

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church

Third Week of August, 2020

Whiteville, NC

"To be a light in our community reflecting Christ's love and compassion"



Sunday Worship: Week three of our sermon series, "Stepping Out in Faith", has us making the jump to the New Testament. This week we will be in Luke, chapter 1, as we take a look at God's choosing of Mary for a very special task. In preparation for Sunday's service I encourage you to read, and pray through, Luke 1:26-38

Worship information:

- **Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38
 - **Sermon:** "Stepping Out in Faith with Mary"
- **Hymns:**
- "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
 - "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary"

Livestream: We are now offering in-person worship. The guidelines for attending worship can be found on our web page at www.fpcwhiteville.org. But we also continue our live stream options.

1. Facebook: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville
2. YouTube: On the YouTube site, search for "First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, NC"
3. Twitter: @FPCWhiteville
4. Roku: First Presbyterian-Whiteville
5. Spectrum Channel 1304

Wednesday Prayer Service: Each week we have been offering a Prayer Service using Zoom. This is a time when we can catch up with one another and then enter into a time of prayer together. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 and an invitation to join us is sent out either Monday or Tuesdays with a reminder going out about 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. This gathering and praying together typically lasts about 30 minutes. Hope you will join us

Community Outreach: Want to make a big difference in Whiteville and Columbus County? Here are three pretty simple, not too time-consuming ways, you can have an impact on your community!

- **Cards:** Write cards for employees at the hospital...or nursing home. You can drop these off at the church, there is a plastic shoe box beneath the carport of the Outback building, and we will deliver them for you. Jeremy Simmons, chaplain at the hospital, tells me every time I drop some off how much they mean to those who get them.
- **Snack Food:** Besides cards, I know the hospital welcomes donated snacks...homemade or store bought...for the staff. Just a little something that reminds them that they are in our thoughts and prayers. You can also drop these off at the church and we will deliver them.
- **Canned Food:** If you would like to help families in need within Columbus County, Community CPR is collecting canned food. There are collection boxes at Penn's Grill and Pharmacy on Main...or feel free to drop them off at the church and we will get them to where they need to be!

*In Christ,
Pastor Joe*

Volunteers:

A/V: 8/16: Donald or Jenifer Hester 8/23: Will Scott

Flowers: 8/16: Thurston family

8/23: Judy Nelson

8/30: Justin Smith

8/30: Sara Cartrette

August, 2020 Worship Schedule

August: Gail Crutchfield

August 16: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship (*no nursery or Sunday School*)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 Sermon: "Stepping Out in Faith with Mary"

August 23: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship (*no nursery or Sunday School*)

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22 Sermon: "Stepping Out in Faith with the Disciples"

August 30: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am In-Person Worship (*no nursery or Sunday School*)

Scripture: Acts 9:10-19 Sermon: "Stepping Out in Faith with Ananias"



Prayer Concerns: Geraldine Becker; John Hall; Dolores Harris; Bob High; Rita & R. L. Lewis; Walter Strickland.

Assisted Care: Anna Jane Collier; Charlene Hinnant; Kenneth Smith.

Friends:

Pat Allen – friend of Butch Row, Alzheimer's

Michael Brown – friend of Carrie Burney, cancer

Ronnel Burney - Todd Burney's father

Hugo & Paula Caesares – friends of the Trogdons, mission trip

Matthew Coker – friend of Pastor Joe, heart transplant

Billie Joe Conrad

Betty Engen Faircloth – friend of the church, cancer

Frank Frione – son of Charlene High, car accident

Rev. Ben Garris – friend of Joe and Angela, cancer

Patty High – family of Bob & Charlene High, COVID-19

Shelby Hinson – friend of Sara Cartrette, heart surgery

Shelby Hodge

Barry Housend – friend of Steve Smith, cancer

Phyllis Howlett – friend of Martin Scott, cancer

Roger Kennedy – friend of David Trogdon - stroke

Julie Malone – cousin of Butch Row, dementia

Jerome McPherson

Carmen McQueen – friend of Janet Gray, cancer

Carrie Palmer - friend of the church, cancer

Shiryl Smith – friend of Butch Row, gallbladder issues

William Smith – friend of Sara Cartrette, stroke

Mike Spradley – friend of the church, cancer

Christy Stoops – niece of Kim Smith, non-Hodgkins lymphoma

Nancy Washburn - mother of Pastor Joe

Joe Youngblood - friend of the church, cancer

Please notify the office when names can be removed.

- *The flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Ellen Thurston's 100th birthday by her grandchildren.*

Face Masks: Wearing face masks in public has become mandatory in NC. We encourage you to please wear one as we work together to put this Covid-19 down. If you are in need of a face mask please contact Pastor Joe, or the office, as we have some homemade masks available.



Hand Sanitizer: If you are in need of hand sanitizer let Pastor Joe or the office know. Alex Munroe and Cape Fear Distillery have donated some of their "DistilliSan". We can gladly refill your container! Just let me know and we will get together.



Centsability Offering will be collected Sunday, August 30, 2020

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 16:

Monday, August 17:

Wednesday, August 19:

Thursday, August 20:

Sunday, August 23:

Monday, August 24:

Wednesday, August 26:

Thursday, August 27:

In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

MVE Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

CLC Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm

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In-Person Worship Service - 11:00 am

SDO Committee Meeting - 12:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Scout Roundtable Meeting - 6:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall - 8:00 pm

Contact the church office: 910-642-2253

NEW OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-2:30pm, Mon, Thur, Fri & 2:00-5:30pm Tues & Wed

Pastor Joe: pastorjoe@fpcwhiteville.org

Cell: 910-625-8023

Angela Washburn: angela@fpcwhiteville.org

Live-Stream of Service: www.facebook.com/fpcwhiteville, Twitter, YouTube, Spectrum Channel 1304, and Roku



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WHITEVILLE, NC

NEW!

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
TUESDAY - 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY - 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Safe! Contactless!

Online Giving:

fpcwhiteville.org/giving/
or scan this code with your
smartphone:



By Mail: 511 North Thompson Street
Whiteville, NC 28472



**Ways
to
Give**

First Presbyterian Church 511 North Thompson Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

Phone: 910-642-2253 Website: fpcwhiteville.org Email: karen@fpcwhiteville.org

Facebook & Twitter: @FPCWhiteville, YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChKHBaz2uwGyeXY1u7dal5A>

Offering plate

2020 US Census

Completing the census is particularly important in areas such as ours, which are prone to hurricane damage and rely on government recovery funds. When people aren't counted, it means our community could miss out on important benefits every year for the next 10 years.

The Census is a population count of every person living in the U.S. and its five territories. In March 2020, households across the country began receiving invitations to respond. Results will shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to communities for critical public services such as healthcare, education, infrastructure, and public safety. They also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Knowing who lives throughout the nation means that communities can better support programs and services benefitting people aged 65 and older, low-income people, veterans, children, and newborns.

When you respond to the 2020 Census, you are helping to shape the future of your community.

This year is the first time everyone can respond online, by phone, or by mail. For more information, connect with me to set up an interview with a Census representative.