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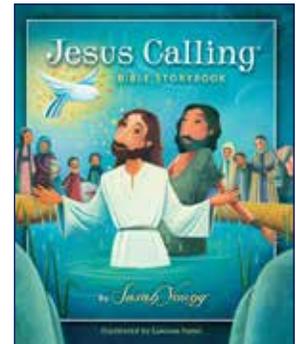
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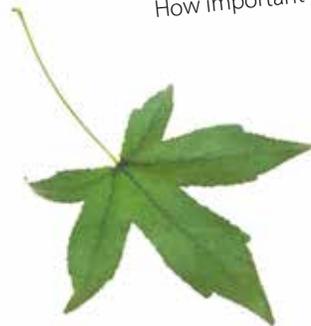
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# FIRST CHURCH PEOPLE

## Births

Congratulations to **Bryan & Ashton Clemmons** upon the birth of their sons **John Beckett "Beck" Clemmons & Brigman Lee "Briggs" Clemmons** on June 22, 2014. They have one sister, Lettie, age 3.

Congratulations to **Eric & Gretchen Netherton** upon the birth of their daughter **Harper Lee Netherton** on September 7, 2014. She has two brothers, Jackson, age 5 and William, age 2.

Congratulations to **Aaron & Emily Terranova** upon the birth of their son **Tobias Paul Albert Terranova** on September 11, 2014. Tobias is the couple's first child.

## Baptisms

On August 17, 2014, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Ella Rose Reichard, daughter of **Jeff & Erica Reichard**.

On September 21, 2014, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to:

- **Gray Grier Egerton**, son of **David & Katie Egerton**;
- **Addison Frances Ritenour**, daughter of **Tony & Megan Ritenour**.

## SHARE YOUR LIFE EVENTS WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

**Baptisms:** Debby Foster  
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## Sympathy

Sympathy to FPC members **Nancy Kenerly** and **Whitney Kenerly** upon the death of their mother and grandmother **Anna Louise Moddrell (Edwards)**, who died June 21, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Emily McAdams Scott** upon the death of her step-father **Knox McLeod Broom, Jr.**, who died June 24, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Cleo Ryan Stanley**, who died July 2, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Myrtle Stanley Huffling**, who died July 3, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Ruby Reaves Worley** upon the death of her brother **Charles "Charley" E. Reaves**, who died July 4, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Robert A. Darnell**, who died July 6, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Kim McCarthy** upon the death of her mother **Bobbye Jean McCarthy**, who died July 13, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Bruce Beuchler**, who died July 15, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Dorothy Rabey "Dotty" Brantley**, who died July 15, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Gordon Washington**, who died July 19, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Ellen Preston Brigden Todd**, who died July 28, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Alta Abernathy**, who died July 29, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Bill Brown** upon the death of his mother **Marguerite A. Brown**, who died August 15, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **John Gettys White**, who died August 20, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Susan Garrison Ridenour** upon the death of her father **Robert Henry Garrison Jr.**, who died August 25, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **John Robert "Bob" Little**, who died August 31, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Robert H. "Bob" Stevens**, who died September 2, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Mark Lemons** upon the death of his father **Clifton Eugene Lemons**, who died September 4, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Jo Ramsay Leimenstoll** upon the death of her father **Thelbert H. Ramsay**, who died September 13, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Libby Strickland** upon the death of her mother **Mary Kathryn "Kay" Ratchford**, who died September 20, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **William Gordon Cole**, who died September 26, 2014.

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## FPC ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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# Dear Friends,



We are off to a marvelous start this fall!  
Among the things that are making it so are:

- **The Boros** gathering in 40 homes around Greensboro, connecting us with our FPC neighbors.
- The **power of our spiritual stories** of trust and faith, shared through the series, How GOD's Story Becomes OUR Story.
- New **educational** opportunities and classes in **spiritual formation** that include Storyline, Covenant Bible Study, Growing Deeper, and Parables in Prayer.
- The arrival of new staff leaders, **Colin Burns**, children's' and youth music, and **Libby Boehne**, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident. As well, Adult Educator, **Wendy Duncan**, will also be working with Discipleship ministries, particularly as it pertains to our new Welcome Center in the renovated Smith building.

This October we begin a new **Stewardship Season** as we hear from our members and their giving stories. **Tyler Hollis** and **Nancy Godwin** are coordinating this important campaign with the help of the Stewardship & Generosity Committee. Commitment Sunday is **November 9**. We have developed a meaningful tradition of offering our pledge cards as an act of worship. The questions surrounding stewardship are always, "What percentage of my income belongs to God?" and "How will our family support the ministry of our church?"

OK... it may be a stretch to say that our **renovation** feels like we are birthing a long overdue baby (I know I am only the husband and father!), but we are waiting, expectantly, for definitive word on completion dates and when we can get back in. Those in the position to know say that staff is projected to move into the **Smith building** the second week in December. (Holy Advent!) However, the **sanctuary** has more variables. Still there is hope that we will be in by Christmas. Regardless, we are getting close!

My thanks to all who shared your thoughts through the Antioch Group's **congregational survey**. The response was good and now Antioch begins to understand, analyze, discern and make recommendations to the Session.

Blessings,

P.S. The **CROP Walk** is Sunday afternoon, October 19. Let's make a statement with our participation!

P.S.S. I am working with church member, friend and travel advisor, Weezie Glascock, in organizing a **spiritual journey to Italy and Rome** for FPC members in the fall of 2015. Dates are October 5-14. Info will be available later this month.

# What IF ...

## This Sunday were the only Sunday that mattered?



Rev. Dolly Jacobs  
Associate Pastor for Discipleship

We as active members of this faith community must remember that churches offer something people need:

1. People need to know God loves them; they are of supreme value to God.
2. People need a sustaining sense of purpose and significance in this life.
3. People need community: to know they are not alone – times of joy and agony, there are friends that love them and are there for them.
4. People need to hear and feel the peace, hope, the sense of belonging that comes with a faith community.
5. People are searching for an authentic experience of God's grace and the love of Jesus Christ that will help them grow deeper in their faith.

FPC visitors instinctively know:

- “These people care about me.”
- “They want me to grow deeper spiritually.”
- “I am not a number, an outsider, or a customer.”
- “I am being invited with them into the body of Christ.”

### **Why hospitality matters, from *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase.**

“Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice radical hospitality. Christian hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ.”

“Hospitality has us seeing people as Jesus sees them and seeing Jesus in the people God brings before us.”

“Churches that practice Radical hospitality are not just friendly and courteous; they are not passive in how they receive visitors; members desire to invite and welcome more people into their

faith community. Members offer joyful, deep and authentic care to the visitors.”

### **How do we do this?**

With an unceasing invitational posture.... An unceasing invitational posture means that we see ourselves each and every day as sent out by Christ and going out of our way, even at the risk of a sense of awkwardness and inconvenience, to invite people into growing deeper through one of our ministries.

### **Tips on what to say on a Sunday morning to people you do not know personally:**

- “Good morning....(No nametag) ... I don't think I know your name...”
- “Good morning....(No nametag) ... I don't think we've met before... Are you a member?”
- “Good morning....(No nametag and looking LOST!)... Do you know which way you are going? Here, let me walk you to the.... ”
- “Good morning....(No nametag) ... how are you? (Question asked) ... Hmmm.... I don't know the answer to that. Let me find someone who does.”

AND: Write down their name and some kind of contact information you can share with an FPC staff member.

### **Ask yourself these questions as you prepare for worship this Sunday:**

1. Have I invited someone to worship recently?
2. Have I spoken to and genuinely welcomed someone that I did not know at worship?
3. Have I offered to show someone their way to a class, the restrooms, the nursery?
4. What if.... This Sunday was the only Sunday that counts?

Do not neglect to showing hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. – Hebrews 13:2

# Boo who? You!

FPC is partnering with Holy Trinity Episcopal to host our annual Trunk or Treat event! It is always lots of fun to see the kids – and the adults – dressed in costumes and having fun. We want to make this year’s event extra special. To do that, we need YOUR help! We need at least 25 “trunks” where the kids can collect treats. If, like me, you are not a very good DIY-er and don’t feel you have good crafting skills, the thought of decorating your trunk is intimidating. So here are 10 ideas to help!

– Lisa Witherspoon, interim director of preschool ministry



**IT’S FALL, Y’ALL!** Throw a bale of hay, a scarecrow, and a few pumpkins in the back of your pick-up truck and Voila! You’re done!

**BE SPOOKY!** It is Halloween, after all. Hang some ghosts or spider webs. If you are scientific, you can create a witch’s lair with a smoldering cauldron!

**ARGH MATEY!** Kids love pirates, so how about transforming your trunk into a treasure chest?



**GO STRAIGHT TO JAIL!** Got an old baby gate? Turn your trunk into a jail cell and let the “criminal” serve his/her time passing out candy!

**GO TAILGATING!** Got a favorite football team? Set up a trunk or treating tailgate party!

**PICK A THEME, ANY THEME!** Love music? Or old Westerns? How about a luau?!? Decorate your trunk with some of your favorite things!



**CHOOSE A BIBLE STORY.** Bring Noah’s Ark to life or turn your trunk into a whale with Jonah inside!

**FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW/BOOK.** Everyone has a favorite! Decorate your trunk to look like the set of yours!

**MAKE US LAUGH!** Halloween doesn’t have to be scary, so make it silly!



**KEEP IT SIMPLE.** With a quick trip to Party City or the Dollar Store, you can find plenty of Halloween sign, garland, and decorations. Just grab a handful and have fun!

Find more ideas on my Trunk or Treat Pinterest board: [www.pinterest.com/witherspoonl/trunk-or-treat/](http://www.pinterest.com/witherspoonl/trunk-or-treat/)

Have fun with us! We need 25 “trunks” for Trunk or Treat.

Email me by October 24 to sign up for trunk decorating or if you have questions. (lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org)

We will Trunk or Treat October 29 in the Paisley parking lot. Join us for Wednesday dinner in Mullin Life Center before the festivities.

Trunks should be decorated and ready by 5:45 p.m. Children will begin trunk or treating at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, scariest, and funniest decorations!

# What does FPC mean to you?

BY NANCY GODWIN  
& TYLER HOLLIS

What a great time to be a member at FPC. We have much for which to be thankful. As we enter this fall, our church is planning to celebrate the reopening of the Smith Building and our magnificent sanctuary. These renovations were made possible by the enormous and unprecedented generosity of our members. And our members' generosity didn't stop there. FPC members' annual contributions created much needed new programs, additional outreach ministries, and expanded resources for members in 2014.

All of the financial gifts provided by members during last year's annual campaign were and are used for the purpose of ministry. God calls us to be thoughtful stewards with the resources



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

– 2 Corinthians 9:7

He provides. In answering this call, we trust that our staff and fellow members are thoughtful with their giving and the use of these gifts in order to maximize our church's ministry.

This year we want FPC members to think about this: All that we have and all that we are comes from the love that God provides. Our theme this year will be "Thoughtful Stewards, Thankful Givers." Let us show our appreciation for what God has given us by giving back to him. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver." Our hope is that each one of you will think about what FPC means to you, and what it means to be an engaged member and cheerful giver. We hope that you will reflect on these things over the next four weeks as we get ready for Commitment Sunday on November 9.

We look forward to sharing more with you all during this season of giving.

## FIRST CHURCH PEOPLE

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### Welcome new members

Please welcome the following new members who joined this summer.



Tim & Ashleigh McFarlin  
5314 Lawndale Drive  
Greensboro, NC 27455



Ralice Ostrom Gertz  
2602 Hillway Drive  
Greensboro, NC 27407



Joyce O'Briant  
4203 B Blazing Star Lane  
Greensboro, NC 27410



Liz Lindsay  
2223 D New Garden Road  
Greensboro, NC 27410

# How God's Story Becomes Our Story: Learning through Milestones

When we speak of a developmental milestone, we usually are referencing a significant period, change, or stage in life. At FPC, the Milestones in the Faith program capitalizes on these crucial periods to teach the basics of Presbyterian theology to children, youth, and adults. Milestones reflects the concept of faith as a lifelong process. Highlighting faith milestones allows the congregation to celebrate God's work at established points such as baptism and profession of faith and throughout life.

Using a 4- to 6-week format and age-appropriate instruction, each Milestones class includes our Presbyterian Reformed understanding of scripture

BY SUSAN DEVANEY

and engaging activities to help families grow in faith. Each celebrates

a milestone in the faith, such as the welcome to the Lord's table, and includes a gift, such as a communion cross or personal reflection journal.

Milestone classes are taught by elders, pastors and staff, and experienced lay people.

"I have served as an elder friend during the second-graders' sacraments Milestone class as each of our oldest girls have gone through," says member Wendi Cimino. "One of my favorite parts of that particular milestone class is when we talk about baptism and work with the children to "remember" their own baptism. For most of them this is realistically impossible, but it's always nice to see what their parents provide: the FPC baptism sampler, a photo of the family with the pastor, a baptism gown, etc.

"I'm also reminded of the promise we as church members make during every baptism to nurture and help raise these babies/children knowing all about God's love & grace. By participating in these milestone classes, I feel like I'm helping to honor that promise that I made to God & those families."

Longtime member Bev Leary twice taught the fourth-grade Milestone class, Getting to Know My Bible. The first year she worked in the program: "We emphasized memorizing the books of the Bible. We divided the books into sections – law, poetry, history – and held memory competitions. When the children learned all the books their names went on

Hear this, O elders, give ear, all inhabitants of the land!

Has such a thing happened in your days, or in the days of your ancestors?

Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

– Joel 1:2-3

sheets of colored paper on the door. In the end the children received their first study Bibles. They were very excited."

Classes for preschool and elementary age children run during the Church School hour in their usual classrooms. Their regular teachers take a break as new instructors come in; parents also attend, becoming co-learners with their children. Parents and kindergartners learn about stewardship during the Growing Grateful, Generous Hearts class. In First Grade the class addresses the elements of worship (Ready, Set, Worship), and in Second Grade the topic is Communion (Touch the Water, Taste the Bread). By Third Grade children and parents join separate but simultaneous classes devoted to the catechism. The Fourth Grade class builds Bible study skills.

"The program has grown over the years," explains Donna Chase, Director of Christian Education. "We started 10 years ago with one class. Now we have classes for all ages. They might center on a faith milestone or they might address a life transition like a youth's first mission trip. In the end we always conclude with some type of celebration during worship, say, receiving confirmation. And at every milestone there is a gift or resource from the church, for example, Stu Bear, a storybook about stewardship for the kindergartners. We give them faith resources that they can take and use at home. I think of it as helping them build a faith library." Although Donna helps with the gift selections, the

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After  
three  
years,  
StepUp  
makes an



StepUp Greensboro celebrated its third anniversary recently with a preview party at its new thrift store, Encore!

The store grew out of the Clothing Closet at FPC, which began as a ministry for FPC's Hot Dish & Hope guests and then became a source for interview clothes for graduates of StepUp's Jobs Readiness Program.

Join the great energy at Encore! by donating clothing, receiving and tagging clothing, and serving as a sales assistant. Info: Jackie at 336.676.5871



Top: Donated dress shirts and ties will help support StepUp's programs, Middle: Supporters celebrate. Above, Ingrid Bullock, executive director of StepUp, shares a story. Left, founder Sharon Sumner greets a party guest.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN QUIRK

THIS MONTH AT FPC

# OCTOBER

## Wednesday, October 1

**The Boros dessert event** – To encourage our members to get to know the FPC people in their neighborhoods, the Boros held dessert events in 40 of our members' homes. If your neighborhood did not have a dessert event, it may have been combined with a larger area for this initial meeting. More Boros will be added next time. If you are willing to be a Boro host in the future, please contact Wendy Duncan, [wduncan@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:wduncan@fpcgreensboro.org) or 478-4723. Be sure to check out the video and see more at [fpcgreensboro.org/the-boros](http://fpcgreensboro.org/the-boros).

## Saturday, October 4

**Explore FPC, part 1** – Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon, Currie Library (*continues Sunday, 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.*). Come and explore FPC and all we have to offer. Contact Stephenie Sanders, 478-4735, or [ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org), for sign-up and child care requests.

## Sunday, October 5

**Currie Library** is open 9-10:30 a.m.

**Explore FPC, part 2** – Sunday, 9:30 - 10:10 a.m., Currie Library.

**World Communion Sunday.** Celebrate our oneness in Christ with brothers and sisters around the world. *All of our Communion breads are nut-free and a gluten-free option will be available at all services.* **Temple** worship service at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Sid Batts preaches "Our Family Story" as part of the sermon series *How GOD'S Story Becomes OUR Story.* *Special offerings* for Pennies for Hunger and the Good Samaritan Fund.

**Church school classes** meet at 9:30 a.m.:

- **K-4**, Corl Building; **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler; **senior high**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Foundations**, a new church school class for parents of preschool and younger elementary begins in Memorial 303. October and November, the class will discuss *Blessings of A Skinned Knee*.
- **Storyline**, Shetler 106. "What Roles Do I Play?" The **Storyline** process will help you develop clarity and direction for living a great story.

- **Milestone: Retirement**, Memorial 305. Jennifer Nichols from the Guiford Senior Center will speak on opportunities for recent and soon-to-be retirees in Greensboro.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. *Love Wins* by Rob Bell, led by Kathe Setzer.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, a study of *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr, led by Doug Key.
- **Agape Class** meets in Memorial Chapel for "Community Awareness: Interactive Resource Center"; Liz Seymour leads.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Charles Howell leads.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. Austin Carty leads "Mere Christianity: A Journey Through C.S. Lewis's Masterpiece Set to Pop Culture."
- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room, Bible study using the Common Lectionary.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214, led by Gerard Davidson.

**Young adults lunch** - All singles/couples in their 20s and 30s are invited to join FPC staffer Austin Carty for lunch following 10:45 a.m. worship. Meet outside the Life Center on Greene Street.

**Sixth Grade Book Club** – 3:30-4:30 p.m., Shetler 304. Sixth-grade youth discuss *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

**Middle School Youth Group** – meets 4:30-6 p.m., third floor Shetler. **High schoolers** meet 6:30-8 p.m.

## Monday, October 6

Ron Bauer leads a **Watercolor Class** in Shetler 323, Mondays, 9-11 a.m. The only cost is for your painting supplies. Call Dolly Jennings at 854-2663 to learn more.

**GIFT in the Morning** – Currie Library, 9:15 a.m. This Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) group is for women with preschool and elementary-age children. Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor of Discipleship, leads. Child care is provided with a reservation. Contact Ashley Winton, 697-8562 or [mwintontriad.rr.com](http://mwintontriad.rr.com)

**Functional Fitness** – Exercise class for older adults meets at 10:15 a.m. in Memorial 304. People who have Silver

Sneakers through United Healthcare and Blue Cross Blue Shield attend free; otherwise \$3/class. For more info, contact FPC members Carol Sellars, 288-2077, or Martha Sharpless, 282-0397.

**Further Readings in C.S. Lewis** – 7 p.m., Currie Library. Austin Carty leads this adult class in discussion of *The Great Divorce*, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* and *The Screwtape Letters*.

## Tuesday, October 7

**FPC JOBS** – 8:30 a.m. in the Scout Room, located under the Chapel, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone dealing with the effects of losing a job is welcome.

**Westminster Ringers** – Our intermediate handbell choir meets 4:15 – 5:15 p.m., Memorial 201.

**Coventry Ringers** – Advanced handbell choir meets in Memorial 201 at 5:45 p.m.

**Hot Dish & Hope** – 6 p.m., Mullin Life Center. Share in the ministry that puts our faith into action as we serve dinner and a "measure of hope" to individuals and families in need. To volunteer or learn more, contact Sheron Sumner, [sksumnr@bellsouth.net](mailto:sksumnr@bellsouth.net), or visit [www.fpcgreensboro.org/hotdish](http://www.fpcgreensboro.org/hotdish).

**Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, and Walking Humbly with God, Oh Help Me Jesus! event** – 6:30 p.m., join us in the Youth room (3rd Floor Shetler) to watch and discuss the film "The Line" which documents the stories of people across the country living at or below the poverty line. The movie highlights different pieces of this complex issue to help spark conversation, discussion and reflection about why and how we should work to end poverty in America.

**GIFT in the Evening** – Growing In Faith Together, a Bible study for professional women in their 20s, 30s & early 40s. Meets in members' homes, 6:45 p.m.; our next study will be *Love Does* by Bob Goff. Contact Aimee Scotton, [acscotton@co.randolph.nc.us](mailto:acscotton@co.randolph.nc.us), for more.

**UKirk Greensboro** invites First Presbyterians to monthly worship at 7 p.m. at the Holderness Presbyterian House at

409 S. Mendenhall St. near UNCG. UKirk connects young adults and college students with local congregations including ours. More information is available at [ukirkgo.org](http://ukirkgo.org)

## Wednesday, October 8

**Men's Fellowship** – 7:30 a.m., Memorial 100, invites all men.

**Currie Library Story Times** at 9:30, 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m., led by Linda Watkins and Nancy Fuller. Open to all preschool children.

**Community Service Group** meets in Redhead Hall at 10 a.m. for fellowship and a devotional while hand-crafting blankets, lap robes and more items to be distributed to people in need in our community and beyond. Open to all women: contact B.J. Williams, 288-8601; Hannah Britt, 288-9289; or Nancy Jewson, Well-Spring coordinator, 288-0333.

**Children's choirs** – The following children's choirs meet on Wednesdays:

- The "Joyful Noise" Musical Experience (ages 2-3 and parents) at 4:30 p.m., Memorial 304;
- Cherub Choir (ages 4-preK), 4:30 p.m., Memorial 303;
- Credo Choir (grades K-1), 5:15 p.m., Memorial 303;
- Canticle Choir (grades 2-5), 6 p.m., Memorial 303.

Sign up online: [fpcgreensboro.org/childrens-choir-registration](http://fpcgreensboro.org/childrens-choir-registration)

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner** – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. This week, chicken pot pie, kids' chicken nuggets, broccoli, rolls, salad, cake for dessert and a drink for \$7, ages 13 and up; \$5, ages 6-12; and free for 5 and younger. Family max: \$25. RSVP by noon on Tuesday, [fpcgreensboro.org/wednesday-dinner](http://fpcgreensboro.org/wednesday-dinner) or 478-4747.

**Growing Deeper class** – 6-7:15 p.m. in Shetler 116. Creating space for God to work in us through Scripture, prayer and spiritual practice. Led by Sid Batts and Donna Chase.

**Chancel Choir** – Our Chancel Choir welcomes new singers to its 6:45 p.m. rehearsal, Memorial 304.

## Thursday, October 9

**Senior High Prayer at Panera** – 7:15 a.m., Panera on Lawndale. Students who need a ride from Panera to school can make arrangements with Lindsey Evans, director of youth, [levans@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:levans@fpcgreensboro.org).

**FPC JOBS** – 8:30 a.m., Scout Room

**Frendship Day** – Ages 55 and older have fun, devotion and fellowship, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Life Center. Stay for lunch, \$6.

**Functional Fitness** – 10:15 a.m., Memorial 304.

**Navigators** – 11:45 a.m., Currie Library. Moms of teens continue *Sticky Faith*, a 6-session study which "presents powerful strategies and practical ideas, enabling parents to impart a deep and lasting faith in their children."

**Wheels4Hope 2nd Anniversary Bash** – 5:30-7 p.m., 4006 Burlington Road. All are welcome to come and enjoy a light dinner and a tour of our facility. At 6:15 p.m., join us for a special 5-Car Blessing to include the 75th placement in the Triad. Please RSVP by October 2 to [Tawanna@wheels4hope.org](mailto:Tawanna@wheels4hope.org) or call 336-355-9130.

**Hot Dish & Hope** – 6 p.m. in Mullin Life Center, every Tuesday and Thursday.

**Covenant class** – 6:30 p.m. in Shetler 214. Led by Wendy Duncan. **Creating, Living, Trusting: Covenant** is an in-depth study which emphasizes the biblical concept of covenant as a unifying pattern throughout the Bible and underscores the unique relationship that God chooses with us as his people.

## Child/Youth Protection Policy Training

All staff, volunteers, teachers, leaders, and parents who work with, drive, or supervise children and youth in our church or schools are required to attend one of our Child and Youth Protection Policy Training meetings. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled training sessions, please contact Sara Manchester to schedule an individual session.

All sessions meet in Spencer Love Room (Memorial 200):

- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY, OCT. 12, noon - 1 p.m.
- MONDAY, OCT. 13, noon - 1 p.m.

RSVP to Sara Manchester, [smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org).

## Sunday, October 12

The **Temple** worship service meets at 8:30 a.m and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Libby Boehne preaches "The story of Women and faith" as part of the sermon series *How GOD'S Story Becomes OUR Story*.

**Church school classes** meet at 9:30 a.m.:

- **K-4**, Corl Building; **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school** and **senior high**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Foundations**, for parents of preschool and younger elementary, Memorial 303.
- **Storyline**, Shetler 106. "What Do You Want?" Led by Libby Boehne.
- **Milestone: Retirement**, Memorial 305. This Adult Milestone class for recent or soon-to-be retirees concludes.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. *Love Wins* by Rob Bell, led by Kathe Setzer.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, Study of *Falling Upward* led by Doug Key.
- **Agape Class** meets in Memorial Chapel for "Community Awareness: Fox 8 News"; Neil McNeill leads.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Sam Simpson leads.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. Austin Carty continues "Mere Christianity."
- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room, Bible study using the Common Lectionary.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214,.

**Middle School Youth Group** – meets 4:30-6 p.m., third floor Shetler. **High schoolers** meet 6:30-8 p.m.

## Monday, October 13

**Presbyterian Women Circles** – Two Presbyterian Women circle groups meet at 10:30 a.m.:

**Mary and Martha Circle** meets in the Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100;  
**Rachel Circle** meets in Shetler 214.

**Currie Library Monday Book Club** – Meets 10:30 a.m. in the library. Our book will be *Orphan Train* by Christian Baker Kline. Penne Prigge facilitates; for more information, contact Sara Stuart, 545-9440, or Nancy Fuller, 478-4731.

**Parables as Prayer** – 7 p.m., Currie Library. Adult class led by Austin Carty.

## Tuesday, October 14

**Currie Library Tuesday Book Club** – 1:30 p.m., Currie Library. This book club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our book this month will be *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Contact Brenda Frost, 288-0509, for more info.

## Wednesday, October 15

### Beth Moore Bible Study begins

– 4 p.m., Shetler 106. This fall's study is *Sacred Secrets*. Study will complete before Thanksgiving. Books can be purchased at Lifeway bookstores. Contact Gail Kinser at 282-3325.

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner** – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. On the menu: fried chicken, sweet potato soufflé, steamed veggies, rolls, salad, cake for dessert and a drink. RSVP by noon on Tuesday.

**Growing Deeper class** – 6-7:15 p.m. in Shetler 116.

**Singing Glory to God** – 6:15 p.m., Memorial Chapel. Join members of the music staff to learn about the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, and to sing some of old and new hymns.

## Saturday, October 18

**50th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society** – 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the historic Ramah Presbyterian Church near Huntersville in Mecklenburg County. Come enjoy the fall colors, and the history of this beautiful church, and its very old cemetery. Registration is \$20. Schedule, registration form, and more information available at [ncphsociety.org](http://ncphsociety.org), or contact Program Chair Sam Martin at (910) 428-4165.

**Dedication of Susan's View residential home at Peacehaven Community Farm** – 11:30 a.m. at 1458 N.C. Hwy 61, in Whitsett. A potluck lunch follows. If you would like to volunteer some work, come at 9 a.m. Peacehaven is an 89-acre working farm where people with special needs have the opportunity to live independently, be valued, and grow into the people God desires them to be. Susan's View, built by Habitat, is the first residential home on the farm. For more about the vision and mission of the farm and Susan's View, go to [peacehavenfarm.org](http://peacehavenfarm.org).

## Sunday, October 19

*Baptism Sunday.* **Temple** worship services at 8:30 a.m and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Sid Batts preaches "The Bible's Story" as part of the sermon series *How GOD'S Story Becomes OUR Story*.

**Church school classes** meet at 9:30 a.m.:  
– **K-4**, Corl Building; **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school** and **senior high**, 3rd floor Shetler.  
– **Foundations**, Memorial 303. *Blessings of A Skinned Knee*.

- **Storyline**, Shetler 106. "Crating Inciting Incidents" Led by Libby Boehne.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. *Love Wins* by Rob Bell, led by Kathe Setzer.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, *Creating the Covenant*, led by Wendy Duncan.
- **Agape Class** meets in Memorial Chapel for "Community Awareness: StepUp Ministry"; Sheron Sumner leads.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Erwin Fuller leads.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. Austin Carty leads "Mere Christianity."
- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214.

**Children's Sabbath.** Begins at **9:30 a.m.** in Mullin Life Center, with K and 1st grade Family Milestone Kick-Off and Gift Presentation. Then, K-5 Children's Offering Project kicks off with hands-on hunger projects for Habitat, Hot Dish & Hope, and the Giving Back Garden. *Bring canned goods and offering money for Urban Ministry, and children wear your GROW T-shirts!* Children and youth families are invited to meet at **1:30 p.m.** in the Life Center to walk over together to NewBridge Park for the 2:30 p.m. CROP Walk.

**Middle School Youth Group** – meets 4:30-6 p.m., third floor Shetler. **High schoolers** meet 6:30-8 p.m.

## Monday, October 20

**Hearts & Minds Circle** – meets at 10 a.m. in members' homes.

**Deborah's Dining and Discussion** meets 11:45 a.m., Shetler 106.

**Further Readings in C.S. Lewis** – 7:25 p.m., Shetler 214. Austin Carty leads this adult class in discussion of *The Great Divorce*, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* and *The Screwtape Letters*.

## Tuesday, October 21

**Ruth and Naomi's Circle** – meets in Memorial 100 at 10:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, October 22

**Beth Moore Bible Study** – 4 p.m., Shetler 106.

### Nominations for Church Officers

**Members of FPC** influence the direction of our church through nominating and electing our leaders. As the Nominating Committee prepares a slate of elders and a trustee for next spring's election, we ask you to suggest members whose leadership will strengthen the church and its mission for Jesus Christ. **Please see more information on reverse.**

**The deadline for nominations is October 12.**

**You may:**

- **MAIL** or drop off this form in the provided envelope marked "Confidential: Nominating Committee", or;
- **PLACE** it in today's offering plate (sealed in provided envelope)
- **EMAIL** Stephenie Sanders: [ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org) or Rhonda Youngdahl: [youngdahlr@canterburygso.org](mailto:youngdahlr@canterburygso.org)

**I recommend:**

*(Why do you think they would be a good leader?)*

Please note **E** for Elder, **YE** for Youth Elder, and **T** for Richardson Trust Trustee

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner** – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. On the menu: meat loaf, kids' chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad, cake for dessert and a drink. RSVP by noon on Tuesday.

**Growing Deeper class** – 6-7:15 p.m. in Shetler 116.

## Friday, October 24

**High School Fall Retreat** – a weekend of fun and adventure in Charlotte, N.C. Hear Bob Goff, participate in small groups and discussions, concluding with

Carowinds. Find more registration forms and more info online: [fpcgreensboro.org/youth](http://fpcgreensboro.org/youth).

**Men's Service Retreat at Camp Grier** – Register by October 11. Inviting all FPC men. Cost is \$7.50/meal/person. Possible service projects include: adding decks or covered porches to lodges; new Camp Grier entrance sign prep & landscape; lodge landscaping. *Let us know if you have special skills.* For more info contact Neal Duncan, [neal.duncan1@gmail.com](mailto:neal.duncan1@gmail.com) or 919-219-8069.

## Sunday, October 26

*Reformation Sunday.*

**Temple** worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel.

**Rejoice!** at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Sid Batts preaches "The Untold Story of the Body of Christ" as part of the sermon series *How GOD'S Story Becomes OUR Story*.

**Church school classes** meet at 9:30 a.m.:

- **K-4**, Corl Building;
- 5th grade**, Memorial 300;
- middle school** and **senior high**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Foundations**, Memorial 303.
- **Storyline**, Shetler 106. "Anticipating Conflict." Led by Dolly Jacobs.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. *Love Wins* by Rob Bell.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, *Creating the Covenant*, led by Neil Dunnivant.
- **Agape Class** meets in Memorial Chapel for "Community Awareness: Wheels4Hope"; John Bush leads.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Guest leader.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. Austin Carty leads "Mere Christianity"

## Please consider the following in suggesting your nominee(s):

**Elders are chosen by the people:** Together with the ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church, as well as the Church at large, including Ecumenical relationships. (*Book of Order*)

**Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment:** Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel both with the Church and in the world. (*Book of Order*)

**Church involvement:** Persons who have invested themselves actively in the life and ministry of our church through worship, stewardship, service, teaching, caregiving, outreach and missions, work with children and youth, music ministry and or/committee and administrative work. Persons who are committed to Presbyterian forms of governance.

**Personal characteristics and skills:** Persons who are cooperative, willing to learn, open to new ideas, dependable, and motivated.

**Trustees for the Richardson Trust:** Current responsibility is the investment and disbursement of the L. Richardson Trust.

### 2014-2015 Nominating Committee:

Rhonda Youngdahl, *chair*; Louann Clarke, *vice chair*; Diane Aycock; Becky Barger; Carter Davenport; Bert Davis; Whit Edwards; Gary Goodman; Dolly Jennings; Leigh Jones; Randall Peete; Brian Rightsell; Dianne Sanderson; Jacalyn White; Charlie Younce

- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214.

**Middle School Youth Group** – meets 4:30-6 p.m., third floor Shetler. **High schoolers** meet 6:30-8 p.m.

## Monday, October 27

**Session meets** – 5:15 p.m., Redhead Hall.

**Parables as Prayer** – 7:30 p.m., Shetler 214. Adult class led by Austin Carty.

## Wednesday, October 29

**Beth Moore Bible Study** – 4 p.m., Shetler 106.

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner** – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. On the menu: baked pasta, kids' chicken nuggets, salad, rolls, dessert and a drink. RSVP by noon on Tuesday.

**No Children's Choir rehearsals** (*Happy Halloween!*)

**Trunk or Treating** for all preschool and elementary children. Schools and neighbors invited – we welcome all ages to participate and open their trunks! Preceded by dinner, games, crafts, and a costume parade in MLC. Adults and youth are encouraged to decorate cars, bring candy/treats and come in costume. If you plan to bring your decorated car and/or provide candy, *please let Lisa Witherspoon* ([lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org)) *know by Monday, October 27.*

## Sunday, November 2

**Daylight Savings Time 2014** ends this weekend. Be sure to "Fall back" by setting your clocks back an hour.

*All Saints' Day.* **Temple** worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Sid Batts preaches "The Political Story of Faith" as part of the sermon series *How GOD'S Story Becomes OUR Story*. *Special offering* for Pennies for Hunger.

**Middle School Youth Group** – meets 4:30-6 p.m., third floor Shetler. **High schoolers** meet 6:30-8 p.m.

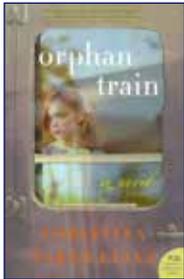
An **All Saints' Sunday Concert** given by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Robert Wells, 3.p.m. in the Phillips Chapel at the Canterbury School, 5400 Old Lake Jeanette Road.

For more information on upcoming events, visit [fpcgreensboro.org/events](http://fpcgreensboro.org/events)

# Currie Library News

**LOCATION:** First floor of Shetler Building **HOURS:** Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 9-10:20 a.m.  
**CONTACT:** Nancy Fuller, 478-4731 or nfuller@fpcgreensboro.org

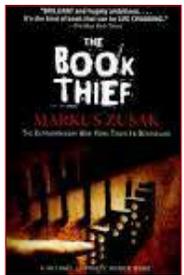
## MONDAY BOOK CLUB



10:30 A.M. SECOND  
 MONDAY OF EACH  
 MONTH. Contact: Sara  
 Stuart, 545-9440

October 13: *Orphan Train*  
 by Christian Baker Kline.  
 Penne Prigge facilitates;  
 four copies available at  
 Currie Library

## TUESDAY BOOK CLUB



1:30 p.m. SECOND  
 TUESDAY OF EACH  
 MONTH  
 Contact: Brenda Frost,  
 288-0509 or ufrost@triad.  
 rr.com

October 14: *The Book  
 Thief* by Markus Zusak.  
 Greensboro Public  
 Library set will be  
 available at Currie Library

## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

### In memory of

- **Maxine Basserman** (mother of **Beverly McCracken**): *Love Does* and *The Tale of Beatrix Potter* (CD), given by **Caroline and Kyle Young**;
- **John C. Stuart, Jr.**: *This Dark Road to Mercy* and *James Madison*, given by **Hoke and Sallie Huss**.

### In honor of

- **Elizabeth Knox** (daughter-in-law of **Peggy Knox**): *Faith Powered Profession: A Woman's Guide to Living with Faith and Values in the Workplace*, given by Peggy Knox.

### CHECK IT OUT:

*The Tale of Beatrix Potter* is another of Elliot Engel's entertaining and informative CDs. This one is about Beatrix Potter, author of the Peter Rabbit books.

FPC member Eloise Hassell recommends books that have gotten the Newbery Award for outstanding quality American literature for children. Currie Library has 77 Newbery Award books and Eloise has just read *Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale and *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman. The Newbery books are not picture books (Caldecott Award for illustrations) but are for an older child or reader. You might recognize *Souder* and *A Wrinkle in Time* which are Newbery Award books. They are always good selections for reading and Eloise says it opened her to the wonderful "world of Newbery books!"

Elizabeth Knox, author of *Faith Powered Profession*, is the daughter-in-law of FPC member Peggy Knox. Peggy describes the book as "informative, thought provoking, and at times, humorous." Although the book was written with young professional women in mind, Peggy states that she got a great deal from it especially as she looked back on her own career.

Currie Library earned \$146.44 from the Voucher Days in June. Thank you so much for supporting Currie Library. The income will be used to enrich and enhance the Currie Library Collection.

*This Dark Road to Mercy* is by N.C. author Wiley Cash, whose first book, *A Land More Kind Than Home*, is being read by the Tuesday Currie Library Book Club in April.

*James Madison: A Life Reconsidered* by Lynne Cheney brings the elusive James Madison to life. An extensive bibliography and index shows Cheney's research.

# session digest

## Minutes of the August Session meeting Approved at the September Session meeting

### The Work and Worship of the Session Monday, August 18, 2014.

The stated monthly meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday, August 18, 2014, in Redhead Hall. Rev. Dolly Jacobs served as moderator.

The meeting began with the responsive reading of Psalm 96 followed by the singing of the hymn, "Our Talents, Time, and Treasure."

Genie Schwartz, Kristen Magod, Kelly Harrill, Jim Hegner, Pam Hughes, Judy Judy, Vicky Borden and Erwin Fuller were in attendance as guests and new Elders. Rev. Dolly Jacobs also introduced Colin Burns, Director of Music for Children and Youth, and Libby Boehne, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident..

### The Consent Agenda was approved as distributed.

- From the Clerk: Minutes of the June 23 stated meeting
- From the Associate Pastor for Discipleship's Office: June and July attendance and membership and visitor reports; Receiving Elder Schedule, Elder Greeter Schedule, Communion Schedules
- Approval of First School Board members class of 2014-2015.

Session members identified their prayer partners for the month.

Session members from the Class of 2014 were thanked for their service.

### Growing Deeper, Wider and Tech Savvy – What have we seen and experienced:

- Faith Statements from new Elder Class – deeper
- Mission Trip to Dominican Republic – deeper and wider
- Vacation Bible School Haitian Refugees – deeper and wider
- Launching the Boro project, October 1 – wider
- Urban Ministry, Feeding the 5000 – wider and the immense need was cited
- Newsletter: Fall offerings, sermon series – deeper, wider and tech savvy

**Scripture Reading:** Sam Turner read Luke 12: 13-21.

**Appointments:** Cathy Lovejoy presented three motions from the Appointments Committee:

#### A. Election of the Members of the 2014-2015 Appointments Committee

In accordance with the Manual of Operations, the slate of nominees for the Appointments Committee is presented to the Session for election at the August meeting. This year's committee is comprised of 14 members: the chair and vice chair of Appointments who are Active Elders, the chair and vice chair of the Nominating Committee who were previously elected by the Session, 4 active Elders (in addition to the chair and vice chair and the Nominating chair and vice chair) and 6 at-large members. The age distribution is as follows: 3 in the 21-45 age group, 7 in the 46-60 age group and 4 in the 61+ age group. Seven are female and seven are male. The proposed members of the 2014-2015 Appointments Committee are:

Elders:  
Cathy Lovejoy, chair  
Marshall Brown, vice chair  
Tim Cook  
Hilda Courter  
Ron Hampton  
Rusty Sherrill  
Louann Clark (Nominating vice chair)  
Rhonda Youngdahl (Nominating chair)

At-large:  
Lisa Allen  
John Beard  
Brian Coghill  
Terri Maultsby  
John White  
Katy Williamson

Cathy made the following motion: "I move that the Session elect this slate of nominees to the 2014-2015 Appointments Committee, with the second from the 2013-2014 Appointments Committee." The

motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Election of Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Session.

Cathy made the following motion: "I move that the Session elect Tamara Slaughter, Clerk of the Session, and Reid Wilcox, Assistant Clerk; and Jack Glenn, Treasurer, and Rhonda Youngdahl, Assistant Treasurer, with the second from the 2013-2014 Appointments Committee." The motion passed unanimously.

The moderator, Rev. Dolly Jacobs, then convened the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Corporation

#### C. Election of the Officers of the Corporation

The following is the slate of the nominees for election as officers of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro Corporation for 2014-2015.

President: Erwin Fuller  
Vice-President: Betty K. Phipps  
Treasurer: Jack Glenn  
Assistant Treasurer: Rhonda Youngdahl

Cathy made the following motion: "I move that the Trustees of the Corporation elect this slate of nominees as officers of the Corporation for 2014-2015, with the second from the 2013-2014 Appointments Committee." The motion passed unanimously.

### Community & Regional Outreach:

Tommy Mayes reported on the August 5 Presbytery meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church. ECO, Evangelical Covenant Order, is a new body being formed within the Presbyterian reformed tradition. Members of the Presbytery voted "yes" and now will go to another body for vote. Senior Pastor Sid Batts shared his experience at the General Assembly meeting with the Presbytery.

**Financial Report:** David Kolosieke, Director of Finance, reported the

## Session meeting, continued

financial condition of the church as of July 31, 2014. (next page)

There is a new budget team in place with the end of term, the staff received a cost of living raise, retroactive, and the Antioch group is looking at options for estate gifts and the Shetler Building. The draft audit report for 2013 received an unqualified opinion and this draft will be in next month's Session packet. It was recommended that a fixed asset system be put in place moving forward.

**Antioch Group:** Genie Schwartz gave the background of this committee for Session members, to consider the current ministries of FPC, what is working well and what are the challenges and moving forward, who does FPC want to be. Genie reported that the Finance, Property and Human Resources Committees comprise the first part of the overview, bringing these 3 aspects together and how can we better work together. The Antioch Committee is evaluating finances, looking at budget categories and services. A 5-question survey has been developed for the congregation and will be announced by Senior Pastor Sid Batts at the September 7 Kick Off Sunday, a letter mailed to the congregation, to be returned by Friday, September 26, 2014.

**Prayers of the People:** Session members named those to be remembered in prayers of need and celebration. Libby Boehne then offered prayer for all of these.

**Discipleship:** Stephanie Farabow updated Session on the Growing Wider Initiative, then stated that this team has brainstormed many new ideas on how to develop a culture of warmth and educate our congregation on how to be warm and welcoming. Stephanie then reported on the individual ministry teams, Explore FPC, New Member Dinners, Re-engaging Inactive Members, Greeter Guides, Baked Goods and Shepherding along with their charge for the upcoming year.

**Project Review Committee and Property Committee:** Ed Scott reported that the 3rd floor Smith Building is receiving finishes, the chandeliers are back in the Sanctuary, the new addition to Smith has been framed and the cooling tower has been installed between the Life Center and Redhead Hall kitchen. The completion schedule will be more accurate once the interior scaffolding comes down. The roof masonry which is a separate project from the renovation is being overseen by the Property Committee, SKA and Seagar. There will be a maintenance program in place following this repair.

**New Business:** Donna Chase cited the Fall Catalog, How God's Story becomes Our Story, and the following new studies and practices being offered:

*Storyline* – This process will help you develop a life plan that will give you clarity and direction for living a great story. Led by Rev. Dolly Jacobs and Libby Boehne on Sundays at church and Dolly will lead a group of college students at UKirk's home base.

*Growing Deeper* – Senior Pastor Sid Batts and Donna Chase will facilitate this study for creating space for God to work in us through Scripture, prayer and spiritual practice. This 10-week study will take place on Wednesdays in Redhead Hall.

*Covenant Bible Study* – Covenant is an in-depth study in which people read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God and others better. Rev. Neil Dunnivant will lead this study on Sundays in the Spencer Love Room.

**Closing:** Rev. Lori Carter led us in devotion and closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Staton,  
Clerk of Session

## The Work and Worship of the Session Sunday, August 17, 2014

Members of the Session of First Presbyterian Church and newly elected Elders convened in Redhead Hall at 7 p.m. for fellowship and instructions regarding the Special Meeting of the Session for the purpose of examining the newly elected elders for the ordination and installation for the Class of 2017.

Following an opening prayer, Chair of the Officer Development Committee, Wendi Cimino, instructed everyone on the procedures for the evening. The Session members were divided into groups with newly elected elders attending one of the groups.

During the small group meetings, newly elected Elders who were not previously ordained were invited to present their Faith Statement and receive questions and comments from the Session members. Following the small group meetings, the full Session convened in the Chapel for the Service of Affirmation of Elders-Elect.

During the worship service, each newly elected Elder who was not previously ordained was introduced by his/her mentor and the mentor reported on the training process, passage of the examination on the Book of Church Order, and the Statement of Faith that was presented.

Wendi Cimino made the following motion: "As the examination of all Elders-elect to be ordained and installed have been found to be satisfactory, I move that the Session approve proceeding to their service of ordination and installation during the Worship Service on Sunday, August 24, 2014." The motion passed unanimously.

Newly elected Elders are: Lisa Anderson, Vicky Borden, Margaret Chase, Hilda Courter, Daniel Goley, Kelly Harrill, Tom Heggie, Stu Johnston, Judy Judy, Kristen Magod, Pamela Murphy, Chad Oakley, Deborah Staton and Mary Thomas.

Elders to be installed are: Marshall Brown, Erwin Fuller, Jim Hegner, Chip Pegram and Brian Pierce.

The Youth Elders in the Class of 2015 are: Annalise Graves and Caroline Yarbrough.

Dr. Sid Batts gave the charge to the Elders and thanked the Class of 2014 for their service. After the unison reading of the benediction and singing of "Go to the World" in response, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Staton,  
Clerk of Session

## Milestones, *from page 6*

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faith resources are chosen with input from the Children's Committee and teachers.

Both because of their concentrated format and importance to the faith journey, Milestone classes are very popular. During these offerings Church School attendance generally doubles.

Joint participation of parent and child offers opportunities to address crucial questions. FPC member Bev Leary, who has taught some of the children's Milestones, remembers one student asking why God allows bad things to happen to so many people. Time did not permit a thoroughly satisfactory response during class, so Bev called the child's mother, thus expanding the church-family partnership and allowing the question to be more fully addressed in the home. It was the very definition of the program's purpose.

The second phase of the Milestone program, the "getting ready" series, begins in Fifth Grade with Getting Ready for Middle School. Students attend their class while a panel consisting of a principal, teacher, and counselor answer parents' questions about navigating the school system, curricular and extracurricular concerns, and behavioral change in adolescence. These classes extend the scope of the Milestones program from Middle School, through High School, and into adulthood. Each mini-course addresses ways in which the Church can partner with members during life transitions.

The first in an anticipated series of Milestones designed for adults began this month with Getting Ready for Retirement, taught by Rev. Lori Carter and Wendy Duncan. A second class, Caregivers, begins in November.

### Current & upcoming Milestone classes

Through October 12  
9:30-10:30 Sundays, Memorial 305  
Adults: **Retirement**. October 5:  
Oct. 5: Jennifer Nichols from the Guilford Senior Center will talk about opportunities for the retirees.  
October 12: What you can do at FPC.

October 26-November 16  
9:30-10:30 am, Corl classrooms  
Kindergartners and parents: **Growing Grateful, Generous Hearts** (the principles of stewardship)  
First-graders and parents: **Ready, Set, Worship** (fundamentals of worship)

November 2-23  
9:30-10:30 Sundays, Memorial 305  
Adults: **Caregivers** – the place and meaning of giving and receiving care to self and others