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It's not too late to join the fun at VBS!

Register for Vacation Bible School

Theme: Gospel Light's Prayer Safari

Dates: June 22-26

Time: 9:30 a.m. - noon

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Contact Information:

Ellen Auten - 704-664-5275

Susan Kendall - 704-660-0458

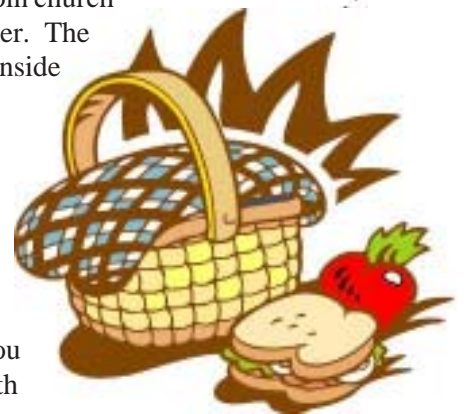
We are geared up for a week of *Wild* fun at First Pres' VBS this year! We will have Bible stories, crafts, skits, games and great music for children ages 3 years through rising 6th grade. This year's VBS promises to be a memorable time for all those involved, so if you have not registered your children yet, now is the time. We welcome the children to invite their friends and neighbors to share in the fun. Registration forms are available in the church office and the church parlor. Be sure to join us on this "grrreat" safari!

Church picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 5

The entire church family is invited to enjoy a picnic lunch on Sunday, July 5, 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 served in the fellowship hall, with tables available inside and outside for eating, depending on your preference.

The church will provide pork barbecue meat for a cost of \$2 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. Dessert will include Deluxe ice cream.

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





From the Pastor...

No Summer Slump!

There's no doubt that with the start of June, summer is here! Now for most of us, summer evokes a number of positive thoughts, emotions, and memories. We participate in the time-hallowed Carolina tradition of packing up the family and going to the beach. Sometimes it is the same beach and the same beach house we've gone to for years. We argue with our friends about which beach is best, be it Wrightsville, Carolina, Long, Myrtle, or some other contender for the prize. If we're not beach people, then we head out to the relative cool of the mountains. We enjoy some nice breezes and wonderful views.

In my experience as a pastor, I've found June's move into summer brings other thoughts to mind as well. The usual pattern is that church life usually slows down. How do I know? Usually some or all of the following happens at most churches:

- Attendance in worship and Church School averages fewer souls in seats and pews each Sunday.
- Tithes and offerings drop in amount, sometimes significantly so.
- There's less to do, as classes, studies, and small groups all take breaks.
- Finance committees worry if income will keep pace with needs.
- Visitors, such as people who move to our area—the summer is the heaviest moving period of the year—come to the church and conclude there's not much going on. In other words, the church hits the dreaded "summer slump."

Now don't get me wrong. I enjoy a break as much as the next person. I'm taking a vacation later in the summer. But I'm convinced that sometimes we talk ourselves into a summer slump of energy, participation, and giving that doesn't necessarily have to be the case.

Actually, there's a lot going on here this summer that belies the stereotype. We honor our graduates in early June. Our Vacation Bible School is a marvelous program that will kick into gear in late June. Our Children in Action program provides some excellent activities for elementary school age kids. Our youth ministry has a terrific mission trip planned for Washington D. C. in late June-early July as well. Our annual July 4th picnic is on the schedule for the first Sunday in July.

Plus the typical Sunday schedule holds forth. We will continue to meet for worship at 9 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Church School will continue to meet with classes for all ages at 10 a.m.

So here's my challenge to you: purge the "summer slump" imagery from your mind. Wad it up and throw it in the trash can. Then continue to worship, study, serve, and give as you usually do. If you're here, participate to the very best of your ability, energy, and availability. If you know you'll be gone when you usually give your tithe or offering, give it early or mail it to the church. Don't stop your ministry and service because summer is upon us.

I've said it before, and I'll say it now: you are a gracious, giving, and committed people. You make a difference in this world. God bless you, and enjoy the summer... only without that pesky "summer slump."

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr. Clay J. Brown

A "Labor of Love"

2009 Labor Day Weekend Mission Trip

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go on a "mission trip" but just couldn't see yourself going because of the expense, or the language barrier, or the length of time it takes? Well, pending Sessional approval this month, have we got a trip for you!

Join us for a very special mission experience over the 2009 Labor Day weekend! Up to 10 "adults" (high school and older) will travel together to Slidell, Louisiana, to work rebuilding/repairing homes that were damaged by the devastating storms of recent years. Working with the Presbyterian Community Outreach (PCO) in Slidell, the group will help to clean up and paint damaged houses, do some light construction work, experience the welcome of sisters and brothers in Louisiana and enjoy the special fellowship of service rendered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our team will leave via the church (or a rented) van in the early hours of Thursday, September 3, arriving later that night in Slidell. Working all day Friday and Saturday in the area, the group will have Sunday to enjoy worship and refreshment before returning to Mooresville on Monday, September 7. The only costs will be for the shared food and transportation expenses for the trip.

Persons interested in participating should contact Fred Coates (fred@moorevillefirstpres.org) to "reserve" a spot. It will be a great way to start new a mission trip tradition. Come be a part of it!



Race Results

The Marti Estes 5k Mooresville Community Walk of Faith was another big success this year. So many people turned out for the 2nd Annual event and enjoyed fun and fellowship with other runners, walkers, volunteers and people who loved Marti dearly.

This year there were 506 people who signed up to participate in the Walk of Faith. There were children being pushed in strollers, grandmothers and grandfathers walking with their grandchildren, people riding trikes and lots of fast runners. We had over 100 volunteers who helped cheer on each participant and made the race itself go very smoothly.

More than anything though, we had a community come together to support a great local charity, the Christian Mission, in memory of our beloved friend, Marti. We were able to present the Mission with a check for \$13,000. It was amazing to see how someone can continue to touch so many lives and help people even after they've left this earth.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the race, volunteered, prayed, contributed time and money, and especially to the members of the 5k race committee. This event definitely would not have been possible without the help of everyone involved.

We'll see you in 2010 for the 3rd Annual Marti Estes 5k!

A page from the library

The church library has some more new books for your reading pleasure:

Let the Older Women Teach, by Midge Vice
Higher Hope, by Robert Whitlow, his second book after *Deeper Water*

Down Where My Love Lives, a two-volume set by Charles Martin

Come check out these selections in the library, and enjoy some early summer reading!

Ellie Den Bleyker



Saints Alive 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!



Saints Alive Reminder

There will not be a Saints Alive luncheon in June, July, or August
Next luncheon meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15



Budget & Finance Forum

YTD (April 30) Budget	\$225,813.00
YTD (April 30) Receipts	\$254,496.00
Deficit	- \$1,317.00



Margaret Sanders would like to thank everyone for the kindnesses expressed to her following the tragic death of her sister.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

July 2009						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	



1
7:00pm Boy Scouts

2

7
9:00am Early Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Graduation Reception in the FH

4:00pm Alpha PYF
5:00pm Omega PYF



8
11:30am Van leaves church for Circle 1 members
12:00pm Circle No. 1 lunch at the home of Eleanor Templeton

6:00pm Circle No. 3 at the home of Kim Streb
6:30pm VBS Staff Training

9
12:00pm Circle 5 at the home of Bea Lieu

14
8:00am Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:00am Early Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Worship with Eagle Scout presentation

5:00pm All PYF - *Rockstravaganza!*
7:00pm Committee Meetings

15
7:00pm Boy Scouts

16
10:00am CIA to Dan Nicholas Park



21
9:00am Early Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Worship

22
7:00pm Boy Scouts



23
No CIA
7:00pm Executive Committee

28
9:00am Early Worship
10:00am Church School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Fortanbary Reception

5:30pm Diaconate
7:00pm Session

29
7:00pm Boy Scouts

30
10:00am CIA Swimming at Carpenter's



PYF Mission Trip to Washington, DC through July 4

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study -home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>6:15pm Last HS SupperClub @ Kobe</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p> <p>7:30pm Mooresville User's Group - room 310</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>10</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study - home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>5:00pm Just Desserts @ Cold Stone</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>  <p>Fun & Fellowship</p> <p>6:00pm Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study - home of Fronnie Gardner</p> <p>12:00pm PYF "Goes Wild with VBS"</p> <p>7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Newsletter DEADLINE</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study at the Rogers' home</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>School 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon</p>			
<p>5:30pm PYF Mission Trip Meeting & God Goes to the Movies: <i>The Matrix</i></p>			



JUNE



Confirmation Class



2009

We express our sincere congratulations to these Confirmands and pray for God's leadership and blessing in their lives.



Bailey Abernathy



Luz Heilman



Nell Herring



Lizzie Love



Ryan Lynch



Joe Robinson



Lee Rhyne



Corinne Sink

(Not pictured: Kayla and Mariah McGuffey)

Children in Action

"Children in Action" (CIA) is a program of summer activities for children in rising first through sixth grades. Participants in CIA enjoy a variety of activities and fellowship with children in their age group, along with group devotions.

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. Activities will be held

CIA Outings

on Tuesdays this summer. A letter will be sent to parents with details concerning specific events, cost, meals, chaperones, and registration information. Following is a list of scheduled activities:

Tuesday, June 16 - Trip to Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$8

Tuesday, June 23 - No CIA (VBS Week)

Tuesday, June 30 - Swimming at Carpenters, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7 - CPCC Summer Theater - "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$7.

Tuesday, July 14 - Trip to Historic Gold Hill, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$6.

Tuesday, July 21 - Swimming at Kidwells, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28 - Trip to Lazy 5 Ranch, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$7.50.



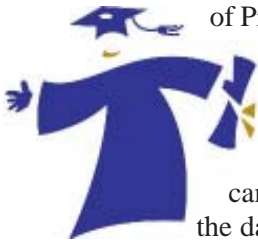
We extend our deepest and sincerest "Thanks" to all of our friends and family at First Presbyterian. Your support through your cards, letters, emails, personal visits and meals has helped us weather this storm over the past two years. Chemo

treatments still continue every 2-4 weeks and we are hoping to destroy the tumor soon. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing all of you around the Church campus!

Terry and Sue Stevens

Weekday Preschool News

What a wonderful and special patriotic graduation day we had as our 4 & 5 yr. olds, dressed in caps and gowns with tassels swinging, celebrated the conclusion of Preschool and the anticipation of starting Kindergarten in the fall! We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful and supportive parents, grandparents and special friends who came to cheer the children on and make the day a memorable one. We pray for our little ones as they go forth and thank them for all the memories they have left with us.



Our month of May was chocked full of fun activities, and we enjoyed our *Spring Sing, Pizza Days, Cinco De Mayo, Muffins for Mommy, Car (Big Wheels) Wash, Water days, Ice Cream Eating and Picnics at the Park*. There is always a lump in our throats as our year comes to an end, but we look forward to a fun and relaxing summer for everyone and a time to “step off the treadmill.” Our terrific teachers have already been hard at work on plans for the 2009-2010 school year!



We are grateful to all the wonderful people who work so hard to help the Preschool program run smoothly, and so often their work is done quietly behind the scenes. Our church secretary, Nellie Goodman works tirelessly creating adorable programs, church treasurer, LuAnne Sledge handles all our finances, and sexton Billy Black cheerfully takes care of our supply needs and accidents big and small! We are eternally grateful to the church for our wonderful rooms and the playground, and the opportunity it affords us to offer it to all of you.

It will be just a blink and we'll be welcoming back our little friends, both old and new. **The “Sneak-a-Peek” orientation days are August 17th and 18th**, and you'll be **receiving a letter from me in July** with all the details.

May God be watching over you as you travel this summer and in all that you do. I look forward to seeing you out and about, and then before you know it, back in the drive-through!

*With love,
Mrs. Nancy*



The congregation is cordially invited to a reception honoring Mary and Dick Fortanbary's 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 28, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Camp Grier

The Place to be in 2009!

The first summer camping session at Camp Grier begins Sunday, June 14, and it is not too late to sign up for a week of fun in the mountains! The folks at camp are busy getting everything ready for an enjoyable camping season, and would love to see you there!



Camp Grier is located in Old Fort, NC, in the beautiful NC mountains bordering the Pisgah National Forest, and offers camping programs 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 parlor and 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 plastic bottles (clear plastic)
- Shoe boxes
- Crayons or markers
- Construction paper
- Glue and tape
- Bird seed
- Bird feeders
- Flower press



PYF Events Calendar

- 3** Last Supper Club @ Kobe, 6:15-8:30
- 7** PYF Alphas, 4-6:15; Omegas, 5-7:15
- 10** Just Desserts @ Cold Stone, 5-6 p.m.
- 14** All PYF, 5-8 p.m. - *Rockstravaganza!*
- 17** Go Wild with VBS, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- 24** Mission Trip Meeting & God Goes to the Movies: *The Matrix*, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- 28** Leave for the Mission trip to Washington, DC!
- July 4** Return to Mooresville from D.C. Mission Trip

Presbyterian Men

The speaker for the 14 June 2009 Men's Breakfast is Mr. Ken Manuel. Ken is an entomologist (for those from Texas this means the he studies bugs) with DuPont Corporation. Ken will be talking about bugs that potentially cause people difficulties when they invade homes. Ken has talked at past Men's breakfasts and this presentation will be equally informative and interesting. Everyone is welcome to attend.



PYF Is On the Move!

The FPC Presbyterian Youth Fellowship will be undertaking a couple of trips this summer, one to Washington, D.C., and the other to Amish country in western Pennsylvania. From June 28th through July 4th, a group of around thirty youth and leaders will be going on a mission trip to D.C., working with a group called Center for Student Ministries, which focuses on urban mission trips. We will spend the week staying in a local church and working with several local ministries that feed and care for those in need in the greater D.C. area.



From July 18th through 26th, we will head north to the New Wilmington Mission Conference, in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. The conference is an all-ages conference, but with a particular interest on youth, in which the students will interact with former and active missionaries, participate in Bible study and worship, but also have lots of fun and fellowship, all while learning more about what it means to live missional lives, serving God in all that we do.

Taking two big trips this summer is a lot to take on, but they should be great ones as well! Please keep the PYF in your prayers as they head out on two great journeys this summer!

Catechism Club

Recognizes seven participants

Seven young boys in our congregation have recently completed memorization of the 150 questions in the *First Catechism*, and were recognized at the May 24 worship service.

The Catechism Club has been meeting since last September, with children and parents attending class together for instruction in basic Bible truths. Children 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.

Adult mentors were assigned to each child, and met frequently with the child for memorization. We gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the time commitment given by the mentors, and the investment made in the children of our congregation.

Following is a list of Catechism Club participants and their mentors:

Participant

Dominic Corolla
Harrison Deaton
Philip Heilman
Adrian Holbrook
Van Herring
Emory McNeely
Alex Teeter

Adult Mentor

Linda Ervin
Miriam McNeely
Brad Chappell
Beverly Chappell
Stacy Windsor
Bea Lieu
Judith McLean



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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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