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June 2022 Newsletter



Pentecost, Graduation, and Summer Schedule

This Sunday is **Pentecost**. It is the second oldest Christian holiday after Easter. Yes, Christians celebrated Pentecost even before we started celebrating Christmas! With Pentecost, God bestowed the Holy Spirit upon all of humanity. It is the Holy Spirit that was first given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Holy Spirit helped to guide them as Jesus' church came into being. It is the Holy Spirit that guides each of us as we navigate the chaotic waters of life.

As you come to worship this Sunday wear some red! Red symbolizes the Holy Spirit like the flame that danced upon the disciples' heads on that very first Pentecost. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, cannot be controlled by humanity. Instead God calls us to embrace the leading of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

On this Pentecost Sunday we will also be celebrating **Graduation Sunday**. Matthew Leonard, Catherine Martindale and Elizabeth Martindale will be graduating from Pinecrest and Union Pines respectively. Of course, unlike any other Graduation Sunday two of the three graduates are Kelly and my own. It's hard to believe they have gotten to this point. I still remember our first Sunday at FPC. They were only two years old. Oh, how the time has flown by for our three graduates and their parents. Great things await them and two families will be empty nesters very soon. Please take time in the days ahead to greet and speak with our graduates as they get ready to embark upon new adventures! Matthew will be attending Elon University. Catherine will be attending Lenoir-Rhyne University. Elizabeth will be attending N.C. State.

We are preparing to enter into our **Summer Schedule**. We will begin worship at 10 a.m. Our young people and my Sunday school class will not meet during the summer. If tradition holds true the Sunday school class in the library will continue to meet.

The Summer Schedule will be in place for the rest of June (after June 5th), July, and August. We will return to our 11:00 a.m. worship time on September 4th. This was action taken by the session back in April after a poll was taken by the congregation and the majority of those who responded liked the 10 a.m. worship time.

Grace and Peace,
Rick



Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult times.

Debby Albright
Anna Belle Campbell
Ann and Tom Currie
Lee Edmonds
Carol Lucas
Gail Meeks
Ina Sue Parks
Phillip Warmbrod
The People of Uvalde, Texas
Elizabeth Barringer
Lucinda Casey
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Judi Kelly
Linda McCaskill
Dennis Parks
Tom Stewart
The Ukrainian People

Artie Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Abe Caviness, *great-nephew of Debby Albright*
Willis Clark, *brother of Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe*
June Greeson, *Susan Cole's mother*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Jada, *friend of Geraldine Moore*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Jane Medlin, *Carol Lucas' daughter*
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
The Family of Gio Rincon

All of our military men and women and their families, especially the following:
Jonathan Baker, Kyle Bryant, Cody Fitzgerald,
Chris Mohan, Patrick Mohan,
Greg Riyevski, Michael Schwartz, and Quinn Wicker.

If you would like to add someone, or remove yourself from First Presbyterian's Prayer Requests, please contact the church office at (910) 947-2924 or infofpc397@gmail.com.



April 2022

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of April 1, 2022		94,055.12
Tithes and Offerings Received		+12,124.43
	Sub-Total	106,179.55
Expenditures		-19,782.51
Balance in checking account as of April 30, 2022		**86,397.04**

RESTRICTED FUNDS: (Funds designated for specific projects, etc.)

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of April 1, 2022		43,242.59
Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for Apl 2022		+470.07
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $88.76; PW $30; One Hour of Sharing$208.161.92;		+326.92
		43,242.59
	Sub-Total	
Expenditures: Several		-2,616.83
Balance in Restricted Funds as of Apr 30, 2022		**41,422.75**

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	86,397.04
Building Fund: Equip 93.54 + Grant 265.67 + 174.75 + 1.92 =	+0.00
Restricted Funds Balance	+41,422.75
	127,819.79

April Payroll Taxes (FICA 369.86; FW/H 87.21; SW/H 13.00). Plus Adjustment $.05 -470.12

4/30/2022 Checkbook Balance - *cannot find $0.23

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OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	22,146.23
Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs)	+185.88
	22,332.11

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank Yous & More!



Session approved the following at the May 2022 meeting:

- Returning to bread and grape juice for communion.
- Approved the purchase of a new copier.
- No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.
- Session attended a brief tutorial concerning our new camera for the virtual service.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 17th – 20th from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

June Birthdays



1	Silas Stromko
6	Carol Lucas
6	Bryan Monroe
8	John Currie
11	Ginny Buie
12	Benny Cole
14	Joanna Monroe
17	Jonathan Baker
20	Sandra Pearson
24	Cristy Dean
29	Philip Warmbrod
30	Matthew Leonard

June Greeters

5th	Geraldine Moore
12th	Tom Stewart
19th	Otis Patterson
26th	Barbara Danley

June Sunday Flowers

5th	Mary McLeod
12th	Christy and Damon Dean
19th	Sharon and John McDonald
26th	Tracy and Bill Thomas

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963, or Tom Leonard at (910) 693-3356.

April



	Sunday School	Worship
3rd	30	46
10th	23	61
17th	--	59
24th	29	49
Average	27	54

Send church news and announcements to FPC
by calling or emailing the church office at (910) 947-2924 / infofpc397@gmail.com.

May 15th – Youth Group – Bowling is fun in your spare time. Joey Tortora was our lean, mean bowling machine. Congrats on the highest score. Another fun year with some amazing young people!



July 17th – July 20th 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. VBS for ages 4-6th grade.

Email mrs.jenniferthomason@gmail.com to register your child.



We are excited to welcome all of our Chefs to *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*, and we are praying that everyone who joins this party will know and experience God's love, presence, and faithfulness. Everything we do centers on turning to God in prayer to meet our daily needs and to equip us to meet the needs of others.

God is Great!
God is Good!
Let us thank God for our Food!
By God's Hands, we all are Fed!
Give us, Lord, our Daily Bread!

Food Bank

On the first Saturday morning of the month,
FPC friends and family meet at the Robbins' Food Bank
of Robbins Area Christian Ministries from 7:30-10 a.m.
to serve our friends and families in need.

You can help by donating non-perishable foods
and double-bagged plastic grocery bags at our
Family Life Center Basket Ministries Donation Station,
and/or by joining us at any upcoming dates you're available:

June 4, July 2, August 6, and September 3 (tentative date)

To carpool, meet in the FPC parking lot at 7 a.m.

two cents

Don't forget to give us your
"two-cents"
the first Sunday of every month
as we continue to support our
Children's 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering.

Our children are now collecting this offering
during the Moment with our Children.

A little bit can go a long way!

FPC Basket Ministries is focusing on Instant Potatoes for The Coalition this month.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Back Pack Pals during this past school year. Your contribution of crackers and raisins helped to make a difference in the lives of many students and their families.

We will begin collecting these items in the fall.

EASTER BREAKFAST:

Our Easter Breakfast was a big success. We estimate 65-70 friends and neighbors joined us for the delicious food. To everyone that prepared food, set up, cleaned up, prepared the plates or in any other way helped with the breakfast, our committee sends a big THANK YOU! The meal would not have been as nearly successful without your help.

Presbyterian Women

Thank you to all for your support of the PW Birthday Offering and all PW projects. Together we make a huge difference! FPC is the best!

Up Coming Events:

Presbyterian Women will begin our 2022-2023 Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* in September.
Join us as we learn to practice Sabbath in real and practical ways. If you would like a study book contact Helen McDonald. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. If you are interested in meeting at night for a Bible study or book study please contact Helen McDonald. (Call or text 910-690-2463 or email at hmcd2946@gmail.com).

Presbyterian Women's Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Summer Gathering will be held virtually on **June 10th and 11th**. Look for more information in the lower vestibule or contact Helen McDonald for emails with updates on this wonderful opportunity to participate.

Presbyterian Women will host a ladies evening on Monday, **August 1st** at 7:00 p.m. We will have a guest speaker and delicious desserts. Mark your calendar and bring a friend. Look for more details in the July Mouse.

Presbyterian Women in the Coastal Carolina Presbytery will have their annual Fall Gathering on **August 13th** at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen. More information will be available in the July Mouse.

Sunday Funday wrapped up May 1st – we thank everyone for your help during this school year.



SAVE THE DATE!
June 5th is
PENTECOST AND GRADUATION SUNDAY.
Join us for a special luncheon after church
In celebration of our graduates.



Newsletter Feedback…
We'd like your feedback on how to improve our Church Mouse Newsletter for Fpc members, friends and family! Share your thoughts with us at infofpc397@gmail.com or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!

CHURCH CALENDAR

June 2022

Family Life Center (FLC) Conference Room (CR)

Wednesday, June 1st	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, June 2nd	11:00 a.m.	PW Circle
Saturday, June 4th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
	9:00 a.m.	West Community Presbytery Gathering at Pocket Church, Sanford
Sunday, June 5th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Pentecost/Graduation Sunday/2 Cents a Meal Offering
	12:00 p.m.	Covered-Dish Luncheon for Graduates
Tuesday, June 7th	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 8th		Last Day of School
	6:30 p.m.	No Choir Practice
Sunday, June 12th	**10:00 a.m.**	**Worship - Summer Schedule Begins**
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn
Wednesday, June 15th	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday, June 19th		Father's Day
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion
Tuesday, June 21st		Deadline for July Church Mouse Newsletter
Wednesday, June 22nd	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday, June 26th	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday, June 28th	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship and Mission Committee
Wednesday, June 29th	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice