

The Bulletin Board

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September 2006

Jerilyn Fair Named as Church Hostess

We are pleased to announce that Jerilyn Fair has been hired as our new Church Hostess, effective September 1.

Jerilyn is a very active member of our congregation already, serving in our Logos program, a teacher in the church's preschool, and a leader in Presbyterian Women. As Church Hostess, Jerilyn will lead us in such areas as our church-wide suppers, our Wednesday evening meals with Logos, Middle School Ministry, and Kairos, and in general will facilitate and supervise our ministry of hospitality to others and the use of our church kitchen. The position is a part-time one, normally requiring less than 20 hours per week.

"I know I speak for the church staff, the Session, and the rest of the congregation when I say we're glad Jerilyn is coming on board," said pastor/head of staff Clay Brown. "She brings tremendous energy and capability to the Church Hostess position. She will serve our Lord well, and we're fortunate to have someone of her qualifications and abilities to serve as Church Hostess."



Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Sunday format change

A new structure, same great time

There are some exciting things happening with PYF! Beginning Sunday, September 10, we will resume our Sunday meetings, but with a little different format. This year there will be two "groupings" of PYF known as the *Alphas* (grades 7-8) and the *Omeegas* (grades 9-12). Though both groups will be meeting together for most of the Sunday PYF times, there will be a distinct difference in their "programs."

Alphas are scheduled to come to the church on Sundays beginning at 4:15 p.m. for their meeting/program, followed by supper and "band" (more about that in a bit). Alphas will be dismissed at 6:30 p.m. The Omegas will come to the church at 5:15 p.m. for supper and "band" (combined with the Alphas) followed by their meeting/program and be dismissed at 7:30 p.m. There will also be numerous "combined" events (like our Friday Fifth Quarter gatherings) and special trips (the first one will be Friday, October 27 through Monday, October 30 -- it's a school holiday for county and city schools -- mark your calendars NOW!).

The "band" at PYF is for all grades (7-12) and will include instrumentalists, vocalists and the more technically oriented (e.g., sound and light crews). A number of PYF members have already been participating over the past year with our Tuesday night rehearsals, so this year we want everyone to have a chance to share in the fun. The "band" rehearsals will be in the Music Room (where we won't have to be setting up and taking down everything each time). In addition to sharing music during our Sunday morning worship services, the plan is for the "band" to share its music "on the road" as well. It's going to be a great addition to our Sunday schedule, so come and "raise your voice" with us!

Welcome to new church school officers

The church school began the 2006-2007 year on Sunday, August 20, headed by new superintendent Leeann DeCastro and assistant superintendent Gretchen Little. We welcome Leeann and Gretchen to their new positions, and pray for guidance for them as they assume these new roles. Leeann and Gretchen will be available on Sunday mornings during the church school hour, and may also be reached at home with questions concerning church school:

Leeann DeCastro: 704-660-5248

Gretchen Little: 704-663-8292



From the Pastor

From my first time with you—an incognito visit last December, when Cathy and I toured Mooresville, met with the PNC, and worshiped with you at the 11:00 service as visitors—I have been struck by two things: 1) we are a marvelous congregation with a number of gifts and resources for ministry, and 2) there are tremendous opportunities for ministering in Christ's name around us.

To meet the opportunities and challenges for the future, I'm convinced that we must structure our church staff for mission, not maintenance. So we have realigned two staff positions for a greater emphasis on our mission and will add another staff position in 2007, per the Session's actions in a called meeting August 10.

First, the staff realignment: Our associate pastor, the Rev. Dr. Fred Coates, has conducted a wonderful ministry at FPC, not only in pastoral ways but also in providing leadership to our youth ministry. But after 27 years here, he's ready to tackle some new ministries and responsibilities. So Fred's focus will shift from youth ministry to focus on the expansion of our missions efforts (both nationally and internationally), on local community ministry, and on congregational care. In the latter two areas, Fred will work in tandem with our newly re-tasked Board of Deacons and be a resource to the board as it carries out its Parish Plan of congregational care and leads us in community service. Into leadership in youth ministry comes our excellent music director, Alan Sledge. Alan will, in addition to his music duties, take on the role of Interim Youth Director, providing strong and capable leadership to our growing youth ministry. Both Alan and Fred are team players, willing to do whatever it takes to minister and serve, and I'm quite thankful for both of them.

Now you sharp-eyed readers no doubt picked up on the "interim" part of Alan's new role. What does this mean? I'm pleased to report that also we will begin soon a search for an Associate Pastor (ordained) or Director (non-ordained) of Youth Ministries, with the goal of having this person on board by Summer 2007. We will search for the person God has in mind for us and will structure our search by going through the process necessary to call an ordained minister so that whether he/she is an ordained minister, a new seminary graduate ready for ordination, or a non-ordained experienced youth director, we'll be ready and able to bring him/her on board.

Now we have many steps still to take before the search becomes a reality: consultation with our presbytery's Committee on Ministry, a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee that will search for both ordained and non-ordained candidates, the search process itself, supporting this position with sufficient resources, and so on. You'll be hearing about these steps in the weeks and months ahead.

But some of this change starts right now. Fred and Alan have already begun their new work in tandem. We have crafted a transition plan so that by November 1, Fred will have phased out of most youth ministry duties (except for Kairos and confirmation) and Alan will assume full leadership of our youth ministry for the interim period.

I believe God will honor this step of faith by your Session and staff. Resources always follow vision, and we believe that God's vision for our church includes expanding our mission, increasing our community presence in ministry and service, giving greater attention to caring for one another, and moving our youth ministry to the next level of its development and growth.

I believe you concur. I think you're ready to move forward for Christ and His Kingdom. I'm privileged to be your pastor "for such a time as this," God's time for our church. God bless.

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown

Thinking about Membership?

Discover First Pres Set for Sun., Sept. 17

If you are considering becoming part of our church, or if you're a new member who just became a member, and you want to know more about the congregation, then an excellent opportunity is coming your way!

A one-time class for new members and potential members, *Discover First Pres*, is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m. We'll begin with a dessert reception at the manse next to the church, hosted by our pastor/head of staff and his wife, Clay and Cathy Brown. Then we'll move to the church for a tour and a brief introduction to all things Presbyterian led by Dr. Brown, as well as the chance to meet some of the staff and lay leaders of the congregation. Meeting people, sharing information, orienting you to church life, and having a good time are the watchwords of the evening. It should be great fun!

If you're interested or have any questions, please call or email the church office at 704-664-5275 or secretary@moorvillefirstpres.org. Space is limited, so make your reservations today.

Presbyterian Women

The PW Birthday Dinner was enjoyed by many. We were so glad to have the opportunity to get to know Cathy Brown better and Jean Coates gave a wonderful presentation on Mwandi. I am looking forward to serving with such a great group of ladies on the council.



Each one is very special! I would like to bring your attention to the upcoming Fall Gathering which will be Saturday, September 23 at First Burlington. The day begins at 8:30 a.m.. Lunch is

optional. Registration is \$6 w/o lunch; with lunch \$12. You must pre-register for lunch. There are many interesting break-out sessions along with a time of worship. If you would like a brochure, please see me or a circle moderator. Deadline to register is September 15. If anyone is interested in carpooling, that can be arranged.

Karen Brawley

2005-2007 Officers

Moderator	Karen Brawley
Vice Moderator	Ruth Newell
Treasurer	Ellen Hinson
Secretary/Historian	Althea Nelson
Spiritual Concerns	Susan Meade
Social Concerns	Debbie Hyatt

2005-2007 Moderators

Circle No. 1	Eleanor Templeton
Circle No. 2, <i>Sisters in Christ</i>	Angie Copeland
Circle No. 3, <i>Blessed in Christ</i>	Kim Streb
Circle No. 4, <i>Circle of Faith</i>	Martha Faulkenberry
Circle No. 5, <i>Women of the Word</i>	Anne Telford
Circle No. 6, <i>Handmaidens of the Lord</i>	Diana Hyman



Budget & Finance Forum

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

January 1 thru July 31, 2006:

• Budgeted needs	\$386,750.00
• Income	\$320,179.00

A Promise-Driven Life...

Old girl scouts never die...they just continue to sing camp songs. Well, there are some songs worth remembering, like the one about promises that Brownie scouts learn almost from the very beginning.

When e'er you make a promise,
Consider well its importance.

And when made,
Engrave it upon your heart.

God shares his promises with us every day...to provide for us by giving us what we need, both financially and in the skills and talents we possess to love and serve our neighbors.

During stewardship season, and every day of the year, we have an opportunity to consider the promises we make to God. It's the gifts we give and the talents we share out of gratitude for the many treasures He has given us.

This year, your stewardship committee urges you to make yours a *Promise-Driven Life*. We're hosting a Stewardship Banquet and Fair to make it easy for every member of our Church family—young and old—to learn about opportunities to serve God through the ministries of our Church.

Consider this your engraved invitation to attend a *Promise-Driven Life* Stewardship Banquet and Fair on Sunday, October 15th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. It's a family event at the Charles Mack Citizens Center. Please call the church office to make your reservations.

Come enjoy food and fellowship with our Church family. Come learn about the programs of the Church and your opportunities to be a valued part of them. Come prepared to prayerfully consider your promises...and when made—engrave them upon your heart.

Stewardship Banquet and Fair
Sunday, October 15, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Charles Mack Citizens Center



Logos/MSM begins a new year!

On Wednesday, September 6, our church will begin a new year of the LOGOS/MSM/Kairos program. Parents had the opportunity during August to register their children for these programs, and we were pleased to see how many parents have made LOGOS a priority for their children.

The LOGOS staff has also made a very generous commitment of their time and resources during the past month in order to make sure that our young people have the very best in Christian nurture. Their commitment is one of the key factors that contributes



to the success of the LOGOS Program at this church. We would especially like to thank the LOGOS council members for all of their work in putting together their teams and planning activities for the upcoming year. Extra thanks also to Beverly Chappell for all of her hard work in organizing all of the Logos/MSM/Kairos records and materials,

including cleaning closets, so that we could start the year off organized and (almost) stress-free.

We are also grateful to the many people of our congregation who do not have children in the programs, and who still answer God's call to minister to our church's young people. This sends a strong message to the children involved in the program that their church family supports them and believes that they are important.

Now on to the fun stuff! The themes for September are: "Circus/Clown Night" (which circus character/animal will you be?), "Hero/Super Hero Night" (will we see any "Super" elders or pastors this year?), "Hawaiian Luau" (Sept. 20), and a new theme "F.R.O.G" (Fully Rely on God) Night (hop on in to some green/froggy duds!).

Please continue to support the Logos program through your prayers, as the staff continues in their faithful service.

Faithfully,

Valerie Mauney and Leeann DeCastro

Kairos To Resume

Never fear, we will continue to offer the high school component of Logos this year with the same great name, some new leadership, some new meeting places and the same (and hopefully some new) participants! Kairos

continues to grow in its own unique way and move in new directions as we plan



for its future. There will be some changes this year, beginning with its location. Last year, Kairos was held entirely in the "Kairos House", currently known as the Browns' house. This year, for obvious and exciting reasons, we have created some wonderful new spaces on the third floor, including the *Kairos Café* where meals will be served for the high-schoolers. An exciting new team of leaders has also been put together, including Bible teacher, Dr. Fred Coates and recreation leaders, Cindy Hitchcock and Josh Schaen. Alan Sledge is also putting together some exciting new ideas and options for Kairos worship skills. Meals will be prepared in the main kitchen, along with meals for the rest of the Logos participants, with the exception of the last Wednesday of each month. On this day, the group will head off campus to a local restaurant, as they did last year, for a dinner outing. A \$2 dollar charge will apply to these outings.

Kairos will begin on Wednesday, September 6, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. and follow a schedule similar to the regular Logos schedule. We invite any 9th - 12th graders to join this exciting group on Wednesday afternoons. Unlike Logos and MSM, registration will continue throughout the semester and teens are encouraged to bring a friend. Please let the church office know ahead of time. Contact Logos director, Valerie Mauney (704-663-7540) or Ellen Auten for more information.

Logos/MSM/Kairos

September dates to remember

Wednesday, September 6

- Logos/MSM/Kairos begins fall semester, Circus/Clown Night
- 6:45 p.m - Make-up Parent Meeting

Wednesday, September 13 - Hero/Super Hero Night

Wednesday, September 20 - Hawaiian Luau

Sunday, September 24

- 11:00 a.m. - Logos sings in worship service

Wednesday, September 27 - F.R.O.G. Night

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News from Weekday Preschool



We're back and what a terrific opening Preschool is having this year, and the happy sounds of laughing and learning can be heard all up and down the hall! The children are busy identifying with their class mascot, learning classroom rules and their new friends' and teachers' names. Our mornings just fly by and there is barely enough time to squeeze in all the activities we have planned for them to do.

We are especially thankful to all those who helped us in our efforts to ready the new Pre-Kindergarten Frog room. CP Chappell worked late into the evenings painting a fresh coat of white paint on the walls and what a difference that has made! We appreciate it, CP. Thanks also to Lois Kirk for making the most adorable curtains for the windows with beautiful Preschool appliques on them. We are thrilled and invite everyone to stop by and take a peek. It's a Herculean effort to get a school up and running and our dedicated teachers (and in some cases their husbands!!) were putting in long hours decorating walls, bulletin boards, bookcases and cubby-holes. What an amazing, creative group they are! Thanks also to Billy Black for all his assistance and always being so **cheerful!**

September will be here before we know it and we look forward to our **School Pictures on Sept. 14 and 15**, and receiving our **Firemen Friends on Sept. 21-22**. You will be receiving a letter from me detailing the day your child will be photographed.

Thanks to our wonderful parents for your attendance and attentiveness during our Orientation meetings. Please carefully adhere to our unloading and loading process and continue to read all communication that comes home with your child. Most importantly, prepare yourself for their **awesome** artwork! We are grateful for your support and, of course for the gift of your little one. They are all so precious and we truly are blessed.

With love,
Mrs. Nancy

Churchmice Needed!!

We have fifty two college students this year and only 16 churchmice so far. Please think about giving time to our church by volunteering to be a churchmouse to a student this year. It is so appreciated by the students. It is truly a gift to our church. Each college student is given a secret friend, a "churchmouse", to remember them every month with either a card, note, or goody package. The identity of the "mouse" is kept secret until the end of the year, when it will be revealed. Hope you will consider being that special friend. Just call Carolyn Poteat at 704-663-2992 or Eleanor Templeton at 704-987-1309.



Parents, if you have a student in college this year please call Carolyn or Eleanor so we can give your child a churchmouse. Thanks!

Carolyn and Eleanor

Presbyterian Men

Gentlemen - one and all! Mark your calendars and join us on September 10 for a program with Dr. Vernon Lawter from Mitchell



Community College. All men, highschool age and older, are welcome and we would love to have you join us.

We will have a short devotional and a great breakfast, followed by the program. And, of course, outstanding fellowship.

A huge thank you to Gene Vaughan for sharing some pictures of God's creatures and to Cotton Ketchie for a great program last month.

See you at breakfast and bring a friend!

Mark Vaughan

Thank you!

Many, many thanks go to Susan Williams, our outgoing Church School Superintendent, for her dedicated leadership in the church school over the past two years. On behalf of the entire church school, we express appreciation to Susan for her diligence and leadership. Thanks also to Susan's husband, James, and to children Cameron and Emily, for their help and encouragement, and for sharing Susan with us for two years!

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<p style="text-align: center;">22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Camp Grier Retreat</div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Labor Day 4</p> <p>Office and Preschool Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5:30pm Exaltation Ringers PYF Supper Club at Bojangles</p>	<p>4:00 5:00 6:45 7:30</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm Handmaidens of the Lord (No. 6) in the parlor 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 6:00pm New Member Class (starts at Manse) 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12:30pm Saints Alive Exaltation Ringers 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Sonic 7:30pm "Meet Clay & Cathy" at the Copeland's home</p>	<p>New 4:00 5:00 7:30</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24</p> <p>8:30am Early Worship 9:45am Church School 11:00am Worship with Logos choir 4:15pm Alpha PYF 5:15pm Omega PYF 5:30pm Catechism Club 7:00pm Session Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee Budgets due to Treasurer</p> <p>7:00pm "Meet Clay & Cathy" at the Drye's home</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:30am <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> in the library Exaltation Ringers 5:30pm PYF Supper Club at Cheese Steakery 6:00pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>"Se</p>

<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>Thursday</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study at the home of Peggy & Harding Rogers</p>	<p>Friday 1</p>  <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter</p>	<p>Saturday 2</p>
<p>Camp Grier Retreat</p>			
<p>6</p> <p>10:00pm Logos/MSM Begins - <i>Circus/Clown Night</i></p> <p>11:00pm Kairos</p> <p>12:00pm Make-up Logos Parent Meeting</p> <p>1:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study at the home of Peggy & Harding Rogers</p> <p>7:00pm Sisters in Christ (No.2) in the parlor</p> <p>7:00pm "Meet Clay & Cathy" at the Chas Rader home</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
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<p>Newsletter Deadline 20</p> <p>10:00pm Logos/MSM - <i>Hawaiian Luau</i></p> <p>11:00pm Kairos</p> <p>12:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study at the home of Peggy & Harding Rogers</p> <p>11:00am "Thursdays with Clay" in the parlor</p> <p>7:30pm "Thursdays with Clay" in the parlor</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30pm "Meet Clay & Cathy" at the McNeely's home</p> <p>10:00pm PYF 5th Quarter</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>27</p> <p><i>"Be You At the Pole" Day</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study at the home of Peggy & Harding Rogers</p> <p>11:00am "Thursdays with Clay" in the parlor</p> <p>7:30pm "Thursdays with Clay" in the parlor</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Saints Alive to Mt. Airy, NC</p> 	<p>30</p>

Church School begins 2006-2007 year

Sunday, August 20, was Promotion Sunday at church school, and officially began our 2006-2007 church school year. Classes are offered for all ages; teachers and room numbers are listed below:

Infant Nursery (Room 215): Susie Belcher, Karen Brawley, Holly Brumley, Gretchen and Darrin Bridges, Anne Telford.

Toddler Nursery (Room 211): Jean Coates, Lisa Davidson, Sheryl Davis, Paige Ladd, Ruth and Trent Newell, Ashley and Josh Schaen.

2's & 3's Class (Room 213): Laura Bates, Liz Rader.

4's Class (Room 210): Valerie Mauney, Sonya and Jennifer Moskel, Beth Sink.

Kindergarten Class (Room 207): Kristen McMillan, Stacy Windsor.

1st & 2nd Grades (Room 324): Judy Cole, Megan Lynch, Becky Rader, Jennifer Robinson.

3rd & 4th Grades (Room 322): Gretchen and Brian Little, Janice and Eric Plier.

5th & 6th Grades (Room 319): Beverly Chappell, Cindy Hitchcock, Susan Williams.

Middle School Class - Grades 7 & 8 (Room 313): Margaret and Gene Auten

Senior High Class-Grades 9-12 (Youth Room): Jackie Justice, Mary Kidwell, Angie and Mike Toma.

Celebrate Class (Room 317): Allen Brawley, Lorra Lee Holshouser

Covenant Class (Room 308): Pat Culberson

Faith Journey Class (Room 307): Mark Auten

Friends and Family Class (Room 301): Rick Omohundro

Men's Bible Class (under sanctuary): Smith Kirk, Thermond Thompson, Gene Vaughan

Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall): Clay Brown, Fred Coates

Rejoice Class (Room 300): Joyce Sloop

Who-So-Ever-Will Class (Room 315): Fronnie Gardner

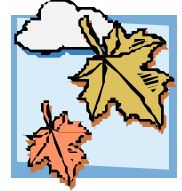
Women's Bible Class (Room 309): Bob Amon

The Church School Council is excited about the upcoming church school year, and would like to express appreciation to these dedicated teachers who so lovingly and faithfully give their time each week to teach God's Word to our children and adults. Thank you!

Please make church school a priority in your week - what a wonderful way to begin each week by meeting with your church family in a setting of study, fellowship, and support!

Saints Alive begin fall luncheon meetings

The Saints Alive group will resume their regular monthly luncheon meetings (\$4) on Tuesday, September 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Saints Alive is a monthly (September through May) luncheon fellowship group for "older" (approximately 50+) adults and friends of our congregation, where participants enjoy lunch, devotions and prayer concerns, and a program, along with wonderful fellowship with one another.



The September luncheon program will feature Michael K. McMahan, a financial advisor from Gastonia. Be prepared with questions from an expert in the field. Thanks in advance to Tom Johnston for arranging to have his friend speak to the group.

Come and bring a friend!

Saints plan trip to Mount Airy

Join the Saints Alive group on a trip back to a simpler time when they visit Mount Airy, NC, on Friday, September 29. Andy Griffith grew up in Mount Airy, and a stroll down Main Street reminds visitors of the television town of Mayberry. While in Mount Airy, the group can visit Floyd's City Barber Shop, the Old Mayberry Jail, Snappy Lunch, Wally's Service Station, and Andy's childhood home. The group will leave at 9:30 a.m., take a walking tour of the sites in and around Mount Airy, and return in the late afternoon. Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in the trip.

Beach trip approaching

The Saints Alive beach trip, scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, through Saturday, October 29, is quickly approaching! Registered participants will be receiving a letter in early September with details regarding final hotel payments, show reservations and tickets, and transportation details.



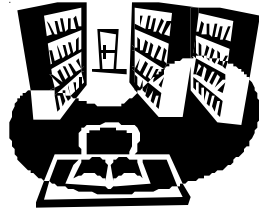
All Saints' Eve

Be sure to put Tuesday, October 31, on your fall calendar for our congregation's annual All Saints' Eve Fall Festival. The event will be held in the fellowship hall from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and will include a hot dog supper, games, prizes, candy, popcorn, and costumed characters. Details to follow in the October newsletter.



A page from the library

Many thanks to everyone who has donated items to the library in the past. A portion of our collection is from donated items, and the Library Committee is appreciative of church members' generosity. We ask that you consider the following guidelines when deciding if you have something you might wish to donate.



1. Any material donated should be appropriate to a church library.
2. Items should be in good condition and ready to stick around awhile. To completely process one book and make it "library ready" takes about thirty minutes of a librarian's time.
3. Check all items for such things as bookmarks or personal inscriptions in the front of the book. Also, check for personal notes in donated workbooks.
4. If you have a large number of books you wish to donate, you might want to consider splitting your donation between the church library and some other organization. Space in the library is not unlimited.
5. Take a few minutes to look through the library and see what is already on the shelves. Perhaps you have some titles that would finish out a series.
6. If you have children's books (in really good condition) contact your librarian to see if she can use your books to add to the children's section.
7. Understand that, while you may donate any book, cassette, video, CD or DVD you wish, the library committee reserves the right to decide if a specific book does not belong in our church library.

Thank you,
Library Committee

Catechism Club

to begin Sunday, September 10

Catechism Club is scheduled to being a new year in September. We are planning to once again offer the course during the fall and spring. Children in third through sixth grades are encouraged to participate in Catechism Club.

For those unfamiliar with catechism, it is a book which gives a brief summary of the basic principles of Christianity in question and answer form. Children will learn basic theological vocabulary and gain an understanding of the Christian faith that will lay a foundation for their belief and trust in God through Jesus Christ. Children in Catechism Club will be encouraged to memorize the 150 questions of the *First Catechism*, and will have weekly instruction in basic Bible truths.

Parental participation and attendance at Sunday meetings is essential; if parents are unable to attend, an adult sponsor will be matched with the child wanting to attend Catechism Club.

The class will be held from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m., with supper to follow the class from approximately 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. The fall's schedule is as follows:

September 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22

November 5, 12, 19

Adult mentors are an integral part of Catechism Club. They will "sponsor" a child through the process of catechism memorization and instruction, meeting frequently with the child. Following successful completion of catechism instruction and memorization, the children will be recognized in a worship service.

Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you would like to register your child.

Thursdays with Clay: *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport*

September 21 — October 12

Have you ever wondered just what Presbyterians allegedly *really* believe? You know, Calvinism and all the trimmings? Does this theological viewpoint have anything to say to us in the 21st century? Is it relevant to our hopes, struggles, and concerns?

To answer such questions as these, the Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown, our new pastor/head of staff, invites you to spend "Thursdays with Clay" for a short four-part course this fall called *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport: Making Connections in Today's World*.

The course will meet for four Thursdays, Sept. 21-Oct. 12, for one hour in the church parlor at two different times. A morning session will meet from 11:00 a.m. to noon, and an evening session will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The same material will be covered in both morning and evening sessions, so you can choose the time that fits your schedule best.

We'll study the best-selling book by the same title by Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary. You can purchase this book from the church for \$12 (make your check out to the church and pick up at the first meeting), or you can purchase your own copy of it from a variety of bookstores and vendors.

Registration for this course is needed so we can enough books and other materials on hand. Please contact the church office to get your name on the list and to get your book by either phone or email at secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org.

Music Notes by Alan Sledge

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11 NRSV

Interim organist to begin

Joanne Daykin will start September 17

We are very fortunate to have Joanne as interim organist to fill the immediate void of Christy's retirement. Joanne has played here many times over the past years, most recently during Christy's recovery from a broken hand.

Joanne earned degrees from Oberlin College and the University of Michigan leading to a career in church music as well as a teaching position at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Much of Joanne's work has been in chorale music, having sung with the Robert Shaw Chorale, Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and the Robert Page Singers. In addition to her many singing roles, she has studied organ with John Ferguson.

Joanne and husband Mal, a retired engineer, make their home in north Charlotte. They have two sons, one in Ohio and the other in Massachusetts, and are expecting their third grandchild to arrive this month. We are truly blessed with the talents of Joanne and look forward to our time together.

A time for singing, ringing and praising the Lord

Logos/MSM/Kairos back in session

The 2006 - 2007 Logos/MSM/Kairos session will begin on Wednesday, September 6, and all groups will hit the ground running. Within three short weeks, the Logos choir will sing in the 11:00 a.m. worship service, followed the very next week by the MSM handbell choir and then Kairos.

It seems like just a few years ago, I began work here at First Presbyterian with a first grader beginning the program and a kindergartner in the nursery on Wednesday afternoons. Fast-forward to 2006; the boys are both in high school, and their younger sister will begin her second grade year in Logos. Through the years there have been changes in the schedules, the class formats, we have added Kairos, and even the table parents change from year-to-year. One thing though, has never changed. That is the sincerity of all those involved, from the Logos Council down through the volunteers, to provide a great Christian program based on making relationships in the church.

I am very proud to be a part of this program and this church, and I look forward to spending Wednesday afternoons with your children. Our goal is to make music a pleasurable part of the program, helping to enlist and encourage them to be an active part of worship. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Organist search begins

The session has approved the Organist Search Committee as recommended by the Personnel Committee. The members are: Steve Robinson, chair; Alan Sledge, Martha McDonnell, Mark McNeely, Elaine Drye, Ernie Crymes and Christy Floyd, ex-officio. The committee will begin the task of advertisement and recruitment of candidates for the position. If you know of interested applicants, have them contact the church office for further information.

EXALTATION RINGERS WILL RETURN TO THE REHEARSAL ROOM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 AFTER THEIR SUMMER HIATUS. THIS ADULT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE MEETS AT 4:30 P.M. AND WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED RINGER WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.



YOUTH PAGE

"All the news that fits to print"

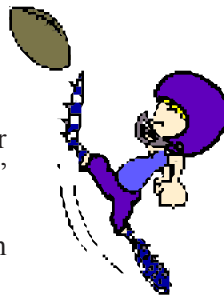
Another PYF "season"

New Sunday format

The new school year is here... and it's time to get "geared up" for the Fall (seasonal, not theological). Your minds are probably being filled now with all the new class schedules, lots of homework assignments, football (and other sports) games, discussions about "who's going with whom," "what's the latest fashion" and all the other "really important stuff."

Well, don't forget to put PYF on your "radar" too! We've got some exciting plans in store and you'll want to be a part of it. Below is the Sunday schedule that takes effect on September 10. You'll notice a few "tweaks," primarily the Alphas and Omegas division for programming, but the bulk of PYF still involves "everyone" together.

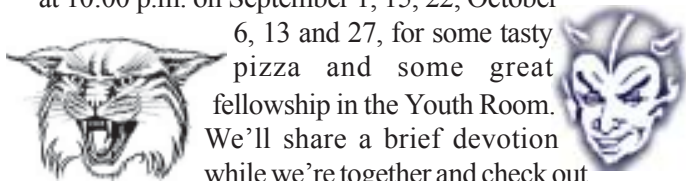
- 4:15 p.m. - Alphas meeting/program
- 5:15 p.m. - Omegas arrive
 - Alphas & Omegas dinner
- 5:45 p.m. - Alphas & Omegas "band"
- 6:30 p.m. - Alphas dismissed
 - Omegas meeting/program
- 7:30 p.m. - Omegas dismissed



Bring a friend (or three!) and plan to join us on Sunday evenings this Fall.

Fifth Quarter Fridays

Ready!... Set!... oh, you know the drill! Join us after the Lake Norman and Mooresville High home football games at 10:00 p.m. on September 1, 15, 22, October



6, 13 and 27, for some tasty pizza and some great fellowship in the Youth Room. We'll share a brief devotion while we're together and check out some of the more "important" football scores to determine "bragging rights" before we head home at midnight. Don't forget... plan to bring a friend and join us for Fifth Quarter!

Supper Club on Tuesdays

This is just a reminder for you to join us for the Tuesday night "supper scene." You can find all the latest information on the church's youth web page at: www.mooresvillefirstpres.org/youth.htm or you can just meet us at the church at 5:30 p.m on Tuesdays. Supper is at various area restaurants

("Dutch" treat, i.e., you buy) and we conclude with a brief devotional time. Where else can you find food for body, mind and soul at the same time? Join us!

Thanks for the memories!

Ginger White "retires" as PYF advisor

It has been a great experience sharing the past several years with Ginger White. She has given freely and tirelessly of her time, effort and love as a PYF advisor. We will certainly miss her as she "retires" from "active duty" with PYF!

The Youth Council expressed PYF's thanks on August 10, during a special council dinner outing honoring her. Individual PYF members are encouraged to send personal expressions of appreciation to Ginger. We give thanks to God for the Ginger's ministry among us!

Youth Ministry Wish List

Would you like to help?

PYF is entering a new "era" and we are looking for "a few good men" (and women!) to assist us. We would like some more "adult advisors" to help with Fifth Quarter Fridays, to assist with Tuesday Supper Club, to lend a hand on Sunday evenings and to help chaperone trips and outings. Have you felt the Spirit's "nudge" to get involved? Contact Fred Coates or Alan Sledge to discuss the possibilities.

September Stuff

How 'bout joining us at PYF!?!

- SEP 1 - Fifth Quarter, 10:00 p.m.
- 1-4 - CHURCH LABOR DAY RETREAT AT CAMP GRIER
- 5 - Supper Club at BoJangle's, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 - PYF resumes Sunday meetings,
 - Alphas, 4:15 p.m., Omegas, 5:15 p.m.
- 12 - Supper Club at Taco Bell, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 - Fifth Quarter, 10:00 p.m.
- 17 - PYF, Alphas, 4:15 p.m., Omegas, 5:15 p.m.
- 19 - Supper Club at Sonic, 5:30 p.m.
- 22 - Fifth Quarter, 10:00 p.m.
- 27 - "See You at the Pole" day
- 24 - PYF Alphas, 4:15p.m., Omegas, 5:13 p.m..
- 26 - Supper Club at Duckworth's Cheese Steakery, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 1 - Stewardship dinner and Fair

Suggestions for Church Officers Requested

The Church Officer Nominating Committee will begin its meetings soon. As the committee meets, it would love to have your suggestions for men and women who are qualified, capable, and willing to serve as elders and deacons.

The form below describes the qualifications necessary and gives you a way to inform the committee of people you think may be called to this service and why you believe so. Please clip it out and send it to the church office, or email the information to secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org.

Church Officer Suggestion Form

You can help our Church Officer Nominating Committee by suggesting the name of a person you believe would be qualified and willing to serve either as an elder on the Session or as a deacon on the Board of Deacons.

Elders on the Session are charged with leading the congregation spiritually and providing oversight for its ministry. The Scriptural qualifications are summarized this way by our *Book of Order*: "Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large... Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world... It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge" (G-6.0302, 6.0303 and 6.0304).

Deacons on the Board of Deacons are charged with leading the congregation in its ministries of compassion and care. The Scriptural qualifications are summarized this way by our *Book of Order*: "The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office... It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith" (G-6.0401, 6.0402).

Name of prospective church officer: _____

For (check one) elder deacon

How this person is involved in the life of FPC: _____

Reasons why you think this person would make an excellent church officer: _____

Do you believe this person would serve if elected? (check one) yes no

Please complete the information above and turn it in to the church office or email it to secretary@moorevillefirstpres.org

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