



# *Ye Fourth Creek Journal*

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the First Presbyterian Church in Statesville

November,  
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## The Pastor's Pen

I remember one of the Thanksgivings when I did not return home to be with family, while I lived in Virginia. I accepted an invitation to join a minister-friend's wife and him at his family's table. The meal took place at his parents' house; present were his parents, his wife's grandparents, his brother and his brother's girlfriend, a family of ministry colleagues from Korea, and me. I asked what I could offer, and they told me to bring my homemade cranberry sauce.

We were twelve people sitting at the table in a dining room that easily and comfortably accommodated us. We each shared stories about things for which we were thankful. We ate well. We laughed. I learned some Korean words (of which I remember none, much now [I'm sure] to Dr. Lee's dismay). Though we were from different families and spanned four generations, for that moment, we were one.

You know, this is what church looks like. Real church. This is the real kind of church where the bounty of food nearly matches the abundance of love and hospitality. A person can bring runny cranberry sauce (we had to use a slotted spoon), and it is appreciated for being an attempt. It is the real kind of church that welcomes people of all races and generations to sup together, tell stories, listen to new words, and be thankful. This is the real church Christ calls us to be. Sometimes (long before and since then), I have caught glimpses of the "real church." I can't help but to feel privileged to have been a part of that church on that special, all-American day.

This month, I would like to thank you for being the real church. Not that you (we) always are that... but for the times when you (we) are. I enjoy when we come to the Lord's Table to be with each other and are willing to share Christ's table with strangers from foreign lands or even strangers who may or may not

share your (our) own blood, customs, or traditions. It's in these little moments when we see a glimpse of what heaven must really be. I enjoy these moments, because it gives us something to aim for, and it is something to which I hope we always strive.

As we approach Thanksgiving, ponder how you may experience that heavenly moment—when you catch a glimpse of God. When you have discovered it for the first time or re-experienced it again for an uncounted instance, I pray it will rejuvenate you and inspire you in your Christian walk. It is what keeps me coming back for more—to church, to people, and to the Table.

May your bounty of blessing be forever abundant with love,

(By the way, I never figured out why my cranberry sauce was runny.)

## Our Congregational Leadership

### Session Class of 2024

<b>Catherine Baker</b>	Christian Education
<b>Scarlett Chapman</b>	Missions
<b>Robert Dearman</b>	Worship
<b>Joanne Dodick</b>	Congregational Life: Cong. Care
<b>Robin Downs</b>	Congregational Life: F&F
<b>Scott Stevenson</b>	Property: 4CBG

### Session Class of 2025

<b>Matt Austin</b>	Administration: Personnel
<b>Alan Carpenter</b>	Administration: Communications
<b>John Childress</b>	Missions
<b>Sherry Harris</b>	Worship
<b>Clay Speaks</b>	Missions
<b>Dycie Walton</b>	Christian Education

### Session Class of 2026

<b>Jan Ambrose</b>	Congregational Life: F&F
<b>Sloan Goforth</b>	Finance & Stewardship
<b>Katie Long</b>	Christian Education
<b>Nate McElwee</b>	Congregational Life: Cong. Care
<b>Jim Pickett</b>	Safety
<b>Rev. Jeremy Cannada</b>	Pastor jeremy@fpcstatesville.org M-W: 9am - 5pm Th: by appt.
<b>Dr. Hanna Lee</b>	Director of Music Ministries hannah@fpcstatesville.org M-W: 9am - 12pm, W: 3 - 9pm (choir); Th: by appt. Sun: 3 - 5pm
<b>Mrs. Falon Speaks</b>	Director of the FPC Preschool preschool@fpcstatesville.org M-F: 8:30am - 12:30pm
<b>Mrs. Clare Robinson</b>	Office Manager office@fpcstatesville.org M-W: 9am - 3pm
<b>Ms. LeighAnn Perkins</b>	Financial Secretary leighann@fpcstatesville.org W: 9am - 5pm (appts. encouraged)
<b>Rev. Grant Sharp</b>	Pastor <i>emeritus</i>
<b>Mrs. Harriet Gilbert</b>	Christian Educator <i>emerita</i>

## November Birthdays

1	Stamey Holland, III
2	Audrey Allison
5	Kirky Kirkman
7	Trea Beavers
	Richard Hanson
10	Roy Morrison
	Susan Sharpe
13	Kim Austin
14	Joseph Davidson
	Libby Kennedy
15	Carol Martin
	Bonnie Mayberry (LiF)
16	Suezi Long
17	Blake Bush
18	Alan Carpenter
19	Ann Kincaid
21	Michelle Rokes
26	Roany Thomas
28	B.J. King
29	Andrew Cothren
	Caroline Cothren
	Vivian Goforth
	Nancy Harris
30	Bryan George
	Mary Gilbert
	Rebecca Jones

## Session Notes

At the 16 October 2023 Stated Session meeting,  
Session:

- Received a devotion from Robert Dearman about spiritual gifts that reside within us and bringing them out into the open;
- Delayed receiving minutes from the 19 August 2023 Stated Session until December;
- Received the Treasurer's Report, noting that with one-quarter of the church's fiscal year remaining, we are at 65% of our budgeted income for the year and at 56% of our budgeted expenditure. Donnie requests members to continue to give as they are able into their pledges for the year;
- Heard a report from the Endowment Board that the 2024 Endowment Disbursement will be \$139,601.43;
- Approved a Consent Docket revision to the upcoming minutes of 19 August 2023 for the date of 15 October 2023 to be listed for the Sacrament of Baptism for Truitt Thomas Beavers & Lane Gabriel Beavers;
- Received James Lucas into membership (child, Nora Lucas) and approved a request by James Lucas and Dr. Hanna Lee for the Sacrament of Baptism for Sara Lee Lucas on 3 Dec. 2023;
- Approved a motion from Christian Education to add Nancy Tharpe to the committee;
- Approved a motion from Property to soft wash the Sanctuary, Preschool, and Manse with C&S Power Washing for \$16,000 funded by the Endowment Allocation;
- Approved a motion from Property to accept the proposal from Church Interiors (along with a narthex floor amendment) for \$410,000. Funding for this project will occur through the Centennial Capital Campaign, with directions from the Finance & Stewardship Committee;
- Approved a motion from Worship to combine several Session-designated Funds into one "General Music Fund" for the benefit of the music program;
- Approved a motion from Worship to purchase 300 copies of the PCUSA's *Glory to God*, a new hymnal to replace the blue hymnal in the sanctuary at a cost of \$25.00 each from Undesignated Funds. Family and friends will be able to dedicate a hymnal in honor or in memory of loved ones;
- Approved a motion from Worship to add Jim Pickett, Sherry Harris, & Jane Lentz to the list of collection counters to assist Donnie Haynes, Richard Hanson, & Wendell Worthington;
- Approved a motion to allow an offering during the Christmas Concert (17 December 2023) to benefit the McGuffin Music Fund;
- Approved a motion to temporarily remove the three diagonal pews from the West End side of the Sanctuary during Advent to accommodate several events for the Advent/Christmas season. These will be removed prior to the arrival of the Chrismon Tree;
- Did not approve a motion from Property to install glass panels in the doors to the Sanctuary to allow them to close while still maintaining line of sight for safety to the front doors (six REs abstained from the vote to five affirmative votes –while the abstentions would side with the motion, it was decided this was too narrow to be considered approved);
- Updated the church membership lists to reflect requests and changes that have come since the update of 19 August 2023, and
- Prayed for members of the congregation and situations of the world.

The next Stated Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, 18 December 2023 with Sloan Goforth leading the devotional and prayer.

## Capital Campaign "Kick-Off"

At the Session meeting of 16 October 2023, the Session endorsed and approved the motion from Property to begin the process of preparing to renovate the Sanctuary for the Centennial Celebrations of the building in 2025. As a part of this conversation, the Centennial Sub-committee held a conversation with members of the congregation on Rally Day in September to share the work to be done and the costs involved for such improvements.

As of this Session meeting, the work will cost about \$410,000, which includes a contingency of 5% (for extra work, issues that may arise through the work, and the natural increase of material cost). This increase also reflects an addition to the work for the improvement and updating of the narthex flooring and décor. How we will fund the project will be something that Stewardship & Finance will help us to discern and implement, but the Property Committee desires you to know what the improvements will be and what they are projected to cost.

In many ways, we can understand this work must be done in order to preserve and promote our Sanctuary into the next century of its use. We have dreamed together and tried to envision its usage across worship, music, and community events. Fortunately, the decisions of the last renovation have been solidly respected, vis-à-vis the current layout of the sanctuary. We do not envision any major changes to the form or function of the sanctuary, with only the improvements to come as a result of time and previous usage upon the items to be updated.

We are also aware that many members may ask the right question, "Is this the best use of our money, when there are so many missions or benevolences we could better do with these resources?" While we must always choose between inward looking and outward vision for who we can serve with the limited resources we

have, we know there are times when we must do the work of addressing some of our internal materials to be a place of welcome for all and for preserving our sanctuary. Costs will always be with us, but they will also only continue to grow the longer we do not address them. Such work does not come easily or without these debates, but the Session trusts in the direction of the Spirit to guide us in this time so that we can soon return to using our revenues for the ministries we are called to give that aren't as interiorly focused.

On the next page, you will find the break down of anticipated / projected costs as provided by the Centennial Committee, a division of FPC's Property Committee. This is the list that was compiled by the sub-committee for its presentation to the congregation for Rally Day and the breakdown of the costs. We have been gifted this building for a season of life—its life—and we humbly ask you to begin considering ways in which you may be able to give financial supplement to our project of preparing it for use for the next generation of its presence for our congregants and the Statesville community.

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a stewardship commitment card, which we invite you to submit to the church office by mail or dropping it off earlier than Sunday, 12 November. If you would like to bring your commitment card with you to church on that Sunday, we welcome you to do so, as well.

## Capital Campaign "Kick-Off" (cont'd.)

- Painting
    1. Walls and trim: sanded, caulked, and dusted clean prior to any finish application. Also, ceilings and plaster repair.
    2. Areas: nave, chancel, balcony, narthex, all stairwells (3), 20 doors and jambs, all staining and painting of handrails and pickets, 10 radiator covers.

\$119,774.00
  
  - Electrical and Lighting
    1. Install all lights with 90-watt LED units (43), including chancel and cove lighting (LED)
    2. Sanctuary will be 2 times brighter.
    3. Chancel and cove will be 3 times brighter.
    4. LEDs will pull less energy - cost savings in the long run, but replacements will be increased over time. Will be a cost savings overall.
    5. Replace dimmer system.

\$88,950.00
  
  - Floor Covering and Floor Refinishing
    1. Replace carpet in sanctuary.
    2. Refinish existing wood flooring in front of pews and areas left and right of chancel area up to the entrance.
    3. Replace carpet in stairwells.
    4. Install LVT in choir loft and stairs.

\$83,907.00
  
  - Church Furniture Refinishing (on site)
    1. All pews (40) of different lengths
    2. Choir chairs including reupholstering seat bottoms
    3. Communion table and baptismal font

\$48,156.00
  
  - Pew Cushions
    1. All pews (sanctuary and balcony) with two sections per pew.
    2. Cushions will have 2" thick high-density foam with tufting buttons.
    3. ¼" non-slip foam between the cushion and pew bottoms

\$24,105.00
  
  - General Requirements
    1. Workman's Compensation
    2. Dumpster and Landfill Fees
    3. Cleanup
    4. Coordination

\$15,000.00
- Total cost as of September 10, 2023** **\$379,892.00**

## Worship Notes

5 November 2023

**Acolyte** Olivia Long  
**Communion** John Childress, Robert Dearman,  
Joanne Dodick, Sherry Harris,  
Katie Long, & Nate McElwee  
**Ushers.** Team4 (Brian Long - Captain)  
**Scripture** Joshua 3.7-17; Ps. 107.1-7, 33-37  
**Flowers** Ann Speaks

12 November 2023

**Acolyte** Sarah Johnson  
**Ushers** Team 6 (Katie Long - Captain)  
**Scripture** Joshua 24.1-3a; 14-25; Ps. 78.1-7  
**Flowers** Young Men's Bible Class

19 November 2023

**Acolyte** Smith Austin  
**Ushers** Team 1 (Jim Tarman - Captain)  
**Scripture** Gratitude Sunday  
**Flowers** Jill & Julian West

26 November 2023

**Acolyte** Evie Parker  
**Ushers** Team 5 (Jim Pickett - Captain)  
**Scripture** Ps. 100.1-5; Matt. 25.31-46  
**Flowers** Available: Contact Jane Lentz

Weekly Livestream: [fpcstatesville.org/worship](http://fpcstatesville.org/worship)

If you are a member-at-home and wish to have home communion provided to you, please contact Nate McElwee with Congregational Care.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Remember that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, 5 November 2023. Gain your lost hour of sleep to springtime by falling back one hour!

## It's Chrismon Time Again!

As we approach of Advent, we again offer your family and/or you the opportunity to honor or memorialize your loved one(s) with a dedicated Chrismon to grace our FPC tree for years to come. Chrismon forms are available outside the office, and one is included on the next page.

## Poinsettia Contributions

The Flower Guild, as part of the Worship Committee, invites you contribute to this year's poinsettias in honor or in memory of your loved one(s). Order forms will be located outside the church office. We ask you please to fill out an individual form for each of your contributions. Forms are available outside the office, and one is included on the next page.

## 19 Nov: Gratitude Sunday

When you think of the people and possessions in your life for which you are thankful—your blessings from God—what comes to your mind?

On Sunday, 19 November 2023, we will have an opportunity to share in worship to express our gratitude. Select members of the congregation will share a few of their blessings during worship. Integrated with Scripture and music, this will be a great Sunday worship to listen to each other and rejoice in the ways God is found.

We invite you to bring canned food and / or vegetables and fruits that will be collected and dedicated in prayer for our neighbors in need. Thank you for sharing from your blessings.

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# Christmas Ornament



Order Form

Ornament ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Donated \_\_\_\_\_

This Ornament is given as (circle one):      **an Honorarium**      **a Memorial**      **in the name of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Address (if living):

\_\_\_\_\_

(street)

\_\_\_\_\_

(city)

(state)

(zip)

Your Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

(street)

\_\_\_\_\_

(city)

(state)

(zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use a separate Order Form for each individual Honorarium or Memorial Ornament.

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# Poinsettia

Remembrances

I am / We are contributing to the poinsettias in:      **Honor**      **Memory**      **of the name of:**

(circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Your name will be printed, unless you request anonymity)

Total Amount Donated \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete a new order form for each poinsettia, as this helps us maintain an accurate list. Memorials and Honoraria will be listed in the December FCJ and the Christmas Eve Order for Worship.

**2024 FPC Stewardship Pledge Card**

I / We thank God for the opportunity to support the ministries of the congregation.

As I / we seek to be devoted to good works and acts of charity, I / we commit to pray the same for others in our church family.

My / Our financial for the upcoming year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
per week / month / year. (Circle one)

I / We understand that I can adjust this estimate of giving at any time by contacting the financial secretary.

\_\_\_\_ I / We would like to speak with someone about contributing to our Centennial Capital Campaign.

\_\_\_\_ I / We would like to speak with someone about using our gifts and talents to support the church's ministry.

\_\_\_\_ I / We would like to speak with someone about our giving plans.



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Glory to God Dedication Card*

Please complete a unique card for each dedication

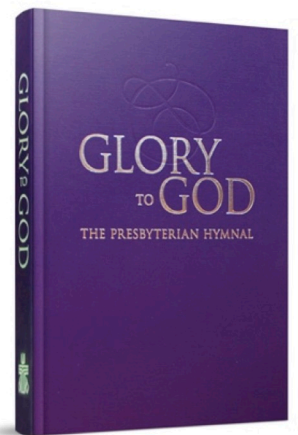
I / We would like to dedicate a new hymnal in honor / memory of my loved one.

Name for Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Dedicated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Dedications for each hymnal costs \$25.00  
(cash or check payable to FPC, Statesville [Memo: GtG Hymnal])

We will insert a dedication sticker into the hymnal to honor / memorialize your loved one. Thank you for allowing your love for them to grow and prosper our music ministry. You may mail this to the church or drop it off with your contribution to the church office.





## New Hymnal: *Glory to God*

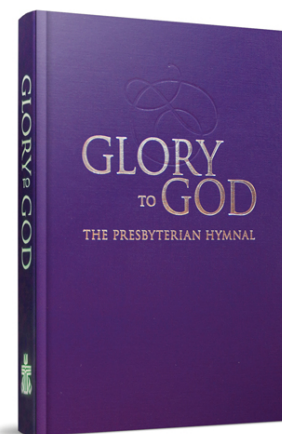
Hello friends,

Dr. Lee here! I am excited to announce that Session approved for us to get the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. It was published in 2013 and has been adopted by many Presbyterian congregations throughout the nation and our state. Then, a natural question arises, "Why do we need a new hymnal?"

Here is an introduction to *Glory to God*:

1. There are more songs in the new hymnal. There are 853 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs in *Glory to God* instead of the blue *Presbyterian Hymnal* we currently have, which has 605 hymns. *Glory to God* covers all major historical and contemporary sacred genres, including approximately 35 African American/Gospel hymns, traditional hymns from the *Presbyterian Hymnal*, older hymns that have never been published in the *Presbyterian Hymnal* ("Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "Shall We Gather at the River"), contemporary praise songs ("Awesome God"), and global music (music from six continents and in many different languages). In addition, there are more than twenty songs from the Taizé community.
2. This hymnal features more inclusive and global approaches to our service. Do you recall the first handbell performance of this season with me playing a drum while I was conducting? The song is in the new hymnal, "Amen, We Praise Your Name" is from South Africa and originally written in Swahili. I remember a lot of people truly enjoyed that music because it was fun, done well, and was different (unexpected). There are songs in Chinese, Korean, Taiwan, Spanish, Swahili, Latin, Hebrew, and Arabic. Needless to say, these global selections will allow us to expand our knowledge of worship songs and create a sense of global Christian community around us.

3. This hymnal is presented in a much more user-friendly format for the songs. More than 65% of the former blue hymnal was brought into this new hymnal, and it features a new font and setting. For example, all the verses are in the lines of music in the new hymnal instead of separating the last two or three verses at the end of the songs. So, it is easy to read and follow for our congregation.
4. Our liturgical heritage can be grown with this hymnal, too. There are more songs for Advent and Lent/Easter seasons. Currently we have twenty songs for Advent. The new hymnal provides six additional songs. Nineteen songs are added to the new hymnal for Lent/Easter seasons on top of the forty-one hymns we already have. This gives us opportunities to expand our repertoires for the seasons and be able to still sing our beloved traditional hymns.



*Glory to God* is filled with simple, engaging, inclusive and beloved songs. I hope this new hymnal would challenge and help us to be more open-minded and appreciate the songs we might not be familiar with.

We welcome family and friends to dedicate a new hymnal in honor or in memory of your loved one(s) with the order forms that are located outside the office or in this month's newsletter.

## 2023 Stewardship Season

Stewardship Season will conclude on Sunday, 12 November 2022 during worship. In 2024, we will push our Capital Campaign (see pages 4-5) and ask you to continue to do the good work you have been a part of for our 2023 budget year.

As you see in the Treasurer's Report from the Session Notes (page 3), the committees and Session have done a very fine job of developing a budget into which we have lived responsibly and fiscally through the year. Though having unexpected costs that have been incurred with the Rev. Anthony Lamour's necessary departure and the search toward Dr. Hanna Lee, increased costs for the upkeep and cleaning of the church buildings throughout the week, and other incidentals felt throughout the year, the church has done a great job through your faithfulness to live into the commitment you offered last year.

Another place of stepping out in faith is our desire to hire a Director of Christian Educator in the near future. The Personnel Committee has joined with the Christian Education Committee to examine what options exist, as this will require significant increases to our 2024 budget, along with the natural increases to costs and uses we incur. Please continue to pray and seek God's voice for how you may be able to offer yourself through your time, talents, treasures, and tithes.

Stewardship talk is never fun and rarely appears to be rewarding. Yet, as Donnie reminds us, while we are at presently lower than our planned income for the year, your contributions beyond money also make our programs work. Your faithful contribution of time and talents through work on committees and the sporadic events that pop up at church are also crucial for the ways we function, and we thank you for your impact toward our community. As we continue into the next year, we encourage you to share yourself as you are able for God's glory. Join a committee, share your wisdom, and help us make real the rewards that are happening all around because of your love for FPC, Statesville and our neighbors.

## YMBC Veterans Day Lunch

The Young Men's Bible Class invite you its annual BBQ lunch on Sunday, 12 November 2023 to honor Veterans Day. At the time of publication, the plan is for this to be a take-out meal, prepared by Lamar Austin and the men of the YMBC.

This constitutes one of their major fundraisers for their college fund, which the YMBC uses to offer financial gifts to graduating high school Seniors. We encourage all FPC family and friends to share in this great meal for a great day and cause.

## Missions Commission

The Missions Commission will soon do its work in consultation with the Missions Committee. Each year, we review applicants whose work in Iredell County helps to further the spread of God's love through mission / community work. Please pray for the members of the Missions Commission for the work they will undergo.

## Christmas Card-a-thon

Following one of our new traditions, the Congregational Care Ministry invites you to participate in this year's Christmas Card-a-thon. On page 14 of this month's newsletter, you will find the list for the our recipients.

Starting Sunday, 19 November and going until Sunday, 10 December, we welcome you to bring your cards as an expression of Christmas joy for our family and friends. Thank you, as always, for continuing and participating in this tradition.

## Wonderful Wednesdays

We hope that you will consider joining us on Wednesday evenings for a meal and fellowship, followed by Bible study and choir practice.

Dr. Keith McNabb, our church organist, recently told Dr. Lee and Pastor Jeremy how much he enjoys the opportunity to dine and fellowship with us during our weekly meals, because it gives him the chance to speak with people he wouldn't normally get to talk with on Sundays.

Others have spoken about the quality (and quantity) of good food that has been served during our time. We rarely run out of food and there is always great time to sit and catch up about life. If you haven't yet been to a Wonderful Wednesday, we welcome you to attend. We are grateful to Ann Speaks for her leadership in this effort and for all the teams who volunteer their time each week to set up, serve, and clean up.

We will have a sign-up for a special Advent Wreath class for 29 November, as our monthly program and option. The meal will be determined by the number of participants. Details to come.

Serving time is from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Our menus for the month of November will be:

- 1 November - Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, & Dessert
- 8 November - Chicken Pot Pie, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, & Dessert
- 15 November - Pork Chops, Baked Apples, Broccoli Casserole, Roll, & Dessert
- 22 November - Off for Thanksgiving
- 29 November - Advent Special: TBA
- 6 December - Country Style Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, & Dessert
- 13 December - Smoked BBQ, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, & Dessert

The revised suggested donations are as follows:  
\$10 adult, \$5 children, Family Max \$30

Wonderful Wednesdays! are for everyone to enjoy and we hope you will plan to attend!

## Clinkers Update

Clinkers for the Month of October, met at the home of Sherrie Boan. The members shared in a most excellent and well arranged dinner and had a great time together, and they are grateful to Sherrie for opening her lovely home to them.

This month's Clinkers will take place on Thursday, 16 November 2023, with details to come in the month.

## OWLS

The OWLS will hold their next luncheon on Tuesday, 7 November at 12:30pm in the Fourth Creek Meeting Hall. RSVP to Martha Rothwell at 704.450.7169 or Sarah Davis at 704.902.1937.

## Cemetery Cleanup Day

The Historic Cemeteries Committee is looking for volunteers for Saturday, 4 November 2023 to help clean up Allison Cemetery of leaves and other debris, with work to begin at 9:44am. Please email Scott Stevenson at [whiskeyquest@msn.com](mailto:whiskeyquest@msn.com) no later than Friday, 3 November, if you can assist.

## Lost & Found

The Church Office has a few items in its "Lost & Found." If you locate something around the church without its owner, please drop them to the office where we can hold them until the item(s) is/are reunited with their owner. Thank you.

## Missions Partner

Our Missions Partner for November is Yoke Fellow Ministries. Below, you will find their list of needs as they are great and varied. Please refer to this as you consider how you can give.

Yokefellow Ministry Helping Center Needs:

### Food Stuff:

- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta
- Rice
- Dry and Canned Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Soup/Soup Mix
- Seasonings
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Pasta (Ravioli)
- Baking Goods (Flour, Sugar, Cake Mixes)
- Canned Tuna and/or Chicken
- Snacks (Granola Bars, Jello, Candy, Chips)
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

### Home / Hygiene Goods:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Tissue
- Kleenex
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash/Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Plastic Utensils
- Paper Plates
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers & Wipes
- Adult Diapers
- Youth Diapers

## Notes of Thanks

A Note of Thanks has been received from

*feednc*

Your Gift of \$1,000.00 on 14 September 2023 makes an immediate and positive impact to a neighbor in need. We have so much to be thankful for because of your support. With space to grow, we are serving over five hundred additional families, Culinary and Warehouse students are enjoying the new teaching kitchen, warehouse, and classroom space. Mimi's Garden is yielding fresh produce, and we have served over 10,000 meals in Donoghue's Open Door Community Dining Concept. Together we are changing lives, offering hope, and directly connecting to those in need. A human connection is a powerful one!

## The Angel Tree is Coming

Once again, it is a season when many of us find joy in the opportunities we have to assist others in need. Shortly after November begins, the Angel Tree will be set up in the church foyer, inviting you to participate in being a blessing for a child in our community. As you are able, we invite you to:

1. take a tag,
2. fill out the form that lets us know who has which tag,
3. purchase the requested items, and
4. return the wrapped and collected together gifts (with the tag you took).

We will offer this tree throughout the month and will plan to bless the gifts at an upcoming service in December (the date for final collection is still TBD). Thank you for your kindness and care.

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:45AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00AM Sunday Worship (Sanc)</li> <li>12:15PM LIF Birthday Luncheon (4CMH)</li> <li>5:00PM Youth Choir (MR)</li> <li>6:00PM Youth Group (YR)</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik (KM)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Chair Yoga (4CMH)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> <li>4:00PM Statesville Hal-loween</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPC Preschool Teacher Workshop</li> <li>10:00AM FPC Preschool Chapel (Chap)</li> <li>10:30AM Fall Prevention 12:00PM Daytime Care</li> <li>4:00PM Children's Choir</li> <li>5:00PM Wonderful</li> <li>6:00PM Handbell Choir</li> <li>6:30PM Bible / Book</li> <li>7:00PM Sanctuary Choir</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik Group (LIF)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> <li>6:00PM Girl Scouts (4CMH)</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:45AM Sunday School</li> <li>10:00AM Handbell Choir (Sanc)</li> <li>10:40AM Session: Communion Meeting (Chap)</li> <li>11:00AM Sunday Worship (Sanc)</li> <li>5:00PM Youth Choir (MR)</li> <li>6:00PM Youth Group (YR)</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik (KM)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:15AM Kindermusik</li> <li>10:00AM Chair Yoga (4CMH)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> <li>12:30PM OWLS (4CMH)</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM FPC Preschool Chapel (Chap)</li> <li>10:30AM Fall Prevention 12:00PM Daytime Care</li> <li>2:00PM Worship &amp; Music</li> <li>4:00PM Children's Choir</li> <li>5:00PM Wonderful</li> <li>6:00PM Handbell Choir</li> <li>6:30PM Bible / Book</li> <li>7:00PM Sanctuary Choir</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik Group (LIF)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> <li>12:15PM FPC Preschool Advisory Board Meeting (FR)</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPC Preschool Holiday</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:45AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00AM Sunday Worship (Sanc)</li> <li>12:15PM YMBC Veteran's Day Lunch (4CMH)</li> <li>5:00PM Youth Choir (MR)</li> <li>6:00PM Youth Group (YR)</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik (KM)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> <li>5:00PM Missions Committee (FR)</li> <li>6:00PM Property Committee (FR)</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00AM Salem Presbytery</li> <li>10:00AM Chair Yoga (4CMH)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> <li>6:00PM Circle 3</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM FPC Preschool Chapel (Chap)</li> <li>10:30AM Fall Prevention Class (4CMH)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care</li> <li>4:00PM Children's Choir</li> <li>5:00PM Wonderful</li> <li>6:00PM Handbell Choir</li> <li>6:30PM Bible / Book</li> <li>7:00PM Sanctuary Choir</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik Group (LIF)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> <li>6:00PM Girl Scouts (4CMH)</li> <li>6:30PM Clinkers</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:45AM Sunday School</li> <li>10:00AM Children's Choir (Sanc)</li> <li>11:00AM Gratitude Sun-Pennies for</li> <li>11:00AM Sunday Worship</li> <li>4:00PM Christian Education Committee (FR)</li> <li>5:00PM Youth Choir (MR)</li> <li>6:00PM Youth Group (YR)</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPC Preschool Holiday</li> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik (KM)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPC Preschool Holiday</li> <li>10:00AM Chair Yoga (4CMH)</li> <li>12:00PM FCJ Newsletter Deadline</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPC Preschool Holiday</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPC Preschool Holiday</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPC Preschool Holiday</li> </ul>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:45AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00AM Sunday Worship (Sanc)</li> <li>5:00PM Youth Choir (MR)</li> <li>6:00PM Youth Group (YR)</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Kindermusik (KM)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM Chair Yoga (4CMH)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM FPC Preschool Chapel (Chap)</li> <li>10:30AM Fall Prevention Class (4CMH)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care</li> <li>4:00PM Children's Choir</li> <li>5:00PM Wonderful</li> <li>6:00PM Handbell Choir</li> <li>6:30PM Bible / Book</li> <li>7:00PM Sanctuary Choir</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:15AM SP Committee on Examinations</li> <li>10:30AM Kindermusik Group (LIF)</li> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)</li> </ul>	<p>2</p>

# 2023 Christmas Card-a-thon

We invite you to send cards to those in our love and care. Bags will be in our church the weekend of 19 November. Bring your cards by 10 December.

Ann Brady

Charles Brady

George & June Caudle

Jack Causey

Fielding Deaton

Becky Dickerson

Freda Donaldson

Pat Ebert

Michael Foster

Paul Gilbert

Jerry & Becky Johnson

Libby Kennedy

Kirky & Selena Kirkman

Sybil Lackey

Cathy Lasater

Carol Martin

Sally Nix

Jane Onsrud

Roger Rumble

Grant & Carolyn Sharp

Maureen Snoddy

Elaine Steele

Marianna Steele

Tom Templeton

Roany Thomas

Janice Thornton

Edith Williams



Our four-year-old classes had a wonderful walking field trip to station one to celebrate fire prevention month! Thank you to the Statesville Fire Department for helping us learn all about fire safety and how these amazing firefighters help out our community.



FPC Preschool Food Drive  
to benefit



Iredell Christian Ministries (ICM)

The FPC Preschool is collecting canned food to be donated to those members of our community that are in need during this season. Please join us in supporting this cause and helping our preschool children learn the important lessons about giving and helping others. We are encouraging each child to bring in at least ONE canned food item.

Some much-needed items include soups, vegetables, fruits, jellies/jams, peanut butter, canned meat, & evaporated milk.

Please send in cans with your child (or any preschooler) to preschool throughout the next two weeks. We will be collecting items through Friday, November 17th.

Thank you for your support of this special project at FPC Preschool!



The First Presbyterian Church  
125 North Meeting Street  
Statesville, North Carolina 28677  
(Return Service Requested)

The deadline for the Fourth Creek Journal is 12:00pm  
of every third Tuesday of each month.  
**The December issue deadline is 21 November 2023.**

The calendar insert (print version) is current as of the time of publishing.  
For the most up-to-date calendar, go to [fpcstatesville.org/calendar](http://fpcstatesville.org/calendar)