COME JOIN US FOR A CONGREGATIONAL KICK-OFF LUNCHEON!

2016 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Learn about the updates and improvements currently happening around the church and find out how you can support this work.

Sunday, April 10  12:00 in Calvin Hall

Catered by Sweet Basil of Greensboro  Nursery provided

We hope you will join us to learn about this exciting and challenging opportunity for the ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

RSVP to the church by Sunday, April 3  336-228-1703 or reception@fpcburlington.org
Adult VBS Speaker
June 20 - June 22, 2016
6:30 p.m. in Williams Chapel

*Reflections on Forgiveness*

Though forgiveness is central to the Christian life, we often think of it in personal terms, neglecting its broader dimensions as a spiritual gift and a ministry. In “Reflections on Forgiveness” we’ll explore biblical texts which have shaped popular thinking on forgiveness (occasionally in unfortunate ways), refract these texts through the lens of the Incarnation, and suggest ways thoughtful Christians might bring a refreshed perspective to the work of witness in daily life.

Rev. Edgar Moore is a retired pastor in the United Methodist Church, having served congregations in Maryland for nearly thirty years. From 2008-2014 he was on the staff of Duke Divinity School, serving as Director of Educational Programs for the Clergy Health Initiative, working with more than 1,200 United Methodist clergy across North Carolina. He has taught at Duke and at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC, and holds degrees from Lebanon Valley College (B.A.), Duke Divinity School (M.Div.) and The George Washington University (Ph.D.). At FPC Ed served as Interim Head of Staff in the summer of 2009, and has taught a number of adult classes. He and his wife, Mary Gowan, now reside in Harrisonburg, VA, where Mary is Dean of the College of Business at James Madison University.

Young Adults

**NEW Trivia day/time/place**
Wednesday at Mellow Mushroom from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Come early for pizza and to catch up with one another!

**April Faith on Tap**
Tuesday, April 25th 7:00-8:30 p.m. at The Oak House

**Puppy Play Date**
Saturday, April 23rd 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Beth Schmidt Park in Elon

**Hymns and Hops**
Sunday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at The Oak House (for young and young at heart – stay tuned for more details!)

Interested in Finding Out More About FPC?

An *Explore FPC* Luncheon is happening on Sunday, April 24 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time for our guests and visitors to enjoy a free lunch and some time with our program and pastoral staff and members to learn a little bit more about FPC. If you would like to join us, please contact Rev. Lindsay Conrad (228-1703 ext. 215 or lconrad@fpcburlington.org) or call the church office!
Live Video Streaming

Live video streaming for our 11:00 a.m. worship service began on Easter Sunday. You can now watch our worship from anywhere in the world. All you need is your computer and wifi or your smartphone. This will be a great addition to worship for those who are homebound and for all who are on vacation. All worship services are also archived and can be viewed 15 minutes after the end of the service.

Simply visit the FPC webpage (www.fpcburlington.org) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on “Live Streaming” and you will be directed to site where the service can be watched. Live streaming of the service begins at 10:50 a.m.

Women’s Conference

Women’s Connection “Calm the Chaos” at Montreat Conference Center August 12-14, 2016.

The 2016 Women’s Connection will encourage participants to find grace and renewal through reflection, rest, and community. Scripture passages that will bring our theme into focus include Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 30:15, and Matthew 8:23-27. Conference activities will include worship, fellowship, recreation, rest, and workshops. Workshops may include yoga, hiking, spiritual direction, grief, widow support, addiction and recovery, and crafts. Montreat will host Momastery at Montreat: An Evening with Glennon Doyle Melton on Saturday evening. We already have a few ladies signed up to attend. If you’d like to attend, you can sign up online at http://www.montreat.org/women/. This is for women of all ages! Please let Charlotte Allbright know you plan to attend. Childcare is available at a minimal fee! Check out the Montreat website for more details.

“Memories Under the Steeple”

Following the passing of Rev. Archibald Currie, Rev. Malcolm McGilvery Shields became the first full-time minister in 1895. Rev. Shields assigned two Elders to each of the town’s four districts in order to “more efficiently carry out the duties to the congregation”. In those years, Elders routinely made house calls to visit with and check on the needs of members. Following Dr. Shields, came Dr. Marshall Doggett in 1897, Rev. Oliver Jones in 1900, and Rev. Milton Arrowood in 1902. During Dr. Arrowood’s pastorate, the church was wired for electricity (between 1902 and 1905). Session minutes for 4/23/1897 showed how much the church had grown: communicants on roll =160, adult baptisms = 30, infant baptisms = 7, number of children in “Sabbath School” = 225, foreign missions = $ 17, invalid fund = $ 10, orphans’ home = $ 69.65; congregational expenses = $ 189.19.
Find the Alleluia!

We still have hidden Alleluias around the church campus. Children created “Alleluia Crosses” during the Lenten Workshops and hid them around the church campus. If you find the Alleluia, please take it home with you as a reminder that Christ is Risen!

Lunch with the Staff

All residents of Twin Lakes are invited to join your FPC Staff for lunch at noon on April 13 in The Terrace at Twin Lakes.

All residents of the Village at Brookwood are invited to join your FPC Staff for lunch at noon on April 14. You are invited to serve your lunch and then meet us in the Private Dining Room.

Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Witherspoon Room, Crossroads will offer the nationally recognized “Darkness 2 Light” training. This 2 hour training empowers adults to learn how to recognize and respond to child sexual abuse. 1 in 10 children are sexually abused and over 90% of them know their abuser. To find out more www.d2l.org and www.CrossRoadsCares.org. This training is recommended for all community members who interact with children. There is a $10 fee for the course material.

Herb Festival 2016

The 19th annual Women's Resource Center's Herb Festival will take place April 21-23 in Calvin Hall. High quality annuals, perennials, heirloom tomatoes and vegetables, plus, of course, a wide variety of wonderful herbs will be for sale. Master gardeners will be available to help answer your gardening questions. Thursday the 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. will be a member's only preview event; Friday the 22nd is open to everyone from 8:30 to 7:00 and Saturday the 23rd from 8:30 to 3:00. Come support one of our local missions; free admission!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers – Come to the kick-off meeting on Thursday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Witherspoon. Food and childcare provided! Contact Sarah Vincent or Nicole Wurl if you cannot attend. Register online http://www.fpcburlington.org/vacation-bible-school/

VBS 2016
Surf Shack
Please join us for Presbyterian Women circle meetings. All women are welcome.

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LENTEN WORKSHOP
Reflections from Willy Fisher on the Exchange and Hosting

I hope this finds everyone off to a great start to the week. While it is fresh on my mind and my heart, I wanted to share something with you all. Saying goodbye to Cecilia this morning before taking Nevy and Nora to school was MUCH more difficult/heart felt than I ever would have imagined. You see, like you, our family goes 100 mph through the week. With Jill’s unwavering focus and logistical talents, adding an extra member of the family worked (All on this email know that my wife is a force of nature and there is no way I could have done it alone).

Last night, as I tucked Nevy into bed, she told me that she was going to miss Cecilia. Nevy and Nora both didn’t “warm up” like we thought, but we didn’t realize that she, and us, were being changed for the better through this whole process though there wasn’t a ton of verbal communication. We were learning by watching her through the experience. The beauty of understanding different cultures and making the world a little bit smaller for our family really came together at our moment of “goodbye.” Tears, hugs, and genuine love. Here is a young girl, who will forever be in our hearts, and we will always be pulling for her, and praying for her. I’m sure she would say the same for us. That’s just awesome.

I find myself in such a good place. I tell you all this because I felt hosting would be more “survival” then anything. But it wasn’t. Our family, our church family, and our hearts are better because of it. Amen.

Thanks from Miryam

This is a note of thanks from Miryam, our exchange teacher from Peru. It reads:

"I want to thank the pastor, the church, and those who made our trip to North Carolina possible.

My thanks to:
Phil and Carolyn Langley
Phil and Melissa Allen
Dick and Linda Fisher
Pastor Lindsay and Veronica Allen
The people of God are in all the world. God bless you all. I will share everything in Moyobamba, especially Annie Soper School. Blessings. Many thanks."
I AM FPC YOUTH 2015-16

http://fpcbyouth.shutterfly.com
Password: FPCYouth

Youth Sunday Worship and Confirmation Celebration

May 1st @ 8:30 and 11 am
We look forward to our youth leading us in worship and welcoming the 2016 confirmands as new members of FPC!!

Graduating in 2016?!

Please submit the following information no later than Thursday, May 12th to be featured in the First Press Graduate Page in June:
- Name of Student:
- School:
- Degree:
- Known Plans after Graduation:
- FPC Memory, Bible Verse, or Inspirational Quote:

Deadline for Information to be included in June Grad Edition is May 12 to Elizabeth Bailey (jbailey15@triad.rr.com). Any information turned in after can be included in the July newsletter.

A Word of Appreciation

Perhaps my letter said all it needed to but I can’t express enough how appreciative I am of the many affirming notes, calls, and comments you all have passed on to me over the last several weeks.

I continue to be excited about the call to serve as Head of Staff at FPC Lynchburg and look forward to my starting on April 10. Leaving this wonderful place and all of you wonderful people is quite possibly one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. I trust this will not be good bye and only a see you later. Thank you all again, and not just for everything you have done, but for who you are. My life is more complete now having known you all and I thank God for the many opportunities we have had to “do” ministry together.

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith,

Pastor Pete
Furniture Ministry Sets a New Record for Volunteers

Saturday, March 12 was a banner day for the Furniture Ministry: 58 volunteers were on hand for the monthly workday—30 church members and 28 members of Elon University’s Kappa Sigma fraternity! The warehouse was a beehive of activity as folks lifted, loaded and delivered furniture; sorted, washed and packaged new donations; and cleaned items for future delivery. Two pots of coffee were consumed, and Dick Feroe had to go back for more donuts. Tears of happiness and prayers of gratitude greeted our delivery teams. Fifteen families, many of whom had virtually nothing prior to our visit, went to bed much happier that night.

Our list of Furniture Ministry partners continues to grow. Many, many thanks to the Lindley family and Industrial Paper Products who are now supplying paper goods and cleaning supplies for our clients. This help is a big boost to the ministry and the clients.

Items needed now: towels, sheets and blankets of all sizes, and furniture of all types.

Elon’s Don’t Trash It Campaign is coming up in May and volunteers will be needed again to sort and take home loads of laundry to wash and fold. Contact Elizabeth Bailey (jbailey15@triad.rr.com) if you are willing to help.

Portraits of Hope

This is an art installment of Allied Churches of Alamance County telling the stories of some of our brothers and sisters on the streets. Our very own Trina Holt was a photographer for this project, so we invite you to come and be moved by the pictures and the stories of God's people.
From John McCall, Our Mission Partner in Taiwan

Thursday, March 3, marked the twentieth anniversary of my arrival in Taiwan. I came here on March 3, 1996 and began a two-year course in Mandarin. I started my life here at Taipei's East Gate Presbyterian Church, so they hosted a thanksgiving service on Thursday evening. We based the service on a song which says, "Christ came singing love, and he lived singing love, he died singing love. He arose in silence. For the love to go on, we must make it our song. You and I be the singers." The second verse has Christ singing faith, the third, hope, and the fourth peace. So four different people shared about living love, faith, hope, and peace. I then shared how thankful I am that God called me to Taiwan and how the Christians here have helped me to learn to sing Christ's song. Three choirs sang. One was aboriginal pastors from one of the pastor groups I lead. One choir was the men's choir from East Gate Church. The third choir was the Third year M.Div. students and the aboriginal student fellowship from Taiwan Seminary where I live. There were lots of friends and colleagues from all parts of my life here. It was a good time to be thankful for the warm welcome of the Taiwanese over these twenty years.

I am grateful for your prayers and interest of what God is doing in this land.

Warmest blessings,
John

Serving The Hungry With Allied Churches

Allied Churches (ACAC) has renovated its kitchen and changed the serving procedures. We now have two options for the evening meal: a) Serve the meal (only 4-5 people are needed) and consider making a monetary donation for that meal by a larger group; b) Have a big group buy a catered meal, have it delivered to ACAC and serve that meal (only 4-5 people are needed).

Open dates for an evening meal include May 5, June 2, August 4 and September 1. If you need more information, please see Dick Cannon (analyzepro@yahoo.com) or Lindsay Conrad (lconrad@fpcburlington.org).

Allied Churches is so grateful that FPC has been a partner with them in ministry. As their kitchen has changed, so has their volunteer model. Every volunteer is requested to attend a one hour training to connect with the heart of why and how we serve with Allied Churches. Sign up for a training so you can continue humble service on behalf of our friends and neighbors in crisis. Visit www.volunteeralamance.org and sign up today!
Session Digest

At its Stated Meeting on February 21, 2016, the Session:
◊ Was convened in devotion and prayer offered by Elizabeth Bailey;
◊ Heard a visioning report from the Building and Grounds Committee presented by chair Randy Kerns that highlighted a focus on facility maintenance, the upcoming HVAC project, and the development of cost projections for sustained long-term facility maintenance;
◊ Received a positive financial report from Budget and Finance Committee chair Chan Chandler who indicated healthy monthly surpluses for the church and the CDC and a very small deficit for the Playschool;
◊ Heard a report of planned activities for the semester from Don Grady, Adult Studies Committee chair;
◊ Approved a motion from the Worship and Music Committee to terminate the radio ministry contract with WPCM on May 29, 2016 since worship services will be delivered through live video stream beginning May 27, 2016;
◊ Approved a motion from the Local Missions Committee to support 4th and 5th grade students participation in VBS mission projects including a car wash, backpack preparation, and sandwich lunch/snack preparation for children in need;
◊ Approved a motion to move the first Sunday loose change offering from Meals on Wheels support to our local mission discretionary fund for emergencies involving community members in need;
◊ Received the revised schedule for the celebration of the Lord's Supper from the Sacraments Committee chair Cindy Cothran;
◊ Heard a report on the start of the HVAC construction from Bob Lewis;
◊ Heard a report on the work of the Capital Stewardship Campaign from co-chair Michael Holt;
◊ Approved a request for the Sacrament of Baptism for Liesl Ann Dixon, daughter of Hannah Kerns and Chris Dixon, on Sunday, March 20, 2016;
◊ Heard of the work accomplished at the February 9, 2016 Salem Presbytery Meeting from Dick Cannon and Beth Hooten;
◊ Approved minutes of Called Meetings of Session of previous meetings;
◊ Heard staff reports regarding on-going activities of the church;
◊ Was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Shive.

At its Stated Meeting March 20, 2016, the Session:
◊ Was convened with devotion and prayer offered by Cathy Dusenberry,
◊ Heard a visioning report from the College Committee on the College Ministry program from committee chair Elizabeth Bailey,
◊ Heard an extensive update on the Open Hearts, Open Doors Capital Campaign from co-chair Michael Holt,
◊ Received a very positive financial report for the church, the CDC and Playschool accounts from Budget and Finance Committee chair Chan Chandler,
◊ Approved a speaker for the Adult Studies Enrichment Class,
◊ Approved a proposal from the Local Missions Committee to start a diaper ministry to serve Alamance County,
◊ Approved a motion from the Personnel Committee to change the age of nursery workers from 21 years of age to 18 years of age in the “Guidelines and Policies for Paid Staff and Volunteers in All Nurseries,”
◊ Approved a motion from the Partners in Mission Committee to hold a Mission Market on August 27, 2016,
◊ Approved Elder Commissioners to Salem Presbytery Meetings on April 30, August 9 and November 12, 2016,
◊ Elected Class of 2018 Trustees to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation,
◊ Heard a preliminary report of the APNC process from Pastor Shive,
◊ Approved minutes from previous meetings,
◊ Heard staff reports regarding on-going activities of the church;
◊ Was adjourned in prayer by Pastor Conrad.
HVAC Construction Update

The first phase of HVAC construction began on March 18 and will conclude on April 15. This phase involved the replacement of all HVAC in the lower level west of the 1951 building. This is the area under the church offices. The second phase of construction will begin on Monday, April 25 and will be finished on May 20. This will involve the lower level east of the 1951 building, which are all the classrooms under the sanctuary.

The work will continue in phases until all work in is completed on July 22.

During construction some hallways will be closed and some Sunday School classes temporarily relocated. Posted signs will direct to alternate routes and to temporary classrooms. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Church Finances
February 2016
Financial Statement

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| Expenditures              | $95,313.25 | $109,061.74     | $188,340.10 | $218,123.48 | $1,308,741.00 |
| Net Total                 | $15,436.09 | $109,061.74     | $45,655.87  | $218,123.48 | $1,308,741.00 |

New Diaper Ministry

The Diaper Task Force has been hard at work researching the possibility of a new Diaper Ministry at First Presbyterian Church! Stay on the lookout for more information coming your way and if you are interested in being involved contact Mary Erwin at merwin@triad.rr.com or talk to Lindsay Conrad.

Infant Baptism

Pennies for Hunger

Bring your pennies and help the children of the church fight hunger! The next offering is Sunday, April 10.

This collection was taken on February 7th, following both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship. We raised $1,586.00.

2016 Flower Donations

There are several Sundays open in the coming months if you would like to donate flowers for the worship service in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. May 1, 8, June 5, July 3, 17, 31

Please contact Chancel Guild chair Ron Joyce (hokietull@aol.com) or Kathleen Seagroves in the church office (kseagroves@fpcburlington.org) 228-1703 to reserve one of the above dates or another date later in the year. Cost is $125 and checks should be made payable to the church.