



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
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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...

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