



Ye Fourth Creek Journal

First Presbyterian Church



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Vacation Bible School ~ Surf Shack July 24-27, 5:30-8pm

VBS at First Presbyterian promises to be an awesome experience! Surf's up as VBS kids learn about the amazing things God has done through water. We'll learn about God's love for us through the story of Jesus' baptism; we'll learn about how God helps bring calm through the story of Jesus calming the storm; and we'll learn about God sending us into the world through the story of Jesus' breakfast on the beach.

We hope you can join us as we bring the waves of God's love to Statesville in the Surf Shack. Register online at focstatesville.org/vbs.

July 24—Surf Shack Celebration and Church Picnic

The whole congregation is invited to help kick off VBS in a big way with the church picnic.

July 25—God Loves:

"This is my Son whom I dearly love: I find happiness in him."

- Matthew 3:17b

July 26—God Calms:

"The God of peace will be with you." - Philippians 4:9b

July 27—God Sends:

"Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, 'Whom should I send, and who will go for us?' I said, 'I'm here; send me...' - Isaiah 6:8



Preparation for Worship

July 3

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30
 Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9
 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: "Patriotism 2.0"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 10

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82
 Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10
 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

Wes Pitts Preaching

Sermon: "The Courage of Mercy"

July 17

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52
 Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: "The Main Thing"

July 24

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85
 Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138
 Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) Luke 11:1-13

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: "What Do You Pray For?"

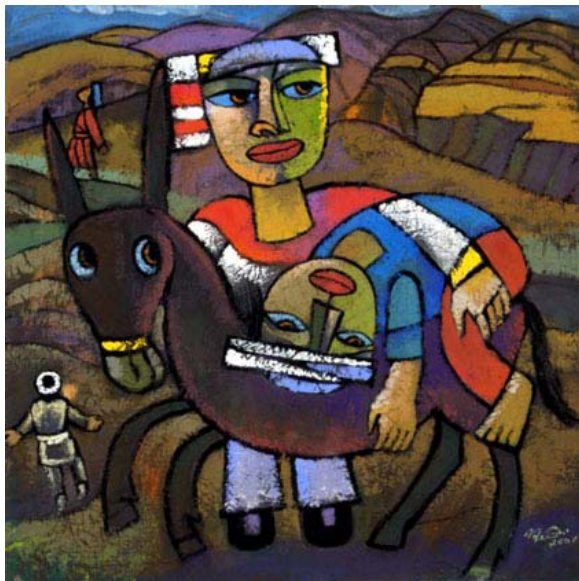
July 31

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43
 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12
 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: "Abundance"



Good Samaritan by Dr. He Qi

A resident of Minnesota, He Qi studied at Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing Art Institute in China and Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. He was the first among Mainland Chinese to earn a Ph.D. in Religious Art after the Cultural Revolution (1992). His art works have been displayed in museums, galleries, universities and churches, in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Tokyo, and London.

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They Couldn't Have Had the General Assembly Without Statesville



I had the honor, in my capacity as moderator of Salem Presbytery, to be a commissioner to the just concluded meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Portland, Oregon. This was the third time I have been to GA, the first time outside Alabama as my first was in Tuscaloosa, in 1976, where I was a seminary page (I don't think we even have those anymore), and then in 2006, when I was a commissioner for Salem for the first time. It was and is an exciting experience, and I hope some others of you might consider involving yourself in the life and leadership of the church in such a way that you might have the opportunity. I share a few reflections:

- The assembly elected as co-moderators Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson. I regretted that our own David Parker, along with his partner Adan Mairena, did not win the post(s), but I felt very gratified to see and hear David, as a commissioner from our presbytery and member of our Session and congregation, appear before the assembly and talk about his hopes and dreams for the church of which we are one of nearly 10,000 congregations.
- Elected as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the highest permanent office in the denomination, was the Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, the first African-American to hold the post.
- I served on the Immigration and Environmental Issues Committee. The assembly adopted, instead of the committee's recommendation, the minority report I signed, recommending only partial divestment from fossil fuel industries and strategic re-investment advocating movement toward less reliance on fossil fuels. This was the moderate alternative to total divestment favored by some.
- The assembly expressed regret over the effects of its policies and decisions over many years as they have had an impact on gay and lesbian members of the church and on congregations that have felt led to withdraw from the denomination (this was instead of the apology favored by some).
- Recommendations of the assembly's Way Forward Committee and the establishment of a Vision 2000 Commission will help determine the direction of the denomination in a fast-changing religious environment and social landscape.
- Worship had thrilling moments, from hearing thousands of people join voices in singing "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout," to receiving communion several times in a week, to listening to a moving sermon by Alice Ridgill, a young African-American woman serving in a new church development in Greenwood, South Carolina. Worship was even woven through the few days' work of my committee.
- Concerns: I have been proud of our Presbyterian heritage for as long as I can remember, and I continue to want us to be positively engaged in the life of our presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). My concerns include regret that the mission of the larger church for some is a matter of taking stands on issues on which people can disagree in good faith, ranging from sexuality to the environment to peace in the Middle East. Even as I affirm that we need to seek the mind of Christ, I do not believe we can speak competently and effectively to every possible issue. I also believe the more issues we try to encompass, the less impact we will make. We continue to bear witness to a Christ who is above every other loyalty.
- The Pacific Northwest: Laurie and I really got to enjoy spending a bit of time driving up the Columbia River Gorge, driving around Mount Hood under fresh snow, and seeing the Oregon coast. Portland is an amazing city, very livable, with great restaurants and a great quality of life. But it's good to be home. I look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you very soon.

– Steve Scott



Conversations about Christian Community:
What is it?
What should it be?
Is it even needed anymore?

Join us for 4 weeks of discussion about the evolution of the church and community, what new things God is doing, and our relationship and engagement in our faith.

Open to all interested in frank, personal conversations of Christian faith.

Monday nights at 6:30
July 18;
August 1,
August 15
August 29

Wine Maestro, Downtown Statesville

Cash bar available with house wines and draft beer

Discussion facilitated by:

Wes Pitts
Director of Christian Education
First Presbyterian Church

Carrilea Potter
Associate Pastor
Broad Street United Methodist Church



A New Summer Curriculum for PreK-5!

Our PreK-5th grade children are using a new curriculum this summer with a new opportunity to learn about the stories of our faith. *An Illustrated Earth* brings three groups of lessons that teach what scripture says about our planet. The first set of lessons will be water stories—God creating the waters, the parting of the Red Sea, Jesus' Baptism, and Jesus calming the storm; the second set of lessons is about plants and food—God sending manna and quail, Jesus feeding 5,000, Leviticus' call for rest for the land, and the parable of the sower; and the third group of stories will be about animals—God's creation of the animals, Balaam and the Lord's messenger, Jonah and the big fish, and the parable of the lost sheep.

Our new curriculum has a home component that is free for families to use. See Wes Pitts for more details!

Thank You



Thank you for your contribution to Our Towns Habitat for Humanity in support of the Statesville Faith Build. I am so grateful you are partnering with us and our future homeowners in creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

— Jeff Porter, Executive Director, Our Towns Habitat for Humanity

Session 2016-2017

Stephen W. Scott
Moderator

David Parker
Clerk of Session

Class of 2017

Lamar Austin
John Childress
Joy Morrison
David Parker
Jane Tarman
Lew Wilson

Class of 2018

Toni Conger
Sarah Davis
John Downs
Sloan Goforth
Sandra Milholland
Dick Sears

Class of 2019

James Cartner, Jr.
John Gilbert, III
Jane Lentz
Bill Long
Joan Scott
Ann Speaks

Session Organization

Christian Education

Joy Morrison**
Ann Speaks
Bill Long
Sarah Davis
Toni Conger
Sloan Goforth

Communication

Jane Lentz**
Jim Cartner
Lew Wilson

Congregational Life

Jane Tarman**
Toni Conger
Sandra Milholland
Sarah Davis
Sloan Goforth
Lamar Austin
Joan Scott

Mission

Lew Wilson**
John Downs
Dick Sears
Jane Tarman

Personnel

Ann Speaks**
John Childress
John Gilbert III
David Parker, *ex officio*

Support

Dick Sears**
Lamar Austin
John Downs
Jane Lentz
Bill Long

Worship

David Parker**
Jim Cartner**
John Childress
Joan Scott
Sandra Milholland

**committee moderator or co-moderator

Fifth Street Cooking Team

Please join us on July 26, at 3 p.m. to cook and at 4:30 p.m. to help serve dinner to the guests at Fifth Street Ministries shelter. For more information, please call Susan Hollingsworth (704/872-4689).

Congregational News

Congratulations to Walker Steele and Riley Matsen, who were married June 4, in Richmond, Virginia. Walker is the son of David and Paula Steele.

... and to Alexander Belch and Laura Sinclair, who were married June 11, in Clemson, South Carolina. Alex is the grandson of Evelyn Sahhar and the late Peter Sahhar.

Sympathy: We share with JoAnn Grose and family the hope we have in the Risen Christ in the death of her sister, Jill Copeland Rhodes Lawson, on June 20, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Memorials

Memorial Fund

In memory of Bill Howard
... The Matthew Carlson Family
... Toby and Kalman Gordon
... Elaine Steele
... Philip and Tracy Travis
... Mike and Kathy White

Organ Fund

In memory of Gwen Deaton
... Sherrill and Barrie Deaton

Music Notes

Praise of God through music is a wonderful and fulfilling experience. Please see Melody Beauty if you are interested in joining one of FPC's choirs.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Schedule for July
July 13, 7 p.m.
July 20, 7 p.m.
July 27, 7 p.m.

Choir members: Sunday morning rehearsal at 10:30 will continue. Please plan to be present in worship, as we lead the congregation in the singing of hymns!

Community News

A Birthday Concert : You are invited to a special concert in celebration of the eightieth birthdays of Dan and Jane Pardue.



Sunday, July 10
4 p.m.
First ARP Church

Their daughters, Susan and Lea, have commissioned an anthem to be written and dedicated to them to honor the event. The anthem will be premiered by the Chancel Choir of First ARP Church, and will also feature former students of the Pardues, as well as their daughters. The short concert is open to the public.

2016 Christmas in July Celebration: The annual luncheon and silent auction in support of Fifth Street Ministries will be held Sunday, July 17, noon until 1:30 p.m., at the Statesville Civic Center. Tickets are available:

\$15 for one ticket

\$50 for four tickets

\$100 for a table of eight tickets

For more than 26 years, Fifth Street Ministries has been addressing the needs of the homeless, providing sanctuary to victims of domestic violence, and serving those in need with clothing, food, and healthcare.

Church Picnic



It's Picnic Time!

July 24 at 5 p.m.

On the church lawn

A time for food, fun and fellowship!

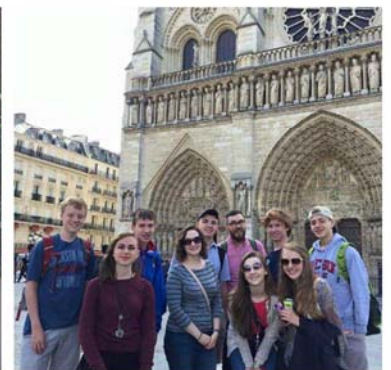
Fried chicken rolls, and drinks
will be provided

If your last name begins with A—P,
please bring a salad or side.

If your last name begins with Q—Z,
please bring a dessert.

Please bring your blanket and chairs.

Taizé Youth Mission Trip



The trip to Taizé was a wonderful experience for the Youth Mission Team. Be sure to ask Violet, Brody, Elise, Isaac, Dylan, Rachel, Andrew, Will, Wes, Liz and Melody to share their experience with you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 Concert at Montreat	2
3 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	4 <i>Independence Day – Office Closed</i>	5	6 10:00 Staff/Prayers 5:30 CE Ministry	7	8	9
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	11 7:00 Advisory Council	12 6:00 Endowment Board Meeting	13 10:00 Staff/Prayers 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	14	15	16
17 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Pennies for Hunger Offering	18 6:30 Water into Wine	19	20 10:00 Staff/Prayers 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	21	22 <i>FJC Deadline</i>	23
24 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 VBS & Kick-Off Picnic	25 5:00 VBS 6:00 Support Ministry 8:00 Session	26 3:00 Fifth Street Team 5:00 VBS	27 5:00 VBS 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	28	29	30
31 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship						

July Birthdays

If you do not see your birthday listed below
be sure to let the office know the special day!

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Beth Hill | 14 | Dan Pardue |
| 2 | Cameron Terry
Pelham Gentry | 15 | Caroline Long |
| 3 | Jean Cannon
Renaee Keesbury | 16 | David Shippee
Harrison Downs |
| 4 | Andrew Bell | 19 | Allison Drum |
| 5 | Jonna Sears | 20 | Dick Sears |
| 6 | David Parker | 22 | John Frazier
Beryl Immesberger |
| 7 | Lilli Beaty
Paulette Keys
Jane Pardue
Brody Petree | 23 | Roger Roark
JoAnn Grose |
| 8 | Jill Gillis
Kelly Gillis | 24 | Paul Davidson
Joseph Carbone |
| 9 | Ralph Brown | 26 | Susan Hollingsworth |
| 10 | Ryan Oliphant | 27 | Jane Hawthorne
Scott Chandgie
Ellie George |
| 11 | Luke Gillis | 29 | Clay Speaks
Jerry Barbee |
| 12 | Emily Cathey
June Caudle
Jean Cowles
Wyatt Foster | 31 | Elizabeth Carpenter
Sheri Raymer |

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

July Responsibilities

Elders on Call

John Childress, Sloan Goforth

Sanctuary Guild

Jane Cartner, Sherry George

Open/Close the Church

Donnie Haynes

Nursery

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| July 3 | Beth Davidson, Beth Setzer, Sara or Rachel Setzer |
| July 10 | Beth Bush, Karen Kauffman, Elise Kauffman |
| July 17 | Sarah Davis, Rudy Davis, Lynn Brennan |
| July 24 | Katie Long, Susan Deal, Renaee Keesbury |
| July 31 | Teresa Kutteh, Kim Austin, Susie Goforth |

Ushers

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| July 3 | Jim Tarman, Sloan Goforth, Jason Petree, Bob Spencer, Rada Spencer, Lamar Austin |
| July 10 | Roy Morrison, Libby Weaver, Hewitt Linyard, George Moody, Lew Wilson, Nate Neely |
| July 17 | Brian Long, Rodger Speaks, Rudy Davis, Sarah Davis, Julian West |
| July 24 | Jim Pickett, Beth Davidson, Billy Grose, Jeff Hartman, Steve Hartzog |
| July 31 | Nancy Harris, Don Searcy, Ann Kincaid, Ryan Oliphant, Bob Lemert, Katie Long, Calvin Alexander |

Sanctuary Flower Donors

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| July 3 – Teresa and Costi Kutteh | July 10 – Open |
| July 17 – Jerry and AJ Barbee | July 24 – Open |
| July 31 – Open | |

Please call George Moody at 704.880.6651 if you
would like to put flowers in the sanctuary.