



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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May 2025

From the Pastor

As a church we have had a fantastic Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Our church ratcheted into high gear with an abundance of great activities and offerings. But it takes a lot of great volunteers to make all that happen. So I just want to take some time to say thank you.

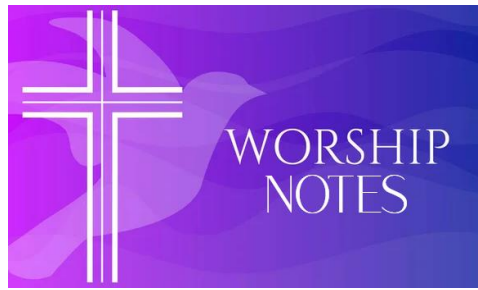
Thank you to Gina Martin and Barbara Lindley for setting up a great elementary school program. Thank you to our adult confirmation partners: Jim Hesley, Chris Chapman, Peggy Finley, Ann Crutchfield, Katie Lynn, and Debbie Bennett. Thank you to Lori Ivey for leading cooking classes. Thank you to Ann and Wiley Crutchfield for planning meals out. Thank you to our choir and organist and various soloists and instrumentalists who worked extra hard this month. Thank you to all those who helped our church host Lenten lunch services. Thank you to Gina for leading Monday hikes. Thank you to the worship committee for prepping the sanctuary for the different Holy Week services. Thank you to Mary Louise Sawyer for cooking the bread for communion. Thank you to everyone who got a share and care prayer partner and prayed for someone else in our congregation.

And certainly I want to thank all those who do the normal, year round work of the church to keep things running smoothly. Thank you to our staff and our elders and deacons. Thank you to our various committee chairs and members. Thank you to Kristie Bryson, Lee Snuggs, Jim Hesley and others who help run our Sunday night youth programs. Thank you to the leaders and volunteers in our Sunday School classes, our lunch and learn class, our midweek meals, our prime timers lunches, and our lunches out. Thank you to those who help with our community meals and who donate food to SCCM. Thank you to those who cook for Men's Prayer Breakfast. Thank you to those who are always there to help those going through tough times with prayers and meals and notes.

I am sure that I am forgetting people, and apologize. There are too many to list. I could keep going for pages. And I know so much of what so many of you do are things beyond what I can see and notice. If there's someone you noticed that I should have thanked, go ahead and send them a text or an email thanking them for what they're doing for the church that was meaningful to you.

I often say that a church is so much more than just its pastor. You all are what make our church so great. And we could not do so much of what we do without all of your help. Paul wrote this to the church in Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3). So I wanted to take time today to remember what you all are doing and to thank you.

Pastor Joel



Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter/Ten-Cents-A- Meal
Sunday, May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 CENTS A MEAL

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on May 4. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery.



FLOWERS

First Presbyterian provides flowers for worship on some Sundays but is dependent on members for flowers on other Sundays. Members who donate flowers may do so in honor of or memory of others. We obtain flowers from Blooms Royale florist on Main Street, but the choice of florist is up to you. You may also supply flowers from your garden. Please contact flower coordinator Mary Louise Sawyer 704-986-6320 or jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com if you wish to donate flowers for worship.



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26
in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer Newsletter Deadline

This newsletter covers news for June, July, and August

Tuesday, May 19 .

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email

them as an attachment to:

bpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

NEWS *and* NOTES

Thanks to THE BEST MIDWEEK Meals Volunteers!



Linda Anderson, Keith Bryson, Ruth Cotton, Ann Duckwall, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Jim Hesley, Jennifer Hesley, Margaret Ivey, Stephan, Leslie and Merrin Kinley, Myron and Nancy Lowder, Chris Mabry, Ronnie and Sarah Michael, Gayle and Ned Russell, and Lee Snuggs. We are having meals EVERY WEDNESDAY and this would

not be possible without all these incredible volunteers!

Thanks to: Linda Anderson and Ann Duckwall for helping at the church and in the church office.

Margaret Ivey for helping to keep the choir music put away.

Evan Sanges & Vaughn Folks for streaming on Sundays, Bailey Mitchell for nursery care/Children's Church each Sunday.

The **Mission Committee** would like to thank the following people who helped to make the meal at the Community Table on Saturday, March 29th a great success: Janice Abernathy, Linda Anderson, Becky Andrew, Claudine Burleson, Ruth Cotton, Anissa Chapman, Ann and Wiley Crutchfield, Ann Duckwall, Angie Earnhardt, Joan Eudy, Peggy Finley, Susan Garrison, Edna Harkey, Cathy King, Kyle Lambert, Kelly Lentz, Gina Martin, Sarah Michael, Frankie Palmer, Jim Sawyer, Janet Schaefer, Jane Snyder, Mary and David Troutman, and Debbie Wainwright.

We also had volunteers from Christ Episcopal Church join us to see how we function so they can begin serving lunch on Saturdays. Those who joined us were Father Chipper Long, Deacon Tom Lowe, and Janet and Elwood Preslar. We served 54 plates to very appreciative guests. You all are a blessing!



Memorials and Honorariums

Property/Building Fund:

In memory of Bill Baker, given by Lin & Cathy Senter.

In memory of Sarah Baker, given by Lin & Cathy Senter.

In memory of Doris Forte, given by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cashion.

In memory of Vicky Huneycutt, given by Tom & Holly Norwood.

Flower Fund:

In memory of Jean Rabe, given by Art & Sandy Rogers.

In memory of Claude Harwood, given by Art & Sandy Rogers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Nicole and Brandon Wallace upon the birth of their daughter, Campbell James, on April 25. Proud grandparents are Beth and Frank Poolos. (YiaYia and Pappou)

NOTE OF THANKS

From Cathy George:

Thank you so much for the flower, cards, texts and care on the recent death of my dad. I will always be grateful for how you kept company with me for the last days of both of my parents. Trust me, it mattered and I'm grateful.

Blessings for your ministry, Cathy George

Homes of Hope names Volunteer of the Year



Homes of Hope recently recognized James “Jim” Sawyer of Albemarle as its 2025 Volunteer of the Year.

Homes of Hope recently recognized James “Jim” Sawyer of Albemarle as its 2025 Volunteer of the Year. “Jim’s dedication to Homes of Hope Inc. began long before the organization officially took shape,” office manager Amanda Temmermand said. “Alongside his wife, Mary Louise, Jim was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Albemarle when the first discussions around creating transitional housing for those in need were just beginning. From those earliest conversations, Jim has been a steady presence, guiding force and faithful supporter of our mission.” With a background in campaigning and fundraising through decades of service with the Boy Scouts, Sawyer brought a wealth of experience to the table, Temmermand said. “In retirement, instead of stepping back, he stepped up — offering his time and talents to several organizations across Stanly County, with Homes of Hope Inc. being one of the greatest beneficiaries,” Temmermand said. “Over the years, Jim has served in many vital roles. He has been a board member, chairman of the annual campaign, sponsor for numerous fundraising efforts and a loyal campaign pledger every single year. But beyond the titles and contributions, Jim and Mary Louise have become cherished members of our HOH family. Their kindness, wisdom and generosity have left a lasting impact not just on the organization, but on the lives of the individuals and families we serve.” Temmermand said the recognition is more than a “thank you.” “It’s a celebration of a lifetime of service, a testament to the power of community, and a heartfelt acknowledgment of the difference one person can make when they lead with compassion and commitment,” Temmermand said. “We are immensely grateful for Jim Sawyer. His unwavering support has helped build the foundation of our success, and his legacy will continue to inspire all who follow in his footsteps.” Anyone wishing to volunteer may email homesofhope.stanly@gmail.com.

In an effort to keep the prayer list updated, we would appreciate your help. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or bpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org) of changes. Thank you.

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. We will be deleting all names on this list after this month to make updates. If you would like to put someone on the list, you will need to first have permission from the person you are adding, contact the church office and let us know who you would like added. Following next month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so.

Current critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

Friends of the Congregation:

David & Marsha Bell, friends of Debbie & John Hahn; David has cancer.
Calvin Hall, friend of Ruth Goodwin; kidney cancer – physical therapy for stroke.
Mikayla Hege, friend of Elizabeth Bryson.
Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.
Taylor Blalock Mauldin, nurse at Atrium-Stanly; cancer.
Joyce McLeod, mother of Mike McLeod.
Wendy McInturff, mother of Michelle Cumming.
Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.
Bryanna Medlin, Hodgkins Lymphoma.
Tim Rodgers, cancer.
Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
Patsy McLaurin, mother of Lee McLaurin.
Thomas Wilson, nephew of Elizabeth Wilson.
Dr. Mike Dearstyne, brother of Holly Norwood.
Elizabeth Cox, niece of Elizabeth Wilson.
Kim Roberts, cancer.
Atticus Hampton, grandson of Chris & Barbara Whitley.
Madelyn Jones
Annie Poolos, sister-in-law of Frank & Beth Poolos.
Kelly Jordan, daughter of Nancy Sullivan, friend of congregation.
Chuck Burch, friend of Ruth Goodwin.

Members of the Congregation:

Anita Gower
Polly Moose
Rita Morgan
Shannon Newport
Marlene Sanges
Mary Green
Gus Holbrook
Barbara Whitley
Leslie Kinley
Ann Byrd
Nathan Sanges
Anne Montgomery
John Montgomery
Tommy Murrell
Frankie Palmer

Sympathy

Angie Earnhardt and family upon the loss of her sister Vicky Huneycutt on April 19, 2025.
Pam Knighten upon the loss of her father Bill on April 24, 2025.
John Howell upon the loss of his mother Bobbye Jo on April 12, 2025

New Address

Nancy W. Feather
1106 Applewood Drive
Freehold, New Jersey 07728



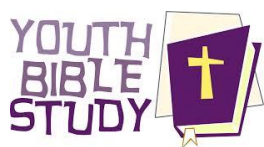
BIRTHDAYS

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| 04- Brad Boone | 20- Jim Ivey, III |
| 08- Lee Snuggs | Bill Lindley |
| 11- Elizabeth Boyle | 21- Kristen Laton |
| Debbie Johnston | Quinton Wainwright |
| 12- Skeet Ayscue | 22- Richard Lambert |
| 15- Stephan Kinley | 26- Chris McLaurin |
| 16- Roger Martin | Shelly Shedd |
| 17- Liz Jolly | 27- Gerald Poplin |
| Art Rogers | 28- Rebekah Ayscue |
| 18- Jackson Shedd | 30- Jackson Lisk |
| Ken Knight | 31- David Holbrook |
| | John Palmer |
| 19- Jim Sawyer | |
| Natalie Taylor | |



ANNIVERSARIES

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| 02- Bob & Donna Gaither | 22- Mike & Cathy King |
| 03- Kyle & Taylor Barbee | 30- Al & Becky Andrew |
| 12- Rob & Catherine McIntyre | Dan Samples & Martha Sue Hall |
| Keith & Martha Wolf | 31- Aaron & Alison Whisnant |
| 15 -Jackson & Jackie Hart | |
| 17- Tom & Holly Norwood | |



Tuesday Night Youth Bible Study

We will not be meeting at this time due to confirmation class.
Startup date will be announced when we return.

SNL- Middle/High School Youth Schedule



May 4- Meeting at Lee Snuggs House
May 11- No Youth (Mother's Day)
May 18-End of Year Party- TBD



SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 4. The Scholarship Committee members are: Emily Andrew, Kate Gibson, Lee McLaurin, Ronnie Michael and Carol Sasser.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

First Presbyterian Church recognizes the following high school graduates:

Elizabeth Bryson, daughter of Kristie & Keith Bryson, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Sand Hills Community College.

Campbell Bullard, daughter of Shannon & Scott Bullard, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. She will be attending U.N.C. Wilmington.

Merrin Kinley, daughter of Leslie & Stephan Kinley, will graduate from West Stanly High School. She will attend N.C. State University.

Addison Marks, daughter of Kyle & Laura Beth Marks, will graduate from North Stanly High School. She will attend N.C. State University.

Jackson Palmer, son of John & Jessica Palmer, will graduate from Gray Stone Day School. He will attend Cape Fear Community College.

**Below you will find copies of the speeches that our high school seniors
presented on Sunday April 27th.
As you read you will see we have some wonderful youth here at FPC!**

Elizabeth (Liz) Bryson

Good morning

Please bear with me as every time I have practiced this I have cried my way through it.

To have been raised in FPC Albemarle church means the world to me.

Growing up here has been the greatest honor and privilege. From being held in the nursery, attending Sunday school and learning scripture, singing off-key in the choir room (sorry, Mr. Franke), enjoying the best snacks at Youth Club on Wednesdays (thank you, Gina and Jane!), going to cooking camp and Music & Art camp, going through confirmation with the best partner ever, Liz Jolly, attending SNL, and of course, my absolute favorite Montreat, these have all been highlights of my life that are now becoming cherished memories.

Over the years, these programs and experiences have helped shape my faith into what it is today. And for that, I thank every single one of you because each of you has been a part of that journey.

I've had the incredible privilege of being surrounded by pastors and congregation members who have poured love, support, time, and wisdom into me. My first pastor, Elizabeth Ayscue, who baptized me, has been one of the greatest mentors and leaders in my life. She laid the foundation of my faith in such a powerful and lasting way. I will always be grateful for her wisdom, her love, and the way she made me feel seen and known. She truly showed me what the grace of God looks like in action, and I will forever be grateful for her.

And of course, I can't forget Pastors Matt, Kathy, and Joel. Each of you have played a huge role in helping me grow in my faith. Together, you created an environment where I felt safe to grow, ask questions, make mistakes, and keep learning—all within the loving arms of this church family.

I also can't talk about my faith journey without mentioning Montreat. It was easily one of the most powerful experiences I've ever had. There's something about being surrounded by the mountains, frozen Oreos, friends, and faith that opened my heart in a completely new way. The worship, the laughter, the tears, the late-night talks—all of it brought me closer to God. It helped me realize that faith is something alive, something real. Montreat wasn't just a trip; it was a turning point. A place where I truly felt God's presence and heard His voice.

And not many people can say they've made a 69-year-old best friend at church—but I can. Jim, you've saved me in ways I'll never be able to fully explain. You've always shown up with the right words, the best laughs, quiet prayers, and a vibrant presence that reminded me I was never alone. Our friendship is proof that age means nothing when hearts are connected. Thank you for being there, Jim. You've made a bigger impact on my life than you probably do not realize.

Of course, the biggest shoutout goes to my parents and family members. Mom and Dad thank you for bringing me here all these years, for raising me in this faith, and for being constant examples of love, grace, and strength. Your support has been my foundation. No matter where I go, I will carry everything you've taught me, and I'll never stop being grateful for how you've walked with me every step of the way.

As I begin this next chapter at Sand Hills, I take with me the lessons, the prayers, and the memories that will forever stay in my heart. Thank you for being my village, coming to support me in my athletics. Thank you for being my church family. I may be moving on but this will always be my home.

Merrin Kinley

Good Morning! As I reflect on my time here at First Presbyterian Church, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. This church has been like a second home to me. I have not only grown in faith, but have also formed lifelong friendships. All of my youth leaders have been a huge part of my faith journey but one in particular is Jim Hesley. Jim has always been someone I can count on and always makes the most out of every situation! Everyone needs someone like Jim in their life! Every summer I attend the Montreat Youth Conference for a week where I gather with many different individuals to grow in Christ. Montreat is my favorite week of the year and without the support from the members of this congregation this youth conference would not be possible. These past four years at camp have been the time of my life and I am so excited to attend one last time in July.

Here at First Presbyterian I have always felt the love from everyone around me and I have learned the value of faith in action and the power of prayer. I have learned that faith is not just something we live out in church, it is something I carry with me everyday. A few years ago I went through confirmation and was able to say yes to make my faith my own. Being confirmed has allowed me to continue learning and to keep walking with God even when times seem difficult. This past year has been a really difficult time for my family and I. As most know, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and the first thing I knew to do was to pray about it. With the support of my church and the love my family received from everyone in this congregation I am so proud to say my mom is cancer free! I am the person I am today because of the two individuals who have raised me, my parents. My parents are the two strongest people I know and have been by my side through every step of my life. All of my family, which are up in the balcony today, have always supported me as well and I am forever grateful for all of you.

As I prepare to earn an Accounting degree at NC State University, I know I will carry with me the lessons I have learned at FPC and God's love and guidance will continue to lead me. One verse that really sticks out to me as I transition from high school to college comes from Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 11. "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and hope. I would not be telling the truth if I said I was not nervous about entering college, but this verse reminds me that God is with me and will guide me every step of the way.

To my fellow graduates, let's go out and make a difference not just with our talents and degrees, but with the light of Christ shining through everything we do. To my family, friends, and to the congregation, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love, support, and encouragement throughout the years and for helping me grow spiritually and personally. It will never be forgotten and as always Go Pack!

Jackson Palmer

Good Morning, For those of you that do not know me, my name is Jackson Palmer and I am a senior at Gray Stone Day School. I have been going to this church for almost my whole life and I have been a member of this church for around 8 years. Just to start, I feel like I should give you all a bit of a background check. My great grandmother ,Bell McQueen Palmer, went to church here and was given the baptismal font in her memory. My grandfather, Bob Palmer was also a member of this church alongside his wife and my mimi, Frankie Palmer. My mimi has played one of the biggest roles in my life. She would always take me go to youth group and make sure I stayed active in the church. I couldn't be more thankful for her and her pushing me to play more crucial roles in the church. Another fun fact about my mimi and her contributions to the church, is that she gave the church the paschal candle, in honor of my grandfather. I had the pleasure of being acolyte for around 3 years and always being reminded of my grandfather when lighting it. I'm going to mention a lot more of my favorite memories about this church and the people in it, so just bare with me. During freshman year of high school, so around the beginning of 2021, me and my friend Liz ended up helping our church film Sunday services during rough covid times. This was a time when I was more distant from the church and never really participated. However, filming for the church required me to be there a lot more. I ended up getting close to someone I can call one of my best friends, Liz Bryson. Me and Liz have been friends since we were very young, but through the church, our friendship strengthened which is another thing I am grateful for. Me and Liz went to youth group most Sunday nights. We had amazing food and were taught great lessons by Melissa Eudy and Kristi Bryson. I would have to say my favorite part of Sunday night youth, was gym time and especially watching Jim Hesley try to play kickball.

On Monday nights, all the high schoolers would gather for Monday night bible study with Debbie Johnson. Thank you Jim Hesley for driving me there most of the time. If I was having a bad day or just not very excited about my day, I was never afraid to tell our friends at bible study. Every night when we would get together we would just talk and laugh for almost 2 hours. All of us would do something called our highs and lows. If Debbie would forget to ask about our highs and lows, we wouldn't let her slide with that. Most of the time, or all of the time, my low was school and everybody could guess it which just always made me laugh. At Debbie's we would also make cards for people at nursing homes or just people who were not doing too great. I always enjoyed writing in the cards to help make people feel like they're not alone, and we are always there for them. Debbie is also big on volunteering, which I love.

We volunteered at the John Murray community care clinic which is just right down the road. We helped restock and organize medical supplies, which doesn't seem like a lot, but it was a little challenging.

I also want to thank Ken Knight, Ken nominated me to be youth representative around my sophomore year, where I got to meet once a month and just feel like a bigger contribution to the church. Ken was also my leader in my confirmation with the church, who I greatly appreciate and idolize very much. Hopefully one day I can get the courage like Ken to hold a snake.

Thinking way back ago when I was around fifth grade, we had Wednesday youth club with Matt Drumheller. I specifically remember not being shy because I had all of my church friends who I knew I could talk to. Something I will never forget from Wednesday youth club, is the meditation room upstairs. we would have to take our shoes off, which as you could imagine, the smell of 10 years olds feet mixed with a lightly scented candle, didn't smell too good. Every time we would walk inside the room, after a good five minutes, we would all have our noses in our shirts trying not to throw up, but we were also laughing to the point we were crying.

It's hard to believe that all those memories have been so long ago, but I'm grateful for everyone in this church and all the love and support I have received in the past 17 years of being year. After graduating I plan to attend cape fear community college in Wilmington and hope to go into the radiology technology field. I'm a little nervous about going so far from home, but I know I'll have the amazing love and support I need to help me through those intimidating times. Thank you!

Prayer & Engaging Opportunities

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
Please contact Peggy Finley at 704-779-8320 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.



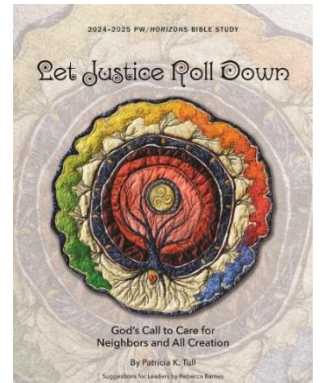
Circle 5 will meet at **1:00 pm** in the Parlor on
Wednesday May 14 ,2025

We will finish up our lessons of
“Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care
for Neighbors and All Creation”.

If you enjoy small group Bible study, consider joining us as
we meet for a 9 month study using

Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study book.

Contact Ann Duckwall @ 704-983-3498 for more information.





HOW TO BE A BETTER LISTENER



LUNCH AND LEARN CLASS

Mondays at noon

Would you like to be a better listener, develop deeper relationships and connection with others?

Please join Jane Hartsell, Gayle Russell and Jane Snyder on Mondays at church at NOON in the Session Room across from the office. We will provide mixed greens and drinks. All you need to bring is a salad topping. It is not necessary for you to attend all the classes to get the benefits of the class and the fellowship. RSVP to Jane Snyder at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358.

Prayer & Engaging Opportunities



NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We have a new class for young adults ages 20 to 40!
You are also welcome to join if you are actually older
than 40 but don't feel it!- everyone is welcome!

We are meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the
old teen room next to the choir room.

We would love to see you!



Feasting on the Word

This intergenerational Bible Study class uses the denominational
resource curriculum Feasting on the Word. All of us see the world
through the filter of our own life experiences and transitions and
we bring to Bible study and worship this variety of views.

Congregational members of all ages are encouraged to attend. The
weekly class discussions has multiple discussion leaders. This class meets in the Old Session
Room on the basement level from 9:30-10:20 am on Sunday mornings.



Prime Timers Lunch at Noon Thursday, May 22nd in the Pit Stop

Homemade Chicken Salad & Pimento Cheese Sandwiches served
with Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit & Lemon Cobbler with Vanilla Ice
Cream for dessert. Please call the church office to register so that
we can plan accordingly. \$8 donation



FPC will be feeding the Community Inn On Friday, May 2.

If interested in helping, please contact
Ruth Cotton at 704-942-1381 or hugawolf@hotmail.com.
In June we will feed on Friday, June 6.



LUNCH OUT

First Presbyterian Church Lunch
Outing at The Rosebriar

Tuesday, May 13 at 11:30 am Please let Jane know if

you can join us by texting or calling her at 704-438-3358 or jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org.





Everyone is invited!

If you would like to join us for our MIDWEEK MEALS EVERY WEDNESDAY at 5:30, please RSVP by Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m. You can sign up on the Register of Friendship in church, email Jane Snyder at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or text Jane at 704-438-3358. You can pay at the door as you enter the gym. MIDWEEK MEAL will begin at 5:30 pm.

Meal prices have changed: \$8.00-adult (not to exceed \$20-Family) \$4.00 -children through grade 5.



Menus for May:

FIRST WEDNESDAY: Boston Butt, Mashed Potatoes and Salad

SECOND WEDNESDAY: Chicken Pot Pie and Salad

THIRD WEDNESDAY: Pizza and Salad

FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice and Salad

THIS IS LAST WEDNESDAY, NO MORE MEALS UNTIL SEPTEMBER

* All meals include: Assorted Desserts Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.



The Salisbury Swing Band is under the direction of Dr. Frank Poolos and includes members Beth Poolos on trumpet, Billie Jean Snuggs on vocals and Mao our awesome exchange student on saxophone!
Come out and swing with us on the 17th!

First Presbyterian Church 2025 Scholarship Recipients

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship recipients are:

Skyler Ake... Graduating from Penn Foster High School (online). She will attend Pfeiffer University or Appalachian State and major in Nursing.

Aiden Cheek... Graduating from South Stanly High School. He will attend Wingate University and major in Computer Science.

Landon Cord... Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. He will attend Catawba College and major in Music Business.

Cheyenne Efird... Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Western Carolina University and major in Communication Science and Disorders.

Kayleigh Faircloth... Graduating from Stanly STEM Early College. She will attend Pfeiffer University and major in Nursing.

Smith Huneycutt... Currently studying at UNC Charlotte majoring in Finance.

Alainna Lowder... Will be attending UNC Charlotte to work towards her Masters in Social Work.

Emma Pollard... Graduating from Stanly Early College. She will be attending Appalachian State University and major in Business Management.

Abbie Thomas... Currently attending Wingate University majoring in Psychology.

Eli Thompson... Graduating from South Stanly High School. He will attend UNC Chapel Hill and major in Nursing.

Madelyn Travis... Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Western Carolina University and major in Integrated Health Sciences.

Kinsley Tyson... Graduating from South Stanly High School. She will attend NC State University and major in Animal Science or will attend UNC Charlotte and major in Biology.

Frances and Jake Jacobs Scholarship recipients are:

Landon Almond... Currently studying at Pfeiffer University majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology.

Kaelynn Guyette... Currently attending Wingate University majoring in Psychology.

Anna Christian Harkey... Currently attending graduate school at NC Central University's School of Library and Information Sciences to obtain her MLS with a concentration in Archival Management.

Eli Patrick Toole... Currently studying at Wingate University and majoring in Exercise Science.

The Ayscue Scholarship recipient is:

Elizabeth Bryson... Graduating from Gray Stone Day School. She will attend Sand Hills Community College majoring in Art for a transfer pathway.

Maude Boysworth Scholarship recipient is:

Merrin Kinley... Graduating from West Stanly High School. She will attend NC State University and major in accounting.

Moeller Family Endowment Scholarship recipients are:

Kaine McLendon... Graduating from Albemarle High School. He will attend UNC Charlotte & major in Computer Science.

Kaiyana Spencer... Currently studying at NC A&T majoring in Biology.

Helen Mount Scholarship recipient is:

Ethan Richards... Currently studying at Appalachian State University majoring in Computer Science.

Daniel Mann Whitley Scholarship recipient is:

Rylan Furr... Graduating from North Stanly High School. He will attend Montreat College and major in Graphic Design.



Scholarships Awarded

The FPC Scholarship committee awarded 22 scholarships totaling \$14, 600 this year!



SILENT PARTNERS

Thanks to all the people that participated in the Silent Partner program this year. Your year of fun giving ends in May and restarts in September.

The church and the students appreciate you taking the time to remember them.



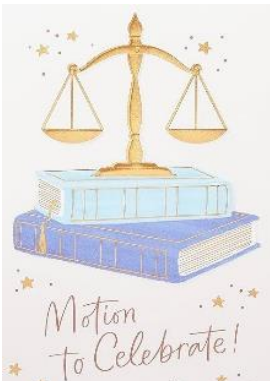


College Graduates!

Duncan Bryson
Judson Bullard
Kimbal Chapman
David Kilde
Morgan Kinley

Congratulations to Luke Marshall!

Dr. James and Kimberly Marshall proudly announce that their son, Luke Marshall successfully completed the Bar Examination for the State of North Carolina. He will be pursuing his career in law in Raleigh, NC and would like to thank his church family for years of support and encouragement. Luke's current address is . . .



Luke L. Marshall
123 Sleeper Car Lane
Garner, NC 27529

Summer Camp!



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COOKING CAMP

Cooking Camp June 16-19
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COOKING CAMP FOR KIDS
(COMPLETED 4th -6th Grade)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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 16 – Thursday, June 19 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 incorporating a field trip into the mix!

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

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

**Friday, May 2**

5:30 pm- 9 pm Food Truck Friday- City Lake Park
6:00 pm Meal for Community Inn

Sunday, May 4

3rd Sunday of Easter /Ten Cents-a-Meal Offering

9:30 am Young Adult Class
9:30 am Feasting on the Word Class
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am *Worship
6:00 pm Meet at Lee Snuggs House

Monday, May 5

Noon Lunch & Learn in Session Room
4:00 pm Walking Group at Rock Creek

Wednesday, May 7

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
1:30 pm Prayer Shawl
5:30 pm Midweek Meal
6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 11

4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

9:15 am Diaconate Meeting
9:30 am Young Adult Class
9:30 am Feasting on the Word Class
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am *Worship
NO SNL

Monday, May 12

Noon Lunch & Learn in Session Room
4:00 pm Walking Group at Rock Creek

Tuesday, May 13

11:30 am Lunch Out at Rosebriar

Wednesday, May 14

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
1:00 pm Circle Five in Parlor
5:30 pm Midweek Meal
6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 17

6:30 pm- 9:00 pm Swingin in the Streets @ Historic
Snuggs House- featuring the
Salisbury Swing Band

Sunday, May 18

5th Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Session Meeting
9:30 am Young Adult Class
9:30 am Feasting on the Word Class
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am *Worship
6:00 pm End of Year Party- TBD

Monday, May 19

Noon Lunch & Learn in Session Room
4:00 pm Walking Group at Rock Creek

Wednesday, May 21

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:30 pm Midweek Meal
6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 21

Noon Prime Timers lunch in Pit Stop

Sunday, May 25

6th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Young Adult Class
9:30 am Feasting on the Word Class
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am *Worship

Monday, May 26

Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
5:30 pm Last Midweek Meal till September
6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THOSE WHO SERVE IN MAY

Ushers: Heather Hatley (captain) Emily Deese, Ashley Deese, Ella Cumming, Vaughn Folks, Jim Hesley

Elder Greeters: Tom Norwood, Kate Gibson

Acolytes:

May 4: TBD

May 11: TBD

May 18: TBD

May 25: TBD

Outside Ushers:

May 4: Lee Snuggs, Ronnie Michael

May 11: John Howell, Tom Norwood

May 18: Jim Ivey, John Earnhardt

May 25: Jack Morton, Chris Whitley

Streaming Coordinator:

May 4 : Evan Sanges

May 11: Evan Sanges

May 18: Evan Sanges

May 25: Evan Sanges

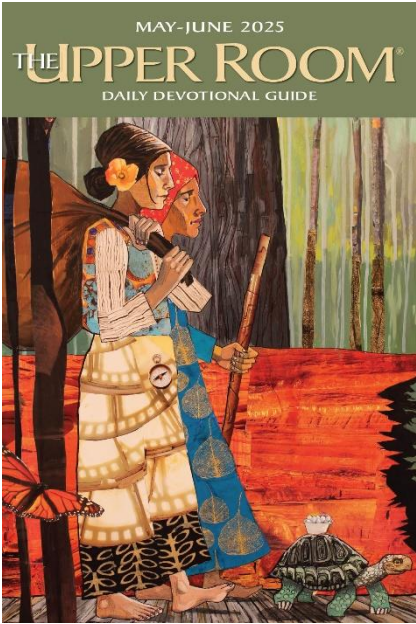
Children’s Church/Nursery for May:

May 4: Bailey Mitchell

May 11: Bailey Mitchell

May 18: Bailey Mitchell

May 25: Bailey Mitchell



THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide exists to:

- offer resources that encourage daily spiritual practice,
- call Christians to a life of living prayer,
- create meaningful, transformational experiences and studies for individuals, small groups, and congregations,
- help people grow deeper in love with God and neighbor,
- support churches in becoming centers of prayer and spiritual formation,
- inspire spiritual leaders to lead with a listening heart, and
- invite the “spiritually curious” to living waters.

The Upper Room devotional guide is available for your use. Daily readings will help focus your prayer and study.

The Upper Room can be found in the pit stop, the church office, and the narthex.

Elders

Emily Andrew
Debbie Bennett
Keith Bryson
Ann Crutchfield
Nathaniel Eudy - Youth
Peggy Finley
Kate Gibson
Mike King
Lee McLaurin
Ronnie Michael
Tom Norwood
Gayle Russell
James Sawyer

Deacons

Anissa Chapman
Vaughn Folks
Heather Hatley
Jim Hesley
Lori Ivey
Myron Lowder
John Palmer
Frank Poolos
Brett Richards
Carol Sasser
Billie Jean Snuggs
Debbie Wainwright

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FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS 5:30 TO 9:00 PM CONTINUING AT CITY LAKE PARK

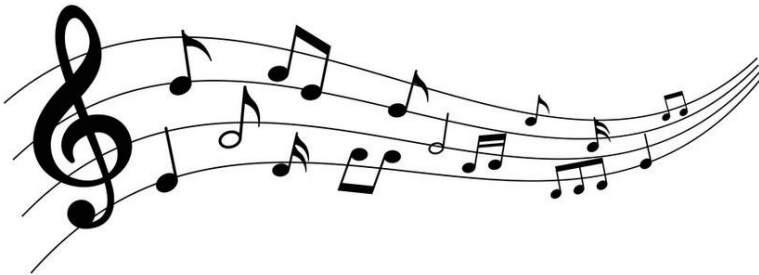


From April to October, Food Truck Friday is held once a month at City Lake Park, located at 815 Concord Road, from 5:30 pm to 9 pm.

Each monthly event has a variety of food trucks with something for everyone including: BBQ, Tacos, Soul Food, Seafood, Asian Cuisine, & Desserts.

Free live music fills the parks as talented artists from a range of genres perform each month.

Dates are May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3





SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.





Montaña de Luz

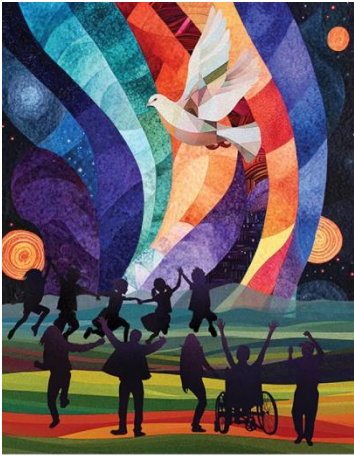
Montana de Luz Trip June 18-25

Since 2004, our church has taken trips to Montana de luz in Honduras. MDL is an orphanage serving children with HIV. Due to receiving proper medication, nutritional benefits, consistent medical care and unconditional love, the children are thriving and living productive lives. For the first time in several years we are sending a team for an immersion trip June 18-25. Attending from our congregation,

Elizabeth Bryson, Nathaniel Eudy and Debby Johnston.

To learn more, please visit www.montanadeluz.org or contact Debby Johnston at debby.johnston@hotmail.com.

Thanks for the support in showing Christ's love for our neighbors in need.



DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, June 8



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



FATHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Father's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 8**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 15**.

FATHER'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: _____