



The Pewletter Weekly

First Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton NC

"Conflict Transformation"



[Ezekiel 33:7-11](#) (click for Scripture)

[Matthew 18:15-20](#) (click for Scripture)

Conflict Resolution. It's a buzz phrase that has been bouncing around for years in many different professions and walks of life. Whether you are a teacher, bank manager, police officer or a pastor you've likely engaged in some sort of conflict resolution training.

Jesus has something to say to Christians on this topic as well though it's probably

not what we were taught. Our Gospel text is a familiar one, about how the Church should deal with "someone who sins against you" and "where two or three are gathered" Jesus will be there as well. The broader context of Matthew 18 is important to explore to understand that conflict is not something for us to merely resolve but if we follow Jesus it is something to be transformed.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10:30 AM as we celebrate our children and teachers and consider conflict transformation as a way forward.

Blessings and Peace,

Danny



CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN

This Sunday - September 10th

It's a busy Sunday at church as we celebrate our ministry with children, commission Sunday school and Preschool teachers for the coming year and make a Bible presentation. Hope to see you there!



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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.

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.



October Mission Opportunity – Packing Food

First Presbyterian Church will be volunteering at Christian Ministry of Lincoln County during the week of October 9th. Disciples from our church will work that week, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am – 1:00 pm to pack boxes of food for distribution to our neighbors in need.

Come enjoy fellowship with church members while providing a vital volunteer service for Christian Ministry.

Whether you can work every day or just an hour or two, please volunteer to take part in this mission opportunity. To schedule a time slot or get more information please contact Betty Beaver at 704-735-6818.



**Lay
Leadership**



Worship

Upcoming Worship Teams

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

September 17th

Greeters & Offering
Judy and Davis Roberts
Worship Leader Scott Smith
Nursery Myra Ramseur
Children's Time Jan Duncan
Lock-up Sandy Eldridge
Refreshments

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

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



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
Rich Lukes, friend of Nancy Rudisill
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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