



## The Pewsletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church

Lincolnton NC

Reach. Teach. Feed. Love.

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### This Sunday at FPCL



Don't Just Do Something - Sit There!

[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

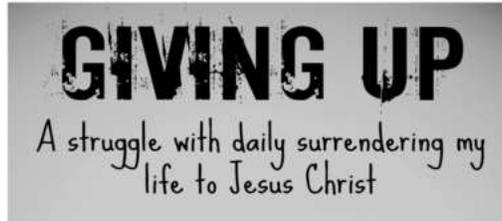
Transfiguration Sunday is the bridge between Epiphany and Lent where we take a moment to consider the awesome brilliance of God and God's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth. Ironically, after spending weeks considering the commands, instructions and actions prescribed in the Sermon on the Mount we are shown, through Peter's naive desire to commemorate the dazzling spectacle, that God sometimes prefers we do nothing except sit still and listen to Jesus. We are after all human "beings," not human "doings." Come "be" with us for worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary.

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# What's Happening During Lent?

(March 1 Ash Wednesday - April 16 Easter Sunday)

## 2017 Community Lenten Series



First United Methodist Church Lincolnton  
12:00PM Lunch      Worship 12:30- 1:00pm

### Participating Clergy:

Rev. Stanley Spence	First Baptist Church
Rev. Kathy Naish	Disciples of Christ
Rev. Danny Trapp	First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Rosa Erickson	St Luke's Episcopal Church
Rev. Diana Crawford	First Christian Church
Rev. Michael Collins	Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Rev. Susan Smith Walker	Emanuel Reformed Church
Brother Jamel Farley	Herndon Chapel AME Zion Church
Bishop Franklin Lowery	Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. David A. Wyant	First United Methodist Church
Rev. Mollie Van Derwerken	First United Methodist Church

Should I give up?

March 1, 2017	Giving Up Control – Ash Wed. Service	Rev. Danny Trapp
March 8, 2017	Giving Up Expectations	Rev. Susan Smith Walker
March 15, 2017	Giving Up Superiority	Rev. Diana Crawford
March 22, 2017	Giving Up Enemies	Rev. Stanley Spence
March 29, 2017	Giving Up Our Lives	Rev. Rosa Erickson
April 5, 2017	Giving Up Popularity	Rev. Michael Collins
April 12, 2017	Giving Up Death	Bishop Franklin Lowery



### Ash Wednesday – March 1st

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the

face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Please join us at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a simple meal followed at 7:00 pm by a service of worship in the Sanctuary for the imposition of ashes and the remembrance of baptism based on the assurance that though we are dust, we are baptized dust, and that makes all the difference.

## Adult Sunday School Series



### The Meaning of Jesus

The word atonement comes from sixteenth-century English and literally means at-one-ment. Atonement is the process of reconciliation between God and human beings (either on a communal or individual basis) with the goal of righting a wrong or injury, i.e. sin. Christians contend that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is intimately related to this process. But not all agree on when this act of atonement happened.

Join Pastor Danny in the Apple Room at 9:30 for a 4-part Lenten Sunday school class:

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| March 12 | God becoming human in the Incarnation (Christ's birth)                |
| March 19 | Jesus teaching, preaching and performing miracles (Life and Teaching) |
| March 26 | Jesus dying on the cross (Crucifixion)                                |
| April 2  | Jesus rising from the dead (Resurrection)                             |



### Children's Sunday School

9:30 AM - Upstairs

Beginning Sunday March 5 the children will be using Lenten calendars to learn about the symbols of the season and their meaning for our lives as Christians.

## In The Community



### ***Brewpoint on Faith***

Meets every Thursday morning from 8 - 9am at Fausto Coffee.

Join local pastors for coffee and a friendly time of sharing our faith, raising concerns and questions about religion and life and finding support, encouragement, and perhaps a good laugh or two.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Fausto Coffee is a traditional coffee house, offering Italian style espresso drinks, fruit smoothies, "blenders" (or frappies) hot chocolate, chai tea you name it!!! located on the Court Square in Lincolnton

#### **Sponsoring Churches**

Emmanuel Lutheran

First United Methodist

First Presbyterian

## **Opportunities To Serve**



### **The Soup Kitchen Needs YOU!**

FPCL provides volunteers to prepare and serve a meal in the soup kitchen at Christian Ministries once a month alternating Saturdays and Sundays through the year.

### **We are in need of volunteers for Sunday March 12.**

Whether you are a soup kitchen veteran or a first timer, please give prayerful consideration to serving on the 12th. To get involved you can use the sign up sheet in the Government Street vestibule, call the church office or contact Sandy Eldridge (704-408-1418; [sandyeldridge25@gmail.com](mailto:sandyeldridge25@gmail.com)). This is an easy and fun way to engage in the service of those less fortunate than ourselves and share fellowship with other church members.

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ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

## **Volunteers Needed In West Virginia**

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina Mission Committee is offering a mission trip to West Virginia to help with flood recovery. The number of natural disasters seems to be overwhelming in the recent past. South Carolina, Louisiana, Eastern North Carolina, East Tennessee, and West Virginia have all experienced disasters that will take years to recover from. We have been to South Carolina twice and will be planning other trips. This spring's trip is to an area that was devastated by floods; an area that already experiences high levels of poverty. We will be working with the help of West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Work camps, Inc., Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Ronceverte Presbyterian Church in Greenbrier County.

**Dates: Sunday, April 30 - Saturday, May 6, 2017**

**Cost: \$250 per person for the whole week (food will be included); cost will be prorated for those staying less than the full week.**

[Registration forms](#) and \$50 registration fees should be sent to the Presbytery Office no later than April 1, 2017.

Age limit: 18+ (or 16+ with parents)

Questions? contact: Ed Forsyth at [forsythnhpc@aol.com](mailto:forsythnhpc@aol.com)

Presbytery of WNC

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Morganton, NC 28655



On the 4th Sunday of each month we take up the 5 Cents A Meal offering to help fight hunger in Western North Carolina.

The Nickel a Meal Mission program is one way in which the Presbytery of Western North Carolina can respond, through over-and-above giving, to the biblical mandate to show compassion and do justice for those in need. The program provides an avenue for outreach and ministry through which each member of Presbytery can participate equally. For more information click [5 Cents A Meal](#).

### **Upcoming Worship Teams**

**February 26th**

<b>Greeters &amp; Offering</b> .....	Randy and Ann Hallman
<b>Worship Leader</b> .....	Pam Sipe
<b>Nursery</b> .....	Anna Gilbert
<b>Children's Time</b> .....	Jan Duncan
<b>Lock-up</b> .....	Mort Wadsworth
<b>Refreshments</b> .....	Pat Carpenter

**March 5th**

**Greeters & Offering**.....The Ramseurs  
**Worship Leader**.....Thad Cloer  
**Nursery**.....Tina Cloer  
**Children's Time**.....Jan Duncan  
**Lock-up**.....Rick Ramseur  
**Refreshments**.....

**COMMUNION:**

Preparers.....Judy Roberts & Betty Beaver  
Servers.....

**March 12th**

**Greeters & Offering**.....The Hodges'  
**Worship Leader**.....Kathy Robinson  
**Nursery**.....Adrienne Hodges  
**Children's Time**.....Rev. Danny Trapp  
**Lock-up**.....Sandy Eldridge  
**Refreshments**.....

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



**Hospitality After Worship**

The sign-up sheet for refreshments is on the hospitality table in the back of the Sanctuary. Thanks to all who have served the congregation in this way so far this year. Please check out the dates available and sign up to provide refreshments as you feel led.

**Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness**

- Randy Baucom, friend of the McBrydes
- Nan Bumgarner (Scott Smith's friend)
- Helen Caskey
- Tina Cope family, mother of Thad Cloer's co-worker
- Kim Deese, friend of Thad Cloer
- Judy Eckburg Family
- Amy Harrison, Kristy McBryde's sister
- Mike Havlick & Betsy Speed
- Luke Heavner
- Mr. and Mrs. Holland, friends of Paula McCorkle
- Bob Henthorn, Susan Ford's father
- Judy Kiser, Sue Bowen's sister
- Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
- Ted Larrison, Bill Larrison's brother

Alice McConnell  
Jim Moore  
Margie Payseur, Jeanene McConnell's friend  
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend  
Joyce Robinson Family  
Lesa Ritter  
Greg Starnes Family  
Janice Stroupe  
David Wulf, friend of John Lafferty

Our Homebound or Those Unable to Attend: Carolyn Lee, Imogene Long, Frances Nelson

Our Partners in Ministry: Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan, South Asia  
Our PWNC Church: Walnut Presbyterian Church, Marshall, NC

Please contact the church office to inform us of those needing prayer as well as those who can come off the list.