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Pastor's Corner

“Growing Forward Together”

A call from the office administrator came, informing me that a church member wants to make sure I'm not headed out to make a pastoral visit - the member hopes to see me at the church. When she arrives, she hands me a batch of homemade brownies - and wishes me a “Happy Birthday.” After making several pastoral visits, I return to the office to find a “Happy Birthday” balloon with card and candy attached. What a wonderful surprise! An elder hands me directions to a fishing pond, while another invites me and my son to come fishing some time at his place. Yet another member invites me to lunch and we share in some fellowship around the table. In these and so many thoughtful ways, you continue to express your generosity of heart to me and to my family. In equally generous ways, you are a congregation who give of yourselves to the overall mission and ministry of Christ at First Presbyterian Church. You are at work preparing meals for the many fellowship events. You are here serving in committees, helping to promote the Gospel in a multitude of ways. You are teaching Sunday school, teaching music, leading fellowship outings, assisting in children's worship, visiting the sick and homebound, maintaining and enhancing the church building and grounds, discipling and encouraging one another in faith, giving of your financial resources, giving of your time and efforts in local missions and outreach programs, and so much more! Such a giving spirit is evidence of God's Spirit at work within you all.

You serve as an inspiration to me regarding Christian stewardship. Giving is evidence of the ongoing movement of growth in your spiritual lives. This certainly is Scriptural. Take a look throughout the Bible, from Old Testament through the New, and you'll find that when God changes a person, self-giving becomes an expression of Godly lives. In the Lord's hands, we are shaped and molded to become fashioned after the very heart of God. And God's heart is generous indeed. No one can out-give God! As God continues to work within us, we become more and more open and willing givers - even to the point of sacrifice. That certainly is the image of giving presented through God's Son. In Jesus, we are confronted with the ultimate GIVER. Since we are called to follow in His steps, we will be called on to develop such a spirit of generosity. Because of this, the title of this season's stewardship campaign is: “Growing Forward Together.” Growth is on our minds, and should be the continual movement of our lives, as we move toward the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Stagnation and the status quo should never describe us. So we seek to grow forward together in Christian stewardship. This program officially begins October 15th at worship, and will culminate on Sunday, November 12th. Throughout those weeks, there will be opportunities to meet with me and talk informally about stewardship, theology, church vision, and brainstorming for the future (11am - Tues. Oct. 17 in the chapel, 4:30pm - Wed. Oct. 25 in the chapel,

and 6:15pm Thurs. Nov. 2 in the chapel). There will be times for meeting with members of the Stewardship & Budget Comm. for informal question & answer sessions (5:30pm - Tues. Oct. 17, 7:15pm - Wed. Oct. 25, 5:30pm - Thurs. Nov. 2 - all in the chapel). Commitment Sunday will be Nov. 12th and will be followed that evening with a festive supper in the Harper Center.

Please come and be a vital part of worship, Christian education and fellowship during these important and exciting weeks together!

Yours in Christ,

Philip

A congregational meeting will be held at the beginning of the 11am worship service on October 8th. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for the class of 2009.

Peacemaking Offering

Each year the Peacemaking Offering provides ways for Presbyterians to promote peace at the local, national and international level. Congregations are encouraged to retain 25% of the Offering for peacemaking efforts through their church programs or in their communities. 25% of the Offering is directed to presbytery and synod peacemaking work, and the remaining 50% supports the Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs.

The Peacemaking Offering is a means of financially supporting the mission the Church in this country and around the world. It is an opportunity to make a difference right where you are. Together with others, your participation in the Peacemaking Offering can be part of something beautiful and full of meaning. Please give generously to the Peacemaking Offering. This offering will be taken up on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 1st.

October Birthdays

Oct. 1 - Katrina Johnson, Pam Patterson
 Oct. 2 - Beth Heath
 Oct. 3 - Seth Washburn
 Oct. 4 - Dutch Bristow, Maggie Phillips
 Oct. 5 - Steve Gunter, Betty Hart, Lane VanderHoek, Dex King, Matthew Kirkey
 Oct. 6 - Mark Hamilton, Sue Ehmgig, Marilyn Stevens, Cameron Sheeler
 Oct. 7 - Andy Childress
 Oct. 8 - Stephanie Morgan
 Oct. 9 - Scott Kimble
 Oct. 10 - Allison Payne, Nancy Wazenegger
 Oct. 11 - Jonathan York, Sarah Evans, Carson Cameron, Alice Heins
 Oct. 12 - Mavis Graham, Becky Wazenegger
 Oct. 14 - Midge Holmes, Nancy Wilkinson
 Oct. 15 - Tommy Chapin
 Oct. 16 - Billy Boaz, Dottie Gall
 Oct. 17 - John Hendley, Edna Brogden, John Evans, Scott Wilson, Donna Gamble
 Oct. 19 - Valerie Davenport
 Oct. 20 - Cathy Johnson
 Oct. 21 - Roy Cashion, Julian Philpott
 Oct. 22 - Don Suddarth, Kevin Foushee
 Oct. 23 - Alex Sharpe
 Oct. 24 - Wendell McGee, Joan Edson
 Oct. 25 - Mike Donnell, Mary Alice Holmes, Kay Faucette, Steve Huepper
 Oct. 26 - Carolyn Washburn
 Oct. 27 - Joan Childress
 Oct. 28 - Cynthia Philpott
 Oct. 29 - Pat VanderHoek, Jessica Brewer, Jacob Kimble, Monty Terrell
 Oct. 31 - Susan King

Hand-in-Hand

Hand-in-Hand started the 2006-2007 year with a breakfast for the staff of Lee Senior High on August 23. Dr. West, Lucille York, Flora Perry and I attended. On that occasion 75% of the staff requested a prayer partner. This ministry is the most vital form of support for the staff. Our church has been assigned 21 names so I am asking for volunteers from the congregation to be a prayer partner with a staff member at Lee Senior High. You are asked to pray for them, send at least 4 notes or cards (these are provided for you) during the school year. If you will agree to participate in this ministry, please contact me at 775-3678 or Lori in the church office. Don't wait, we need to get started!

Mary Alice Holmes - Witness Comm.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the PW District Fall Gathering on Sept. 9th such a special occasion. We are especially grateful to the men of the church for their assistance with parking.

Approximately 120 ladies attended from Lee, Moore, Robeson and Scotland counties. Many compliments were received about our beautiful facilities.

Breadbasket News

Sept. 12th - As the doors open at 11am at the Breadbasket, you are first greeted by the beverage team of Rexine Lloyd and Don Suddarth. These two have managed to coordinate their 'drink uniforms' once more.

Moving on to the serving line, you will meet

Joan Suddarth serving up fried chicken, Lou VanBruggen spooning up buttered corn, and Martha McGee offering collard greens and bread. To accompany these items you will find garden salad, apple-sauce, dessert and tea. Approximately 145 plates will be served by 12:30pm.

Helping at the Breadbasket requires enthusiasm, energy and a willingness to serve others. It is a rewarding experience.

Thanks again to everyone who supports this mission.

**Emily Kelly
Hunger Enabler**

Spanish Classes - We will offer Spanish classes for children 4 - 12 on Tues. afternoons at 4:30. There is a \$5.00 start up fee and the monthly fee is \$30 per child. We will offer 2 classes and availability is limited. Please contact Katrina Johnson at 776-5501 no later than Wed., Oct. 4th if interested.

Art Classes - Faye Vann and Rebecca Wilson will offer Art classes this Fall for elementary age children. Dates and times will be decided after registration. The monthly fee for this class will be \$25. Please call Susan in the church office to sign up no later than Oct. 13th.

Middle School Youth - The Middle School Youth had a great lock-in. 17 youth and 4 adults enjoyed bowling and activities in the Harper Center all night! Thanks to the Men of the Church for preparing breakfast and inviting the youth to attend their meeting. A very sleepy group attended the Contemporary Service and Sunday School.

Senior High Youth - The Senior High Youth went white-water rafting. 7 youth and 3 adults pulled out around midnight and drove to Statesville after the football game and drove the remainder of the way on Saturday morning. They enjoyed rafting and

camping experiences and shared in fellowship studying God's Word at the campground.

Halloween Carnival

The Middle School Youth will host the Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 22nd from 3pm - 5pm in the Harper Center for all kids through 5th grade. We will have a hotdog supper, hayride, and lots of games and prizes! The congregation is invited to bring a carved pumpkin to line the hallway of the Harper Center. It is always neat to see the creative pumpkins from everyone. Wear your Halloween costume and bring a friend.

Singles' Luncheon

The Singles' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 17th at 12:00 p.m. in the Harper Center.

Please call the church office no later than Monday, October 15th to make a reservation for a delicious lunch and great program.

October Door

Greeters

- Flora Perry
- Bill McClelland
- Mary Alice Holmes
- Elinor Ankrom

Shepherd's Corner

"Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the Lord may not be like sheep without a shepherd."



Numbers 27:16,17

Men of the Church

The Men of the Church breakfast will not be held in October due to 'Church in the Park.'

Ushers for October

- Capt. - David Riddle III
- David Lloyd
- Scott Kimble
- Pat McCracken
- Suzanne Mills
- Danny Sloan

Circles Meet on October 9th at:

- #1 - Lib Williams, 413 Carbondon Road
- # 2 - Veryle Killmeyer, 5082 Wren Way
- # 3 - Kay Law, 778 Cashmere Court
- # 4 - Lucille York, 2310 Radius Drive
- # 5 - Frances Smith, 2210 Lakeland Drive
- # 6 - Church Parlor, Katie Dull - Hostess
- # 7 - Marian Huepper, 6096 Dunes Drive
- # 8 - Church Library, Lisa Harrington - Hostess

October

Meals on Wheels

Circle # 4

Church Flowers

Coordinating Team



Please remember in prayer:

Emily Buchanan; Dorothy Foushee (Parkview); Margaret Foushee (Parkview); Nancy Goetsch; Mildred Johnson; Lorena Keith; Charlotte Lutton (Parkview); Toni Mackey; Merlee McDonald (Pinelake); Carole Petraglia, Janelle & Savanna Phelps; Clyde Rosser; Lib Yarborough; Lorraine Bell; Joan Bland's stepfather - DC Holler; Jessica Brewer's mother - Linda Brewer and father - Winslow Brewer; Jerry Campbell's mother - Clarene Campbell; Billy Heins; Joyce Mann's mother - Lorene Glasscock; Wanda Perry; Wilson Proctor's sister - Elizabeth LeCroy; Phil Stone; Sally Suther's niece - Amanda Mager; Lurceta Sperry's grandmother - Mildred Frady; Karen Tatum's father - Wesley Spence; David Vann's brother - Hugh Vann; Cameron Womack

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

*Sally Chapin and Family in the death of Marie,
Don Wazenegger and Family in the death of his father*

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What's Happening in October???

Sun., Oct. 1 - Communion; 9am Contemporary Svc.; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 3pm Bible Moderators; 4pm Steward. Sub-Committee; 5pm Administrative Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm Steward./ Budget Comm.

Mon., Oct. 2 - 5:30pm Deacons Meet; 6pm Officers' Supper; 6:30pm Elders Meet

Tues., Oct. 3 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Wed., Oct. 4 - 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS/Youth Club; 7:30pm Choir

Thurs., Oct. 5 - 9am Bible Study; 9:30am Needlepoint Class - Parlor; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Sun., Oct. 8 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/ Family S.S.; 11am Congregational Meeting; Worship/Children's Church; 12pm PW Coordinating Team; 6pm Youth

Mon., Oct. 9 - Circles Meet

Tues., Oct. 10 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Wed., Oct. 11 - 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS/Youth Club; 7:30pm Choir

Thurs., Oct. 12 - 9am Bible Study; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Sun., Oct. 15 - 10:30am Church in the Park; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders

Mon., Oct. 16 - 6pm CDC Board Meets; 7pm Sr. High Advisors Meet

Tues., Oct. 17 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC

Chapel; 10:30am Seniors' Choir; 11am Steward. Meeting with Pastor - Chapel; 5:30pm Steward. Q&A - Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Wed., Oct. 18 - 12pm Singles' Luncheon; 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS/Youth Club; 7:30pm Choir

Thurs., Oct. 19 - 9am Bible Study; 9:30pm Needlepoint Class - Parlor; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Sun., Oct. 22 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Family S.S.; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 3pm Halloween Carnival; 4pm Cong. Care Comm.; 7pm New Member Comm., Witness Comm.; 7:30pm Committees Meet

Mon., Oct. 23 - Bus Trip to the Mountains; 10am Bible Study

Tues., Oct. 24 - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Wed., Oct. 25 - 4:30pm Steward. Meeting with Pastor - Chapel; 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS/Youth Club; 7:15pm Steward. Q&A - Chapel; 7:30pm Choir; Return from Mountain Trip

Thurs., Oct. 26 - 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.

Sun., Oct. 29 - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 6pm Youth

Tues., Oct. 31 - 9am Staff Meeting; 9am Flu Shot Clinic - Harper Center; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpt.