

First News

“To be a light in our community reflecting Christ’s love and compassion”

From the Pastor’s Desk...

- Last week, August 23, I sat in the Fellowship Hall during our Family Night Supper and was overcome with excitement. As I looked around the full room I saw something special...the family of God being the family of God. People were laughing and sharing stories; there were hugs and handshakes; there were children running and laughing; and all ages...from the youngest to the oldest...were having a good time. That was a great image of what we as the Church are called to be. It doesn’t mean that everything is going perfectly, but it does mean that no matter what we face we will face it together. That is what it means to be a community of faith. My prayer is that through all of the good times as well as the difficult times, we will not lose that sense of community as we walk together in ministry and in life.
- September is an exciting month and I hope you will plan to be a part of it.
 - We begin the month at the table...the Lord’s Table. On Sunday, September 3 we will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion as we explore the idea of finding hope when we are surrounded by hopelessness.
 - On Sunday, September 10, we have Rally Day! We will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Rally Day breakfast before heading to Sunday School at 10:00, Worship at 11:00! This should be a fun and exciting day in the life of the church. Even if you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class I hope you will come and check it out and find out what classes we offer that might be of interest to you.
 - September 24 is a day I hope you will circle on your calendar as well as begin inviting people to join you. We will be gathering in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. for my installation service. What a way to celebrate how God is moving in our lives that to come before Him in worship as we are officially joined together.
- **Being a Light of Christ in the Community:** Do you remember what Jesus said to his disciples before his ascension? First, he gave them the Great Commission, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”* We, the followers of Jesus Christ, are instructed to be his witnesses in the world...sharing our faith and inviting others to come and experience the ways God is moving in our lives. But along with this challenge Jesus gave to disciples and believers there was also a promise...*“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* This means that we do not undertake this challenge from Jesus alone; we do not undertake the mission God has given us by our own strength. God is guiding us and leading us.

So here are some things I encourage you to do in an effort to help grow First Presbyterian Church and the

Kingdom of God.

- Think of people that you know that do not have a church home;
- Take a few days to pray for them and ask God for guidance;
- Share with them the ministry of First Presbyterian Church and invite them to join you one Sunday morning for our service of worship!

Remember...together we CAN grow God's Church!

- *Pastor Joe*

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

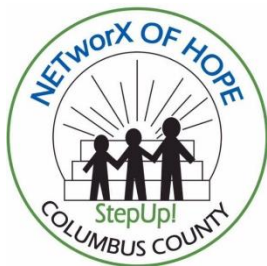
Starting September 10th
Sunday School 10:00am
Worship 11:00am

2:00-6:00 pm
Sunday, September 10
Youth Kickoff Party
Gray Lake House,
Lake Waccamaw

YOUTH
Ministry
Youth, Grades 6-12



The office has been updating our records and trying to make everything as accurate as possible. Please take the time to make sure all phone numbers, email addresses, and birthdays, etc. are in the church database. Thank you!



Thank you seems inadequate and is not expressed frequently enough. Actions taken consistently over time to help people in the community may be taken for granted. So all those involved with NETworX of Hope want to acknowledge the support of your church family for our 'family' who are given the use of all your facility every Tuesday evening as well as financial contributions for the program we offer. The welcome you give us allows us, in turn, to welcome others seeking to move forward for themselves and their children. While we will not be there during September, we look forward to coming back on October 3. *Thank you* for all you do for us as part of your outreach ministry.

Carolyn Hankins, Coordinator, NETworX of Hope

If you have pictures of FPC events, please submit to karen@fpcwhiteville.org so they can be featured here!



SEPTEMBER 10th 2017

See you for breakfast at 9 am. Sunday School starts at 10am.



September 2107 Worship Schedule

Head Usher, September: Debbie Viets

September 3

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Communion

Luke 8:40-42, 49-56 "Hope Amidst Hopelessness"

Nursery Attendant: Janet Royal

Sound Team: Fuller Royal

Sanctuary Flowers: Joan Dorsett

Communion Servers: Sara Cartrette, Coke Gray III, Kaye Pope

September 10 – Rally Day, 10:00 am Sunday School, 11:00 am Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 1:6-11 "Let's Get Busy!"

Nursery Attendant: Suzanne Blackmon

Sound Team: Jim Brooks

September 17

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:6-22 "Joseph Who?"

Nursery Attendant: Susan Smith

Sound Team: Josh Horne

September 24

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 8:26-39 "Turned Away by the Savior"

Nursery Attendant: Mandy Horne

Sound Team: Beth Owens

Sanctuary Flowers: Diane Scott

Session Meeting

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, met on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Moderated by Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, the members of session got the opportunity to tell Pastor Joe a little about themselves and hear from him about himself and his expectations about his ministry here.

The Session:

- reviewed the current year to date statement of income and expenditures. Concerns over income shortfall were discussed.
- discussed the upcoming Rally day which will include a church wide breakfast. There is a need for Sunday school teachers.
- reviewed the plans for the minister's installation.
- will review church wedding policy and the Christmas season activities.
- will take up the special Presbytery "Christmas Joy" offering. Date to be determined.
- will hold a Sole Hope event in the fall.
- will partner with WUMC on September 30th on a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event.
- immediately remove the diseased dogwood tree in the church side yard and to monitor the health of the tree beside the bell tower, may remove later.
- approved to replace approx. 84 sq. ft. of carpet at a cost of \$527 in the nurse's office and cleaning of other rugs and carpet as needed.
- approved the use of the church March 2 & 3, 2018 for the wedding of Bethany Thurston and Tyler Boyles.
- approved the use of the conference room for 7 weeks from 9:00-11:00am beginning September 26 for the Ladies Bible Study.
- approved the use of the sanctuary and Worth Hall for The Southeastern Oratorio Society for rehearsal and performance on the following dates:

Sanctuary 6:30-9:00pm on November 20, 27 and December 4th

Sanctuary 9:30am-1:00pm on December 9th or 3:00-6:00pm on December 10th for dress rehearsal.

Performance day, December 11, Sanctuary and Worth Hall Choir room 5:30-9:00pm

The Outreach Committee to carry out the following items.

- Approval to restart Cents-ability (previously Two-Cents-a-Meal).
- Approval to clean up a road through the "Adopt-a-Highway" program.
- Approval to set the following dates for the upcoming year for the Youth Ministry program, Sept 10 and 24, Oct 8 and 22, Nov 5 and 19, Dec 3 and 17, Jan 7 and 21, Feb 4 and 18, Mar 4 and 18, Apr 15 and 29, May 6 and 20.
- Approval for a "School Supply" giveaway in August.

Pastor's Report:

Dr. Washburn requested the session pray and support for our ministry here. He asked that the Session meet when possible 20 minutes prior to the service to discuss joys and concerns in the congregation and community. He asked for a list of immediate visitation needs from the session and those willing to visit with him. An Absentee Report was distributed and session members are to contact their sunlight members who are on the list to express concern for their absence and encourage them to attend.

A Note from The Outreach Committee:

The Outreach Committee is happy to announce that FPC is once again going to participate in the program formerly known as Two-Cents-a-Meal. Now called Cents-Ability, this program is the Presbyterian Church's "strategy for raising awareness-and funds-for the fight against hunger." In honor of World Food Day on Monday, October 16th, we will kick off Cents-ability on Sunday, October 15th. But before then, we need your help! "Banks" will need to be made, so if you have any empty (and clean!) pickle jars, larger-sized soup cans, or any other containers which could be used, please drop them off at the church office by Friday, October 6th.

FPC will once again be holding a Sole Hope Shoe Cutting party! This program aims to outfit people in Uganda with shoes to prevent jiggers in feet, and to provide a sustainable job and income for Ugandans. The party will be held in the fall, and even though a date has not been finalized, there is a way to help now. Each shoe pattern we send off needs to be sponsored for \$10--this includes shipping, extra materials, and payment for the Tailors and Shoemakers. If you are interested in helping sponsor a pair of shoes (or several!), please make your check out to FPC with "Sole Hope" in the memo line.

FPC will be helping Whiteville United Methodist Church's "Rise Against Hunger" meal packaging event on Saturday, September 30th. RAH is "an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030." Meal-packaging events are assembly-line style ways of preparing over 10,000 highly nutritious dehydrated meals that are used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries. If you're interested, there are two ways you can help: 1. volunteer for the event on September 30th. You may contact the church office, sign up on the attendance register, or contact Mandy Horne. 2. Donate. FPC has committed \$1500 to this event (at \$.29 a meal, that's over 5,000 meals!), and we are challenging the congregation to match the church's contribution. If interested, please make the check out to FPC with "Rise Against Hunger" in the memo line.

Thank you,
The Outreach Committee

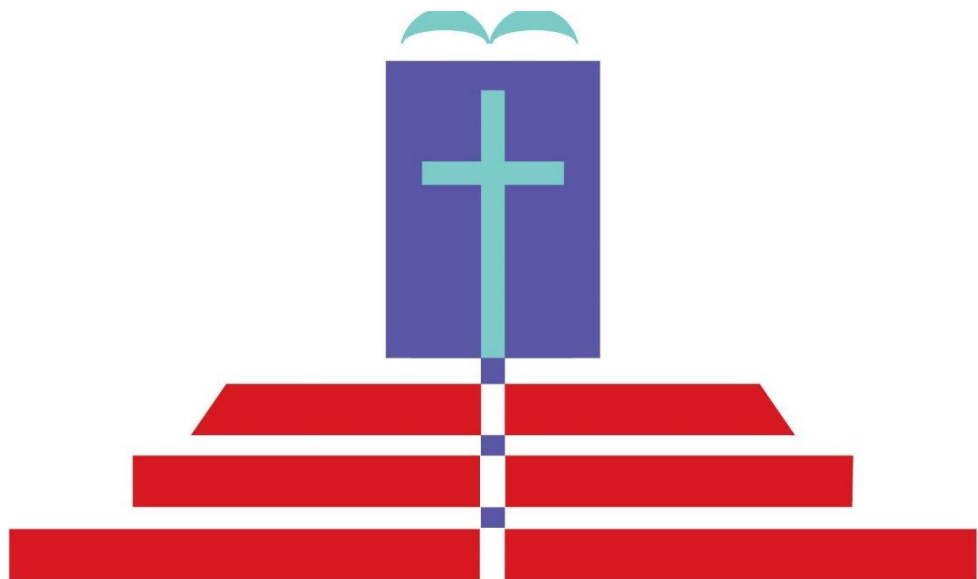
BIRTHDAYS



4 - Melanie Capps
Miranda Kamberger
6 - Mary Kindschuh
9 - Andrew Scott
10 - Mandy Smith
16 - Shirley Logan
17 - Emily Owens
20 - Laythan Stocks
21 - JE Thompson
23 - Luke McLean
26 - Ben Kilpatrick
27 - Jackie Brooks
28 - David Medford
Mike Spivey



4 - Don Stocks
Emma Gray Wheatley
5 - Peggy Blanchard
8 - Logan Hester
9 - Butch Blanchard
11 - Walter Strickland
15 - Kenneth Smith
17 - Betty Monds
18 - Martin Scott
20 - Emily Cook
26 - Donald Hester
27 - Fredrica Stell
29 - Sara Cartrette
30 - Zack Spivey
31 - Rick Neisler



INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. JOSEPH D. WASHBURN

Sunday, September 24, 2017 5:00 pm First Presbyterian Church 511 N. Thompson St.

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**



Columbus Regional Blood Drive

500 Jefferson Street – Main Entrance

Wednesday, Sept. 13th

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Contact information:

Janet Royal, Director of Laboratory Services

(910)642-1787

Email: jroyal@crhealthcare.org

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Church Calendar

Wednesdays:	Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 pm
Thursdays:	Chicks with Sticks – 10:30 am
Monday, September 4:	Labor Day, Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5:	Nuts & Bolts Committee – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, September 6:	Conference Room Reserved
Sunday, September 10:	Breakfast – 9:00 am Rally Day, end of Summer Hours. Sunday School - 10:00 am, Worship - 11:00am Youth Kickoff Party, Gray Lake House, Lake Waccamaw – 2:00 – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, September 12:	Morning Circle, Evening Circle
Wednesday, September 13:	Session Meeting - 6:30 pm
Monday, September 18:	Spiritual Development/Outreach Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm
Friday, September 22:	Autumn Begins
Sunday, September 24:	Installation of Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Washburn, 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 26:	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, September 27:	Family Night Supper – 6:00 pm Elders in Charge: Ben Kilpatrick and Greg Blackmon Worship Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm

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