



# First Presbyterian Church

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MOUNT HOLLY NC

## Hello!

The past couple of weeks have opened up a new world to us of an “unseen universe” in the stunning images released from the James Webb Space Telescope. We’ve seen “cosmic cliffs” and nebula and the birth of stars light years away shown in living color thanks to the advancements in scientific study and work. Isn’t creation amazing?! I stand in awe of God’s majesty and the mysteries of the universe.

Stars have actually been on my mind even before these recent discoveries. Stars appear in the Bible in quite a few places. We might think about the lights that God created as told in the book of Genesis. Or maybe Abraham comes to mind because God promised that his descendants would be as many as the stars in the heavens. The psalmist said, “The heavens are telling the glory of God;” (19:1) and about God: “You stretch out the heavens like a tent.” (104:2) And of course, the wisemen follow the star they have seen at its rising and journey to worship the baby Jesus.

Why all this thought about stars? Well, the theme of this year’s Mount Holly Lantern Parade is: “It is Written in the Stars.” And I have an idea for how FPC might participate with a biblical theme! If you have an interest in learning how to make one of these amazing lanterns and would like to participate in a group project to create several biblical star themed lanterns and then march in the parade on Oct. 22, please let me know! It is quite easy and a lot of fun to create these lanterns and wouldn’t it be great to participate as a church in this community event? First Workshop will be Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10:00 in our Activity Room. Come join the fun!

This is a project that will be ongoing so you can participate once or on several occasions. And all ages can help. Send me a text or an email if you are interested and I’ll keep you in the loop!

Blessings,

*Janet*

## Talent Show—Aug. 5

As part of her continued efforts to raise money and collect items for foster children, Madi is hosting

### “Madi’s Mount Holly Talent Show”

which will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Aug. 5 at 5:00 pm.

Come and enjoy some great talent for a good cause! We hear that there may be some dancing and piano playing and an appearance from our worship song leader—a wonderful time to gather and enjoy, all for a good cause! Donations will be received of money, night lights, hairbrushes, underwear, pjs, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, bubble bath, stuffed animals, clothing in various sizes.

## Farmers Market Food Boxes

FPC has committed \$1500 to the MH Farmers Market food programs. On Aug. 27 we will be packing up food boxes for those in need. If you would like to help, please let Janet know that you are interested! We’ll meet at the market at 9:15.

## A Birthday Party!



Nora Lucas is turning two! (How did that happen so fast?!). Hanna and James have invited the whole congregation to celebrate this day with their family.

**Please come for lunch** right after worship on Sunday, July 31 for a time of fellowship and a large dose of cuteness!



## August Birthdays

Kathryn Williamson	4
Bob Randall	5
Madilyn Lockridge	6
Jeff Kaylor	9
Robert Whitt	9
Will Arnold	14
Hanna Lee	15
Paxton Lineberger	15
Laura Arnold	20
Ronnie Williamson	25
Nelson Whittington	28
David Lineberger Jr.	31



## School Supplies

We will receive our annual offering of school supplies during worship on **August 14**, or you may bring them to the office ahead of time.

### Needed items are:

- zippered pencil pouches (no pencil boxes)
- dry erase markers (any colors)
- student scissors
- highlighters (any color)
- elastic waistband boys and girls pants (all sizes)
- Two pocket folder with prongs (assorted colors)
- One rule notebooks
- Two pocket plastic folders (blue or yellow) with prongs
- Velcro brand white adhesive dots
- Fat pencils
- Fat crayons
- Zip ties

Thank you!

## In Our Prayers

- Frances Wingate following wrist surgery and currently at rehab
- Sylvia Whitely currently at rehab
- John Bean for knee surgery
- Paty Byrd for continued recovery
- Shannon Fish with a diagnosis of acoustic neuroma
- Shannon's mother undergoing chemo treatments
- All who struggle with health issues
- Safety for those who are in harm's way
- Peace for the world



## Hymn Sing—August 28

Please help us to plan the service by sharing your favorites. Request forms are available in the sanctuary.

## Habitat Offering

Thank you to all who contributed to the Dixon Village Project in N. Belmont. \$500 was raised by our congregation!

If you haven't yet but would like to contribute, please do so by bringing your offering noted for Habitat for Humanity by July 31. You can also give electronically directly to Habitat for this project by texting HGFAITH to 44321

## Office Hours

Please note that office hours will be off the usual schedule. Please call ahead before you come to be sure someone is here.

## Budget Update

Total budget 2022	\$189,601.00
YTD receipts	\$88,906.00
YTD CRO	\$447.00
YTD Daily Change (5 Cents)	\$396.59

Thank you for your ever-faithful giving for our ministry at First Presbyterian!