



October 3 2022



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANFORD



First Word

“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,

On Saturday, October 8, the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina gathered for our stated meeting in the sanctuary and Harper Center of FPC. This was a celebrative event in our church’s ministry of outreach, and YOU helped to make this happen. Along with our opportunity to worship and fellowship with other Presbyterians from churches throughout our Presbytery (from Lillington to Laurinburg to Wilmington to Morehead City to Dunn to Elizabethtown to Beulaville and every community/town/city between these listed), we engaged in discussion and prayerful discernment of where God is calling our Presbytery to journey. If you would like to learn more about the Presbytery, go this link on their website, <http://presbycc.org/> You may also find a link to the meeting agenda and what was discussed at <https://mailchi.mp/6a2bc5786c40/presbytery-packet-meeting-registration-info-7307853>.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the meeting in whatever way you selected. You greeted our guests with a smile that reflects the love, warmth, and hospitality that truly are the “marks” of FPC.

As an introduction to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, the vision statement that follows is helpful. “Empowered by our large size and rich diversity we help one another to share Christ’s ministry and mission in a changing world.

As an entire Presbytery, we bear witness to our historic Reformed faith and learn from one another so that we can be God’s sent-out church in our own day. Gathered in Three Covenant Communities, we strengthen our relationships by finding ways to partner with nearby congregations, joining in God’s mission in our communities, and learning from one another so that we can be Christ’s Spirit-filled apostles to the whole world.

We gather in worship, in prayer, and in study, so that we can awaken our own spiritual imagination and stir one another to greater congregational vitality. We gather in times of fellowship, in occasions of learning, in ministries of compassion, and in joint worship of God, so that our various congregations can become increasingly open to the movement of the Spirit in our lives. Each of us brings our gifts and skills to the table, so that we can effectively develop the leaders that our Presbytery and our congregations need.”

Shalom and Agape, Brad

Please join us Sunday, October 23rd, as we welcome our special guest, the Rev. Matthew Garrett. There will be one service at 10 am in the sanctuary.

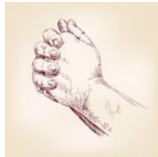


10/10: Nancy Wazenegger

10/11: Carson Cameron

This week and next week's walking track volunteers:

- 10/10-Gary Walker
- 10/11-Don Wazenegger
- 10/12-Julie Lemon
- 10/13-NEED SOMEONE
- 10/14-Jim and Laurie Lee
- 10/17 and 10/18-NEED SOMEONE
- 10/19-Jim and Laurie Lee
- 10/20-Charlie Hicks
- 10/21-Don Wazenegger



We remember the family of Pam Hollingsworth in our prayers following the death of her daughter, Carri Hollingsworth, on October 5, 2022.

Pam sincerely appreciates the many ways that friends have reached out with love and compassion during Carri's courageous and faithful struggle against cancer. Please also pray for the students and educators who have been impacted in many ways by her decades of dedicated teaching. A service of memory and celebration will happen later (details will be communicated when plans are complete). For now, our prayers continue - the family requests no visitation, flowers, or additional food.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Parkview: Irma Autrey, Paul Kelly, Rexine Lloyd

Moore Regional: Terri Palmer

Universal Health Care/Lillington: Betty Lou Bristow

Home or with family: Sonny Talbot; Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce and Linda Benton; Ann Barkley; Emily Kelly

Our Friends & Family: Tiffany Scott Heron (Donna McClune's niece); Michael McClune (Donna McClune's son); James Cox; Billy Boaz; Jamey Allen (Harold James' sister); Phyllis Moore; Carolyn Herring (Bunny Paderick's niece); Greg Horrell (Bunny Paderick's brother-in-law); Richard Angel (Pat Angel's husband); Marci Hudzik; Dennis Parnell (friend of David Vann); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Heather Wicker; Carla Bailey; Joanna Dempsey; Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley); David Dudley

This Weeks Calendar

Monday 10/10: Circle Meetings

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

5:30 PM: Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM: Traditional Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 10/11:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

10AM: Bible Study

6PM: Yoga in the Harper Center

Wednesday 10/12: *Submissions due for next newsletter and next bulletin*

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

10AM: CDC Devotion

7PM: Prayer Group

Thursday 10/13:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

9:30 AM: *Musical Devotion with David via Facebook will resume later this Fall*

Friday 10/14:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

Sunday 10/16:

9AM: Contemporary Worship Service

11AM: Traditional Worship Service

5-6:30PM: Youth meet in the Upper School Room

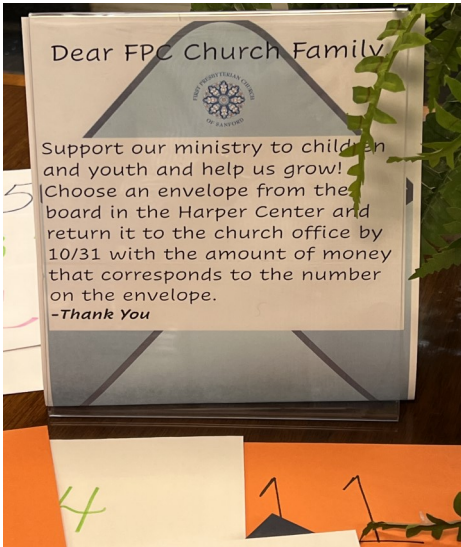
Offering Counters Schedule - October 2022

Week 1 (10/2) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon, Week 2 (10/9) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 3 (10/16) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 4 (10/23) Rhonda Miller, Week 5 (10/30) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon

The Lay Readers for September are Jimmy Pearce for the 9am service and Sally Chapin and Wanda Wazenegger for the 11:00 am service.

FPC Youth News

FPC Youth Envelope Fundraiser



Fall/Winter Youth Schedule

- 16th – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm
- 23rd – Gross Farms Corn Maze 3-5pm (\$20)
- 28th – Pizza and Pumpkins in the Harper Center 6:30-8pm
- 29th – No Youth (Please plan to attend the Pumpkin Trail on 10/29 6:30-8pm)

November

- 6th – No Youth (Spaghetti Meal Fundraiser 12pm in the Harper Center)
- 13th – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm
- 20th – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm
- 27th – No Youth (Thanksgiving)

December

- 4th – Dinner/Caroling 5-6:30pm
- 11th – Youth Christmas Party 5-6:30pm
- 18th – Meet at the Church 5-6:30pm
- 25th – No Youth (Christmas)

**If anyone needs a ride to any of our Youth Meetings, please let Michele know, 919-935-2089.*



FPC Youth Fun at Yarborough's





Pumpkin Trail

First Presbyterian Church

203 Hawkins Ave., Sanford, NC

6:30 - 8 pm, Saturday, October 29, 2022

*Join us for treats as you travel the
pumpkin trail. Kid friendly and
all activities are free!*

The following donations are needed to make this fun event as successful as possible:

- Candy*
- Monetary Donations*
- Votive or Tea Light Candles*
(Accepted 10/1—10/23)
- Uncarved Pumpkins to be delivered to the Harper Center*
(Accepted 10/23—10/28)
- Carved Pumpkins to be delivered to the Harper Center*
(Accepted 10/26—10/28)





Peace

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace” is how Saint Francis begins his Peace Prayer. I think all of us can agree that we would like to be instruments of God’s peace....But, how?

St. Francis must have anticipated that question, for he answers it in the next few lines: “where there is hatred, let me sow love; where...injury, pardon; where...doubt, faith; where...despair, hope; where...darkness, light; where...sadness, joy.” Sounds simple, doesn’t it? But so difficult to do. I suppose we’ve all done this within our own circles of influence. Maybe in your extended family there are two people who seem to hate each other and you’ve shown them both love. Or maybe you’ve had friends who are despairing, and you’ve helped them find their hope again. We can do this!

On a global level? Whoa! What can we do to bring love, pardon, light, or joy to the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, North Korea, or even in our own country? Obviously, we have to pool our resources. If we at FPC join with the people at White Hill, Pocket, Buffalo, Barbecue, and Blandonia, and other churches in Lee County, we will make an impact. And if we in Lee County join with PC(USA) churches around the world, we will be a part of bringing the “peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice...across the world.”

The way we do this is by contributing to the Peace and Global Witness Offering, and praying that God will use our gifts to change people’s lives. This offering is received during the month of October. Won’t you be a part? “If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!”

Joyce Kelly, for the Outreach Committee

Church Calendar for September, and October 2022

Throughout the month of October we will be holding our Youth Envelope Fundraiser

Friday, October 21st thru Sunday, October 23rd – Church Family Retreat in Caswell

Sunday, October 23rd - One service 10 am in the sanctuary - Rev. Matt Garrett

Friday, October 28th 6:30-8 pm – Pumpkins and Pizza

Saturday, October 29th 6:30-8pm – Pumpkin Trail

Sunday, October 30th - One outdoor service at 10 am behind the Harper Center

Monday, October 31st—Deadline for envelopes to be turned in for Youth En-

2022 Coastal Carolina Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Sanford



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to making this event such a huge success!!!

