

STEEPLE VIEWS

First Presbyterian Church

October 2013

Martinsville, Virginia

Congregational Care



Do you ever wonder who has a birthday the same month as you? Come to the Committee Night dinner and find out.

Beginning **Monday, October 14**, at the Committee Night dinner, Congregational Care will have a **Birthday Table** to

honor all those with birthdays in that month. This month we will be honoring those with September and October birthdays. Come enjoy celebrating your birthday with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

In honor of all veterans and in recognition of Veterans Day, Congregational Care will be hosting a **movie at The Rives** on Sunday, November 10. We ask that you bring a can of food to be donated to Grace Network. Mark your calendar and come join with our veterans for this special event. Be on the lookout for more details!

Congregational Care is exploring the possibility of chartering a bus and traveling to see the **Festival of Lights** in Clemmons, NC during the month of December. If you have never experienced the Festival of Lights (or even if you have), you don't want to miss this opportunity—this is a must see for ALL ages!! Stay tuned for more information regarding this fun outing.

FPC and Congregational Care need addresses for all college and boarding school students. We just might want to send them a package sometime and we want to be sure that they receive it. Please call or e-mail Sarah (sarahfpcoffice@gmail.com) with your child's address!

Pastor Nominating Committee

The committee has received 75 PIFs (Pastor Information Forms) so far. The Committee has reviewed all 75 PIFs and has reduced them to 30 which will be further reviewed. We also expect to continue to receive additional PIFs. We have been meeting regularly at 7:00Pm on Monday nights. – Bob Davis, Chair

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is charged, in consultation with the pastor, with carrying out the Session's responsibility of providing for the congregation's worship of God. It also oversees the music ministries of the church, among a number of other duties. Members of the Committee for this year are: Denny Casey, Teri Ferguson, Betty Hudson, Mary Manning, Gavin Russell, Barb Tatum, Joanna Wood and Cathy Stone (chair). Cynthia Dobrinski and Jenny Spivey resource the committee. If you have an interest in serving with us, please contact Cathy Stone at 638-1846.

Some recent decisions from the Worship Committee are:

- (1) Requested that Jenny hold a class for families and baptized children who wish to partake of the Lord's Supper;
- (2) Four copies of the new Presbyterian Hymnal will arrive soon and will be available for anyone who wishes to review them. A decision about whether or not to purchase the hymnal or any electronic version will be made after a new pastor is installed. Some selections from the new book may be available through the licenses which the music department currently holds.
- (3) The ropes that were placed at the rear of the sanctuary this summer to encourage members to sit closer together will remain up during the year.

As we seek to live out our ministry, we have need of a number of volunteers:

At least four more volunteers are needed to help with the GPS (*Grow, Praise, Sing!* Program of music and Bible study for children on Monday afternoons. Contact Laura Stevens or JoAnne Sanders.

Anyone willing to join an usher team should contact Monty Montgomery.

We would like to have two more teams of 2 or 3 members to prepare for and clean up from Communion several times a year. Contact Gael Chaney.

From the Bridge Pastor Jenny Spivey

“When are we going to be there?” the little voice from the backseat inquired. Clint and I sighed, since we were only just north of Roanoke, with nearly seven hours to go until we would arrive at Nana’s house in Delaware. At each repeat of the question, we would give a number of hours, or even try to explain and name the number of states we would travel through on the way. (“We’re STILL in Virginia?!” was the incredulous declaration.) There wasn’t any answer we could give that seemed to satisfy her. Finally, we urged her to just rest for a while; we’ll get there, we told her.

Along our journey as a congregation, some ask, “when are we going to be there?” The “there” may be the arrival of a new pastor, or an end to the period of transition, or a renewed sense of purpose and ministry. The destination seems distant, and the journey long. (The PNC is STILL reading PIFs?! we may ask incredulously.) Perhaps we can come to realize that there aren’t any easy answers to satisfy the questions (the pastor will be here in 7 months and 13 days...), nor any quick shortcuts to shorten the journey.

Our family faith story can be a resource for us in our journey. The experience of the people Israel – the story their bondage in Egypt, their deliverance to freedom, their wandering in the wilderness – echoes our experience. Just as God delivered the people Israel into freedom and led them to the promised land, so God is working to deliver us through this transition into a new and hopeful chapter in our common life. Over the next several weeks, the sermons will explore this narrative from Exodus and Deuteronomy. I invite you to engage this story again: in the Word read and proclaimed, in prayer and song, in the presence of God and one another in worship.

-Jenny

Worship for October and November

Sunday, Oct. 6 – *Delivered, Part 1*; Exodus 1 and 2; The story of Israel’s deliverance begins with the waters of birth, the waters of the Nile, as God brings forth life in the midst of death.

Sunday, Oct. 13 – *Delivered, Part 2*; Exodus 14 and 15; God delivers the people through the waters of the Red Sea into a new life of freedom.

Sunday, Oct. 20 – *Point of No Return*; Exodus 16; The life of freedom is not easy, and the complaining people even wish to go back to Egypt. But God provides, giving bread for the journey, sustaining new life.

Sunday, Oct. 27 – Laity Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 4 – *All In*; Deuteronomy 6; Israel’s central and core affirmation of one God, to whom we give our whole beings - heart, mind and strength - in love and service. *We will remember and give thanks for those brothers and sisters in Christ who died in the past year, as we read the Roll Call of the Saints.*

Sunday, Nov. 11 – ***Consecration and Stewardship Sunday, Don’t Forget to Call***, Deuteronomy 26; As the people near the promised land, Moses instructs them to remember and give thanks for God’s providing.

The Session 2013-2014

Moderator, Jenny Spivey
Clerk, Joan Montgomery

Mission: Nancy Baker
Administration: Chris Beeler
Fellowship: Pearl Minter
Christian Education: JoAnne Sanders
Stewardship: Lang Mauck
Worship: Cathy Stone
Congregational Care: Virginia Truitt
Outreach and Evangelism: Nancy Moore



Weekday School News

The Weekday School is back in full swing for the 2013-2014 school year! We have had a great start to our year. Currently there are 49 children registered and we have room for a few more in each class. If you know of a family member or friend with preschool age children, please refer them to The Weekday School.

The children and staff are all very excited for the new playground equipment to arrive! Installation is tentatively scheduled for the first week of October. Preliminary plans are in the works for our Fall Open House which is scheduled for November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The children will be performing The Three Piggy Opera. It promises to be a fun evening!

If you are in the church during the week, please feel free to take a peek into one of the classrooms and see some of the fun firsthand!

Melissa

Mission and Service Committee

We want to recognize and give a great Big Thankful Hug to all the faithful Bloodmobile volunteers and donors who have served for many years in the past, and the many who still continue to do so every month. Among those who have recently retired from active duty are: Nancy Betz, Buck Flythe, Walter and Virginia Seamon. Marge Dunn, Connie Anderson, Patsy Stanley, Charlie Knighton, Catherine Bridges, Peter Marshall regularly fill their posts whenever possible.

It is good to have reliable substitutes such as Jean and Clyde Hill; Lang Mauck; Jerri and Joe DeVault; Nancy Baker; Gael Chaney; Pat Christenbury; and Margaret Knight. Smith Chaney is a regular blood donor in our congregation, and Marge Dunn recently became a first-time donor!

The Red Cross encourages all participants to officially become a member of this community chapter. They are currently asking for donations of unused greeting cards for all occasions that would be suitable to send to our servicemen and women during the holiday season. Please talk to the Red Cross office at the Druid Hills shopping center or to the next Bloodmobile. Your help in the many mission activities is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Doris Marshall and Nancy Baker

Evangelism and Outreach Committee

We have a new committee at First Presbyterian: Evangelism and Outreach. Our mission is two-fold. First, we will equip our members to be able to articulate their faith, witness in word and deed to the saving of Jesus Christ, and to actively invite others to share in the Kingdom of God through life in Jesus Christ. Second, we will imagine, plan and develop innovative ways to extend the ministry of FPC into the larger community by ministering to needs and inviting those we meet to know and share the love and grace of God through Christ. Please contact Nancy Moore, nbmoore@comcast.net. 276-638-7777 home, 276-732-3400 mobile.

Stewardship Committee

WHITE BEAN CHICKEN CHILI

Recipe given to Lang Mauck by Harriet Regen

- 2 TBS Vegetable Oil
- 4 cooked chicken breasts (chopped)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (14.5 oz) chicken broth
- 1 can (18.75 oz) tomatillos, drained & chopped
- 1 can (16 oz.) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (7 oz.) diced green chilies
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp ground coriander seed
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 can (15 oz) white beans
- 2 ears fresh corn
- Salt/pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oil and cook onion and garlic until soft
2. Stir in broth, tomatillos, tomatoes, chilies, and spices. Bring to boil and simmer for 20 minutes. (Use second can diced tomatoes if can't find tomatillos)



SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School 2014



.....in October to:

- 1 Andrew Price, Shane Pinkston
- 2 Myra Stegall
- 5 Nancy Baker, Mike Powell, John Abercrombie
- 6 Jane Ford
- 8 Suzan Kirby
- 9 Cole Tatum
- 10 Grey Ferguson
- 11 Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon
- 14 Walt Seamon, Bennette Zentmeyer
- 15 Sarah Krauss, Joe Smith
- 16 Liz Knighton
- 18 Betty Hendricks
- 21 Mary Page
- 23 Helen Hawkes, Nancy Brown
- 24 Virginia Zentmeyer
- 16 Jana Jennings, Melissa Jessup, Ralph Shank, Jr.
- 28 Gwen Sowdon, Jenny Spivey
- 29 Walt Anderson
- 31 Rusty Lacy

...and in November to:

- 3 Liz Ferrell, Bill Hensley
- 5 Neil Tatum
- 9 Donna Lawhon
- 10 Kathy Washburn
- 11 Leon Gunter, Elizabeth Wotring
- 18 Donna King
- 19 Susan Bowles
- 21 Henry Moore
- 23 Sue Benfield
- 24 Judy Ware
- 25 Jean Hill, Ed Pace
- 27 Leanna Blevins, Joe DeVault, Margaret Knight, Analisa O'Toole
- 30 Steve Mahoney



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meetings will always be the last Wednesday of the month so put those dates on your calendar.

If you are a seasoned knitter or a new one, you are invited to attend. We will teach you how to knit and provide patterns from the simple to the more complicated shawl. Yarn is free or you may bring three skeins of your choice with size 13 knitting needles.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has given away 53 shawls. If you know of someone needing a prayer shawl, stop by the church and pick up one. Our shawls are not limited to church members but to anyone in need of comfort or celebration. For more information contact any member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Cooks Who Care Ministry

Cooks Who Care will be "cooking up a storm" in the Marge Dunn kitchen on Tuesday, October 1st. The morning cooking session begins



at 10:00 a.m. and the evening cooking session begins at 5:30 p.m.. with Marge Dunn serving as the "head chef." All are welcome to join in this wonderful and fun ministry of nurture and care.

Also, *Cooks Who Care* can use your cans. How can that be? Chuck your clean, dry, label-removed tin cans (which are actually steel) into the large receptacle marked *Cooks Who Care* near the freezers in the panty. The pay-off is low, but the cash generated goes to *Cooks Who Care* for supplies.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Mildred Lucille Cheves Moorman on her death in Martinsville. Mildred, a member of First Presbyterian since January 22, 1956, joined the Church Triumphant on September 14, 2013.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Virginia Gardner Becker on her death in Martinsville. Virginia, who was our Bookkeeper for 20 years, died on September 19, 2013.

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Share God's love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other*



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Our Sunday Schedule:

8:30 Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
9:30 Fellowship Reception
(join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

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		9a-12p Weekday School				
		10:00a Cooks Who Care		5:45p Sanc. Rngrs 7:00p Chancel Choir		
		5:30p Cooks Who Care				
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COMMUNION 8:30a Early Service 9:30a Fellowship Reception 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Trad. Worship		9a-12p Weekday School				
	10:00a Circle 5 Ladies Parlor					
	Circle #3 Sandra Ford		5:45p Sanc. Rngrs 7:00p Chancel Choir			
	3:00p GPS					
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