

The Pew'sletter

Message from Rev. Cannon

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

We are in the midst of the Lenten Season. It is a time of repentance and forgiveness, where we repent of our sins and ask God for forgiveness. That is the most important part of this season as we prepare our hearts and minds and remember the great sacrifice God made for us through His Only Son Jesus Christ. As we release those transgressions to God and receive God's grace, let us also remember those to whom we need to grant forgiveness. **Matthew 6:14-15 (NRSV)** tells us:

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you;
¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Do not wait to forgive someone a wrong they may have committed against you. Even if they have not asked for forgiveness, grant it anyway. Forgiveness is a way of releasing a burden we hold against someone. Unforgiveness is a bitter pill. It encroaches upon our way of life. It influences our decisions, our actions, and destroys the person who cannot forgive. **Unforgiveness is like drinking poison and hoping the other person dies.**

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and realize the prisoner was you. So do not wait another minute. If there is someone you need to forgive for whatever reason, forgive them in your heart right now. It is the greatest gift you can give to yourself.

Rev. Veronica E. Cannon

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday night.

SPRING FORWARD!



February Financials

INCOME	\$9889.22
EXPENSES	\$10300.76
EXCESS INCOME/ EXPENSE	-\$411.54

Stated Session meeting - February 24, 2015

The Session:

- 1) Discussed the Church's finances, noted that February had the smallest gap with income vs. expenses and we are ready to present a budget to the congregation but need pledge/tithe information to complete.
- 2) Voted to call a congregation meeting immediately After worship on Sunday, March 22nd. Topics of the meeting will be:
 - a. Annual incorporation
 - b. Voting on a budget

Christian Education Happenings

- ◆ We are still filling the Ark. The project will run until March 21st. Bring your Ark or your donation on March 22nd.
- ◆ Easter egg hunt and luncheon directly after worship on Sunday, March 29th. Everyone is invited!



We still need volunteers for the Soup Kitchen for April through December 2015. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Community Lenten Services and Luncheon

Community Lenten services will be held at the First United Methodist Church each Wednesday at 12:00 for lunch and 12:30 for worship beginning on February 18th through April 1st.

The rescheduled date for the **Small Church Forum Summation** is set for **Saturday, March 14th at MARION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** *(Please note the change in location!)* We will still convene at 10:00 a.m. and plan to wrap up no later than 4:00 p.m. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. **Please RSVP your attendance as soon as possible** so that provisions can be made for meals and materials.

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CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Soup Kitchen...

The **BBQ** fundraiser is **March 13**. For the low, low cost of \$8 you will get pork BBQ, all the sides and dessert.

Plates are available....

Carry out...in the morning in time for lunch.

Delivery...of 10 or more plates, available at lunch time.

Dine in or carry out... available from **5 pm till 7 pm**.

Call Jackie Casey at 704-748-4961 if you want to buy tickets in advance.

Make plans to stop by!

There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, March 22nd directly following worship.

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BANGLADESH**

Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan

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Monday, 12 January 2015

The Session
First Presbyterian Church
114 W. Main St.
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Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church.

We are deeply grateful for your 2014 contributions supporting our ministry as mission co-workers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Bangladesh. Your generous gifts helped us meet the costs of our apartment rent, living allowance, health insurance, and other essential components of our basic mission support.

Your gifts also assured us that although we are the only PC (USA) missionaries in Bangladesh, we are by no means here alone. Your abiding fellowship with us encourages us greatly in our service.

In 2014, our missionary service led us into ever-deepening relationships with our brothers and sisters in the Church of Bangladesh—a partner church of the PC (USA) - and with the sick and needy whom the church serves. We helped design a church-related community health and nutrition program for fifteen areas of the country, assisted the church's two mission hospitals, and trained and accompanied ministers and lay leaders in visiting the sick among their Muslim, Hindu, and Christian neighbors.

Our missionary experience this year deepened our conviction that a compassionate response to suffering is an essential part of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Thank you for making it possible for us to carry out this ministry to Bangladesh.

Your fellow servants,

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Ministry for the Church

MARCH & APRIL 2015

Sun., March 1st	9:30am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship—2nd Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
		SOUP KITCHEN	
Wed., March 4th	12:00 noon	Lenten lunch and service	First Methodist Church
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., March 8th	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship-3rd Sunday in Lent-Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	CE Meeting	
Wed., March 11th	12:00 noon	Lenten lunch and service	First Methodist Church
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., March 15th	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship— 4th Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
Tues., March 17th	6:00 pm	Session Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Wed., March 18th	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Kitchen
	12:00 pm	Lenten lunch and service	First Methodist Church
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Thurs., March 19th		DEADLINE FOR EASTER LILY REQUESTS	
Sun., March 22nd	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship—5th Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
Wed., March 25th	12:00 noon	Lenten lunch and service	First Methodist Church
	7:00 pm	PEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
		Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., March 29th	9:30 am	Church School	
	10:30 am	Worship-Palm Sunday-Communion	Sanctuary
		Scents a meal—Nathan Cloer	
	12:00 noon	Easter egg hunt and luncheon	
Wed., April 1st	12:00 noon	Lenten lunch and service	First Methodist Church
Thurs., April 2nd	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
		Feet washing & Communion	
Fri., April 3rd	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sat., April 4th	10:00 am	Clean-up at Macpelah	
	7:00 pm	Great Vigil of Easter Service	Sanctuary
Sun., April 5th	7:00 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service	Macpelah Church
		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	10:00 am	Easter Worship—COMMUNION	Sanctuary
		SOUP KITCHEN	

MARCH WORSHIP TEAMS

Team Leaders—John Lafferty & Jamie Hodges
 Soup Kitchen—The Laffertys, Crumleys, & Randlemans

March 1st

Greeters & Offering.....The McBrydes
Worship Leader.....Christine Thomas
Nursery.....The McBrydes
Children's Time.....Jan Duncan
Lock-up.....John Lafferty

March 8th

Greeters & Offering.....Davis & Judy Roberts
Worship Leader.....Zoe Cloer
Nursery.....Anna Gilbert
Children's Time.....Barbara Crumley
Lock-up.....Mort Wadsworth

COMMUNION:

Preparers.....Mary Smith & Cynthia Randleman
Servers.....Joe Morgan, Peggy Lafferty, & Kathy Robinson

March 15th

Greeters & Offering....Denny & Paula McCorkle
Worship Leader.....Greg McBryde
Nursery.....Lori Wray
Children's Time.....Thad Cloer
Lock-up.....Denny McCorkle

March 22nd

Greeters & Offering.....John & Peggy Lafferty
Worship Leader.....Chip Crumley
Nursery.....Cynthia Randleman
Children's Time.....Greg McBryde
Lock-up.....Pam Sipe

March 29th

Greeters & Offering.....The Cloers
Worship Leader.....Peggy Lafferty
Nursery.....Pat Carpenter
Children's Time.....Christine Thomas
Lock-up.....Greg McBryde
5 Cents-a- Meal.....Nathan Cloer
COMMUNION

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



First Presbyterian Church
 114 West Main Street
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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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Piano Lessons at FPC

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