

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 2

Sunday, July 2
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Church School- Combined Classrooms
 11:00 pm - Worship Sanctuary
 12:15 pm - Independence Day Picnic Fellowship Hall
 3:00 pm - MS PYF Room 310
 5:00 pm - HS PYF Room 313
 6:30 pm - Session Meeting Room 300

Monday, July 3
 1:00 pm - FPC Volunteers at Soup Kitchen Soup Kitchen
 5:30 pm - MCM- Circles Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall
 7:15 pm - Christian Education Committee Room 222

Tuesday, July 4 Church Office Closed
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Scout Building

Wednesday, July 5
 10:00 pm - PW Council Library
 10:00 pm - VBS Decorating Classrooms
 1:00 pm - MS Girls Bible Study Room 313
 1:00 pm - Prayer Meeting Library
 7:00 pm - Just Desserts off campus
 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir Choir Room

Thursday, July 6
 7:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 7
 10:00 am - VBS Decorating Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm - PYF Gathering

Sunday, July 9
 9:00 am - First Praise Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am - Church School- Combined Classrooms
 11:00 pm - Worship Sanctuary
 3:00 pm - MS PYF Room 310
 5:00 pm - HS PYF Room 313
 7:00 pm - Committee Meetings Classrooms

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator		Mark Auten, Clerk
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Phil Heilman	Mark Auten	Bill Brawley
Sparky Hitchcock	Karen Shore	C. P. Chappell
Rog McCrea	Sue Stevens	Janice Pluer
Dot Nelson	Harry Weyer	Steve Robinson
Trent Newell		John Streb

DIACONATE

Chris Creech, Moderator	Scott Mauney, Associate Moderator
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Chris Creech	Sandy Bickett
Dave Culler	Maria Heilman
Tom Kirkland	Pat King
Jane Peterson	Paul Manning
Susan Poore	Scott Mauney
Amy Williams	Tom Trosuk

PASTOR

The Rev. Dr. David Rockness, Pastor, Head of Staff dave@moorestvillefpc.org

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The Rev. Dr. S. Edwin Lewis The Rev. Dr. Frederick A. H. Coates

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher	Fern Alexander
Assistant Usher	Chris Creech
Ushers	Lorra Lee Holshouser, Lucinda Weyer
Youth Usher	Landon Mauney
Greeters	Mark Auten, Sparky Hitchcock
Acolyte	Samuel Creech
Bell Ringer	Caramia Landis
Soundboard	Jane Peterson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
 July 2, 2017 ♦ 11:00 A.M

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
 *Please stand as you are able.

Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."
 Words printed in **bold** are said by the congregation.

PRELUDE: *Prelude in G Major* Charles V. Stanford
 Greg Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Sentas

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 727: *America, the Beautiful*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Jason Sentas

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kim Streb

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:31-34

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PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT CONFESSION, AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

arr. P. Wilhousky

Chancel Choir

Mine eyes have seen the coming of the glory of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the faithful lightning of His terrible swift sword, His truth is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on. I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps, His day is marching on.... In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy let us die to make men free, while God is marching on. Glory, glory, hallelujah! ... His truth is marching on. Amen!

*THE DOXOLOGY 34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: I John 4:1-6

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SERMON: *Discerning From a Biblical Worldview*

Dave Rockness

*HYMN 84: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

*RESPONSE 731: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (vv. 1 & 4)

**My county, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride
from every mountainside let freedom ring!**

**Our fathers' God to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing:
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King!**

*POSTLUDE: *Jubilation on Lauda Anima*

Alice Jordan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad. **You can become a FPC member** by your profession or reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership. Please speak with our pastor following the service for information. **Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary. **Childcare is provided for infants through kindergarten age** during both worship services. Childcare is located on the second floor of the educational building. **First graders and older children remain in the sanctuary** following the *Time With The Children*. Worship bags are available at the rear of the sanctuary for all children.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God on this day that as a congregation, we celebrate our nation's independence and they are also an expression of thanksgiving for the life of Tom Johnston (July 5, 1940 - June 14, 2014). As a life-long member of our church, a native of Mooresville, and an educator in the public schools in several communities, in his later years, Tom especially enjoyed participating in our Saints Alive programs and trips. We are grateful to God for Tom's life and for his many quiet contributions to our church that expressed his love for God and for His people in this church family.

We welcome new members today: Brian and Sherrie Noe, and also Karen Korb met with Pastor Rockness and members of the Session this morning and were received into the membership of FPC. Please give them a warm welcome!

Church Picnic: The entire church family is invited to an Independence Day picnic today, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The picnic will be held in the fellowship hall. The church will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs (\$2 for adults and \$1 for children).

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

On Sunday, July 9 we will kick off our combined summer Sunday School class in Fellowship Hall. The first Sunday the Mwandu group will give a presentation about their recent trip. They will show pictures and give testimony to the good work of God in and through them throughout the two-week trip. The following three Sunday's Jason Sentas will lead the class through a study of the prophetic book of Joel. Please come on down to Fellowship Hall and join us.

Cassandra Rockness will be leading a Bible study for the middle school girls at our church during the month of July. All girls entering 7th -9th grades are welcome to join and bring a friend. The group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 5, 12, and 19 in room 313. We will discuss the importance of building and maintaining Christian friendships and how we can be good witnesses at home, school, and in our community. Contact Cassandra at cgrockne@ncsu.edu.

VBS Registration: Registration continues for this summer's Mighty Fortress VBS, scheduled for July 17-21, 9:30 a.m.–noon. Please note that the registration deadline is **next Sunday, July 9**. Adult and teen volunteers are also needed. Please sign up today as a participant or volunteer helper!

VBS Staff Meeting and Supper: All VBS volunteers are encouraged to attend the VBS Staff Meeting and supper next Monday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come to this important meeting to get schedules, curriculum information, supplies, and to hear all the details for our VBS week.

We have a new address for Joan Gibson. It is Olde Knox Commons, Room 315-B; 13825 Hunton Lane; Huntersville, NC 28078.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church if you, a family member, or a friend faces illness, hospitalization, bereavement, or some other concern. Please do not assume the church office knows. If the concern is confidential, please let us know and we will honor your wish for privacy. Names in **bold** indicate new concerns.

Members in Hospitals, Care Facilities, or Homebound

Willie Allison

Margaret Carrigan

Mary Fortanbary

Joan Gibson

Lois Kirk

Ellen McGuirt

Mary Matheson

Lecie Miller

Estelle Mott

Margaret Sanders

John & Nancy Smith

Claude Voils

John Westmoreland

Opal Westmoreland

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley

Rosie Crouch

Shirley Crowley

Bedo & Pat Culberson

Al Culp

P. J. Decastro

Pat King

Rosemary LaBarre

Joyce Lytle

Shirley Morrow

Betty Pearce

Joyce Sloop

Friends of the Church

Charlie Ahlquist, brother of Thelma Vaughan

Emily Morgan, great-niece of Faye Wright

Kenitra Smith, co-worker of Harry Weyer

The Allen Family

John & Connie Ammons

Amos Family

Ed Barber

Cami Barger-Jones

Mike Blizzard

Donna Buyer

Genie Carns

Becky Compton

Libby Ebert

Bill & Barbara Gepford

Jay Goodman

Mike & Candi Hawkins

Jayden Hoppel

Gordan Jenkins

Karen King

Teresa Knutsen

Ron Lane

Brian Leon

Tom McAdams

Thomas McMillan, Sr.

Anne Moore

Christine Morgan

Louis Newton

Judy Nickliss

Patt Seyller

John & Patricia Redding

Linda Rice

Joseph Ross and family

Samuel Russell

Glenn Scott

Jane Scovil

Deb Shultz

Ronnie Shultz

Becky Smith

Isaac Sobek

Tina Swanson

Jennifer Torsiello

Linda Wilson

Dwight Windsor

Donella Wright

Ashlyn

Daniela

Maureen & Madelyn

Armed Forces

LTC David Dennison, Army

LT James B. Eilers, USN

Sgt. Adam R. Loftin, USMC

2nd LT H. Craig May, USMC

LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN

Maj. William Matheny, Army

Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF