

The Bulletin Board

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November 2006

***Seeds of Faith* in Concert**

November church night supper

On Sunday evening, November 5, the contemporary Christian Vocal Ensemble **Seeds of Faith**, will present a concert at the church night supper.

Seeds of Faith, based out of Weddington, NC, is dedicated to uplifting the name of Christ and sharing His Good News with others. They have sung in many different settings including: churches, nursing homes, conferences, festivals, benefits, NBA basketball games, missions and prisons. Whether singing before a small group or in a larger concert, their emphasis is always on the message, not the performance. In 2005 **Seeds of Faith** was approved as a nonprofit ministry. At the present time, they are raising money for a mission trip to Africa in July of 2007. In Kenya, they plan to present concerts in a school for ministers, in schools, and in the streets of Meru.

The 7:00 p.m. concert will be held in the sanctuary following the 6:00 p.m. supper. The supper, under the leadership of church hostess Jerilyn Fair with assistance from Circle No. 3 (Blessed in Christ) and members of the Properties Committee, is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. As always, the concert is a free event with a love offering to be taken for the group's upcoming mission trip. A nursery will be provided during the concert.



Share Christ with Christmas CDs You Can Give Away!

Have you ever wanted a low-stress, high-touch, non-threatening way to share with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members about the wonderful message of Christmas and about what's going at First Presbyterian Church? Here it is!



On Sunday, November 19, you will have the opportunity to take with you professionally recorded and produced music CDs from FPC's music ministry. The CDs have a Christmas theme, focusing on familiar Christmas carols (see the *Music Notes* page in this newsletter for more information). The CD jacket will have a listing of our Advent and Christmas activities and a brief invitation from Clay Brown to join us in the joy of the season.

The CDs are free. As you give away these CDs, please invite the recipients to attend our congregation's Advent and Christmas events. Christmas is perhaps the best time of the year for evangelism, so you may hand out CDs to non-Christians and those without a church family as a witness of your faith in Christ.

We believe the Lord will provide both the people to whom you should give a CD and the funds to cover the production costs—approximately \$2.50 per CD—yet the CDs are meant for you to pass out as a free outreach of FPC's ministry without passing on any costs. Your kind donations will be gratefully accepted.



From the Pastor

Giving Thanks...

November marks my sixth month with you as pastor and head of staff. I am honored to serve as pastor of such a marvelous community of faith as First Presbyterian Church. My family and I are adjusting well (even if you can't always find Dallas Cowboys' games on TV), and you have shown great forbearance regarding some of my idiosyncrasies (such as the big Texas flag flying outside the manse!).

Thanksgiving is always a primary theme for November. In the past month, I've encountered two wonderful experiences at FPC that warrant my giving thanks. Please let me share them with you.

One of the wonderful experiences I've enjoyed thus far has been the annual Stewardship emphasis. No, really! Let me share with you three reasons why I give thanks for this:

- ***The Leadership Banquet on October 8*** gave our Session and Diaconate members and their spouses the opportunity to celebrate our ministry together and to commit to the vision of the church for 2007. **Your leaders have stepped up to the plate by pledging more than \$205,000 toward our 2007 budget.** You have wonderful elders and deacons who share a vision and an excitement about FPC.
- ***The Stewardship Fair and Dinner on October 15*** was first-rate and well-done by all. Approximately 200 people attended the event at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. We ate together, laughed together, and toured a number of displays provided by our committees and ministry groups within FPC. When you viewed the displays, **you began to catch a glimpse of the wide variety of ministries provided through our congregation.** A large number of volunteers helped to make this event come together, including the Stewardship Subcommittee of the Budget and Finance Committee (Mary Fortanbary [chair], Chris Ahearn, Sparky Hitchcock, and Julie Morrow), a great Master of Ceremonies (Bill Harris, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee), and those who led in the decorations for the evening (Lynda Robinson, Margaret Curtis, and Sherri Mack). Their leadership and vision helped to make this night a glorious time of fun and growth for us all.
- ***The Pledge Sunday on October 22*** was a moving experience. To see hundreds of people walking to the Lord's Supper table to place their 2007 financial pledges and their "Time and Talent" forms in the plates as offerings of themselves was amazing to see. **You are a generous people, and your generosity will help make ministry happen in 2007 as God multiplies your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.** (As of press time, we do not have a report on the pledge totals. As soon as this information is available, we'll get it to you.)

Another wonderful experience for which I give thanks was the ***Missions Pancake Dinner—Breakfast and Silent Auction on October 20-21***. It was great to see so many people sitting together and eating their pancakes, peaches, and sausage in our Fellowship Hall—not just church members, either, but many from the greater Mooresville community as well. Also, it was inspiring to tour the display tables with all the goods available for the Silent Auction, from airplane rides to gourmet dinners to works of art and more. All in all, the Missions Committee raised more than \$4,500 for our church's mission of proclamation, compassion, and community through the Mwandu Christian Hospital in Zambia, Africa. Again, you are a generous, giving people. Your support of this missions endeavor and our other missions efforts speak well of your commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. I applaud the leadership shown to us through the Missions Committee (Mark Auten [chair], Trent Newell, Chong Lieu, Lucinda Weyer, John Neely, Ellen Hinson, Bill Lackey, Mary Barnette, Harry Weyer, Mimi Dobbins, Janie Carpenter, Tony Ervin, and Neil Faulkenberry) as well as the many others who assisted with this event.

Can you see why I'm so optimistic about the future of FPC? God has given us a compelling vision of ministry for our congregation, talented lay leaders who exercise their gifts, and a huge number of resources—financial and otherwise—to minister to others in the name of Christ. God has a fantastic plan for our family of faith. God is doing something great in our midst, and we have the opportunity to catch the wave of what he's doing and join him in his work. We are so blessed, and I'm blessed to be your pastor. Let us give thanks.

Grace and peace,

Clay



It is hard to believe that we are over halfway through the first semester of Logos already! Although December 6 will be our last meeting of the semester, we still have a November full of fun and excitement planned, including Teddy Bear/Flannel PJ's Night (Nov. 1), Veterans' Celebration (Nov. 8), Pilgrim Party (Nov. 15), and Fifties Night (Nov. 30).

Veterans' night has been especially meaningful in the past to our children and youth, our congregation, and the veterans in attendance. Please encourage your child to bring a veteran guest, or if you are a congregation member who is a veteran, please attend this event and give the children an opportunity to recognize you for your service to our nation. Also, if you plan to bring a guest or attend this event as a veteran, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Like last year, we will be having separate "Bring A Friend" nights for different grade levels. This allows our staff to give each visitor the attention that he/she deserves. If your child is in the 1st or 3rd grade, they may bring a guest on Nov. 1. If they are in the 2nd or 4th grade, their friend will attend on Nov. 15. Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 may bring a friend on Nov. 29. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be bringing a friend on their assigned night.

The MSM hand bell choir will help lead our service on November 5 at the 8:30 service. The Logos choir will help lead our service on November 19 at the 11:00 service.

Many thanks to each parent who has served in the kitchen this semester. It takes a lot of work to feed so many people, and lots of cooks and dishwashers in the kitchen to help with preparation and clean-up. The ministry of these volunteers is a vital part of making the program a success. Special thanks to all who have served extra shifts in the kitchen, especially Ken Bernd, Alicia Martinez, and our fearless Kitchen Coordinator, Ann Telford. Wow! You guys really go above and beyond. If there are any others who would be willing to serve extra shifts in the kitchen, or who would be interested in substituting for table parents, we could certainly use all the help we can get.

On a similar note, Paige Ladd, with lots of help from Holly Brumley and Caroline Ladd, has volunteered to do the somewhat tedious task of setting tables every week and we are so appreciative! Please express your appreciation to all of them the next time you see them.

We are blessed to have adults who are so generous with their time and resources to help our children grow in their love of the Lord. We are reminded weekly of the difference every volunteer is making in the lives of our children. We recognize that the love you show these children is a reflection of your love of your Savior and willingness to serve Him. We thank each of you very much!

May God bless you,
Valerie Mauney and Leann DeCastro

November Logos/MSM/ Kairos dates

Wednesday, November 1 - Teddy Bear/Flannel P.J. Night

Sunday, November 5 - MSM bells in 8:30 a.m. worship service

Wednesday, November 8 - Veteran Celebration (Bring a veteran guest)

4:15 p.m. - Kairos to visit North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church Puppet Team

Wednesday, November 15 - Pilgrim Party

Sunday, November 19 - Logos choir in 11:00 a.m. worship service

Wednesday, November 22 - No Logos/MSM/Kairos (Happy Thanksgiving!)

Wednesday, November 29 - Fifties Night
Kairos eats at Bojangle's

Kairos to visit puppet ministry in N. Wilkesboro

The Wednesday afternoon Kairos group plans to visit the Presbyterian Puppet People (P/3) at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 8. The group plans to leave at 4:15 p.m., eat dinner at NWPC, and observe their puppet ministry, led by David Smithey, youth director, and middle and high school youth. More details to follow at Wednesday afternoon Kairos meetings.



Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas Outreach

Christian Mission to help needy families

The Mooresville Christian Mission is looking for organizations, churches, businesses and individuals to sponsor low income families with children for Christmas.



We anticipate serving five hundred families in the Mooresville/South Iredell area. You tell us how many families you would like to

sponsor, and we will provide you with the clothing sizes and a wish list for the children. We will do all the prescreening and set up distribution times for the recipients. Your part is the joy of knowing that you have made a difference in the lives of children that may not otherwise have a Christmas. If you, your Church School class, small group or other organization would like to participate, please call Jill Herring at 704-664-2704 or the Mission at 704-664-2357 or email us at christianmission@adelphia.net.

Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteers Needed!

The second annual Mooresville Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day to provide a holiday meal and fellowship to those in need. Area churches, the Mooresville Christian Mission, the Mooresville Soup Kitchen and area businesses are working together to sponsor this event.



The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church, 150 South Church Street, in downtown Mooresville (current location of the Soup Kitchen) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 23. Sit down dining, carry out, and home delivery (for elderly and disabled only) will be offered.

Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, deliver and clean-up. To volunteer your services, please call Jill Herring at 704-664-2704 or call 704-664-3680 ext. 218 for further information.

Donations are welcome and are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to the Mooresville Christian Mission and sent to P.O. Box 62, Mooresville, NC 28115. Please indicate that it is for the Mooresville Community Thanksgiving Project.

Presbyterian Women

I hope, by now, you've had a chance to go circle. If not, what are you waiting for??? Circle is a wonderful place to meet exciting ladies and get involved.



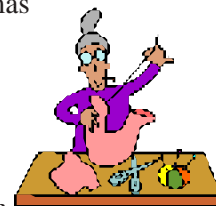
This time of year is always exciting because it means that the Salem PW College Scholarship deadline is just around the corner. December 1 is the deadline for submitting your application. If you are interested in obtaining an application, please contact me or a Circle Moderator. The scholarships are awarded in the spring.

The flower calendar is rather empty. If you would like to place flowers in the church during worship in honor or in memory of someone, please call or stop by the church office.

Karen Brawley, Moderator

You're invited to a "Costume Party"

Do you like to sew? make costumes? mend and repair? If so, you are invited to a "Costume Party" to repair and inventory our assortment of costumes, in preparation for the children's Christmas Pageant, which will be presented on Sunday, December 17. A date for this event will be finalized when we learn who is interested in participating, so contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) as soon as possible if this is your "thing." We have some wonderfully gifted seamstresses in the congregation, as well as some creative minds, so please consider lending a hand to our costume closet.



Budget & Finance Forum

We are reporting the church's finances for the first nine months of 2006.

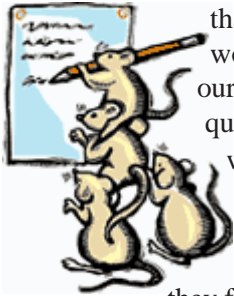
Budgeted needs **\$497,247.00**

Received **\$391,001.00**

Please do not forget that the church has monthly operating bills and as you can see from the figures we have a lot of catching-up to do before December 31, 2006

Churchmice

Thanks so much for your support for the Churchmouse program. Because of your generosity we have every student placed with a secret friend...the Churchmouse. Please remember them each month with a card, note, or goodie package. Months with holidays lend to an easier novelty package we know. Our list of ideas was just a starter for you. We know



that you have great ideas...which we would love to hear about and add to our list. We will send you the questionnaire from your student

when it is returned to us. We have already sent some of them, but are waiting for the rest to come. And, sometimes students are so busy

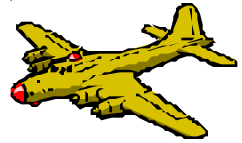
they forget to send them. We realize some of you had to wait a while for your addresses. However, we do send them immediately when we receive the address. Thanks again for your caring so much and doing this for our church. Have a great year! If you have any questions or want to be on a waiting list for those that may join our church during the year, please call us. Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992 or Eleanor Templeton at 794-987-1309.

Eleanor and Carolyn

Presbyterian Men

Fathers, bring your sons; sons, bring your fathers, your grandfathers and neighbors....

Circle your calendars for November 12 at 8:30 a.m. for the Men's Breakfast and Program. Dr. Jim Morrow, a retired professor, will share about a book he has written telling the real story of a WWII bomber crew.



Gentlemen, you don't want to miss this one! I promise you will enjoy this program, breakfast and short devotion. I would like to challenge every man of the church to join us and bring a friend. Not only will we feed your body, but also your soul.

See you there.

Mark Vaughan



Thanks
for your
Kindness

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards and the delicious meals that were delivered to us recently.

LaDell and Stephen Wingler

Thank you!



A big hearty thank you to Kathleen Patterson, of our congregation, and Cindy Pardew for the colorful addition to the walls of our fellowship hall. These ladies have constructed the most beautiful quilts made from various Wednesday night youth program T-shirts. Some of these shirts date back to the pre-Logos era. These ladies are truly in the business of quilting memories. Come see the new additions yourself and perhaps take a walk down memory lane as you remember the children, the experiences, and the love shared represented by the many T-shirts that make up each quilt. Thanks again for the love and many hours that went into these exquisite donations to our church.

SAINTS ALIVE

Saints get in the Christmas spirit

The October Saints Alive luncheon was held on Tuesday, October 17, on a beautiful fall afternoon. Many thanks to Ann Manning for providing the lovely

Shoeboxes for kids



centerpieces of home-grown and decorated gourds, along with a variety of natural fall decor.

Thanks to Jerilyn Fair and her faithful “kitchen crew” for serving the delicious luncheon of

chicken pot pie, steamed carrots, garden salad, rolls, and banana pudding.

The group worked on a hands-on project by packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, after seeing an informative DVD on the worldwide outreach to needy children. Many thanks to everyone who contributed toys, hygiene items, shoe boxes, school supplies, candy, etc. These small items will bring much joy to children who have so little.

“Game Day” at November Saints Alive luncheon

The November Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held on Tuesday, November 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, we



will clear the tables off and enjoy fellowship together as we play table games. Plan to come for the fun of a Scrabble tournament, a Monopoly marathon, checkers, bridge, Uno, backgammon, chess,

dominoes, card games...whatever you would like to bring. We’ll have some hot beverages and snacks, so come have some fun with your fellow Saints.

Saints to attend Southern Christmas Show

Saints Alive is making plans to attend the annual Southern Christmas Show at the Charlotte Merchandise Mart on Friday, November 10; tickets are \$7.00. This year’s show theme is “The World of Christmas,” where you will find crafts and holiday decorations from local vendors as well as from around the globe. Find gifts for everyone on your list, delight in all that’s Christmas, and enjoy a fun day shopping and browsing with your friends! The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m. and return home around 4:00 p.m. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.



Saints enjoy day in “Mayberry”

Thirteen Saints enjoyed a delightful day in “Mayberry,” otherwise known as Mount Airy, on Friday, September 29. The weather was crisp and clear, just perfect for a trip to the mountains, and the group enjoyed the scenery along the way, as well as the warm fellowship in the van as we traveled along. We visited Main Street of Mount Airy, enjoying some shopping and browsing, and saw Floyd’s Barber Shop (several had their pictures made), ate lunch at Snappy’s Lunch Counter, where almost everyone had the famous fried pork chop sandwich, visited Opie’s Candy Store, and a replica of the Courthouse and Wally’s Service Station. Participants included Everett Andrews, Ellen Auten, Billie Brawley, Zachary Goodrum, Esther and Fred Kann, Ann Manning, Bernice Melchor, Lynelle Owen, Lynn Pierce, Ernest Strickland, Helen and Claude Voils.



Weekday Preschool

It was another action-packed month at Preschool and our October units and activities were naturally centered around apples, pumpkins, barnyard friends, acorns, harvesting, camping and the colors of orange and brown. The Preschool loves Autumn, and what would the season be without Farm Day at Preschool. The most magical sound in the world is that of children laughing as they took a trip to the Petting Zoo. We especially loved Carmel, the 6 week old baby ram who was being bottle-fed! Lots of fun was had playing games in the Fellowship Hall and then we enjoyed our short fall break. Time seems to be racing along as it's now time to look ahead to November and Thanksgiving.



We will be talking with the children about Pilgrims, Indians and what they are thankful for and on **Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20 and 21** we will

celebrate with a feast. Our Thanksgiving break will be **November 22 - 24**.



I hope you are hearing Christmas melodies from your little ones as we have already begun to prepare for our

annual Christmas programs. These will be held on **Thursday and Friday, Dec 14 and 15 at 9:30** in the sanctuary. Please encourage relatives and special people in your child's life to attend, as we always get enthusiastic with a good crowd! As always we will have a punch and cookie party in the Fellowship Hall afterward and a famous guest will be waiting for the children.

We will be sending home forms in November for registering and paying for your child's **Spring Lunch Bunch**, and then in December I will send the enrollment forms for the 2007-2008 school year for your child and of course, any younger siblings who will be eligible to come. Registration fees will not be due until after the first of the year.

We love your children and are grateful that you have chosen to send them here. We ask for your prayers as we care for these precious little ones.

With love,
Mrs. Nancy



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations are expressed to Lisa and Jim Davidson on the birth of their daughter, Neely Rebecca, born on August 30.

Operation Christmas Child

Sharing God's love, one shoe box gift at a time

Once again, our church family is invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, by packing shoe boxes for needy children around the world.

Franklin Graham expresses his heartfelt support of this ministry in the following excerpt from a recent letter:

"Shoe boxes filled with presents by caring people can bring love, joy, and hope to little ones living in some of the most desperate circumstances imaginable.



As wonderful as it is to bring smiles and laughter to these children, Operation Christmas Child is ultimately about sharing the life-changing message of God's greatest gift - His Son, Jesus Christ. Many thousands of children and family members now have a personal relationship with Christ as a result of this unique evangelistic ministry."

There are a variety of ways you can be involved in this exciting and life-changing ministry:

1. Pray for the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. Prayer guides are available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary.
2. Pack at least one shoe box for a needy child. Brochures with details about packing will also be available in the church office and at the rear of the sanctuary. Bring the boxes to the church no later than November 19.
3. Volunteer at the Charlotte Processing Center, located at 2345 Township Road in Charlotte, on Thursday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The group plans to leave at 8:00 a.m. and should return by 2:00 p.m. If you cannot help on that day, please call 704-583-1463 for more information. Recommended volunteer hours are four hour shifts.
4. Help transport shoe boxes from our church to either Broad Street Methodist Church or Peninsula Baptist in November.

Please note the following changes this year:

Organizers ask that you use a standard size shoe box, not the huge, boot-size boxes. In addition, they also ask that you wrap all candy in plastic ziploc baggies. Finally, if possible please include \$7 in your shoe box to cover the tremendous cost of shipping boxes overseas.

Sunday

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Tuesday



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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 8:30am Early Worship with MSM Handbells 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 5:15pm Alpha and Omega PYF special activity 6:00pm Church Fellowship Supper in FH with program to follow	6 9:30am Mom's in Touch in the Session Room 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates	7 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Lancaster's 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Exaltation Ringers
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with Logos choir 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) at the home of Eloise Brawley 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 7:00pm Joint Deacon/Session Meeting	20 9:30am Mom's in Touch in the Session Room 7:30pm Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates	21 10:30am <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Study 12:30pm Saints Alive 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at What-A-Burger 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Exaltation Ringers
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A page from the library

The library has a complete set of C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* books available for your reading enjoyment, along with two read-aloud Narnia books, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (how Aslan, the noble lion freed Narnia from the spell of the White Witch), and *The Magician's Nephew* (how Aslan created Narnia and gave the gift of speech to the animals). Two new Narnia storybooks have recently been added to our library collection.



When C.S. Lewis was writing the Narnia series, pictures of other worlds came to his mind, but suddenly Aslan came bounding in. Once Aslan was created, Lewis pulled the whole story together and soon six additional stories were written. (From the biography of C.S. Lewis by Beatrice Gormley).

Ellie Den Bleyker

Advent Workshop scheduled for December 3

All ages are invited to attend the Advent Workshop in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 3, during the church school hour (9:45 - 10:40 a.m.). Activities include making Christmas crafts and Advent wreaths, singing, telling Christmas stories, and enjoying holiday refreshments together as a church family. Young children



need to be accompanied by their parent or an adult or teen helper to assist with the craft projects. Volunteers are needed with refreshments and crafts - please contact Ellen Auten if you are available to help. Be sure to include

this date on your December calendar as we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas.

Want to Learn More About the Bible?

Join *Discover the Book God Wrote* Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30

For four Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30 (skipping Thanksgiving) at 11:00 a.m.-Noon, and then repeated at 7:30-8:30 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Clay Brown will lead us in a short-term class, *Discover the Book God Wrote*.

The four questions that guide *Discover the Book God Wrote*, "Why Should I Believe the Bible?", "How Can I Understand the Bible?", "What is the Bible About?", and "How Does the Bible Change My Life?", will lead us to consider and to discuss not only what is in the Bible and where, but also how to read and study the Bible for ourselves and how reading, knowing, and applying the Bible can transform our walk with Christ.

No prior Bible knowledge or study experience is necessary, and no one will be put on the spot.

The class is based on the book by the same name authored by the late Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ and a member of First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, until his death in 2003.

You can register for *Discover the Book God Wrote* by contacting the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org. Books are \$16 each, and checks may be made payable to the church.

Stewardship Committee

We've heard in recent Sundays that the Lord loves a cheerful giver. Judging from the support of the Stewardship Banquet and Fair, members of First Presbyterian Church were bordering on hilarious.

Many thanks to the cheerful givers who donated their time to create displays that illustrated opportunities we have to participate in ministries within our Church and our community.

Thanks to the Church officers, whose leadership and commitment set the tone when they pledged their gifts first. Their promise of more than \$205,000 has paved the way.

Thanks to the nearly 200 people who attended the fair to share a meal in fellowship with other Church families. Those families cheerfully contributed more than we ever dreamed. The baskets overflowed with more than \$1,200 to cover the cost of the meal.

And thanks to you, all the members of First Presbyterian Church, who have searched your hearts and cheerfully pledged your gifts and talents toward God's work, in thankfulness for the gifts God has promised us.

Thank you for embarking on this road trip of stewardship together. The journey toward a Promise-Driven Life lies straight ahead...and it's going to be a wonderful ride.



Chris Ahearn





STEWARDSHIP FAIR 2006





FPC EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Charlton and Beth Allen are residing at 244 Mott Road, Mooresville, NC, 28115 and their phone number is 704-660-9168. Charlton is an attorney and Beth is a CPA in Charlotte. Beth

transferred from Central United Methodist Church in Concord and Charlton transferred from Windermere Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC.

Robert and Sue Kopecek are new Carolinians from Bethlehem, PA. They are living at 1004 South Magnolia Street, Mooresville, NC 28115; phone 704-977-2942.

They are enjoying retired life and transferred from First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem.



Chapman and Jeannette Cox come to us from First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte where they were very active. They reside in Davidson at P.O. Box 4660, Davidson, NC, 28036 and their phone number is 704-655-8768. Chapman is a retired attorney and Jeannette is a retired musician and art historian. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Look for the photo in next month's newsletter.

Walt and Madeline Morgan have "flown south" from Severna Park, MD. They were members of Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church and have retired here in Mooresville at 235 Milford Circle, 28117 and their phone number is 704-662-9115.



Donald and Frances Howie also reside in Davidson at P.O. Box 243, Davidson, NC, 28036; phone 704-892-4031. They transferred from Prospect Presbyterian Church

where they both had active roles. Don is in the construction business and Frances is retired from Davidson College.

Walter Smith, III has transferred his membership from Davidson College Presbyterian Church and lives at 148 Catawba Air Road, P.O. Box 3331, Mooresville, NC, 28117; phone 704-664-6000. He also is enjoying retirement with his wife, Donna.



Mary Beth Knox transferred from Cleveland First Baptist Church and is the sister of Ruth Newell. She resides at 118 North Arcadian Way, Mooresville, NC, 28117 and her phone number is 704-799-8675. She is an account manager with Cisco Systems.



Richard and Jan Stilwell come to us from Steele Creek Presbyterian Church. Richard is a pilot for UPS and Jan is an active "grammy." They live at 3753 Landmark Drive, Sherrills Ford, NC, 28673 and their phone number is 704-483-5116. They are the parents of five grown children and several grandchildren.



Kelly and Amy Williams have come to Mooresville from Salisbury where Kelly was a member of Dunn's Mountain Baptist Church and Amy was a member of First Presbyterian.

Kelly is a member of the Rowan County sheriff's office and Amy works for Catawba College. They reside at 621 Emerson Drive, Mooresville, NC, 28115 and their phone number is 704-799-9707.



Dennis and Pam Winter transferred from First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. where they were active members. They are enjoying retired living at 159 River Birch Circle, Mooresville, NC, 28115; phone 704-660-1890. They have two grown children.

Congregational Meeting Called for Nov. 12

In fulfillment of the Presbyterian *Book of Order* and the bylaws of First Presbyterian Church, a congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, November 12, following the 11:00 a.m. worship

Congregational Meeting



service, for the purpose of receiving a report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee. This report will place into nomination a slate of potential members for the Session and the Diaconate,

Class of 2009. All church members are to receive in the mail, in a separate mailing from this newsletter, important information on each nominee. During the meeting, qualified persons may also be nominated from the floor, with the prior consent of the person being nominated. The election will take place immediately once nominations are closed.

The Church Officer Nominating Committee annually consists of members of the Session and the Diaconate completing their terms of service, along with representatives from the Church School leadership, Presbyterian Men, Presbyterian Women, and Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, and the pastor/head of staff as an *ex officio* member (For 2006: Dick Fortanbary (chair), Gene Vaughan, Carole Crews, Bruce Telford, Leeann DeCastro, Paul Beaver, Debbie Hyatt, Dylan McIntyre, and Clay Brown).

“Sons of the Father” Men’s Conference

November 17-19, 2006

**Lake Norman Fellowship
Led by Gordon Dalbey**



Biblically based and down-to-earth, author Gordon Dalbey uses disarming humor and powerful truth to invite men and women to surrender to the Father, drop their guard with

each other, and risk being loved as they are. Dalbey's first book, *Healing the Masculine Soul*, helped pioneer the Christian Men's Movement in 1988. He spoke at the first Promise Keepers and has appeared on "Focus on the Family," "The 700 Club," and hundreds of other radio and TV shows. He has ministered in England, Hong Kong, Australia, France, & Switzerland. A former news reporter, Peace Corps Volunteer (Nigeria), high school teacher and pastor, Gordon holds an M.A. in journalism from Stanford and an M.Div. from Harvard. He lives in Santa Barbara, CA, with his wife and son.

This unique community event *includes a special Sunday evening session for BOTH women and men!**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Men who want to:

Get real with God and other men... Let God focus their sexuality for his purposes... Give their children all God has for them... Be freed from their fear of not measuring up... Discover their true heritage and destiny.

THE COST? The conference fee is only \$59 which covers the Friday session (7 p.m.), two Saturday sessions (9 a.m. and 1 p.m.), two Sunday sessions (10 a.m. and 6 p.m.) and a boxed lunch on Saturday! Complete details and secure, online registration may be completed at:

www.lakenormanfellowship.com.

Music Notes by Alan Sledge

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Isaiah 12:5



Chancel Choir completes recording release date is November 19

The latest recording project from our Chancel Choir, entitled “*Glory to the Newborn King*” was recorded here in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 22, 2006. The CD is a collection of favorite Christmas carols, including The First Noel, Silent Night, O Holy Night, and many more. The project, a joint venture with the choir and the Membership and Evangelism Committee, is intended to be an Advent/Christmas season handout for you, the members of First Presbyterian Church. The CDs will be free, while donations will be accepted to cover the production cost of \$2.50 per disc. We would like for you to purchase as many as you can use to give away to friends and neighbors during the holidays. The CD jacket will provide dates and times for our Advent/Christmas programs. Please join us as we help spread the gospel of the Christmas story with this musical offering.

November worship calendar

Sunday, November 5, 8:30 a.m. MSM handbells

Sunday, November 12, 11:00 a.m. Exaltation Ringers

Sunday, November 19, 11:00 a.m. Logos Choir

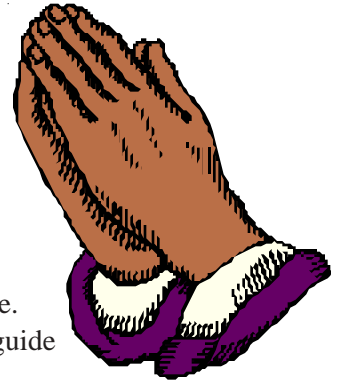


“Messiah” preparations continue each Wednesday evening in the choir room. If you would like to join the Chancel choir on this, the most popular choral piece ever written, there’s a spot waiting for you. We will present portions from the Christmas section as well as the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

“MESSIAH” FACT: Handel conducted or oversaw performances of *Messiah* 36 times, always in March, April or May and never in a church. The annual Christmas performance tradition was introduced in America in 1818 by The Boston Handel and Haydn Society.

A time to be thankful great hymns of the faith

The great thanksgiving hymn “Now Thank We All Our God,” was written in the 1630’s during the Thirty Years War. Martin Rinkart was the only pastor in the walled city of Eilenberg, Germany. During the war thousands of refugees fled to Eilenberg, seeking protection from inside the city walls. This led to crowded conditions in which hunger and plague were chronic problems. In 1637, Rinkart conducted funerals for five thousand residents; including his wife. When he wrote the lines, “guide us when perplexed,” Pastor Rinkart was not talking about small inconveniences.



We too can thank God, with heart and hands and voices. As we approach the thanksgiving season, don’t overlook our own stewardship emphasis this fall. Let’s be thankful for what we have, and also for what we can give. Let’s also remember Martin Rinkart, and the great words he wrote three hundred and seventy years ago. We can thank God even during our most unsettling times. Rinkart concludes the second verse:

*“And free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.”*

Doing What I Can



“... to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, each according to his ability. Then he went away.”

Matthew 25: 15

YOUTH PAGE

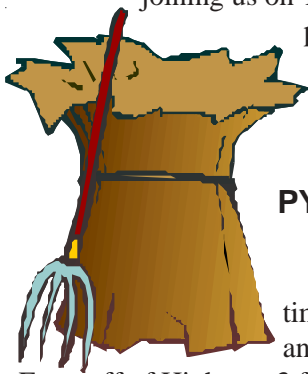
What's for supper?

One eats alone, but "dines" with others

In addition to everything else, Tuesday nights are PYF nights. Each week we meet at the church to travel to a different local restaurant for a "everybody pays their own way" supper. In addition to "dining," it's a great chance to "catch up" on what's happening with the other members of our group and enjoy a special fellowship around the tables. It's food for our bodies *and* our souls!



Each evening's meal is finally "topped off" with a special devotional time and closing prayer usually done back at the church. Now, how's that for a complete meal?! So, how about bringing a friend and joining us on Tuesdays? We're saving a place at the table just for you!



Hey! Hey! Hey! It's a hayride!

PYF schedules outing for November 12

We will meet at our regular time of 5:15 p.m. at the church and then head out to the Harris Farm off of Highway 3 for a special hayride.

There will be no cost for the event which will include a hot dog cookout and s'mores around the campfire. Please call Alan Sledge at the church (704-664-5275) and "reserve" a spot... or you can send an email to sledge453@msn.com. We need to know how many mouths to feed (guests are welcome), so let us know who's coming!

Hey! It's going to be a great time... so join us!

Getting the latest

Church web site is "where it's at"

This is a fast changing world... you know that already! Sometimes it's hard to know what's really happening. That's why we try to use email and the Youth Page on the church's web site at:

www.moorevillefirstpres.org/youth.html

You will, of course, still want to read this ol' rag, but updates will be on the website (including a new blog for you to share your views!). We hope you'll use it and enjoy it. Your suggestions about the web site are always

welcome, too. Drop us an email at pyf@moorevillefirstpres.org so we can verify your email address. Let's keep in touch!

PYF leadership changes

Interim Youth Director duties assumed by Alan Sledge

The changes have been underway for several months now. The session has initiated the process of seeking a new staff person to serve as a full-time youth minister/director as Fred Coates' primary duties shift more to congregational care and missions. It is hoped that a new staff person will be in place by the summer of 2007.

In the meantime, Alan Sledge will serve as the Interim Youth Director. Building on his considerable skills and ability to work with young people, Alan will be a real asset to the PYF program.

Fowl Language!

Let's talk turkey

A turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding a better turkey. His family was especially fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was telling all his friends at the General Store about his latest efforts. "Well, I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!" They all asked the farmer how it tasted. "I don't know," said the farmer, "I never could catch the darn thing!"



November Notes



Don't be a turkey! Join us at PYF this month.

Here's a look at what's ahead:

- Nov 5** - Alphas and Omegas special combined activity, 5:15 p.m.
 - Church Night Supper (Concert), 6:00 p.m.
- 7** - Supper Club (Lancaster's), 5:30 p.m.
- 12** - PYF hayride (weather permitting), 5:15 p.m.
- 14** - Supper Club (Wendy's), 5:30 p.m.
- 19** - Alphas, 4:15 p.m.
 - Omegas, 5:15 p.m.
- 21** - Supper Club (What-A-Burger), 6:00 p.m. (following the Mooresville Christmas Parade)
- 23** - **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 26** - NO PYF (Thanksgiving Sunday)
- 28** - Supper Club (Kyoto Japanese), 5:30 p.m.



Carole Crews' sunglasses are missing from Stewardship Fair at the Citizens Center.

Many people saw them, but she hasn't found who actually may have them. HELP! They are Ray Bans with brown frames. Call Carole at 704-231-6740 if you have seen them.

Calling all veterans!

Join Logos for dinner on November 8

All veterans of any branch of the military are invited to be special guests at the Logos/MSM dinner hour on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Logos/MSM program participants would like to take the opportunity at dinner to recognize and thank veterans for their dedicated service to our country, during both war and peace time.



We salute you! Veterans may want to wear (or bring) their uniforms and any related items that evening.

Please contact the church office (704-664-5275) by Monday, November 6, to make a reservation.



Find Out about FPC

Next *Discover First Pres* Set for Nov. 12

The next *Discover First Pres* class is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We will begin at the Manse, 114 S. Academy St., with a dessert reception hosted by Cathy and Clay Brown, then take a tour of the church facilities, and conclude with a short class on all things Presbyterian with Clay.

If you are thinking about becoming part of the First Presbyterian Church family, or if you became a member a short time ago, this upcoming class is for you! The agenda is fun, fellowship, and a little knowledge about the Presbyterian way with no strings attached. To register, please contact the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org. Child care will be available if requested in advance.

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Change service requested



Looking Ahead ...

These are special upcoming events that do not happen on a regular basis. Please mark your calendar.



November

Nov.5 -6:00 p.m.

Church Fellowship

12-6:00 p.m.

Supper and Concert

Discover First Pres for those

considering membership at our church

19-7:00 p.m.

Joint Elder/Deacon

Meeting

22-26

Weekday Preschool closed

23-24

Thanksgiving Holiday - Church

office closed

December

Dec.3-9:45 a.m.

Advent Workshop

2007 Budget presented to the congregation

6:00 p.m.

Church Fellowship Supper and Program

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Christmas Cantata

14-15 - 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Christmas Program

17-11:00 a.m.

Youth Christmas Program

24-5&7:30p.m.

Christmas Eve Services

25-26

Christmas Holiday - Church

office closed

January

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