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FIRST CHURCH PEOPLE

Sympathy

Sympathy to FPC member **John Russell** upon the death of his sister Helen Russell Crews on January 14, 2015.

Sympathy to FPC member **Dot Cude** upon the death of her daughter Gwyn Cude on January 24, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Ruth Schroeder Rendall**, who died January 26, 2015.

Sympathy to FPC member **Catherine Harrill** upon the death of her mother, Carey Armfield Polly Campbell, on January 26, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **David Clark White, Jr.**, who died January 27, 2015.

Sympathy to FPC member **Joanie Cochran Legette** upon the death of her mother Joan Hunt Cochran on January 28, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Virginia Forrest**, who died January 31, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Margaret "Peggy" McAlister Sealy**, who died February 1, 2015.

Sympathy to FPC member **Louann Clark** upon the death of her step-father David Ralph Parker, Jr., on February 2, 2015.

Sympathy to FPC member **George Robison** upon the death of his brother James "Jim" Richard Robison on February 8, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Thomas Spruill Thornton**, who died February 21, 2015.

Baptisms

On January 11, 2015, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to **Hooper Matthews Barbee**, daughter of **Ben & Elizabeth Barbee**.

On February 15, 2015, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to:

- **Elizabeth Dockery Preyer**, daughter of **Britt & Elizabeth Preyer**
- **Lucy Paige Willis**, daughter of **Meade & Abby Willis**.

A note from our outgoing youth director

It is with a wide range of emotions that I have resigned as Director of Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church. My fiancé Steve and I will be getting married June 27 and I will be moving to Charlotte. My last Sunday will be



May 31 with my last day in the office on June 4.

While I am excited to start my new life, I am heartbroken to leave this place.

Over the past two and a half years it has been such a joy to serve my home church. When God called me to leave my job and friends in Kansas I was certain He was calling me home simply to serve the church. It has become abundantly clear that He called me to much more. I have made incredible friends and fallen in love. Thank you for being such an important part of my journey.

The growth we have seen in our youth has been incredible and I am so grateful for the ways FPC has worked to share God's love with them. I am incredibly proud of our teens and their immense and deep faith.

Donna Chase, Neil Dunnavant, the HR committee and youth committee chairs are working hard at setting up a plan for my departure. I am confident that God has great things in store for this program.

Blessings,

Lindsey Evans

PLEASE SHARE OUR CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Application deadline is April 30. For more information, contact Donna Chase, dchase@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4725. Full job descriptions can be found at www.fpcgreensboro.org/church-staff-openings

Director of Youth Ministry: This full-time position provides oversight, vision and leadership to the spiritual growth and development of middle school and high school students at FPC with a special focus on high school ministry as well as FPC college students and UKirk Greensboro. The director works collaboratively with the youth committee, associate director of youth ministry (middle school focus), associate director of children and youth music, Christian Education staff, and other church staff & ministries.

Associate Director of Children's Ministry: This part-time position focuses on the education and nurture of children from birth through elementary with a special concentration in birth- through Pre-K. Responsibilities include working collaboratively with the Director of Children's Ministry, Directors of the Weekday Preschool Center and First School, and Children's and Youth Music. This position is an advocate for including children in worship, education, fellowship, mission, and service.

Dear Friends,



Several things:

Lent and March Madness – We are moving toward Easter through the season of Lent. Lent holds up a mirror in this season of introspection and preparation. We are looking inward through the sermon series: Jesus’ Questions on the Road to Resurrection, small group studies, Wednesday contemplative services and through our own spiritual disciplines/practices. In an “out-of-the-box” way we are combining pop-culture with learning through Theology Bracketology, a take-off on March Madness NCAA brackets. Rather than college basketball teams filling out the brackets, Theology Bracketology fills 32 slots with a diverse group of Christian leaders, thinkers and shapers. Then in the spirit of March Madness, you might have Mother Teresa vs. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, or C. S. Lewis vs. John Calvin!

The fun is that each week First Preszers vote on our favorites and we go from 32-16-8-4 until the final showdown. Why are we doing this? Beyond being fun, we are learning about people who have made a difference in shaping the Christian world. Know much about St. Ignatius of Loyola, Julian of Norwich, Dorothy Day or Brother Lawrence? Here’s our chance! Go to our webpage and start reading, learning and voting.

Transition – February has been full of transition (beyond the interruption of climate and weather). The staff moved from Shetler to the Smith Building: Clergy to second floor, Music to 3rd floor, CE and Communications to below the sanctuary. Come visit us! The scaffolding in the chancel has been removed and will be erected in the back balcony as the LeTourneau company completes the organ re-install. Furniture is being brought out of storage, the Hall of Elders has been restored, and pictures and artwork are being placed. We are still tinkering with lighting, sound, video and heating, and we continue to learn and make progress. The Welcome Center is proving to be just what we hoped for a gathering place for members and guests.

Same-gender marriage – As you know, the General Assembly passed a constitutional amendment giving clergy “freedom of conscience” over whether to perform same-gender marriages, and congregations (Sessions) the same freedom over the choice to permit such marriages at the church in states where it is legal. This is presently being voted on by all presbyteries and indications are that it will pass and become constitutional in the PC(USA). Our Session has been working on this since December. Rather than simply taking a vote, we have been studying various aspects of the issue (theological, biblical, ecclesiastical) and having honest discussions. What has become obvious in our Session is that our primary concern is church unity. One of the hallmarks of First Presbyterian continues to be that our unity is not the same as uniformity, that the theological principle most important to us is unity among diversity. I think of how healthy families model this: Not everyone agrees with one another in a large family; however, we love, accept and support one another, even as we disagree. So goes healthy churches and FPC is a strong, supportive, healthy church family. I am proud of our Session. We see the process of discerning as being as important as the issue. And, we see the greater issue as being what it means to be a strong, vibrant, healthy church of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Currie Library News

LOCATION: First floor of Smith Building

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, 9-10:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Nancy Fuller, 478-4731 or nfuller@fpcgreensboro.org

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

In memory of

Madeline McElveen: *The Blind Assassin* and *You and Me and Home Sweet Home*, given by Bob and Jean Rapp;

Charles Decatur Cunningham, Jr.: "Elisha" (DVD) and *The Map of Heaven*, given by Bob and Jean Rapp;

John Malcolm "Mac" McAllister (father of Lee McAllister); "Abraham and Isaac" (DVD), given by Bob and Jean Rapp.

In Honor of

Nancy S. Fuller (FPC Librarian): *The Westminster Handbook to Karl Barth*, given by Joe and Philip Gelzer

CHECK IT OUT

"Elisha" and "Abraham and Isaac" are two new DVDs for children from The Animated Stories from the Bible. They are available in the children area in the new Library location.

The Blind Assassin is by Margaret Atwood who will be a Bryan Series speaker soon.

The Map of Heaven is by Eben Alexander (a practicing neurosurgeon) who also wrote *Proof of Heaven*.

Joe and Philip Gelzer wanted Currie Library to have the fine book, *The Westminster Handbook to Karl Barth*. Philip Gelzer grew up next to Karl Barth in Basel, Switzerland, and their families were friends. Gelzer could have been a theologian himself because he is so interested in and knowledgeable about theology! Both of Gelzer's grandfathers and two of his sisters were ministers plus two other sisters married ministers! Gelzer writes about the book, "Whenever Dr. Batts quotes or mentions Karl Barth, he usually refers to him as 'arguably the greatest theologian of the 20th century.'" More than 60 professors and scholars of

theology from the U.S., Canada and Europe obviously agree with Dr. Batts. They are the contributors to *The Westminster Handbook to Karl Barth* which assists scholars and students in finding succinct, outstanding interpretation of this eminent theologian's insight, inspirations and teachings as preserved and presented in his 16 volumes entitled *Dogmatics!*

APPRECIATION

A big "THANK YOU" to so many volunteers who helped move Currie Library including Sandy and Dave Thompson, Melinda Ogburn, Ruby Richbourg, Marcia Curtis, Anne Carlson, Linda Davis, Gayle and Dick Faucette, Sara Stuart, Phyllis Parker, Howdy Marsh, Nancy Godwin and SuBette Strand. Of course, FPC housekeeping and maintenance staff helped also.

NEW LOCATION

you are invited to visit Currie Library in its new location in the new Welcome Center. It looks so clean and attractive, and we are gradually getting books and other items in good order. Many books are in a back storage area but they can be retrieved quickly if requested. Come visit us soon!

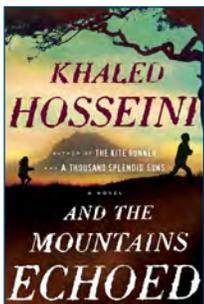
BIG BOOK SALE

Many, many books are for sale at \$1 a book in the old Currie Library (Shetler) or in the hallway behind the Life Center rear wall. Some of you have been called about a memorial book that you may like to have. Please pick up those volumes from Jeffreys Music Room in the Shetler Building as soon as possible. Any unclaimed books will be given to another non-profit soon. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this big move.

BOB GOFF SERMON

Some of you have requested print or CD copies of the Bob Goff service Feb. 8. His contract prohibits duplication.

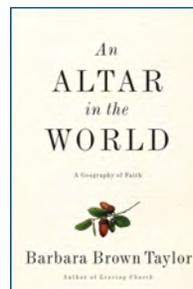
IN THE BOOK CLUBS



MONDAY CLUB, 10:30 am

March 9: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini, facilitated by Alexa Aycok

April 13: *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton, facilitated by Nancy Fogarty



TUESDAY CLUB, 1:30 pm

March 10: *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, facilitated by Libby Boehne

April 14: *A Land More Kind Than Home* by Wiley Cash

EAT DECENTLY AND IN ORDER THIS MONTH AT FPC!

CHILI COOKOFF THIS SUNDAY!

TICKETS

\$10/person or \$20/family
in the Welcome Center
or at the door

benefits summer youth trips!

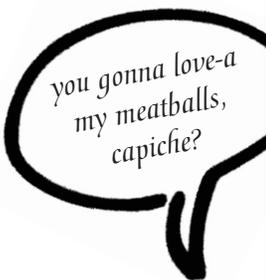
March 8
5:30 - 6:30 pm
Mullin Life Center

beef • poultry • spicy • vegetarian • creative

Sign up to compete: ndemuyneck@fpcgreensboro.org



BE A THIRD-WEDNESDAY DINER



Wednesday's Fellowship Dinner begins a new format this month.

Dinners will be held the third Wednesday of the month through May and will feature the culinary gifts of our members! Meals will be cooked by members volunteering their time in our kitchen or perhaps bringing desserts from home. (Call Ginny Bradsher if you're interested: 272-4359).

On March 18, the menu features meatballs & spaghetti, with a recipe from a signora Italiana. Come early and make a Lenten cross in the Welcome Center!

April 15 is FPC's annual Pasta & Picasso night with artwork from our talented members.

Time, location and cost will remain the same: 5-6:15 p.m. Mullin Life Center, adults, \$7, ages 6-12, \$5, and free for children 5 and younger.

RSVP by noon on the Tuesday before by calling 478-4747 or with our online form, so we'll know how much to prepare.

a gathering at the cross

Some of our third- and fourth-graders recently visited FPC members who live at River Landing, a retirement community in Colfax that was developed by Presbyterian Homes.

They received a warm welcome and quickly learned that River Landing is the place to be if you want to have a good time! There was much laughter and conversation around the table as the kids and the adults made crosses to display during Lent and also paired with a partner for the Pretzel Prayer.

BY LEIGH JONES

Things really got interesting when the kids began to interview their new River Landing friends.

Ellie Niven interviewed SuBette Strand and “Dr. Fred” Horner. SuBette has been a member of FPC for 55 years and Dr. Fred joined in 1989 when he received the call to be a minister. When asked what they liked most about the church, Dr. Fred loves caring for the people, and likewise, Subette appreciates all the love in our church family. That love carries over to River Landing where they both have made new friends.

Eve Hatcher-Peters learned that her RL friend, Ruth Bamford, loves to sing in the choir just like she does.

Mac Presson learned that Richard Klotz likes the golf and exercise activities at River Landing.

While all the residents had different responses to most of the questions, they all agreed that they love the food at River Landing. Their favorites varied, but as Anne Jones put it, you can’t beat “no cooking and no dishes”.

The kids did not get to sample any of the food, but they definitely got a taste of the joy that abounds in this community of faith.



[Check the calendar for details on upcoming Cross Making and Lenten-Easter Cross D](#)

We are children, perhaps, at the very moment when we know that it is as child
spite of our undeserving; not because we try and not because we recognize t

Kids Disciple Club is made up of third-through fifth-graders who meet monthly for fun & service, and begin forming relationships in preparation for teen youth group experiences. This month they will volunteer at Encore!, Step Up Greensboro's thrift store.



TOP LEFT: Ellie Niven and Mac Presson flank "Dr. Fred"

ABOVE: Molly Lovvorn, Ruth Bamford, with Eve Hatcher-Peters, Bob Beall and Dick Klotz

FAR LEFT: Sarah Parrish, Janet Sheffield, Ruth Ann Horner, McCarthy Spencer, Anne Jones, Evelyn Edwards

LEFT: Mac, McCarthy, Eve, Ellie, Grayson, Molly and Sarah share their crosses at the River Landing entrance.

ing Intergenerational display.

children that God loves us — not because we have deserved his love and not in the futility of our trying; but simply because he has chosen to love us.

– Frederick Buechner

MARCH

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS: Sanctuary, 8:30 & 10:45 am. **Rejoice!** 10:45 am, Mullin Life Center.



March 8: Step-Up Sunday. Graduates of the program will share their stories during worship

March 15: Baptism Sunday.

March 22: Confirmation Sunday

March 29: Palm Sunday – Children’s Choirs sing in Sanctuary.

April 5: Easter Sunday. Full-length services, 8:30 & 10:45 am, Sanctuary only.

Lenten Contemplative Services – March 4, 11, 18, & 25. 6 pm, Sanctuary. Senior Pastor Sid Batts leads our weekly Lenten Contemplative Services.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday, March 30: Sid Batts, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 31: Libby Boehne and Austin Carty, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 1: Libby Boehne and Austin Carty, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday service, led by Dolly Jacobs, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Good Friday Tenebrae: April 3, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

MUSIC

Westminster Ringers – Intermediate handbell choir, 4:30 – 5:30 pm Tuesdays, Smith 306.

Coventry Ringers – Advanced handbell choir, 5:45 pm Tuesdays, Smith 306.

Children’s choirs – Wednesdays:

- Joyful Noise Musical Experience (ages 2-3 & parents), 4:30 pm, Smith 301.
- Cherub (ages 4-preK), 4:30 pm; Credo grades K-1), 5 pm; Canticle (grades 2-5), 6 pm, all in Smith 330.

Chancel Choir – Adult choir welcomes new singers. Wednesdays, 6:45 pm, Smith 301.

Youth Choir – Thursdays, Smith 330:

- Genesis (middle school), 5:15 – 6:15 pm, come at 5 for snack.
- Exodus (high school), 6-7 pm.

CONNECTION

Coffee – in the new Welcome Center Sundays before & after worship. First floor, Smith Building.

Watercolor Class – led by Ron Bauer, Tuesdays 9-11 am in the Garden Room, Smith 124. The only cost is for your painting supplies. Info: Dolly Jennings, 854-2663.

Functional Fitness – Exercise for older adults, 10:15 am, Mondays & Thursdays, Smith 124. Free for Silver Sneakers/United Healthcare & BCBS; \$3/class for other. Info: Carol Sellars, 288-2077, or Martha Sharpless, 282-0397.

Men’s Fellowship – 7:30 am, Wednesdays, Memorial 100 (Blair Hagan Room). Info: Wil Courter at wcourter@earthlink.net.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – The regular fellowship dinners will now be held on the third Wednesday of each month, featuring the culinary skills of our members! *See page 5 for more info.*

Explore FPC, Saturday, March 7 (9 am to noon in the Welcome Center) and Sunday, March 8 (briefly after worship). Anyone interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian should attend Explore FPC. Sign up (including child care) by contacting Wendy Duncan, (336) 478-4723, wduncan@fpcgreensboro.org. *Next dates are May 2 & 3.*

Almanah: Porterhouse on Market, 11 am-1 pm Monday, March 23. The Almanah ladies will go to lunch at Porterhouse Grill at 4608 W. Market St. on Monday, March 23, at 11 am. Please join us for fun, food and fellowship. All widows are invited. Please call Becky Peters at 336-545-7757 for reservations.

First Kids Consignment Sale, Friday (8:30 am-7 pm) & Saturday (7:30 am-noon), March 13 & 14, Mullin Life Center. Children’s clothing, toys, books, gear, and bedding from over 200 consignors. Most items are half price Saturday. *Thursday, March 12, 6-8 pm:* VIP Pre-Sale Passes get you in the day before the public sale! Pre-sale passes are \$10 at the door, limited quantities available.

Lenten Easter Cross Display – Congregation members of all ages are asked to bring a cross to display in the Welcome Center, beginning Sunday March 15. Please attach a small card with a description of your cross: where it is from, why it is significant for you, etc. We will have a special display area for you to hang your cross, and name cards if you need them.



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

A Lenten Mantra for Fear & Faith

Our growing faith awakens the Christ in us to face our fears with courage and peace.

Sunday classes, 9:30 am:

- Faith Matters, Memorial 305.
- Homebuilders, Memorial 200.
- Agape, the Garden Room.
- Young Men's Bible Class, Redhead Hall.
- Travelers Class, Memorial 304.
- Seekers Class, Main 125.
- Commitment Class, Blair Hagan Room (Memorial 100).



A replay of the Bob Goff sermon, March 22, 9:30 am in the Virginia Gilmer room. Join us whether you missed it the first time or if you just want to see it again.

Weekday classes:

Short Stories and the Spiritual Life, 6 – 7:30 pm at Kirkwood Kitchen and Bar, 2618 Lawndale Drive. Rev. Neil Dunnivant and young adult intern Austin Carty lead this study. We'll have a private dining room, and you may order food and beverages. RSVP to ndunnivant@fpcgreensboro.org or austincarty@gmail.com to let us know you plan to come.

- March 17: "The Enduring Chill" by Flannery O'Connor.
- March 31: "Revelation" by Flannery O'Connor.

Further Readings in C.S. Lewis – 7 pm, March 9 & 23, Smith 242 (Myers Loyalty Room). Austin Carty leads this adult class in discussion of *The Great Divorce*; *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*; and *The Screwtape Letters*.

Faith & Film – 7 pm, March. 2 & 16, M'Couls (110 W. McGee Street). Austin Carty leads.

Young Adult Married Couples' Bible Study – 7 pm, March 11 & 25. Info: Austin.Carty@austingcarty.com

Deepening Our Prayer: the Heart of Christ, Wednesdays, March 4–25, 6:30-7:30 pm, Blair Hagan Room. Led by Donna Chase, Helen Spigner & Libby Boehne. Companions in Christ workbook, available in the Welcome Center, \$15.

Centering Prayer – Noon Mondays in Myers Loyalty Room (Smith 242), led by Rev. Frank Dew.

Beth Moore Study – 4 pm Wednesdays through March 18 in the Garden Room. Workbook for the study, "Children of the Day," can be purchased at Lifeway Bible Bookstore.

Presbyterian Women Circles –

- March 9, 10:30 am: Mary & Martha Circle, Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100;
- March 9, 10:30 am: Rachel Circle, Myers Loyalty Room;
- March 16, 10 am: Hearts & Minds, members' homes;
- March 16, 11:45 am, Deborah's Dining & Discussion, the Garden Room;
- March 17, 10:30 am: Ruth & Naomi's Circle, Memorial 100.

Currie Library Book Clubs:

- 10:30 am March 9 in the library. Alexa Aycock facilitates ... *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini. Info: Sara Stuart, 545-9440, or Nancy Fuller, 478-4731.
- 1:30 pm, March 10. *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Libby Boehne facilitates. Info: Brenda Frost, 288-0509.

GIFT in the Morning – 9:15 am Mondays, Solarium. This Growing In Faith Together group is for moms of preschool & elementary ages. Rev. Dolly Jacobs leads. Child care with a reservation.

GIFT in the Evening – Growing In Faith Together, a Bible study for professional women in their 20s, 30s & early 40s. Meets in members' homes Tuesdays at 6:45 pm. Info: Aimee Scotton, acscotton@co.randolph.nc.us.

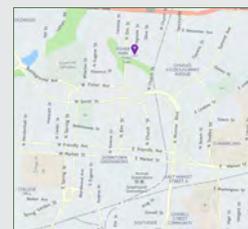
Currie Library – open 9 am–3 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 9 to 10:30 am Sundays. Info: 478.4731 or nfuller@fpcgreensboro.org

The Bible in a Year Challenge: A Virtual Academic Study – ongoing online study. Join Professor Sandie Gravett in reading the complete Bible in a year, with academic study of the text. Follow at twitter.com/sandiebible, subscribe at sandiesbibleblog.wordpress.com, or send a friend request to "Sandie Daily Bible" on Facebook.

THE BOROS

Save the date!

On May 17, enjoy a fried chicken picnic in your BORO. *Need a BORO?*



Contact Wendy Duncan,
wduncan@fpcgreensboro.org
or 478-4723

THIS MONTH AT FPC
MARCH

C H I L D R E N

Children's Church School:

GROW, Proclaim, Serve

Keep up to date on weekly Bible stories, music, games and more on the free GROW Mobile app for parents.

Sunday morning classes – 9:30 am

Grades K-4, Corl Building

5th grade, Memorial 300

Belonging to God: A First Catechism

Milestone for third-graders & parents, March 1-April 12. Children & parents to learn the basics of our Presbyterian & Reformed faith: what we believe & how we live it presented in a child-friendly, hands-on way.

Children's choirs – Wednesdays:

- Joyful Noise Musical Experience (ages 2-3 & parents), 4:30 pm, Smith 301.
- Cherub (ages 4-preK), 4:30 pm; Credo grades K-1), 5 pm; Canticle (grades 2-5), 6 pm, all in Smith 330.

Preschooler Story Times – 9:30, 10, 10:30 & 11 am, led by Linda Watkins & Nancy Fuller. Open to all preschool children, in the children's reading room of the Welcome Center.

Preschool Chapel – Wednesdays at 9:45 am, Memorial Chapel. Parents & preschoolers can join children from First School & Weekday Preschool as they sing, move, and hear a Bible story.

Kids Disciple Club – March 8, 4:30-5:30 pm. 3rd- thru 5th-graders work at Encore.

Encore Clothing Drive – Church school classes will collect gently worn children's winter clothing for Encore, StepUp Greensboro's consignment store. See children's e-news for specific items each month. Our monetary offering March-May will also help to purchase needed items for Encore children's area. Our goal is \$500 and 500 items!!

Intergenerational Cross Making in the Welcome Center, Wednesday, March 18, 4:30-6:30 pm. Drop by the Welcome Center and enjoy making crosses at a variety of stations. This event is for all ages from preschoolers to adults. You may take a cross home, or add it to our Lenten Cross Display, which will be up March 15 through Easter

Sunday in the Welcome Center. See page 8 for more about the Cross Display. Wednesday fellowship dinner is also served – see page 5 for more info

Family Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 28, 10-11:30 am, Mullin Life Center. Crafts, games, music, Easter story and egg hunts by ages. Bring your basket and a breakfast item to share. Also, bring gently used children's clothes for our outreach project.

Look for bins around campus for donations for the eggs: individually wrapped nut-free candies, Easter stickers, small toys, etc. are welcome!

Palm Sunday Celebration – March 29, 10:15 am, Mullin Life Center. Preschool and elementary-age children meet, along with children's choirs, at the Life Center circle off North Greene Street to get palms and follow the donkey and crowds into the 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary and Rejoice! services.

Easter Sunday Celebration, April 5, in the new Columbarium. 10 am (between the 2 full-length worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 am). Ring bells & sing the Easter Alleluias! No regular church school. *Rain plan: in the Welcome Center.*

Spring Milestones in the Faith Getting Ready for Middle School Milestone for fifth-graders & parents, April 19- May 3. Families get transition advice. Class will be led by our youth staff & leaders as well as church members who are middle school teachers.

Child Protection Training – All who volunteer in our children's and youth ministries must first complete our Child Protection Policy training. Contact Sara Manchester, smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org, to sign up. If you need child care during the meeting, please give 48 hours' notice. Meets in Memorial 200 (Spencer Love Room). For additional training dates, visit <http://fpcgreensboro.org/learn/child-protection-policy>.

Next session: March 8, 11:45 am

YOUTH

Sunday morning classes – 9:30 am, third floor of Shetler. Separate classes for middle school & high school. *March 22: Confirmation in Welcome Center.*

Youth choirs – meet Thursdays in Smith 330:

- Genesis (middle school), 5:15-6:15 pm, come at 5 for a snack;
- Exodus (high school), 6-7 pm.

Sunday Youth Groups – Middle School meets 4:30-6 pm in youth room, third floor Shetler, or Mullin Life Center; High School meets 6-8 pm. *March 22: Egg stuffing in Youth Group. No youth group March 29.*

Youth Chili Cook Off Fundraiser

– March 8, 5:30-7:30 pm. Do you have the best chili in town? Or are you simply a chili aficionado? Come share your talents and bring your taste buds.

Members and friends of all ages are invited to join us for a festive feast benefiting the Youth Ministry summer trip fund. Come enjoy fellowship and good food with your FPC family while supporting a great cause.

- How it works...
- FPC youth and members enter chili to compete in 5 categories: beef, poultry, spicy, vegetarian and creative.
 - Buy tickets to vote for your favorite chili. (1 ticket = \$1, 10 included in admission)
 - Think you have the winning chili? Contact Nick (ndemuynck@fpcgreensboro.org) to enter.

\$10 per person, \$25 per family. Tickets for sale daily at the church office, and at the door on March 8. You can also reserve a table by contacting Sara, smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org. Limited reserved tables are available for \$200, which includes 8 tickets.



The Rejoice! Worship Band's first CD, *I Can't Wait*, is a collection of 12 songs and hymns. It is available for purchase in the Welcome Center for \$15.

OUTREACH

TRIAD CAREER NETWORK (formerly FPC JOBS) – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am, Memorial 304. Anyone dealing with the effects of losing a job is welcome.

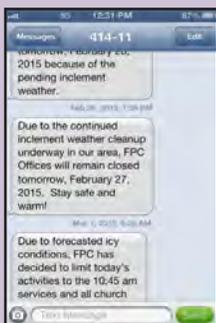
Hot Dish & Hope – 6 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays, Mullin Life Center. Share in the ministry that puts our faith into action as we serve dinner and a "measure of hope" to individuals and families in need. Info: Sheron Sumner, sksumnr@bellsouth.net, or fpcgreensboro.org/hotdish.

StepUp Greensboro – Donate your unwanted clothing to Encore!, StepUp's new thrift store at Golden Gate Center. While you are there pick up info on other ways to support this ministry to help people build stable lives. Call 676-5871 for more information

Community Service Group – 10 am Wednesdays in the Garden Room, Smith 124. Women gather for fellowship and a devotional while hand-crafting blankets, lap robes & more items to be distributed to people in need in our community and beyond. Info: B.J. Williams, 288-8601; Hannah Britt, 288-9289; or Nancy Jewson, Well Spring coordinator, 288-0333.

Friendship Day – 9:30 am – noon Thursdays, Life Center. Ages 55+ have fun, devotion & fellowship. Stay for lunch, \$6.

Every Sunday, we collect donations of non-perishable food for Greensboro Urban Ministry's pantry. In 2014 FPC delivered almost 8,000 pounds of canned and boxed food to help our neighbors in need. Please join in this ministry in 2015!



To begin receiving FPC alerts for weather and closings, text FPCGSO to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in.

(Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.)

S U M M E R

June 16-21: **Middle School Mission and Conference at Massanetta** (rising 7th-8th). "Wear Love." Join with hundreds of middle schoolers from across the country as we serve God through hands-on mission work and exciting, engaging worship and small groups. We'll play lots (slip & slide anyone?), hear from awesome speakers, meet tons of other youth and serve the city of Harrisonburg, Va. This is a not-to-miss opportunity for our middle school youth!

June 22-25: **Music Camps** (age 4 by Sept 1 – rising 5th). Monday through Thursday, 9 am–noon. Located here on campus. Led by our director of children's music, Colin Burns and many other talented musical professionals. Children explore music through song, instruments, rhythm & movement while learning to love and serve the Lord. Cost: Early Bird through April 19 is \$50, after April 19 is \$55.

July 6-9: **Passportkids! Camp** (rising 4th-6th) comes to Montreat! "Revolution– Love in Action." Kids will discover God's love and practice being followers of Jesus through Bible studies, missions education, recreation, and worship. Cost: \$300 includes transportation to and from camp as well as lodging.

July 11-17: **HS mission trip to Dominican Republic.** Registration CLOSED.

July 12-17: **FPC Week at Camp Grier Explorers** (ages 6-9) & *Discoverers* (ages 10-12). "Summer Journey Series" in Old Fort, N.C. Camp Grier offers a variety of dates & programs. We would like to foster fellowship in FPC members so try to attend during this particular week. Cost: \$460 (ages 7-9); \$495 (ages 10-12). More info at campgrier.org

July 20-23: **Vacation Bible School and Kids Disciple Club.** (age 3 by Sept. 1 to rising second grade for VBS; rising grades 3-5 for KDC) "Everest -- Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. Located here on campus. Children's relationship with God and the church blooms during this yearly tradition through outreach, art, music, dance, games, scripture, fellowship & worship. Cost: Early Bird through April 19 is \$30, after April 19 is \$35. Option to buy CD or music download for an additional \$5.

July 26-August 1: **Montreat Youth Conference** (rising 9th – college freshman). "This Is Our Story." Join us in the mountains with more than 1,000 other Presbyterian teens. We'll worship, hear from incredible speakers, meet other youth in small groups, cook, laugh and play. If you're looking to grow in your faith and to connect with other youth from FPC, this is the best way to do it!

Online registration for summer camps and VBS is now open at fpcgreensboro.org/summer-camps-2015. Need more information? Contact Sara Manchester, smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org.

Umbrellas – the kind that Greeter Guides use – for sale in the Welcome Center, \$20.



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