

The Pewletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church Lincolnton NC

Rev. Danny Trapp.

Everyone Has A Ministry

Do you take care of an aging parent or relative?
That's a ministry.
Do you sing in the choir or help out in the nursery?
That's a ministry.
Do you raise children, teach, work or volunteer?
Those can be ministries too!
Do you pray for others and the church, write notes or make phone calls to folks who could use an encouraging word?
You guessed it. Ministry.

That fact is we are all in ministry in some form or fashion even if we haven't traditionally thought of it in those terms.

Stay tuned over the next few weeks as we affirm our calling as ministers, explore greater engagement with God and each other, and pledge our financial support for the furthering of God's kingdom.

Blessings and Peace,

Danny

THIS SUNDAY AT FPCL

"How Long Will We Grieve Over Saul?"

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#) (click for Scripture)

The providence of God doesn't always make sense to us, even in retrospect. Where is God in the midst of once thriving and prosperous congregations now struggling for members and straining to meet even meager budgets?

When God "took back" his anointing of Saul as king of Israel, the prophet Samuel had a difficult time dealing with it. His love for Saul almost blinded him to the possibilities that God saw in the young shepherd boy David.

What future might await us if we learn to get beyond our grief for the way things used to be?

5 Cents A Meal

On the last Sunday of each month we collect a special offering for those who might experience hunger without some assistance. Bring your loose bills and coins for the basket this week.

The Meaning of Jesus

Join us this Sunday at 9:30 am in the Apple Room as we continue discussing the atonement. Specifically theories related to Christ's crucifixion.

March 26

Jesus dying on the cross (Crucifixion)

April 2

Jesus rising from the dead (Resurrection)

2017 Community Lenten Series

First United Methodist Church Lincolnton

12:00PM Lunch

12:30PM Worship

Giving Up: A Struggle With Daily Surrendering My Life to Jesus Christ

March 29 Giving Up Our Lives

April 5 Giving Up Popularity

April 12 Giving Up Death

Rev. Rosa Erickson

Rev. Michael Collins

Bishop Franklin Lowery

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday	April 9	Sanctuary 10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday	April 13	Sanctuary 6:00 PM
Easter Sunrise	April 16	Machpelah 6:45 AM
Easter Traditional	April 16	Sanctuary 10:30 AM



Machpelah Presbyterian Church 226 Brevard Place Road, Iron Station, NC 28080

SPRING CONCERT First Presbyterian Church - Lincolnton

**Saturday April 1, 2017
3:00 - 4:00 PM**

Eldridge Music Studio invites the entire First Presbyterian family and their friends to a Spring Concert in the sanctuary at 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 1, 2017. (NO fooling!)

Eight of Sandy Eldridge's voice and piano students will present a variety of styles of music for your enjoyment. Hymn tunes and Christian Praise songs, excerpts from the Messiah and other oratorios, as well as folk, Broadway and other contemporary music should provide something enjoyable for everyone.

Please stay for fellowship, cookies and punch after the performance
All ages are welcome. There is no dress code. And of course, it's FREE!

Easter Lilies

It is time to order Easter lilies. They are \$9.00 each and order forms are in the Government Street vestibule and on the table in the Sanctuary. This is a wonderful way to remember a friend or loved one who has passed away or to honor someone in your life. **Forms must be turned into the office no later than Tuesday, March 28th.**

Opportunities To Serve

Christian Ministries

Soup Kitchen

Thank you to the Lafferty's, Crumley's and friends for serving this month and to the Roberts' and Beavers for serving on Saturday April 15th.

The remaining dates in 2017 are still available. Sign up at the Government St. vestibule or call the church office.

May	Sunday 14th
June	Saturday 17th
July	Sunday 9th
August	Saturday 19th
September	Sunday 10th
October	Saturday 21st
November	Sunday 12th
December	Saturday 16th

Easter Baskets

Thank you to the folks who have already left donations on the front pew! We are told that they are well stocked with some items but still need:

- Small candy for plastic eggs
- Small toys or books
- Small baskets or bags



DONATE BLOOD! Lincolnton Lions Club

Date: Saturday April 1

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Boger City United Methodist Church

Appointments: Please Call [704-483-2387](tel:704-483-2387)

To donate a current, officially issued photo ID is required

Miss Sue's Garden

We have had a very early spring, but the danger of frost is not truly over until April 15th according to the farmers. Still – if you want to grow things for our community, please let the Office know. This is one of those self-driven projects where you can plant and maintain anything you wish in the raised beds across from the Church. But we still need to know who's doing what so that we can thank you and possibly explain what's going on to the rest of the world.

Upcoming Worship Teams

March 26th

The Apple Festival is September 16th

At the March session meeting we discussed our participation in the 2017 Apple Festival. No decisions

Greeters & Offering Leader	The Carpenters Worship Sandy Eldridge
Nursery Time	Anna Gilbert Children's Christine Thomas
Lock-up	Thad Cloer
Refreshments	Christine Thomas

have been made so if you have an ideas or suggestions about how First Presbyterian Church might be represented please contact a session member or Pastor Danny.

April 2nd

Greeters & Offering	The Cloer's
Worship Leader	Peggy Lafferty
Nursery	Pat Carpenter
Children's Time	Rick Ramseur
Lock-up	John Lafferty
Refreshments	Sandy Eldridge

April 9th

Greeters & Offering	The Lafferty's
Worship Leader	Adrienne Hodges
Nursery	Sharon Williams
Children's Time	Jan Duncan
Lock-up	Jamie Hodges
Refreshments	Karen and Joe Morgan



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

From Tuesday's Session Meeting

Approved the following elder assignments.

2017 Janene Duncan - Clerk of Session
 2017 Christine Thomas - Christian Education
 2018 Sandy Eldridge - Property
 2018 Tina Cloer - Mission
 2019 Chip Crumley - Worship
 2019 Jamie Hodges - Finance

Chip Crumley - Nominating Committee

- Approved a budget for 2017 to be presented to the congregation at a called meeting in the coming weeks.
- Accepted a proposal from the pastor for a stewardship campaign of time, talent and treasure called Everyone Has A Ministry to begin immediately and culminate on Easter Sunday.
- Heard a report from Sandy Eldridge concerning electrical work and lighting in the sanctuary, improvement to sound system and repair of vestibule ceilings and windows.
- Set the next session meeting for April 18, 2017 from 6-8 PM in the Apple Room.

Financial Snapshot February and Year to Date

Contribution Income (Pledge, Non-pledge and Loose Offering)

Month of February \$ 11,828.00 2017 Year to Date \$19,659.00

Operating Expenses

Month of February \$ 14,059.00 2017 Year to Date \$ 24,401.00

Total Net Operating Income (Deficit)

Month of February \$ (2,231.00) 2017 Year to Date \$ (4,742.00)

Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

Randy Baucom, friend of the McBrydes
Blanton Family, friends of Betty Beaver
Cindy Boone, Karen Morgan's sister
Nan Bumgarner, friend of Scott Smith
Helen Caskey
Dick Eckburg
Amy Harrison, Kristy McBryde's sister
Mike Havlick & Betsy Speed
Bob Henthorn, Susan Ford's father
Mr. & Ms. Holland, friends of Paula McCorkle
Judy Kiser, Sue Bowen's sister
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Ted Larrison, Bill Larrison's brother
Gladys Mauney family, Nancy Rudisill's aunt
Jim Moore
Vivian Patterson, Nancy Rudisill's aunt
Margie Payseur, Jeanene McConnell's friend
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend
Lesa Ritter
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: Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church, Linville NC

Please contact the church office to inform us of those needing prayer as well as those who should be removed from the list.

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BLIND SPAT PASTE
 SPITTLE SIGHT RESTORED
 PROPHET PARENTS DISCIPLES
 SINNERS DEVOUT BELIEVE

First Presbyterian Church
 114 West Main Street, Lincoln, NC 28092

Phone: [704-735-8671](tel:704-735-8671) www.fpclincolnton.org

Church School: 9:30am Worship: 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm Wednesdays

MISSION: Reach. Teach. Feed. Love.

MEET OUR STAFF

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