



# The Grapevine

The monthly newsletter of  
First Presbyterian Church, Mount Airy, NC

**June/July 2009**

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## **MIDTERM REPORT**

As we reach the middle of the year (and man, where has the first half of 2009 gone??), I got to thinking about the letter I sent to each of you back in January – a letter that acknowledged the struggling economy's impact on the local church and the amazing opportunity this presents us. In that letter I suggested six ways for each member of First Presbyterian to make a concrete difference in the work and ministry of the church. To recap:

- ***Worship regularly***
- ***Pledge to give your time to at least one Missions outlet this year***
- ***Pledge to be involved in the work of one ministry team***
- ***Pledge to participate in two educational opportunities in the coming year***
- ***Look for ways you can make a difference in your church***
- ***Pledge to God your talents and, when the time comes, your money***

Obviously from my vantage point I can only speak to a few of these. I've noticed, as I'm sure many of you have, that our worship services have been well-attended over the past five months. In addition we've had a fair number of visitors each Sunday, many of whom keep coming back. I truly believe this is a testament to the warmth and spirit you all exude as a congregational family; and for that I am most grateful.

I've also noticed how our missions outreach continues to receive lots of support – although there is a tendency for the same group of people to be involved over and over again. While it's wonderful to have a consistent contingency, it's also important for new folks to come on board. If you haven't served a meal for Friends Feeding Friends or signed up to collect church recycling, consider doing so.

We had a number of people turn in Time & Talent forms back in Spring Stewardship, and that information has been shared with the session and the ministry teams. You should have received some kind of contact from an elder in the area you volunteered for – if you haven't, please let me know.

There's a lot I can observe from my vantage point as to how we're doing halfway through the year on these six points, but there's also a lot I can't see. Ultimately it comes down to *you* and how you choose to respond. It is so easy, as I mentioned in a sermon a few weeks ago, for the church to hover in "maintenance mode" and not enter the "inner court" of the world, where the church's calling truly lies. I believe with all my heart that the church universal needs to strive to be something more – and I really believe that our church is moving in that direction. Again, I'm most grateful.

As we enter the summer months, let me invite you to keep these six points in mind. Blessings to each of you for being the wonderful people of God that you are!

# Church Financial Update

<b>Total Contributions Received for May:</b>	\$ 13,591.05
<b>Total Contributions Received for 2009:</b>	\$ 85,522.07
<b>2009 Budgeted Pledged &amp; Non-pledged Giving:</b>	\$ 248,494.00

## Yokefellow Ministry

**June Food(s) of the Month:**  
Canned Milk  
Canned Meat

**July Food(s) of the Month:**  
Cooking Oil  
Canned Fruit

## Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd**, to observe the Independence holiday. Have a safe and happy holiday!

## Session Meeting

We will have our monthly Session meeting on **Sunday, August 2nd** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Cents-A-Bilty Offering

Bring your offering to worship on **Sunday, June 7th and Sunday, July 5th..** Remember - your small part can make such a big difference!

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit your articles for the August newsletter no later than **Monday, July 20th.** Any items received after this date will be published at a later time.

## Children & Youth Summer Sunday School

During the summer months of June, July and August, The Christian Nurture Team will not offer a children's or youth Sunday School rotation. Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 6th.**

## Graduation Lunch

On **Sunday, June 7th**, there will be a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall to honor our graduates and their parents. Bring your favorite dishes and come celebrate our newest class of graduates as they head out into the world.

## June/July Ushers and Lockup

**June Head Usher:** Jane Rountree  
**June Side Usher:** C. J. Karcanes  
**June Alternate:** Holly Mills  
**July Head Usher:** **Jim Younger**  
**July Side Usher:** Libby Pell  
**July Alternate:** Cathy McCluskey

## Little Church Volunteers

**June 7** No Little Church - Youth Sunday  
**June 14** Kelly & Anna Merritt  
**June 21** Legh & Catherine Beal  
**June 28** Kate Brown & Shelley McCluskey  
**July 5** Kim & Mariah Branch  
**July 12** Jim & Amy Robertson  
**July 19** Nancy & Joseph Dixon  
**July 26** Carol & Claire Draughn

## Flowers for Sunday Worship

**June 7** Tony & Debbie Stoltz  
**June 14** Claire Merritt  
**June 21** David & Millie Beal  
**June 28** Anne Turpin Cody  
**July 5** Sparks Family  
**July 12** Bob & Lydia Taylor  
**July 19** Mark & Shasta Brown  
**July 26** Open

## Worship Nursery Volunteers

**June 7** Lorie Lindsley  
**June 14** Julia Ann Banfield  
**June 21** Amy Robertson  
**June 28** Betty Street  
**July 5** Kate Brown  
**July 12** Amy Sparks  
**July 19** Ethelene Edwards  
**July 26** Lydia Taylor

## Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 will meet on **Tuesday, June 2nd**, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet **at** the church and travel to Dobson to the home of Lydia Taylor for a Bible study. We'll have lunch after the study at the Lantern Restaurant.

## Bob Chilton Memorial Bible Study

2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
8:00 a.m.  
Good Life Café

## Vacation Bible School for Children & Adults

Mark your calendars for **June 14-17** for a wonderful VBS. We will have classes for all ages—preschool through adult. We will also offer dinner each night, so please sign up if you plan to attend.

## VBS Kick-off Picnic and Kickball Challenge

On **Sunday, June 14**, we will meet at Westwood Park for a cookout and picnic as our kickoff for VBS. The church will furnish hotdogs, hamburgers & the fixin's as well as drinks. We ask that everyone else bring side dishes and desserts. After we eat, we'll head to the ball field for a game of kickball. Come out and eat, play ball or just cheer for your favorite team. Either way, it will be a great evening!

June Birthdays

July Birthdays

June Anniversaries

July Anniversaries



# June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				