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November 2014

The annual
campaign
is the power
to achieve
our purpose.

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November 9



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THE GIFT OF OUR TIME



Thoughtful
STEWARDS
& Thankful
GIVERS

During stewardship season, we reflect on how our financial commitment reflects our relationship with God. Another part of stewardship is the giving of our time. FPC members give **thousands of hours yearly** to the life of the church. We look forward to giving with you on Commitment Sunday, November 9.

– Tyler Hollis & Nancy Godwin

- Chancel Choir: 10,560 • Children's Choirs: 2,000 • Handbell ringers: 1,220 • Vacation Bible School: 692 • Music Camp: 1,548 • Worship bulletins: 400 • Newsletter: 400 • Hot Dish & Hope: 3,000 • Currie Library: 1,800 • Adult classes: 2,150 • Youth ministry: 5,700 • Children's Education: 20,000 • Ushering: 2,960 • Serving communion: 516 • Baked goods for visitors: 80 • Greeter guides: 9,600 • Lay readers: 80 • Extended Communion: 100

A note from Lori Carter

First Presbyterian Friends:

Most of you have heard by now that I have resigned my position as Director and Pastor of Congregational Care to explore the next chapter of ministry. It has been an honor to be a part of your lives over the past three and a half years as a member of our Congregational Care team.

Through so many of you, I have been witness to the strength our faith brings us and I will always be grateful for the spiritual and personal growth I have experienced during our time together.

I will treasure the relationships we have shared and hold each of you in my heart as I move forward to follow where God is leading.

Blessings,
Lori

FIRST CHURCH PEOPLE

Sympathy

Sympathy to FPC member **John Allen** upon the death of his mother **Sibyl Louise Allen** on October 10, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Thomas F. Williams** who died October 10, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Harrison Turner** on the death of his brother **Robert Lewis Turner** on October 12, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Melanie Albright** on the death of her father on October 15, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Susannah Washburn** on the death of her father.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Clyde Campbell Yancey** who died October 26, 2014.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Eleanor Winstead Cooke** who died October 24, 2014.

Births

Congratulations to **Neal & Tiffany Davis** on the birth of their son **William Clark Davis** on October 8, 2014. He is the couple's first child.

Congratulations to **David Mount & Barbara Bear** on the birth of their son **Coleman McArthur Mount** on October 23, 2014. He joins siblings Noah, Isabella, Hannah, Caroline and Manning.

Baptisms

On October 19, 2014, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to:

- **Mia Noel Moberg**, daughter of **Ryan & Vanina Moberg**.
- **Charlotte Addison Slaughter**, daughter of **Addison & Alix Slaughter**.

Dear Friends,



The wait is almost over! The stars are lining up for our re-entry into the sanctuary and Smith Building. In this process, we have learned the truth of the Yogism: “It’s not over till it’s over.” However, we are making plans to hold our first worship service in the renovated sanctuary on Sunday, December 21! Of course, that all depends on every piece falling into place over the next 7 to 8 weeks. We are holding our collective breath and are hopeful.

If we do return **Sunday, December 21**, there will be some work still to be completed, especially concerning the organ. In the revised, original timeline, work in the sanctuary would have been completed in early fall, giving the Letourneau Organ personnel plenty of time (8 weeks) to re-install, clean, tune and voice our extraordinary instrument. Now, because of our delayed return, plus Letourneau’s other commitments, we will re-enter on the 21st with a partially installed organ. Most of the remaining organ work will be done in January and February, with completion in early March. This means our initial worship services will be without the full use of the organ. Robert Wells, John Alexander, our music staff and choirs will compensate and complement worship music through other means. We are thankful for their creativity, skill and spirit in all of this! In theory, as we move toward March, greater function of the organ will be available for our worship services.

In that the renovation of the sanctuary is not truly complete without the complete re-installment of the organ, we will hold several “Grand Re-opening” events and worship services from Mid-March through the spring. Think of it as a “season” of re-entry celebrations!

I am so moved by the “**giving stories**” of our members shared in worship throughout our current Stewardship season. We are moving toward Stewardship Commitment Sunday on **November 9**, a day we offer our financial commitments to God and the work of Christ’s purposes. One of the best definitions of “power” is the ability to achieve purpose. Our purpose, at First Presbyterian, is to strive for achieving the purposes of Christ. Our money, yours and mine, collectively, enables us to do this. And at the heart of this is the individual question: “How much of my money belongs to God?”

November is full of meaningful days on the FPC calendar: All Saints Sunday, Commitment Sunday, Thanksgiving Day worship and the First Sunday in Advent. May our days be full of thanks.....giving.

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Blessings,

P.S. Info is available for **A Spiritual Journey to Italy and Rome** (October 2015). An information meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 18, in the library. Contact Weezie Glascock for info and questions: 336.275.1010; weezieglascock@gmail.com.

MAKING ROOM



A D V E N T 2 0 1 4 / F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N

Advent begins in four weeks. At FPC, the season will emerge from the views of Elizabeth, Joseph, Herod, the Innkeeper and the Magi. It will be a season of Making Room.

For adults: *The Journey*

This DVD study by Adam Hamilton takes us from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We will follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and others as they made room for God to come into the world.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m, the Homebuilders and Faith Matters classes will offer the study. The Tuesday GIFT in the Evening women's group also will use it (info: aimee.scotton@randolphcountync.gov). More groups might be added. Contact Wendy Duncan at wduncan@fpcgreensboro.org.

FPC devotional

Pick up an Advent devotional written by FPC staff members beginning Sunday, November 30. Children's devotionals also will be available.

Very special gifts

As you look for Christmas gifts, consider something from FPC. These items will be available after worship in Mullin Life Center and during the week at the reception desk.

Youth Ministry honor cards feature scenes from this year's youth activities. Proceeds help with the cost of next summer's Massanetta Middle School Conference, senior high Montreat Youth Conference and a return trip to the Dominican Republic.

Step Up Greensboro honor cards support individuals and families working to build stable lives.

Love Does by Bob Goff

Author Bob Goff will speak at FPC in February. Get ready – and get your friends interested – with a copy of his inspiring book.

Gifts for our guests

FPC will provide gift bags for our Hot Dish & Hope guests during the HDH Christmas Party. Item lists will be available soon. Contact Kelly Harrill if you would like to help.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30



Worship: Rev. Dolly Jacobs opens the story with Elizabeth, Mary's kinswoman.

Church School: Las Posadas Kickoff for all preschool & elementary families. Cookies and milk, Advent devotionals, and a Las Posadas blessing. (see page 5). 10 a.m., Mullin Life Center. *No regular children's classes.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Fellowship dinner: Help decorate the Gingerbread Church.; Contemplative service, 6 pm, Memorial Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7



Worship: Dr. Sid Batts looks through the eyes of Joseph.

Church School: Children meet in classrooms at 9:30 for Hope is Born! And they call him Emmanuel. Matthew 1:23

Also:

- Kids Disciple Club serves at Backpack Beginnings.
- Children Helping Children – kids, bring an offering for Hot Dish & Hope and canned food for Greensboro Urban Ministry to help us reach our December goal of \$500 and 500 cans of food!
- Gathering in neighborhood Boros, 5 p.m. Making Room to share fellowship and appetizers!.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Contemplative service, 6 pm, Memorial Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14



Worship: Rev. Sid Batts considers the perspective of King Herod.

Church School: Moravian Style Family Love Feast led by 5th-graders Join us for this beautiful children's worship of scripture, song and candles along with Moravian sugar cake and cocoa. 9:30 am, Mullin Life Center. *No regular children's classes.*

Also: Children Helping Children – kids, bring an offering for Hot Dish & Hope and canned food for Greensboro Urban Ministry to help us reach our December goal of \$500 and 500 cans of food!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Service of Remembrance, Healing and Hope, 12:15 p.m., Memorial Chapel. A 30-minute contemplative service of prayer, scripture, song, and lighting of candles for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one during this Christmas season. Led by our pastoral staff.

Fellowship dinner: Birthday Party for Jesus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21



BACK IN THE SANCTUARY!!

Worship: Rev. Sid Batts looks through the eyes of the Innkeeper.

Church School: Children meet in classrooms at 9:30 for Outreach Contest Celebrations.

Also:

- Open house for the new Welcome Center
- Service of Lessons & Carols at 5 p.m. at Canterbury School



Giorgione (1477-1510)

CHRISTMAS EVE

3 PM. CHILDREN'S NATIVITY SERVICE

Children's choirs & Kindergartners lead. Las Posadas family processional.

5:30 PM. CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE.

11 PM. CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Worship: FPC's annual Seminary Student Sunday, with Josh Stanley preaching.

No children's or youth church school.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 4



Worship: Sid Batts closes the season through the eyes of the Magi.

Sharing a home with Las Posadas

For more than 400 years, Las Posadas has been a Christian tradition throughout the world but particularly in Mexico and the southwest United States. Posada is Spanish for lodging, accommodation, or inn. It is used in the plural because the Las Posadas festival is celebrated over many days during Advent. It consists of the repeated reenactment of road-weary Joseph and Mary's search for shelter on the night of Jesus' birth. The

BY SUSAN DEVANEY

celebration takes many forms, usually involving a procession, lights, figures of the Holy family, a liturgy, and prayers.

In Corpus Christi, for example, people decorate their boats with lights then sail through local canals, stopping at appointed homes to be welcomed by innkeepers with refreshments and carols. In Mexico, believers process through the streets en masse carrying statues of Mary and Joseph. Upon reaching the central park, children break treat-filled piñatas, and the procession enters the church for mass. In some areas, actors play the parts of Joseph and Mary, who rides the traditional burro.

At FPC, the Las Posadas celebration will develop this year's Advent theme, Making Room. In the busy pre-Christmas rush, who will make room for strangers, for the hungry and tired, for remembrance of the birth of the Savior? The Las Posadas procession asks and answers the question, What does it mean to receive Jesus into our hearts?

Las Posadas will kick off at the Life Center on the first day of Advent, November 30, at 10 a.m. Individuals and families will gather for a blessing of the festival and the Holy family. Figures of Mary, Joseph, and their burro along with a musical CD entitled *Taize: Wait for the Lord*, a short liturgy, candle and lighter, and a children's book about the festival will go into a box along with ideas for hosting travelers, a

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A new voice for children's music



Have you met Colin Burns? He is the new Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth.

Colin is originally from Charlotte, where his parents and two siblings still reside. In fact, he's the first to "leave the nest" and move elsewhere, but he's still near other extended family here in Greensboro. He started singing at 7 years old when

BY TAMARA
SLAUGHTER

his mom, a professional cellist, signed him up for a boys' choir.

Despite early misgivings, he enjoyed the experience and stayed with it. Even in college he worked with the boys' choir, becoming the temporary director and taking the group on a singing tour of Washington, D.C.

In that experience, he found his life's work: Teach children church music.

Colin's educational background includes a bachelor's degree from Furman University in Church Music and a Master's of Sacred Music from Boston University, focusing on Choral Conducting. He's also an accomplished vocalist and organist. With singing, conducting and keyboard skills, he is able to sing in the Chancel Choir as well as step in for both Robert Wells, Director of Music Ministry, and John Alexander, Associate Director of Music and principal organist.

"Colin is a wonderful addition here and lots of fun," John says. "He's jumped into every aspect of music, even bells!"

But why church music, you ask? A man of Colin's talents could surely find a home in youth musical theater or in a secular choir setting.

"Prior to 1850, most great composers were writing music for the church," Colin explains. On top of that, he loves the subject matter of church music: theology. In many of today's youth music settings, religious music isn't allowed, which means that those children aren't exposed to a wealth of great

composers.

When asked about his favorite composers, Colin notes that his preferences change.

While living in Boston during graduate school, preference variation was fueled by easy access to high quality concerts. "Culturally," he observes, "Boston is about music!" On any Friday night, there would be a choice of 10 performances by professional musicians. Not that Colin had much spare time. In addition to his studies, he was the Organist and Choir Director at Nahant Village Church, Artistic Director of the Kendall Square Singers in Cambridge, and the Assistant Director of Seminary Singers at the Boston University School of Theology.

Colin's current musical favorites include Ralph Vaughan Williams, an early 20th century British composer. While most of Williams' music tends toward folk tunes, Colin says, his music is "theologically substantial, but with accessible chord progressions."

Colin has jumped in with youth activities at FPC, as well. Nick Demuyneck, Associate Director of Youth Ministry, relates a story about Colin's playing basketball with some teen boys in Mullin Life Center. "It was pretty funny to watch, because Colin's not a basketball player," Nick says. "His sport is lacrosse." Colin is also organizing a youth outing to see the Greensboro Day School production of "The Addams Family" featuring some FPC high schoolers.

Colin has great plans for music education, starting with our littlest singers. He has modelled a new curriculum after the one used by the Royal School of Church Music. No auditions or homework will be required, but children will have the opportunity to

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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

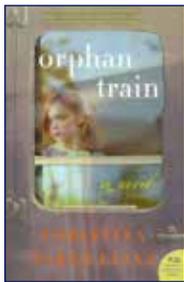
MONDAY BOOK CLUB



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

November 10: *Naomi Wise* by Sandra Redding, facilitated by the author

TUESDAY BOOK CLUB



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

November 11: *Orphan Train* by Christian B. Kline, facilitated by Penne Prigge

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

In memory of

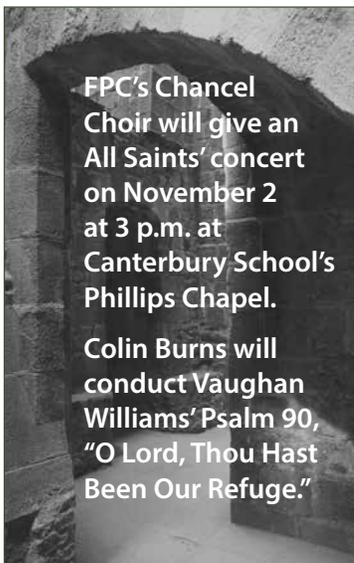
- **Adelaide Holderness:** *The Animated Stories from the Bible: David and Goliath, He Is Risen and Moses* (3 DVDs), given by **Corrie & Kate Middleton;**
- **John Gettys White:** *Don't Know Much About the Bible: Everything You Need to Know About the Good Book but Never Learned*, given by **Melinda & Jim Ogburn.**

CHECK IT OUT

The Animated Stories from the Bible DVDs have been added to the Children's CD Collection. They are *David and Goliath, He Is Risen and Moses*. These DVDs are used often in Christian Education with our children and can also be borrowed for home use.

Don't Know Much About the Bible is part of the "Don't Know Much About..." series by Kenneth C. Davis. If you are trying to read the Bible from cover to cover this year (or any time) this would be an interesting and helpful companion book.

The Library has Sid's "Just a Thought" radio messages collected in a notebook. If you are interested they are placed near the print sermons.



FPC's Chancel Choir will give an All Saints' concert on November 2 at 3 p.m. at Canterbury School's Phillips Chapel.

Colin Burns will conduct Vaughan Williams' Psalm 90, "O Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge."

Colin Burns, *from page 8*

experience professional music education while singing at church. Each child can attain different levels by demonstrating knowledge of particular skills. At each level, children will get a special color ribbon that they can wear during performances to show their advancement. Each child is encouraged to go at his or her own pace.

Colin is excited about this "bonus" for the kids, and is eager to watch how it will affect FPC's music

culture.

Colin wanted to work with children because "they don't know what they can't do, so they try," he explains. "When they can do what they try, it's an exceptional feeling!" He's particularly gratified by seeing the growth in K-12 students. "You see how beneficial your work can be."

With Colin's background and skills, look for great things from our new Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth.

Going



a BORO-ing



On October 1, about 500 members of First Presbyterian brought the church into their neighborhoods. People of all ages met in 34 homes from Colfax to Gibsonville and in between! Desserts were shared and fellowship enjoyed. One host said what they liked most about the BORO event was “meeting neighbors who live so close by to me but I didn’t know were part of my church family.” The next Boro event will be appetizers for Advent on December 7.



session digest

Minutes of the September Session meeting Approved at the October Session meeting

The Work and Worship of the Session Monday, September 15, 2014.

The stated monthly meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday, September 15, 2014, in Redhead Hall. Rev. Sid Batts served as moderator.

The meeting began with the responsive reading of Psalm 97: 1-2, 4-8 followed by the singing of the hymn "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" accompanied on the piano by Colin Burns, the newly appointed Associate Director of Music for Children & Youth.

Genie Schwartz attended as guest.

The Consent Agenda was approved as distributed.

- From the Clerk: Minutes of the August 17 called Session meeting.
- From the Associate Pastor for Discipleship's office: August attendance, membership and visitor reports.
- From Stewardship Generosity: Approval of Special Offerings for 2015, written committee report, and update on Director of Stewardship Position.
- Memorial Tribute for John Gettys White.
- Communion Teams and Schedules

Session members identified their prayer partners for the next month.

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

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

- A new class called Growing Deeper led by Senior Pastor Sid Batts and Director of Christian Education Donna Chase had about 50 attendees last week.
- Five new members joined the church last Sunday.
- Worship in the Temple is going well.
- Newsletter: Fall offerings, sermon series.

About Session Meetings – Senior Pastor Sid Batts

- About 1/3 of the Session is new.

• The Clerk of Session requests that Session members sign in and provide email or hard copies of any motion made.

- "Organization and Leadership are only important if you want to accomplish something"
- Elders are all in this place for a reason.
- The way Session conducts business has evolved over the years, resulting in shorter meetings. Each Elder is encouraged to call for votes or delegate issues to a committee as needed.
- The Moderator of Session doesn't offer opinions. If a Moderator has opinions to express, he or she steps down so that another leader can moderate that particular issue.

- There are exciting times coming up in the church and in Session. We will depend on each other and God leading us through.
- Session members are encouraged to be attentive to the process and to ask questions about anything they may not fully understand.

Human Resources

Chair Jim Gentry expressed thanks to Ginger Griffin, past Chair, and The Rev. Neil Dunnivant, staff liaison, as well as all staff members who help the Human Resources Committee.

In response to financial circumstances:

- A change in employee insurance coverage was instituted September 1.
- The Committee is working on a retirement savings plan.
- A Search for a Director of Stewardship was previously approved by Session. Financial issues have forced the filling of that position to be put on hold. Jim expressed appreciation for the Committee's work and assured an update will be forthcoming.
- The Antioch Group discussed the importance of first impressions of our church and the importance of the Welcome Center. Wendy Duncan now has expanded duties as the new Associate Director of the Welcome Center and Discipleship. She will report to Donna Chase concerning Adult Education issues and to Dolly Jacobs on Discipleship issues. She and Neil

will field all ideas for Welcome Center events.

- Reports are good on the new kitchen model employing Golden Corral. They cater Hot Dish & Hope twice a week, lunch for Friendship Day, and Wednesday night suppers. Cost savings is substantial. A part-time employee is coordinating the meals. Volunteers are needed. David Kolosiekie assists in oversight. Jane Brabham is Hospitality Chair; Caroline Jones is the Vice Chair.

Christian Education

Director of Christian Education Donna Chase expressed excitement at Wendy Duncan's new position. She noted the large number of church members involved in small group studies:

- "Growing Deeper" is taught by Donna and Senior pastor Sid Batts on Wednesday nights on the first floor of Shetler.
- Covenant Bible Study, led by Wendy Duncan, is at 6:30 p.m. in Shetler 214. An additional Covenant group meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Memorial 200.
- Storyline, led by the Rev. Dolly Jacobs and Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident Libby Boehne Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and for college students at UKirk.
- Young Adult Intern Austin Carty leads a discussion series on the writings of C.S. Lewis on Monday nights.
- Beth Moore meets at 4 pm Wednesdays.
- Parenting for preschoolers class planned and looking for leadership.

Donna also noted a large number of activities by FPC groups:

- Sept. 19-20 Middle School Retreat in Charlotte
- Oct. 3-5 Kids Disciple Club at Asheville Youth Mission
- Oct. 24-26 Men's Retreat at Camp Grier
- Oct. 24-26 High School Retreat in Charlotte
- Nov. 14-16 8th grade Confirmation Retreat CROSS Mission in Charlotte
- Nov. 15 Men's Golf Retreat
- Women's Retreat in January

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Finance Committee

Ginni Lineberry noted the following topics:

- A copy of the audit is presented. A procedures change is being instituted as recommended.
- A Funds Management Team is reviewing FPC investments and funds with an eye toward pooling them. They are also reviewing philanthropic investment services to determine what services they may provide to FPC that may save time for our own accounting staff. A Gift Acceptance Policy is being considered.
- A survey by The Antioch Group has been sent out to church members. Results will be collected by the end of September.
- A budget for 2015 should be completed by December and presented to Session.
- A Summary Financial Report as of August 31, 2014, was submitted, as well as a Capital Campaign Summary as of August 31, 2014.

Elder Erwin Fuller commented on the Audit Report.

Senior Pastor Sid Batts provided update on the history of the financial position of FPC and the birth of the Antioch Group for the benefit of new Session members.

Discipleship

The Rev. Dolly Jacobs brought to Session's attention the packet provided to them during this meeting and the important information it contains, especially regarding dates, including Elder duties, dates for Communion Teams to serve, dates when Elders serve as Greeter with ministers after services, and other vital information. She also reminded new Elders of Communion training after the Session meeting.

The Rev. Jacobs explained that the Discipleship Committee is particularly studying how the church can grow "wider." They are studying books by Mark Walsh (brought in by Elder Lisa Anderson) about how to make visitors and new members feel welcome, as well as "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" by Robert Schnase. She encouraged Session members to review the list of visitors in the Session packet and contact them if they are acquaintances or live nearby.

Scripture Reading: Vicky Borden read 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12.

Faith Statement

Elder David Brumbeloe shared his faith statement with Session members.

Stewardship and Annual Campaign

Chair Tyler Hollis on behalf of himself, Co-Chair Nancy Godwin, and the Committee presented the slogan for this year's campaign: "Thoughtful Stewards and Thankful Givers." The kick-off is October 19. The campaign will showcase volunteerism within the church. November 9 is Commitment Sunday. The next Session meeting, October 27, will be abridged to allow for a College of Elders meeting and Stewardship event. It is hoped that this event will take place in the new Welcome Center. Senior Pastor Sid Batts noted that "every dollar we have here is for the purpose of ministry."

Property

Ed Scott, Owner's Representative, presented an update on church renovation and repair.

- On September 15, the scaffolding is expected to come down.
- The Courtyard is progressing to completion.
- On the 2nd and 3rd floor of Smith, the rooms are ready for doors, carpet, and paint.
- The Boiler Room is functional. Testing and flushing the system are underway. The system will be turned on at the end of the month.
- The first floor of Smith should be done on December 2. When the 2nd and 3rd floors are finished, everything but people can be moved in.
- November 28 is the expected completion date for the Sanctuary, minus the organ tuning. Orgues Le Tourneau will begin that process as soon as possible with the hope that the organ will be ready for Christmas.
- Masonry repair is being done to keep water leakage into the sanctuary to a minimum until a future capital campaign can be conducted to fix the problem in a more permanent way. The stone is 85 years old; three coats of sealant are being used to repair and abate leakage.
- Most of the turrets have passed the water test for "monsoon-like rain."

Natural rain (such as that on 9/8/14) shows no leakage. Turrets 5 and 16 are currently being tested. Turret 19 is especially problematic.

- The chemical composition for the mortar used in the original building has just been received to repair turret damage.
- The balustrade on the north end of the church is in danger of having pieces fall. The current thinking is to cut the top of the balustrade to prevent this.
- The exterior scaffolding should be down in mid-November.

Nominating Committee

Chair Rhonda Youngdahl noted that the Committee starts meeting weekly in October. She asks that Session members make nominations in paper form or by email (both confidential).

Prayers of the People

Session members named those to be remembered in prayers of need and celebration. The Rev. Lori Carter offered prayer for all of these.

New Business

Mary Ellen Burke, Chair of the Outreach Committee, announced that the CROP Walk is Oct. 19.

For the Good of the Session

Lindsey Evans, Director of Youth Ministry, noted that the Youth Program is very strong and willing to serve. They are looking for leadership roles. Policies are in place for this, such as no missing school for meetings.

Youth Elder Caroline Yarbrough earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. Her project focused on the Giving Back Garden at FPC, a program designed to grow healthful fruits and vegetables for people facing food insecurity in Guilford County.

Closing Prayer

The Rev. Neil Dunnavant provided the blessing that we all go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

This meeting ended at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Slaughter,
Clerk of Session

THIS MONTH AT FPC

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1

FPC is joining with other faith communities for a service opportunity with Meals of Hope – 10 a.m. to noon, at C3 Church (300 Hwy. 68 South in Greensboro). Need 100 volunteers to pack 50,000 meals for Guilford County children. Open to entire families. For more info, go to meals-of-hope.org, or to sign up, contact Alex Harrill, alex@illuminatingtechnologies.com

Sunday, November 2

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

Daylight Savings Time 2014 ends at 2 a.m. this Sunday. Be sure to “Fall back” by setting your clocks back an hour.

All Saints’ Day. 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. 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.

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

- **K-4**, Corl Building (“*Growing A Grateful, Generous Heart*” Kindergarten and “*Ready, Set, Worship*” first-grade Milestone classes meet in their regular classrooms; parents and children are encouraged to attend together); **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 in Memorial 303. October and November, the class will discuss *Blessings of A Skinned Knee*.
- **Storyline**, Shetler 106. “Heading Toward Climactic Scenes” led by Dolly Jacobs and Libby Boehne.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. *Love Wins* by Rob Bell, led by Kathe Setzer.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, *Creating the Covenant*, led by Neil Dunnavant.
- **Agape Class** meets in Memorial Chapel for “Community Awareness: Urban Ministry”; Christie Bird 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. “The Gospel of John” 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.

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.

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

Monday, November 3

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

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, November 4

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, or visit www.fpcgreensboro.org/hotdish.

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. Contact Aimee Scotton, 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 ukirkgso.org

Wednesday, November 5

Men’s Fellowship – 7:30 a.m., Memorial 100, invites all men. Contact Wil Courter at wcourter@earthlink.net.

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.

THIS MONTH AT FPC NOVEMBER

Beth Moore Bible Study – 4 p.m., Shetler 106. The book, *Sacred Secrets*, can be purchased at Lifeway bookstores. Contact Gail Kinser at 282-3325 for more info.

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

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. This week, chicken pot pie, kids' chicken nuggets, broccoli, salad, rolls, 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 or 478-4747

Growing Deeper class – 6-7:15 p.m. in Currie Library. Led by Sid Batts and Donna Chase.

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 the old and new hymns included in it.

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

Thursday, November 6

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.

FPC JOBS – 8:30 a.m., Scout Room

Friendship 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.

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.

Saturday, November 8

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, for sign-up and child care requests.

Sunday, November 9

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

Child/Youth Protection Policy Training – 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., third floor Shetler common area.

Child/Youth Protection Policy Training

All staff, volunteers, Confirmation mentors, 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. To attend a scheduled session, RSVP to Sara Manchester, smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org.

Commitment Sunday. 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. Sid Batts preaches "The Story of Money" 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 (*Kindergarten and first-grade Milestone classes meet in their regular classrooms; parents and children are encouraged to attend together*); **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler; **senior high**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Foundations**, Memorial 303. *Blessings of A Skinned Knee*.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. "Hymns of the Season."
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, *Creating the Covenant*, led by Neil Dunnivant.
- **Agape Class** meets in Memorial Chapel for "Community Awareness: Barnabas Ministry"; Betty Hilliard leads.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Sam Simpson leads.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. "The Gospel According to 2014," led by Austin Carty.

- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214, led by Gerard Davidson.

Child/Youth Protection Policy Training

– noon - 1 p.m., Spencer Love Room (Memorial 200). *See box for more info.*

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

Monday, November 10

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 *Naomi Wise: A Cautionary Tale* by Sandra Redding. Sandra Redding 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, November 11

Currie Library Tuesday Book Club – 1:30 p.m., Currie Library. This second book club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our book this month will be *Orphan Train* by Christian Baker Kline. Penne Prigge facilitates. Contact Brenda Frost, 288-0509, for more info.

Wednesday, November 12

Beth Moore Bible Study concludes – 4 p.m., Shetler 106. Contact Gail Kinser at 282-3325.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. This week, fried chicken, sweet potato soufflé, steamed veggies, salad, rolls, 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 or 478-4747

Growing Deeper class – 6-7:15 p.m. in Currie Library.

Friday, November 14

Confirmation Retreat – to CROSS Missions in Charlotte; concludes Sunday..

Sunday, November 16

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. Neil Dunnivant preaches "Made in God's Image."

THIS MONTH AT FPC NOVEMBER

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

- **K-4**, Corl Building (*Kindergarten and first-grade Milestone classes meet in their regular classrooms; parents and children are encouraged to attend together*); **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler; **senior high**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Foundations**, Memorial 303. *Blessings of A Skinned Knee.*
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. "Hymns of the Season."
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, "Creating the Covenant," led by Neil Dunnivant.
- **Agape Class**, Memorial Chapel. "Free the Kids: a home for children in Haiti," led by Jack Reynolds.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Erwin Fuller leads.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. "The Gospel According to 2014," led by Austin Carty.
- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214, led by Gerard Davidson.

Kid's Disciple Club Thanksgiving – FPC's outreach group for children in grades 3-5 will have a Thanksgiving Progressive Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m.

in members' homes. To learn more, contact Sara Manchester, smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org.

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

Monday, November 17

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

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

Session meeting – meets at 5:30 p.m., Redhead Hall.

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, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

Singing Glory to God – 6:15 p.m., Memorial Chapel.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. This week, Thanksgiving fare, with chicken nuggets for kids, \$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 or 478-4747

Growing Deeper class – 6-7:15 p.m. in Currie Library.

Sunday, November 23

Baptism Sunday. 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. Sid Batts preaches.

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**, Memorial 303. *Blessings of A Skinned Knee.*
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. "The Journey to Bethlehem" begins.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, *Creating the Covenant*, led by Neil Dunnivant.
- **Agape Class**, Memorial Chapel. "The Memorial Chapel," led by Kitty Robison and Holly Chambers.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. "The Jefferson Bible," led by Gerald Donnelly.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. "The Gospel According to 2014," led by Austin Carty.
- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214, led by Gerard Davidson.

Passport Kids Summer Camp information meeting – 10 a.m., Biblemax Theater, for parents and current third- through fifth-graders.

Child/Youth Protection Policy Training – noon-1 p.m., Spencer Love Room (Memorial 200). *See previous page for more.*

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

Monday, November 24

FaithAction International Multicultural Thanksgiving Celebration. 6 p.m., Life Center. Please come to celebrate Thanksgiving with people from over two dozen different cultures! It's a pot luck, so please bring enough food for yourself and others to share. Sponsored by Faith Action International House.

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

Wednesday, November 26

No fellowship dinner, children's choirs or Chancel choir practice tonight.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

Schedules are subject to change due to holidays, weather, or other events.

SUNDAYS: *Currie Library* is open 9 to 10:20 a.m. / *Adult Church School* meets at 9:30 a.m. in various locations / *Young adults lunch:* meet outside the Life Center on Greene Street after 10:45 a.m. worship services.

MONDAYS: *Watercolor class*, 9 a.m., Shetler 323 / *GIFT in the Morning*, 9:15 a.m. in Currie Library / *Functional Fitness*, 10:15 a.m., Memorial 304.

TUESDAYS: *FPC JOBS*, 8:30 a.m., Scout Room / *Hot Dish & Hope*, 6 p.m., MLC / *Westminster Ringers* 4:15 p.m., Memorial 201 / *Coventry Ringers* 5:45 p.m., Smith 300 / *Step Up Life Skills Classes*, 6 p.m., Paisley House / *GIFT in the Evening*, 6:45 p.m. in members' homes / *Young Adult Bible Study*, Shetler 214, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS: *Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship*, 7:30 a.m., Blair Hagan Room. Contact Wil Courter, 282-9426 / *Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study*, 7:30 a.m., Currie Library. Contact Betsy Harrington, 855-7766 / *Currie Library Story Times* at 9:30, 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m., open to all preschool children / *Community Service Group*, 10 a.m. in Redhead Hall / *Beth Moore Bible Study*, 4 p.m., Shetler 106 (begins Oct. 15) / *"Joyful Noise" Musical Experience*, Memorial 304 at 4:30 p.m. / *Cherub Choir* at 4:30 p.m. in Memorial 303 / *Credo Choir*, 5:15 p.m., Memorial 303 / *Canticle Choir*, 6 p.m., Memorial 303 / *Chancel Choir* 6:45 p.m. rehearsal in Memorial 304. Contact Anne Albert, 478-4711 or aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org, to learn more.

THURSDAYS: *Prayer Partners* at Panera on Lawndale, 7:15 a.m. / *FPC JOBS*, 8:30 a.m., Scout Room / *Friendship Day*, 9:30 a.m., MLC (stay for lunch, \$6) / *Functional Fitness*, 10:15 a.m., Memorial 304 / *Navigators*, Thursdays at 11:45 a.m., Currie Library / *Step Up Job Friends Support*, 6:40 p.m., Paisley House / *Hot Dish & Hope*, 6 p.m., MLC.

THIS MONTH AT FPC NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 27

Church offices closed for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving morning service in the Temple, 10 a.m. *Special offering for Hot Dish & Hope.* This FPC tradition includes a reading of the presidential proclamation and a chancel table laden with the earth's bounty. Please bring canned goods for a special offering.



Friday, November 28

Church offices closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 29

Explore FPC – 9 a.m.-noon, Currie Library. Come and explore FPC and all we have to offer. Don't forget to bring a friend. Contact Stephenie Sanders for sign-up and child care requests at 487-4735, or ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org.

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent. 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. Dolly Jacobs preaches.

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

- **Middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler;
- **senior high**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202. "The Journey to Bethlehem."
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, "The Journey to Bethlehem" begins.
- **Agape Class** meets in Memorial Chapel for Advent Hymn Singing, led by Nancy Fogarty and Ralph Davison.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Gerald Donnelly leads.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304. "The Gospel According to 2014," led by Austin Carty.
- **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room. "The Journey to Bethlehem" begins.
- **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214. "The Gospel of John" led by Gerard Davidson.

Family Advent Church School and Las Posadas Kick Off – 10 a.m., Mullin Life Center. Preschool and elementary church school families are invited for cookies and milk, followed by receiving of advent devotionals and the *Las Posadas* introduction and blessing. **No regular church school in classrooms.**

For more info on upcoming events, visit fpcgreensboro.org/events

Sign up now for 2015 Habitat mission trips to Honduras

February 21-March 1, 2015, and March 21-29, 2015

Please let us know if you plan to participate. Space is limited.

Mission trips give volunteers and staff the opportunity to build homes – and relationships – in communities outside of the area we typically serve. Trips are seven to 10 days and are held twice a year. In recent years a number of FPC members and staff have been on these trips and found them inspiring and very well organized.



Last year, Habitat completed this house in Santa Rosa de Copan.

Download an application at <http://habitatgreensboro.org/take-mission-trip>

Cost: \$960 plus cost of airfare – \$960 covers cost of trip (room and board, etc.). Airline price is guaranteed to be no more than \$750.

Please note:

\$100 non-refundable application fee. \$850 due by **November 7** (Feb. 21 trip) or **December 5** (March 21 Trip). Remaining balance due by January 5 (Feb. 21 trip) or February 2 (March 21 trip).

THIS MONTH AT FPC DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 3

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Mullin Life Center, 5-6 p.m. *Gingerbread Church Decorating.* This week, baked pasta with extra meat, kids' chicken nuggets, fresh fruit, salad, rolls, 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 or 478-4747

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 the old and new hymns included in it.

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent. 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. Sid Batts preaches. *Special offering for Pennies for Hunger.*

The next Boros event – 5 p.m. in members' homes. This will be an opportunity for FPC members to celebrate Advent together and share the experience of "Making Room" for each other. If you are willing to be a Boro host in the future, please contact Wendy Duncan, wduncan@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4723. See more at fpcgreensboro.org/the-boros.

FPC's 55+ Travel Group – Trip to Charleston, December 2-3

The group is planning a trip to Charleston, S.C., Dec. 2 and 3. Enjoy carriage tours, a dinner cruise, visits to a tea plantation and tours of historic homes, along with fabulous eating places. To sign up or to learn more, contact Carol Sellars, 288-2077.



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roster of participants, and a communal journal. An initial traveler will receive the box and make arrangements to pass it to an innkeeper (host) the following day. The host then becomes the traveler and on the next day presents the box to another willing innkeeper. The procession continues day by day throughout Advent, culminating on Christmas Eve when all participants gather at the 3:30 p.m. Family Service to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Travelers and hosts will naturally coordinate the timing of each reception, but the activities prepared can be as simple or elaborate as the host chooses. Considering the ages, interests, and schedules of the guests, the travelers' welcome could be a simple 20 minutes of conversation over hot cider or a leisurely evening of Bible reading, dinner and playing of the Taize. Teens may take the lead as well: playing or singing carols, assembling a crèche with youngsters, or devising a family Christmas craft. Itinerants may join their hosts in reciting the accompanying liturgy or reading the children's story.

HOST THE CHRIST CHILD

On November 30, the opening day of Advent, Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus will begin a journey through FPC homes.

FPC families can host the nativity sets for a day and then help them on their way to the next host's home. On Christmas Eve, the last host will bring the nativity sets to church.

SIGN UP NOW to be a host home:

- **Write your name** on the date you would like to host on the Las Posadas banner in Mullin Life Center.
- **Email** smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org to be added to the host list.

Please sign up by **Monday, November 24.**