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FROM THE PASTOR

Catching Up on Events at First Prez

In this summer season of coming and going, allow me to catch you up on life at First Presbyterian Church.



Marcia and I had wonderful trip to England! Part one of the trip continued work I began during a sabbatical leave on ancient Christianity in the British Isles (often referred to as Celtic Christianity) and its relevance for our times. We spent a week on Lindisfarne Island at the [Community of Aidan and Hilda](#), the headquarters for a movement of Christians committed to applying ancient Christian spiritual insight to modern life. We joined about a dozen other people on retreat with similar interests, met some great folks, and gained new perspectives on what it means to live the Christian life. I'm planning on sharing some of that experience with you this fall.

Part two of the trip was just for fun. We spent time in the northeast corner of England, enjoying its rocky, scenic coast and taking in the sights both ancient and modern. We also took a short ride to the [Farne Islands](#) to see the "puffins" on their annual migration.

Many of you were involved in an excellent Vacation Bible School program in June. Both adults and youth participated in our Mexico mission trip. We also had a wonderful music camp experience in July. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make these things happen. Your investment in the ministries of our congregation is inspiring.

This week we'll begin renovating our

See CATHING UP on page 3



The puffins of the Farne Islands



Volunteers Needed for Yard Work in the B Street Neighborhood

Saturday, July 28 • 9 AM-Noon

For information or to volunteer, contact Terry Plummer at 910-818-8245 or plummer.terry57@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed to provide labor and yard tools to clean up around the home of Debra McKinnon, one of the latest individuals to get into a Habitat home. Volunteers will also work on the yards of three other homes in the neighborhood, time permitting.

Also needed are contributions of **coolers, ice, water, drinks, and snacks** for the volunteers.

PW Summer Bible Studies

Famous Women in Ministry

Tuesday, August 14 • 10 AM • The Activity Room

Guest Speaker: Dr. Marcia Heirman Mervin

Fanny Crosby (pictured at right) is considered the most prolific hymn writer in history, composing more than 8,000 hymns. She was born in 1820 and died just short of her 95th birthday. She also wrote more than 1,000 poems. Her composition, *The Flower Queen*, is the first secular cantata by an American composer. She is known for her mission work and her public speaking.



The calendar below is an effort to keep you informed of the events happening at First Presbyterian Church. For a complete listing of activities, refer to our website at www.firstprez.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 8:30a Worship - Chapel
- 9:45a Sunday School
- 10:45a Session meeting - Parlor
- 11:00a Worship - Sanctuary

TUESDAY, JULY 31

- 7:00p Men's basketball - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 2:00p SALT Reading Group - Room 413
- 6:00p Celebration Choir rehearsal - off campus

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

- 5:30p Worship Committee - Room 416
- 6:00p Small Group Study - Room 228 for girls & the McFadyen home for boys

AUGUST MEETINGS

AUGUST 2

- 5:30p Worship Committee - Room 416

AUGUST 6

- 12:00p Personnel Committee - Room 413
- 6:00p Witness Committee - Room 225

AUGUST 7

- 5:30p Stewardship Committee - Room 203

AUGUST 8

- 5:15p Children's Ministry - Room 207

AUGUST 13

- 6:30p C.E. Committee - Room 207

AUGUST 14

- 4:45p Food Service Committee - Eller Hall

AUGUST 20

- 12:00p Finance Committee - Room 225

AUGUST 21

- 6:00p Joint Meeting of Officers

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministry expands the care First Presbyterian Church can offer the congregation. Your trained **Stephen Ministers** are here to listen when you are struggling with loss, hospitalization, or any event. If you need a **Stephen Minister**, call 483-0121.

Meals that Matter

This ministry delivers meals to members of the church family who need them. Contact Debbie Williams (debbiewilliams954@gmail.com) or 910-988-0974.



Join Us in Prayer

We have established a weekly prayer group where a few of us gather to pray for your concerns that come into the church office. All prayer requests are confidential and safeguarded. If you are passionate about praying for others, call Leslie DeSessa at 910-578-9230. We meet Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

CHILD CARE

Child care is available Sundays for infants, toddlers, twos, and threes during Sunday Services, Wednesday evening ministries, and other occasions as needed. Child care at First Presbyterian is always nurturing. Children explore the truths of God's Word.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Be reminded that Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews. If you, a family member, or a friend has a special need to be remembered in prayer, fill out this request card and drop it in the offering plate. Many things are wrought through prayer, and your church wants to help.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CONCERNS

If you're hospitalized, seriously ill or having surgery... please notify the church office at 483-0121. Your pastors want to minister to you whenever you are ill, and they can do that only if you inform us.

PRAYER TEAMS

Four prayer teams are committed to praying for the concerns of members and friends of First Presbyterian Church – three e-mail prayer chains and one phone chain. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Joy Keys at 483-0121 or e-mail joykeys@firstprez.com.

COLUMBARIUM

First Church is blessed to have a Columbarium, an area reserved for the inurnment of a deceased's cremated remains. Set in the dignified and beautiful surroundings of a garden near the Historical Room, the columbarium is also a place for quiet meditation and prayer. For information about purchasing a niche in the Columbarium or about the "Memorial Wall," contact the Operations Director (483-0121 or joan@firstprez.com).

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers on Sunday, July 22, 2018, were given by Pam and Bill Senter to the glory of God and to honor all those parents and grandparents and other individuals who have been mentors and significant friends for those in need.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of R. Vincent McBryde, Jr. by a special friend.

In Memory of Fannie Thomason by a special friend.

In Memory of Harry F. Shaw by a special friend.

In Memory of Mary Bright Rose by a special friend.

In Memory of Juanita Pearce Musselwhite by a special friend.

In Memory of Leigh P. Stevens by Ann and Buzz Loyd, Ann Rowell, the First Chapter Circle, and special friends.

COMMUNION

**Sunday, August 5
8:30 a.m. service**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the Chapel. All baptized persons are invited to participate.

Information & Directory

Worship Services

Services are held at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Entrances

The main business entrance to the church is now through the double doors under the porte cochere. Other church entrances will be open for Sunday services and other events.

Fellowship

Eller Hall will be the gathering place for fellowship after each service.

Summer Sunday School

(9:45-10:45 a.m.)

Adults

Questers - Dr. Garrett.....Room 203
The class considers the sermon of the day.

G.I.F.T. ClassActivity Room
Studying the Bible in detail.

"Lessons on Lessons: The Parables"

- Bill McFadyen.....Room 405

Fellowship Class.....The Chapel

Covenant ClassRoom 416

Friendship Class.....Room 413

Calvin Class.....Rankin Building

Youth

Middle & High SchoolRoom 228

Applying Christian values to real life.

Begins in Room 228, separates by age.

Children

Preschool Studies.....Room 118

Elementary Studies (K-5)Room 208

Nursery

For infants.....Room 128



NEXT SERMONS

July 29

"Better than Good"

Ruth 2:17-23

August 5

"What Happened That Night"

Ruth 3:1-18

Both by Dr. Mike Garrett

The Two Cents Offering



The fund aids the Fayetteville Urban Ministry and "House of Moses" Crisis Nursery in Lusaka, Zambia. The offering on Sunday, June 24, 2018, was \$431.42. The total to date is \$4,041.94. The next offering is this Sunday, July 29, 2018.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Mission Conference Update



- Come hear the latest from our Mexico Mission teams, Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch, Better Health, and others during the Sunday School Hour. Sessions will run from 9:45–10:10 a.m., and will be repeated from 10:15–10:40 a.m.
 - Following the 11 a.m. service, join us in the Fellowship Hall where representatives from our local mission partners will have tables/booths set up to provide information about their mission and ministries.
 - Hot dogs and ice cream will be served in the Fellowship Hall.
- Charitable and service organizations** that want to set up a display for Mission Conference Update can call the church at 483-0121 or [register online at www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com).

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes this new member, who joined the church on Sunday, July 22, 2018.



Anne M. Evanco

Wednesday, August 15

Summer Potluck Supper

Sign up for summer potluck meals at www.firstprez.com. The next meal is **August 15** beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please bring sides, salads, bread, desserts, even a main dish. The church will provide barbecue pork and chicken. Children eat the potluck meal.

[Sign up at www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com)



CHILDREN'S CORNER



- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** will not be offered during the month of July so children can worship with their families. Children's Church resumes August 5.
- **POOL PARTY** – The Fellowship of Young Adults/Families is planning a pool party on Wednesday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m.. Mark your calendars!

CATCHING UP CONTINUED

bathroom facilities between the Chapel and the Sanctuary. You'll notice a partition in the hallway outside the Chapel as the former church library is converted to a new men's restroom and our existing women's restroom facilities are modernized and enlarged. That means there will be no available women's restroom facilities on the first floor near the Sanctuary for a few weeks so "plan ahead" and be prepared to walk to the nursery/preschool area to find the nearest restroom.

Though July is a quiet time on the church calendar, please know your church staff and many volunteers are hard at work planning a great fall for our congregation. Our strategic

plan is nearing completion and will be introduced this fall. New opportunities for spiritual growth and community involvement are in the works.

Please take advantage of our live streaming broadcast when you are away from worship on Sunday and continue to support our congregation through your prayers and faithful giving. God bless you this summer season!

Sincerely,

Mike

YOUTH NEWS

CRAVE HEADS INTO SUMMER – CRAVE will not meet regularly until September.

SALT Reading Group Picks Up "Love & Salt"

WEDNESDAYS, 2 P.M. · ROOM 413
DR. DONNA FOWLER-MARCHANT



The Seasoned Adults discuss "Love and Salt: A Spiritual Friendship Shared in Letters." When Amy Andrews and Jessica Mesman Griffith met in a writing workshop, they discovered their common commitment to writing on faith. This friendship was expressed in the letters they wrote. The

[Goodreads website](http://www.goodreads.com) is a great place to shop for this book.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

1 Susannah Atkinson	8 Crawford MacKethan, Jr.	16 Donald Wherren	23 Terry Sasser
1 Bella Gutierrez	9 Claire Galt	17 Skyler Campbell	23 James Stewart
2 Alex Hammill	10 Andy Napoli	17 Matthew Spartzak	24 Steve Horosko, III
2 Alan Ray	10 Grant Stiles, III	18 Donna Fowler-Marchant	24 Clayton Kaminska, Jr.
3 Brooke Deaton	11 Chris Megill	18 Julia McFadyen	27 Art Bisbee
3 Bowen McRainey, III	11 Brad Richter	19 Bill Hathaway	27 Randa Dunn
3 Tad Prewitt	12 David Allred	19 Jackson McBryde	27 Lilly MacKethan
4 Shirley Stevens	12 Kyle Bisbee	20 Mary Beth McCoy	28 Ashley Bryan
4 Amanda Viverette	12 Jordan Brown	20 Terry Plummer	28 Bruce Carlton, Jr.
5 Pamela Chan	12 Anne Oliver	20 Austin Taylor	28 Vicki Kelly
5 David Datkuliak	12 Richard Sneed, Jr.	21 Chris Aul	29 Tyler Blue
5 Madison Spivey	14 Buddy Wilkins	21 Roger Holmes	30 Shannon Strong
6 Will Cotty	14 Joshua Wright	21 Gerald Montero	31 Dilia Allen
7 Chris Foster	15 Al Cromartie, II	22 Marilyn Britt	31 Beverly Stewart
7 Pat McNeill	16 Sandra Herndon	22 Mary Kelly Butler	
7 Harvey Oliver, Jr.	16 Lauren Holmes	22 Amanda Holmes	
7 Pam Senter	16 Sean Kelly	23 Kelly Baileys	

Fellowship Group of Young Adults/Families

Back to School Pool & Pizza Party

Wednesday, August 22nd • 5:30-8:30 PM

The party will be held at the Woodmen of the World pool, 414 East Mountain Drive, Fayetteville 28305

RSVP! [Please sign up at www.firstprez.com](http://www.firstprez.com) (Children's Ministry/Adult Ministry sections, or the event) to bring one of the following: plates/napkins/cups, drinks, fruit/veggies, or dessert. All are welcome but everyone must sign up by **Monday, August 20** for a head count for the lifeguards.

- Donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of the event.
- Rain date will be August 29, same time.

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Leon & Jacky Dorleans: Haiti

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George & Gail McBane: Pakistan

Bill & Nancy Warlick: At-Large

Ted & Sue Wright: Southern Africa

Don & Marta Wehmeyer: Merida, Mexico

Alan & Ellen Smith: Russia

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 12

Mission Update: Find out about First Presbyterian's local and global missions, followed by a hot dog and ice cream social after the Sunday service.

September 3

Labor Day holiday. The church office is closed.

September 9

Rally Day marks the start of a new Christian education season.

September 12

Wednesday Together resumes with meals and classes.

October 6-7

The Calvin Lectures welcome Dr. James K.A. Smith, writer and professor of philosophy.



PRESBYTERY NEWS

Fun Day – The Presbytery Committee for African American Ministries (CAAM) is sponsoring a Saturday of fun and worship at Spout Springs Presbyterian Church on August 11. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the event concludes at 4 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Wilber Brower on “Keep the Faith & Move Forward.” Activities for all ages are planned at the church, located on N.C. 24 near N.C. 87 north of Fayetteville. **Note:** CAAM is also sponsoring a youth event and talent show on July 29th in Rowland. [See the presbytery website for more.](#)

Walk for Grant Money – Join Partners in Health and Wholeness for the North Carolina 100-Mile Challenge. You can walk around your neighborhood, hike at a state park, run at a city park, or bike. Every congregation with a minimum of 10 people who each complete 100 miles will be

eligible to receive a \$1,000 grant to be used for their health and wellness ministry. Find details at ncchurches.org/2018/06/1-church-10-people-100-miles-1000/.

Presbytery Youth Council – Young people and leaders are still needed to apply to serve on the council for the 2018-19 term. Learn more at presbycc.org/presbytery-committees/youth-pyc/.

2018 General Assembly – You can read highlights of the General Assembly (June 15-23) on the presbytery's website at presbycc.org/2018-general-assembly-report/.

Panthersford Presbyterian Church (Red Springs) invites sponsors and guests for their 150th Anniversary, October 27th and 28th, 2018.

Find more information at presbycc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Panthersford150thChurch-Anniversary.pdf (Ed. note: The misspelling of Pantherford in the web address is correct).

All-Girls Slumber Party – The PW of the presbytery is sponsoring “God’s Girls in Pearls” slumber party on August 17-18 at Beulaville Presbyterian Church. The event is for girls 6th-12th grade plus leaders. Please RSVP by Aug. 11. [Get the registration information here.](#)

All-Guys Overnight – This free event on September 15-16 is for guys 6th-12th grade plus adult leaders. Please RSVP (not yet available) by September 5th.

