

the Epistle

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Being Doers of the Word

Dorothy Day was an American journalist turned social activist. She became known for her social justice campaigns in defense of the poor, forsaken, hungry, and homeless. Alongside Peter Maurin, she founded the Catholic Worker Movement in 1933, espousing nonviolence and hospitality for the impoverished and downtrodden. Here are some of her thoughts about how we can be doers of God's word:

- I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least.
- The Gospel takes away our right, forever, to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving poor.
- It is no use saying that we are born 2,000 years too late to give room to Christ.... Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving to Christ. All that the friends of Christ did for him during his lifetime, we can do... If we hadn't got Christ's own words for it, it would seem raving lunacy to believe that if I offer a bed and food and hospitality to some man or woman or child, I am replaying the part of Lazarus or Martha or Mary, and that Christ is my guest... We do it by seeing Christ in and serving Christ in friends and strangers, in everyone we come in contact with... And to those who say, aghast, that they never had a chance of knowing all their lives, we say that if these things are done for the very least of His brethren they are done for Him.
- Jesus did not say "Blessed are you who give contributions to charity" or "Blessed are you who are planning a just society." He said, "Welcome into the Kingdom prepared for you

since the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you fed me."

- We are here to celebrate Christ through works of mercy.
- Those who cannot see the face of Christ in the poor are atheists indeed.
- Change starts not in the future but in the present, not in Washington or on Wall Street, but where I stand. Change begins not in the isolated dramatic gesture or the petition signed, but in the ordinary actions of life, how I live minute to minute, what I do with my life, what I notice, what I respond to, the care and attention with which I listen, the way in which I respond.
- Paperwork, cleaning the house, dealing with the innumerable visitors who come all through the day, answering the phone, keeping patience and acting intelligently, which is to find some meaning in all that happens — these things, too, are the works of peace, and often seem like a very little way.
- What I want to bring out is how a pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that.

SERMON SERIES

Family Values: A Tapestry

Parenting just isn't what it was when the values of the family down the block were pretty close to your own. And what are your family's values, by the way? Clarifying family values is important for all households. If we are unclear or have not articulated the values we consider important, we send fuzzy signals about what we believe we should and should

not do. When families don't take time to talk about values and share what is truly important, we can end up feeling that we have no values at all.

God's gift of a creative mind and loving heart makes values discussions critical for families of all ages. As we discuss our values, we also discuss our faith in God. If we do not take time to identify our values, we can find ourselves tossed to and fro by the tides of the cultural river swirling around us. Instilling our cherished values in our children takes time and awareness.

In February, we will be focusing upon Family Values in our worship services. Be sure to join us as we share resources and help each other consider what Scripture teaches us about family values.

February 5: *Deep Caring*

February 12: *Unselfish Affection*

February 19: *Peace & Thankfulness*

Peace and Grace,
Leslie

SESSION

The next stated meeting of Session will be Sunday, February 12, after Worship. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board.

MEMBER CARE NOTES

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 21, 2012



Please mark Tuesday, February 21st, on your calendars! Member Care and Christian Education/Worship are making plans for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The fun will begin at 6:00 PM. Several members have already volunteered to cook, and Jerry Ridenhour has once again agreed to shop for this event. Foyle Hightower has asked our Boy Scout Troop to help again this year. The scouts agreed to arrive early and set up, serve, and clean. We do plan to provide entertainment during the supper. If you volunteer to take the sausage home to cook, please bring it in warm that evening as our ovens will be in use to keep the pancakes warm as they are cooked.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast will be March 11th, 8:00 AM.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 8, 2012

The next Interchurch Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 12:00 noon. The group will meet at Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Honor your friend or loved one with a contribution to First Presbyterian Women of 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, February 5th.

BIBLE STUDY

Wired Word on Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM

Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM

This is a discussion of current events as they relate to Christians. We encourage anyone to come and join in the discussion. You do not have to be a member of First Presbyterian Church to join us.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22, 2012

The Ash Wednesday Service will be February 22, 2012, at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church. We will share in this special service with our First United Methodist Church neighbors. Plan to be a part of this important service that sets us on the right path for our Lenten Journey to the cross and that empty tomb of Easter.





NOTES FROM JANICE



Easter is on April 8 this year so we've already started work on the new cantata and handbell special music. Come and make a joyful noise with us!

Rehearsal Times:



Handbell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Cherub Choir: Sundays at 9:45 AM



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please be aware throughout this winter season that the church will notify WSOC TV Channel 9 regarding inclement weather closings.

You are also welcome to contact Anne Hyatt at 704-694-0593 with questions about our worship schedule.

MISSION

FOOD PANTRY: WACOM

We continue to serve 150-200 families per month. Please feel free to support us with prayers, donations, and physical presence.

February Food Pantry:

Set-Up – February 10th 4:00 PM

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

WACOM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We need volunteers to help unload the trucks when food is picked up from Second Harvest in Charlotte. Please let anyone on the Mission Ministry, any member of Session, or the Church Office know if you would be willing to help!

OFFERINGS

\$2 Per Family Offering for the Mission Fund:

February 5th.

10¢-A-Meal Offering: February 26th

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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING

February 5, 2012



We will be taking the annual Souper Bowl of Caring Offering of monetary donations and canned goods on Sunday, February 5th. Since Souper Bowl of Caring began, more than \$81 million has been collected in cash and food from participants like you in all 50 states.

In preparing for this offering, we'd like to remind you that our collection counts.

Did you know:

- The number of Americans living in poverty is the highest it has been in 52 years.
- When the economy goes down, the number of people seeking help from the nation's food banks goes up.
- Donations to food banks slow down after the holidays even though the need never goes away.
- Over 48 million Americans, including 16 million children, live on the edge of hunger.
- Research shows hungry children have lower grades in school because they cannot concentrate.

Since Souper Bowl of Caring began, more than \$81 million has been collected in cash and food from participants like you in all 50 states. Thank you for tackling hunger with us in 2012. *Together we make a difference.*

Please bring your money and canned goods as the proceeds go to WACOM (Food Pantry).

ANSON CRISIS MINISTRY NEEDS

February is the month that we are to provide Anson Crisis Ministry with mayonnaise and canned tomatoes. These items maybe left in the provided container at the entrance to the church.

We still need a volunteer to take the items to Anson Crisis Ministry at the end of each month. If you would be willing to volunteer, please call the Church Office.

COMING SPRING 2012

Salad Luncheon for Missions

Date to be determined.

PROPERTY/FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE NOTES

In the near future, we will begin work on the front entrance to the church. Our plans are to remove the slick and loose tiles, repair the concrete base, and resurface the cement.

Included in this project are plans to eliminate the water leak in the basement by removing the planting bed that is above it and sealing this area.

During the renovation, the wrought iron rails will also be repaired.

Anyone interested in the boxwood shrubs, please contact Calvin Catoe or the Church Office.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Each week, we need \$2,560.88 to meet budget for the General Account. Below is a list of the amounts we have received in past weeks:

Jan. 1 \$2,639.76

Jan. 8 \$1,645.00

Jan. 15 \$1,692.25

Jan. 22 \$1,516.00

\$10,243.52 was needed for this period and we received \$7,493.01 – shortage of \$2,750.51.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ACDVC BBQ FUNDRAISER

Friday, February 3, 2012

The Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition and their sponsors are holding their annual BBQ Fundraiser to raise funds for the organization and to promote community awareness against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault on Friday, February 3, in our Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Cost per plate is \$8, sandwiches-\$3, quart bag-\$10.

Deliveries are available.

For more information, call 704-694-4499.

SOUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Sponsored by Anson Women's League

Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers,
Toasted Cheese Sandwich,
Homemade Dessert, Tea

11:00AM-1:30PM

\$6.00

First Baptist Church – Lee Avenue

Call Ross Huntley 704-695-7009 for tickets
or purchase tickets from any Anson Women's League
Member



ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Below are some quotes seen on church signs:

There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.

Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him.

Thou shalt not steal copper from the AC unit.

Read the Bible. It's user friendly plus we offer tech support here on Sundays.

Church Parking. Trespassers will be baptized.

Sign outside a church covered in snow:
Whoever is praying for snow, please stop!

To be almost saved is to be totally lost!

What is missing from church? U R

Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the snake and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.

Every day above ground is a good one.

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.

Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

Under same management for over 2,000 years.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Feb. 5 OPEN
Feb. 12 OPEN
Feb. 19 OPEN
Feb. 26 Lent

2012 Flower Calendar has been posted in the Copy Room.

(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

February 5 Ann & Luke Hyatt
February 12 Pam Vernon & Bob Stowe
February 19 Jeanne & James Price
February 26 Peggy & David Trexler

ACOLYTE/GREETER SCHEDULE

February 5 Ryder Price
February 12 Mary Catherine Boylin
February 19 Tripp Trexler
February 26 Katie Paige Huntley

USHER SCHEDULE

February 5
Foyle Hightower
Pam Vernon
Brenda Morgan
Danny Deese

February 19
Luke Hyatt
Jerry Ridenhour
Bryan Trexler
Glenn Trexler

February 12
Calvin Catoe
John Edwards
Jim Strayhorn
Hugh Wallace

February 26
Jim Boylin
Ashe Ratliff
Alex McLeod
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.



Happy Valentine's Day!

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