

# Ye Fourth Creek Journal

# The Monthly Publication of the First Presbyterian Church in Statesville

October, 2023

# The Pastor's Pen

am often amazed by the children and young people of our congregation. Over the summer, one of our youth members reached out to me to inquire about Genesis 2 & 3, because they were having a conversation with their friend about the people with whom Cain was sent to live after the fratricide of his brother, Abel.

We have another young member who has often come to speak with me about questions they have about grace and forgiveness (amongst other heavy theological questions). And there are several Sundays when I have received drawings made by our young members depicting images or scenes from the church. It's typically when I am looking for a sign from God that these little interactions remind me how much our children are sponges of faith, even when we may not always realize.

We remember when Jesus told his disciples not to restrict the children from coming to him, for the kingdom belongs to them (Matthew 19.14). And of course we also recall Isaiah's prophecy that a little child shall lead (Isaiah 11.6). The children of our congregation represent the now of our church—not only what is to come.

During the final Sunday of this month, on Reformation Sunday, the Young Men's Bible Class will again continue their landstanding tradition of giving the 4th graders a Bible they can have to read and use throughout their lives. Such a ministry not only honors them as they come into the age to begin thinking about who God is, what Christ did for the world, and the power the Spirit has inspired in them, but this ministry engages these young people into the Christian life where they begin to see themselves as a part of the congregation's ministry. This is such a wonderful and beautiful legacy that continues after having been created many decades ago. I am sure some of you probably still have and use

your YMBC Bibles on a regular basis.

On the final Sunday of last month, I gave a Children's Moment where I invited our children (and our agedchildren) to contribute to a blanket drive for our friends at the Fifth Street Ministries. With the cooler temperatures beginning to become more noticeable in our area, we all can recognize the need to help provide warmth those those who may not have the comforts many of us enjoy. In such a way, our children can participate in the life of our congregation and mission work as citizens of God's kingdom and kin-dom.

As you course through this happy month, I hope you will speak with the children to remind them how important they are. Not only do they bring smiles to our faces now, but they stand to inherit their place in the future leadership of they church and the legacy of which they are now a part.

Joy to you,

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# Our Congregational Leadership

Session Class of 2024

Catherine Baker Christian Education

Scarlett ChapmanMissionsRobert DearmanWorship

Joanne Dodick Congregational Life: Cong. Care

**Robin Downs** Congregational Life: F&F

**Scott Stevenson** Property: 4CBG

Session Class of 2025

Matt Austin Administration: Personnel

**Alan Carpenter** Administration: Communications

John ChildressMissionsSherry HarrisWorshipClay SpeaksMissions

**Dycie Walton** Christian Education

Session Class of 2026

Jan AmbroseCongregational Life: F&FSloan GoforthFinance & StewardshipKatie LongChristian Education

Nate McElwee Congregational Life: Cong. Care

Jim Pickett Safety

**Rev. Jeremy Cannada** Pastor

jeremy@fpcstatesville.org

M-W: 9am - 5pm Th: by appt.

**Dr. Hanna Lee** Director of Music Ministries

hannah@fpcstatesville.org

M-W: 9am - 12pm,

W: 3 - 9pm (choir); Th: by appt.

Sun: 3 - 5pm

Mrs. Falon Speaks Director of the FPC Preschool

preschool@fpcstatesville.org

M-F: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Mrs. Clare Robinson Office Manager

office@fpcstatesville.org

M-W: 9am - 3pm

Ms. LeighAnn Perkins Financial Secretary

leighann@fpcstatesville.org

W: 9am - 5pm (appts. encouraged)

**Rev. Grant Sharp** Pastor emeritus

Mrs. Harriet Gilbert Christian Educator emerita

### October Birthdays

2 Tim Bundy5 Pat Ebert

6 Martha Rothwell

7 Bronwen BakerMarilyn Hendry

10 Carol Pickett

11 Caroline Ciampanella

Carolyn Sharp Grant Sharp

12 Harriet Mauzé

Wendell Worthington

13 Bill McBane

15 Dereck BakerAlex Beavers

16 Eric Ciampanella

18 Richard King

19 Beth Bush Linda Howard

21 Sarah Nix

22 Dycie Walton

25 Smith Austin

27 Jane Tarman

30 Billy Beard (LiF)

Linda Long

## Worship Notes

1 October 2023

**Acolyte** Tessa Gottholm

Communion Jan Ambrose, Matt Austin,

Catherine Baker, Alan Carpenter, Scarlett Chapman, & Sloan Goforth

**Ushers.** Team 6 (Katie Long - Captain) **Scripture** Ps. 78.1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2.1-13

**Flowers** Jan Ambrose

8 October 2023

**Acolyte** David Austin

**Ushers** Team 1 (Jim Tarman - Captain) **Scripture** The Rev. Katie Todd, officiant

**Flowers** Anne Herschler

15 October 2023

**Acolyte** Bronywyn Baker

**Ushers** Team 5 ( Jim Pickett - Captain)

**Scripture** Phil. 4.1-9

**Flowers** Anne Herschler

22 October 2023

**Acolyte** Henry Stone

**Ushers** Team 2 (Dick Sears - Captain)

Scripture Matt. 22.15-22

**Flowers** Dan & Sherry Harris

29 October 2023

**Acolyte** Harper Speaks

Ushers Team 3 (Matt Austin - Captain)
Scripture Ps. 90.1-6, 13-17; Matt. 22.34-46;

1 Thes. 2.1-8

**Flowers** Ann Brady

Weekly Livestream: fpcstatesville.org/worship

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

#### **Notes of Thanks**

Dear Friends,

I can't thank you enough for the beautiful tributes I received at the lovely celebration on Rally Day. What an honor. The recognition was far beyond my deserving. When I looked out at the faces of all of you after those kind remarks, I was overwhelmed with love for you and for this church. I was overcome with gratitude and appreciation for all that God has done here throughout my lifetime.

The beauty and the wonder of that day was being with all of you and at the same time being reminded of the many saints who nurtured me. Whatever I have accomplished has been because of what has been done for me. As I so poorly said, "You are now those nurturing saints". I saw in your faces the faces of many of the children that we have nurtured. You are now leaders and parents in our church. What I saw that day was the mystery and the wonder of church; the ongoing legacy of love and faith that we continually pass on to new generations and new friends. It is exciting to think that our opportunities to share this love and faith are growing as new people and children join with us. Clearly, this is the presence of God working in and through us all.

Thank you for the many warm and heartfelt expressions of love. I was so comforted to have our family and my wonderful Sunday School Class by my side. David Parker, one of our most faithful class members, saved me by delivering remarks that helped us all smile. Our class has been in conversation for many years about what it means to be a Christian today. Our discussions have been inspiring, and they have enabled us to develop a deep love and respect for one another. I think we are all grateful for each other and for what God has done as He guided our studies together.

# Notes of Thanks (cont'd.)

I want to thank the Session for the designation of the library as a place of remembrance. What a perfect, humbling tribute. Our class has met in that room for over twenty-five years. The beautiful flowers the class gave me have faded, but for me the memory of that day, the memory of what we have all done together in First Presbyterian Church never will.

> With deep love and gratitude, Harriet Gilbert



Christian Educator emerita, Harriet Gilbert, receiving accolades while surrounded by her family and friends, during worship on 3 September 2023.

#### To those at FPC Statesville.

We wanted to thank you for your generous donations during this last program year! Pharos cannot continue impacting families in our community without the support of organizations like you....

Respectfully,
Anna G. Campbell
Development Director

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Your support means the world to us! Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,000.00 received on September 12, 2023.... [Thank you so much for your donation of \$3,638.00 received on July 31, 2023 from the proceeds from your Golf Mission.] You are helping youth and their families find hope, health, and healing. Thank you!

For the children, Hillary May Director of Development

Dear FPC Statesville,

Thank you for your recent donation to Camp Grier. Your generosity is appreciated by us all at camp, as we prepare to minister to our youth at Summer Camp.

The Staff of Camp Grier

Dear Friends in Christ,

You make Massanetta Springs' ministry possible. Thank you.... Please know that your gift of \$5,000 is both appreciated and being well stewarded to keep Massanetta Spring "a place for all people to experience God through renewal, discovery, and hospitality." Every gift of every size makes a difference in the lives of so many people. Thank you.

In Christ, Clayton Rascoe Executive Director

#### Dear Church Members,

Thank you for your participation in providing quality end-of-life care to patients in need at the Gordon Hospice House.... With your congregation's support, our caregiving team at the house can continue to provide compassion, comfort and dignity for each individual and their family.

Sincerely, Mike Smith President / CEO

# Wonderful Wednesdays

Now that our choir rehearsals and Wednesday night Bible Study are in full operation, we hope that you will consider joining us on Wednesday evenings for a meal and time for fellowship, followed by Bible study and choir practice.

From time to time, we will have special programming following supper on Wednesdays, so check the Fourth Creek Journal for announcements of these events. We are putting the finishing touches on the assembly of several rotational Serving Teams, one of which will be on hand each week to serve our meals.

Those teams will be announced soon. Serving time is from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Our menus for the month of October will be:

- October 4th Meatloaf, green beans, creamed potatoes, roll & dessert
- October 11th Baked chicken, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli Casserole, roll & dessert
- October 18th Taco Bake, Salad, Black beans, & dessert
- October 25th Chicken & Dumplings, green beans, baked apples, roll & 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!

# **Funeral Planning**

On Wednesday, 25 October 2023 at 5:30pm, we will hold a Funeral Planning conversation during the dinner portion of Wonderful Wednesday. We will discuss the theology of funerals, detail about the service, and converse about Scripture and music as we to plan for the unavoidable time for us all and help our families during times of grief and hardship. This conversation is anticipated to last until 6:30pm. Forms will be provided.

# Clinkers Update

Clinkers met 21 September at the Manse.
Everyone enjoyed a Patio Party Event with a great menu consisting of an assortment of Appetizers, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, with all the trimmings, and Desserts in a great atmosphere with perfect weather. Hosts were Pastor Jeremy, Doris and Wendell Worthington, Sandra and Paul Davidson, Susan Deal, Susan Hollingsworth, Ginnifer and Rhyne Scott, Beth and Dennis Setzer with Dennis exhibiting his skills at grilling.



# **OWLS Update**

OWLS will meet on Tuesday, 3 October in Fourth Creek Meeting Hall. For reservations, please contact Martha Rothwell or Sarah Davis.

#### Missions Partner

Our Missions Partner for October is Iredell Christian 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. The highlighted items are their most urgent requests, as those items are sought after most regularly.

#### **CANNED GOODS**

#### Soups

Vegetables

Fruits

Jellies & Jams

Peanut Butter

Canned Meat (Spam, Treat, etc.)

Tuna Chicken

Tuna Lunch Kits

Spaghetti Sauce

Milk (evaporated / condensed)

Milk (dried / powered) Milk (shelf sustainable)

#### **GRAIN PRODUCTS**

#### Cereal (boxes & bags)

Oatmeal

Cream of Wheat

Grits

Pop-Tarts Crackers

Flour (plain & self-rising)

Cornmeal (plain & self-rising)

Baking Mixes (brownies, cakes, etc.)

Stuffing (boxed & bagged)

#### PASTA-RICE-DRIED BEANS, ETC.

Pasta (spaghetti, noodles, etc.)

Macaroni & Cheese

Rice

**Instant Mashed Potatoes** 

Dry Beans

Dry Soup Mix

#### **SNACK ITEMS**

Cookies

Snack Cakes

Instant Jell-O & Pudding

Popcorn

Chips (potato, tortilla, etc.)

**Pretzels** 

#### **CONDIMENTS**

Ketchup

Mustard

Mayonnaise

Salad Dressing

**Pickles** 

Sauces (BBO, steak sauce, etc.)

Syrup Vinegar

Cooking Oil

#### **REFRIGERATED ITEMS (In Date)**

Milk

Cheese

Hot Dogs

Luncheon Meat

Bacon

Sausage

Sour Cream

Yogurt

Butter

Margarine

Jell-O & Pudding Cups

Cottage Cheese

Meat (hamburger, chicken, ham, etc.)

#### OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Sugar

Brown Sugar

Powdered Sugar

Salt

Pepper

Spices (cinnamon, garlic powder, etc.)

Frosting

Juice

Juice Boxes

Coffee

Drink Mixes (Kool-Aid, Tang, etc.)

#### **HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

Shampoo Conditioner

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Soap

Body Wash

Hair Brush

Comb

Feminine Hygiene Products

Adult Diapers & Pads

Band-Aids

Toilet Paper

Hydrogen Peroxide

Antiseptic Sprays and Creams

Deodorant

#### **CLEANING PRODUCTS**

Clothes Detergent

Fabric Softener

Paper Towels

Dish Detergent

Cleaning Solutions (409, Pine-Sol, etc.)

Cleaning Wipes

Window Cleaner

#### **BABY ITEMS**

Baby Food

Baby Wipes

Diapers & Pull-Ups (All sizes)

Baby Shampoo

#### PET SUPPLIES

Dog Food (bagged or canned) Cat Food (bagged or canned)



#### Welcome back!

We welcomed over 130 students to preschool last month! Our classes are in full swing and wea are all enjoying being back together for the 2023/2024 school year. We have also had several new teachers added to our staff. Welcome Lillian Childress, Jamie Deal, Erika Gottholm & Debbie Morgan! We are thrilled to have a preschool staff of 17 this year.

#### **Substitutes Needed**

Preschool is always in need of substitutes. Please email Falon Speaks, preschool@fpcstatesville.org, if you are willing to be added to our substitute list. You can specify days that you are available and if you would like to be an emergency contact only. Thank you for your continued support!







#### FAMILIES LIKE YOU ARE

#### AMAZIN'

If you would like to help fulfill some of our Preschool Resource Room needs, please scan the QR code below.

Thank you so much for your support!











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

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