



Ye Fourth Creek Journal

The Monthly Publication of
the First Presbyterian Church in Statesville

September,
2023

The Pastor's Pen

Here we are again: September. This month brings professional (and college for you Saturday folk) football, the close of summer, and our annual "Rally Day" celebration. I admit I am sometimes confused why we hold Rally Day and have sometimes wondered why we rally just one Sunday against the other fifty-one.

Rally Day *used* to mark the beginning of the church academic year. Probably a few of you remember when Rally Day was a huge event. It is modeled after the school year's beginning. The idea was that after a summer off, everyone returned for another nine-month period of learning. The funny thing is that we (in church) aren't gathering after a season "off," nor are our Sunday School curricula offerings significantly changing. The seasoned adults will continue lessons through their contemporary studies, the young adults will gather once a month during Communion Sundays. Our children will

continue learning their Bible Stories during worship. It may seem there isn't much newness taking place. Is there any new beginning for us to rally? Yes!

The curricula may not be changing, but our invitation to you is. We no longer want you simply to feel invited to attend these classes. We want you to feel involved in these classes! Beyond our Sunday offerings:

- PW Circle 3 will resume monthly gatherings,
- OWLS will resume their monthly lunches,
- Chair Yoga and Fall Prevention classes meet weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively,
- Children's and Adult choirs meet each Wednesday—the bookends to our Wonderful Wednesdays,
- Youth Choir and Group will resume on Sunday evenings,
- and now on Wednesday evenings, we will hold Bible Study classes.

Look at all the possibilities to become involved!

Rally Day is more than a breakfast and fellowship. It is much more than an opportunity

to drum up support for our congregation's academic offerings. It is an opportunity to reclaim the church many of you remember—the one that was active, welcomed all in Statesville, and served our community beyond worship. It's the opportunity to belong to the *church of now*, doing all those same things in the present and toward the future.

Our invitation for you to join any of these opportunities stands; your involvement is key. If none of these opportunities will bring you back to church apart from Sunday, then tell us what will. A large part of issuing the rally cry is broadcasting one that members, friends, and community will hear and to which wish to respond. That's how we rally, and this is what September means for us this year. I hope you will find your welcome to be involved for God, involved with siblings and neighbors, and involved in opportunities to grow.

Rally, Rally, Rally!
God loves you, and so do I.

Our Congregational Leadership

Session Class of 2024

Catherine Baker	Christian Education
Scarlett Chapman	Missions
Robert Dearman	Worship
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 Childress	Missions
Sherry Harris	Worship
Clay Speaks	Missions
Dycie Walton	Christian Education

Session Class of 2026

Jan Ambrose	Congregational Life: F&F
Sloan Goforth	Finance & Stewardship
Katie Long	Christian Education
Nate McElwee	Congregational Life: Cong. Care
Jim Pickett	Safety
Jeremy Cannada	Pastor jeremy@fpcstatesville.org M-W: 9am - 5pm Th: by appt.
Dr. Hannah Lee	Director of Music Ministries hannah@fpcstatesville.org M-T: 10am - 3pm, W: 10am - 8pm
Falon Speaks	Director of the FPC Preschool preschool@fpcstatesville.org M-F: 8:30am - 12:30pm
Clare Robinson	Office Manager office@fpcstatesville.org M-W: 9am - 3pm
LeighAnn Perkins	Financial Secretary leighann@fpcstatesville.org W: 9am - 5pm (appts. encouraged)
Grant Sharp	Pastor <i>emeritus</i>

September Birthdays

1	Martha Dacons Lucas Jones Beth Setzer
3	Anne Herschler Russ Winthrop
4	Sophia Dacons
7	Lamerick Holliday (LiF)
8	William Morgan Libby Weaver (LiF)
10	Sherrie Boan Anna Gilbert Judy Watts
11	Nate McElwee Sharon O'Brian (LiF)
12	Clay Gentry John Gilbert, Jr. Nate Neely
13	Jonathan Dickerson Michael Foster Tommy Kincaid
14	Jack King Leigh Sellers
15	Evie Parker
16	Mary Grace Wasik
17	Lamar Austin Jane Cartner Henry Hanson
18	Edith Williams
19	Olivia Long
20	Jane Onsrud
21	William Long Barbara West
26	Beth Davidson Jerry Hill Carol Oliphant
30	David Rothwell Oliver Worthington

Session Notes

At the recent Stated Session Meeting of 19 August 2023, Session:

- Approved the minutes of the Stated Meeting from 19 June 2023 and the Email Vote of 30 June 2023 (re: Dr. Lee's Compensation Package);
- Examined Trea & Alexandria Beavers, Laura Dotson, and Martin & Erika Gottholm and received them into membership;
- Approved a request by members Trea & Alex Beavers for their sons, Truitt & Lane, to be baptized (at a date to be determined);
- Received reports from the Moderator and Treasurer;
- Approved the Consent Docket (2023 Hunger Grant Endorsements to the Salem Presbytery for the Boys & Girls Club of the Piedmont, Iredell Christian Ministries, the Salvation Army, and YokeFellow Ministries; the Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study Curriculum ["The Pros of Paul"]; the CE Curricula: the B-I-B-L-E [Elementary Children] and PW Circle 3 books, *Tell Me More* by Kelly Corrigan and *I Guess I Haven't Learned that Yet* by Shauna Niequist);
- Received reports from Committees;
- Approved a motion from the Historical Cemeteries Committee to contract with Ye Olde Headstoner (Scott Stevenson) to landscape and maintain the Fourth Creek Burying Ground;
- Approved a motion from the Property Committee to complete all work as proposed by the Watt Tree Service for landscaping work to be done around the church grounds, with funding to come from the Edward Jones Fund;
- Continued work for developing the Building Usage Policy (Old Business);
- Approved a Moderator's motion for a Special Offering to be collected on Sunday, 3 September 2023 during worship to go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hawai'i Fund DR000165;
- Took action from a special request from Christian Education in preparation for Rally Day;

- Elected Sherry Harris to be the Commissioner to Presbytery for the Saturday, 9 September 2023 Presbytery Meeting to be held at the FPC, Burlington;
- Referred to the Worship Committee a request to develop a potential policy regarding anticipated actions to be taken at the October Session Meeting for Music Ministry funding;
- Held a brief conversation about the need for a Director of Christian Education, and referred to the Christian Education Committee a desire for them to begin searching for a DCE;
- Examined the Ruling Elders-elect for the Class of 2026 and approved them for ordination (Jan Ambrose) and installation (all) during worship on Sunday, 10 September 2023;
- Reviewed the membership rolls of the congregation (active, inactive, children, and for removal) and voted to approve the presented list with emendations from discussion;
- Approved the updates to the Church Manual of Operations;
- Held conversation about committee structure and practices;
- Learned of Communion assignments for the upcoming year and held a small practice for the Ruling Elders; and
- Prayed for members of the congregation.

The next Stated Meeting of Session take place on Monday, 16 October 2023 with Rev. Jeremy Cannada leading the Devotion & Opening Prayer.

Worship Notes

3 September 2023

Acolyte

Communion Richard Hanson, Susan Hollingsworth, Bill McBane, Carey Parker, Cate Tuck, Scott Zanotti

Ushers Team 5 - Jim Pickett (Captain)

Scripture Exodus 3.1-15

Flowers FPC Statesville unless claimed

10 September 2023

Acolyte

Ushers Team 2 - Dick Sears (Captain)

Scripture Psalm 149.1-9; Romans 13.8-14

Flowers FPC Statesville (Rally Day)

17 September 2023

Acolyte

Ushers Team 3 - Matt Austin (Captain)

Scripture Romans 14.1-12

Flowers Jan Ambrose

24 September 2023

Acolyte

Ushers Team 4 - Brian Long (Captain)

Scripture Philippians 1.21-30

Flowers FPC Statesville unless claimed

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.

Funeral Planning

Coming to a Wonderful Wednesday evening, we will hold a conversation on funeral planning. Forms for Funeral Planning can be found in the office, and they are a great way to help your family avoid the stress of a very emotional time.

Clinkers Update

Thank You to Dirk and Nancy Tharpe for hosting Clinkers for the month of August. Co-Hosts were Anne Ellenburg and Mark Wagner, Tommy and Anne Kincaid (parking and shuttle service) Richard and B.J. King, Costi and Teresa Kutteh. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic meal and fellowship.

The September Clinkers will take place on Thursday, 21 September at the Manse. Doris Worthington is currently lining up the hosting team, and details will come through the month.

OWLS Update

The first OWLS start up event will be at 12:00pm on Tuesday, 5 September in the 4CMH.

Note of Thanks

Notes and Letters of Thanks for our contributions from the Annual Missions Golf Tournament have been received from Boys & Girls Club with an invitation to visit the Club to see how your donation impacts a child's future directly, and Pharos Parenting assuring the money will go directly to families in our community.

Note of Congratulations

Congratulations to Robert and Jenn Lentz on the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Rebecca Lentz, 20 June in San Francisco, CA. Jane Lentz is the proud grandmother.

Missions Partner (s)

Our Missions Partner for September is the Boys & Girls Club of the Piedmont.

Needs: Kleenex, Crayons, Clorox wipes, and cases of bottled water (8 ounce bottles if possible).

Because their pantry is empty, we would like to extend our Mission Partner of July, Fifth Street Ministries as the need there is great:

Kitchen needs

- Canned potatoes, corn, peas, & green beans
- Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
- Rice & Dry beans
- Canned soups/soup mix
- Seasonings
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Flour
- Napkins
- Plastic forks
- Plastic spoons

Household needs

- Tylenol & Ibuprofen
- Paper towels & Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent, Stain remover, & Bleach
- Air freshener
- Cough syrup
- Cough drops
- Cold/Flu medicine
- Shampoo & Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Towels, washcloths, & Kitchen towels
- Large and small trash bags
- Paper Products (paper towels, plates, napkins, toilet paper, etc.)
- Plastic Utensils



Collins's
Corner

Collins has taken a new job of being a Kindergarten student and is getting adjusted to her new role in a new school. While she is learning the ropes, she has asked for another month to get situated and is already coming up with a list of members and friends with whom to interview. Look for her next "getting to know you" in October.



Preschool will be resuming the week after Labor Day, and we are looking forward to a wonderful new year with the return of our students and teachers. More information will come from the Preschool in the October edition, so please include them in your prayers for all to have a safe and happy Preschool Year.

September 2023

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