

The Bulletin Board

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Scheduled for Sunday, July 6

The entire church family is invited to enjoy an old-fashioned "picnic on the grounds" on Sunday, July 6, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Plan to join church friends as we celebrate our country's Independence Day together. The picnic will be held in the church yard beside the manse, or in the fellowship hall in the event of rain.

The church will provide meat for a cost of \$1 per person. You are asked to bring one side dish (chips, salad, fruit, baked beans, deviled eggs, etc.) to complete our picnic. Dishes may be dropped off in the kitchen before church school and worship, and will be taken out to the picnic area for you prior to the picnic. Dessert dishes are welcome as well!

You are encouraged to dress casually for all activities on this special holiday Sunday. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and plan to spend a relaxing afternoon with family and friends!

JULY - A MONTH FOR MISSION

There are two important mission projects that will be completed this month.

The first is the Youth Mission Trip to **Toppenish, Washington**, June 29 - July 6. Thirty-four PYF (*Presbyterian Youth Fellowship*) members and leaders will spend a week in Toppenish working on the Yakama Reservation under the auspices of YouthWorks, a non-denominational youth mission organization based in Minnesota.

By their service to the people of the Yakama Nation through various work projects and children's programs, the group will have the opportunity to share the love of Christ to that community.

Youth participants include Matt Abele, Rachel Abele, Rebecca Auten, Logan Bates, Amanda Boone, Elizabeth Brawley, Carson Bridges, Cody Brown, Collin Brown, Keri Carpenter, Taylor Cowart, Hunter Crawford, Donovan Fair, Charlie Heilman, Luz Heilman, Nell Herring, Emily Horsman, Marshall Horsman, J.P. Justice, Caroline Ladd, Dylan McIntyre, Dylan Powell, Chris Shore, Corinne Sink, Graham Sledge, Jordan Sledge, Michael Telford and Neil Trimble. The youth leaders include Tyler Domske, Jackie Justice, Scott Mauney, Eric Plier, Janice Plier and Alan Sledge.

The group will fly back in to Charlotte, Sunday, July 6 and return to the church in time for the 4th of July picnic.

The second mission team departs for **Mwandi, Zambia**, Tuesday, July 1 and will return Saturday, July 19. Comprised of sixteen members from FPC, Lake Norman Fellowship, Bethel Presbyterian (Cornelius) and Carmel Prebyterian (Charlotte), the team will be working in the Mwandi area assisting with medical, agricultural, social and local church ministries.

Mwandi is a rural, traditional African village of approximately 6,000 people located on the picturesque banks of the mighty Zambezi River. Supported primarily by fishing and subsistence maize farming, the local population has been ravaged by HIV/AIDS, leaving many orphans and vulnerable children as well as older adults who have no living children to help care for them.

The group is being led by Dr. Fred Coates (FPC) and the Rev. Doug Vinez (LNF) with the team comprised of: Allen Brawley (FPC), Connie Brawley (FPC), Katie Carlo (BPC), Wil Hester (BPC), Kay Hudson (LNF), Toby Hudson, (LNF), Gerri Kretz (LNF), Berit Kretz (LNF), Bonnie Polansky (LNF), Eric deNeve (CPC), Michael Jette (CPC), Tammy Tevepaugh (LNF), Abby Vinez (LNF) and Nancy Wilson (LNF). Dr. Coates will be remaining in Zambia until July 28 in order to attend the Mission Hospital Board meeting for which he serves as Secretary.

Please remember all these team members in your prayers, asking God for their safe journey, for meaningful work to do and for life-changing memories to cherish.





From the Pastor

One of my all-time favorite movies is “National Lampoon’s Vacation,” with Chevy Chase and Beverly DeAngelo. The story of the Griswald family’s cross-country trek to the West Coast amusement park

“WallyWorld” gives new definition to the rigors of the family vacation. The weird relatives they stay with on the way, the strange things that happen, and the ultimate vacation meltdown—the Griswalds arrive in California only to find the park closed and then take matters into their own hands to gain entrance—all focus our minds on one dominant thought: “Gee, my vacations aren’t so bad now, are they?”

Summer is the time we commonly set aside for vacation, isn’t it? Whether you go to the beach, to the mountains, or to Grandma’s house, summer is the right time even in this time of high gas prices, crowded airports, and fees for baggage and snacks on flights. As you go, wherever and however you do so, please keep the following in mind:

1. Don’t Forget to Relax.

Too many of us plan our vacations like we were mounting invasions of Normandy. We go, go, go, and then wonder why we return so tired and need a vacation from our vacation. I know things happen on vacation that sometimes change your plans. On my recent trip to Texas, for example, I had to stop at the dentist for an emergency root canal. Not what I wanted to do for fun! But as much as you’re able, use the vacation time to recharge and refresh. This is actually Biblically sound, as the concept of Sabbath includes the chance to break away from the normal routines of life and work to be renewed by doing something else.

2. Don’t Forget God.

Too many of us forego any of our typical Christian spiritual practices when we go away. I think this is a mistake and actually contributes to our lack of relaxation we often experience on vacation. So wherever you are, worship God, read your Bible, and pray. For example, go to another church’s worship service. It’s often interesting to see how other congregations worship and can give you a fresh perspective on how you worship. And bring me the bulletins when you return. The best ideas are stolen!

3. Don’t Forget First Pres.

Too many of us fail to remember that life at First Pres moves forward in a full and active way this summer. We continue to worship and to serve. Our children and youth programs continue to do great things. Sunday School classes and other Christian educational experiences continue to gather. Hurting people continue to receive Christian care and compassion. So pray for us in Mooresville while you’re gone. Make sure you continue your tithes and offerings for First Pres even in your absence. Historically, summer is a time of reduced income for churches at the very time ministries are being ramped up for summer and fall. So remember to give to First Pres even as you’re enjoying the sand and surf, or whatever you fancy when you get away from it all.

MISSIONS NEWS

Last month we began an information column from our Missions Committee listing the organizations that FPC supports. We are continuing this month with several more:

Mooresville Area Bible Teachers

Several years ago the Mooresville Grade School System was facing budget short falls. One area that was going to be eliminated was the Bible classes offered to high school students. In an effort to save the classes several local churches came together to off-set the cost of the teachers salaries. Because of this effort the Bible classes continued to be offered. I am proud to say that they are not only offered but are full every semester.

Mooresville Free Clinic

Health Reach Community Clinic also know as the Mooresville Free Clinic offers medical, dental, and health-related services to those who have no other health care options. Services are offered every Thursday night. Services are provided by local physicians who donate their time and talents.

Mwandi Missionary Support

Many of you met Keith and Ida Waddell at the Chili Cook-off in January. The Mwandi Mission is situated in Mwandi, which is in the bottom left hand corner of Zambia between Livingstone and Sesheke. Overseen by the United Church of Zambia through a board of 12 trustees, 6 of whom are Zambian and 6 of whom are American Presbyterians. The Mission consists of a Hospital, a group of schools, a retirement home (Kandiana), a center for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) as well as other ongoing projects.

Mooresville Soup Kitchen

The Mooresville Soup Kitchen serves a warm, nutritious lunch to those who need food and fellowship, five days a week and on Saturdays during the winter months. MSK is a non denominational, Christian organization whose mission is to provide nourishing meals, fellowship and encouragement to those in need. We have been carrying out this mission since 1987, and through the generous support of the Mooresville community, The Soup Kitchen serves more than 20,000 meals annually, regardless of race, sex, age, nationality or religion.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

I hope you are all having a wonderful, fun-filled summer. We are thinking about all of you and are anxiously anticipating the opening of Preschool in August. The teachers are busy planning all of the wonderful units, art projects and activities that will fill the year and thrill the children. We will all be back to welcome you on our **Orientation Days of August 18th and 19th**. Please watch for a letter to arrive in **July** with all the details and your child's class assignment for the year.



Bless all the little Fish, Lambs, Ducks, Bunnies, Bears, Frogs and our new friends about to arrive.

With Love,
Mrs. Nancy

Combined Church School

All adult, middle school, and senior high church school classes are invited to a special church school series focusing on missions, beginning Sunday, July 13. The class will be held in the fellowship hall from 10:00-10:45 a.m., with refreshments and fellowship prior to each class session. Each week we will feature a different aspect of missions.

This year's topics are as follows:

Sunday, July 13 - Yucatan Mission Trip

Participants will report on their Memorial Day weekend trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico

Sunday, July 20 - PYF Mission Trip

PYF members, along with their adult advisors, will report on their summer mission trip to the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington state through the YouthWorks mission organization.

Sunday, July 27 - Report from Mwandi

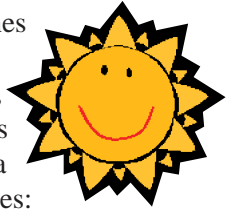
Mwandi mission team members will report on their recent trip to Mwandi in Zambia, Africa.

Come be inspired and informed as we learn what God is doing in other parts of the world, and as we see and hear about trips we are personally involved in as a congregation through our prayers and financial support.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in July and August. We will resume meeting on September 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the church library.

CHILDREN IN ACTION

"Children in Action" (CIA), a program of summer activities for children in rising first through sixth grades, got off to a good start in June. Parent (and/or grandparent) chaperones are needed for each event, and siblings are welcome to join the group, provided the parent (or grandparent) is chaperoning the event. Following is a list of the rest of the scheduled activities:



Tuesday, July 1 - CPCC Summer Theater - "Aladdin," 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$7.

Tuesday, July 8 - No CIA

Tuesday, July 15 - Swimming at Carpenters, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22 - Trip to Myersart Pottery Studio in Hickory Grove, SC (near York), 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$7.

Tuesday, July 29 - Trip to Queens Landing (bumper boats and miniature golf), 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$11

Tuesday, August 5 - Swimming at Kidwells, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12 - Bowling, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$9

For more information, call Ellen Auten in the church office, 704-664-5275.





The Den Bleyker family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and for making sure that we were well fed during this difficult time. It is a blessing to have such a warm and caring church family.








I want to express my deep appreciation for the numerous cards sent and prayers offered when my Mother passed away.

Special thanks to Nancy Robinson and Eleanor Templeton for feeding my family so abundantly and to the ladies in the Prayer Shawl group who fed my soul. It is a blessing to have such caring and loving friends at a time of loss.

In Christian Love,
Libby Greene

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		<p>1</p> <p>8:30am CIA to CPCC Theater</p> 
	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Annual Church Picnic on the grounds</p> <p>PYF Returns from Mission Trip</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:00am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast 9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Combined Church School 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Committee Meetings</p> <p><i>(No Deacon's Meeting in July)</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am CIA Swimming at Carpenter's</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Combined Church School 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Executive Committee</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am CIA to Myersart Hickory Grove, SC</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Combined Church School 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:30pm CIA to Queens Landing</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>10:30am Prayer Group in the library</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>6:15pm PYF Pool Party at the Carpenter's</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>  <p>6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>6:00pm PYF Baseball Outing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>9:00am Saints Alive to pick peaches</p>  <p>11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>2:00pm PYF to Emerald Point</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>		



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Our warmest and sincere congratulations are extended to our high school and college graduates in the Class of 2008. If there have been any omissions, or if there are corrections to be made, please contact the church office. We pray God's continued blessings on our graduates in all their future endeavors.



Mooreville High School

Patrick Campbell will be attending NC State University in the fall after a vacation to Oregon. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and the Beta Club. He was chosen by the Charlotte Observer as the Senior of the Year and was the *Scholar and Scholar Athlete of the Year* at MHS. He was awarded an athletic scholarship for cross-country and track.

Keri Ann Carpenter plans to catch-up on all her missed sleep this summer before heading to UNC Chapel Hill this fall! She will also be working at the Mooreville Animal Hospital. In addition to taking AP Physics, AP Calculus, AP Biology and Spanish VI, she was awarded the Principal's Leadership Award and was a Morehead Scholar nominee. She was the president of the National Honor Society, the co-President of the Spanish Club, the Vice-President of the Student Council and a member of the Beta Club and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Morgan Fair plans to attend Mitchell Community College in the fall. She was a member of the Art Club and received an Art award.

Meghan Kirstie Greene is heading off to UNC at Wilmington this fall. She is an AP Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the Spanish Club, and First Pres PYF. She was the Junior Class Historian and the Senior Class Recorder. She has been listed in *Who's Who Among High School Students*, won the Editor's Award for 2006-07, and the Academic Excellence award for 9th, 10th & 12th grade.

Charlie Heilman will be working at Metrolina Greenhouse this summer. In the fall, he will be attending Mitchell Community College with plans to transfer to a university at a later date.

John-Patrick Justice plans to go on a beach trip with friends and the PYF Mission Trip this summer, as well as working part-time at DE Turner Hardware Store helping his grandfather, Jack. In the fall, he will be a "Marching Mountaineer" with the Appalachian State Marching Band when he begins attending Appalachian State University.

Darlene Peacock will be attending UNC Charlotte for Environmental and German Engineering. She was an NC Scholar and in the top ten percent of her graduating class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Junior Civitans (Vice-President), the Testify Choir, the German Club and First Pres PYF. She won the German Award and plans to work at the Feelin' Lucky Tavern and Quiznos this summer.

Lake Norman High School

Meghan Abernathy plans to work this summer at Cartucci's Italian Restaurant before heading off to NC State University this fall. She was a Junior Marshall, an AP Scholar, Senior Female Athlete of the Year, Junior Female Athlete of the Year, the Wendy's Heisman winner, a member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, the Interact Club, the Girl Scouts and played varsity basketball and volleyball. In addition to all of this, she had perfect attendance for 13 years!

Hampton Academy Homeschool

Tyler Andrew Hampton received his High School Degree with High Honors and received the Award for Academic Excellence. He plans to attend Community College for a year or two, then transfer to a university, as well as continuing his motorcycle racing career. He belongs to AMA, GNCC Racing, NC Hare Scramble Association Racing and works at Great Western Motorcycles in Statesville.

COLLEGES

UNC Chapel Hill

Will Curtis graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in chemistry. He is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and plans to attend Dental School some-time in the future. This summer he is living and working in Kill Devil Hills, NC and will move to Raleigh in the fall for a nine month Fellowship program at Church of the Apostles.

UNC Wilmington

Jessica Buchanan graduated mid-December with honors. She majored in Elementary Education with a minor in Psychology. She is currently living in Wilmington and working as a lead teacher at a pre-K program there. She just loves the beach!

Mitchell Community College

Meredith Fair graduated with honors with an Associate Degree in Science and Medical Assistant. She is working at Lake Norman Urology and doing a six-week externship this summer.

SAINTS ALIVE

South Carolina Peach Trip

The Saints Alive group is making plans for its annual "peach picking" trip to South Carolina on Wednesday, July 23. The group plans to leave at 9:00 a.m., visit The Peach Tree in York, SC, where we always find wonderful peaches and other delicious summer produce. From there, we'll head over to the Sharon Grill in Sharon, SC, for lunch and a visit to Hill's Store, an historic store in the area. Thanks to Mary and Dick Fortanbary for assisting in the details of the trip - Mary grew up near Sharon, and is always so helpful as we plan our SC trip! Please contact Ellen Auten if you are interested in this trip.

Beach Trip To Island Vista

The Saints Alive group is planning a fall trip to Island Vista in Myrtle Beach, SC, on Tuesday, October 21 through Friday, October 24. Reservation procedures have changed from previous years, so please make careful note of the following information if you are interested in this trip.

All payments will be made directly to the church this year, rather than to Island Vista, with checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church. It will not be necessary for individuals to call Island Vista to make their reservation. Deposits are due by **August 1** - the deposit amount is the first night's room rate. Another payment will need to be made by September 30, with final payment made on arrival.

Room rates are listed below, and include three nights' lodging, three breakfasts and dinners and taxes.

Guestroom - single occupancy - \$398.70

1 bedroom suite, single occupancy - \$426.78

1 bedroom suite, double occupancy - \$289.89 per person

2 bedroom suite, triple occupancy - \$294.57 per person

2 bedroom suite, quad occupancy - \$259.17 per person

3 bedroom suite, six occupancy - \$244.84 per person

Realizing this is a new procedure and somewhat complicated, please contact Ellen Auten to make reservations and ask questions.

You may find more information about the facility at www.theislandvista.com. The beach is a wonderful place to visit in the fall, and Myrtle Beach offers many opportunities for relaxation and exploration. Hope you can join us on the beach trip!

Reminder: No luncheon in July & August

Next Luncheon: **Tuesday, September 16**



Although circles will not be meeting for the summer, Presbyterian Women do not take the summer off. There are still ways in which we serve the church and each other. When we, as women, join the church we are a part of Presbyterian Women and a Circle.

Involvement in Presbyterian Women is encouraged; but, we understand that everyone has many tasks. You may wish to choose the circle in which you attend. However, if you do not wish to become active in a circle you will be assigned to one. The reason behind this is that everyone is included. This doesn't mean that you are forever assigned to a particular circle. One may visit any circle any time and may change circles at any time. The goal is for you to be happy and involved.

There are several circles from which to choose. If you have any questions, please contact a Coordinating Team member. We will begin working on the 2008-2009 Presbyterian Women Handbook soon.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Friends and Family Sunday School class is taking the summer off. We will be on Sabbatical until after Labor Day. We have been enjoying strong growth in our Christian walk and plan to continue that with the new curriculum on The Ten Commandments (twelve lessons). Until we return, we will be joining other vacationing classes downstairs with the Pastors' class and other summer offerings. Have a great summer! See you soon.

Rick Omokundro & Marshall Horsman

FINANCE FORUM

Near the end of 2007, church members were given the opportunity to pledge toward the work of the church for budget year 2008.

The 2008 budget was developed in consideration of expected needs determined by each committee and expected income based on pledges and other offerings.

July marks the beginning of the second half of 2008. Based upon review of financial records, income falls short of expenditures by approximately \$16,000.

As we move into the second half of 2008, please remember your personal commitment of "time, talent, and treasure" from the Stewardship Campaign.

Together, we can achieve our stated goals and much more.





Youth Corner

Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

Summer Schedule July

Saturday June 28 - Sunday July 6:

Mission Trip to Yakama, WA

Wednesday July 9:

PYF POOL PARTY!

@ the Carpenter's, 261 Colony Dr. @ 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday July 16:

PYF Baseball Outing to see the Kannapolis Intimidators

Leave from the church @ 6pm

Sunday July 30:

PYF Trip to Emerald Point

Leave from the church at 12 noon

If you would like to receive the Youth Newsletter, **PYF Happenings**, contact Tyler Domske, the church office or check it out on the web at:

www.mooresvillefirstpres.org/youthpage.html

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The annual congregational Labor Day/Camp Grier Retreat will be held on Friday, August 29 - Sunday, August 31 in Old Fort, NC. Check next month's newsletter for more information.



A NOTE FROM TYLER & ADRIEN

We just wanted to take an opportunity to thank everyone for a tremendous welcome into this church. The reception on our first Sunday was

truly amazing and everyone made us feel so at home. We felt when we accepted the invitation to Mooresville that this was going to be the place for us, but everyone we have encountered has just really confirmed that feeling.

We are so grateful to be a part of this community and look forward to getting to know everyone as a church family, but even more as friends. Thank you once again for all you have done for us and we are so blessed that God has called us here!

Grace and peace,
Tyler & Adrien

VBS THANKS

Vacation Bible School was a huge success, thanks to the dedicated volunteers who gave 100% before, during and after VBS! There are so many people who participated and helped, and we send a big thank you to all of the wonderful VBS volunteers! Thanks to those who decorated, guided children to their activities, led Bible stories, crafts, music and recreation, served snacks, helped with clean up, participated in the opening skits and activities, gave to the mission project, helped with registration, kept the nursery ... the list could go on and on! Thanks is hardly enough said, but it is sincerely given!

And finally, thanks to Susan Kendall, our extremely dedicated and hard-working 2008 VBS director. Her creativity, organization, and energy helped make this year's VBS such a success, and we all say thank you for a job well done!

See you next summer at VBS!

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