

JANUARY 2013

FIRST PRESS NEWS

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From our pastor Happy New Year to all of you! 2012 has been a great year in the life of our congregation, and I have equally high hopes for the year that is now beginning. It is my prayer that 2013 will bring blessings of health, happiness, faith, hope and love to you and your family.

As we begin this new year together, we have much to anticipate as a community of faith. On December 11, 2012, the session unanimously voted to move forward with a capital campaign to prepare ourselves for a new era of ministry in Rocky Mount. For many years, our congregation has been a leader in Christian service and outreach throughout our city and beyond. Our mission, as we see it, is “*to joyfully bring the community to the church and the church to the community.*” The successful pursuit of such a mission requires that we have a safe, welcoming and efficient headquarters for ministry -- a place to which the community can joyfully be brought and a place from which we can go out in joyful service to that community. Our buildings, having been used for these purposes for many years, are aging. This capital campaign will allow us to complete much-needed repairs to those buildings to preserve them and upgrade them for continued outreach in our community. A key focus in this repair effort will be improvement of our existing heating and air conditioning system throughout our facility.

While these improvements are badly needed and are important to the future of our church, the session wanted to make it clear that something else is even more important. As they elected to move forward with this campaign, the elders chose to give top priority not to buildings, bricks and mortar, but to the reason we have buildings, bricks and mortar in the first place. As children of the living God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have done for thousands of years, our elders voted to allocate the first ten percent of all funds raised in this campaign to mission and outreach. In other words, we will set aside a tithe from this campaign for active ministry in the name of Christ -- money that will be used to feed the hungry, care for the sick, give shelter to the homeless, and nurture the children of God. A majority of this mission fund will be designated for local ministry.

The capital campaign is now in the planning stages and will unfold more completely in the coming months. I am thrilled to say that we are off to a great start, because Wicky Thorpe and John Turnage have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the campaign. Randy and Sally Adams have also agreed to co-chair the communications committee, so you will be hearing more from them very soon. All of the wonderful work that has been completed thus far has been done under the wise and pastoral leadership of our campaign consultant, John Bush. Many of you have already spent some time with John in informational sessions, so you have experienced his warmth and expertise first hand. I am very comfortable with and confident in John's ability to run this campaign efficiently and effectively, and that is a blessing for all of us.

I expect great things to come to fruition in this new year. We have come a long way as a church in this community over the years, but there is still much work to be done. As it is written in the epistle of 2nd Timothy, may we continue in what we have learned and firmly believed, remembering from whom we have learned it. May God continue to train us in righteousness and equip us for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, may we continue to proclaim the message, being persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable. And in all of this, may God richly bless this community of faith.

IN THE SESSION

Here is a sampling of the business that came before your session in December:

- New officers read their faith statements, were examined by the session, and were approved for active service with enthusiasm and appreciation. Ordination and installation is set for January 6, 2013.
- John Bush, our capital campaign consultant, reported on the results of his preliminary interviews with members of the congregation. His findings were very positive and supportive.
- The Administration Committee moved that the church proceed with a \$900,000 capital campaign, which would prioritize heating and air conditioning needs and provide for a tithe of 10% for mission and outreach. After making one amendment, the session unanimously approved this recommendation. The capital campaign will begin in earnest this month.
- The Administration Committee also moved the approval of a new family leave policy and certain corresponding changes to the existing maternity/paternity leave policy. These changes, with one amendment, were unanimously approved.
- The request of the Outreach Committee that First Sunday offerings in June and July of 2013 would benefit the United Community Ministries shelter was approved.
- A fundraising lunch by the Boy Scouts following Scout Sunday on February 10, 2013, was approved.
- A request from Presbyterian Women to hold a blanket drive and fundraiser to support the work of Church World Service this month was approved.
- The session elected to close the church office on Monday, December 31st as a holiday gift to the staff.

If you have questions about any of these items, just ask an elder!

JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Warm up with the Lunch Bunch on Monday, January 14th at noon in the Session Room. This is a week early due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on January 21st. Our menu will be chili, cornbread, salad, and dessert. RSVP to the church office or by writing “Lunch Bunch” by your name in the Friendship Register in worship on Sunday. If you are on the permanent list, we will look for you unless you let us know you cannot attend.

First Presbyterian
Church-wide Retreat

[cancelled due to lack of interest]

Confirmation 2013

The Confirmation Class of 2013 will meet for six weeks this winter:

- January 27
- February 3
- February 10
- February 17
- February 24
- March 3

Confirmation Sunday will be held on March 17. Meetings will immediately follow worship and will include lunch, and will conclude by 2 p.m. This class will be team-taught by Peter Bynum and Mary Kathleen Duncan and will be supported by several mentors. **If you are interested in providing a meal for one of these weeks, please contact Mary Kathleen.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on Monday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m. in room 111 downstairs across from the crib nursery.

The Circle of Friends will meet on Monday, January 14th at the home of David and Laura Dudley, 1212 Driver's Circle at 7:30 p.m.

The Circle of J.O.Y. will meet on Tuesday, January 8th at 10:30 in the church parlor.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Special Offerings

Birthday Gifts to FPC Endowment - \$556

Messiah Offering (United Community Ministries) - \$1210

MEMORIALS

Joe Brewer, Jr.

Don and Eileen Williams, William and Jessie Taylor, Paul and Leslie Bauer, Gene and Nancy Lewis, Carlton Prickett, Vince Durham, Michael and Mary Alice Colo, Arthur and Mary Lou Fountain, Tim and Mary Sue Smith, Robin Thorp McCoy, Lloyd and Sarah Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boulware, Dick and Billie Futrell, Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Baggett, Mr. and Mrs. Heide Trask, Barbara Batts, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dickens, Simon & Smith LLC, Patrick and Elizabeth Kelly, Vincent and Sylvia Andraccdhio, Charles and Florence Winston, Van and Emily Beck, Marion and Norma Cowell, Horace Beasley, Bill and Genevieve Batchelor, James and Frankie Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman, Will and Missy Miller, Steve and Ashley Allen, Paul and Carol Rudisill, Lewis Advertising, Jones Island Club, Joe and Betsy Hackney, Mike and Bryan Hancock, David Parker, Sonny and Pell Foster

Margaret Buchanan (Mother of Bill Buchanan)

Bob and Pat Mauldin, Sonny and Pell Foster, Tim and Mary Sue Smith, Greg and Carol Hutchins

Henrietta Evans (Mother of Randy Evans)

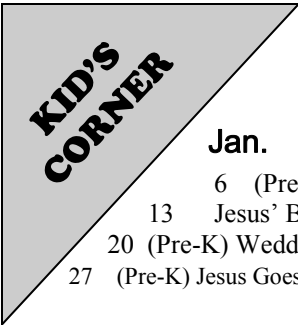
Larry and Beth High

Barbara Macaulay (Braswell School Fund)

Tom and Carol Maude, Harold and Mary Jane Bynum, Sheri Jessell, Melissa Berens, Peggy Mamo, Pell Cooper, Hannah Diedrick, Kay Ratchford, Nancy Worsley, Tim and Mary Sue Smith, Linda Jewell

Peggy Harris (Littrell-Thorpe Scholarship Fund)

Mike and Winnie Gaynor, Dr. and Mrs. William Cherry, Joe and Sandra Brewer, Joe and Virginia Brewer, John and Vicky Tulloss, Hannah Diedrick, Nancy Strickland, Davis and Jeaneen Miller, Peggy Mamo, Libba Weaver, Gary Phillips, Barbara Bunn, Bob and Pat Mauldin, Arthur and Mary Lou Fountain, Cora Lee Gold, Economy Exterminators, Jean Bishop, Sandy and Brenda Thorpe, Mike and Bryan Hancock, Dick and Kacky Fountain, Nancy Worsley, Betsy Boddie (FPC Endowment Fund), Walt and Clevie Wiggins, Tim and Mary Sue Smith (Flower Fund), Jim and Pat Blanchard (Music Fund), Martha Bunn, Genevieve Kaszowski, Mayo and Jean Boddie, Colonial Trace Homeowner's Association, Boddie-Noell Enterprises, Pat Judge



SUNDAY SCHOOL

| Jan. | Lesson | Pre-K | K-2nd | 3rd-5th |
|------|--|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | (Pre-K) Jesus the Word/Matthew 2:1-12 | Stephanie Bynum | Kate Honey | Dionne Seale |
| 13 | Jesus' Baptism/Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 | Stephanie Bynum | Kate Tharin | Sydney Phillips |
| 20 | (Pre-K) Wedding at Cana/1 Corinthians 12:1-11 | Stephanie Bynum | Christie Sondergard | Beth Turnage |
| 27 | (Pre-K) Jesus Goes to Nazareth Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 | Stephanie Bynum | Kate Honey | Elizabeth Rose |

PARENT’S AFTERNOON OUT

We had “snow” much fun!! All kids in Pre-K through 5th grade were invited to join Mary Kathleen and Dionne for a fun afternoon on December 19th. Seventeen kids were able to help decorate snowman cup-cakes, make ice skate ornaments, ice skate at the Imperial Center, and then enjoy a Snowman devotional in the shortest hour and a half ever! It was truly heartwarming to see all ages having a good time together and helping one another, especially with the ice skating.



@FPCRM_Youth

Sr. High Youth

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| January 6 | Faith and Film @ the church (Dark Knight Rises) |
| January 13 | Meet for Yogurt and Devotion @ Pitstop from 4:00-5:00 pm |
| January 20 | Faith and Film @ the church (Dark Knight Rises) |
| January 27 | Dinner and Fellowship in a home (Questions of Faith) |

*For two weeks in January we will be watching a popular movie and discussing how it intersects with our faith as Christians. The movie for January is *The Dark Knight Rises*. Come check it out!

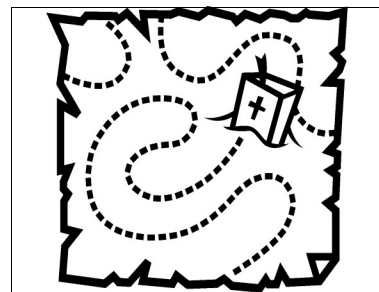
Sign up now for the 2013 Montreat Youth Conference! The dates are July 14-20 and a \$125 deposit will secure your spot.

Middle School Youth

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| January 9 | Resolutions for a New Year – Games and activities in the Youth Suite |
| January 16 | Ancestors in the Faith - Solomon |
| January 23 | Ancestors in the Faith - Elijah |
| January 30 | Ancestors in the Faith – Jonah |

*Be sure to bring a potluck item and \$3 on the first Wednesday of each month and \$5 for dinner on all other Wednesdays.

All Youth—Be sure to look for news via email regarding an exciting outing to Defy Gravity Trampoline Arena in Durham in February or March!



**LOOKinG foR A
BibLe Study?**

If you are looking for a Bible study, you are invited to join members of First Presbyterian every Monday (other than Lunch Bunch Monday) for a “Brown Bag” Bible study. This is not a structured study but one that picks a book of the Bible and experiences the word of God through open discussion. We meet each Monday at 12:00 p.m. in the Session Room. So bring your lunch and . . .

JOIN US!



**IN-BETWEENS
CHRISTMAS**
December 4, 2012
Ribeyes—Nashville





Troop 7 News

Troop 7 held their Court of Honor in December. This was our opportunity to award our scouts on advancements in rank and merit badges earned. This year we have advanced 3 scouts to Tenderfoot, 1 to Second Class, 2 to First Class, 3 to Star, 1 to Life and 1 earned his Eagle. In addition, our troop earned a combined 85 merit badges. Merit badges ranged from the basics like *Camping*, *Swimming* and *First Aid* to *Chemistry*, *Nuclear Science* and the new *Search / Rescue*. We camped 9 months out of the year including a week at summer camp. Seven of our scouts participated in an 8 week course to complete the requirements for the prestigious “*God and Church*” award.

Scouting means service to others. Our troop collected food for local shelters, washed cars for Relay for Life, picked up trash in downtown Rocky Mount, built a dog kennel for the S.P.C.A, and manned a kettle for the Salvation Army (while singing Christmas Carols! Mr. Lane’s requirement).

All of this was made possible because of the *GENEROUS* support of our church. Because of your support these young men have a place to meet, a tent to sleep in and a Dutch oven to cook cobbler. But more importantly they have the opportunity to learn how to work as a team, exhibit leadership, learn about service to others and explore their faith. Thank you First Presbyterian Church!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 — Sunday School for all ages
10:30-10:50 — Morning Rehearsal for Choirs
10:30-10:50 — Reception/Refreshments
11:00 — Worship in the sanctuary
5:30 — Sr. High Youth Group

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:30-6:00 Cherub and Alleluia Choirs
6:00-6:30 Dinner & Dinner Clean-up
6:30-7:30 Middle School Youth Group
6:30-7:30 Handbell Choir
6:45-7:30 Adult Program
7:30-9:00 Chancel Choir

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 Office Closed | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | | | Montreat College Conference | | |
| 6 See Schedule Above 11:00 Worship/Ordination, Installation of New Officers | 7 10:30 PWC 12:00 Brown Bag Bible Study 1:30 Staff 3:30 OLPH Basketball | 8 10:30 Circle of Joy 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts | 9 5:30 See Schedule Above Wednesday Night resumes | 10 11:00 Spiritual Nurture and Fellowship | 11 | 12 Ski Trip |
| 13 See Schedule Above 11:00 Worship/Communion Ski Trip Returns | 14 12:00 Lunch Bunch 1:30 Staff 3:30 OLPH Basketball 7:30 Circle of Friends | 15 5:30 Deacons 7:00 Session 6:45 Boy Scouts | 16 5:30 See Schedule Above | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 See Schedule Above | 21 Birthday of Martin Luther King Office Closed | 22 10:00 Meals on Wheels 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts | 23 5:30 See Schedule Above | 24 11:00 Spiritual Nurture and Fellowship 6:00 ECU Campus Ministry Dinner (in Greenville) | 25 | 26 |
| 27 See Schedule Above Worship/Baptism of Michael Sutton | 28 10:00 Meals on Wheels 12:00 Brown Bag Bible Study 1:30 Staff 3:30 OLPH Basketball | 29 6:45 Boy Scouts | 30 5:30 See Schedule Above | 31 | | |

NURSERY ASSISTANTS

January 6

Cindy Feagans, Marianne Farris, Clevie Wiggins

January 13

Mary Perry, Heather Ross

January 20

Lynn and Andy Warner

January 27

Kate and Tommy Honey

**COMMUNION BY INTINCTION
January 13, 2013**

Preparer:
Janice Smith

Servers:
Janice Smith
Jay Gardner
Laura Durham
Laura Dudley

CHILDREN’S SERMON

January 6—Jim Lilley

January 13—Dee Whitley

January 20—Pastor

January 27—Randy Adams

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 6
Peter Bynum

January 13
Peter Bynum

January 20
Mary Kathleen Duncan

January 27
Peter Bynum

LITURGISTS

January 6
Partha Daughtridge

January 13
Dee Whitley

January 20
David Farris

January 27
Betty Jones

USHERS GREETERS

WELCOME TABLE

January 6

Head Usher: Tim Smith
Ushers: Tim Smith, Mary Sue Smith, Jep Rose, Tom Maude, Carol Maude
Welcome Table:
Carol Maude
Greeter: Elizabeth Rose

January 13/20

Head Usher: Randy Thomas
Ushers: Randy Thomas, Myra Thomas, Julian Parks, Wayne Moore, Gaye Moore
Welcome Table: Gaye Moore
Greeter: Cora Lee Gold

January 27

Head Usher: Tricia Vestal
Ushers: Tricia Vestal, Gordon Vestal, Tim Smith, Dee Whitley, Mary Sue Smith
Welcome Table:
Mary Sue Smith
Greeter: Ida Stanley

**Address, Telephone, E-mail
Changes and/or Corrections**



If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church or learning more about our church, please call our pastor, Rev. Peter Bynum, Associate Pastor, Rev. Mary Kathleen Duncan, Welcome Committee chairwoman, Pell Foster or our church secretary, Catherine Billups. Any of these individuals will be happy to answer your questions.

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| <p>As always our Sanctuary was beautifully prepared this year for Advent with a Chrismon tree, poinsettias, and evergreens. I thank the Worship Committee (L.M. Barnes, Brenda Crocker, Anne Kinnaird, Mary Sue Smith, and Beth Steed) for its leadership in this undertaking as well as other members of our congregation who contributed towards this effort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chrismon tree was generously donated by Pat and Bob Mauldin. Lige Daughtridge orchestrated the set up and Beth Steed masterfully decorated the tree with lights and Chrismon ornaments.• The poinsettias were particularly beautiful around the Lord’s Table due to risers designed and built by Anne Kinnaird and her son-in-law Bryan Scherich.• Brenda Crocker cleaned and decorated the brass advent wreath and stand that is at the center of worship during Advent.• Melanie-Marshall Park and Stephanie Bynum worked out the logistics for wreath hanging in the Chapel’s arched windows.• Sally Adams and Anne Kinnaird had command of the Narthex and Vestibule.• Marianne Farris arranged the orchids between the Chapel and Sanctuary; and followed all of our work with a broom and dust pan.• Nancy Proctor’s organization of wreaths and poinsettias the day before the “big day” helped immensely in making for a smooth execution.• Mary Sue Smith gave the poinsettias a good watering and pulled together many of the details that only a past chair person would know to do.• Employees of DJ Rose tackled wreath hanging in the precarious high spots throughout the sanctuary and exterior.• Frances Guerry “dressed” the many candles that softly glowed as we left our Christmas Eve worship service.• And last but not least I am sure that all of the decorators join me in thanking J.J. Jeffries for his invaluable assistance during the entire Advent season. <p>No matter what the season, we really do have a beautiful place to worship together. I am grateful for the gifts of time and talent these members gave to make it especially beautiful during Advent.</p> <p>Partha Daughtridge</p> | <div><p><i>Thank you so much for the wonderful bags you provided for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated. We’ll enjoy all the food. God bless you all!</i></p><p><i>Candy Boisvert</i> <i>Free Will Baptist Children’s Home</i></p></div> <div><p><i>Thanks so much for my wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner. I enjoyed it very much but even more, I enjoyed your generosity and kindness. It was so sweet of you to think about me on this holiday.</i></p><p><i>Ms. Bonnie Henry</i> <i>Apt. 220</i> <i>Covenant Homes</i></p></div> <div><p>Thank Yous From Tar River Academy Grade 6</p><p><i>Thank you. I am thankful for what you have done for me. God bless your soul.</i></p><p><i>Barim Blue</i></p><p><i>Thank you for the food. Bless ya’ll. Merry Christmas.</i></p><p><i>Love, Miquel</i></p><p><i>Thank you for what you did and sending the food and we really appreciate it. Thank you.</i></p><p><i>Thanks for the food you gave us.</i></p><p><i>Sincerely, Rahsum</i></p><p><i>Thank you.</i></p><p><i>Thanks for the free food.</i></p><p><i>Sincerely, Kathryn</i></p><p>From Grade 7/8</p><p><i>Merry Christmas Presbyterian Church. Thanks for the goods.</i></p><p><i>Thank you for your gift to people in the community. You blessed a lot of people for Christmas.</i></p><p><i>From: Aaron Worley</i></p><p><i>Thanks a lot for sending food to our school.</i></p><p><i>Thank you for sending the food to our school!!!!</i></p><p><i>Thank you for the food. And have a nice holiday.</i></p><p><i>Nicholas Serrano</i></p></div> |



From your
staff
at
First
Presbyterian

*Pastor: Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor for Congregational Life: Mary Kathleen Duncan
Assistant for Children's Ministries: Dionne Seale
Church Secretary: Catherine Billups Administrative/Financial Secretary: Barbara Jones
Director of Music: Jim Smith Organist: Virginia Vance
Housekeeper: Charity Lodge Sexton: J. J. Jeffries*

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