



First Presbyterian Church

UPDATE/8.28.24

MOUNT HOLLY NC

Hello!

Empty freezers and very few items in the refrigerator—that's what I saw as our team of volunteers delivered Farm Share food boxes in our community earlier this month. Thank you for your contributions to this program via our "Basket Offering" in worship in June.

Children in need of basic clothing and hygiene items—that is who we are helping with our August "Basket Offering" which is for "The Least of These" - a foster care support organization. This offering totaled \$370.00.

School supplies for children in elementary school—this was another way that we have reached out to provide for those in need.

Your generosity in caring and in giving to these and many other ministries is a true hallmark of our faith and our mission. Thank you!

Blessings,
Janet

Donut Sunday—Sept. 1

Join us for worship at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, donuts, and worship around the table. Come a few minutes early if you like for a chance to visit with one another!

Thoughtful Thursday, Sept. 26 6:00—7:30 "Faith and Politics"

All are invited to join in this gathering for a meal and respectful conversation about faith and politics. Resources will be presented from PC(USA) materials: What did John Calvin say about this? What about separation of church and state? What is "Christian Nationalism?" How does the Bible inform our understanding of this topic?

We begin with a simple dinner. If you have not yet provided a meal and would like to, please let Janet know.

Outdoor Service Sept. 29 at 10:00

Weather permitting, we look forward to worshipping on the lawn! Bring your own chair if you're able. Others will be provided!

Music Ministries - Fall 2024

Praise and Music is joyfully alive at FPC! Choir and Handbells will be busy providing exciting and worship-worthy expressions of praise to our Creator. Newcomers are always welcome!!

Upcoming Rehearsal Dates and Times

Choir: 6:30 on Wednesdays, 9/4, 9/18, & 10/2, 10/16, 10/23.

Handbells: 5:30 on Wednesdays 10/16 & 10/23.



Heritage/Birthday Luncheon September 22, after worship

Plan on coming for lunch and to celebrate everyone's birthday with a great assortment of cakes!

We will also celebrate our heritage as part of the visioning process that our "Balcony Team" is working on.

Mark your calendars!

Session Highlights 8/11/24

- Received an update on the Balcony Team initiative. A report will be shared with the congregation at the Birthday/Heritage Luncheon on September 22 after worship.
- Approved hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on September 30, 2-6 pm.
- Approved the revised projection plan for the sanctuary, removing the failing projectors and screens, and hard wiring TV monitors to the sound booth computer.
- Received a report from Buildings and Grounds that the slate roof has been successfully repaired.
- Received and celebrated the reports of ALL of our hard-working committees!

Red Cross Blood Drive 9/30

Our church is pleased to host a Red Cross Blood Drive to take place in our Fellowship Hall on September 30, between 2:00—6:00. The goal is to collect 18 critically needed units.

Please consider donating yourself and/or spread the word to a friend. Maybe form a group and come together. There is an incentive provided by the Red Cross of a \$15 e-gift card as well.

Church volunteers will be needed to help with set-up, check-in and to provide a snack for donors. Watch for more details to come. Contact Carol Davis or Susan Nalley for more info.

Invite a friend on Oct. 6!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

Emily Massey	1
Bryson Lockridge	2
Owen Lockridge	2
Steve Pierce	3
Dennis Faith	5
Stephanie Wells Gibson	15
Kim Clark	17
Stefanie Faith	25
Karen Jones	28



The Pumpkins are Coming!

Mark your calendars—boxes of all shapes and sizes of pumpkins will arrive on Friday, September 20, time tba—we will send out a call when we know they are on the way.

It's always a good time setting up our annual Pumpkin Patch and all helpers are greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your support

Thank you for your faithful giving for our mission and ministry at First Presbyterian!

