



The Grapevine

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

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FPC IN AN INTERNET AGE!

How times have changed! It's crazy to think that just a decade or so ago the internet was used for basic communication and shopping. Now everyone - including churches - takes advantage of this wonderful tool for ministry.

Some of you are probably aware that our church has a website. But have you actually visited it before? If not, let me share some things about how our church is "reaching out" to serve God's people in an internet age:

WEBSITE: <http://www.fpcma.com>

Two years ago our church made its debut on the world wide web with our very first website. Over the next few weeks we'll give the website a facelift and add some new features:

- *Streaming audio of worship services* - image being able to listen to a worship service you missed (or want to experience again) right on your computer! You will also be able to download them and save them as an mp3/podcast.
- *Providing our church calendar online* via Google Calendar for easy viewing. This calendar is used by the office and staff and is updated every day. You can glance at our weekly schedule of the home page or click on the "Calendar" link to see current and future months. *Photo sharing* - we soon hope to enable members to upload their favorite church pictures for everyone to view. More to come!

As always, we highly encourage members to **sign up on the church e-mail list** so we can keep you up-to-date with the latest news. You can do this by going to the church website and clicking on the signup button, or simply sending your request to email@fpcma.com.

SERMONS:

There are a number of ways to access weekly sermons:

- Sign up for the *sermon email list* by sending a request email to email@fpcma.com. Every Monday you'll receive a copy of Steve's Sunday sermon in pdf format in your inbox.
- Check out Steve's sermon blog at: <http://themayberrypreacher.blogspot.com>. The sermons are posted no later than Monday morning and are archived, and you can add this blog to your own blog reader.
- Go to the *church website* and click on "Worship," then "Sermons." You can download the sermons there in pdf format.

Listen to the sermons as part of the entire service with our *streaming audio* - as mentioned above!

FACEBOOK:

FPC has officially entered the Facebook world! If you're on Facebook, search and join the group "First Presbyterian Church of Mount Airy, NC." If you're not on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and give it a try!

Make no mistake about it - nothing can replace being in the presence of one another as the body of Christ, be it on a Sunday morning, Wednesday night, or other time. However, we hope these tools will enable members to remain "in touch" with the mission and vision of our church!

Church Financial Update

Total Contributions Received for September:	\$ 17,551.49
Total Contributions Received for 2008:	\$ 173,163.54
2008 Budgeted Pledged & Non-pledged Giving:	\$ 280,825.00

CE Meeting

Tuesday,
October 6th
6:30 p.m.
Ladies Parlor

2008 FALL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2009 Pledge Cards Received:

73

Amount Pledged to Date:

\$175,874.00

Total 2009 Pledged Giving to meet budget:

\$267,302.00

Yokefellow Ministry

October Food(s) of the Month:

Dried Milk, Oatmeal

All other non-perishable items will be accepted.
Please check to make sure items are not out of date.

Session Meeting

We will have our
monthly Session meeting
on **Sunday, October 26,**
at 8:30 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

Session Digest

From Stated Session Meeting held on September 14, 2008

Pledged receipts are slightly behind the budget, and non-pledged receipts are lagging badly. Expenditures continue to be well managed. Our cash position is in good shape, and we anticipate paying down our line of credit to cover if cash receipts improve in the fall. The Session accepted and approved Treasurer Bob Moody's report.

Stewardship/Commitment Ministry Team: Diane Wood reported that 160 mailings had been sent out and ten pledges have been received to date. Follow-up calls are being made.

Long Range Planning Ministry Team: Linda Gatchel reported that the team is going forward with the 2nd half, including a new church directory, cook book. There will also be a special Homecoming/Seminar event on Oct. 18th & 19th with Steve McCutchan.

Service and Outreach Ministry Team: Jim Robertson reported that Bill Rountree will be the contact person for Friends Feeding Friends.

Youth Ministry Team: Cynthia Wood reported that Laura East, Mike Branch, and Gary Bowers will be rotating off as youth advisors. Cathy McCluskey will replace Laura. The Ministry team is currently seeking other advisors.

Session received an expense report for the Mills for Mission in the amount of \$5,853.74 that accounted for travel back home to the States. Session approved the request.

Brian and Leah Samuels have requested to join the church by letter of transfer and were introduced to the session. Their first friend will be Ethelene Edwards. The session approved their request.

A revised wedding policy was passed out and discussed. The revisions require anyone using the church facility for a wedding to employ the services of Etta Arrington, Custodian. It also amended the fee structure to be more streamlined.

The lock up procedure was amended to include locking the playground.

October Ushers and Lockup

Head Usher: Gloria King
Side Usher: Tim East
Alternate: Jim Robertson

Little Church Volunteers

October 5 Laura East & Alex Mayes
October 12 Laura Belk & Daniel Hatcher
October 19 Teresa & Russ Bouma
October 26 Kim & Mariah Branch

Worship Nursery Volunteers

October 5 Amy Sparks
October 12 Sandy Bowers
October 19 Lisa Dodd
October 26 Kate Brown

Flowers for Sunday Worship

October 5 J. D. Bartley
October 12 Mike & Kim Branch
October 19 Anne T. Cody
October 26 Sparks & Lamp'l Families

October 2008 Sermons

Note: Sermons are available by the church's website, www.fpcma.com. You may also call the church office to be added to the sermon e-mail list.

October 5

FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY

Rev. Lemuel Garcia, Salem Presbytery, preaching
Steve Lindsley assisting in worship

October 12

Bildad Has His Say.....Again

Job 8: 1-10

October 19

ROOTS AND WINGS / HOMECOMING 150TH CELEBRATION

Rev. Steve McCutchan preaching
Steve Lindsley assisting in worship

October 26

Job Description for a New Creation

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21;

Matthew 5: 1-2, 10-11

Bob Chilton Memorial Bible Study

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

Congregational Meeting

We will have a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, October 26th. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect 4-6 members to serve on the church's Nominating Committee, who will then nominate the next class of elders.

Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 will meet on
Tuesday, October 7th, at
10:00 a.m. in the Ladies
Parlor.

October Birthdays

2-Mike Gatchel; **3**-Mary Madison Cox;
5-Mike Branch; **6**-Evan Chilton; **8**-Amy Lamp'l;
9-Leona Banks; **11**-Heather Hatcher,
Allison Hiatt-Puckett; **13**-Alex Lloyd;
14-Lee Daniels; **15**-Kathy Moody;
17-Benjamin Pike; **18**-Will Rives;
19-Natalie Younger; **20**-Emily Burke, Lib Burke;
21-Sarah Scott; **25**-Jordan Gwyn;
27-Mae Turpin, Laura Belk; **28**-Lorie Lindsley;
30-John Williams, Emily Keck and John Merritt

October Anniversaries

October 2

Randy and Kathy Botkin

October 2

Steve and Lorie Lindsley

October 5

David and Nancy Dixon

October 7

Steve and Margaret Frye

October 9

Pete and Beth Pequeno

October 14

Nelson and Lisa Clark

October 20

John and Kelly Merritt

October 23

Tony and Debbie Stoltz

October 25

Andy and Helen Andrews

October 29

Gary and Karen Manfredi



October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Fall Bible Study/Meal Choir	2	3	4
5 Faith in Action Sunday/ Mission Lunch	6 C.E. Mtg.	7 Circle 1	8 BCM Study Fall Bible Study/Meal Choir	9	10 Autumn Leaves Parking & Pumpkins	11 Autumn Leaves Parking & Pumpkins
12 Autumn Leaves Parking & Pumpkins	13	14	15 Fall Bible Study/Meal Choir	16	17	18 Roots/Wings Celebration & Covered Dish
19 Roots/Wings Celebration & Lunch Sign-up for Presbytery Retreat & Confirmation	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 BCM Study Fall Bible Study/Meal Choir	23	24 Tweenagers to "One Flew Over the Coo-Coo's Nest"	25
26 Session Mtg. Congregational Mtg. Confirmation Mentor Sign-up	27	28	29 Fall Bible Study/Meal Choir Deadline to purchase Thanksgiving Meals	30	31 Deadline to submit recipes for 150th Anniversary cookbook	

Beacon News

Middle School Presbytery Retreat

Our retreat this year will be held at Camp Hanes in King, NC on **Saturday & Sunday, November 1st and 2nd**. The theme this year will be "I Saw God Today". Make plans to attend. Those of you who have been before know what a great time it is! Deadline to sign up is **Sunday, October 19th**. Cost is \$55 (accommodations, meals and supplies). Shasta is also in need of chaperones. Watch your mailbox for more details.

Have you been confirmed?? Would you like to be??

If you are in 6th grade or older and have never been confirmed and are interested in learning more about being confirmed, join us for our next class coming in January. We are making plans now—so we'll know how many youth will be involved. If you wish to sign up, please do so on the bulletin board in the upstairs foyer by **Sunday, October 19th**.

WANTED!

The Beacons are looking for several beanbag chairs for the Lighthouse. Our numbers have grown! We could use 6-8 more... If you can assist us in any way, please let Shasta or one of the youth advisors know. THANKS! :)

Movie Night in the Tiki Room Theater

Hey Beacons—it's back!!! Mark your calendar and make plans to be at the Brown's (169 Beechtree Circle) on **Sunday, September 28th**, at 5:30 p.m. We'll watch a movie, have some good movie eats, and a discussion to follow. See you there! **Remember**—movie nights are from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Meals for Needy Families

It is the time of year when we tend to focus on how blessed we are, and to share those blessings with others. We will be feeding needy families for Thanksgiving again this year. The Beacons will kick off their effort on **Sunday, October 5th** with the Faith in Action lunch & by selling pumpkins during Autumn Leaves. Cost is \$40.00. Deadline to purchase meals is **October 29th**. See Shasta for info on prices. Join us as we live out our faith!

FPC Autumn Leaves Pumpkin Patch and Parking

Once again, the Beacons will be selling pumpkins during the Autumn Leaves Festival. We'll also be parking cars in the church parking lot! All money from the pumpkin patch sales will go towards our Thanksgiving food drive. Proceeds from parking will go towards next summer's mission trip. Come out and support the youth during the festival (**October 10-12**)!

FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY

October 5, 2008

Jesus once said, "Inasmuch as you have done it for the least of these, you have done it to me." *Faith In Action Sunday* is about equipping the members of First Presbyterian with the knowledge and tools to make a difference – to "put faith into action" in our community and around the world. There are a number of opportunities for church members to become directly involved in making a difference and living out their beliefs, both local and international.

Agencies our church supports financially: **Operating Budget**—Mount Airy Habitat for Humanity, The Shepherd's House, Yokefellow Ministries, Children's Center of Surry County, Young Life of Surry County, Surry Medical Ministries, In-Home Health, Meals on Wheels and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund; **Endowment Benevolent Fund**—United Fund of Surry County, Gallery Group & Art Studio, Blue Ridge CareNet Counseling Center, Mitchell's River Primitive Baptist Church, Surry Medical Ministries, Mount Airy Habitat for Humanity and Young Life.

Immediately following worship, please join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The Mills Family will be with us to share their experiences as missionaries in Chiapas, Mexico. The Beacons will also kick off their Thanksgiving fund drive as they work to feed the needy in our community.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- January 20, 2008** Rev. Tom Bagnal preaches
- February 17, 2008** "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" FELLOWSHIP
With Flat Rock and Edward Webb
Presbyterian Churches - 4:00pm
- April 13, 2008** Dr. Paul Ridolfi preaching
- June 8, 2008** FOUNDER'S SUNDAY
Rev. Sam Marshall, Salem Presbytery
- OPENING OF HISTORICAL ROOM
Luncheon after worship
- August 17, 2008** Dr. Benjamin Williams preaching
- October 18, 2008** WEEKEND SEMINAR #1:
Rev. Steve McCutchan
6:00 pm - Covered dish dinner
- October 19, 2008** HOMECOMING
Rev. Steve McCutchan preaches
- Luncheon after worship
WEEKEND SEMINAR #2:
Rev. Steve McCutchan
- November 9, 2008** Rev. Paul Layton preaches

OTHER WAYS WE ARE CELEBRATING 150 YEARS:

- Specially-designed 150th Anniversary coverlet for sale
- Women of the Church cookbook
- 50 members reading the entire Bible in a year
- A commitment for our church to "go green" in 2008 and beyond.

*Calendar will be updated with additional dates
as they become available.*

Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian...

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| November 1 Tweenagers to Wake/Duke Football | November 22 Beacons deliver gifts to shut-ins |
| November 1-2 Presbytery Middle School Retreat | November 23 Youth Sunday/Shoebox |
| November 2 Beacons Regular Schedule | In-gathering |
| November 9 Family Fun Night | November 26 Thanksgiving Meals for Needy |
| November 9 Beacons Regular Schedule | November 27 & 28 Church Office Closed |
| November 16 Beacons Practice for Youth Sunday | November 30 Beacons Movie Night |

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 Gladys Bailey
 Bonnie Bode
 Billie Bradley
 Carroll & Frieda Chauncey
 Marion Crow
 I. J. Early
 Jim Edwards

Philip Edwards
 Dan Gitt
 Barbara Green
 Sue Hardy
 Leona Hicks
 Carl Hollman
 Ann Honeycutt
 Hazel Hunter
 Mary Alice Lewis
 Clyde Lockhart
 Don Nester
 Jerry Nester
 Brandon Overby

Diann Petri
 Vada Price
 Carolyn Quesinberry
 Travis Quesinberry
 C. B. Roberson
 Becky Cooper Shaffer
 Edna Simmons
 Emily Taylor
 Libby Taylor
 Harold Warren
 Raymond Worrell
 Nannie Wyche

Note: If names need to be added or removed, please call the church office.

If you are receiving a newsletter by mistake or wish to be removed from our list, please contact our church office at **336.786.2803 or e-mail us at email@fpcma.com.

Fellowship Meal Ministry Teams

The following teams are responsible for the Fellowship meals prior to the Fall Bible study.

Long Range Planning	October 1
Personnel	October 8
Service & Outreach	October 15
Worship & Music & Endowment	October 22
Youth	October 29

Fall Bible Study Meals UPDATE

During our Fall Bible study series , we will be offering dinner each night. **The cost is NOW \$5.00 for adults & children 6th grade & up; \$3.00 for children 5th grade & under.** Please sign up on the C. E. board in the upstairs foyer if you plan to attend the meals.

Welcome to our New Members

Brian and Leah Samuels
Jeannie Chilton

Confirmation Mentors

Being a mentor to a confirmand is an AMAZING experience—for them and for you! It is your opportunity to walk side by side with one of the youth of our church as they prepare to make their profession of faith and become a member of our church family. We have the potential to have a VERY large group of confirmands this year—which means we'll need MORE mentors for them! If you've been a mentor in the past, would like to be one this year, or would like more information, please see Shasta prior to **Sunday, October 26th.**

Tweenagers/Adult Ministry Upcoming Events

Friday, October 24:
 Dinner and Show; We will head to the Andy Griffith Playhouse to see fellow church members in "One Flew Over the Coo-Coo's Nest"

Saturday, November 1: Wake Forest/Duke Football Game
 Time (Details to follow)

Please sign up on the Tweenagers board if you are interested in either event.



Mark your calendars as we continue celebrating our church's 150th Anniversary!

The celebration continues October 18th & 19th as reverend Stephen McCutchan engages us in thought provoking discussion about our beginning ("roots") and our future ("wings"). While Reverend McCutchan has visited with us before, this will be a great opportunity for all of us to truly experience his many gifts.

*Reverend McCutchan has been interpreting the gospel for 38 years. He has been a featured speaker at Moravian, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Presbyterian convocations. An adjunct professor at Wake Forest Divinity School, Reverend McCutchan manages to blog (www.smccutchan.com), author several published books, and contribute to the online commentary, *The Immediate Word* (www.sermonsuite.com). Currently he is collaborating with a folk singer to produce a CD with singing and meditative commentary, and working on a novel about the life of a pastor in the Washington, D.C.!*

Join us for what promises to be a phenomenal weekend!

Roots and Wings ***A Congregational look at the past, present and future*** ***of First Presbyterian Church***

Led by Rev. Steve McCutchan
October 18-19, 2008

Saturday Night

6:00-8:00pm

Roots: How Our History Informs Our Identity

Fellowship Hall

Dinner will be covered dish.

All ages are encouraged to attend – nursery for 5 and under will be provided

Sunday Morning

Rev. McCutchan preaching in worship;

Dr. Lindsley assisting

Sunday Afternoon

12:00-1:30pm

Wings: Our Church Taking Flight Into the Future

Fellowship Hall

Meal will be provided (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children)

All ages are encouraged to attend – nursery for 5 and under will be provided

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH (786.2803) FOR RESERVATIONS OR SIGN UP ON THE SHEET PROVIDED IN THE UPSTAIRS FOYER OF THE CHURCH.

Calling ALL Chefs!



~FPC Cookbook Blitz~

The Cookbook Committee is seeking more recipes for our cookbook, and we need your help! In order to have the cookbook back in time for holiday gift giving, we need **6 - 8 more recipes from each family**. Feel free to submit more if you like; just get those recipes to us!

What kind of recipes do we need?

Appetizers, desserts, meat/main course, breads, vegetables, soups, grilling, pasta, kid friendly recipes, etc...

You may use the form below (make copies if you need) to jot down your recipes, or pick up cards at the church. They are located in the upstairs foyer. You can e-mail them too, if you wish, to: wroundtree@rjia.net

Deadline to submit recipes is Friday, October 31st!

Recipe Name: _____
Submitted by: _____

Ingredients

Directions

