

# The Pew'sletter

## Message from Rev. Cannon

In reading one of my daily devotions, I read about Believer's passion and that sometimes it burns low. Believers in Jesus Christ can experience burn-out in their faith and unless it is stoked as a fire must be stoked, fervor for God can diminish. This daily reading came from In Touch Daily Devotions and I would like to share with you questions/ suggestions that were made to keep the burning passion for God burning.

Do you have joy in the Lord and a desire to serve Him, share the gospel, and help others in need?

Do you spend time in the Word daily?

Do you pray, knowing that God is listening and working in your life?

Do you faithfully attend church and tithe?

Do you experience joy, peace, contentment, and hope in Jesus?

Do you stand firm in your godly convictions?

If you need to rekindle a passion for God answer these questions with a resounding yes. If the answer is a no, incorporate the idea into your daily routine. When you do, you will experience the great love and joy in serving our Lord and you will restore a great passion for serving God in new and exciting ways.

Rev. Veronica E. Cannon

## June Financials:

Income = \$13,764.58

Expenses = \$13,459.93

Total = \$ 304.65

## New Office Hours:

Office hours as of August 1st:

Monday: 8:30 am to Noon

Tuesday: 8:30 am to Noon

Wednesday: 8:30 am to Noon

Thursday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Friday: CLOSED

## Session Highlights from 7/21/15 meeting:

1. Heard report on the planning of the 200th Celebration, now set for October 10th & 11th.
2. Approved "Sparkle clean-up" days - August 29th and September 26th.
3. Received report that Doris Dorsey is retiring. The Session approved a monetary retirement gift for Doris, that you can contribute to during the month of August.
4. Started selecting a slate of names for the Elder nominating committee.
5. Effective August 1st, the office hours will change. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - 8:30 am to noon. Thursday - 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Closed on Fridays. On Fridays, in case of emergency, contact information for the Session Elder on call will be on the voicemail, and printed in the bulletin.

Your Session will next meet on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00 pm in the kitchen. Anyone in the congregation is invited to attend



### **ELDER CARE MISSION UPDATE**

The pantry is filling up beautifully! The seniors are thanking you every day! Remember that SMALL containers and single –serving items are preferred. We are still in need of small rolls of tin foil or plastic wrap, tall kitchen trash can liners, toilet paper (single rolls or 4-packs) and paper towels. Plain crackers are also welcome.

Items can be left in the box marked “ELDER CARE PANTRY” which is located in room next to the nursery (old Pastor’s office). Please do NOT put these items in the “Christian Ministries” box!

We still have some yard work waiting for cooler weather. If you know of any middle or high school youth who might like to be involved with this, please pass that information on to Jill in the Office.

Keep those Cards of Caring coming in! We have lots of beautiful, blank cards, but can always use some birthday and get well specific ones, too.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED BRIGHTEN A SENIOR’S DAY!**

Sandy Eldridge

### **FPC Bicentennial Celebration**

Save Saturday evening, October 10<sup>th</sup> for a celebration dinner and plan to attend the very special service on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> as we give thanks for 200 years in worship and service to the Lord. All members will be receiving a personal invitation this month with information on opportunities for participation in this marvelous event.

The planning team has met twice already and good food, lovely decorations, entertainment and uplifting words and song are in the works. A Bicentennial Book is being composed. We hope that many of you will share your memories of life in the First Presbyterian congregation. Whether you can attend or not, let us include your memories or those of other family members in this book. Your personal invitation will explain how to do this. This celebration is not covered by the bare-bones budget that FPC labors under today. So in the next several weeks you will also receive some information on how we plan to fund the book and banquet. It is hoped that everyone in the First Presbyterian family and greater Lincolnton community will be able to support this wonderful milestone event.

Sandy Eldridge

### **Music Minister Search**

ALERT! ALERT! Everyone in the FPC Family needs to be on the lookout for likely candidates!! You KNOW what we need – someone who loves the Church and music of all kinds; someone with reasonable music skills and the ability to work with adults and children. If you find that person, either have THEM call the office or Sandy Eldridge (704-408-1418) directly, OR get contact information to us as soon as possible.

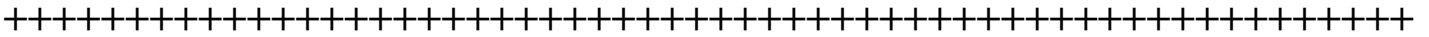
We are absolutely LOVING Jackie Robinson, but we don’t get to keep her. So start scouring the countryside and help FPC find a permanent Director.

Sandy Eldridge



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Vacation Bible School this year was a great success! Many volunteers made a commitment to provide leadership during VBS. These people shared the word of God with others. We now want to say, "Thank you!" Our VBS volunteers were Rev. Veronica Cannon, Pat Carpenter, Jan Duncan, Sandy Eldridge, Anna Gilbert, Ann Hallman, Alison Morgan, Karen Morgan, Mary Smith, Scott Smith, and Christine Thomas. We also want to thank our partners from the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upcoming Event

Rally Day is September 13th! During the worship service we will be dedicating our teachers and blessing the book bags. There will be a covered dish luncheon following worship.



## HELP!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH CHILDREN'S** Sunday School . Just remember ....God **DOESN'T CALL THE QUALIFIED, HE QUALIFIES** the CALLED! If you are interested or if you have questions contact Christine Thomas.

# Ministry for the Church

## AUGUST 2015

Sun., August 2nd	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b> <b>Soup Kitchen</b> —Davis & Judy Roberts, Betty Beaver, and Pam Sipe	Sanctuary
Wed., August 5th	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., August 9th	10:30 am	<b>Worship—COMMUNION</b>	Sanctuary
Wed., August 12th	7:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., August 16th	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
Tues., August 18th	6:00 pm	<b>Session Meeting</b>	Kitchen
Wed., August 19th	11:30 am 7:00 pm	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	Captain Pete's
Sun., August 23rd	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
Wed., August 26th	7:00 pm	<b>PEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Sun., August 30th	10:30 am	<b>Worship</b> <b>5 cents-a-meal</b>	Sanctuary

### AUGUST WORSHIP TEAMS

Team Leaders—Mort Wadsworth & Davis Roberts  
Soup Kitchen—Davis & Judy Roberts, Betty Beaver, Pam Sipe

#### August 2nd

**Greeters & Offering**.....John & Peggy Lafferty  
**Worship Leader**.....Kristy McBryde  
**Nursery**.....Anna Gilbert  
**Children's Time**.....Jan Duncan  
**Lock-up**.....John Lafferty

#### August 9th

**Greeters & Offering**.....Betty Beaver & Mary Smith  
**Worship Leader**.....Scott Smith  
**Nursery**.....Pat Carpenter  
**Children's Time**.....Rick Ramseur  
**Lock-up**.....Dennis McCorkle  
**COMMUNION:**  
**Preparers:** Pat & John Carpenter  
**Servers:** Chip Crumley, Christine Thomas, Betty Beaver—Nursery

#### August 16th

**Greeters & Offering**.....Joe & Karen Morgan  
**Worship Leader**.....Christine Thomas  
**Nursery**.....The Morgans  
**Children's Time**.....Greg McBryde  
**Lock-up**.....Mort Wadsworth

#### August 23rd

**Greeters & Offering**.....The McBrydes  
**Worship Leader**.....Greg McBryde  
**Nursery**.....The Hodges  
**Children's Time**.....Thad Cloer  
**Lock-up**.....The McBrydes

#### August 30th

**Greeters & Offering**.....Davis & Judy Roberts  
**Worship Leader**.....Zoe Cloer  
**Nursery**.....The McBrydes  
**Children's Time**.....Barbara Crumley  
**Lock-up**.....Pam Sipe  
**5 cents-a-meal**.....Nathan Cloer

*If you cannot serve, please find your own replacement and notify the office of the change.*

### AMY'S HOUSE NEEDS

The following supplies on a regular basis: Clorox; washing powder; liquid hand soap; hand sanitizer; toothpaste; tooth brushes; mouthwash; sanitary napkins; deodorant; shampoo/conditioner; baby shampoo/wash/powder; Pampers (bigger sizes); diaper rash crème (butt paste); cough medicine; fever reducer; Midol; Motrin; Tylenol (extra strength); trash bags (45, 39 and 13 gallon); light bulbs(40, 75 watts); aluminum foil; salt and pepper; toilet tissue; paper towels; children's socks; children's underwear; teen bra and underwear; brushes and combs; bedroom slippers. Bring to Church and we'll deliver to Amy's House.

### CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

#### Our Wish List...

Even though we spent over \$1000 on food that we needed we still have very little of the following items: canned beans, dry beans, rice, toilet paper, detergent, soup or cooking oil.

Don't forget that starting the first of August clients will need school supplies for their children. Back packs (middle school and high school size), notebook paper and pencils are always needed.



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**SCHEDULE**  
**Church School: 9:30am**  
**Worship: 10:30 am**  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

#### MISSION:

REACH.  
TEACH. FEED.  
LOVE.

#### CHURCH STAFF

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**Girl Scouts** meet at FPC.  
Contact Tina Cloer,  
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**FPC's Calendar** is updated on Google Calendar and the church website.