



## The Pewletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church  
Lincolnton NC

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**"God Never Promised It Would Be Easy"**



[Exodus 3:1-6, 9-10](#) (click for Scripture)

[Romans 12:9-21](#) (click for Scripture)

[Matthew 16:21-28](#) (click for Scripture)

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and hear the Word proclaimed from guest preacher Rev. Dr. Joan Martin

Blessings and Peace,

Danny



## CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN

Make plans to be in worship on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> for the Celebration of Children as we kick off another school year and commission preschool and Sunday school teachers for their work in the coming year.



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## Opportunities To Serve



### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Many are inquiring about how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is helping with response to the needs of communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to DR000169-Harvey. If you would like to make an online donation [click here](#).

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call PDA Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western NC said in a recent email:

*"We have not yet received word on when any volunteer response teams will be sent. When that information becomes available we will pass that information along to you."*

*"We know you will join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm."*



## Supporting The Soup Kitchen in 2018

Since I joined this congregation as your pastor on February 1, 2016 I have witnessed the constant challenge of maintaining our commitment to Christian Ministries to staff the Soup Kitchen one day per month. When I arrived that day was set as the first Sunday of each month. That schedule was problematic for several reasons.

1. Sunday worship is the hub around which the life of a congregation revolves. It is the heartbeat of the church. To schedule a church activity, even one of discipleship and mission such as feeding the hungry, during the worship hour is counter to the health and vitality of a worshipping community.
2. Additionally, our worship attendance had decreased and then stabilized to where 30-40 people were in worship each Sunday. Taking 5 to 7 of us out of worship became increasingly difficult to absorb and still maintain a meaningful worship experience for the rest of us.
3. One of the guiding principals of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is that we are a "connectional church" and one of the ways that is tangibly expressed is through the celebration of The Lord's Supper. The vast majority of Presbyterian Churches (actually Protestant Churches) celebrate the sacrament of The Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. We were operating counter to that schedule, having communion on the second Sunday due to our soup kitchen commitment.

In 2017 we established the first Sunday of the month for regular celebration of the Lord's Supper while continuing our monthly commitment to the soup kitchen by alternating months between Saturday's and Sunday's (usually the 2nd Sunday). Securing volunteers has remained a challenge and two dates are still open for this year; Saturday October 21 and Saturday December 16.

The session has been working with the staff at Christian Ministries to determine our congregation's engagement with staffing the soup kitchen in 2018. Understanding our constraints due to our decreased size from years past they have presented a schedule that commits us to 4 Saturday's. Those Saturday dates in 2018 are:

**January 6, May 5, August 4, December 1**

Before we commit to this new schedule we want to be sure there is willingness and availability to volunteer in the soup kitchen. Over the next several weeks please let us know if you wish to be included by returning the provided form in the offering plate or contacting the pastor or church office.

First Presbyterian Church was instrumental in the founding of Christian Ministries in the 1970's and has remained engaged in a number of ways ever since. Please prayerfully consider if you can help in 2018.



### Upcoming Worship Teams

**September 3rd**

Greeters & Offering  
Peggy and John Lafferty  
Worship Leader      Kathy Robinson

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

Nursery Sharon Williams  
Children's Time Barbara Crumley  
Lock-up Pam Sipe  
Refreshments Jan Duncan

### September 10th

Greeters & Offering  
Rick & Myra Jane Ramseur  
Worship Leader Sandy Eldridge  
Nursery Pam Sipe  
Children's Time Danny Trapp  
Lock-up Mort Wadsworth  
Refreshments Christian Education

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

We thought you said  
it was



**LABRADOR WEEKEND .**

## Remember In Prayer And Acts Of Kindness

**Paul Bailey**, Bud Bailey's son  
**Oliver Bone**, John Lineberger's great-uncle  
**Cindy Boone**, Karen Morgan's sister  
**Tom Bowen**  
**Nan Bumgarner**, friend of Scott Smith  
**Martha Fulbright**, Betty Beaver's cousin  
**Lisa Gary**, friend of Jan Duncan  
**Bill Larrison**, friend of John Lafferty  
**Ted Larrison**, Bill Larrison's brother  
**Yvonne Leatherman**, Shortie McConnell's cousin  
**Carolyn Lee**  
**The Family of Mike Randleman**  
**Susan Rhodes**, Sue Bowen's friend  
**J.T. Smith**, Shortie McConnell's friend  
**Janice Stroupe**  
**Tina Willis**, Nancy Rudisill's cousin  
**Linda Wright**, Peggy Lafferty's cousin  
**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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