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Congregational Meeting Called for Sunday, May 17, 11:00 a.m.:

Church Officer Nominating Committee to be Nominated and Elected

A slate of nominees for the Church Officer Nominating Committee, the group charged by our Book of Order with presenting a slate of nominees for the Session and Diaconate, will be placed into nomination during a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, May 17, 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary before the start of the worship service.

Why 11:00 a.m. for this meeting? This time was chosen by the Session to help those who worship at 9:00 a.m. and attend Sunday School to come to the meeting.

Electing a nominating committee is a new procedure for our church. Previously, members of the Church Officer Nominating Committee were selected according to a prescribed formula to include members from various programs and ministries of the congregation.

However, the Session became aware last fall that this well-intentioned process was not in accord with the PCUSA Book of Order. Instead, the committee membership, with the exception of the elder and deacon representatives, must be elected by the congregation with the opportunity given to make nominations from the floor.

As the Session discussed what to do, it referred the matter to its Executive Committee for ideas. The Executive Committee, comprised of the chairs of Session committees, the clerk of Session, the moderator of the Diaconate, and the pastors, returned with a plan that the Session accepted. The highlights of the plan are:

- The total number of members for the committee is 14.
- Of these 14 members, two are from the Session and two from the Diaconate. These four are appointed by the Session from the class that is rotating off the respective boards at the end of the year (this year, the Class of 2009). They are appointed to the committee by Book of Order rule and will not be nominated and elected.
- The Session and Diaconate representatives will contact and present a slate of 10 additional members first to the Session and then to the congregation. The 10 nominees will be selected with the aim of providing a broader representation of all the diverse ages, stages, and life experiences of our congregation. A man and a woman will be nominated for each of the following age categories: Age 20-39; Age 40-49; Age 50-59; Age 60-69; and Age 70 and above.
- This committee will be nominated and elected this spring to give it time to work in presenting a slate of officer nominees to the congregation early this fall. The goal is to complete the process of electing, training, examining, and installing the new officers by early November.
- Nominations may be received from the floor. The nominee must not only agree in advance to serve, but also must be nominated for a specific age and gender slot.
- The new way of selecting the Church Officer Nominating Committee does not change the procedure for the nomination and election of officers. The committee may place into nomination a number of nominees up to double the number of vacancies. Nominations from the floor will still be accepted. In all likelihood, several elections over the course of several Sundays will still be needed to complete the process.

The Session and Diaconate representatives on the nominating committee chosen by the Session are:

- Session, Class of 2009: Phil Heilman (chair) and Karen Brawley.
- Diaconate, Class of 2009: Julie Morrow and Eric Estes.

Per the Book of Order, Phil, Karen, Julie, and Eric are already on the committee and will not be up for election.

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From the Pastor...

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1. The Passing of Time...

As incredible as it may seem, we are nearly to the beginning of summer! Where has this year gone? Pretty soon we'll experience the annual exodus to the beach or the mountains, where we typically go to get some relief from summer's heat.

The passing of time seems to be accelerating for me these days. When I was a teenager, for example, time often just crawled by. Waiting until you enter high school so you won't be thought of as a lowly junior high anymore. Waiting to get your driver's license so you didn't have to bum rides with your friends, or worse, ride your bike to where you wanted to go. Waiting to start your senior year so you could finally rule the school. Waiting to hear from the college's admissions department to see if you got in to where you wanted to go. Waiting to go to the dorm and get out of the house—free at last!

But now waiting doesn't happen to me much. I spend a lot of time just trying to catch up with what has whizzed by at light speed. It wasn't that long ago that Cathy and I became engaged. It seems like yesterday when our first child, our daughter Taylor, was born. Now our youngest child Collin is driving—driving! can you believe it?—and making his own way forward. May? This is May? I thought it was still February!

The Bible talks a lot about the passing of time. Psalm 39:4-5 (NRSV) says,

*Lord, let me know my end,
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.
You have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.*

Our days are indeed numbered and short. Shouldn't we use them wisely? Paul in Ephesians 5:15-16 thinks so: "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil" (NRSV).

Our time on earth, however long or short, is a gift to us from a gracious God. Let us be good managers, stewards, of this precious resource.

2. A Change in Some Staff Schedules...

Beginning in May, our church secretary Nellie Goodman will begin a four-day work week, from Tuesday through Friday. She asked to make this change to free up more time to be with family, especially the grandchildren! We've approved this request. She also desired that her salary be reduced accordingly to help out the church budget, and this is being done as well.

In addition, I will shift my weekday off from Fridays to Mondays. In my previous churches, I have taken Mondays off as a way to recharge the batteries after busy Sundays. You may not realize it, but preachers pump a lot of adrenaline on Sundays, especially so if you preach without notes, or "without a net" as a friend of mine calls it. This can lead to some groggier-than-usual Mondays. I think reverting to a previous weekly pattern will be helpful to my preaching and to my physical needs.

The church office will still be open on Mondays. Our faithful helper Beth Mikels will be present to assist in our office administration. All the other staff will be present as well.

One other note: beginning on Monday, May 4, the office will begin closing for lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. to provide our employees with time for their lunch hour. So if you call the church during this one-hour period, please leave a message for us. We will reply to your need as quickly as possible.

God bless you. It is good to serve as your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown



With Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to Pat King (former secretary at FPC) whose mother passed away recently.

Congratulations are expressed to Hillary and Bryan Cole on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace, on April 10. In addition, Angie and Chris Creech welcomed a son, Samuel Britt, into their home on April 25. Our best wishes go out to both of these families.

Older Adult Month

May is designated as "Older Adult Month" on the church calendar. We honor and recognize the older adults in our church family, particularly our members in nursing homes and retirement homes. You may wish to remember them with a card or visit. Please notify the church office of any corrections or omissions.

Genesis Eldercare, Mooresville

Martha Gragg

Fred Hoke

The Pines at Davidson

Genie Carns

Anne Lowe

Estelle Mott

Summit Place

Clayton Davidson

Trinity Oaks, Salisbury

Dot Baker

Helen and Albert Boyd

Churchill Assisted Living

Helen Johnston

Saints Alive

May luncheon

The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held Tuesday, May 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by Dr. Jim Morrow, retired professor, who will relate details about a book he has written, Return Engagement. In this book, Jim tells about the World War II experiences of his cousin, an Army Air Force B-17 pilot who was killed in the war. Research for the book took Jim to England, Belgium, Texas, Virginia, and Nebraska, as he researched people who flew with and knew his cousin during his war experiences.

Come and bring a friend for our last luncheon before our summer break. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Reminder

The Saints Alive luncheon will not be held in June, July and August.

Beach Trip

The annual Saints Alive beach trip is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, through Friday, October 30, at Island Vista in Myrtle Beach, SC.

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 **July 29** - the deposit amount is the first night's room rate. Another payment will need to be made by September 30, with final payment upon arrival.

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

1 bedroom suite, single occupancy - \$411.12

1 bedroom suite, double occupancy - \$546.12

2 bedroom suite, triple occupancy - \$277.78 per person

2 bedroom suite, quad occupancy - \$242.08 per person

3 bedroom suite, six occupancy - \$227.63 per person

Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) to make reservations and find out more information. Please indicate if you have special facility needs.

You may find 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!



Budget & Finance Forum

January 1 - March 31, 2009



Budgeted Needs	\$186,098.00
Income	\$184,072.00
Deficit	- \$2,026.00




Churchmouse Alert!!!

The college school year is almost over. If you want to remember your student one more time, be sure to do it the first part of May - for some students return home by the middle of May. Notices will go out to students very soon informing them of their special friend, the "Churchmouse." A copy of this will be sent to you, also. Thanks again for volunteering to be a churchmouse this year. We hope you have had a good experience. Have a great summer!

Carolyn and Eleanor



May 20

<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communion VBS Registration in Parlor</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Confirmation Luncheon 4:00pm AlphaPYF 5:00pm OmegaPYF 7:00pm CE & Personnel Committee Meetings</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>5:00pm Presbyterian Women's Dinner 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>11:00am Logos Council 12:00pm Circle #5 at the home of Sandra Harris 2:00pm Library Committee 6:45pm Underground Bible Study</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mother's Day VBS Registration in Parlor</p> <p>8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship NoPYF 6:00pm Deacon's Meeting 7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>2:00pm Circle # 1 in the parlor 6:15pm Circle # 3 at the home of Kim Streb 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>10:00am Circle #4 in the parlor 11:30am Carpool to Circle 5 2:00pm Circle #6 in the parlor 6:00pm Circle #2 in the parlor</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VBS Registration in Parlor</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Congregational Meeting 11:00am Worship 4:00pm No AlphaPYF 5:00pm OmegaPYF 7:00pm Budget & Finance, Worship, & Property Committees MSM trip</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Bible Study at the Coates' home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>10:30am Exploring Our Reformed Faith - library 12:30pm Saints Alive luncheon 6:45pm Underground Bible Study 7:00pm Executive Committee</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VBS Registration in Parlor</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship with Catechism Club recognition 4:00pm AlphaPYF 5:00pm OmegaPYF No Stated Session Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office closed</p>  <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VBS Registration in Parlor</p> <p>9:00am Early Worship 10:00am Church School 11:00am Worship 5:30pm PYF Fund-raising Dinner</p> 		

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

2009



1
9:30am Preschool "Spring Sing"

2
PYF Virginia Creeper

6
11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:15pm HS SupperClub @ Shiki
7:30pm Chancel Choir

7
9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home
7:15pm "The Core of the Gospel" Study w/ Dr. Brown
7:30pm Mooresville User's Group

8
6:15pm PYF God Goes to the Movies: *The Truman Show*



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13

9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home **14**

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Saints Alive trip to Hemlock Inn

11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:15pm HS SupperClub @ What- A- Burger
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Fun & Fellowship
6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral

MSM Beach trip

20
11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:15pm HS SupperClub @ Sonic
7:30pm Chancel Choir

21
9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home

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23
9:00am PYF Mission & a Movie

PYF Missions

27
11:00am Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:15pm HS SupperClub @ Pueblo Grande
7:30pm Chancel Choir

28
9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home

29
9:30am Preschool Graduation

30

Vacation Bible School

Theme: Gospel Light's Prayer Safari

Dates: June 22-26

Time: 9:30-noon

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Contact Information:

Ellen Auten : 704-664-5275

Susan Kendall: 704-660-0458



Camp Grier

The place to be in 2009!

It's time to get those registration forms filled out and turned in for a fun-filled week at summer camp! Camp Grier, located in Old Fort, NC, offers weekly camping sessions for children and youth in rising second through twelfth grades, from June 14 through July 31.

Registration forms are located at the rear of the sanctuary, in the church office, and online at www.campgrier.org.

Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) for more information; scholarship help is available. Also be sure to contact the church office if you register for camp.

Following is a "Wish List" of items that camp staff can use this summer for crafts and nature study. Items can be new or gently used, and may be turned in to Ellen Auten.

Craft and Nature Study Wish list:

- Bug boxes
- Magnifying glasses
- Pipe cleaners
- Knee socks
- Wooden rulers or dowels
- Baby food jars (clean, labels removed)
- 2 liter bottles (clear plastic)
- Shoe boxes
- Crayons or markers
- Construction paper
- Glue and Tape
- Bird seed
- Bird feeders
- Flower press

VBS Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Birthday _____ Boy Girl

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Work/Cell: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Allergies/Other Medical Conditions: _____

School Grade Completed in June: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Volunteer Opportunities

I would like to help in the following areas: *(Circle areas)*

Preschool Leader Elementary Leader

Decorating Crafts Recreation

Preparing Snacks Music Bible Story

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you would like to purchase a VBS T-shirt, the cost is \$5.00. Please fill out the information below and include the money with your form.

Name: _____

Size: S M L XL
2-4 6-8 10-12 14-16



Camp Grier Open House

The Place to be on May 17

Camp Grier will host an Open House at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, at 1:00 p.m., to give parents and campers an opportunity to meet with the camp director and summer staff. You'll also be able to go hiking, canoeing, make a craft project, and enjoy hot dogs and s'mores. Call the camp office for more information: 828-668-7793.

A page from the library

Spring is here and the birds are singing and the church library has two new books for you! The Birds, our Teachers, by John Stott, and for your children, we have Charlotte Lundy's latest book, Thank You, Sarah, as she finds and watches a nest of birds.



Ellie Den Bleyker



Thank you!

The 2008-2009 Logos/MSM year ended on Wednesday, April 1, with a "Hawaiian Luau" banquet. As we reflected on the year through the wonderful slide show created by Gretchen Little, we were reminded once again of the special relationships and friendships we renewed, kindled, or formed this year on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you to all of the volunteers, parents, church staff, and participants for making Logos/MSM such a fun way to grow in Christian faith!

Each week, approximately 60-70 volunteers work together to create a quality, mid-week program of Christian nurture for the children of our congregation and community, and I am so grateful for their hard work, gracious attitudes, commitment and dedication.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered as a playground supervisor, nursery worker, table parent, Bible teacher or assistant, shepherd, choir leader or assistant, table setter, table decorator, kitchen helper, recreation leader, trip chaperone, record keeper, and general encourager of children! We could not do this without you - thank you!

The 2009-2010 Logos/MSM year is scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 9. We welcome volunteers in all areas, and will begin planning for next year in the next few weeks.

Until then, thanks, and God bless you all.

Appreciation to Leadership

On behalf of the Logos/MSM program, I want to thank our "dynamic duo" leadership team of Gretchen Little, Logos/MSM Director, and her faithful sidekick, Lisa Davidson, who served as Logos/MSM Assistant Director this year. These two ladies gave countless hours to the program, as they prayed for the program and its children and volunteers, planned the yearly calendar, secured countless volunteers, encouraged us to build relationships, soothed tears and fears, dressed up in hilarious outfits, slept on the floor during the Logos trip, encouraged volunteers, went to many Council meetings, held staff and parent meetings, and attended to the many duties that fall on the shoulders of the Logos/MSM Director and Assistant.

When you see Gretchen and Lisa, give them a huge thank you, or send them a note to say thanks! Thanks also to their families (husbands Brian and Jim, and children Ethan, Evan, Will, Dan, Mary and Neely) for sharing their wives and moms with us!

~Ellen Auten~

Preschool News

Well, I guess it's really true that May is here and our year is coming to a close. Even though we try to slow things down, the time seems to fly by quicker and quicker each year. We have a sentimental feeling in our hearts, and know that we'll be saying "So long" much too soon. Thankfully, we have our special memories of each child, and truly it has been a joy teaching them. We still have much to do though and a fun-filled month of May ahead of us. More on that in just a minute, but first some highlights from April.



We spent time learning about *Easter, Gardens, Picnics, The Beach, Recycling, Insects, The Circus, and Two By Two*. Our Easter Egg Hunts were fabulous fun even with the chilly weather, and everyone came back refreshed from our break.

Please read May's activity-filled calendar which has come home with your child. Activities in May will include ordering pizza, having a hot dog cook-out, making ice cream sundaes, playing baseball and cooling off on water day. Other special events will include celebrating our summer birthdays,

Cinco De Mayo, a picnic in the park, Western Day and a car wash to clean our big wheels. Our 4 & 5 year-olds will graduate on **Friday May 29th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall** complete with caps and gowns. This patriotic program is a definite crowd-pleaser so you'll want to invite all the special people in your child's life to attend. It's sure to be a sentimental time for parents and teachers, but we are confident and proud of our little graduates, and we know they are ready to go on to "Big School." Thank you, parents, for all your support throughout the year, and for allowing us to have this special time with your child. Truly, it has been a pleasure to have these precious "treasures from the Lord."



With love,
Mrs. Nancy

Presbyterian Women

It's just about time for the Annual Birthday Dinner! Please mark Monday, May 4 on your calendar. A time for social gathering will begin at 5:30pm with dinner beginning at 6:00pm. The cost of the meal is \$6.00. The speaker will be Rory Crawford of the Community HealthReach Clinic.

The Coordinating Team is looking for more officers. We are in need of a Co-Moderator, a Spiritual Enrichment Communicator and a Social Concerns Communicator. If you would be interested in serving in one of these positions or if you know of someone you would like to suggest for one of these positions, please contact me or anyone on the Coordinating Team.

We continue to collect non-perishables for the Mooresville Christian Mission. Please place your items in the appropriate box located in the fellowship hall.

Karen Brawley, PW Moderator

Presbyterian Men

The men of the church would like to invite all the ladies of the church as our special guests for the May 10th breakfast. Our program will be brought to us by Bob and Mimi Dobbins sharing their pictures and story of their trip to Egypt. We look forward to celebrating this Mother's Day with all of our special guests. Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.



PYF Events Calendar

- 2 Virginia Creeper Fundraiser
- 3 PYF: Alphas, 4-6:15; Omegas, 5-7:15
- 6 Supper Club @ Shiki, 6:15-8:30
- 8 God Goes to the Movies: *The Truman Show*
- 10 Mother's Day - No PYF
- 13 Supper Club @ What-a-Burger, 6:15-8:30
- 17 PYF: No Alphas; Omegas, 5-7:15
- 20 Supper Club @ Sonic, 6:15-8:30
- 23 Mission & A Movie - 9am-3pm
- 24 PYF: Alphas, 4-6:15; Omegas, 5-7:15
- 27 Supper Club @ Pueblo Grande, 6:15-8:30
- 31 PYF: Alphas, 4-6:15; Omegas, 5-7:15

PYF Fundraising Dinner

Join us Sunday, May 31st, at 5:30pm for the PYF Fundraising dinner. We are raising funds to help us cover costs for our June Mission Trip to Washington, D.C., and our July trip to the New Wilmington Mission Conference. We have a lot more planned than simply a meal to keep you entertained, and you won't want to miss it. This will be



a great opportunity to support the youth ministry of this church, to learn a bit more about our trips this summer, and to enjoy some great fellowship and entertainment!

Guaranteed to be at least a *good* meal and a great evening!

Nominating Committee (Continued from front page...)

The 10 nominees for the remainder of the committee that will be placed into nomination are:

AGE	MALE	FEMALE
20-39	Brian Little	Dawn Chappell
40-49	Mark Deaton	Carol Crews
50-59	Bill Lackey	Angie Toma
60-69	Ernie Crymes	Elaine Drye
70 +	Bill Morrow	Pat Culberson

You may place an active church member into nomination with that person's prior consent. The age and gender will determine placement on the ballot. Runoff elections will be held until the membership of the committee is complete.

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Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Early Worship

10:00 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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