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Celebrate Gifts of the Spirit

The first Sunday in June is the Day of Pentecost, commemoration of God's sending the Holy Spirit upon the first believers, sometimes conceived as the birthday of the church. Cowed friends of Jesus found themselves filled with power and courage. Peter, who had betrayed Jesus, proclaimed Christ to a multitude. Many believed, repented of sin, and committed themselves to the way of Jesus Christ. As the book of Acts tells us, "Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." It is only because of the gift of God's Spirit that we can do what God calls us to do and achieve anything that will be pleasing and useful to God.

On the Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, we will be ordaining and installing elders for the Session's Class of 2020: Carole Pickett and Scott Zanotti, to be ordained and installed, and Harriet Gilbert, David Parker, Susan Sharp, and Jim Tarman to be installed after having been previously ordained and installed. We are grateful for their openness to God's call and for their willingness to use gifts God has given them in service and leadership.

We thank members of the Session's Class of 2017 - Lamar Austin, John Childress, Joy Morrison, David Parker, Jane Tarman, and Lew Wilson - for their service and leadership over these past three years. We hope that after a period of stepping back from this particular duty they will feel the call again. Meanwhile, God has plenty for all of us to do as we lift our eyes from our own personal concerns and from concern only for our own to a community and a world that need to know God's love.

Steve

Preparation for Worship

June 4

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: "Spiritual Power"

June 11

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: "Why We Do What We Do"

The Ordination and Installation of Elders

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

June 18

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Steve Scott Preaching

Sermon: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

June 25

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 17-17

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Matthew 10:24-39

Wes Pitts Preaching

Sermon: "When Scripture Gets Hard"



Creation

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Youth Ministry



Year End Party

666 Normandy Road, Mooresville

June 3, 4—7pm

Meet at FPC @ 3:30 to carpool

Youth Calendar

June 3 — Year end party

June 18-24—Youth Mission Trip

June 25-30 — Montreat Worship & Music

July 7 — Mid-Summer Pool Party (Details TBD)

Vacation Bible School





2017-2018 Preschool Registration

We are currently registering for the 2017-2018 school year. We have just a few spots left, so if you or someone you know is interested in registering, please contact Falon Speaks at (704.873.9054 or preschool@fpcstatesville.org). Registration forms are available in the church office, preschool office, and on our website.



Congratulations to Harper Speaks who graduated from FPC Preschool on May 26. We hope you have a wonderful summer. Good luck in the Dual Immersion program at East Elementary next year! We are very proud of you!



Thank you to everyone who came to our Ice Cream Social last month.



Our four year old classes visited Lazy Five Ranch in May. We saw, fed, and petted numerous species of wild animals in a natural setting, and took a wonderful horse-drawn wagon ride around the ranch. We also spent some time together in the petting zoo and playground area.



Our four year old class took their annual umbrella walk downtown last month for the letter Uu.



Thank you Mr. Wes for a wonderful year of chapel with our 4 year old classes. We learned so much from you and enjoyed our special time with you every Monday.

Our three year old classes visited Patterson Farm in May. We went on their Strawberry Patch Tour which included watching the Strawberry Patch Theater puppet show, feeding barnyard animals, planting green beans, riding on a tractor-pulled wagon, and picking our own strawberries. We had a wonderful time!



Playground News

For several years, the church playground has been deteriorating—wood is splintering, nails are falling out, and plastic is breaking. In order to provide a high quality and safe play space for our preschool and community, the session has approved the expenditure of funds for a new playground. The current structure will be torn down between June 3—June 17, the new structure will be installed July 10.

Demo Dates—We'd love your help!
June 3 and 17, 9am—12pm

Out with the old...



...and in with the new.



Music Notes

Montreat Worship and Music Conference Week 2, June 25-30

Final payment is due June 15 for registered conferees. Please check your email for amount of remaining balance. You may leave your check marked "Montreat Worship and Music" in Melody's box in the church office.

Handbell Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesdays (5:45-6:45 p.m.).

Please arrive at 5:45 to unpack bells;

rehearsal will begin at 6:00 p.m.

June 4 — Play in worship

Ringers are needed! Please consider joining handbell choir. If you are interested but uncertain if this is for you, please contact Melody. Here is a list of requirements:

Read basic music rhythms, or not – help and training are given in rehearsal

Ring two handbells – one for each hand

Read two notes on the staff – pencils and

highlighter pens are encouraged

Attend weekly rehearsal

Bring a joyful spirit – this is fun group

Sanctuary Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesdays (7:00-8:15 p.m.)

No rehearsal on July 5, July 12, and July 19.

Thank you to the **Cherub, Junior, and Youth Choirs** and parents for a wonderful year of worship through song! Your voices add joy and excitement which only you can give. Thank you parents for your dedication in seeing to it that your children and youth are at rehearsals and present in worship to sing! Each year I am amazed at the growth these choirs make. In the fall, the new Cherubs arrive, some a bit unsure of pitch and practice. By the spring, most are singing on pitch and learning so much from the group as a whole! The Juniors amaze me with their maturity in musicianship and voice. Then the Youth Choir blows me away singing three and four part harmony with such beauty in tone and heart. It is a privilege and blessing to me to have the joy of leading these beautiful spirits in word and song! Thank you with my whole heart!

— Melody

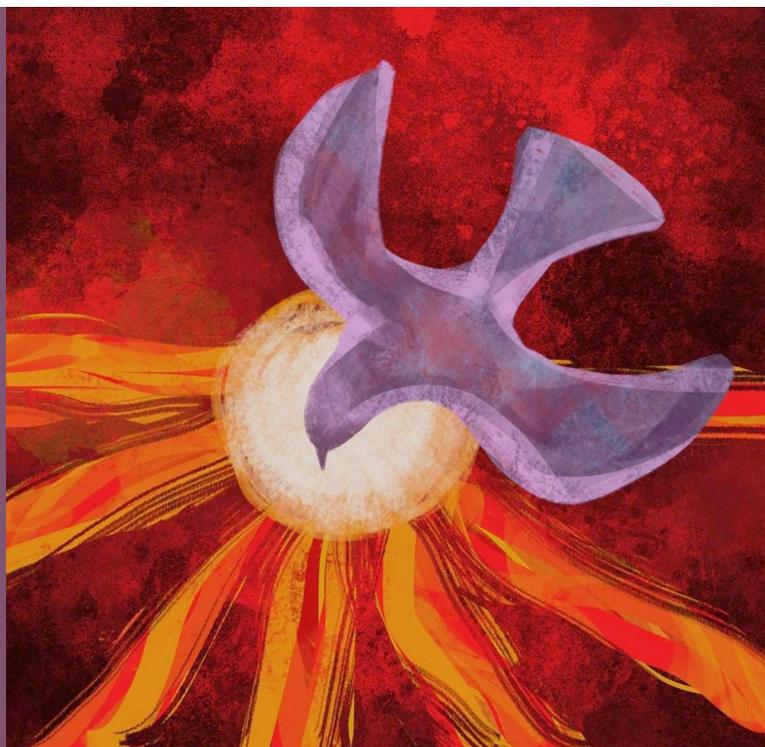
Music in June

June 4 ~ Day of Pentecost
Veni Sancte Spiritus
by Taizé

June 11 ~ Trinity Sunday
Holy, Holy, Holy
by Schubert

June 18 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stayed on Jesus
arranged by Youngblood

June 25 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Like as a Father" (Psalm 103:13)
by Cherubini





The Grand Sweep will begin reading and discussing the New Testament portion of our year long journey through the Bible on June 28. Any who would like to join for a read through of the New Testament is encouraged to come! See Wes for more details.

Family Movie Night will take a brief hiatus for June and July. Check back in August for more fun monthly movies!



water into wine

June 5
6:30 p.m.
Wine Maestro

Open to those interested in frank conversation about faith.

Facilitated by Wes Pitts, Carrilea Potter Hall and Justin Cox



Congratulations to the Class of 2017

Violet Beaty is graduating from South Iredell High School and will be attending The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall. Proud parents are Thomas and Melody Beaty.

Andy Bell graduated from North Carolina State University. Proud parents are Tim and Ashley Bell

John Gilbert IV graduated from McCallie School and will be attending Appalachian State University. Proud parents are John and Anna Gilbert.

Catherine King graduated from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Proud parents are Jack and Carol King.

Matthew Jones graduated from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Proud parents are David and Rebecca Jones.

Matthew McBane graduated from High Point University. Proud parents are Bill and Lisa McBane.

Nathan McElwee graduated from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Proud parents are Nate and Shelly McElwee.

Annie Shippee is graduating from South Iredell High School and will be attending The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the fall. Proud parents are David and Melanie Shippee.

Luke Scott is graduating from Statesville High School and will be attending Western Carolina University. Proud parents are Rhyne and Ginny Scott.

*Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth—teach it to me— because you are
the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long.
— Psalm 25:4-5*

Mission Ministry



Habitat for Humanity will begin another house on Partnership Way in June and FPC has agreed to provide 12-14 volunteers for Saturday, June 10. We will build porch beams and gable trusses. Child care will be provided beginning at 7:30 a.m.

for the children of parents who wish to participate. Please see Lamar Austin or Lew Wilson to sign up.

Fifth Street on June 27

FPC will cook and serve the residents of Fifth Street Ministries on Tuesday, May 23. Cooks need to arrive by 3:00 p.m. and servers need to arrive by 5:00 p.m. Please call Susan Hollingsworth (704.872.4689) for more information.

International Mission Opportunities

The Salem Presbytery Mission Committee is planning one construction and four medical trips to Chiapas, Mexico. The date for the construction trip is July 8-16. Dates for the medical trips are September 30-October 8, October 7-15, January 27-February 4, 2018, and February 3-11, 2018.

These trips are well organized and led by experienced leaders. Passports are required. Please see Lew Wilson for details and an application.



Communication Ministry



We have been looking at ways to improve communications at FPC and have decided to try One Call Now, a "simple, affordable broadcast messaging" system used by many other churches. This company provides phone, text, and email notification for groups of any size. It allows for whole church communications as well as specific groups – and there is an opt-out-feature. It is web-based and has no hardware. Cheryl is in the process of getting this set up. There will be more information to follow! Visit their website to learn more: www.onecallnow.com.

Congregational News

Congratulations to Caroline Speaks and Eric Ciamparella, who were married May 6 at FPC. Parents of the bride are Rodger and Ann Speaks; grandparents are A.J. and Jerry Barbee.

Sympathy: We share the hope we have in the Risen Christ with the family of Roy Martin, who died May 3, in Statesville.

Leroy B. Martin III
February 28, 1943
May 3, 2017
"I am the resurrection and the life"

... and with Carol King and family in the death of her mother, Edna O'Neal Elliott, on May 20, in Statesville.

Session 2016-2017

Stephen W. Scott
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David Parker
Clerk of Session
John Gilbert, III
Advisory Council

Class of 2019
James Cartner, Jr.
John Gilbert, III
Jane Lentz
Bill Long
Joan Scott
Ann Speaks

Class of 2018
Toni Conger
Sarah Davis
John Downs
Sloan Goforth
Sandra Milholland
Dick Sears

Class of 2020
Harriet Gilbert
David Parker
Carole Pickett
Susan Sharp
Jim Tarman
Scott Zanotti

Memorials

Memorial Fund

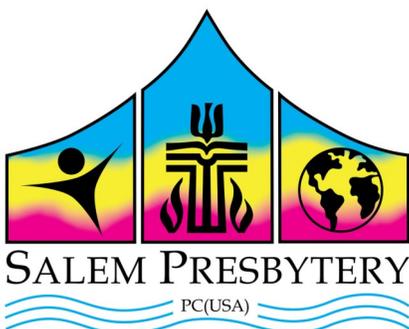
In memory of Tom Allison
... Ann Glenn
... Tammy and David Pressly
... Jim and Beth Webb
In memory of Roy Martin
... Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adden
... James and Susan Nash
... Corinna Rouse
... Thomas Rouse
... Mr. and Mrs. James M. Simons
... Lew and Patricia Wilson

McGuffin Music Fund

In memory of Tom Allison
... Rebecca Dickerson

One Great Hour of Sharing

In memory of Marian Folke
... Rebecca Dickerson



Salem Presbytery to Meet at FPC

First Presbyterian Church is hosting Salem Presbytery on Saturday, August 12. Several of FPC choirs will sing (choir members and parents of young choir members are asked to put this date on their calendar). Volunteers are needed to help. Please see any staff member to get involved!

God Is at Work in Haiti

I went to Haiti to explore a possible mission partnership for us. I went to prove to myself I could still do something like that, but there was more. I have adapted a sermon I preached the Sunday after I returned to share something of the experience.

We arrived in Port-au-Prince to find ourselves pressed by crowds in the airport and dozens of men who wanted to take our bags for us. Fortunately I was with old hands who knew what to do. A service had been engaged to pick us up, so we got into a nice air conditioned van that could accommodate our whole group. The traffic was terrifying. There were lots of cars and motorcycles, weaving in and out, one driver passing another, playing chicken with oncoming traffic. I never saw a traffic light, but somehow it worked. We stayed at a hotel the first night, and on our second day headed for the terminal for the ferry we took to the island of La Gonâve, a two-hour ride. We stayed at St. Francis Church (*Paroisse St. François*), an Episcopal church in the island's largest city, Anse-à-Galets. There was no air conditioning, and this is in the tropics. We stayed sticky. With windows open on all sides, trying to get to sleep under mosquito nets, I heard loud basketball until eleven or so, then motorcycles, music blaring from passing vehicles, barking dogs, and roosters crowing from about four onward.



On our first full day there we were supposed to go to a distant clinic, a ride up into the mountains, but because of rain, they chose another that wasn't as far away. In the back of a Toyota Land Cruiser, we had a bumpy, a bone-jarring ride up and back, but I had been impressed by the clinic and church there.

On Sunday we worshiped at the church where we were staying, with the service set to begin at seven, though it didn't really get underway until a

little afterward. Haitian time, I was told. Seven o'clock worship would, I think, tend to tamp down attendance here. Acolytes swung censers of incense, we sang "Thine Is the Glory," the youth choir sang, a leader delivered the equivalent of a Minute for Mission devoted to stewardship – sacrifice was the theme – and we heard a sermon about doubting Thomas, delivered in French. I could just pick out some words and phrases here and there: *Thomas* (pronounced *To-MAH*) for Thomas, *doute* for doubt, *foi* for faith. Thanks to the lectionary, churches all over Christendom were reading and hearing the same story. The last hymn was "Power in the Blood." The service lasted two hours. They feel no anxiety about the clock there.

On Monday we ate breakfast early in time to be present for the school assembly, again, at seven o'clock. It was cloudy, and rain was threatening – it



did start to rain hard later. They had considered calling school off that day because it was cool – I saw a girl bundled up in a sweater with a hood for the seventy-five

degree temperature – and because when it's so cloudy, the classrooms are dark.

Americans who go down there sometimes make the mistake of thinking we always know better than people who live there what they need. In one community people were saying they wanted a church when Americans were thinking what they needed was health care and education – when they got a church, it became center for community life. They said they wanted a clinic when what they were really asking for was health care. In one community where a partnership church was supporting a school, parents said, with some eloquence, we are grateful for what our children are learning; we want to learn too. The room erupted with applause, and the translator was overcome by emotion. There are thriving adult literacy programs there too.

God Is at Work in Haiti

I decided to be alert for things that moved me, that brought a tear to my eye, and there were moments like that. I thought of how Frederick Buechner writes about it:

You never know what may cause tears. The sight of the Atlantic Ocean can do it, or a piece of music, or a face you've never seen before. A pair of somebody's old shoes can do it. Almost any movie made before the great sadness that came over the world after the Second World War, a horse cantering across a meadow, the high-school basketball team running out onto the gym floor at the start of a game. You can never be sure. But of this you can be sure. Whenever you find tears in your eyes, especially unexpected tears, it is well to pay the closest attention.

They are not only telling you something about the secret of who you are, but more often than not God is speaking to you through them of the mystery of where you have come from and is summoning you to where, if your soul is to be saved, you should go to next.

Elsewhere he says it this way: "Pay attention to the things that bring a tear to your eye or a lump in your throat because they are signs the holy is drawing near."

So I tried to stay aware of moments when I felt moved, and they came:

- There was the procession of people going forward for communion, a mother ahead of me holding her baby while she took the sacrament, the priest blessing the baby, making the sign of the cross on her forehead.
- There was the blind woman, led by the hand by a boy. She wanted prayers for healing from every person she met. I felt as though I had stepped into the pages of the New Testament.
- There was the primary school English class, led by high schoolers, who had them singing the same head and shoulders, knees and toes song our granddaughter Ellie was taught as she was learning English.
- There were the fluoride treatments we administered to the children, five hundred or so

– I hadn't had such intimate contact with my own children since they were three. It represented a kind of care we take for granted for our children.

- There was the young man from a remote highland village – another bone-jarring two-hour ride away – who had to go to the hospital in the big town because he had contracted what turned out to be anthrax. As we had ridden together in close quarters, jostled against each other, that got my attention. People who work in agriculture can get exposed to the spores in the soil. The young man kept goats. He spoke halting English, more than I would have guessed. He said he loved us and wanted to come live with us.
- There was the school lunch cooked outdoors over open fire, great metal bowls of rice served to each child, the dishes being washed in tepid water out of the faucet right there.
- There was the prayer they offer and we offer every day for daily bread, which we take for granted, and the people of La Gonâve do not.

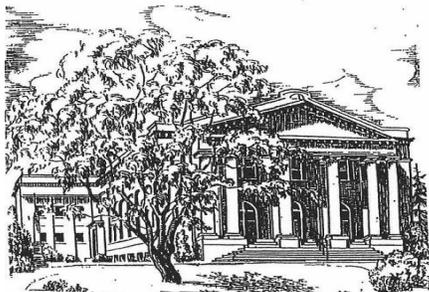
I counted the days until I would get home to Laurie, to a comfortable bed, a hot shower, and air conditioning. Now I have realized I want to go back. I must have left some part of myself there.

I thank the Session and congregation for making the experience possible for me. My reason for going was to explore the possibility of a mission relationship for us. I hope our Mission Ministry will consider ways of participating (we have discussed preparing birth kits to send for midwives' use) and look toward the possibility of a partnership.



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June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 Playground Deconstruction
4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Youth End of Year Celebration	5 6:30 Water into Wine 9:00 Men's Softball	6	7 9:30 Piecemakers 10:00 Staff/Prayers 12:15 Grand Sweep 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	8	9	10 7:00 Habitat for Humanity Workday
11 9:45 Sunday School 10:40 Session 11:00 Worship and Ordination and Installation of Elders	12 7:00 Session	13 5:30 CE Ministry	14 9:30 Piecemakers 10:00 Staff/Prayers 12:15 Grand Sweep 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	15 6:30 Clinkers	16	17
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25 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	26 6:00 Support Ministry	27 3:00 Fifth Street Team	28 9:30 Piecemakers 10:00 Staff/Prayers 12:15 Grand Sweep 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	29	30	

June Responsibilities

Elders on Call:

Ann Speaks

Sanctuary Guild:

Kathy Carpenter, Joy Morrison

Open/Close the Church:

Nate McElwee

Nursery:

June 4 Katie Long, Susan Deal, Christina Zanotti

June 11 Teresa Kutteh, Kim Austin, Susie Goforth

June 18 Jill Gillis, Kortney Kappel, Audrey Thomas

June 25 Janice Searcy, Don Searcy, Lauren Oliphant

Ushers:

June 4 Matt Austin, Nate McElwee,
Richard Hanson, Donnie Haynes,
Clay Speaks, Brody Petree

June 11 Roy Morrison, Hewitt Linyard,
George Moody, Nate Neely, Libby
Weaver, Lew Wilson, William Bush

June 18 Brian Long, Rudy Davis, Sarah Davis,
Carey Parker, Rodger Speaks,
Julian West, Isaac Kauffman

June 25 Jim Pickett, Beth Davidson,
Jeff Hartmann, Steve Hartzog,
David Rothwell, Aiden Zanotti

June Birthdays



2	Emeline Gilbert	13	Lynda Sloan
3	Whitney Pitt		Calvin Alexander
4	Caroline Bramley	15	Amanda Downs
	Julie Caudle	16	Hanna Kutteh
5	Rhyne Scott	17	David Abernathy
	William Cooper		William Bundy
	Troutman	18	Chad Collins
6	Carly Benbow	20	Ann L. Brady
7	Judy Edwards	23	Emily Nicholson
	Martha Fowler		Matt Austin
10	Star Abernathy	24	Linnie Abernathy
	Elizabeth Cannon	26	Sara Nicholson
	Bill Tarman		Champ Land
	James Snyder		Mary Sanders
11	L.S. Gilliam, Jr.	27	Bill Onsrud
12	Jane Lentz	28	Joy Morrison
	Edmond Pendrich	30	Tim Bell

If you do not see your birthday listed above, be sure to let the office know the special day!