



# First Word

August 17, 2020

*"To live by Faith, to be known by Love, and to be a voice of Hope."*

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:7-11)

Ask...Search...Knock. As the children of God, we are invited to come to our Creator often in prayer individually and with others in our community of faith. Conversation with God through prayer is a major focus of multiple passages in Scripture. In fact, the word "Pray" is used 516 times and the word "Prayer" is included on 253 occasions in the bible (source – "Bible Gateway"! ). We are taught to pray for whatever our concerns might be, lifting these concerns to God, praying for peace, hope, justice, love and comfort in the midst of challenges and suffering. We pray earnestly for healing in a world that has more than its share of brokenness, reconciliation where there are walls that create mistrust and anger. We pray to God for our world community to be a better place for everyone and we celebrate the time when all people will have food, shelter, medical care and the opportunity to learn and work.

You are invited to also pray for the teachers, staff, students and their families as this school year begins. In the words of one of our young folks, "...pray that they'll be able to teach what they need to teach online." We ask God to give us patience and calm in a world that is full of changes and uncertainty. Pray for wisdom and open-mindedness as subjects are studied and students fill their minds with abundant knowledge. Pray for students to respect each other and to understand and appreciate the larger community of the world in which we live. Pray with thankful hearts for the educational opportunities that abound in our K-12 schools, the FPC Child Development Center, and Central Carolina Community College.

Peace, Brad

## Important Information about Worship Service on August 23:

- ◆ In joining together for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, if you are worshipping through Zoom or Facebook Live, you are invited to use bread and grape juice that you have at home. If you come to the Harper Center for this service, we will be using pre-packaged and sealed wafers/juice.
- ◆ There will be a congregational meeting in the Harper Center and through Zoom/Facebook Live at the conclusion of the service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2023 and Elders Emeriti. You may participate with voice through Zoom or through Proxy. If you select Proxy, please contact Brad Simpson or Jenni Clifton with the name of your Proxy from this list: Joyce Kelly, Nancy Kimble, Brad Marin, Lee Thompson, Joanne Hamilton, Sue Miller, Daryl Perry, Jana Wilkinson, David Miller, Rick Paderick and Woody Seymour. **Elder Nominees** are David Vann, David Riddle, Scott Kimble, Mike Hendley and Samantha Jeffries. **Deacon Nominees** are Joan Bland, Cathy Giles, Renea Phillips, Peter Sherman, Jan Boydston and Peggy Hill. The names of **Elder Emeriti** nominees will be presented at the meeting.

*"Be the change you wish to see in the world."*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

## First Light

We are so excited to announce a new partnership between our church and Lee County Public Schools! As this school year gets started with extra complications, we will be assembling a team of volunteers to help with an online literacy program. We'll be working to support students with reading, writing, speaking, and listening. If you're interested in helping, click this link to preregister (<https://forms.gle/kBy9zGq9JaKCTF9K7>). Help us spread the word and get other volunteers signed up!



August 19: *Genelle Johnson*

August 20: *Kim Proctor*

August 22: *Nancy Kimble*

August 23: *Farren Mills, Carolyn York*

### #DADJOKES

**Q:** How does Moses start his morning?

**A:** Hebrews a pot of coffee!



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The Presbyterian Women are requesting information on college students. They would like to know whether the student will be going off to school or staying home and taking classes online as well as a current address for each student.

Please contact Jenni Clifton at the church office or Bunny Paderick with this information.

### OUR PRAYER LIST

**Parkview:** Laura Rosser; Cathelene Wilmot; Laura Murphy; James King, Jr., Sue King's brother.

**Universal Health Care/Lillington:** Betty Lou Bristow.

**Home:** Paul Kelly; Harold York; Sonny Talbot; Sidney Boaz; Helen Ogburn; Rexine Lloyd; Jean Perry.

**Sanford Health and Rehab:** Pat Humphries

**Our Friends & Family:** Donald Scott, brother of Donna McClune; Bunny and Rick Paderick's niece; Beth Harris, Genie Morgan's sister; James Cox; R.D. Carson, son of Pastor Don Carson; Billy Boaz.; Luke Perry; Gail Pace, Rudine Miller's sister-in-law; Jason Heiser, Charlene Hicks's nephew, Larry Thomas, Ruth Cashion's brother; Ricky Norris, Jeff Norris's Uncle.

### CALENDAR (8/17-8/23)

#### Monday:

9:30AM: Morning Devotion via Facebook Live

#### Tuesday:

10AM: Bible Study (Zoom Info. on pg. 3 of Newsletter)

#### Wednesday:

9:30AM: Daily Devotional via Facebook Live

#### Thursday:

9:30AM: Music with David via Facebook Live

#### Friday:

9:30AM: Daily Devotional via Facebook Live

#### Sunday:

10:30AM: Zoom Coffee Hour

11:00AM: Worship via Zoom and Facebook Live and In person/Harper Center

## Honey Mustard Grilled Chicken



### Ingredients

- 2 lbs. Chicken Breast
- 1/3 cup Mustard (Dijon, Stone Ground, Yellow, or any combination)
- 1/3 cup Honey
- 2-3 Tablespoons Olive Oil (may use canola or vegetable)
- 1/4 teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 1 teaspoon Pepper

### Instructions

- ⇒ Place chicken breasts in a large Ziploc bag. Using a fork, pierce small holes in the chicken.
- ⇒ In a small bowl, whisk together mustard, honey, olive oil, garlic powder, salt, and pepper.
- ⇒ Pour 1/2 of honey mustard marinade into bag with chicken. Set aside remaining honey mustard sauce to use to baste on the chicken. Let marinate for at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator.
- ⇒ Heat grill to medium or medium-high heat. Once the grill is heated, place chicken on the clean grill.
- ⇒ Cook for 3-5 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of chicken breast. The FDA recommends the internal temperature to be 165 degrees. The chicken will continue to cook for 1-2 minutes after removing from the grill.
- ⇒ After turning the chicken one time, brush remaining honey mustard sauce all over chicken. After removing chicken from the grill, brush the second coat of sauce so it is completely covered.
- ⇒ Let rest for several minutes before cutting so it stays nice and juicy.

Recipe from [modernhoney.com](http://modernhoney.com)

## Summer At the Movies

Though we cannot physically go to the movies, you are invited to watch the featured movie in whatever way might be possible in your homes. The movie will be paired with a suggested scripture passage for us to consider in both our prayers and reflection/sermon. On August 23, you are invited to watch *The Lego Batman Movie* which is paired with scriptures Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Matthew 16:13-20.

Our Koinonia Book Club will read *A Ring of Endless Light* by Madeleine L'Engle this month. A Newbery Honor Book, this Young Adult classic tells the story of Vicky who “experiences the difficulties and joys of growing up” over the course of this life-affirming story. Get your copy wherever books are sold and plan to join the book club on September 17.



### Bible Study

**Aug. 18, 2020 10:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933835197?pwd=Sk5lVmlVMXhka2l0aVNFNFIEekRqUT09>

**Meeting ID: 819 3383 5197**

**Passcode: 148120**

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## Back to School Blessing by Jenny Lee

This year, when there is so little we can control and so little that is working as we hoped,

### *Live in Joy*

Find deep joy in simplicity, in the just okay moments, in technology working as it should. Be glad for each breath. Even when you are frustrated, sad, you're sick of screens, and learning at home just isn't working for you, *live in joy*.

### *Live in Peace*

In a world marked with tumult, distractions, and a lack of trust and control, live in peace. Find comfort in the work of your own hands and mind, in God's faithfulness, in the rhythms of your own breath, *live in peace*.

### *Live in Hope*

One day this time will be a memory. One day we will hug and hold hands, we will sing, play, and eat together. One day, we will reconvene in our classrooms with the sounds of laughter, the smell of freshly sharpened pencils, the crisp pages of a textbook, and the tastes of cafeteria lunch. Until that moment, *live in hope*.

### *Live in Love*

Here is the choice: contribute to the fear, the handwringing, the heartache, the words and actions that drive us farther apart, or, offer more grace than is necessary and more kindness than can be expected. Be generous with your love. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain, so *live in love*.

