First Presbyterian Church friends and members not park in the lot until the painting is complete...this includes Sundays. We will notify you when GHA opens the parking lot. Thank you.

What is Youth Club?

An afternoon of Christian Education adventures for children K-5th Grades.

Youth Club begins on Wednesday, September 11 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Matt (704-982-2722 or mdrumheller@fpcalbemarle.org).



Central Elementary School Supplies List

WILL YOU HELP?

Please take the list below and shop for school supplies for our partner school, Central Elementary. A designated bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Monetary donations for uniform shirts would be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo put: CES uniform donation Your donations are needed in the pit stop by Sunday, August 18.

<u>If you shop at OfficeMax/OfficeDepot, Central Elementary School will receive 5% back. At checkout, present ID number 70060235.</u>

Student Supplies

Crayons – 8, 16, or 24 count Crayola brand only

Glue Sticks

#2 Pencils

#2 Beginner Jumbo Pencils (for Kindergarten students)

Composition Hard Cover Wide-Ruled books (not spiral bound)

Scissors (child & youth sizes)

Pink Pearl Eraser

Card Stock Paper

Dry Erase Markers (small size)

Notebook Paper (wide-ruled & regular-ruled)

Small Zipper Pencil Pouch or Pencil Box

Dividers with pockets

Spiral Notebooks with pockets

Plain Solid 2-pocket folders

Pocket folders with prongs

2" 3-ring binders

Pencil top erasers

1 pk. Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Colored Paper

3x5 index cards

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Ear Buds

Ear Phones

Small Pencil Sharpener

Sticky Notes

Classroom Supplies Needed Include:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Kleenex, Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Paper Towels, Band-aids, and Ziplock Sandwich Bags (Quart and Gallon)



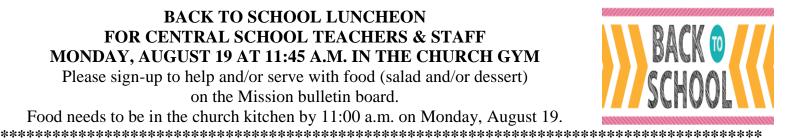
Welcome Back Brunch for Matt Sunday, August 18 in the Gym

Bring your favorite breakfast or brunch food, and we'll enjoy a casual meal together following worship.

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF MONDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 11:45 A.M. IN THE CHURCH GYM

Please sign-up to help and/or serve with food (salad and/or dessert) on the Mission bulletin board.

Food needs to be in the church kitchen by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19.





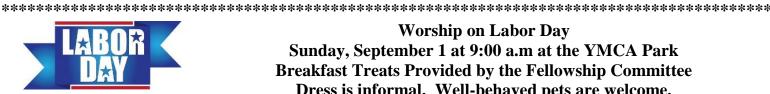
Worship Workshop for Rising 3rd-5th Graders and Their Parents Sunday, August 25 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Childcare provided for younger siblings.)

This workshop will prepare children and parents to experience a deeper relationship with God through regular worship. To sign-up, contact the church office (704-982-2722 or pknighten@fpcalbemarle.org).

Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?

First Presbyterian Church college students will soon begin the 2019-2020 school year. We need people to serve as a Silent Partner to these college students. The Silent Partner remains anonymous to the student but maintains contact by sending cards, and/or small packages of helpful college items such as favorite snacks, small school supplies, or gift cards for fast food or coffee, etc. The feedback each year from the college students is very positive. Won't you support one of our students in this way? Contact the church office at 704-982-2722 to sign-up to be a Silent Partner.





Worship on Labor Day

Sunday, September 1 at 9:00 a.m at the YMCA Park **Breakfast Treats Provided by the Fellowship Committee** Dress is informal. Well-behaved pets are welcome.

FIRST FAMILY GATHERING **EVENING PRAYER AT 5:45 in the Chapel** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 6:00

We are gearing up for our FIRST FAMILY GATHERING on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars for the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF **EVERY MONTH.** We will provide great meals with healthy meal choices every month. Let's have a fiesta to celebrate the start of a new season!

September Menu: Taco Bar, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Tortilla Chips and Cheese Dip, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Station, Assorted Desserts, Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade. Healthy Meal Alternative: Taco Salad.

Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, September 3 (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



Back-to-School Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 25 during worship



OPIOID LUNCH & LEARN

Topic: Breaking Free...

Hope & Restoration Found Through Recovery Speaker: Treena Norwood from Bridge to Recovery Tuesday, August 20 from Noon-1:00 p.m. in the Pit Stop Lunch provided by Bridge to Recovery.



STEPPING BOLDLY FORWARD

RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE GYM

The Christian Education Committee is planning a faith-filled morning to kick-off the new year in Christian Education. Food, Games, Art, and Much More! Come for a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings!

RALLY DAY EVENT...OLD-FASHIONED PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE HOME OF JOHN AND ROBIN HOWELL

(20959 Old Aquadale Rd., Albemarle)

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided.

Please bring your favorite side or dessert, a picnic blanket, chairs, towels, etc...

Fun, old-fashioned games led by our youth group! Prepare to get wet!

5:00 p.m. Games

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

6:00 p.m. Dinner

This will be a family-friendly evening for the entire congregation. Don't miss a minute of it! Please RSVP to Kyle Lambert in the church office (704-982-2722 or klambert@fpcalbemarle.org).



Given by:_

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names

of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 8**. Any money collected over the cost of the flowers will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

In memory of:	 	 	
Given by:	 		
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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 18

8:30 am Session 10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Covered-dish Welcome Back Brunch

for Matt (Gym)

11:00 am Worship Committee

Monday, August 19

11:45 am Central School Staff Luncheon (Gym)

6:00 pm Endowment Committee

8:00 pm Bible Study at Off the Square

Tuesday, August 20

12:00 pm Opioid Lunch & Learn (pit stop) 12:00 pm September Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, August 21

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, August 25

Blessing of the Backpacks/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 am Personnel Committee

10:00 am *Worship

11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn (pit stop)

2:00 pm Worship Workshop (3rd-5th graders & parents)

6:00 pm-8:00 pm Youth Group Board Game Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AUGUST

18-Sarah Michael

Brett Richards

19-Mark Andrew Don Joines

20-Jack Boling

Doris Forte

Frankie Palmer

21-Lainie Lentz

22-Hannah Domenech

Colette Johnston

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! AUGUST

18-Lee & Billie Jean Snuggs

20-Chris & Anissa Chapman

23-Ben & Liz Jolly

Bill & Jane Pickler

SCCM CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST

Canned or Dried Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Rice

*childcare provided

Gardening for SCCM



Volunteers Needed for next First Family Gathering

Dessert Crew: Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Set up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Taco and Salad crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Final Touches Crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 5:15 p.m.

Clean-up crew: Wednesday, September 4 at 6:45 p.m.

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