



First Pres News

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rocky Mount

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October 2018



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.



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.



July 2018 Mission Study report approved by Session.



September 2018 Updated Mission Study is approved by Presbytery.



September 2018 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: Michael Smith *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

Men's Breakfast Fellowship
Tuesday
October 9, 2018
7:00 a.m.

Start your day off on the right foot and make plans to meet at the Hardee's restaurant on Sunset Ave. for a time of food and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

FAITH. FOOD. FUN.

All are welcome for a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. followed by a program in the Session Room at 6:45 p.m.



In-Betweens Meal

Saturday, October 27
6:00 p.m.
Home of Sylvia Phillips

Pat Blanchard and Sarah Bailey are co-hosting with Sylvia. Please let Sylvia know if you can attend and what you plan to bring to the covered dish meal.



Monday, October 15 at noon
Church Parlor

Join us for good food and fellowship as the Lunch Bunch gathers to break bread! We will enjoy BBQ pork sandwiches, cole slaw, green bean casserole and ice cream sundaes. If you are not already on the "permanent list", please notify the church office if you can attend. Faithful volunteers prepare and serve the food, and a basket is passed for contributions to offset the cost of the meal. While geared towards retirement age folks, all are welcome!

LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP—OCTOBER 14, 2018



children's hope
 — ALLIANCE —

Presbyterian Women would like to invite the congregation to a luncheon in the fellowship hall after church on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Lori Fees will be our guest speaker as she gives us an update on Children's Hope Alliance, formerly Barium Springs.

The menu will include ham and chicken sliders, pasta salad, broccoli salad, spinach salad, potato salad, sweet potato casseroles, slaw, pickles, chips, and assorted desserts. Please RSVP to Dionne Seale in the church office by Thursday, October 11th.



The Session met on September 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Session Room and took the following action:

-Approval of recommendation of Administration Committee to transfer \$250,000 of Designated Funds from non-interest bearing accounts to First Carolina Bank into a CD earning approximately 2.25% interest. There is a one-time no penalty withdrawal allowance. The CDs range in maturity terms from 12-25 months.

-Approval of recommendation from the Property Committee to sell the church bus which continues to have mechanical problems.

-Approval of recommendation from Property Committee to service the organ at a cost of \$2400 and to repair some bowed pipes at a cost of approximately \$5000. This recommendation was in consultation with Jennie Vance and she has full confidence in the company performing the work

-Approval of a recommendation from the Property Committee of an expenditure of funds from the Special Gifts allocation to equip the church with a security system including cameras, monitors and panic buttons. The panic buttons will be available to members who use the church and will be linked to RMPD. The property committee is still considering fire alarm options.

-Approval of a recommendation of the Outreach Committee to authorize use of the church for an emergency Blood Drive in coordination with the Red Cross

-Approval of a recommendation from the Outreach Committee to participate in the Presbyterian Disaster Relief's request to send cleaning buckets to flooded areas. These buckets will be stocked with supplies needed to assist with flood cleanup including cleaners, gloves, masks, clotheslines etc. The cost of all of the items in each bucket will be approximately \$75. Nancy Richardson will challenge several groups in the church to sponsor a bucket and fill it. The session is filling a bucket.

-Approval of a recommendation from the Worship Committee to hold a drive to acquire Chrismon ornaments. The ornaments can be purchased and dedicated in honor or memory of others and the dedication will be commemorated with a small brass plaque.

-The moderator reported that the newly formed PNC would meet with Ted Churn during the week of September 24 to officially begin their search process.

-The session discussed a response to the General Assembly passing a resolution at its most recent meeting which the session viewed as an overly political statement. The Session's position is that we are a politically diverse congregation who comes together to carry out the mission of the church and not to promote certain political positions. The full response will be included in the minutes.

-The session approved a letter to the Commission on Ministry thanking them for their assistance during our time of transition and asking for their help in expediting our call process when we were ready.

Submitted by Mike Gaynor, 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 August, 2018

Month – to – date	\$ 42,245.17
Year – to – date	\$ 493,530.85

Expenses through August, 2018

Month – to – date	\$ 36,111.60
Year – to – date	\$ 397,294.50

Please contact Jeanne Shannon at the church office if you have any questions.

Church office phone 252.446.9121

Jeanne's email jeanne.shannon@fpcrm.org

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



TOUR GLENAIRE WITH US!

Glenaire is our Presbyterian continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in Cary, NC.

We're invited to visit the beautiful

33-acre campus and have lunch on Thursday, October 25th. We'll meet at 9:45 a.m. in the church parking lot to carpool to Cary. We'll walk through the community building and the residences: cottages and one- and two-bedroom apartments, some with a study or den, patio or balcony. Our tour leader will outline the application procedure and costs, as well as answer our questions.

Residents enjoy meals served in several dining venues, in-house activities and programs, transportation services, and weekly housekeeping. Glenaire residents also enjoy the benefits of living in the Triangle. Assisted living and skilled nursing units are available on campus. For more information, go to glenaire.org.

Do join our tour! Call Bettie Kirkpatrick to reserve your place by October 21st.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATE

Part of our prayer in action initiative for the children and youth this fall is getting out and reaching out. Each month the children and youth will be involved in some type of service or outreach project.

At the end of September, the children heard from Megan Seale at Parents' Afternoon Out. Megan is heading up a book drive for Agape Village. The children brought in a favorite book of theirs and wrote a note to send with the book so that when the children receive the books they will get to know our kids a little better. At the end of this month, the children will put on their Halloween costumes and go over to Covenant Homes to share some holiday happiness by reverse trick-or-treating, handing out goody bags to some residents.

The youth will meet the first Sunday of this month to buy all of the items needed to complete a Flood Bucket to be donated with all of the others our congregation makes to the Presbytery of New Hope's disaster assistance effort. In addition, the youth are now collecting canned goods for their November service project. Please bring in canned goods to be dropped off in the box outside the sanctuary. The youth will get together to sort and bag the food that will then be donated to the Rocky Mount Food Bank.

Please pray for the children and youth as they engage in these service opportunities, that their faith will be deepened and that through their works others will experience God's grace and love.

Submitted by Lydia Wingo Kane, Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator

Upcoming Children and Youth dates for October



10 Parents' Afternoon Out trip to Alimentaire Bakery in Tarboro to hear about bread making around the world. We will leave at 3:30 and return by 5:30. Please bring some money (\$5) for a snack at the bakery.

24 Parents' Afternoon Out trip to Covenant Homes for reverse trick-or-treating. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes. We will deliver goody bags to some of the residents and wish them a happy Halloween.

7 Flood Bucket Project: Meet at Lowe's at 5:00 and bring \$5. Middle and high school will buy supplies and assemble the bucket together. We will choose somewhere to eat together after we finish shopping.

14 High School Greenway Ride & Middle School Dinner at Mario's—High school, bring your bikes

and meet Beth Turnage on the greenway at 4:30 for a ride and bring some money to have dinner afterward! Middle school, meet at 5:00 for dinner at Mario's!

21 Youth Group at Church: Middle School meets at 4:45 and finishes at 6:00. High school arrives at 5:30 to share a meal together and play group games. High school finishes at 6:45.

28 Devo @ Dunkin: Middle School meets at 3:00; High School meets at 4:00





Parents! Last call!

Please help us keep our records updated by notifying the church office of your college student's mailing address and/or email so they can stay connected! We hope to send exam care packages this coming year, so this information is vital!

Email: dionne.seale@fpcrm.org or call 446-9121, ext. 21



September 19-
Lesson on Rosh Hashanah



September 26-
Agape Village
Book Drive



September 23rd
at the Albemarle
in Tarboro



September 9- Sunday School kick-off and church-wide picnic at the beautiful Rose Hill Conference Center





COMMUNITY OUTREACH



We will continue collecting books for the children of Agape Village. The books needed are both fiction and nonfiction for grades K-7. A collection box will be in the volunteer office.



The Peacemakers Hope Banquet will be Thursday, October 4 at Englewood Baptist Church. The Rev.

Van R. Ellison, President and Chief Executive Office of St. Matthew's House in Naples, Florida will be the keynote speaker. He is widely known for his outreach experience addressing issues related hunger, homelessness, human trafficking, and drug addiction. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:00 p.m..

The Handcraft Ministry will meet on

Wednesday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. in
the home of Chris Feno,
616 Short Spoon Circle.



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



First Sunday Donations Needed

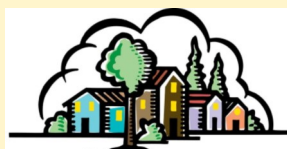
The following items can be brought to the narthex area of the church on the first Sunday of each month or you are welcome to drop items off anytime in the volunteer office beside the church office vestibule:

Tar River Academy

With the school year back in full swing, Tar River Academy is in need of the following items: Pencils (always need lots), black pens, highlighters, spiral notebooks (single subject), colored pencils (12 or 24 packs), graph paper. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be left in the TRA bin in the narthex or the Volunteer room.

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.



Covenant Homes

BINGO PRIZES

The residents of Covenant Homes would greatly appreciate our help with their Bingo games. They don't have prizes when they win. If you would like to help them, there will be a container in the Volunteer office for drop-off. Some examples of prizes are: paper towels, toilet paper, snacks, puzzles, nick-nacks, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, word search books, crossword puzzles, hand lotions, shampoo, anything useful.

**REMEMBER TO RE-LINK YOUR HARRIS
TEETER VIC CARD TO BARIUM SPRINGS
HOME/CHILDRENS HOPE ALLIANCE (#5443).**

Troops 434 and 55 Update



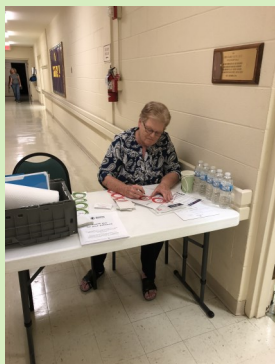
Troop 434 traveled by train to Savannah, Georgia to visit the birthplace of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low. They also took a ghost tour, a riverboat cruise, and enjoyed shopping and playing in downtown Savannah.



Troop 55 has begun work on their Silver project. They are very excited to have added Sage Bunch, granddaughter of Becky and Julian Parks, to their troop.



Outreach would like to thank all of the blood donors, registration and canteen volunteers that helped with our emergency Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Sept. 21st. We had 16 donors to register and were able to collect 13 units of blood.



Presbyterian Women Update

Membership in a P.W. Circle affords a variety of interests and skills with a great group. It keeps the organization flexible and growing. It's never too late to join a circle. You are never too young or too "mature". Basic to circles is Bible Study and serving others. Women come together to share their needs and gifts with one another. Christian leadership is born, nurtured and sent forth into local and connectional ministry. The test of how well a circle functions is not, "how good the meetings were" but "what resulted in people's lives and to what extent our society is favorably affected".

- ◆ PW Coordinating Team: Monday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Session Room
- ◆ Circle of Friends: Monday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cora Lee Gold with Mary Lou Fountain leading the Bible Study.
- ◆ Circle of J.O.Y.: Tuesday, October 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Session Room at the church with Char Mather leading Lesson 2, "God With Us in Our Uncertainty" of the Bible Study.

2018-19 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

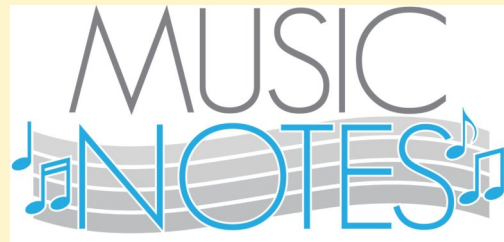
Janice Smith, Moderator
Diane Dixon, Vice-Moderator

Tempie Fuller, Secretary
Frances Guerry, Historian
Sylvia Phillips, Together in Service
TBA, Circle of Friends Leader

Martha Tesoro, Treasurer
Laura Durham, Spiritual Nurture
Edie Reeves, Together in Service
Nancy Richardson, Circle of J.O.Y Leader



We were blessed to witness the baptism of Blakely Gray Watson on Sunday, September 23, 2018. She is pictured here with her parents, Chris and Emily Watson. Kate Tharin was the Elder representative who helped present the family with a Children's Bible, baptism candle and small gift from the Christian Education committee.



The Rocky Mount Chamber Choir will begin their fourth season of concerts with a performance in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 14, at 4:00 p.m. The hour long performance of both sacred and secular works will include two iconic standards of the choral repertoire: Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" and John Rutter's "Te Deum." Cowboy songs (with an award-winning whistler!) and spirituals close out the program. Admission is free.



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*



October 7, 2018

****Communion will be served by trays****

Head Usher: Russell Proctor

Ushers: Christie Sondergard, Emily Sondergard, Wicky Thorpe, Gaye Moore

Greeter: Pat Mauldin

Liturgist: Tim Hathaway

Children's Sermon: Scott Solether

Nursery Helper: Jami Barnhill

Communion Preparers: Ben Roberson, Winslow Rogers, Janice Smith

Communion Servers: Laura Durham, Laura Dudley, Katherine Fisher, Catherine Lilley, Becky Parks, Taylor Phillips, Ben Roberson, Winslow Rogers, Steve Rowe, Janice Smith, Beth Steed, Andy Warner

October 14, 2018

Head Usher: Lige Daughtridge

Ushers: Ellis Daughtridge, Randy Adams, Sally Adams, Kay Wester

Greeters: Annie and Lillie Daughtridge

Liturgist: Russell Proctor

Children's Sermon: Lydia Wingo Kane

October 21, 2018

Head Usher: Tommy Honey

Ushers: Shelton Honey, Randy Adams, Sally Adams, Kay Wester

Greeters: Kate and Thomas Honey

Liturgist: Preston Smith

Children's Sermon: Lydia Wingo Kane

October 28, 2018

Head Usher: David Dudley

Ushers: Laura Dudley, Sam Phillips, Taylor Phillips, Sydney Phillips

Greeter: Cora Lee Gold

Liturgist: Anne Mosley

Children's Sermon: Jim Lilley

Thank You!

Keeping in touch...

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US!



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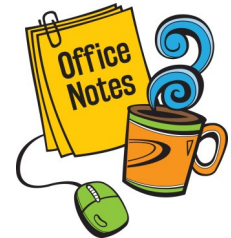
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Contact Information Updates: Kindly notify Dionne Seale in the church office at 252-446-9121 or dionne.seale@fpcrm.org of any email, address, or phone number changes so we can keep our database up to date.

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.



Time does fly. Once again, I had the pleasure of having Beth High visit me, bringing a beautiful cake made by our very talented Hannah Diedrick. Thanks lovely ladies for making my birthday so special.

Love,
Evelyn Reese

The Lighthouse Home, Inc. would like to thank you for your participation in the 2018 Summer Community Worship services, "Act on What You Hear". Your donations and participation are greatly appreciated. Our lives are forever changed.

Vanessa Scaife, Founder

Thank you to the Flower Ministry for the beautiful flowers we recently received.

Earl and Phyllis Goodwin

Katherine was so touched by the beautiful throw made by the ladies at the church. It will definitely come in handy with the chills she gets periodically.

Richard Belk

First Presbyterian,
Thank you so much for making Blakely Gray's baptism so special. It is an absolute joy to raise our little girl in this church. Thank you to all the youth that took the time to write her a little note for the storybook Bible she will cherish for years to come.

Love,
Emily and Chris Watson



**HURRICANE
FLORENCE
DISASTER RELIEF**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.

Monetary donations can be sent to First Presbyterian Church—designate "Hurricane Florence/Presbyterian Disaster Assistance" in the memo line.

If you filled a **Flood Bucket** through the request from the Presbytery of New Hope, please bring your filled and sealed bucket to the Session Room no later than October 7.



- ◆ Brenda Thorpe upon the death of her brother, Jimmy Bennett Barnes of Winnsboro, SC on September 12, 2018.



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:

October 14
November 4



Anne Wilgus is excited to share that she has a new great-granddaughter! Quinn Elizabeth Catherine Davis was born on

September 17, 2018 to Will and Anna (Murray) Davis of Arlington, VA. Shelley Wilgus Murray is Quinn's proud grandmother.

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.



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

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS

Logan Barnes
Katherine Belk (daughter of Dick Fountain)
Mayo & Jean Boddie
Janet Cooper (mother of Elizabeth Rose)
Augusta Daniel
Geraldine Donnell (sister of Janice Smith)
Si Fuller
Winnie Gaynor
Earl and Phyllis Goodwin
Wilda Jenkins
John McInnis (Jack Perry's brother-in-law)
Georgia Mixon
Arrington Moore
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
Clevie Wiggins
Susan Yenney



Can messiness be next to godliness?

Messy People—Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes

A New Ladies Bible Study is Coming!

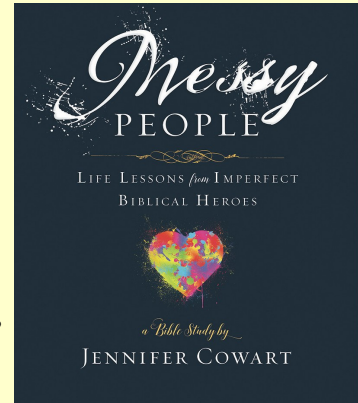
Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.

FPC Session Room

Join us for a six week journey as we learn more about the messy lives of biblical heroes like Rahab, the Prodigal Son, Josiah, Mary, David, and Daniel.

We will meet Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7 and 14.

If interested in participating, sign up with the facilitator, Dionne Seale, in the church office or contact for more information (446-9121, ext. 21 or dionne.seale@fpcrm.org)



Stewardship Sunday

November 4, 2018



Matthew 6:19-21

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston, Head Pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church and former Pastor of Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, will preach for us that Sunday and all are invited for lunch in the fellowship hall immediately following worship that will be catered by Gardner's Barbecue.



December 4, 2018

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

5:00 Social Time

6:15 Dinner

Catered by "Something Different" of Wilson, NC

More info to come!