

the Epistle

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From the Pastor's Heart

It has been said that “Time for reflection along the Christian journey is key. It shows us where God has been at work in our midst and reveals new possibilities that we are invited to explore.” After having some quality reflection time last month, I can see the many places where God’s Spirit has been at work in my life and I have begun to see some of the new things that God is calling me to explore in the future.

New things are always a little scary, I think. It is always more comfortable to remain set in our ways, knowing that we can do the same old things we’ve always done, the same old way we’ve always done them. There’s a certain feeling of security, much like knowing that the sun will rise every day, that comes with knowing that today we won’t encounter anything new or different.

However, as I am writing this letter it occurs to me that we worship a God of new things. In the 31st chapter of Jeremiah, we read, “*Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.*” In the 36th chapter of Ezekiel we hear God say, “*I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you.*” In Isaiah 43:19 God says, “*Look! I am doing a new thing. Now it springs forth. Do you not see it?*”

It seems that God is forever calling us to be aware of and open to the new thing, the new possibility, the new relationship that lies right in front of us. By doing so, we refresh our spirits, renew our faith, and grow as followers of Jesus. We are very, very blessed that God is not afraid of doing new things and I take great comfort in knowing that even in the new situations we face, God is with us, guiding us through our uncharted territories.

With this in mind, and in anticipation of leaving at the end of this month, I want to say thank you for my time here at First Presbyterian Church. It has been a special chapter in my ministry full of new lessons learned and meaningful relationships made. And as I reflect and move forward, I will continue to pray for this family of faith and for the new, exciting, life-giving things that God has in store.

Blessings,

Heather

PENTECOST OFFERING

June 12, 2011

During the worship service on June 12, 2011, we will be collecting the annual Pentecost Offering. This particular offering is used to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Forty percent of the offering stays in our own community to be used to support the TIPS Program at the Partnership for Children. The General Assembly’s portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$8 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family.

The General Assembly Mission Council divides the remaining 60 percent among:

- General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults (25%)
- Advocacy at the denominational level on behalf of children at risk (10%)
- PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteers opportunities (25%)

Please give generously on June 12, 2011.

SESSION

The next stated meeting of Session will be Sunday, June 26, after Worship. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board for your information.

MEMBER CARE NOTES

MEMORIAL GARDEN DONATIONS

In Memory of Herb Hildreth by
Ted & Jean Gardner

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Honor your friend or loved one with a contribution to First Presbyterian Women of the Church.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Member Care is currently working on the new directory. We will soon be able to send it to Lifetouch for printing. In the meantime, if you did not have your picture made you may still bring a photograph of your own to the Church Office along with the \$10 charge required by Lifetouch.

EMAIL ADDRESS/EPISTLE MAILING

We are now Emailing a good portion of the newsletters to help reduce our mailing costs. Please notify the Church Office if are not currently receiving Emails regarding church concerns. **We may not have your Email address.** Please be aware that Member Care posts the *Epistle* on our website as soon as it is prepared. You may find it under the heading "Newsletter" at www.fpcwadesboro.org. This gives our members two opportunities to view the Epistle electronically. We still mail copies to those without Email addresses. If you prefer reading from a hard copy, you will be able to print the document yourself from either electronic source. Hard copies are also available at each entrance to the church.

WORSHIP NOTES/ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SACRAMENT OF LORD'S SUPPER



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed during morning worship on Sunday, June 5th.

Do this in
Remembrance of Me.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

The Christian Education committee has been working to secure a date for our graduating senior (Hannah Wilson) who will be honored during Worship and after Worship with a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. As soon as a date is finalized, it will be announced via e-mail and during church. If you know of any other graduates, please let the Church Office know.

MONTREAT PLANNING MEETING

A Montreat Planning Meeting was held on Sunday, May 22, 2011, at First Presbyterian-Norwood to finalize plans for the upcoming Montreat Trip this summer. Details from the meeting will be shared soon along with fundraiser information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BAOBAB BLAST

June 12 – 16

Plans are being finalized for VBS which will be held June 12-16, 2011, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM each night. On June 12-15, we will begin with a light supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 PM followed by the classes and activities that will last until 8:00 PM. On Thursday, June 16, we will begin with a covered dish supper followed by the closing program (there will be no classes or activities). Each night, students will attend an opening session conducted by Heather followed by their classes and other fun activities. Be sure to sign up on the board in the bell room as soon as possible!!!

PRESBYTERY MEETING UPDATE

The Presbytery of Charlotte met on Tuesday, May 17. Kaye, Jeanne, and Heather attended from First Presbyterian and highlights from this special meeting can be found at: www.presbyofcharlotte.org/Portals/722/Presbytery%20Meetings/Infopak/highlightsbulletininsert0511.pdf or you can call the Church Office to receive a printed copy. You can also visit these helpful websites that address the voting results and changes that are to come for our denomination www.gahelp.net www.presbyofcharlotte.org www.pcusa.org or talk with Heather for more details.



NOTES FROM JANICE



Our Handbell Choir will play on June 5th. After summer break, regular rehearsals will begin for the fall season on September 7.

The Chancel Choir will have summer rehearsals on June 1 and July 13 at 7:00 PM. Regular rehearsals will resume on September 7.

The Cherub Choir has begun learning special songs for Vacation Bible School. Rehearsals are at 9:45 AM on Sundays.

Rehearsal Times:



Handbell Choir: June 1 at 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir: June 1, July 13 at 7:00 PM
Cherub Choir: Sundays at 9:45 AM

MISSION

ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON

May 6, 2011

Thanks to all volunteers, sponsors, and contributors to the Salad Luncheon that was held on Friday, May 6th. The amount raised to date is \$2,430.00.

ANSON CRISIS MINISTRY NEEDS

June is the month that we are to provide Anson Crisis Ministry with 5 pound bags of flour or sugar. These items may be left in the provided container as you enter the church.

RELAY FOR LIFE

June 17, 2011, 6:00 PM – Anson High Stadium

Plan to walk or make a donation!
We'll accept donations right up to the event.

FOOD PANTRY: WACOM

We welcome volunteers of all ages.

June Food Pantry:

Set-Up – June 10th 4:00 PM

Distribution – June 11th 8:30-10:00 AM

OFFERINGS

The \$2 offering per family for the **Mission Fund** will be taken on Sunday, June 5th, during the worship service.

The **10¢-A-Meal** offering will be taken on Sunday, June 26th, during the worship service.



10¢ a Meal, 30¢ a day, \$2.10 a week, \$9.00 a month

PROPERTY/FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION

REPAIRS

Repairs have been made to the Ladies Restroom in the Fellowship Hall. Part of the floor was removed and replaced and this warranted replacing the floor covering over the entire floor. Take a minute to check out the new flooring.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Each week, we need \$3,264.00 to meet budget for the General Account. Below is a list of the amounts we have received in past weeks:

May 1	\$2,512.00
May 8	\$1,613.36
May 15	\$1,017.00
May 22	\$2,324.75

\$13,056.00 was needed for this period and we received \$7,467.11 – shortage of \$5,588.89. Shortage since January 1, 2011 is \$22,868.94.

COMMUNITY NOTES

BACH'S LUNCH June 22, 2011

Anson County Arts Council's first Bach's Lunch of the season will be on Wednesday, June 22, at Noon in First Presbyterian's Fellowship Hall.



FLOWER CALENDAR

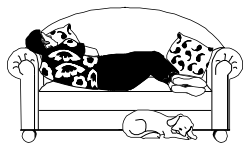
June 5 Eddie & Ellen Huntley
June 12 OPEN
June 19 Ashe & Kaye Ratliff
June 26 Vera Trexler

(You have the option of using the silk flower arrangement for a donation of \$25 to the Mission Fund or you can make arrangements to have fresh flowers delivered from a florist. Call the Church Office for details.)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

June 5 Gretchen & Bryan Trexler
June 12 Anne & Luke Hyatt
June 19 Pam Vernon & Bob Stowe
June 26 Ross Huntley & Ginger Trexler

Note: Please be at the church at 9:45 AM when you are scheduled to keep the Nursery.



Happy Father's Day! - June 19th

ACOLYTE/GREETER SCHEDULE

June 5 Tripp Trexler
June 12 Dylan Trexler
June 19 Emma Trexler
June 26 Katie Paige Huntley

USHER SCHEDULE

June 5

Glenn Trexler
Bob Stowe
Luke Hyatt
Jerry Ridenhour

June 12

Foyle Hightower
Hugh Wallace
Bryan Trexler
Jim Strayhorn

June 19

Alex McLeod
Calvin Catoe
Ashe Ratliff
John Edwards

June 26

Danny Deese
Eddie Huntley
Glenn Trexler
Bob Stowe

Note: Ushers need to be at church by 10:45 AM. If you cannot usher, it is your responsibility to get a replacement.

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