

# First Presbyterian Church

## PresbyNews



**September, 2018**

Dear Friends,

Whether taking time to hike trails, nap in hammocks, or build sand castles, summer is a time when Cheraw's Presbyterians spread out. For the past ten weeks or so, mountains, beaches, and reunions have called folks to other settings but Labor Day, as it always does, calls you back together and reconnects you as the disciples of our Lord in Cheraw and environs.

For FPC to be fully itself and to model Christ's love and compassion for the community takes each person. The church is less than its true self when it is scattered and can celebrate every time it reassembles to share stories of travels and new acquaintances and experiences of seeing Christ at work in the world.

My prayer for FPC is that it continues to take seriously its history of engaging fully in the life that Christ offers when it gathers. May Sunday School, worship, and fellowship events of the months ahead continue to be expressions of your unity in Christ. The work of the church needs each of you and all of your talents. Thanks be to God for your commitments!

Speaking of commitments, you have likely noticed that there are two important committees at work helping to shape the direction of the church's future ministry. One is the Pastor Nominating Committee which is charged with finding the next installed pastor for FPC. This committee was elected by the congregation on August 12 and is comprised of Marion Anderson, Cathy Chapman, Christie McLeod, Bill Malloy, and Dan Tillman.

The second committee will find an interim pastor to serve between the conclusion of my ministry in Cheraw and the calling of the installed pastor. This committee was appointed by the session. Robbie Bennett, Sue Funderburk, John Joyce, and Tracie Phillips have agreed to perform this service.

Please be in prayer for both these teams as they consider how the gifts of potential pastors will mesh with the many gifts that you bring to the ministry of Christ in the world.

May God's grace and peace be with each of you as FPC heads into the autumn and the coming seasons of Christ's love and promise being lived in your lives.

Alan Arnold

# Children's Sunday School Teaching Schedule

## September 2018

September 9<sup>th</sup> Kelli Beck/Jean Page Watson  
September 16<sup>th</sup> Laura Katherine Folger/Charlene Tillman  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sadie Smith/Karen Tillman  
September 30<sup>th</sup> Tom Hammer/Heather Tucker



The Sunday School Class for children is for those who are Preschool age - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. We hope that everyone will plan the new year by coming to Sunday School to learn about God and His love for us! If you have any questions, please give Mac a call.



## Youth Meeting Schedule For September 2018

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Cookout and Gathering at the Home of the Becks  
Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Meeting at the Church  
Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm Meeting at the Church  
Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Meeting at the Church

Mac and the Advisors are looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Becks. It is their hope and prayer – that this will be a great year as we grow together in Christ!

## FUN PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018

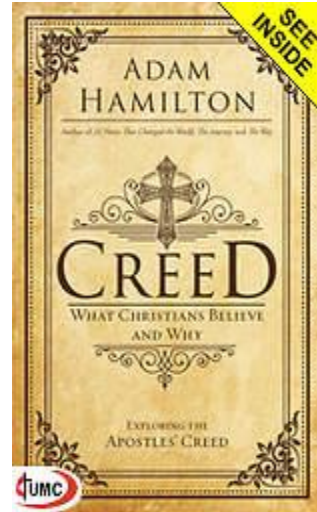


Fun Program will begin on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 pm and we will end at 4:30 pm. This is a children's program designed for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. The children will have snacks, play time, singing and ringing. There will be a refreshment list that Mac will send out to all parents, and parents will need to prepare snacks for 2 weeks at a time. Below is the schedule for September.

Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> To Be Determined - Mac will explain to parents  
Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 4:30 pm

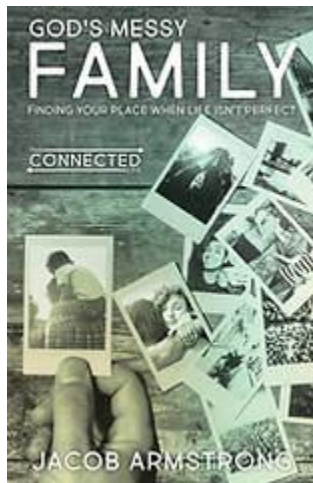
*Fellowship Class to Begin a New Study On  
Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Creed: What Christians Believe and Why  
by Adam Hamilton*

*Please plan to join the Fellowship Class as they begin a new study on the Apostles' Creed. Hamilton believes that for Christians and for others seeking faith, there are some powerful answers that are contained in the Apostles' Creed. This is a 6-week study and will include lessons on God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Church and the Communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of Sins, and The Resurrection of the Body.*



*We hope that everyone will make a special effort to attend this wonderful study of the Apostles' Creed.*

**New Study for Parlor Class  
Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Entitled:  
God's Messy Family: Finding Your Place When Life Isn't Perfect  
By: Jacob Armstrong**



Is any family perfect? Can even a family chosen by God like Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Esau be messy and fall short? During this study, the class will explore the patterns of brokenness and redemption in the stories of the families of Genesis. We will learn how everyone has a place at the table as part of the family of God. The Parlor Class will begin this new study on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and we hope that you will join us at 10:00 am in the Parlor.



**“LISTENING TO GOD’S VOICE”  
CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT  
AT  
CAMP PEE DEE  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 – SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 14, 2018**

We would like everyone to mark their calendars for our Church Family Retreat at Camp Pee Dee on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

During our time together not only listening to God's voice but also listening for God's voice.

Plan to come and spend the night in one of the cabins or if you are unable to spend the night come and spend the day with us on Saturday and Sunday. There will be canoeing on the lake and a variety of other activities planned for Saturday afternoon. There will be breakfast, lunch and dinner for Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Our Worship service will be in the retreat center beginning at 11 am.

A brochure is available, and we will send it out via email and on Sunday mornings beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. We hope everyone will make plans to attend this wonderful weekend of fellowship and study!



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**Presbyterian Women’s Honorary Life Membership**

A membership in Presbyterian Women’s Honorary Life Membership is presented to the honoree in recognition of faithful service to her church and to her community. Funds derived from Honorary Life Memberships finance the PW Leadership Development Grant Program.

This year it was our honor and privilege to present this award to Barbara Dickson. Barbara has been a valuable part of this church and our community for over 35 years. She has given many years of faithful service to our church and continues to serve on a daily basis. She deeply loves Jesus Christ, leads by example, and inspires others to follow. She has been a Sunday School Teacher, served on the Worship Ministry, and the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Council. For most of her years in this church, she has served as our organist. During some years, she has also served as the adult and children’s choir director.

She has been a vital member of the Mission Massanetta Team for many years and was also part of a Presbytery mission team that travelled to the Bahamas. In addition, she has served on the Presbytery’s Worship and Spiritual Formation Ministry and is currently the co-moderator of this ministry.

In addition to serving her church, Barbara also finds time to work with the local Veteran’s Day program each year as well as the Anson Singers. Last but not least, she is a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Barbara is a perfect example of a Christian, both in her private and public life



**Congratulations to our scholarship recipients for the school year 2018-2019.**

The William Manning Malloy Scholarship:

Miss Lauren Howle – Presbyterian College

Miss Molly O’Neal – University of South Carolina

The Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarship/J. G. Maynard Scholarship

Miss Lindsay Carver – The Citadel

Miss Ariel-Brooke McCormick – NETC

Miss Sara Marie Jewart – Lander College or NETC

D. W. Moore Scholarship:

Mr. Michael Hammer – University of South Carolina

Mr. Jack McLeod – Clemson University

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**Building Families Report**

Our Building Families Family Specialist Carisa Gerald has reported that she currently is at full capacity, with 3 clients. One of those clients will soon be our first graduate from the program. Carisa tries to visit each client twice per week when schedules permit. She is continually developing her referral base.

She has need for several items. These include: games for children and families, such as, UNO, Checkers, Monopoly, Sorry, Twister, Chutes and Ladders; children’s books; and sensory games. If you have any of these in your closet that your children have out grown, consider bringing them to Carisa. Your continued support is appreciated.

## From the Session of First Presbyterian

### August Session Highlights:

- Received a report of the July 31, 2018, Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony.
  - Approved the following from the Giving Ministry Team: 1) a Talent Show and covered dish supper on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and 2) to continue the giving season in conjunction with Epiphany (Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27) with the Celebration Luncheon on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity”.
  - Approved the following from the Mission Outreach Ministry Team: 1) a Missionary Visit from Ellen Smith on September 5<sup>th</sup> during a catered congregational Wednesday night supper, 2) a Wednesday night supper on September 19<sup>th</sup> for Send A Child to Camp Pee Dee, and 3) Special Offerings for PADD (9/9), Thornwell Home (11/18) and the Christmas Joy Offering (12/16).
  - Approved a new contract between the Session of First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold for interim pastoral services.
  - Approved the formation of an interim pastor search committee composed of the following members: Robby Bennett, chair, Sue Funderburk, John Joyce, and Tracie Phillips.
  - A joint meeting will be held in September with the Presbytery of New Harmony Executive Presbyter, Gavin Meek, and Associate Executive Presbyter, Julie Cox, and our Session, Interim Pastor Nominating Committee and Pastor Nominating Committee to help and support all groups in the upcoming call processes for our church.
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**Creating Chrismons - September 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.**

**Bring a sharp pair of scissors and an egg carton.**



## *Prayer List*

### **Members:**

Gerry Rogers      Dee Pierce  
Benny Moore      Jack Baker

### **Relatives/Friends:**

Rebie Harrison (Sue Cutchin's mother)  
Bhree Barrett (Louise Carpenter's great niece)  
Rose Via (Tammy Joyce's mother )  
Cheryl Goldsberry (Shirley Brock's daughter)  
Nancy Ingram Walters (Sloan Baker's sister)  
Fred Goddard (Craig Goddard's father)  
Sammy Boan (friend of Jean Page Watson)  
Evelyn Petros (Jean Page Watson's aunt)  
John Pruitt (Libby Pierce's brother)  
Rosalind Brymer (Gina Goddard's mother)  
Robert Gantt (friend of Betty Davis)  
Hope Griggs (friend of Tracie Phillips)  
Vern Winburn (Randy Jewart's friend)  
Bill Funderburk (Jim Funderburk's brother)

### **Community:**

Chris Thrailkill

### **Nursing Home Residents (Away):**

Residents at Presbyterian Communities:  
Artha Sompayrac (Summerville)  
B. J. Moore (Summerville)

### **Other:**

Mid-East Conflict & Victims



*September 2*

*September 9      Sadie Smith*

*September 16      Laura Folger*

*September 23      Shelley Morgan*

*September 30      Eva Goddard*

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*Grief Share - First United Methodist Church - beginning on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 until 12:00. For more information, please contact Sara Sanderson at 843-910-7987 or call FUMC at 843-537-7002.*

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## Fellowship Building Setup

Groups or committees that require a special set-up for activities in the Fellowship Building are asked to make their request through the church office.

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Congratulations to

Susan and Jonathan Gainey on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace, born July 31, 2018, in Lexington, SC. She joins her big brother, James Michael. Susan is the daughter of Jim and Sue Funderburk.

## SEPTEMBER

Happy  
Birthday

1-Charlie Phillips  
2-Marion Anderson  
4-Ina Coggeshall  
5-Billy Smith  
7-Tracy Hatcher  
11-John Anderson  
13-Ginny Nickles  
15-Eva Goddard  
16-Tracie Phillips, Atha Lou Gibson  
18-Jack Baker  
19-Paul Bennett  
23-Ella Morgan  
24-Dustin Griggs  
25-Cynthia Smith, Miriam Stricklin  
26-Nancy Griggs, Penny Angle  
27-Gray Sloop  
30-Connie Funderburk Bristow

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Sunday, October 7 - The 2018 Mission Trip participants will “Report Back to the Congregation” during Service and serve lunch after Church to “Kick off” the 2019 Mission Trip to Massanetta Spring, VA.

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*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Pamela Huggings Chapman. She passed away on August 21, 2018.*



# September

## Calendar of Events

3		Office Closed
4	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
	6:00 p.m.	CE
5	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Ellen Smith Visit
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
9	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Youth (Beck Home)
10	8:30 a.m.	MMO
11	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
	4:00 p.m.	Circle 2
12	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
16	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
17	8:30 a.m.	MMO
19	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	5:30 p.m.	SACTCPD Meal
20	5:30 p.m.	Session
23	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
24	8:30 a.m.	MMO
26	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	2:00 p.m.	Creating Chrismos
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
30	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth



The Giving Ministry Team will be hosting the 2018 Talent Show, "Let Your Light Shine," on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> beginning with a Covered Dish Supper at 5:30 PM. Please consider your talents and come share it with the congregation! Contact the church office at (843) 537-7474 to sign-up.

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*Send A Child to  
Camp Pee Dee News*



- 15 campers benefited this summer from your generous donations

Thank you for your support!

- Minute for Mission  
Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
- Chicken Dinner and Bake Sale

Wednesday Night

September 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm