



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rocky Mount

July 2018

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Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
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252-446-9121



## Chart of Progress in the Pastoral Search

This is a check list of the process in finding a new pastor. We will provide this as a way to keep you informed about where we are and what needs to be done next. The next two steps should be accomplished quickly.



July 2017 Bridge interim is hired and search for an interim begins.



November 2017 Interim minister is hired and begins work.



March 2018 Mission Study Review Committee is appointed and begins their work.

\_\_\_\_\_ Updated Mission Study is approved by Presbytery.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Nominating Committee is elected by congregation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ministry Information Form is circulated and search begins.

\_\_\_\_\_ Candidate is found, and approved by Presbytery.

\_\_\_\_\_ Congregation votes on candidate.

*Scott*

*Interim Pastor:* The Rev. Dr. Scott Solether      *Parish Associate:* The Rev. Dr. Preston Smith  
*Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator:* Lydia Wingo Kane      *Church Ministry Coordinator:* Dionne Seale  
*Financial Secretary:* Jeanne T. Shannon      *Director of Music:* Jim Smith      *Organist:* Virginia Vance  
*Sexton:* J. J. Jeffries      *Assistant Sexton & Nursery Attendant:* Charity Lodge      *Nursery Assistant:* Mary Hilliard

# Faith & Fellowship

...with First Presbyterian!



## BROWN BAG Bible Study

*Brown Bag Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon in the Session room unless otherwise*

*noted. All are welcome to bring a lunch and join in for fellowship and thoughtful biblical discussions!*



**Men's Breakfast Fellowship**  
**Tuesday**  
**July 10, 2018**  
**7:00 a.m.**

Start your day off on the right foot and gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast and thoughtful discussion. Make plans to meet at the Hardee's restaurant on Sunset Ave.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

FAITH. FOOD. FUN.

We will gather for meals during the summer months at 6:00 p.m. in the following locations:

July 4 Hing Ta Restaurant—please notify Sue Jackson at if planning to attend by July 2.

July 11 Covered dish meal at home of Sylvia Phillips

July 18 Covered dish meal at home of Chris and Gerald Feno



**July 1, 2018 after worship**  
**FPC Fellowship Hall**

Chandler Gazaway, a member of Troop 7, will host a hot dog luncheon immediately after worship in the fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted to support his Eagle Scout project benefiting Covenant Homes. Chandler plans to repaint the Covenant Homes gazebo, update the gazebo landscaping, as well as paint and fix their benches.



**CONETOE**  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**July 25, 2018**

**Field trip to Conetoe Family Life Center for a farm tour and lunch prepared at the center!**

Notify either Sylvia Phillips or Sue Jackson if able to attend. Plan to meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to depart for Conetoe.



The Session met on June 19, 2018 at 6:30 in the Session Room and took the following action:

- It was approved for Chandler Gazaway to host a hot dog luncheon fundraiser after worship on July 1<sup>st</sup> in our fellowship hall for his Troop 7 East Scout project. His Eagle Scout project will benefit Covenant Homes.
- Property Committee will be contacting PNC to discuss a lease agreement for the use of their parking space. We want to work out an agreement prior to the opening of the event center.
- The Christian Education committee is establishing a mentor program for the Middle and High School Youth. Youth will be paired with an adult of the same sex who will keep up with important occasions and will serve as a point of contact for the youth.
- It was approved to disburse the funds from the May 20<sup>th</sup> Pentecost offering to Covenant Homes.
- Chris Feno will be our Elder Commissioner at the Presbytery Gathering at Peace Presbyterian Church in Winterville on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to pray for our church, the Session and the committees who serve the church. If you ever have any questions concerning any matters at church please feel free to ask an Elder and we will be happy to share more with you.

*Submitted by Kim Sutton, Acting Clerk*

## MAKES CENTS



Please review the below church income and expense data for the month shown. The prior month is not available as of the newsletter print date. Please call or email Jeanne Shannon in the church office with any questions.

### Pledges and Loose Offering through May, 2018

Month – to – date	\$ 46,331.31
Year – to – date	\$ 325,473.37

### Expenses through May, 2018

Month – to – date	\$ 50,642.08
Year – to – date	\$ 262,367.04

### Quarterly Contribution Statements

We will begin emailing quarterly statements in July with the second quarter of this year (April – June). The statement will be sent to your preferred email that is used for the weekly email. Your annual contribution statement will be mailed in January. A separate email explaining the process will be sent before the statements are emailed. No one outside of the church or organization has access to your records and only the financial secretary has access to your contribution records. Please contact Jeanne Shannon at the church office if you have any questions or if prefer that your email be sent to a different email address than your weekly email.

Church office phone 252.446.9121

Jeanne's email: [jeanne.shannon@fpcrm.org](mailto:jeanne.shannon@fpcrm.org)

Jeanne's office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8:30-2:30 p.m.



*The church office  
will be closed on  
July 4, 2018.*

*Effective July 2, 2018, the church  
office hours will be Monday—  
Thursday 8:30-4:30 p.m.*

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATE



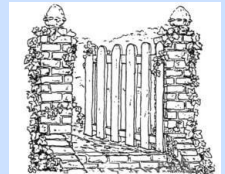
The children had a wonderful week of VBS learning all about the adventures of David, starting with the shepherd boy and ending with the crowned king. Each day we heard a little more of the story of David, moving through the books of 1 and 2 Samuel by the end of the week! All week long the children worked on a wonderful song, commissioned just for our VBS, that tells the story of David too. We had a great week of learning, fun, games, and singing! Thanks to all of our youth and adult volunteers!

Please save the dates for **Summer Children's Church!** The children will join Lydia immediately following the Children's Sermon on these dates:

July 29—Music in Worship  
August 26—Blessing of the Backpacks



Gatekeepers Workcamp is July 8 through 13 this year. Please pray for our team of youth and adult volunteers as they work hard around Rocky Mount!



The high school youth are preparing to travel to Montreat July 15-21. The theme this year is "Lift Every Voice." We will spend the week exploring this theme and making room at the table for all. The conference will focus on helping everyone find their own voice, but also on voices we don't hear and voices we don't listen to. All voices have value and everybody has something to say!

*Submitted by Lydia Wingo Kane, Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator*





## VBS Fun!



The Christian Education Committee is trying something new in the nursery, beginning this summer! We would like to lighten the load for our volunteers by only asking for your help on the first Sunday of the month when Mary is not here. If you didn't receive the newest nursery volunteer schedule, that means you are not needed right now, but we hope we can still call on you as a substitute in the meantime. Thank you to everyone who volunteers in our nursery.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



[www.rockymountpeacemakers.org](http://www.rockymountpeacemakers.org).

**FREEDOM SCHOOL SNACKS ARE BEING COLLECTED. PLEASE CHECK THE OUTREACH BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

If you have large items to donate for the Peacemakers Thrift Store, simply contact Peacemakers at 252-212-5044 to schedule a pick up of items.



**Thank you to all who contributed clothing, supplies, and books for the Agape Village orphanage and school!**



Volunteers are needed to serve as substitutes on occasion...

Contact the MOW office for more information at 252-446-4336.



The following items can be brought to the narthex area of the church on the first Sunday of each month or you are welcome to drop items off anytime in the volunteer office beside the church office vestibule:

### Tar River Academy

The following supplies are appreciated: school supplies, non-perishable food items, hygiene items, and baby supplies. Donations can be placed in the blue tote labeled Tar River Academy found in the Narthex.

*A student who attends Tar River Academy recently lost her home to fire, including everything in the house. There are multiple generations living together including a one-year old and a 2-month old. The family is living in a motel until they find another house to move into. Tar River Academy is accepting donations of the following items for this family: all new kitchen and bathroom supplies. Pots, pans, glass cooking bowls that can go into a microwave, a microwave, utensils, towels, washcloths, cleaning supplies, pillows, linens, etc. The 1-year-old wears 12-24 mos. clothes and size 5 diaper. The infant is in 3 mos. clothes and size 1 diaper. They could use some microwavable food items and easy to eat items such as pop tarts etc. Items can be brought to the church volunteer office—please mark TRA family.*

### United Community Ministries

Paper products and #10 size cans (preferred) of either vegetables or canned fruit are especially appreciated. \*\*They are especially in need of men's boxers & socks and men's and women's tennis shoes.





Silver Award Ceremony for Girl Scout Troop 434  
May 21, 2018

### Troop 7 News



Summer camp! Emphasis on summer heat!!! We signed up for the first week of camp thinking we would avoid the heat. Of course our second day in camp we hit a record high 105 heat index!!!! But the scouts are making the best of it and having fun. Summer camp is more than just earning merit badges. It is making friends, having fun and learning to deal with adversity. But the pool is open, the snack bar has cold slushies and Scoutmaster Lane will have "real food" Wednesday for our traditional camp pizza night. Of course the ice cream on dry ice was a hit too!



Carrying Mr. Lane  
to dinner!



Working on Camp  
God and Me award.



One of our scouts helps lead  
the Vesper service in the new  
Camp Chapel.

# Presbyterian Women Update



## MODERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT—MAY 22, 2018

Annual reports are not always easy, but when you see the positive things PW are doing, it is a delight to be a part of such an awesome organization.

- We co-hosted, with the help of the other four (4) RMT churches, the Area Fall Gathering with the largest attendance of all three (3) gatherings.
- We co-hosted the Spring Gathering, also with the other RMT churches helping, one of the most successful gatherings we have had in some time. To quote one of the many positive evaluations, “the Best Gathering I have ever attended.”

Some people think of Christmas as a “Season of Giving”, but PW are always in a “season of giving”.

- Our Thank Offering, Birthday Offering, and the Fellowship of the Least Coin offering, are well supported in our church.
- Our CWS medicine kits are a world wide relief support
- Children's Hope Alliance is a personal touch to children in NC
- We have been made aware of Human Trafficking as a problem in our own area, state and nation and we are working with agencies to help these victims to readjust their lives.
- In RMT, Nash and Edgecombe counties, we support My Sister's House, Communities in Schools, Tar River Academy, Conetoe Family Life Center.
- We use the sale of Easter lilies to support our Littrell-Thorpe Scholarship. This helps provide scholarships for our college bound youth. Only three applied this year and all three were granted a scholarship.
- The Prom Closet has been a big success in our local schools for both young boys and girls.

Our Bible Study from Hebrews has been exceptionally good, thanks to Bettie Kirkpatrick, Chris Feno, Mary Lou Fountain, Mary Perry, and Betsy Newton. We have tried to live up to our “PW Purpose”, “to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace and to build an inclusive and caring community, and to witness to the promise of God's kingdom.”

I think we have had a very good and blessed year. Thanks for your support, financially and most especially, your prayers.

*Submitted by,*  
Janice Smith  
PW Moderator

## 2018-19 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

Janice Smith, Moderator	
Diane Dixon, Vice-Moderator	
Tempie Fuller, Secretary	Martha Tesoro, Treasurer
Frances Guerry, Historian	Laura Durham, Spiritual Nurture
Sylvia Phillips, Together in Service	Edie Reeves, Together in Service
Mary Perry, Circle of Friends Leader	Nancy Richardson, Circle of J.O.Y Leader

⇒ The PWCT will meet Monday, July 16, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the History Room.





## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

*1 Peter 4:10*



### July 1, 2018

Head Usher: James Tharin

Ushers: Mari Robin Tharin, Greg Hutchins, Carol Hutchins, Janice Smith

Greeters: Kate and Frances Tharin

Liturgist: Bill Buchanan

Children's Sermon: Scott Solether

Nursery Helper: Staff

### July 8, 2018

Head Usher: Sonny Foster

Ushers: Pell Foster, Tempie Fuller, Betsy McLean, Mary Watson

Greeter: Mary Lou Fountain

Liturgist: Janice Smith

Children's Sermon: Lydia Wingo Kane

### July 15, 2018

Head Usher: Sonny Foster

Ushers: Pell Foster, Tempie Fuller, Tommy Dill, Mary Watson

Greeter: Mary Lou Fountain

Liturgist: Lige Daughtridge

Children's Sermon: Jim Lilley

### July 22, 2018

Head Usher: James Tharin

Ushers: Mari Robin Tharin, John Etheredge, Bobbie Lambeth, Jim Woodard

Greeters: Kate and Frances Tharin

Liturgist: David Farris

Children's Sermon: Scott Solether

### July 29, 2018

Head Usher: Tim Hathaway

Ushers: Bridget Hathaway, John Etheredge, Bobbie Lambeth, Jim Woodard

Greeter: Jami Barnhill

Liturgist: Chris Feno

Children's Sermon: Lydia Wingo Kane

*Thank You!*

# Keeping in touch...

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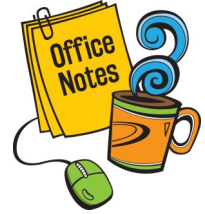
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**Contact Information Updates:** Kindly notify Dionne Seale in the church office at 252-446-9121 or [dionne.seale@fpcrm.org](mailto:dionne.seale@fpcrm.org) of any email, address, or phone number changes so we can keep our database up to date.

⇒ Dr. Jim Woodard—new dental office location: 121 Azimuth Court, Rocky Mount



*Unless otherwise posted, our office hours are Monday—Thursday from 8:30-4:30 p.m. Please contact the church in advance should you need access to the building during non-office hours.*

Dear Session Members,

L.M. and I wish to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to be among amazing older adults in our Presbytery. What an inspiration they were to us as their faithful actions were read one by one. The faith, the joy and the energy present was astounding! The love of God and our Lord was felt strongly. Also, the feeling of community was emphatic. We are grateful and appreciate the honor even through we felt it undeserved.

Sincerely,  
L.M. and Margaret Barnes

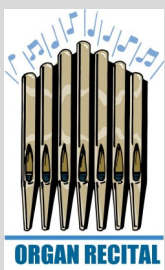
Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Your assistance throughout the year is beyond measure. With your support, we graduated 26 students in January and will graduate 46 at the end of this week. This includes 11 teen parents; 8 students who are homeless; 31 who are identified EC (exceptional children with an individualized educational plan due to a learning disability, cognitive limitation, emotional/behavioral diagnoses, etc.); 3 who are ESL (English as a Second Language); 1 who was moved here due to being a victim of human trafficking; 39 who are overage and behind their graduating cohort (34 are 19 years old and 5 are 20 years old). We have 4 students who have enlisted with the military, 16 enrolling with the community college, 1 enrolling at Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC, and a large number who have found employment in the community. These are all students who were at risk for dropping out of the traditional high schools but now have a diploma.

Jeannie Kerr, MSW, LCSW, LCASA  
School Social Worker  
Tar River Academy

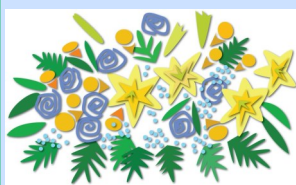
## Communications Deadlines

- We publish the "First Pres" newsletter monthly. The newsletter is either emailed or a hard copy can be mailed to those without email. The deadline to submit information is the third Thursday of each month.
- The weekly email update is sent out via Constant Contact on Wednesday afternoon. The deadline for information is noon on Wednesday.
- The church bulletin is printed on Thursday afternoon. The deadline for information is noon on Thursday.



Jennie Vance has been invited to play an organ recital on July 31st at Christ Episcopal Church in Roanoke, VA. The concert is a part of that church's annual Summer Festival of Organ Music.

This year's organists include organists from Virginia Tech, Duke University, and the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, VA.



Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to honor someone or mark a special occasion in the coming year, please sign up by the date you prefer on the flower chart that is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Dionne Seale can place the order on your behalf at a cost of \$75 that will be billed to you or contact her for names of approved floral arrangers that you can contact and pay directly.

The following dates are available for flowers to be placed in the sanctuary:

**July 8, 29**



- ♦ Cheryl Gold upon the death of her father, Charles “Chuck” Wesley Jones on June 4, 2018.
- ♦ Martha Chesnutt upon the death of her aunt, Katherine Johnston Witt of Virginia Beach, VA on June 18, 2018



- ♦ Congratulations to Cleve and Walt Wiggins on the birth of their new grandson, Logan Neal Sharpe, on June 19, 2018. His parents are Elizabeth and Jay Sharpe of Raleigh. Katherine Fisher is the proud aunt.
- ♦ Congratulations to Nancy Richardson on the birth of her granddaughter, Georgia Anne Cahoon on June 20, 2018. Her parents are Liz and Jodie Cahoon of Raleigh and big sister Charlotte.

**The Handcraft Ministry**  
will meet on  
**Wednesday, July 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the**  
**home of Judy Glover,**  
**1316 Michael Scott Drive.**



*This wonderful ministry  
provides prayer shawls,  
blankets, etc. to those in need of  
God's warmth!*



*our thoughts and  
prayers are with...*

**THE FOUNTAINS AT THE ALBEMARLE—**  
**Tarboro**

- ▶ Tom Dill

**CARDINAL AT NORTH HILLS—Raleigh**

- ▶ Dick Fountain

**TWIN LAKES RETIREMENT COMMUNITY—**  
**Burlington**

- ▶ Liz Cole

**HOMESTEAD HILL—Winston-Salem**

- ▶ Nancy Liipfert

**BRADLEY CREEK—Wilmington**

- ▶ Gerry Gardner

**AUTUMN CARE—Nashville**

- ▶ Lila Michael

### ***ADDITIONAL CONCERNS***

Logan Barnes  
Mayo & Jean Boddie  
Miley “Mike” Braswell  
Janet Cooper (mother of Elizabeth Rose)  
Augusta Daniel  
Geraldine Donnell (sister of Janice Smith)  
Amine Edwards  
Si Fuller  
Earl and Phyllis Goodwin  
Richard Gragg  
Wilda Jenkins  
John McInnis (Mary Perry’s brother)  
Georgia Mixon  
Gerry Niece (friend of the church)  
Anne Wilgus Podesta  
Evelyn Reese  
Blanche Robinson  
Jean Rowe (Steve Rowe’s mother)  
Maida Sessoms  
Judy Smith  
Harriet Thorpe  
Cleve Wiggins  
Susan Yenny





## 2018 Summer Community Worship Services

At this time, the schedule of host congregations and preachers is still incomplete. However, please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 15, 22, 29 and August 5 at 6:00 p.m. and plan to join brothers and sisters in Christ from across our community for worship. (First Presbyterian will serve as the host location on July 29.) This year's theme is **Act on What You Hear**. The focus text is James 1:22-23. The recipients of the offering received will be The Lighthouse and the Men's Christian Fellowship Home. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins.

### *New Flower Ministry Delivery Baskets*

*We now have two new baskets to replace the worn and missing baskets used for the Flower Ministry. Frances Guerry and Laura Dudley made the bulk of the baskets, instructed by master basket weaver, Sue Legaj. Sue dyed them and added the finishing touches. They were able to barter Sue's help with a piece of stained glass from Pam Gragg and created two beautiful baskets and had a lot of fun! Frances has also cut new inserts to go into the baskets in order to hold the flower vases securely for delivery!*

