

The Pewsletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton NC

Pentecost Sunday



"The Mission of Pentecost"

[Acts 2:1-21](#) (click for Scripture)

[1 Corinthians 12:3b-13](#) (click for Scripture)

ItsPentecost - Happy Birthday!

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

Four possible ways that Pentecost matters today

1. The Presence and Power of the Spirit- what happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today.
2. The Central Role of the Church in God's Work in the World- the fact that the Spirit was given to a gathering of believers is not incidental. It underscores the centrality of the church in God's work in the world.
3. The Multilingual Nature and Mission of the Church- we are to be a community in which all people are drawn together by God's love in Christ.
4. The Inclusive Ministry of the Church- The church of Jesus Christ would be a place where every single person matters, where every member contributes to the health and mission of the church



When it comes to church giving be selfish with your money.

It sounds like an oxymoron. Aren't we supposed to be unselfish? Aren't we supposed to give freely and joyfully because God loves a cheerful giver? On one level I give to God, through the church, because it is on God that I place my faith and trust. But on another level my giving to the church is entirely selfish. I selfishly pledge money to First Presbyterian Church because I want it to exist, thrive even, because if it didn't there are so many things I would miss. I would miss having that chunk of time on a Sunday that I can spend praying and preaching and thinking about the holy, in a place where I feel accepted and loved. I would miss the community of friends that I have developed through this church, some of whom I regrettably only see at worship or the occasional church event. I would miss the music. I would miss the vibrancy of the preschool and my time with the children at chapel each week. I would miss the floors... :) I would even miss session meetings and the occasional bench-clearing battles we seem to have every now and then; as it is proof that we really are a family and that we care deeply! We are fortunate to have reserves that pretty much insure our survival for several years at our current pace. But the 2017 budget has a \$16,000 shortfall of income to expenses and sustained losses in that amount will eat into our reserves rather quickly.

This week you will receive a letter and pledge form from me in the mail. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church and to God's work in the world. You are a generous congregation and your support has been crucial these past few years. But I ask you to consider being more generous; outrageously, selfishly generous. What would you miss if First Presbyterian Church were not here?

Blessings and peace,

Danny

Opportunities To Serve

Christian Ministry Soup Kitchen

Many thanks to Myra Jane Ramseur, Jan Duncan and Pam Sipe for heading up the team serving in June. And to the choir for continuing their traditional July service day.

The remaining dates in 2017 are still available. Sign up at the Government St.



vestibule or call the church office.

August	Saturday 19th
September	Sunday 10th
October	Saturday 21st
November	Sunday 12th
December	Saturday 16th

Please sign up to provide refreshments after worship. It's a simple way to participate in the life of FPCL!



June Is Our Month For Food Collection

This month FPCL will be collecting food for the pantry and soup kitchen at Christian Ministry of Lincoln County. Specifically requested items are small boxes of macaroni and cheese and any canned vegetables and/or meats. Please bring items to the church during business hours or Sunday mornings and place them on the front pew just outside the office door. Questions should be directed to Betty Beaver at 704-735-6818.

Upcoming Worship Teams

June 4th

Greeters & Offering	Adrienne and Jamie Hodges
Worship Leader	Peggy Lafferty
Nursery	Pam
	Sipe
Children's Time	Rick Ramseur
Lock-up	Jan Duncan
Refreshments	The Hodges

June 11th

Greeters & Offering	Pat and John Carpenter
Worship Leader	Jan Duncan
Nursery	Christine Thomas
Children's Time	Rev. Danny Trapp
Lock-up	Pam Sipe
Refreshments	Christine Thomas

June 18th

Greeters & Offering	Ann and Randy Hallman
Worship Leader	Adrienne Hodges
Nursery	The Hodges
Children's Time	Christine Thomas
Lock-up	Thad Cloer
Refreshments	Jeanene McConnell



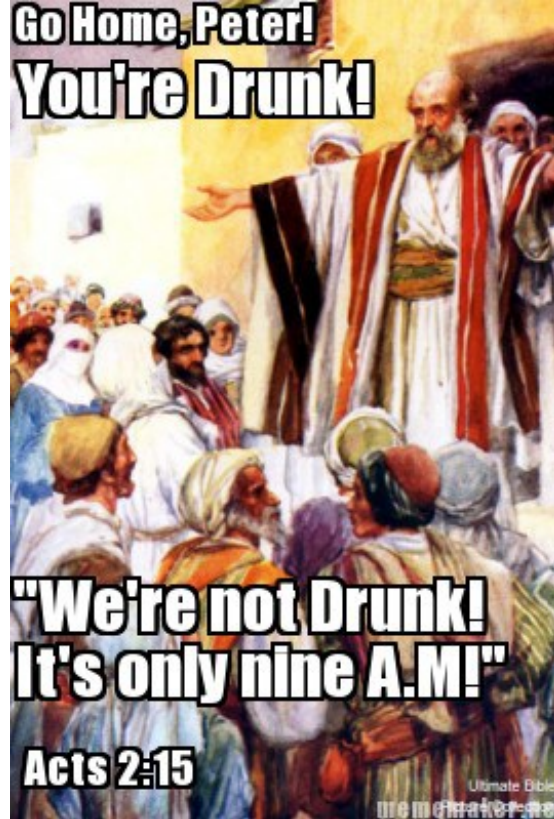
Miss Sue's Garden

The garden is looking good with needed attention from Myra Jane Ramseur and tomato plantings by Joy Fortenberry and the children last week. Feel free to add your own fruit or vegetable plantings and let us know what you're growing!

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



Who has a knack for planting azaleas? We need your help to find a permanent home on the church grounds for 4 plants left over from the sunrise Easter service. Get them from the Gov't St. side of the church or contact Sandy Eldridge for more detail.



Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

Randy Baucom, friend of the McBrydes
Oliver Bone, John Lineberger's great-uncle
Helen Bone, John Lineberger's great-aunt
Cindy Boone, Karen Morgan's sister
Tom Bowen
Nan Bumgarner, friend of Scott Smith
Helen Caskey
Jan & David Clark and family
Jennie DeCeSare family, Virginia Yates niece
Dick Eckburg
Amy Harrison, Kristy McBryde's sister
Susan Henforth Ford and family, on the death of her father Bob
Charles & Judy Holland
Bill Larrison, friend of John Lafferty
Ted Larrison, Bill Larrison's brother
John Lineberger and family
Jim Moore
Joe Morgan and family
Max Newell, friend of Randy Hallman
The family of Margie Payseur
Susan Rhodes, Sue Bowen's friend
The family of 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

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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Church School: 9:30am Worship: 10:30 am
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MISSION: Reach. Teach. Feed. Love.

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