



The Grapevine

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

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Session Members

Class of 2008

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Class of 2009

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Class of 2010

Tim East
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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