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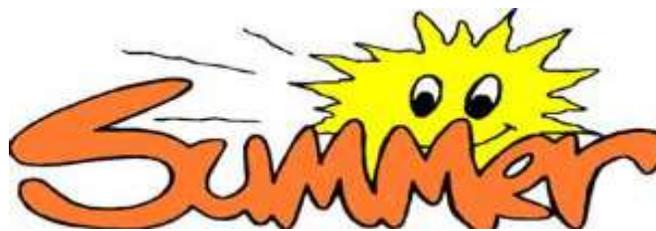
June 2015

Message from Rev. Cannon

Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer is fast approaching, and as I wrote this letter to you, I was in sunny California; only it wasn't very sunny. It was actually cooler there than in Lincolnton. Some kind of cool front I guess. Nevertheless, summer is coming. It is going to get hotter and for some very uncomfortable. Some of you may already be aware of this, but I love the heat. I can always cool off when it gets too hot; drink something cold or step into an air conditioned building and I am good as gold. As children of God, I believe we should seek to be where things are hot and stay hot. That is where the action is. I am not talking about the weather, but about being in the midst of mission and ministry. It is hot in ministry and things are happening and needs are being met. Sitting on the sidelines where things are cool and comfortable is not where God wants us to be. It is in the messiness of life that we can reach the most people for God; either by sharing the Gospel or showing the love of the Gospel to those who reside in the cold, away from God. First Presbyterian Church is engaging in ministry that reaches people and shows the love of God. Will you serve God, will you move where God is working and take part? You are a valued member of the Church and God needs all hands on deck, God needs you. Use the God given gifts you have and let us build the Kingdom of God here in Lincolnton or in not so sunny California, or wherever you may find yourselves. Many blessings on you all. I love you in Christ our Savior.

Rev. Veronica



Session Highlights from 5/12/15 meeting:

1. Met with and accepted into Membership Jeanene McConnell.
2. Discussed creation of Nominating Committee for Class of 2018—1 Elder.
3. Discussed creation of Music Director search committee and interim solutions until someone is hired.
4. Continued discussion on 200th Celebration with a "Friends of First" promotion—more details later.
5. Early discussion on the creation of a Pastor Nominating Committee.
6. Approved hosting the Presbytery of Western North Carolina January 2017 Presbytery meeting.

Your Session will next meet on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 pm in the kitchen. Anyone in the congregation is invited to attend.



ELDER CARE MISSION UPDATE

In May various members of FPC tackled three specific tasks and began an ongoing outreach project. Here are the results:

- * We were notified of the need for a fallen tree demolition in town, but when we arrived we found the problem solved by the home owner. A big "Thank You" to Chip Crumley, Davis Roberts and Mark Eldridge who were ready, willing and able to be of help.
- * We were asked by a disabled senior to repair an indoor stair so that she could be more mobile in her home. Chip Crumley and Mark Eldridge arrived with supplies and tools only to find that the woman's adult caregiver was vetoing the proposed work. This was not a situation we could arbitrate, so we assisted them by carrying a truckload of bagged garbage to the dump for them. We discussed moving the mailbox from the street to the house when a doctor verifies to the Post Office that a disabled person lives there.
- * On May 30th (a Saturday) we plan to be at Shorty McConnell's home (2136 Dale Ave.) at 10AM to help her with a variety of yard tasks. Weather permitting we will repaint her deck, hang a swing in her gazebo, repair her fence and trim her forsythia hedge. ALL HANDS ARE WELCOME! BRING gloves, hedge trimming equipment. A drill, a hammer and nails may also be needed. Shorty is supplying the paint and tools for that.

The following are our ongoing Outreach Projects:

- * Cards of Caring - Nancy Rudisill has placed a bag on the table at the Government Street entrance to collect cards (with envelopes) that have encouraging messages and greetings that we can send to seniors, shut-ins and anyone we know of that could use a little lift in their day. ALL cards are welcome. They may be store bought or home-made by kids or adults. Nancy is helping to compile a mailing list for the cards. If you know of someone who would welcome a cheery card in the mail, please call the office with that person's name, address and any other info you think would be helpful. The Women of the Church have offered to help address and "sign" the cards, but ANYONE who wishes to help should contact the Church office. FPC will be able to cover the postage. We hope to send the first batch out by mid-June.
- * Specific Needs Grocery Delivery - Not all of our seniors can get to the Christian Ministries Food Bank due to their illnesses and infirmities. What's worse is that what they are offered is of little to no use to a person who can no longer cook for themselves and also has specific nutritional needs. Although LINC may deliver them a single meal each week day, that does not help with simple paper products and other foods that tide them over later in the day and during the weekends. While Rev. Cannon has already begun Grocery Challenge to provide generic bags to those in need, our ELDER CARE PANTRY needs the following:

SMALL bottles/jars of ketchup, mayo and salad dressing
SMALL jars of jams/jellies
SMALL jars of smooth peanut butter
Packets of cheese or peanut butter crackers or even boxes of plain crackers
Boxes of individual packets of microwave oatmeal (a variety of flavors)
Single serving, ready to eat microwavable soups
SMALL bags of coffee both regular and de-caffeinated
Single cup tea bags of all varieties (herbal, caffeinated, decaf blends)
Individual serving containers of fruit, jellos and pudding (regular and sugar-free)
Trash bags (small and kitchen size)
Paper towels
Toilet paper

From this list we can make up specific bags for individuals as requested. We delivered our first bag this month and hope to continue sending out one bag per Elder per month as requests come in.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance with this mission.

Sandy Eldridge

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS



This summer First Presbyterian Church and Emmanuel Lutheran Church will join forces to present G-Force, God's Love in Action. In this mission-focused VBS, we will experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God.

We will be able to connect the theme with the lessons and really come to an understanding of what it means to **MOVE, ACT, CARE, FOLLOW** and **SHARE**.

We will be providing a simple meal from 5:30pm—6:00 pm.

We hope you will join us in our **G-Force** adventure.

WHERE? First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall & Park

WHO? Pre-school age through adult

WHEN? July 13th through July 16th

WHAT TIME? 5:30 pm—7:30 pm



Ministry for the Church

JUNE 2015

Wed., June 3rd	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., June 7th	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		Soup Kitchen	
Tues., June 9th	6:00 pm	Session Meeting	
Wed., June 10th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., June 14th	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship—Communion	Sanctuary
		Covered dish luncheon after worship	Fellowship Hall
Wed., June 17th	11:30 am	Women's Bible Study	House of Pizza
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., June 21st	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		FATHER'S DAY	
Wed., June 24th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Thurs., June 25th		PEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Sun., June 28th	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
		5 cents-a-meal	

JUNE WORSHIP TEAMS

Team Leaders—Pam Sipe & Mary Smith

Soup Kitchen—Pam Sipe, Betty Beaver, Melynda Berrier & Megan

June 7th

Greeters & Offering.....The McBrydes
Worship Leader.....Adrienne Hodges
Nursery.....Leah Limone
Children's Time.....Thad Cloer
Lock-up.....Thad Cloer

June 14th

Greeters & Offering.....Mort Wadsworth & Pam Sipe
Worship Leader.....Karen Morgan
Nursery.....The Morgans
Children's Time.....Rick Ramseur
Lock-up.....John Lafferty
COMMUNION:
Preparers.....Mary Smith & Sue Bowen
Servers.....Joe Morgan, Jan Duncan, Pam Sipe—Nursery

June 21st

Greeters & Offering.....John & Peggy Lafferty
Worship Leader.....Peggy Lafferty
Nursery.....Myra Ramseur
Children's Time.....Greg McBryde
Lock-up.....John Lafferty

June 28th

Greeters & Offering.....John & Pat Carpenter
Worship Leader.....Christine Thomas
Nursery.....Pam Sipe
Children's Time.....Barbara Crumley
Lock-up.....Adrienne Hodges
5 cents-a-meal.....Nathan Cloer



First Presbyterian Church is scheduled to collect food for the pantry at the Soup Kitchen during the month of June 2015. The most needed items at this time are macaroni & cheese, soup and corn.



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



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

MISSION:

REACH.
TEACH. FEED.
LOVE.

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