

FPC news

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Summer is coming:

- New worship schedule!
- Neil's sermon series:
• "Biblical Couples and Their Soap Opera Lives"!
- Weird animals



(besides our kids) at
VBS!

- Mission Mania
- And more!

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FIRST CHURCH PEOPLE

Births

Congratulations to **Tyler & Lori Richardson** on the birth of their son **Whitten Lunsford Richardson** on April 8, 2014. He has two siblings, Brant, age 4, and Frances, age 2.

Baptisms

These children were baptized at worship on April 27, 2014:

- **Bennett Blanton Boger**, son of **Paul & Courtney Boger**;
- **Mary Alice Burke**, daughter of **Parker & Kayse Burke**
- **William Harrison Stewart IV**, son of **Will & Carrie Stewart**.

Sympathy

Sympathy to FPC members **Burwell & Patt Anthony** on the death of their son-in-law Brent Copeland Sprange, who died March 28, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Ed Currie** upon the death of his sister, who died March 29, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Ann Llewellyn Ditto**, who died April 2, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Shawn Fortune** upon the death of her mother Muriel Wilson, who died April 6, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Bob Clendenin** upon the death of his wife **Helen Armstrong Lowery**, who died April 7, 2014.

Welcome new members

Please welcome the following new members who joined this spring



Tripp & Meredith Cunningham
212 Country Club Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408



Ben & Maegan Klein
1513 Colonial Ave
Greensboro, NC 27408

Sympathy to FPC member **Ashley Staton** on the death of her husband **Michael A. Staton** on April 7, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC member **Betty Booker Purcell** upon the death of her husband the Rev. Eugene George Purcell Jr., who died April 7, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Alice "Sis" Newell Watkins Corey**, who died April 23, 2014.

Sympathy to FPC members **Jane Warren** and **Brett Warren**

Weathersbee upon the death of Jane's mother and Brett's grandmother Dorothy Miller Cornwell, who died April 23, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Margaret Little Boxman**, who died May 1, 2014.

Sympathy to friends and family of FPC member **Annie Furman Parham**, who died May 1, 2014.

Sympathy to **Susan Fancher** upon the death of her mother on May 4, 2014.

Invite your friends to Explore FPC

Anyone interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian can learn more at Explore FPC. The program includes:

- Continental breakfast
- Getting to know you & us, led by the Associate Pastor for Discipleship.
- Campus tour led by FPC docent.
- Presbyterian 101 led by one of our PC(USA) pastors.
- Where do I go from here? Connect with a new member shepherd, learn about meeting members and pastors at our new-member dinners, and make connections with ministry opportunities.

The next session will be held on May 31, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Currie Library. Sign up & request child care: Stephenie Sanders, ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4735.

SHARE YOUR LIFE EVENTS WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Baptisms: Debby Foster, 478-4702 or dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org

Weddings: Anne Albert, 478-4711 or aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org

Births, Adoptions, Address/Phone/Email Changes: Stephenie Sanders, 478-4735 or ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org

Medical Issues, Crises, Deaths: Ann Hopping, 478-4709 or ahopping@fpcgreensboro.org

Dear Friends,



We are still abuzz about Easter at the ballpark! We celebrated the Great Day of Resurrection with all the excitement of “Opening Day!” The crowd cheered our team onward with a Pentecost wind blowing in from the outfield. Bagpipes lead the procession of our choir, children with banners, the beadle and worship leaders from the centerfield gate to home plate. We sang the great hymns of Easter with brass accompaniment, the Rejoice band and our choir. We filled the airwaves with great music, the jumbo-tron displayed the action and I got to use all my baseball metaphors for the “Sermon on the Mound!”

We received great coverage from the News & Record and local TV news. The newspaper story reported that we had 1,860 in attendance but that was only the number of people who went through the turnstiles. That did not include all of those who came in before the turnstiles were operating, those who went around the turnstiles, those who came in from the side gate on Edgeworth, or those who came early to set up. More than 2,000 filled out the attendance cards, and of course, many did not fill them out and turn them in. Based on all our information, plus the Grasshoppers’ projection for number of people per section, we think we had 2,300 to 2,500 in attendance. Dolly Jacobs reports that 170 visitors filled out cards and we, of course, have let them know how grateful we are for their attendance. We gave out or sold the 500 baseball caps we had on hand which had the insignia of a baseball within the rose window.

As I said that day, I work with the best colleagues in the kingdom. Their planning and execution, along with countless congregational members, and the support of Grasshoppers’ General Manager, Donald Moore, made the Easter service possible. And once again, we showed that during our renovation, our congregation is embracing the transition with a terrific spirit.

What’s next? We continue to “be the church.” The Easter season runs through May, we are celebrating “Holy Hilarity Sundays,” training a great group of newly elected elders, have chosen our first Cynthia Price Resident (see page 5), have planted our first Giving Back Garden, announced a new director for our important Step-Up ministry, are preparing for Vacation Bible School and summer youth trips, discussing the core priorities of our church through the Session’s Antioch committee, and making progress with the renovation through the excellent leadership of our Project Review Committee. We celebrate Pentecost on June 8 and our summer schedule begins Memorial Day weekend (May 25).

I have been elected one of eight commissioners from Salem Presbytery to our bi-annual PC(USA) General Assembly which meets in mid-June in Detroit. Commissioners from 172 Presbyteries from around the country will meet for a week to deal with important issues facing our church. There is a lot of work involved. I have been assigned to work on the Civil Union and Marriage Issues committee. The GA convenes, then several days of committee work begins, then the GA reconvenes to hear reports and recommendations from the various committees, which includes majority and minority reports. Then the commissioners vote on the recommendations. Thank goodness, the Tigers are in town and I’ll get a night off to take in America’s pastime.

Blessings,

A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17: 22



confirmation inspiration



As part of their confirmation journey, 8th-graders painted canvases with favorite scripture verses. The canvases will be hung in the youth room in Shetler Building. The 2014 confirmands, welcomed into full membership in April, are: Jared Albright, Ran Albright, John Beard, Hudson Broadhurst, Ashley Brown, Stuart Coates, Kathryn Coladonato, Braden Culver, Tom Hale, Kate Hewitt, Christopher Holbrook, Rebecca Hunt, Davis Jones, Isabella Lauver, Sydney Mayes, Lentz McNeill, Ethan Mount, Carson Rogers, Gray Rucker, Elizabeth Sherrill, Elizabeth Smith, Eliza Jane Stamey, Emily Tomblin, Walker Trevey, Emma Winstead, Morgan Winstead and Ashley Yates.

First pastoral resident coming from Duke



Libby Boehne, a soon-to-be graduate of Duke Divinity School, will begin a two-year term as FPC's first Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident in August.

She was selected after a year of planning by a pastoral residency steering group including pastors, staff and congregation members. Last spring, Session approved a pastoral residency program that is funded by a bequest from long-time member Cynthia Price.

"We are very excited to welcome Libby as our first pastoral resident," says Senior Pastor Sid Batts. "It is evident she has a heart for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a great desire to learn more about being a pastor and a leader in the church. We expect to offer her a great experience and draw from her talents as well."

At FPC, Libby will participate in worship leadership, preaching, teaching, outreach, and church governance. She will serve in rotations such as Christian education, welcoming new members, congregational care, stewardship, and finance and operations. Libby will be mentored by pastors and staff and participate in evaluation and reflection with mentors, FPC members, staff leaders and a



resident counterpart who will begin in the summer of 2015.

A native Midwesterner, Libby (her last name is pronounced BONE-ee) grew up in a Presbyterian denomination that does not ordain women. She earned a bachelor's degree in history at Wheaton College (Ill.) in 2011 and was offered a full scholarship to study theology at Duke. Eventually, she enrolled as a master of divinity student at Duke Divinity School and embraced the PC (USA) as her church home.

Since 2013, Libby has been a pastoral intern with Rev. Mindy Douglas at Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian in Chapel Hill, a Salem Presbytery congregation, assisting in worship planning and leadership and teaching adult education classes. Also, she had a brief internship with Rev. Cherrie Henry at Efland Presbyterian.

In addition to her studies and pastoral internship, she has supervised a Duke University residence hall of 450 upper class students.

Libby was selected from 14 applicants, including four finalists who interviewed in person in March and April. Applications were received from students at five Presbyterian seminaries: Princeton, Union, Columbia, Louisville and Austin.

"We had an outstanding pool of applicants and four really strong finalists," said Ty Buckner, convener of the steering group. "It was so encouraging to see the talent and enthusiasm among these emerging leaders in the church. The group worked long and hard to select our first resident, and we're very pleased Libby will be joining us."

The steering group also included Sid Batts, Neil Dunnivant, Dolly Jacobs, Donna Chase, Lindsey Evans, Debby Foster, Genie Schwartz, Ginger Booker, Stu Johnston, Margaret Benjamin and Elizabeth Brantley Bostian.

angels in the



The Chancel Choir covers the outfield



Fans worship decently and in order.



Bulletin boys welcome worshippers.



Pastors and flags withstand the wind, although the plants were blown away.



James Keith, Sam Frazier and Ralph Davison come out of the bullpen.



The cross is mightier than the baseball.



That tempo looks a little fast for church music.



Rev. Lori Carter rounds second base.



A little Christian gets a Major League foundation.



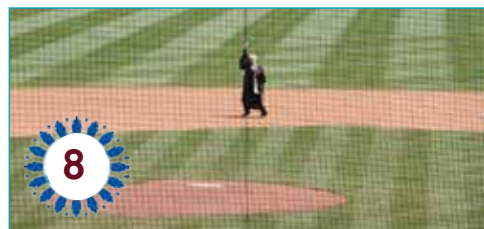
The home crowd numbered more than 2,200.



The day a baseball cap became an Easter bonnet.

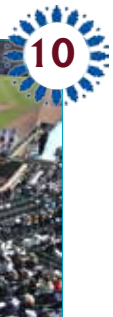


The skyline shows we weren't far from home, after all.



e infield

Easter Sunday
at NewBridge
Bank Park



Helping veterans get behind the wheel and on their feet

Mike Yokely is a military man by training. After boot camp in Georgia, he was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and Schofield, Hawaii, where he became an IT network administrator. He had security clearances, the whole shebang. Mike was pleased with his advancement, his level of responsibility. Then he left the service.

“The military does a great job transitioning you into the service,” Mike observed wryly. “But it doesn’t do much when it comes to transitioning you out. When I left the service last June – how can I put this? – the civilian world wasn’t nearly as welcoming as I’d hoped it would be. I had

BY SUSAN DEVANEY

the military training and experience but because I didn’t have a degree from a civilian institution no one would hire me.”

It is an all too common story. Months dragged by while Mike, a faithful servant of our nation, looked for work. Bills went unpaid. Mike moved with his wife and three children into his wife’s parents’ home. They made the best of it.

“That’s been the underlying theme in our marriage,” he stated matter-of-factly. “We make the best of whatever comes.” But what came was the repo man, who took their car.

Meanwhile, Mike had obtained a part time job at UPS, but as anyone with a 16-, 7-, and 3-year old knows, when it comes to expenses, part time doesn’t cut it.

“I finally had a job and was making some money, but the repossession ruined my credit. I literally went to every car dealership in the area – new and used – but frankly, I can’t buy a pot of water with my credit rating.”

Things looked very bad. In January, UPS called to tell him they no longer needed seasonal workers. It was a moment of desperation.

Then came a blessing. An hour later Timco called. A friend

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Memorial Day Bike Ride
for Wheels4Hope

Monday, May 26

- 15, 30 & 60-mile routes
- \$20 early registration
- \$25 day of event
- 14 & under \$10/\$15

Sign in: 7:30-8 a.m.
4747 Lake Brandt Road

Register: www.bikereg.com/wheels4hope

Volunteer: Wheels4Hope,
336.355.9130

for generations to come



Each spring, we recognize the Paisley Heritage Fellowship. These members have included FPC in their estate plans – for instance, having FPC in their wills, designating part of their life insurance or IRAs/401(k)s, setting up a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, etc.

Faith is an important part of our lives. If you would like to talk with someone about making your faith part of your legacy to future generations, contact Neil Dunnivant at 478-4707.

The annual Fellowship gathering will be held June 8 at Neil & Kate Dunnivant's home, 3504 Watauga Drive. Become a fellow and join us for a special celebration!

Erik & Holly Albright
 Howard & Margaret Arbuckle
 Andy Ayers
 David & Becky Barger
 Sid Batts
 Bob Beall
 Rip & Doris Bernhardt
 Pete Bieber & Mary Ellen Burke
 Paul Brackbill
 Chuck & Goodie Braley
 Nancy Branson
 Joe Brantley
 K Bringle
 Margaret Brooks
 Warren Buford
 Marilyn Burris
 Harold & Mary Jane Bynum
 Fred Carlson
 Lindsay Carlson
 Watts & Betsy Carr
 Reggie & Hope Chapman
 Louann Clarke
 Pat Copeland
 Diana Council
 Greer & Joy Ducker
 Jed & Gwyn Dunn
 Neil & Kate Dunnivant
 Evelyn Edwards
 Stella Efir
 Betsy Farmer
 Helen Farrar
 Virginia Forrest
 Bill & Susan Fraser
 Julian Friday

Philip & Joe Gelzer
 Chip & Kay Hagan
 Gloria Hall
 Jack & Betsy Harrington
 Ed Harrington
 Ross Harris
 Nancy Hayes
 Mary Henderson
 Betty Hilliard
 Will Hobbs
 Bynum Hunter
 Anne Hurd
 Hoke & Sallie Huss
 Carroll & Ann Inman
 Bennie Lee Inman
 Dolly Jennings
 Marie Kellenberger
 Dan & Sandra Kerns
 Doris Kiser
 Curtis & Terry Lashley
 Jan Lawson
 Gaines & Debbie Legare
 Al & Ginni Lineberry
 Janice Little
 Smack Mack
 Dave & Janice Maner
 De Maness
 Dan & Bonnie McAlister
 David & Jayne McDonald
 Mackey McDonald
 Karen McNeil
 Jack Medlin
 Jim Morrison
 Joe & Betty Mullin

Pam Murphy
 Billy & Dottie B. Nutt
 Susan Petty
 Marv & Watty Pinson
 Doris Preyer
 Bob Rapp
 Bob & Suzanne Rhodes
 Lewis & Peggy Ritchie
 George & Kitty Robison
 Jim & Melinda Rucker
 Martha Sharpless
 Flo Snider
 Bill & Ann Snyder
 Shirley Spears
 David & Pam Sprinkle
 John Stanley
 Bill Stanley
 Rick Steedle & Holly Chambers
 Doug & Joan Stone
 Bud & Jill Strickland
 John Sullivan
 Chris & Jane Trevey
 Tim Theissen & Martha Lubarsky-
 Theissen
 Harrison & Martha Turner
 Tom & Betty Lou Ward
 Peggy Wharton
 John Whisnant
 John & Gay White
 Jackie Wilson
 Mark & Anne Yarbrough
 Pete & Darlene Young
 Curt Youngblood

session digest

Minutes of the March Session meeting
Approved at the April Session meeting

The Work and Worship of the Session Monday, March 24, 2014.

The stated monthly meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday, March 24, 2014, in Redhead Hall. Senior Pastor Sid Batts served as moderator.

The meeting began with a responsive reading from Psalm 89:1-2, 5-6, followed by the singing of the hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth."

Erwin Fuller, Confirmands and Mentors were in attendance as guests.

Sid gave an overview of the role of Session, the Pastors and how these roles factor into everything that goes on in the life of the church for the confirmands.

The Consent Agenda was approved as distributed.

- From the Clerk: Minutes of the February 17, 2014, stated meeting and March 2, 2014, congregational meeting.
- From the Associate Pastor for Discipleship's Office: February attendance and membership reports, Visitor's report, corrected January attendance report.
- 2013 Church Statistical Report.
- Written reports from Congregational Care, Discipleship and Worship Committees.
- Memorial Tribute: John Calhoun Stuart, Jr.
- Welcome Center Idea Form.

Session members identified their prayer partners for the month.

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

- Sermons – deep
- Lenten FPC texts – deep and tech savvy
- New member couple brought new couple to visit – wider
- New welcome video – tech savvy
- Emphasis of spiritual practices, Bible studies, etc. – deeper

Communications: Kathleen Smith and Bryan Bowers from Bluezoom spoke to Session about the spiritual component in developing a new logo design for FPC, what is a logo and the principles of good logo design. The intent for the new logo is to be inspirational for both our church

and the community. They led Session in an exercise of potential logo designs for the purpose of our identifying which ones were liked and not liked, why or why not. They also stated that we are at the beginning stages of this process and that it would be inclusive and evolutionary.

Welcome Center Task Force: Nancy Abrams reported that we should be in the new Welcome Center by January. Staff and a variety of church members met to brainstorm ideas of what the Welcome Center would look like and how it would/could be used. Session was asked to complete the form included in our Session packet "WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPENING IN OUR WELCOME CENTER?"

Scripture Reading: Rev. Dolly Jacobs read *Matthew 5: 38-47*.

Faith Sharing: Sid gave an overview for confirmands that Session is elected as the governing body of the church and we also worship, sing, cite scripture, pray together and each month an Elder shares their faith journey. Norman Graham then shared his faith journey with Session members.

Stewardship Committee: Neil reported that almost \$1 million has been pledged for the Supplemental Campaign and that pledges ranged from \$30 to \$100,000. Although still short of the stated goal of \$2.6 million goal for the Supplemental Campaign, the congregation has responded generously from the letter sent stating the need.

Project Review Committee and Property Committee: Tim Millisor reported that the Finance Committee and Property Committee have been meeting to assess the necessary steps regarding the masonry issues around the top of the Sanctuary, discovered as a result of the removal of the ceiling panels and abatement. Blum, general contractor, and Baker Roofing have given estimates, \$ and time, on the roofing repair. Sutton-Kennerly, engineers have also been brought in to give their recommendations to address this problem. Tim stated that the Smith

Building renovation would be completed by the estimated date and that we could possibly move in if the city will give FPC a certificate of occupancy.

Communications/IT: Bonnie McAlister reported that 110 families are being interviewed regarding issues surrounding worship and the use of technology and they are halfway completed with this process. She then presented statistical information on:

- Who are we interviewing? By service style, by length of membership, interviewees by generation, commonalities so far, differences so far.
- Technology is the new generation gap. Communication preferences and sample verbatims.
- How do we reach across the gaps?
- Closure: "We are learning a lot; we will continue to learn; and we'll report back as we progress."

Spiritual Practice: Rev. Lori Carter led us in a Sabbath moment with a breath prayer.

Prayers of the People: Rev. Dolly Jacobs led Session in prayer for individuals in our community with needs and read the Prayer to the God of Life from Iona Abbey's Worship Book.

Finance Committee: Mike Krick reported that the Funds Management Team (which includes Tommy Mayes, Chair, Rhonda Youngdahl, Ginni Lineberry & Mike Krick) has met regularly during the year to review the investment and management of the church's Endowment, Session Designated and Restricted Funds. He then introduced Tommy Mayes who reported to Session on the 2013 earnings realized on the funds, how the funds are invested and the amount of funds contributed in 2013 to the annual operations of the church. Mike reported on the pre audit 2013 Actual and Budgeted Operating Revenues and Expenses. 2013 Actual Operating Expenses exceeded 2013 Actual Operating Revenues by \$285,690. This variance resulted from

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Currie Library News

LOCATION: First floor of Shetler Building

HOURS: Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday,
9 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 9-10:20 a.m.

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

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

In memory of

- Doris Jean Lylerly Armstrong (mother of Cathy Batts): *Nelson Mandela* and *The Sparkle Box*, given by Katie and John Redhead;
- John Calhoun Stuart, Jr.: *Jacob's Eye Patch* and *Watercolors: A Step-by-Step Guide*, given by Ron Bauer's Watercolor Class.

CHECK IT OUT:

Nelson Mandela by Kadir Nelson tells the story of Nelson Mandela's life from age 9 to becoming president of his country. The gorgeous illustrations in this children's book convey the struggles and emotions of Mandela's life to create a more just world.

The Sparkle Box by Jill Hardie is the story of a family who started a new tradition of filling a "Sparkle Box" with special things they had given Jesus for his birthday. The special things were acts they had done for other people in Jesus's name such as collecting food for the hungry or donating warm coats for people who needed them. The Sparkle Box had the

power to change Christmas by putting the emphasis on "doing for others".

In a fun and inspiring story, *Jacob's Eye Patch*, authors Beth & Jacob Shaw tell about how being a little different "is no big deal".

Ron Bauer's Watercolor Class wanted to remember their class member, John Stuart, with something special. *Watercolors: A Step-by-Step Guide* is one of teacher Ron Bauer's favorite books. It is a lovely book and Ron thinks it is very helpful for the students. Ron and class members have all signed the book which is available now in the Library.

CURRIE LIBRARY ARCHIVAL PROJECT

It's finished! The Currie Library Archival Project Audiocassettes Conversion to Digital Format (1972-2007) has been completed. Some years ago Currie Library recognized the need to convert its sermon audiotapes to a newer technology. Jennifer Gaddy, FPC's Director of Information Technology, recommended that the 1972-2007 sermon tapes be converted to a digital form. At this time the converted sermons would be able to be accessed from a library computer by date, minister, sermon title, scripture and keyword. Jennifer offered to do this conversion at home where she had the proper equipment.

The Young Men's Bible Class graciously agreed to help pay for the project.

Sermons for the years 1972-2007 were all on audiotape. Reel to reel was the technology before audiotapes. Starting in 2007 sermons were saved digitally. Many YMBC members were FPC members during the time period so this project is especially appealing to them. The Library Ministry Team is very grateful for their support. If any questions, contact Nancy Fuller at 478-4731 .

HAVE DVDS?

Do you have any good DVDs that you are ready to pass along? Please consider donating to Currie Library. Since we have discarded most videos (an older technology) we are building our DVD Collection. Currie Library has some quality movies on DVD such as *The King's Speech* and *Tender Mercies* which were just returned from being checked out.

The **Monday Book Club** will select readings for next year at its meeting on May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

The **Tuesday Book Club** will discuss *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong on May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Session meeting, continued

recording at year-end an estimated write-off for uncollectible pledge revenue and unrealized non-pledge revenue budgeted for 2013. 2013 expenses exceeded amounts budgeted due mainly to overtime incurred by non-salaried staff. The Finance Committee is working with both the Property Committee and Human Resource Committee to address the 2013 operating deficit and the projected 2014 deficit. The joint committees will work together to formulate recommendations to Session that will align with accomplishing the mission of the church. Following this report, Executive Pastor Neil Dunnivant asked for a consensus from Session to bring on people with expertise in "right-sizing" this campus.

New Business:

- Jill Tourtellot reminded Session that the Human Race is being held this Saturday and some of the funds collected

will benefit StepUp Ministry.

- Betsy Harrington informed Session that the Bread for the World Conference will be held at Christ UMC on Saturday, April 5th.
- March 30th is Communion Sunday and there will be a children's musical, "The Tree of Life," held at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM in the Life Center. There will be no Temple services this day.
- Easter Sunday Service will be held at the NewBridge Bank Park, co-hosted by the Greensboro Grasshoppers, at 10:30 AM on April 20th.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Neil Dunnivant bid us to go in peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Staton, Clerk of Session

Wheels, *from page 8*

and member of the Marine Corps League, a group of former Marines whose purpose is to help veterans, had recommended him for a position as an aircraft mechanic. It was entry level, but the company wanted him. He had a job!

“And it’s a job that I actually like,” Mike enthused as he related his story.

On January 24, he went to work full time. Then came a second piece of good news. Mike’s father-in-law, also a member of the Marine Corps League, attended a meeting where he heard about Wheels4Hope. This organization refurbishes used cars and sells them to deserving individuals at a minimal price plus the cost of a year’s insurance.

The Marine Corps League had signed on as a sponsor of the Memorial Day Bike

Ride supporting Wheels4Hope. Armed with this information, Mike’s father-in-law submitted an application for a car in Mike’s name.

Mike is one of four veterans who will receive cars on May 26 before the bike ride. You can meet them during a car blessing ceremony prior to the 8:30 kick-off at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Lake Brandt Road.

Without doubt, Mike is deeply grateful to both organizations. “The Marine Corps League has been a real shot in the arm for me. There aren’t very many people who are willing to go out on a limb to help someone. There’s never gonna be words in the English language to express how much they’ve helped me.”

Car blessing ceremony for Mike and three other veterans: 8 a.m. Memorial Day at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Lake Brandt Road.

THIS MONTH AT FPC MAY

For more information on upcoming events, visit fpcgreensboro.org/events

Saturday, May 10

Come out and plant in the **Giving Back Garden** all day today. We're planting food that will help fight hunger in Greensboro. For more information, contact Jane Trevey, (336) 617-6691 or cptjtw@aol.com.

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day. The **Temple** worship service meets at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Senior Pastor Sid Batts preaches. All children's choirs sing during our 9:30 a.m. Temple worship service. (Children's choir members should meet in Memorial 303 at 8:55 a.m.) *Special offering for Crayons Matter, our children's international outreach project.*

- Church school classes** meet at 9:30 a.m.:
- **K-4**, Corl Building; **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler.
 - **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202, is studying *Chasing Francis* by Ian Morgan Cron.
 - **Agape Class**, Memorial Chapel. Follow-up to *5 Wishes*, led by Congregational Care Committee.
 - In **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall, David Kolosiekie will give an update on renovations.
 - **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304, led by Austin Carty.
 - **Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room. Study of the Lectionary Text.
 - **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214. *The Gospel of John*, led by Gerard Davidson.

Young adults lunch – All singles/couples in their 20s and 30s are invited to join FPC staffer Austin Carty for lunch following 10:45 a.m. worship. Meet outside the Life Center on Greene Street.

Monday, May 12

Ron Bauer leads a **Watercolor Class** in Shetler 323, Mondays, 9-11 a.m. The only cost is for your painting supplies. Call Dolly Jennings at 854-2663 to learn more.

GIFT in the Morning – Currie Library, 9:15 a.m. This Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) group is for women with preschool and elementary-age children. Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor of Discipleship, leads. Child care is provided with a reservation. Contact Ashley Winton, 697-8562 or mwintontriad.rr.com

Functional Fitness – Exercise class for older adults meets at 10:15 a.m. in Memorial 304. People who have Silver Sneakers through United Healthcare and Blue Cross Blue Shield attend free; otherwise \$3/class. For more info, contact FPC members Carol Sellars, 288-2077, or Martha Sharpless, 282-0397.

Currie Library Monday Book Club – Meets 10:30 a.m. in the library to select readings for next year. For more information, contact Sara Stuart, 545-9440, or Nancy Fuller, 478-4731.

Presbyterian Women Circles – Two Presbyterian Women circle groups meet at 10:30 a.m.:

Mary and Martha Circle meets in the Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100;
Rachel Circle meets in Memorial 202.

Presbyterian Women Birthday

Luncheon – noon, at the home of Bonnie McAlister. Lunch is \$12; RSVP to 478-4747 or reservations@fpcgreensboro.org.

The 2014 Birthday offering will go to Blue Corn Mothers Alliance, Albuquerque, New Mexico., This multifaceted program offers advocacy; crisis intervention; health, counseling and education services; and referrals for legal and shelter services to Albuquerque's Native American women and children who have suffered domestic violence

Centering Prayer – Rev. Frank Dew, pastor of New Creation, leads a Centering Prayer group on Mondays, 12-12:30 p.m. in Shetler 109. FPC members are invited.

Westminster Ringers – Our intermediate handbell choir meets 4:15 – 5:15 p.m., Memorial 201.

Tuesday, May 13

Sid's 2x4 Bible Study Breakfast – Mullin Life Center, 7:30 a.m. Senior Pastor Sid Batts leads. Each session is a stand-alone class focusing on the the Scripture passage that will be the basis of Sunday's sermon. Between 35 and 50 men gather for instruction and discussion facilitated by a PowerPoint presentation. Breakfast includes ham and sausage biscuits for \$4. No reservation required.

FPC JOBS – 8:30 a.m. in the Scout Room, located under the Chapel, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone dealing with the effects of losing a job is welcome.

Currie Library Tuesday Book Club – 1:30 p.m., Currie Library. Our book this month is *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. Contact Brenda Frost, 288-0509, for more info.

Coventry Ringers – Advanced handbell choir meets in Memorial 201 at 5:45 p.m.

Hot Dish & Hope – 6 p.m., 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. To volunteer or learn more, contact Sheron Sumner, sksumnr@bellsouth.net, or visit www.fpcgreensboro.org/hotdish.

GIFT in the Evening – Growing In Faith Together, a Bible study for professional women in their 20s, 30s & early 40s. Meets in members' homes, 6:45 p.m. Contact Aimee Scotton, acscotton@co.randolph.nc.us, for more.

Wednesday, May 14

Men's Bible study – 7 a.m., Shetler 206, invites all men. Contact Trip Adams, 856-9919 or tripann@bellsouth.net.

Men's Fellowship – 7:30 a.m., Memorial 100, invites all men. Contact Wil Courter at wcourter@earthlink.net.

Women's Bible Study – 7:30 a.m., Currie Library, invites all women. Contact Betsy Harrington at betsyharrington@triadrr.com.

Currie Library Story Times at 9:30, 10, and 10:30 & 11 a.m., led by Linda Watkins and Nancy Fuller. Open to all preschool children.

Community Service Prayer Service and Luncheon – Our Community Service Group has a prayer service at 11:30 a.m. in Memorial Chapel and a luncheon at noon in Spencer Love Room. All members of the group are invited to be part of this special day.

Dinner – 5-6:15 p.m., Life Center. Fried chicken on the menu. Buffet is \$6; salad \$5; children 6-12, \$5; children 5 and younger, free. RSVP by noon on Tuesday by calling 478-4747 or e-mailing reservations@fpcgreensboro.org.

Chancel Choir – 6:30 p.m. rehearsal, Memorial 304. Contact Anne Albert, 478-4711 or aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org, to learn more.

Thursday, May 15

Presbyterian Prayer Partners – Senior high youth meet at 7 a.m. for prayer at Panera on Lawndale.

FPC JOBS – 8:30 a.m., Scout Room

Friendship Day – Ages 55 and older have fun, devotion and fellowship, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Life Center. Stay for lunch, \$6.

Preschool Chapel Service – Memorial 101, Redhead Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Functional Fitness – 10:15 a.m., Memorial 304.

Hot Dish & Hope – 6 p.m. in Mullin Life Center, every Tuesday and Thursday.

Friday, May 16

Community Family Forum, a collaboration between FPC and Mount Zion Baptist Church, for family members impacted by job loss. This event is 6-8 p.m. and will include medical, mental health, financial, and social support experts. To RSVP, call 478-4755.

Pizza dinner and a documentary, "Inequality for All," about the widening gap between rich and poor in the U.S. Third floor Shetler, 6:30 p.m. J. Herbert Nelson from PC(USA)'s Washington advocacy office will leading discussion afterward. RSVP for pizza to Frank Dew, 336-478-4775

Saturday, May 17

Come out and plant in the **Giving Back Garden** all day today. For more information, contact Jane Trevey, (336) 617-6691 or cptjw@aol.com.

Sunday, May 18

Senior Celebratory Breakfast – 9:30 a.m., Kleemeier Room. Seniors and families are invited to join our youth committee and staff for breakfast and the presentation of a gift. RSVP with your senior's name and how many family members will attend to Sara Manchester, smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org, by May 15.

Church school classes meet at 9:30 a.m.:

- **K-4**, Corl Building; **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202, study of *Chasing Francis*.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, Kerygma study of *Matthew*.
- **Agape Class**, Memorial Chapel. Follow-up to *5 Wishes*, led by Congregational Care Committee.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall, led by Sam Simpson.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304, led by Austin Carty.
- **ALSO: Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room; **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214. Shetler 206.

Baptism Sunday. Christian Education Teacher/Leader Appreciation Day. The **Temple** worship service meets at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Rev. Dolly Jacobs preaches. Our youth ministry honors its seniors during the Rejoice! service with a special prayer and blessing; also, a teacher appreciation litany in all services.

Young adults lunch – All singles/ couples in their 20s and 30s are invited to join FPC staffer Austin Carty for lunch following 10:45 a.m. worship. Meet outside the Life Center on Greene Street.

Greeter Guides appreciation luncheon at noon. Greeter guides will receive an invitation from the Discipleship Committee with more information.

Music Ministry Luncheon, 12-1:30 p.m. in Redhead Hall, immediately following 10:45 a.m. worship. For all involved in Music Ministry at FPC – bring the whole family! RSVP to Anne Albert by Wednesday, May 14, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4711

Monday, May 19

GIFT in the Morning – Currie Library, 9:15 a.m. Contact Ashley Winton, 697-8562 or mwintontriad.rr.com for more info.

Hearts & Minds Circle – meets at 10 a.m. in members' homes.

Session – Our governing body, Session, meets at 5:30 p.m., Redhead Hall.

Tuesday, May 20

Ruth and Naomi's Circle – meets in Memorial 100 at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 21

Men's Bible study – 7 a.m., Shetler 206, invites all men.

Men's Fellowship – 7:30 a.m., Memorial 100, invites all men.

Women's Bible Study – 7:30 a.m., Currie Library, invites all women.

Currie Library Story Times at 9:30, 10, and 10:30 & 11 a.m., led by Linda Watkins and Nancy Fuller. Open to all preschool children.

Thursday, May 22

Presbyterian Prayer Partners – Senior high youth meet at 7 a.m. for prayer at Panera on Lawndale.



Trip to Eastern Europe, October 13-22

You are warmly invited to join Kate and Neil Dunnivant on a trip to Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, and Vienna in mid-October of this year. The cost is around \$3000 for transportation, hotels, most meals, and airfare.

This is not an exclusive First Presbyterian trip, as we will be joining a tour. All travel plans are being handled by Shannon Haynes with SRH Travel. If you would like to see a detailed itinerary, contact Shannon (336-335-3030 or shannon@srhtravel.com) or Neil (ndunnivant@fpcgreensboro.org). A deposit of \$250 per person is required to hold your spot, with full payment for the trip due by August 1. You will need to purchase your flights separately through Shannon (or on your own); Shannon will help you get on the same flight Neil and Kate have chosen.

Saturday, May 24

Come out and plant in the **Giving Back Garden** all day today. For more information, contact Jane Trevey, (336) 617-6691 or cptjw@aol.com.

Sunday, May 25

Summer worship schedule begins –

Our 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Temple services, and our 10:45 a.m. Rejoice! service, continue. *There will be no 8:30 a.m. Temple service through the summer.* Senior Pastor Sid Batts preaches.

Summer Choir rehearses at 8:50 a.m. in the Temple before 9:30 a.m. service. Come as you are, Summer Choir does not wear robes or have Wednesday night rehearsal. Contact Anne Albert for more information, 478-4711.

Church school classes meet at 9:30 a.m.:

- **K-4**, Corl Building; **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202, is studying *Chasing Francis* by Ian Morgan Cron.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, Kerygma study of *Matthew*.
- Hymn singing in **Agape Class**, Memorial Chapel.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall, led by Sandie Gravett.
- **Travelers Class**, Memorial 304, led by Austin Carty.
- **ALSO: Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room; **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214. Shetler 206.

Monday, May 26

Church offices closed – for Memorial Day. Pastor on call is available. In case of emergency, you may reach a pastor by calling the church, 373-0445, and entering 1-2-3-4 when the voice greeting begins. Leave a message that includes your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

Tuesday, May 27

Sid's 2x4 Bible Study Breakfast for men – Mullin Life Center, 7:30 a.m. Senior Pastor Sid Batts leads. Breakfast includes ham and sausage biscuits for \$4. No reservation required.

Wednesday, May 28

Men's Bible study – 7 a.m., Shetler 206, invites all men.

Men's Fellowship – 7:30 a.m., Memorial 100, invites all men.

Currie Library Story Times at 9:30, 10, and 10:30 & 11 a.m., led by Linda Watkins and Nancy Fuller. Open to all preschool children.

Thursday, May 29

Presbyterian Prayer Partners – Senior high youth meet at 7 a.m. for prayer at Panera on Lawndale.

Saturday, May 31

Explore FPC – 9 a.m.-noon, Currie Library. Come and explore FPC and all we have to offer. Don't forget to bring a friend. Contact Stephenie Sanders for sign-up and child care requests at 487-4735, or ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org.

Sunday, June 1

The **Temple** worship service meets at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. *Special offering for Pennies for Hunger.* **Summer Choir** rehearses at 8:50 a.m. in the Temple before 9:30 a.m. service.

Church school classes meet at 9:30 a.m.:

- **K-4**, Corl Building; **5th grade**, Memorial 300; **middle school**, 3rd floor Shetler.
- **Agape Class**, Memorial Chapel. Follow up to *5 Wishes*, led by Congregational Care Committee.
- **Faith Matters**, Memorial 202, study of *Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale* by Ian Morgan Cron.
- **Homebuilders class**, Memorial 200, Kerygma study of *Matthew*.
- **Young Men's Bible Class**, Redhead Hall. Sandie Gravett leads.
- **ALSO: Commitment Class**, Blair Hagan Room; **Seekers Class**, Shetler 214. Shetler 206.

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate the Holy Spirit! The **Temple** worship service meets at 9:30 a.m and 10:45 a.m. in Temple Emanuel. **Rejoice!** meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Life Center. Senior Pastor Sid Batts preaches.

Monday, June 16

Session – meets 5:30 p.m., Redhead Hall.

ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS: *Watercolor class*, 9 a.m., Shetler 323 / *Functional Fitness*, 10:15 a.m., Memorial 304.

TUESDAYS: *FPC JOBS*, 8:30 a.m., Scout Room / *Hot Dish & Hope*, 6 p.m., MLC / *Step Up Life Skills Classes*, 6:30 p.m., Redhead Hall / *GIFT in the Evening*, 6:45 p.m. in members' homes.

WEDNESDAYS: *Currie Library Story Times* at 9:30, 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m., open to all preschool children .

THURSDAYS: *Friendship Day*, 9:30 a.m., MLC (stay for lunch, \$6) / *Preschool Chapel Service*, Memorial Chapel, 9:45 a.m. / *Functional Fitness*, 10:15 a.m., Memorial 304 / *Step Up Job Friends Support*, 6:40 p.m., Paisley House / *Hot Dish & Hope*, 6 p.m., MLC .

Trip to Charleston, Dec. 2-3

The 55+ Travel Group is planning a trip to Charleston, S.C., Dec. 2 and 3. Enjoy carriage tours, a dinner cruise, visits to a tea plantation and tours of historic homes, along with fabulous eating places.

Cost is between \$328 (54 occupancy) and \$365 (36 occupancy) per person, double occupancy, based on number of reservations and bus size.

To sign up or to learn more, contact Carol Sellars, 288-2077





A One-of-a-Kind Summer!

Worship

BEGINNING MAY 25: Temple 9:30 & 10:45 Rejoice! 10:45

JUNE
& JULY

BIBLICAL COUPLES & THEIR SOAP OPERA LIVES: Sermons by Neil Dunnivant
JUNE 22: Sarah & Abraham JULY 6: Rachel & Jacob JULY 20: Bathsheba & David

Camp it up

JUNE 14-21: High School Mission Trip (New York, NY), rising 9th-completed 12th

JULY 10-13: Middle School Leadership Conference (Massanetta, Virginia), rising 7th-9th

JULY 14-17: Vacation Bible School & Kids Disciple Club, (age 4 by Sept. 1-rising 5th

JULY 20-26: High School Montreat Conference, rising 9th-completed 12th

JULY 20-26: FPC Week at Camp Grier – Week 6. Please visit website (www.campgrier.org) for more information.

JULY 28-31: Music Camps (age 4 by Sept. 1-rising 5th)

AUGUST 9-15: Middle School, High School & Families to Dominican Republic, rising 6th-completed 12th.

REGISTER:

fpcgreensboro.org/summercamps

If you're thinking of becoming a Christian, I warn you, you're embarking on something, which will take the whole of you.

– C.S. Lewis

Have a conversation

READINGS IN C.S. LEWIS:

Austin Carty reviews of 5 of the great Christian thinker's nonfiction works, afterward following their themes through the world of Narnia with *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. Begins June 2, meets every other Monday at 7 p.m. in Currie Library. Call 478-4722 to reserve child care.

A HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND THEOLOGY:

Austin Carty leads a look at the great issues – and the arguments, fights, councils, etc. – that have shaped the church from its earliest days (33 CE) to today. Begins June 9, meets every other Monday at 7 p.m. in Currie Library. Call 478-4722 to reserve child care.

Make a note

SUMMER CHOIR: Sundays, May 25-June 29 and again in August: Meet at the Temple at 8:50 to rehearse, then sing for the 9:30 and 10:45 services.

Share the story

CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES: Wednesdays in June at 9:30, 10, 10:30 & 11 a.m.

BULLETINS FOR THE BOARD: Bring bulletins from your vacation churches for a display.

Spread the love

LUNCH FOR HABITAT: Help provide lunches for work crews, 11 a.m.-noon on June 28 and August 23. Info: Louise Bristol, 337-2438 or louise.bristol@piedmonttrust.com.

MISSION MANIA: Part lock-in, part mission project and all fun, for rising 6th-through 8th-graders: June 25-26, July 27-28, August 3-4 RSVP 2 weeks prior.