

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17

Sunday, September 17
 Congregational Retreat
 9:00 am - First Praise
 10:00 am - Church School
 11:00 am - Worship

Camp Grier
 Fellowship Hall
 Classrooms
 Sanctuary

Monday, September 18
 5:30 pm - MCM Circles
 6:15 pm - Exaltation Ringers
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Fellowship Hall, 300 & 301
 Music Room
 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 19
 12:30 pm - Saints Alive Luncheon
 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm - Men's Dinner

Fellowship Hall
 Scout Building
 Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 20
 Newsletter Deadline
 1:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
 4:30 pm - Logos/MSM
 6:15 pm - Supper Club
 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir

Library
 Classrooms/Fellowship Hall
 Choir Room

Thursday, September 21
 11:30 am - Ladies to Lunch
 12:15 pm - Pastors' Luncheon
 7:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal

The Famous Toastery
 Fellowship Hall
 Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 24
 9:00 am - First Praise
 10:00 am - Church School
 11:00 am - Worship
 2:00 pm - Cerrone's Baby Shower
 3:00 pm - MS PYF
 5:00 pm - HS PYF
 6:30 pm - Session Meeting

Fellowship Hall
 Classrooms
 Sanctuary
 Fellowship Hall
 Room 313/Fellowship Hall
 Room 313/Fellowship Hall
 Room 300

LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

SESSION

David Rockness, Moderator
Class of 2017
 Phil Heilman
 Sparky Hitchcock
 Rog McCrea
 Dot Nelson
 Trent Newell

Class of 2018
 Mark Auten
 Karen Shore
 Sue Stevens
 Harry Weyer

Mark Auten, Clerk
Class of 2019
 Bill Brawley
 C. P. Chappell
 Janice Plier
 Steve Robinson
 John Streb

DIACONATE

Chris Creech, Moderator
Class of 2017
 Chris Creech
 Dave Culler
 Tom Kirkland
 Jane Peterson
 Susan Poore
 Amy Williams

Class of 2018
 Sandy Bickett
 Maria Heilman
 Pat King
 Paul Manning
 Scott Mauney
 Tom Trosuk

Scott Mauney, Associate Moderator

Class of 2019
 Fern Alexander
 Ross Culp
 Lorra Lee Holshouser
 Joyce Lytle
 David Ramey

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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Jerilyn Fair, Hostess	jerilyn@moorestvillefpc.org

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Head Usher	Sandy Bickett
Assistant Usher	Fern Alexander
Ushers	Lynelle Owen, Thomas McMillan
Youth Usher	Dan Davidson
Greeters	Brue Telford, Anne Telford
Acolyte	Caroline McMillan
Bell Ringer	Mary Grace McMillan
Soundboard	Michael Culbreth



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples
 September 17, 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 on Charleston* Robert J. Powell
 Gregory Thompson, organist

WELCOME Dave Rockness

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 2: O Worship the King

*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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liz Rader

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31- 11:1 pg. 932

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: *Go Forth into the World* John Rutter
Chancel Choir

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you forever. 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: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 pg. 961

SERMON: *Life Between The Two Advents: Guide to Healthy Church Dynamics* Dave Rockness

*HYMN 595: They’ll Know We Are Christians (vs. 1-3)

*INVITATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 595: They’ll Know We Are Christians (v. 4)
**All praise to the Father, from whom all thing come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

*POSTLUDE: *Tuba Tune* Christopher Tambling

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 in honor of Martha’s mother on her 92nd birthday by Martha McDonnell.

Men's Dinner is this Tuesday night, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. We will have Italian Sausages with peppers and onion, corn on the cob, and cole slaw. We have a special speaker, Brian Paris, who is serving the Lord as a missionary in Papua New Guinea.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, September 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, our program will focus on the D.E. Turner Hardware Co, which has been part of the downtown Mooresville business community since 1899. We will begin the program in the fellowship hall, featuring a brief history of the store up to its present day in our local community. We will then go across the street to get a closer look at the historic hardware store and hear some first-hand stories about this Mooresville institution. Come and bring a friend.

Saints Alive Trip: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Mount Airy to visit the Andy Griffith Museum and related sites in the area on Friday, September 29. The museum houses a large collection of Andy Griffith memorabilia from his life and career. We’ll plan to eat lunch at Snappy’s Lunch. The group plans to leave at 9:30 a.m. and return in late afternoon. Cost is \$8. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation.

First Kids Worship: We are launching First Kids Worship, a children’s worship service held during part of the 11:00 a.m. worship service, on Sunday, September 24. The service is designed as an age-appropriate worship service for children in 1st – 5th grades, and will be held in the fellowship hall.

Attention Ladies! This fall we are excited to offer a slightly different variation of our Fall retreat. On November 3-4, we will be taking the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed at Lifeway’s Abundance Conference for women held at the TD Convention Center in Greenville, SC. **Event cost:** \$69.00 **Hotel rooms:** \$99 per room includes breakfast. (Cost will be reduced based on the number of occupants) **Registration and more information is available beginning Sept. 10** by contacting the church office at (704) 664-5275. Sign up early as the **deadline is Oct. 1!** More info about the actual event can be found at <http://www.lifeway.com/Abundance>

Join us in sharing the joy...with our youth pastor Bryan and his wife Victoria as well as their two adorable daughters, Clara and Ruthie, as they prepare their hearts and home for a beautiful baby boy! All church members are invited to “shower” our love on their family and celebrate the impending arrival of Baby Cerrone #3 (due in November) on Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to the church office (704) 664-5275 by Sept. 21.

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BSA Troop 166 is looking for adults to assist in serving as troop committee members. The committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout the year here at the church at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please reach out to Harry Weyer at 704-654-1135 or corfpc166@gmail.com.

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	Diane Crymes
Shirley Crowley	Mary Fortanbary	Joan Gibson
Lois Kirk	Ellen McGuirt	Mary Matheson
Lecie Miller	Estelle Mott	Margaret Sanders
Claude Voils	John Westmoreland	Opal Westmoreland

Members of the Church

Ray & Billie Brawley	Jean Chislaghi	Bedo & Pat Culberson
Al Culp	Shirley Crowley	P. J. Decastro
Bill Harris	Rosemary LaBarre	Joyce Lytle
Shirley Morrow	Betty Pearce	Joyce Sloop

Friends of the Church

David Childers, brother in law of Carole Crews

John & Connie Ammons	Amos Family	Ed Barber
Cami Barger-Jones	Donna Buyer	Genie Carns
Jackie Coates	Becky Compton	Diana Davies
Libby Ebert	Rick Ervin	Barbara Gepford and family
Mike & Candi Hawkins	Jayden Hoppel	Gordon Jenkins
Darren Jones	Karen King	Jade Knittel
Teresa Knutsen	Ava Lawrence	Brian Leon
Thomas McMillan, Sr.	Anne Moore	Christine Morgan
Louis Newton	Judy Nickliss	Robb Parker
Linda Rice	Joseph Ross and family	Glenn Scott
Jane Scovil	Dick Scovil	Patt Seyller
Deb Shultz	Ronnie Shultz	Becky Smith
Markie Smith	Isaac Sobek	Tina Swanson
Jennifer Torsiello	Joseph Unrue	Jenny Wheeler
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	2 nd LT H. Craig May, USMC
LSSN Dylan McIntyre, USN	Maj. William Matheny, Army
Capt. Ben Peacock, USAF	Ens Dylan Powell, USN