

The Pew'sletter



From the Pastor's Desk...

Trunk or Treat!

Government Street transformed itself into Nightmare on Elm Street on Halloween morning as children, parents and teachers took part in the preschool's annual Trunk or Treat celebration. Goblins, ghouls, ghosts and more than one Tinkerbell paraded for each other in the Fellowship Hall, had chapel with Pastor Danny and then filled the street going car to car in search of candy and goodies. Parents outdid themselves this year as trunks were lavishly decorated to be haunted houses, graveyards and even a scene from Curious George! It was just one more reminder of what a blessing the preschool is to our community. Good job everyone!



Advent Study Series



I want to offer a four-week study series during Advent entitled The First Christmas using the book by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Exploring the nativity stories in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, "Borg and Crossan help us to see this well-known narrative afresh by answering the question, "What do these stories mean?" in the context of both the first century and the twenty-first century. They successfully show that the Christmas story, read in its original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine."

The question I have for you is which day and time offers the greatest opportunity for participation? The options I propose are for four weeks beginning the week of November 28.

Tuesday's at 7:00 PM, Wednesday's at 6:00 PM or Sunday's at 9:30 AM

There will be an opportunity over the next few Sunday's in worship to indicate an interest in participating and a preferred time. For those who miss worship but are interested in taking part in this Advent series, please email or contact the church office and indicate a preference. Thanks!

Reformed and Always Reforming



This description of the Presbyterian Church can also be applied more locally. Even down to the floors of our building! The session has been working for several months to plan for the removal of the sanctuary carpet that has served us well for so many years and refinish the pine flooring underneath. I will be sending a more detailed communication to the congregation in the next few days but as this newsletter goes to print I want to report that we are very close to beginning this project and may possibly have it completed before Christmas. The session and several generous church members have stepped up with special gifts to help cover the cost of the floor project as well as protecting and re-tuning the organ. Stay tuned for more detail in the coming week.



Upcoming Events For Advent

- ◆ Pastor led series entitled “The First Christmas”
- ◆ The Christian Education Committee has purchased pop-up window calendars for Advent for each child in the church. These calendars will be given out on the first Sunday in Advent.
- ◆ We are planning an Advent breakfast on the Sunday the choir does Lessons & Carols.

Christine Thomas



The annual trip to Davidson Vespers will be on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Vespers is at 7:30 at Davidson College Presbyterian Church. For those interested, we meet at Brickhouse Restaurant for dinner at 5:30PM.

The annual Family Retreat in Montreat is February 10, 11, 12, 2017. The program is about Mission work in Ghana. There is a Facebook page about this mission work titled “To the ends of the earth: Ghana”.

Please mark your calendars for these events.

John O. Lafferty, Jr.

MISSION: REACH. TEACH. FEED. LOVE.

The Soup Kitchen Needs YOU!

In 1977 FPC helped establish Christian Ministries here in Lincolnton. Our congregation has been involved in all aspects of this organization, from continuously collecting food and clothing, to working in the Soup Kitchen and special projects to serving on the Board of Directors.

Today we find our congregation much changed. We are older. There are less of us. In spite of that we continue to contribute goods and service to the work of Christian Ministries using the best of our individual talents.

Beginning in December the schedule will change. Instead of always serving the first Sunday of each month we will ALTERNATE SATURDAY's and SUNDAY's throughout the year. Now there is flexibility to serve on Saturday or Sunday and communion can be celebrated on the traditional first Sunday. This will allow our Pastor and our Music Director the freedom to cook and serve from time to time. It may also afford opportunities to involve our friends and neighbors in this Mission – people who are not willing to give up their Sunday worship.

The 2017 Soup Kitchen Calendar will look like this:

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Jan 8	Feb 18
Mar 12	Apr 15
May 14	June 17
July 9	Aug 19
Sept 10	Oct 21
Nov 12	Dec 16

A sign-up sheet will be placed on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Government Street vestibule. If you have not participated in this Mission for a long time – or ever – there are many of us who would love to show you the ropes. A “day” in the Soup Kitchen generally starts at 9:30 or 10:30am and ends by 1pm. A crew of 6 is optimum, but 4 experienced workers can usually cover all the bases. More hands are always welcome.

Please add YOUR name to the sign-up sheet or contact Sandy Eldridge or call the Office to let us know when you would like to serve and if you need training.

Sandy Eldridge

October 18, 2016 Session Highlights

1. The Soup Kitchen dates for 2017 will change to include both Saturdays and Sundays. More details in the Mission section.
2. 'Regular' Communion - what used to be on the 2nd Sunday - has now moved to the 1st Sunday of the month. Special dates will still be observed. Effective immediately, we will have Communion on November 6th instead of November 13th.
3. We are finalizing carpet removal contractors and hope to have the job completed by 12/15/16. We expect to be out of the Sanctuary for 2 or 3 Sundays and will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The carpet removal and wood floor refinishing will include: all 3 vestibules; the entire Sanctuary; the pulpit area; and the administrative office.

The next Session meeting is Tuesday, November 15th, 6 pm in the Apple Classroom.

Ministry for the Church

NOVEMBER 2016

Wed., November 2nd	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., November 6th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship COMMUNION SOUP KITCHEN	Sanctuary
Wed., November 9th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sun., November 13th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship	Sanctuary
Tues., November 15th	6:00 pm	Session Meeting	Kitchen
Wed., November 16th	11:30 am 7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	Kitchen
Sun., November 20th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship	Sanctuary
Wed., November 23rd	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Thurs., Nov. 24th		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED	
Sun., November 27th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship 5 CENTS-A-MEAL	Sanctuary
Wed., November 30th	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	

November Worship Teams

Team Leaders—Greg & Kristy McBryde
Soup Kitchen—Betty Beaver, Davis & Judy Roberts, Pam Sipe, Joe & Melynda Berrier

November 6th

Greeters & Offering.....The Hodges
Worship Leader.....John Lafferty
Nursery.....Ann Hallman
Children's Time.....Rick Ramseur
Lock-up.....Sandy Eldridge
Coffee Time.....Jan Duncan
COMMUNION:
Preparers.....Paula & Denny McCorkle
Servers.....

November 13th

Greeters & Offering...Davis & Judy Roberts
Worship Leader.....Jan Duncan
Nursery.....Adrienne Hodges
Children's Time.....Rev. Danny Trapp
Lock-up.....John Carpenter
Coffee Time.....

November 20th

Greeters & Offering.....Betty Beaver & Pam Sipe
Worship Leader.....Scott Smith
Nursery.....Anna Gilbert
Children's Time.....Thad Cloer
Lock-up.....John Lafferty
Coffee Time.....

November 27th

Greeters & Offering.....The McBrydes
Worship Leader.....John Lafferty
Nursery.....Myra Ramseur
Children's Time.....Jan Duncan
Lock-up.....Pam Sipe
5 cents-a-meal.....
Coffee Time.....



Elder on call for emergencies:

For emergencies call the Pastor's cell phone at 704-654-1319 and/or call the office at 704-735-8671 and the voice mail greeting will direct you to the elder on call.



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:

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