



First Presbyterian Church

UPDATE/6.23.22

MOUNT HOLLY NC

Hello!

What a week we had at Vacation Bible School! Singing, dancing, pottery, "Synagogue School" hilarious dramas, wonderful meals and so much more! A special thank you to Nan, the CE Committee, kitchen crew and ALL of our volunteers who made this such a success. From the youngest to the oldest, it was great fun. We're already excited to do it again next year!!

My thanks as well, for the lovely surprise at the first day of VBS, celebrating the five years I have been here as your partner in ministry. The cake was soooo cute and the gift cards for my favorite things, as well as your recognition of John's work among us, is so appreciated!

As we continue to shape our ministry together, your Session has expressed great interest in renewing our support for Habitat for Humanity in Gaston County. They voted to participate in a current fundraising drive that has invited local churches to designate a Sunday on which church members make a \$10 donation as part of a worship service. We will do this on July 17. (One can certainly give less or more!)

Dixon Village is the name of the current project. It is a unique approach in which 1/3 of the homes in this development, located in N. Belmont, will be provided as Habitat homes, mixed in with 2/3 of the development which will be sold at market value. The intent is to provide a stable neighborhood in which to support home ownership for those unable to purchase a home otherwise. Those who wish will be able to give during worship via text, check, cash or online using the code HGFAITH to designate your gift for this particular project.

With gratitude for all of you and for this ministry we share,

Janet

July 3 - Worship is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

On Ash Wednesday back in 2020 members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church joined us for Ash Wednesday worship. When Covid shut the world down, we were unable to join them as planned on Maundy Thursday that year.

We have now been invited to worship with them at **10:00 on Sunday, July 3** at their outdoor service on the lawn. Session, on our behalf, has graciously accepted!

Parking is behind their church, on the street or in the bank parking lot, and of course you can also park in our lot and walk over. Their driveway can be used to drop folks off right at the lawn.

Bring your own chair if you can, or sit in one that is provided. In case of rain or too much heat, the service will move indoors. FPC Sunday School will NOT MEET that day.



Habitat Sunday—July 17

You are invited to contribute \$10 (or an amount of your choosing) to support a new project in N. Belmont: Dixon Village. The offering will be received during worship.

Or checks can be mailed to:

Habitat for Humanity
at 1840 E. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28054

Be sure to note: HGFAITH with your contribution.

Session Highlights

The Session met on June 5, 2022 and took the followings actions:

Decided to continue current Covid practices for worship.

Approved a request for Madi Lockridge and Nan Kaylor to use the Fellowship Hall for a School Talent Show. Funds raised from this event will support Madi's Safety Patrol project to help children in foster families.

Approved a request from Habitat for Humanity to ask congregation members to contribute \$10.00 each, on a designated Sunday, to help build Habitat homes in Dixon Village, a new residential area in North Belmont.

Received an update from Nan Kaylor about the plans and schedule for VBS.

Ransom Hunter Remembrance Day Celebration July 3, 1:00

Our church has received an invitation to this event to be held at the Burge Memorial Church Cemetery on the corner of S. Hawthorne St. and Catawba Ave.

Ransom Hunter, born into slavery, is believed to be the first freed slave to own property in Gaston County. He owned land that today is downtown Mount Holly.

Among many accomplishments, Hunter developed a community he named "Freedom" as a refuge for fellow former slaves. He donated land for a school, and for what is now Burge Memorial United Methodist Church as well as land that would become the first cemetery for negro people in Gaston County.

In 2017 the Mount Holly Historical Society named Ransom Hunter their Historic Person of the Year.

Please join in representing First Presbyterian Church at this important occasion! Parking is available at the library, Middle School and Ida Rankin lots.

If you would like to go as a group from FPC, please let Janet know and we will coordinate!

In Our Prayers

- Karen Jones recovering from surgery
- Sylvia Whitely currently hospitalized
- John Bean with shoulder issues
- Paty Byrd for continued recovery
- Asher Clark at Levine Children's ICU recovering from a bad fall
- Wayne Johnson upon the death of his mother
- Shannon's mother undergoing chemo treatments
- Those with health struggles



Gail Williamson	2
Lois Bergman	7
Jack Fish	10
Jennifer Solomon	14
Gaige Flood	15
John Bean	18
Asher Clark	19
John DeWater	20
Donna Love	20
Monie Bean	22
Michelle Sudderth	23
Nora Lucas	24
Aiden Jessen	30

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.

Everyone is invited to come for lunch right after worship on Sunday, July 31 for a time of fellowship and a large dose of cuteness!

Budget Update

Total budget 2022	\$189,601.00
YTD receipts	\$79,681.00
YTD CRO	\$417.00
YTD 5 Cents a Meal	\$350.59

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

Vacation Bible School! A Great Time Was Had by All!

