

first notes

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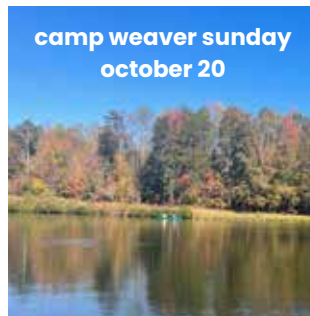
The question for the next
200 years isn't what we can
do for God. It's how can we
allow God to work within us
and through us.

*from Sid Batts's charge to the congregation
on our 200th Celebration Sunday*



MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

We will gather in God's glorious creation at Camp Weaver YMCA (4924 Tapawingo Trail, 17 minutes from the church). We start at 10 with **coffee & donuts**, then have **intergenerational Sunday School** and **worship**. After **lunch**, enjoy **arts & crafts**, **playground**, **canoeing**, **archery**, **rock climbing**, **yard games** or just **sit and visit!** We'll be under the large Warwick Pavilion, with plenty of adjacent parking. Come for the whole day or any part! *(A recorded message will be available, but no activities on FPC's campus.)*



Communion services
– 9 am Rejoice and 11 am Sanctuary

A Gathering to Remember All the Saints – 4 pm, Memorial Columbarium

All Saints Offering – 5 pm. John Rutter's *Requiem* and more with Chancel Choir, chamber orchestra and soloists.



COMING IN ADVENT

A Little Advent Music

All begin at 5 pm and are free.

December 8 – Raleigh Ringers

December 15 – A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols with Chancel Choir, Canticle Choir and Orchestra

December 22 – Organ Recital by John Alexander

Christmas Eve

10 am – Children's Nativity

5:30 and 11 pm – Candlelight and Communion

Christmas Day – 10 am Carols & Communion

Sunday, December 29 – One service at 10 am



Meet Jessica Beitel, our new assistant organist

Jessica has a degree in piano from Salem College and is pursuing a master's in Collaborative Piano at the UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. She previously served as substitute, assistant, and organist for several churches. She will support John Alexander, who has taken on additional duties as director for the Chancel Choir.

Describe organ music in three words.

"Splendor of Heaven"

Tell us about you.

I was born and raised in northeast Texas. I went to college in Winston-Salem. All of my family live in Texas. My parents and sister have a small cattle operation and garden. I loved being able to grow up in the country, and still need to get myself there from time to time, even if

now I'm a city girl given where work has taken me. I am a cat lover, but I also like dogs and other animals!

How about the first time you played an organ?

My grandmother had an organ in her living room. I would long for the moment she would invite my sister and me to play it. I was between 3 and 7, and I understood nothing of all the various controls but that it had tabs on it that were multicolored, something that looked very attractive to a child's eye. But I first truly played the organ as a teen! My practice was at my piano at home pretending my feet were playing a pedalboard!

What are a few of your favorite things?

International cuisine, walks or hikes in nature, and a healthy lifestyle. A big love is foreign language and so I do love listening to podcasts to maintain those that I have!

What interested you about the position at FPC?

When my dear friend and colleague Bob Overman spoke so highly of John and the music program here. Then having gotten to meet the organ, and the beautiful space its sounds filled, I was very moved and inspired to worship by its sounds, and excited about the prospect of involvement in leading worship with it.

What is something about you that would surprise those who know you best?

As a kid I didn't have any idea how to play house or play with dolls when someone wanted to do that. I liked climbing trees, crossing streams, swinging from vines, and passing through water drain culverts of all sizes!

Got any good organist jokes?

Q: How does an organist answer when you ask how they are doing?

A: Swell, Great, and Positive!



JILL DUFFIELD

Senior Pastor

And we're off!

Our 201st year of ministry has officially begun and we're off to an amazing start. The mix and mingle at the former manse (say that three times fast!) could not have been better. The food, the venue, the band, the weather, but mostly the people, made for an evening of connecting and conversation. Then came Sunday! We welcomed home former pastors, special guests, and members of all ages in person and online. The music, the prayers, the celebration of Communion, the photo on the steps, following the bagpiper to lunch, games, and a band with some familiar faces launched us into another century of ministry with JOY! Countless people facilitated these once-in-a-lifetime events and I cannot begin to express my gratitude to each and every one who shared their energy, intelligence, imagination and love to make them happen. This community of faith is truly abundantly blessed.

We're into our 201st year but we've only just begun to celebrate! Our gifted and passionate 200th celebration committee has put together an entire year of programs to mark this incredible milestone. All next month we'll be lifting up our music ministries, culminating November 24 with a hymn festival led by our own Mel Bringle (details on pages 6 & 7). Be on the look out for more about ALL of the upcoming plans. You won't want to miss any of them!

Even as we celebrate, we remember those for whom this is a particularly difficult season. Our siblings in Western North Carolina will be rebuilding their lives for months, if not years to come. We are committed to helping them. You generously donated supplies immediately following Helene's impact and soon we'll be offering hands-on ways to support rebuilding efforts. As I write this Hurricane Milton is getting stronger and will no doubt cause hardship in Florida and beyond. Gratefully, our Presbyterian connectional system enables us to be wherever disaster strikes. I thank you, always, for the many ways you so willingly step up to assist our neighbors in need wherever they are.

Truly, we are filled with all the fullness of God. As I said on October 6, I see it every single day. As we prepare for dedication Sunday on October 27, I know you will once again generously support our ministries. We've been blessed for 200 years, and it brings me immeasurable joy to imagine what comes next!

With deep gratitude,



TRANSFORMATIVE SERVICE



MATT BUSSELL

Associate Pastor
for Outreach

Being there for our neighbors

Friends, thank you for your generosity in bringing donations to help with the recovery efforts in Western North Carolina! The devastation caused by Hurricane Helene has been catastrophic, and the recovery process will be slow and long. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is already at work in impacted communities (you can learn more on their Hurricane Helene page). There has been interest in doing a mission trip to help with the recovery and we will certainly put a trip (likely multiple) together once basic infrastructure such as roads, power, and water are restored and sites are established to host groups. In the meantime, I encourage you to keep Western North Carolina and other places impacted by Hurricane Helene in your prayers and please consider giving to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they do the work of healing and rebuilding in traumatized communities.

(Point your camera phone at the QR Code and click on the link that comes up.)



HOMELESS STUDENTS

Temple Emanuel and the Interfaith Affordable Housing Initiative are sponsoring a presentation by Drennan Paylor, Guilford County Schools Coordinator of Homeless Services & Community Support, 5:30-7 pm on Monday, October 21, at Temple Emanuel. We are collecting \$25 gift cards for GCS families. Use the QR Code or go to FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP to help.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Join us for our next Habitat workday on Saturday, November 9, from 8 am to 3:30 pm. Use the QR Code to sign up or go to FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP. Please let Matt Bussell (MBUSSELL@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) know you are going.



STUDY ON REPAIR

This Racial Equity Ministry Team is hosting a study on repair as a pathway for racial reconciliation. Using Robert Turner's *Creating A Culture of Repair: Taking Action on the Road to Reparations*, we will look at concrete actions we can take. We will meet 5:30-7 pm in the Garden Room:

October 16 – Chapter 2: Societal Reparations

November 13 – Chapter 3: Institutional Reparations

December 11 – Chapter 4: Spiritual Reparations.

Not able to read ahead of time? No problem! Please join us for this important series.

HOT DISH & HOPE

Every week, Hot Dish serves hundreds of people. At Christmas time, we have handed out gift bags. We have found that others in the community show up, leaving many with the greatest need fighting for what was intended for them. This year, instead of gift bags, we are collecting \$20 Walmart gift cards. Another time we will give out cold weather gear. Please drop cards off at the Welcome Center by Sunday, December 1.

BACKPACK BEGINNINGS

On Monday, January 27, we will pitch in at Backpack Beginnings. Parents with children (it's a GCS teacher workday), join us 10 am-noon. Adults only for the 2-4 session. The morning group will sort food and assemble weekly bags for children and families experiencing food insecurity. Children 5+ can help; under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The afternoon group will sort donations, hang clothes, and assemble comfort backpacks. Will have sign-ups available closer to the date.

CENTER FOR THE REPAIR OF HISTORICAL HARM

New date – Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 16, when we will welcome the Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam, director of the PC(USA)'s Center for the Repair of Historical Harm. Part of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the center inspires repair and reconciliation within and beyond the PC(USA).

Have questions? Contact Matt Bussell, MBUSSELL@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

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MEL BRINGLE'S

Imagine a young girl singing in FPC'S choir who grows up to spread her abiding faith worldwide teaching and writing hymns.

Such a spirit of faith lives in Dr. Mary Louise Bringle, known to many as Mel.

Like a tree with deep roots and far-reaching branches Mel manifests her extensive knowledge, understanding and talents in her works. You have seen this although you may not have known it; in every pew are copies of the Presbyterian hymnal we use, *Glory to God*. Mel chaired the Presbyterian Committee on

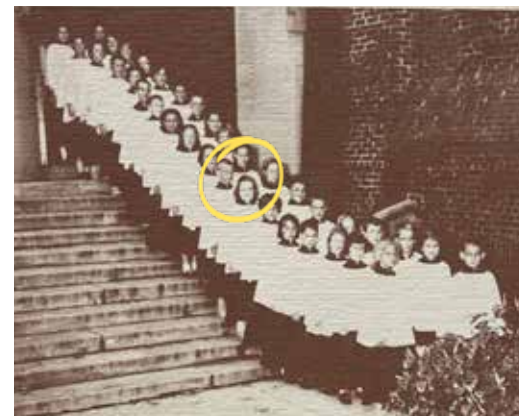
Congregational Song which brought this current version of the hymnal into being.

Her roots in

Greensboro began at age four when her parents Elizabeth and Emmett W. Bringle moved here. Her father, an elder, deacon and trustee, taught for 24 years in the Young Men's Bible Class. Emmett even served as chairman of the FPC 150th anniversary event. Mel recalls many family trips and meaningful devotions.

She tried out for the Children's Choir with the new choir master and organist, Frank Pethel, fresh out of Union. Mel felt an immediate bond with him because of a shared birthdate. Thus began her introduction to hymns and love of church music.

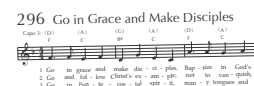
Graduating to the Junior Choir she learned about hymns and theological texts. Throughout her high school days, Guilford College years, study in France and later graduate work at Emory University, Mel continued her FPC connection.



MEL BRINGLE is a college professor, an award-winning hymnist and a member of the Society of the US and Canada. She chaired the Presbyterian committee on *Glory to God* hymnal – the image above marks the number of Mel's hymns in the hymnal. Before any of that, she was a member of FPC's Junior Choir (circle). Mel will be with us in November as our 200th anniversary celebrant.

Mel has had an illustrious career teaching and writing. Currently Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Coordinator of Integrated Studies Major at Brevard College, she HAS authored several scholarly books and writes award-winning hymns. She previously served on the faculty at St. Andrews University in Laurinburg.

Her original texts as well as hymn translations are wide-ranging. Her relatively recent book, *Envy: Exposing the Secret Sin*, (Westminster John Knox Press, 2019) the third in a series of three explorations of cardinal sins, examines extensively the literary, artistic and moral philosophy revolving around this deadly sin for which the ancient cure reveals itself: gratitude.



Gluttony, and Other
(Abingdon Press, 2019)
appearance and sin

Mel came late in life to writing through a friend, William P. Rowan. She wrote hymns to three in the Bible; she won all three. She wrote for a novice. A local church known hymns with her.

You may know her first two hymns: Memory Fades, and written for a friend experiencing Alzheimer's.

Whispers



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Earlier books address
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(Abingdon Press, 1990)
and *The God of Thinness:*
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(1992) about health,
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by Jean Sibelius, it often is heard in memorial services serving as solace to the wounded hearts of many families.

She says, "I attended my first Hymn Society conference the summer I moved to Brevard. I wrote 'When Memory Fades' while staying in the guest house at the Brevard campus, while house-hunting."

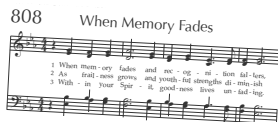
Mel has served as President of the Hymn Society of the US and Canada and was named a Fellow. As Mel observes, "Fellows of the Hymn Society are composers, scholars, performers and practitioners in that world who I hold in the highest esteem."

Other favorites, "Jesus Comes," and "So Great a Love," were written with Sally Ann Morris.

Especially poignant is her hymn text "Light Dawns on a Weary World" one with which she is especially pleased, which she wrote in collaboration with music by William Rowan. Mel has also collaborated with David Partington.

Mel enjoys interaction with students as well as collaborating on hymns with her peers. She sees students inspired by the insights of Biblical texts as well as Christian authors like C.S. Lewis in "Dreaming of Heaven." Along with scholarly writing and hymn texts, Mel teaches not only Brevard students but also speaks at her church on many Sundays, a mark of their regard for her speaking.

We are thankful that Mel Bringle got her start here and honored that she returns to help us celebrate the church's 200th.



200 YEARS OF

Worship & the Arts

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

John Rutter's *Requiem* and more with Chancel Choir, chamber orchestra & soloists at 5 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

UNCG Brass & Organ Concert
at 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Organ & Harpsichord Crawl led by John Alexander and Lane Ridenhour at 9 am

UNCG Chamber Singers share Duruflé's *Requiem* and Britten's *Te Deum* in C at 7:30 pm.

MUSIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

FPC Music Ministry: How We Got Here! Led by Lane Ridenhour, Bonnie McAlister and Robby Hassell. 10:15 am in the Virginia Gilmer Room behind the sanctuary.

Hymn Festival led by Mel Bringle, one service at 11 am in the sanctuary

Messiah Sing-a-long with orchestra and soloists, 5 pm. Reception following in the Virginia Gilmer Room.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES IN 2025

January, *Historic Relationship between FPC, Downtown, and the City of Greensboro*

February, *Pastoral Leadership*

March, *Outreach*

April, *The Way Forward: Children & Youth*



30 years of faithful teaching

Thirty years ago, the idea was to study books of the Bible thoroughly and for whatever time it took. Occasionally, the Seekers Class made it through only two or three verses in one Sunday School hour.

"We have wandered from that," reflects Gerard Davidson. "Now, the books come in no particular order, each one discussed until we're done."

A fine evolution for a course of study that suits the students, and the teacher, perfectly.

Gerard has been teaching on Sundays in the Seekers Class for his 30 years. The class recently celebrated the milestone with a dinner and a cake.

Over time, Gerard has developed a system. Starting six to eight weeks ahead, he'll spend about four hours

BY TAMARA
SLAUGHTER
FPC member

researching. His go-to reference guides are the Interpreter's Bible and the New Revised Standard Version of

The New Oxford Annotated Bible, commentaries as available, plus reams of notebooks from previous lessons lining his bookshelves.

Most often, his lessons delve into a book of the Bible. A few digressions include The History of Christianity in America, a course on Predestination, and a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The class also studied Christian Doctrine "until we couldn't take it anymore." Favorite books include Genesis-Exodus, John, Romans, and Acts.

"Acts is like a travelogue," Gerard says. "It's the bones on which the New Testament hangs." He includes images that put the writings into geographical,



Gerard Davidson was celebrated at a class dinner and with a cake at church.

historical, and theological context. The class follows Paul thru Asia Minor to Rome through maps, pictures of archaeological sites such as Ephesus, Phillipi, and others, and artwork exploring different portrayals of Paul.

Gerard also features artwork in Christmas and Easter studies. How artists depict the birth of Christ, the crucifixion, and the resurrection provides context and illustrates different schools of thought. For example, James Tissot's watercolor "What Our Saviour Saw from the Cross" leads to vibrant discussion.

These Seekers find ways to study despite challenges. An unexpected delay once led to Gerard teaching a class by phone from the car while his wife, Janet Ward Black, drove them home from out of town. During COVID, the class met by telephone conference call. Even then, his class was as always: thoughtful, thought-provoking, well-researched and interesting.

Thank you, Gerard!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10 AM

SEEKERS CLASS

MAIN 125

The Gospel of John. Info:
Gerard Davidson, GDAVIDSON@
WARDBLACKLAW.COM.

YMBC & AGAPE

REDHEAD HALL

Bible 102 led by Professor Sandie Gravett through November. How the Bible came to be written, edited, copied, canonized & translated. Info: Al Lineberry, NCCARPE@AOL.COM.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

MEMORIAL 304

How Christians Think about and Use the Bible, October 13-November 17. Info: Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

COME AS YOU ARE

GARDEN ROOM

200 Years of Worship and Music:

- *How FPC Has Worshipped Over the Years*, October 13, and *Hymnals and Hymns FPC Has Used Over the Years*, October 27, both led by Dr. Jerry Beavers.

- *Music and the Bible* with Sam Simpson, November 3.

- *History of FPC Music* led by Lane Ridenhour, Robby Hassell & Bonnie McAlister, November 10 & 17. Info: Philip Lopp, PHILIP.LOPP1988@GMAIL.COM

COMMITMENT

MEMORIAL 100

Info: Betsy Harrington,
BETSYHARRINGTON@TRIAD.RR.COM.

ONLINE OR HYBRID GROUPS

LECTIO DIVINA – Mondays, 11 am-noon on Zoom. Contact David Partington, DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM. Prayerful listening to Scripture as we ponder, pray & share, led by the Spirit.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY – *Isaiah: Knowing the Bible*, 5:30-6:30 pm on Zoom through November 19. Contact Jim Hoeger, JIM.HOEGER@GMAIL.COM.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – Young adults of all abilities, 6-7 pm 2nd Tuesdays, Solarium or by Zoom; 4th Tuesdays, Solarium. Scripture fun & service. Info: Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG, or Evelyn McMullen, EVELYN.MCM23@GMAIL.COM.

IN-PERSON GROUPS

BIBLE & BISCUITS: Food, fellowship scripture. 7:45-8:30 am in the Solarium, Tuesdays October 22, November 12 and December 10.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP: Wednesdays, 10 am-noon, Garden Room. Coordinated by Hannah Britt and B.J. Williams. Make receiving blankets, baby hats, small quilts, etc. distributed through social workers and missionaries.

FIRST FAMILIES: Casual gathering for families with young kids. Dinner provided, small fee for onsite child care. First Fridays, 6-8 pm. Contact Lorie Jones, LORIEJONES88@GMAIL.COM.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: Kate and Tom Gillespie host a monthly couples gathering at their home. 7-8:30 pm November 1 & December 6. Info: KATEHUDELSON@ICLOUD.COM.

GRACE: Women's Bible study, November 6 and December 12, 7-8 pm in homes. Info: Lisa Barbee, LRR95@HOTMAIL.COM.



January 25 & 26 at Grandover

Register now! A third of our spaces are gone!

From 9 am Saturday through 9 am Sunday, we'll have music, chat groups, yoga, book discussion, spiritual practices, fellowship, fun, great food, free time, and inspiration from our speaker Ellen Crawford True! Use the QR code or contact Nancy Abrams, ABRAMSNE@AOL.COM or 336-314-2694, or Julie Wade, HWADE1805@GMAIL.COM or 336-580-6117.



24-HOUR ELECTION PRAYER VIGIL

From 5 am November 4 through 5 am Election Day, lift the needs of the church, its members, our nation, our leaders, and those in need. Sanctuary will be open noon-2 pm, or pray wherever you are. Pick a 30-minute slot with the QR Code or contact Yolanda Baxter YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG. Sponsored by the Prayer Team.



WALKING GROUP: Enjoy tranquil surroundings and connect with fellow participants as we stroll together. Meet at sanctuary steps. Sunday, November 10, at 3 pm.

YOGA: Thursdays, 4:25 - 5:30 pm, Virginia Gilmer Room (Smith 239). For all levels, bring water, mat, strap & a block if you have one. Love offering is accepted but not required. Led by Virginia Wood, REVIRGINIAWOOD@GMAIL.COM.

CURRIE LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

Second Mondays at 10:30 am, and second Tuesdays at 1:30 pm, both in the Garden Room.

- *October 14: When Truth Is All You Have* by Jim McCloskey, facilitated by Penne Prigge.
- *November 11 & 12: West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, facilitated by Kitty Robison.
- *December 9 & 10: Book sharing for Christmas.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Second Monday speaker lunches, noon in Mullin Life Center, \$10. Make a paid reservation by Wednesday prior online at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP, by calling 336-478-4799, or at the Welcome Center desk. Dates and speakers:

- *October 14*, Karen Amirehsani, FPC Congregational Nurse, on "Blue Zones."
- *November 11*, Nancy Fuller, Church Librarian, "What's Happening in Currie Library."
- *December 9*, Weekday Preschool Christmas program.

Monthly PW circles are studying *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull.

- *Sallie Huss*, second Mondays, 10:30 am, Myers Loyalty Room. Gail Derkasch, PPOMPOM@AOL.COM.
- *Mary and Martha*, second Mondays, 10:30 am, Blair Hagan Room. B.J. Williams, RWILLIAMS1@TRIAD.RR.COM.
- *Hearts & Minds*, third Tuesdays, 10 am-noon, Myers Loyalty Room. Betty Jo Forney, BJFORNEY@MINDSPRING.COM.
- *Ruth & Naomi*, third Tuesdays, 10:30 am, Blair Hagan Room. Anne Cox, ANCO7408@GMAIL.COM.
- *Faith & Fellowship*, every Thursday, 10-11:15 am, Garden Room. Led Contact Leigh Jones, LJONES0206@GMAIL.COM.



YOUTH & FAMILIES



Getting creative in the youth room.

Meet our new youth leadership group

Youth ministry has established a Youth Council made up of 17 middle and high schoolers, representing all grades.

These youth meet with staff leaders Phae Smith and Lisa Witherspoon quarterly to share ideas and offer feedback about youth activities. They also serve as mentors and “cheerleaders” among their peers, encouraging attendance at youth activities and demonstrating active participation.

We are excited about this new council and the opportunity it provides for our youth offer leadership and creativity as they help guide our program in a direction most meaningful to them and their peers!

Serving on the council, by grade, are:

- 6th – Charlotte Freeze
- 7th – Thompson Peddrick & Caroline Wilson
- 8th – Asher Stroud, Tripp Driscoll, Reece Medlin & Jack Barnett
- 9th – Drew King & Audrey Faucher
- 10th – Chase Oakley & Ward Permar
- 11th – Catherine Faircloth & Emma Ballenger
- 12th – John Stroud, Anna Barnett & MK Faucher.

CALENDAR



DOUGHNUTS-DIALOGUE-DEVOTION

Sundays at 10 am in Memorial 303. October 13 & 27 (Trunk or Treat party with children), and November 3, 10, 17 & 24.

SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

October 13, November 10 & 17, and December 8 & 15 (Christmas Party). 5-6 pm, Middle School. 6-6:30 pm, dinner for all. 6:30-7:30 pm, High School.



We are always seeking adults to walk alongside our youth as they grow in faith! If you are interested in serving as a youth advisor on Sunday evenings for middle or high school, contact Lisa Witherspoon at LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

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FUNDAY SUNDAY at Spare Time (5502

Hornaday Road) on November 3, 5:30-7:30 pm. Bowling, pizza & chicken tenders, laser tag optional. \$25 includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental & food. Laser tag an extra \$5. Sign up by October 27 so we can give them a headcount & make sure we have enough lanes! Students may bring money for additional food or arcade.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

October 3 & 16, November 6 & 20, and December 4, 7:15-7:45 am at Chick-Fil-A on Pisgah Church Road.

THEY'RE MOOOOOVING: HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

will meet at Chick-Fil-A on Pisgah Church Road October 17 & November 21, still at 7:15 am. Devotion at 7:40 am. If you go to school later, come for the devotion, then eat!



CONFIRMATION

On October 19, two dozen eighth-graders will begin their journey with an opening retreat, with nine members as their mentors. They will meet most Sunday mornings for a few months, exploring our Presbyterian catechism, learning about and visiting other faith traditions, and reflecting on what they believe. In March those who have completed the program can choose to become full members of the church. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience this milestone of faith.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

See you on Sundays!

NURSERY for infants-age 6 during worship and Sunday School. Room 100, Mullin Life Center.

REGULAR CLASSES meet at 10 am October 13 and 27, and November 3 and 10.

Preschool (3 & 4) in Corl 304
K- grade 2 in Corl 301
Grades 3-5 in Corl 306

KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB

Grades 3-5 meet monthly for fellowship, fun & bible study.
3-4:30 pm, Life Center

October 13 – play Halloween games, learn what the Bible tells us about fear, and do service activities for hurricane relief.

Also meets November 3 and December 8 (Christmas Party)

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

October 20 – Camp Weaver Sunday! Church school, worship, lunch and fun camp activities. More info on page 2.




November 24 – Advent Wreaths

December 1 – Pajama & Movie Day

December 8 – Journey to the Manger

December 15 – Birthday Party for Jesus



 **October 27
4-6 pm**

WE NEED TRUNKS!

We are halfway to our goal of 25 decorated trunks handing out candy.

Go simple, elaborate, spooky or goofy!

Use the QR Code or contact Lisa Witherspoon,

LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.



Coming up for parents – get to know other families with children!

FIRST FAMILIES is a casual gathering for young families. Dinner is provided, small fee for onsite child care. We meet first Fridays, 6-8 pm. Contact Lorie Jones, LORIEJONES88@GMAIL.COM.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES is for parents of children & youth. Our fall our topic is *How Christians Think about and Use the Bible*. We will learn about the Bible's history, the New Testament, the Gospels, interpretation and more through December 15. *No class on October 20, Camp Weaver Sunday.* 10 am Sundays in Memorial 304.



CONNECT WITH US – Use the QR Code to join our *GroupMe*, join *First Pres Parents* on Facebook, and get the weekly children's ministry update in your email. Yolanda Baxter can add you to the list. Contact her at YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

PARENTS Night Out



**NOVEMBER 16
5-8 PM**

Enjoy some grown-up time while the kids

have pizza, & playtime and watch *Aladdin* at the church.

\$15 per child,

40 spaces available.

We'll take RSVPs until full or November 12.

Info: Lisa Witherspoon, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.



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PASTORAL CARE

FORK & FAITH

Join other women each month for lunch and fellowship. October 23 (RSVP by noon October 18); November 20 (RSVP by noon November 15); and December 18 (RSVP by noon December 13). Lunches begin at noon in Mullin Life Center, \$10. RSVP to Dolly Jennings, DJ6871202@GMAIL.COM or 336-854-2663.

VETERANS FELLOWSHIP

Next meeting is November 6 at noon in the Life Center. Quilts of Valor will share special recognition. \$10, RSVP by October 23 to Debby Foster, 336-478-4702 or DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG, or Doug McLeroy, 336-279-5441.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY RESOURCES

Each month the team offers information and resources on one area of mental health. Look for the poster and handouts in the Welcome Center and the Life Center. The October topic is stress and Seasonal Affective Disorder. In November and December, the focus will be maintaining your mental health through the emotion and stress of the holidays.



2024-2025 Committee Leadership

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