



# First Presbyterian Church

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MOUNT HOLLY NC

## Hello!

As a PC(USA) “Matthew 25 Church” in a “Matthew 25 Presbytery,” there are three areas of focus for ministry that are held up: **Building congregational vitality**, **Dismantling structural racism** and **Eradicating systemic poverty**. As part of that initiative, our church participated in a Presbytery-wide offering for an organization called “RIP Medical Debt.”

Medical debt is a substantial problem that keeps people in poverty. RIP Medical Debt buys debt in bundled portfolios at a fraction of the original debt, and for every \$100 donated, \$10,000 of debt is relieved. Those most in need of relief are notified that their debt is gone.

At our April 26 Presbytery Meeting at Montreat—our first in-person meeting since Covid—it was announced that our Presbytery of Western North Carolina churches contributed over \$25,000 to RIP Medical Debt amounting to \$2.5 million dollars of medical debt relief. WOW! These funds were also directed to be used within the bounds of our presbytery so they are going to our neighbors in need.

I am so pleased that we were a part of that effort! And I also greatly appreciate the many ways that our members reach out to serve those in need. May God continue to lead us forward in a vital and caring ministry!

Blessings,

Janet

## “Donut Sunday”—May 29!

This fun and delicious service is back! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for worship and delicious donuts and coffee on **May 29 at 11:00**.

Feel free to dress informally and come a few minutes early if you wish for a time of fellowship!



Photo taken during “Mount Holly Nights” on Friday, May 13.



## VBS—Join Us!

VBS is back with a new **inter-generational** format—EVERYONE is invited to be part of this program!

We will gather for a meal together and then experience drama, music, “Synagogue School” and time in the “Jerusalem Marketplace” where you will take part in basket-weaving, pottery and herbal creations.

Sunday, June 12 12:00-1:30 (lunch)  
Monday, June 13 6:00-7:30 (dinner)  
Tuesday, June 14 6:00-7:30 (dinner)

Please register by calling the office.

## Session Highlights

The Session met on May 15, 2022 and took the followings actions:

Approved a motion to engage Porter Rhoton, a real estate attorney in Belmont, to represent our church in discussions with the City of Mt. Holly about their proposed purchase of two lots at the eastern border of our property as a part of the Veteran's Park Expansion Project.

Planned to hold an informational meeting for the congregation on May 22 after worship to provide an update on the status of the City of Mt. Holly's proposal to purchase two lots from our church.

Decided to continue following our current Covid guidelines for worship.

Approved a request from the Matz family (Tim, Amanda, Sophie, and Joey) to be removed from our church membership roll.

Received the Profit and Loss Report for January – May, 2022.

Approved the 2022 Endowment Requests.

Approved adding Todd Arnold as a member of the Endowment Committee.

Approved a motion to join Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for morning worship on Sunday, July 3, at 10:00 a.m. on their front lawn.

## July 3 - Worship is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

They have now invited us to share in worship with them at 10:00 on Sunday, July 3 at their outdoor service on the lawn. Session, on our behalf, has graciously accepted! More info to follow.

## Prayer Concerns

We continue our prayers for those among us in need and for the world.

## Thank you!

Paty and John express their thanks for all of the thoughts, prayers, cards and for the yard crew that helped John with Spring gardening tasks! You are appreciated!



## May Birthdays

John Byrd	May 28
Connie Foster	May 28

## June Birthdays

Freda Good	3
CR Farris	3
Troy Hunt	11
Paul Solomon	13
Marguerite Randall	15
Tom Springs	15
Leo Fuller	19
Robbie Jessen	26
Jewel Nixon	30

## FYI

The Mount Holly Athletic Association will be hosting a yard sale of sports equipment in our parking lot on June 4 to support their organization.

## Budget Update

Total budget 2022	\$189,601.00
YTD receipts	\$65,331.00
YTDCRO	\$354.00
YTD 5 Cents a Meal	\$333.59
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$99.81

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