

what we are doing on our summer vacation



rock-hopping at Montreat
welcoming south korean tourists
running. in this heat. really.
packing lunch bags for hungry kids
weeding the garden
digging in the Dominican
sharing our highs and lows
reading book club picks
feeding Habitat workers
planning an **inspired!** fall

FIRST CHURCH PEOPLE

Sympathy

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Charles Watson Irvin, Jr.**, who died May 24, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Mary Ruth Hall Lloyd**, who died May 28, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Doris Elizabeth Davenport Benton**, who died June 6, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Milnor Price Jones**, who died June 7, 2015.

Sympathy to FPC member **Jim Staton** upon the death of his mother **Miriam Staton**, who died June 10, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Mary Marvel Campbell Shore**, who died June 10, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Alice McElroy Smith**, who died June 15, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **John Ward Andrews**, who died June 20, 2015.

Sympathy to family and friends of FPC member **Walter E. Blue, Jr.**, who died July 7, 2015.

Sympathy to FPC member **Alex Maultsby** upon the death of his grandmother, who died July 9, 2015.

Births

Congratulations to **Mike & Ashlie Bucy** on the birth of their daughter, **Lochlan Anderson Bucy**, on May 21, 2015. Lochlan has a brother, **Keller**, 2 years old.

Congratulation to **Stu & Carrie Johnston** on the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Lee "Liza" Johnston**, on June 7, 2015. Liza is the couple's first child.

Baptisms

On June 14, 2015, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to:

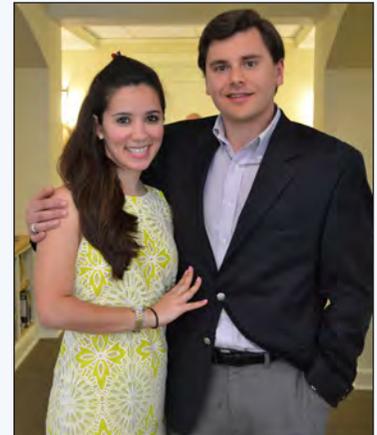
- **Ada Gwyn Bach-y-Rita**, daughter of **Peter Bach-y-Rita & Elizabeth Arbuckle**;
- **Fiona Alexis Barry**, daughter of **Jack & Kelsey Barry**;
- **Myra Belle Shields**, daughter of **John & Carrie Shields**;
- **Anderson Jiaqiu Xu**, son of **Michael & Ashley Xu**.

Welcome new members

Please welcome the following new members who joined this spring.



Tony, Jordan and Kim Lancaster



Melanie Fernandez & Will Wright



Susan Barron



Johanna Bingham

Not pictured:

- Chip & Mary Adams
- Jack & Kelsey Barry
- Sam & Elizabeth Bostian
- Josephine Davis
- Scott & Joanna Kirkland
- Lindsey and Tim Murphy
- Thomas & Tiffany Simek
- Thomas & Diana Stuckey

Senior care assistance is available

Sadye Bowles was an FPC member who left her estate to the church to assist older adults with the cost of in-home care or care in a facility such as a nursing home or memory care unit.

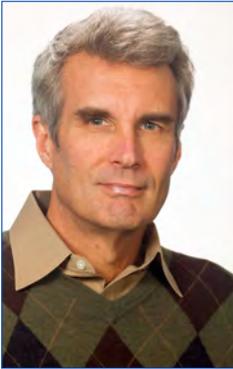
Since 1998 the fund has assisted more than 100 people who needed help with the costs of care. The fund cannot provide all of the cost but does supplement the income and other assets of a recipient. The first Sadye Bowles Fund recipient in 1998 has been receiving care assistance for more than 17 years and is now 94 years old.

The criteria to receive assistance include:

- Age 55 or above
- Financial need
- Live within a 50-mile radius of Greensboro
- Preference to FPC members.

An application is required. All information received is completely confidential. To learn more about the fund or to complete an application please call Maggie Turner, Director of Sadye Bowles Fund and Congregational Nurse, at 478-4724.

Dear Friends,



Hunger is something everyone knows about. Even if it is just a very temporary hunger before lunch or in the middle of the night. We all can imagine how it would feel to be hungry frequently. And we can all imagine how unproductive and sluggish and irritable we would be without food to fuel our brains keep our bodies moving.

Perhaps that is why this congregation is so very generous toward any project that involves hunger. Over the past seven years you have given more than \$300,000 to feed the hungry in Greensboro on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hot Dish & Hope. You have also given several hundred thousand dollars over the last 10 years to feed the hungry in North Korea, Mexico, Peru, Haiti, and Cuba.

Now with the Giving Back Garden on the corner of Fisher and Greene and various member plots at the Agricultural Extension Office, we are growing food to feed hungry people. This summer we are putting together and delivering lunches to hungry children at Rankin School. Every Sunday we bring in canned goods for the hungry at Urban Ministry. For the first six months of this year we collected 5,197 pounds of food and \$1,204 in cash. Our goal is to supply 10,000 pounds of food a year to Urban Ministry.

Sometimes when we are busy we wonder why God made us so that we need to eat so often. How convenient it would be and how less expensive if we could go strong all day on one bowl of oatmeal.

But food is also a great gift from God. The necessity to buy, prepare, and eat food (and wash the dishes and pots and pans) slows us down and allows us to commune with one another. It gives us something to think about and talk about and look forward to.

I am very proud of this church for its commitment and generosity toward the hungry. Somehow we have all come to understand that having enough food is a gift and a luxury and something we should never take for granted. You are a great blessing, and I thank you very much.

Neil

P.S. Kate and I will lead an FPC trip to the Balkans in October, 2016. We would love for you to join us. More information is on page 8.

P.P.S. Rev. Aaron Ferry, coming to us from Tennessee, will start in September as minister/director of youth. We look forward to introducing him to all of you!



WORDS

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Top: Rev. Larry Avent greets unexpected visitors from a seminary in South Korea. Check our Facebook page to hear them sing "Blessed Assurance."

Above: Youth take the love of Christ to the Dominican Republic.



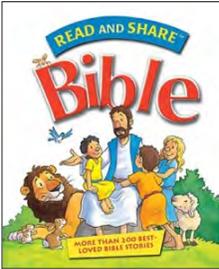
Above: Tweeners find a cool place to sit during the Passport Camp at Montreat.



Left: Souls who braved the heat to go running with Neil.



Summer is full of activities to help keep us all healthy and happy. It's a great time for families to grow closer to one another and to God! Children's Ministry at FPC wants to introduce: FAITH 5 (Faith Acts In The Home) - a simple online resource with five easy steps:

<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> 	<p>4 & 5</p> 
<p>1. Share your highs and lows</p>	<p>2. Read a Bible verse or story</p>	<p>3. Talk about how the verse and your highs and lows may relate</p>	<p>4. Pray for one another</p> <p>5. Bless one another</p>

How to get started:

1. Go to the FAITH5.org on your phone or computer to learn about the plan.
2. Download the weekly Home Huddle Page which includes your weekly scripture and a place to record your high and low and prayer if you choose.
3. Watch the awesome video on the FAITH 5 introduction page which gives a wonderful example of a

family with preschoolers engaging in the FAITH 5 practice. There are videos available for each part of the practice: Read, Talk, Pray, and Bless.

4. Try out the practice with your family and, as always, adapt as needed for the age of your children and how much time your family can spend together.

5. Share the practice with friends or family and have a blessed summer!

Currie Library News

LOCATION: First floor of Smith Building

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, 9-10:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Nancy Fuller, 478-4731 or nfuller@fpcgreensboro.org

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

In memory of

Howard "Champ" Wall Covington: *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Ways of Meeting God*, given by Bob & Jean Rapp;

Andrew "Andy" Johnson Courts: *The Road to Character*, given by the Agape Class;

William Cortell "Scrappy" Gay: *Lila*, given by the Agape Class;

Dorothy Hamlett Farmer (mother of Ann Alexander): memorial given by Bonnie & Dan McAlister;

Milnor P. Jones: *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps; Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow; Still Life With Breadcrumbs; Friendship at the Margins*, given by Hoke & Sallie Huss; memorial given by Grace J. & Harry O. Fishel; memorial given by the Maharona B. Simpson family;

Robert "Bob" H. Stevens (husband of Carol P. Stevens): *My Beautiful Broken Shell* and *My Beautiful Sandcastle Moments*, given by Carol P. Stevens.

CHECK IT OUT

Wearing God is by Lauren Winner, a Duke Divinity School professor, who tries on overlooked and newer metaphors for how we meet God such as clothing, laughter, wine and food. She has also written *Girl Meets God*, which one of the library book clubs is discussing March 14, 2016.

Carol Stevens found two books helpful and comforting after the death of her husband: *My Beautiful Sandcastle of Moments: New Beginnings of Hope and Healing* and *My Beautiful Broken Shell: Words of Hope to Refresh the Soul*. Carol says some lines from one of the books were used in a Hospice service.

In *The Road to Character* author David Brooks challenges the "Big Me Culture" (wealth, fame, status) to rebalance the scales with our "eulogy virtues" such as kindness, honesty, faithfulness, focusing on what kind of relationships we have formed. The book provides an opportunity to rethink priorities and to strive to build virtues like the Fruit of the Spirit with which FPC closes each Sunday worship service.

David Partington, a big fan of author Marilynne Robinson, recommended her latest book, *Lila*. Robinson revisits the beloved characters and settings of *Gilead* (book and book on CD) and *Home* which Currie Library also has.

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan C. Bartoletti is the riveting and often chilling tale of a generation of 7 million boys and girls who belonged to the Hitler Youth Organization and how they came to terms with their actions at the end of WWII. The voices of both Hitler Youth members and young people who resisted the Nazi movement along with those of Jewish youth and others brutally targeted by the Third Reich raise such questions as whether the

horrors of Hitler's Germany could ever happen again. This book would be of interest to both book clubs which are reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

Donna Chase, director of spiritual formation at FPC, recommends *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* by Richard Rohr.

Friendship at the Margins: Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission is recommended by Rev. Frank Dew. It challenges those who befriend those on the margins of society to practice hospitality and welcome and "offers fresh insight into Christian mission and what it means to be the church in the world today".

The Same Gender Marriage Series led by Sid, Neil and Dolly this spring is available to read or to make a hard copy. It is also available online.

Presbyterian Today's May 2015 issue has a wonderful article about FPC member John Vanderwerff that is on display in a library window. John shares his involvement at FPC and its Scout Troop, community, politics (Kay Hagan) and job at Chick-Fil-A. He appreciates his inclusion and support at FPC and is grateful for the youth and other activities in which he participated in over the years. Recently he participated in worship enrichment by reading scripture during the worship hour and has been a usher/greeter for years. He says he hasn't been stumped yet by worshipers' questions! John has been blessed by FPC and FPC has been blessed by John and his family!

Barnes & Noble Voucher Days: Thank you to all who made purchases at Barnes & Noble in June to support Currie Library. We earned \$99.97 which will be used to support and enhance the collection. Thank you again!

this summer, First Preszers are

bagging, dishing & canning hunger

When Guilford County Schools asked FPC to provide bag lunches each Friday, a day when the Rankin School summer lunch program does not operate, more than 40 families answered the call!

BY JACKIE WILSON

Each Friday morning in Redhead Hall five or six staffers don plastic gloves, form an assembly line, and fill 50 paper bags with water, sandwich, fruit, chips, dessert and all the condiments for a filling lunch. The bags are taken to Rankin School where they are handed out to hungry children who appear. Any leftovers are taken downtown to Urban Ministry where underfed clients appreciate having an unexpected treat.

FPC's involvement will end August 21. That week, we will supply lunches each weekday in addition to the usual Friday.

Laurie Scotton, coordinator of the program, says: "Food insecurity continues to be an issue for our children especially when school is out. The last group of children that we fed at Jones on July 3 was composed of six children with the oldest of the group a young boy in fourth or fifth grade. As we gathered their bags and water, he started to vomit on the sidewalk. He had no food in his vomit, just fluid. I got him a seat on an upturned bin and gave him some water. I asked if he had eaten yet today, and he said he had



Young Christians unload lunches at Rankin School

not but was hungry. We gave him a banana and told him to take it slowly. He gradually ate his banana and then ate the rest of his lunch over 20 or 25 minutes. And then he walked away with the rest of the group.

"I don't know how to fix all the underlying problems that lead to this kind of food insecurity. But I do know how to make a sandwich, and I hope it makes a difference. I think it made a difference to one child on Friday. I thank you for all the sandwiches you've made, and your patience as we struggle to find the best way to find and feed the children that need us."

Each Sunday, bring non-perishable food for Urban Ministry. We have collected 5,197 pounds toward our goal of 10,000 pounds this year.



Give to the summer Hot Dish & Hope fund-raiser. Our goal is \$15,000, and more than \$10K has already come in and we have two weeks to go.

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS (Summer schedule):
Sanctuary, 10:45 am.
Rejoice! 10:45 am, Mullin Life Center.

July 19: *Baptism Sunday*. Neil
Dunnivant is the preacher.

June 26: Dolly Jacobs is the preacher.

August 2: Frank Dew is the preacher.

August 9: Sid Batts is the preacher.

August 16: *Baptism Sunday*.
Sid Batts is the preacher.

August 23: Sid Batts is the preacher.

August 30: *Elder Ordination / Backpack
Blessing Sunday / Outreach
Sunday*. Sid Batts is the
preacher.

September 6: Kevin Geurink is the
preacher.

September 13: *Regular schedule
resumes with Sanctuary services
at 8:30 & 10:45 am*. Sid Batts is
the preacher.

THIS MONTH AT FPC

JULY + AUGUST

CONNECTION

Coffee – in the new Welcome Center Sundays before & after worship.
First floor, Smith Building.

On Facebook, Rev. Neil Dunnivant has been leading a discussion of seven of his favorite short stories. The discussion moves to the last story, "The Swimmer" by John Cheever, beginning Monday, July 20. Want to catch up, or join the study at your own pace? See the complete list of stories and hear Neil's introductions at fpcgreensboro.org/stories-i-like-with-neil-dunnivant.



Greensboro Grasshoppers Faith & Family Night – Monday, July 27; gates open 6 pm. Fellowship, \$1 hotdogs & drinks, Hoppers baseball and a postgame concert by the band Waiting Hill! *Reserve your preferred seating tickets NOW to get the discount rate, \$8 each at the Welcome Center.*



Almanah: Widows are invited for fun, fellowship and food. RSVP to Becky Peters at 545-7757 or becky_p@bellsouth.net. On Thursday, August 6, at 11:30 am we'll go to lunch at Elm Street Grill (3606-A North Elm Street) On Friday, August 28, we'll go to dinner at 5:30 pm at Macaroni Grill, Friendly Center.

Grands Back to School Dance, August 28, 6-7:30 pm in the Life Center. For all ages! We will have music, dancing, photo booth, popcorn, and Sno-Cones! Come and ring in the school year! Contact Sara Manchester, smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4722, for more info.

Watercolor Class – led by Ron Bauer, Tuesdays, 9-11 am in the Garden Room, behind the Welcome Center. Info: Dolly Jennings, 854-2663.

Functional Fitness – Exercise for older adults, 10:15 am Mondays & Thursdays, Garden Room. Free for Silver Sneakers/United Healthcare & BCBS; \$3/class for others. Info: Carol Sellars, 288-2077, or Martha Sharpless, 282-0397.

Men's Fellowship – 7:30 am, Wednesdays, Memorial 100 (Blair Hagan Room). Info: Wil Courter at wcourter@earthlink.net.

TRAVEL



There are a couple of last-minute openings for **A Spiritual Journey Through Italy**, led by Senior Pastor Sid Batts, October 5-14. Info: Weezie Glascock, 275-1010 or weezieglascock@gmail.com

The 55+ Travel Group is planning a **one-day trip to Chapel Hill in December** to see the "12 Days of Christmas"



event at the Carolina Inn, followed by a tour of Ayr Plantation in Historic Hillsborough. Lunch will be included. *More details to follow.* Contact: Linda Allen, 294-3084

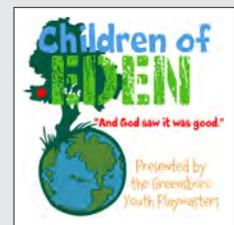


Join Neil and Kate Dunnivant for an FPC **trip to the Balkans** (Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, and Zagreb), October 2-10, 2016 with an optional trip to Venice, Italy, October 10-12. Estimate for trip and airfare (including the 2 nights in Venice) is \$3,500. To learn more or sign up for the trip with your \$250 deposit, contact Shannon at SRH Travel by email, Shannon@srhtravel.com, or at 336-335-3030.

MUSIC

Summer choir – will meet Sunday mornings, August 9 through Labor Day, at 9:45 in the Chancel, for a brief rehearsal before leading the congregation in worship. Contact Anne Albert for more info, 478-4711.

July 26, 4pm: John Alexander will play a recital in our Sanctuary as a part of the American Guild of Organists Summer Series. Admission is free, with a freewill offering to benefit the Michael Hill Scholarship, which supports young organists.



Greensboro Youth Playmasters present *Children of Eden* in Redhead Hall, July 22-25 at 7 pm and July 25 at 2 pm. Regular tickets are \$15. Preview show ("pay what you can" tickets), July 20 at 7 pm.

OUTREACH

Community Service Group – 10 am Wednesday, August 19, in the Garden Room, Smith 124. Women gather for fellowship and a devotional while hand-crafting blankets, lap robes & more items to be distributed to people in need in our community and beyond. Info: B.J. Williams, 288-8601; Hannah Britt, 288-9289; or Nancy Jewson, Well Spring coordinator, 288-0333.

Hot Dish & Hope – 6 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays, Mullin Life Center. Share in the ministry that puts our faith into action as we serve dinner and a “measure of hope” to individuals and families in need. Info: Jill Tourtellot, jtourtellot@triad.rr.com or (336) 299-6152.

StepUp Greensboro – Donate your unwanted clothing to Encore!, StepUp’s thrift store at Golden Gate Center. While you are there pick up info on other ways to support this ministry to help people build stable lives. 676-5871 for more information.

TRIAD CAREER NETWORK – Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am, Memorial 304. For anyone dealing with job loss.

Every Sunday, we collect donations of non-perishable food for Greensboro Urban Ministry’s pantry. Bring those cans to church!

A D U L T S P I R I T U A L F O R M A T I O N

9:30 a.m Sunday classes open to all

- On Sunday, July 19, **Faith Matters** concludes discussion of Rev. Neil Dunnivant’s “**Stories I Like**” Facebook study. The class meets at 9:30 am in Cannon’s Solarium near the Welcome Center.
- **Seekers Class** continues a study of Revelation. Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.
- **YMBC** meets in Redhead Hall. July 19, John Willett leads. July 26, Erwin Fuller leads. Dr. Sandie Gravett leads “The Bible and Christian Ethics: through August.

Other days & times

The Bible in a Year Challenge: A Virtual Academic Study. Join Professor Sandie Gravett in reading the Bible in a year. Follow at twitter.com/sandiebible, subscribe at sandiesbibleblog.wordpress.com, or send a friend request to “**Sandie Daily Bible**” on Facebook.

Currie Library – open 9 am-3 pm, Monday – Thursday, and 9-10:30 am Sundays. Info: nfuller@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4731.

Centering Prayer – Noon Mondays in Myers Loyalty Room (Smith 242), led by Rev. Frank Dew.

C H I L D R E N

Sundays through Sept. 6

Infant – preschool: Nursery on first and second floors of Corl Building, 10 am to noon.

Completed K-4: A Place for Everyone family activities in the Welcome Center’s Children’s Area.

There are no supervised church school classes for children and youth until September 13. No church staff or child care providers will be in the Welcome Center Children’s Space.

Church school resumes September 13, 2015

Y O U T H

Tuesday, July 21: Middle-schoolers are invited to see the 2:30 showing of *Inside Out*. Meet at 2:15 in front of the Regal Grande; bring \$8 for the movie plus snack money.

Wednesday, July 22: Our CE Interns invite our high school girls to join with them for a study of Ruth, 8 pm in the new Youth Room (Shetler 114).

Thursday, July 23: All high school youth (including rising 9th graders) are invited to HS Prayer Partners at Panera on Lawndale at 12:30 pm.

Tuesday, August 4: All youth are invited to go to Carowinds! Details to come, mark your calendars.

Keep our children & youth in prayer as they learn and travel this summer:

- Around 50 youth and chaperones return July 18 from high school **mission trip to Dominican Republic.** They took with them almost a ton of donations from church members. Thank you to everyone who donated!
- July 20-23: Over 150 **VBS and KDC** children will learn about “Conquering Challenges through God’s Mighty Power.” This year’s monetary offering will go to Nepal earthquake relief. Canned goods will be collected and donated to Out of the Garden. KDC will spend 2 days at Peacehaven, a sustainable local farm that connects

people with special needs to their community.

- July 26-31: About 30 youth and chaperones will attend the **Montreat Youth Conference** to worship, cook, laugh, play, hear from incredible speakers, and meet other youth in small groups.
- **Weekday Preschool Center Summer Fun Camps:** week-long Summer Fun Camps for children ages 2 through 6. Each day’s session is open from 9 am to 1 pm with options for 8-9 am early care and 1-2 pm late care. Cost is \$25 per day, and you make the schedule. There is a \$25 sign-up fee. Camps are open each weekday through July 31, with the exception of July 20-24 (Vacation Bible School week).

session digest

Minutes of the May Session meeting Approved at the June Session meeting

The Work and Worship of the Session Monday, May 18, 2015

The stated May meeting of Session of First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday, May 18, 2015, starting at 5:30 pm in the Garden Room. The Rev. Sid Batts, Senior Pastor, served as moderator.

The meeting began with singing of the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" accompanied on the piano by John Alexander, Associate Director of Music. Sid led a responsive reading of Psalm 113.

Guests: Genie Schwartz, Eileen Lane, Rev. David Partington, Dan & Bonnie McAlister.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- From the Discipleship Office: From the Discipleship Office: April attendance, membership, and visitor reports
- Report from: Christian Education Youth; Outreach
- Finance Report for April 2015
- Memorial tribute for Decatur Cunningham.

The following Consent Agenda item was approved with modification: From the Clerk: Minutes of the April 2015 stated meeting.

Session members identified prayer partners for the next month.

Growing Deeper, Wider and Tech Savvy – What have we seen and experienced:

- More than 300 FPC members met at various neighborhood parks last night for a Boros picnic event.
- Members who were out of town watched the May 3 church service through live streaming.
- Watching last Sunday's baptism on the sanctuary monitors allowed attendees even in the back rows of the church to see up close the faces of parents and babies. The monitors were also noted as providing a wonderful view of John Alexander as he presented an organ recital in the sanctuary on Friday, May 1.

- A group of volunteers led by Terri Maultsby made 22 casseroles in the Mullin Life Center kitchen to be frozen and provided to families who are experiencing an illness, death or a birth. Some casseroles were made with chicken, some were vegetarian, and a few were prepared for vegan diets.
- The choral concert featuring W.A. Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor performed on Sunday evening by the Chancel Choir, orchestra and soloists was excellent.

Outreach

Betty K. Phipps reported on the Salem Presbytery meeting held on April 26, 2015, at Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem.

Human Resources Search Updates

Rhonda Youngdahl, Chair of the Stewardship Director Search Committee, indicated that her team has updated the job description and decided how to advertise the opening. Advertisements have been placed in publications such as the Association of Fundraising Professionals Journal, Presbyterian Outlook, and with four divinity schools. The job description is also on the FPC website. Members are encouraged to spread the word and suggest candidates. The committee has already received 41 resumes. They will meet in May to evaluate resumes and decide which interviews to do in person and which to do via Skype.

Donna Chase, Director of Christian Education, has organized the search for a new Youth Ministry Director. The job description has been reviewed, printed, and is now available. A Selection Team has been put together and a timeline developed. First-round interviews have already been conducted with a second round planned. They hope to narrow the selection to 2 candidates and bring them on campus. They have reached out to Youth Ministers elsewhere and had good conversations that resulted in suggestions for candidates. Members are urged to suggest names of candidates for this position.

Finance

Ginni Lineberry, Chair of the Finance Committee, explained the timeline of motions being presented at this meeting. The Funds Management Team began by updating documents with Wells Fargo. They received valuable input that caused continued reworking and a delay until today. The revised documents being presented are smoother, cleaner, easier to read, and well-vetted. Ginni thanked Funds Management Team Chair Tommy Mayes and Erwin Fuller. The resulting effort condensed 30 separate accounts to one, puts Wells Fargo in charge of the detailed accounting, made FPC and Wells Fargo computers compatible so account information is more accessible, made information cleaner for FPC donors, and made it easier and less expensive to liquidate assets.

Ginni presented the following motions for a vote:

- Gift Acceptance Policy for Stewardship Generosity Committee and Fund/Endowment Development Team of FPC of Greensboro, North Carolina, Inc. The motion passed.
- Investment Policy Statement and Spending Policy for Investment Funds of FPC Greensboro, NC, Inc. The motion passed.
- Endowment Fund Declaration of First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, Inc. The motion passed.

Scripture Reading: Elder Tom Heggie read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

Faith Statement: Elder Ubert Frost shared the story of his faith journey.

Supreme Court's Same-Sex Marriage Ruling Motion

Elder and attorney Jack Hicks presented information on the path of the same-sex marriage issue through the U.S. court system, including the Supreme Court, and how that impacts FPC.

Jack, on behalf of the Same-Sex Marriage Subcommittee, presented the following motion:

That the Session approve the use of First Presbyterian Church facilities for same-sex marriages (as long as these marriages are legal in North Carolina), using the guidelines established in the Worship Committee's Wedding Policy Handbook; and that the Session communicate to the congregation its decision in a pastoral letter.

Session, continued

Same Gender Discussion

Prior to the vote, there were questions from Elders. Elder Jack Glenn, member of the Same-Sex Marriage Subcommittee, reviewed activities and communications to the congregation on this issue. Discussion took place regarding a postponement of the vote on this motion. Possible outcomes and results of different decisions were discussed.

Elder and Same-Sex Marriage Subcommittee member Dan Goley moved to hold the vote tonight.

The motion passed.

Elder and Same-Sex Marriage Subcommittee member Louann Clarke restated the motion that the Session approve the use of First Presbyterian Church facilities for same-sex marriages (as long as these marriages are legal in North Carolina), using the guidelines established in the Worship Committee's Wedding Policy Handbook; and that the Session communicate to the congregation its decision in a pastoral letter.

Elder Erwin Fuller spoke in favor of the motion, and Elder Ralph Paris asked a question which was answered by Dr. Batts. There being no further discussion or questions, Session members present proceeded to a vote on the motion after the distribution of paper ballots which had been prepared for that purpose.

The motion passed by a secret ballot vote of 41 in favor, 10 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

It was requested that ministers present three Church School classes on the same-sex marriage issue and announce these classes in the letter to the congregation announcing the results of the vote.

Prayers of the People

Session members named those to be remembered in prayers of need and celebration. Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, offered prayer for all of these people.

New Business

No new business.

This meeting of the Session was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Slaughter, Clerk of Session

Ways you can make a difference

FPC's Children's Ministry offers these suggestions for family service projects this summer:

StepUp Greensboro serves those facing the challenges and hardships of poverty. Get involved by helping out at Hot Dish & Hope, Encore!, Life Skills Program, and more. Encore! is a thrift store in Golden Gate Village Shopping Center off Cornwallis Drive. To volunteer, call 676-5871 and ask for Jackie. The StepUp Life Skills Program is a weekly learning community where participants and their children work with volunteers from the faith community to learn life skills including Personal Development, Financial Literacy, Relationships, Career/Credit Development. To get involved, contact Ingrid Bullock at ibullockr@stepupgreensboro.org.

Hot Dish & Hope is a StepUp ministry at FPC that gives us an opportunity to put our faith into action as we serve dinner and a "measure of hope" to individuals and families in need. All who are hungry are welcome for a meal at 6 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays in Mullin Life Center. Greet and talk with guests, work with the children who are guests, set up, serve meals, and help clean up. Info: Jill Tourtellot to volunteer:jdtourtellot@gmail.com.

Produce from the **Giving Back Garden** at Fisher and Greene (across from the Life Center playground) helps fight hunger in Greensboro. To get involved or learn more about this ministry, contact Jane Trevey, cptjw@aol.com.

Peacehaven is a sustainable local farm that connects people with special needs to their community through beautiful acres of organic gardens and pastures and woodlands. You can get involved through Community Workdays. Contact Sara Gray: sara.gray@peacehavenfarm.org.

BackPack Beginnings works to feed hungry children and comfort to children in difficult situations. You can donate online, or as a family assemble food or comfort packs. Instructions can be found at backpackbeginnings.org. Also on the website you can register to be a volunteer. Contact Parker White at parker@backpackbeginnings.org.

Mobile Meals delivers a nutritious noontime meal to and spends some time visiting with house-bound seniors ages 60 and older. Volunteers from the faith community, local businesses and schools work in pairs or groups to deliver meals prepared at a local center. Info: Mary Bolling at 274-1995.

Crayons Matter seeks to educate children globally by providing school supplies, such as crayons, that help to spark their imagination. They assemble backpacks full of school supplies for children in underserved communities in Africa. Info: crayonsmatter.org or Courtenay Fields at info@crayonsmatter.org.

Volunteer some of your time at **Greensboro Urban Ministry** – sorting in the food bank, or preparing and serving meals at Potter's House or Pathways Family Center. To volunteer as a group, call (336)553-2642, email volunteerservices@guministry.org, or visit greensborourbanministry.org/ volunteer to read about individual volunteer opportunities.

Out of the Garden Project collects food to send home with children on weekends. Stop by their warehouse at 300 N.C. 68 to help get bags and supplies ready each week. Summer hours are Tuesdays, 12-2 pm, Thursdays, 3:30-5:30pm, and second Sundays, 12-2 pm. More information and ways to donate can be found at outofthegardenproject.org.

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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING...

is required for anyone
volunteering with children or
youth ministries. RSVP to Sara
Manchester, [smanchester@
fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org).

Upcoming training dates:

- *July 19*, 9:30 or 11:45 am,
Garden Room.
- *August 16*, 9:30 am, Garden
Room.
- *August 23*, 9:30 am, Garden
Room.
- *August 30*, 9:30 am, Garden
Room.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

- *August 23*, 11:45 am, Vaughn
Conference Room, Main 125.

WORSHIP ENRICHMENT TEACHER TRAINING

- *August 30*, 11:45 am, Vaughn
Conference Room, Main 125.