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Message from Rev. Cannon

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Summer is winding down and I pray that you have had opportunities for rest, relaxation and time with family this season.

We have many things to celebrate and many things for which to give God thanks and praise!

The most exciting news is the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has given us back “original jurisdiction”. This means we can now have a Session! This also means that First Presbyterian Church is able to make decisions concerning its direction and function. The session and I will be working to discern God’s will for the church and will be sure to keep you informed of our work. We will also be looking to you at times to hear your voice as we grow deeper in faith and service. As a congregation, we have worked extremely hard to get to this point! Your newly elected Session members are working and studying hard to help keep the church moving forward. To this end, we will be installing the Session on Sunday, August 24th at the morning worship service. Let’s give God glory for all God is doing.

We also celebrate the success of Vacation Bible School held the final weekend in July. A good time was had by all learning as we sought to serve family, friends, neighbors, community and Jesus!

Please join us as celebrate hiring our new Administrative Assistant – Jill Goins. She will be in the office daily from 9:00 am to Noon, Monday through Friday. When you get a chance, and I hope you will make the time, come by and introduce yourselves to her and welcome her. She is a wonderful addition to our family.

On a broader scope, we can celebrate that our denomination as a whole just completed the latest General Assembly, which I was privileged to attend. Admittedly, there were some tense moments as we gathered together, but God was present among us. I served as a commissioner and Vice moderator of Congregational Vitality. All of the committees worked hard and brought things to the floor of the General Assembly. There were times of prayer, terse discussion and some dissension, but it was all respectful and promising. You can read about all of the work of General Assembly on the website of Presbytery as well as Google General Assembly and see all of the work that was completed. You can even talk with me if you have questions. I would love to tell you all about it, but there is so much it could take pages.

May God bring you much joy and love in your home, on your jobs and in your hearts. Live life to the full and share the love and joy of God with others. I love you.

In Christ, Rev. Veronica Cannon

Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 17th

Immediately following Worship

July Financials:

Income:	\$12,306.94
Expenses:	\$13,549.31
Result:	-\$1,242.37

(shortfall/overage)

Stated Meeting of the Leadership Committee July 29, 2014

Items discussed:

- PWNC has granted “Original Jurisdiction” back to FPC Lincolnton—we may now have a session.
- Rev. Cannon briefed the council on the rest of



Educational Event for
Adults and Youth
Saturday, September 13, 2014
3:30 pm — 7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church
100 Silver Creek Road
Morganton, North Carolina



Mission Opportunities



September and December still need
volunteers to sign-up and serve.

If you would like to volunteer or have
any questions, contact Greg McBryde
704-530-8075, Gregory.mcbride
@gmail.com, or the office: 704-735 8671. A sign-up
sheet is on the bulletin board.



Celebration!

Picnic in the park on Sunday August
24th will be a covered dish celebration
in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate our
new session and meet our new Admin-
istrative Assistant—**Jill Goins**.

Bring a dish to share will all!

Link your Harris Teeter Card
to Raise Funds for FPC Preschool

Simply give the cashier our code-
6877- the next time you shop there.
The Preschool will receive a per-
centage of your purchases of store
brands.

Christian Ministries Wish List...

Toilet Paper, Large Diapers, Wipes,
Clothes Detergent, cooking oil, grits and
dry beans.
Pots & Pans, all household items.
Mayonnaise & Sugar for the Soup Kitch-
en.
Men's Jeans, shoes -**big sizes**, Men's un-
derwear and socks.

School supplies—backpacks (all siz-
es), loose leaf notebook paper, single
subject spiral notebooks and 2" or 3"
binders.

AMY'S HOUSE NEEDS

The following supplies on a regular basis: Clorox;
washing powder; liquid hand soap; hand sanitizer;
toothpaste; tooth brushes; mouthwash; sanitary nap-
kins; 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; chil-
dren's socks; children's underwear; teen bra and under-
wear; brushes and combs; bedroom slippers. Bring to
Church and we'll deliver to Amy's House.

Register Now for 2014-2015 Preschool
If you would like for your child to attend Fall
FPC Preschool, please call us as soon as pos-
sible: 704-735-2275.

Note from Sandy Eldridge - Chair, Session Nominating Team:

Currently, 4 of the 5 members you elected as Elders are hard at work in training with Rev. Cannon right now, and will be Installed on [Sunday, August 24th](#).

Unfortunately, one person has withdrawn from the Session-Elect, so we must find a replacement. In order to do that we are opening Nominations again. If you nominate anyone, you MUST speak with them to be sure they are willing to be trained and serve on the Session.

Nominations will be open from [Sunday, August 3rd](#) through [Wednesday, August 13th](#). At that time, the Nominating Committee will contact each Nominee, conduct the interview process again and select a person to present to the Congregation.

As before, a Congregational Meeting will be held on [Sunday, August 17th](#) at the end of Service when the Nominating Committee's selection will be presented and Nominations from the floor (if any) will be taken. A vote will be taken at that time and the Fifth Member of the Session will be ratified.

The newest Elder-elect will work with Rev. Cannon so that he or she can be Ordained and Installed as soon as possible.

Nomination Forms are on the back table along with the box to put them in. Alternate methods of communicating Nominations are listed on the form.

As we continue this process re-establish our Session - let's remember to Reach, Teach, Feed, and Love all of His Creation.

Many Blessing and Thanks!

Nomination Form for First Presbyterian Church Officers

BEFORE completing this nomination form, the Nominating Committee requests that you:

Review the general qualifications listed below

Pray for wisdom and discernment for you, the person you are nominating, and for the Nominating Committee.

I nominate _____ for the office of ELDER.
PLEASE PRINT MEMBER'S NAME

In light of the following general descriptions of characteristics needed for effective functioning as a First Presbyterian Church office, please check one or more of those characteristics that you have observed in the nominee. Feel free to add any other observations that you feel would be helpful to the Nominating Committee.

- Individual is in regular attendance at Sun day services
- Individual is active in one or more First Presbyterian activities on a regular basis
- Individual's behaviors provide evidence of his/her commitment to First Presbyterian and a focus on discipleship
- Individual has a posture that suggests an eagerness to learn; openness to new ideas; maturity of judgment
- Individual's talents/abilities match the office for which she/he is being considered
- Qualifications one and two above have been evident in the individual's behavior for at least the past year
- Individual regularly attends Sunday School or one of First Presbyterian's Bible studies
- Individual has a demonstrated past of following through on assignments

Thank you for taking the time to complete this nomination form.

Please print out the completed form and place it in the "drop box" found in the back of the Sanctuary.

You may also email names to: sandyeldridge25@gmail.com

Forms are also accepted by mail at: Sandy Eldridge, 518 S. Poplar St., Lincolnton, NC 28092

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: AUGUST 13, 2014

Service to the Church

AUGUST 2014

Sunday, Aug. 10th	10:30am	Worship, 9th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments in the Park— Carpenters	Sanctuary
	After Worship	New Session training	
Sunday, Aug. 17th	10:30am	Worship, 10th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments in the Park— John & Peggy Lafferty	Sanctuary
	After Worship	CE Team Meeting	
Wed., Aug. 13th	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Sunday, Aug. 24th	10:30am	Worship— 11th Sunday after Pentecost Ordination and Installation of Elders PICNIC IN THE PARK	Sanctuary
Tuesday, Aug. 26th	10am—2pm	SMALL CHURCH FORUM (HERE)	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Aug. 31st	10:30am	Worship— 12th Sunday after Pentecost 5 cents a meal offering	Sanctuary

AUGUST WORSHIP TEAM

Leaders...Davis Roberts & Mort Wadsworth

August 10th

Greeters & Offering.....Joe & Karen Morgan
Worship LeaderScott Smith
Nursery.....
Children's TimeBarbara Crumley
Communion Team....Cynthia Randleman, Mary Smith
Refreshments in the Park.....John & Pat Carpenter
Lock-up John Lafferty

August 17th

Greeters & Offering.....Betty Beaver & Judy Roberts
Worship LeaderChris Thomas
Nursery.....Anna Gilbert
Children's Time... ..Rick Ramseur
Refreshments in the Park.....John & Peggy Lafferty
Lock-upJan Duncan

August 24th

Greeters & Offering.....Pat & John Carpenter
Worship Leader.....Greg McBryde
NurseryLori Wray
Children's Time.....Jan Duncan
Refreshments in the Park.... PICNIC in the Park
Lock-up.....Rick Ramseur
Children's TimeJan Duncan
Lock-up John Lafferty

August 31st (Labor Day weekend)

Greeters & Offering.....Greg & Kristy McBryde
Worship Leader... ..Thad Cloer
Nursery.....Cynthia Randleman
Children's Time.....Greg McBryde
5-cents-a mealZoe Cloer
Lock-up.....Peggy Lafferty

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

COMMUNION SCHEDULE 2014

August 10th

Preparers.....Cynthia Randleman & Mary Smith
Servers.....Scott Smith, Jan Duncan, Chip Crumley-Nursery

September 14th

Preparers.....Betty Beaver & Melinda Berrier
Servers.....John & Peggy Lafferty, Pam Sipe-Nursery

October 5th—World Communion

Preparers.....Sue Bowen & Pam Sipe
Servers.....Thad Cloer, Barbara Crumley, Scott Nishek-Nursery

November 9th

Preparers.....Lori Wray
Servers.....Betty Beaver, Joe Morgan, Mary Smith-Nursery

December 14th

Preparers.....Sue Bowen & Pam Sipe
Servers.....Gladys Hollis, Christy Nishek, Peggy Lafferty-Nursery

December 24th

Preparers.....Cynthia Randleman & Mary Smith
Servers.....Greg McBryde, Jan Duncan, John Lafferty

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 114 West Main Street
 Lincolnton, NC 28092
 Phone 704-735-8671
www.fpclincolnton.org

SCHEDULE

Worship: 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal
 Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

MISSION:

REACH.
 TEACH.
 FEED.
 LOVE.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Veronica E. Cannon
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Christy Nishek
christynishek@att.net
Mike Randleman
JMichaelr@hotmail.com

Piano Lessons at FPC

Dr. Parker offers private piano instruction **Wednesdays from 3-5 pm**. Contact Patricia, 704-877-7418, or drpgpaker@gmail.com.

Girl Scouts meet at FPC. Contact Tina Cloer, 704-732-8187

FPC's Calendar is updated on Google Calendar and the church website.

DISCOUNT TICKETS TO CAROWINDS

ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE Good through **11/2/14**

Save \$5 per person. Each ticket can be used for up to 6 people at a time.