

FOCUS Flash!

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WORSHIP SERVICES

January 29, 2012
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. - Worship
**11:00 a.m. - Worship

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Mark 1:21-28

Carrie Finch, preaching
"Why Are They Always Amazed?"

**Service broadcast live on WNCT—1070 AM radio starting at 11:00 am, and streamed live at www.1070WNCT.com and www.fpcgreenville.org.

SHELTER MEALS

Our youth will prepare a meal at the Shelter Saturday, January 28. Our church is responsible for the fourth Saturday of each month and the fifth Tuesdays. Contact Kerri Hefner (hefnerk@ecu.edu, 758-1901) to sign up to provide a meal at Greenville Community Shelters. Other opportunities will arise during the year.

PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

Boy Scout Troop 452 will host a pancake fundraiser here in our Fellowship Hall Sunday, February 5 after 11:00 worship. Contact Don Fitts for more information, 758-2571.

SAVE THE DATES!

Mayfest for Missions: May 5
Vacation Bible School: June 24-28



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HELP WITH PLAYGROUND

The Administration Ministry is seeking one or two families to help keep the playground area of the church clean. If you are interested and would like to help or want additional information, please contact Kirk Mizelle at 714-3764 or kmizelle@carolinadonorservices.org.

MOC BREAKFAST

The Men of the Church will meet for its monthly breakfast gathering February 7, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Neely's brother, Kirk, will lead the devotion. Kirk is a pastor and the author of numerous books, including *Comfort and Joy*, *When Grief Comes*, and *A Good Mule is Hard to Find*. Chris Riddle will prepare the breakfast.



SHROVE TUESDAY

We will have our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 21, the day before Ash Wednesday. This will be a fundraiser for our youth going on the Costa Rica mission trip this summer. Details to come.

The next edition of our printed publication, "FOCUS," will be published on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Please submit all articles to fpcstaff@embarqmail.com by 9:00 a.m. Monday, January 30, 2012.

OUR MEMBERSHIP CARES

Cypress Glen: Sarah Allen * Rm. C220, Ben Lattin Rm. C214

*Assisted Living **Skilled Unit

Ayden Court: Mickie Ezelle, Rm. 103, Nina Weston, Rm. 500

Hospital: Bob Leith

At Home: Ed Atkinson, David Eggers, Barney Kane, G.W. Lanford, Kathleen Randall, Dora Snow, John Webb, Liz Wilkerson

FPC Events

Wednesday, 1/25

9:00 am Prayers & Squares (R207)
 12:00 noon AA (BFH) Alanon (R211)
 5:30 pm JAM (Meatloaf)
 6:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Par)
 Prayers & Squares (R207)
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (R216)
 8:00 pm AA (R202)

Thursday, 1/26

10:00 am Bible Study (Parlor)
 12:00 noon AA (BFH)
 6:00 pm PCM
 7:00 pm Overeaters Anon (R211)
 8:00 pm AA (R224) Alanon (R207)

Friday, 1/27

12:00 noon AA (BFH)

Saturday, 1/28

10:30 am Overeaters Anon (R211)
 6:00 pm Youth Serve Shelter Meal

Sunday, 1/29

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 3:15 pm Youth Singers
 4:00 pm Youth Handbells
 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, 1/30

11:00 pm Staff Meeting

12:00 noon AA (BFH)
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
 7:00 pm Overeaters Anon (R211)

Tuesday, 1/31

12:00 noon AA (BFH)
 6:00 pm FPC Serves Shelter Meal
 6:30 pm Scouts District Banquet (FH)
 7:15 pm Bell Choir

Wednesday, 2/1

9:00 am Prayers & Squares (R207)
 12:00 noon AA (BFH) Alanon (R211)
 1:00 pm Address Angels (R202)
 5:30 pm JAM
 6:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Par)
 Prayers & Squares (R207)
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (R216)
 8:00 pm AA (R202)

Thursday, 2/2

10:00 am Bible Study (Parlor)
 12:00 noon AA (BFH)
 6:00 pm PCM
 7:00 pm Overeaters Anon (R211)
 8:00 pm AA (R224) Alanon (R207)

Friday, 2/3

12:00 noon Confirmation Class Retreat
 AA (BFH)

Saturday, 2/4

10:30 am Overeaters Anon (R211)
 7:00 pm Cotillion (FH)



First Presbyterian extends Christian sympathy to Lori, David, Allie, Hoyle and Sam Sneed in the death of David's father, Bill Sneed, who died January 19.



**"A Trove of Tailgating Treasures"
Tasting Luncheon
Saturday, February 11, 12:00 noon**

Our 10th annual Tasting Luncheon is almost here. We can't wait to see everyone and taste all the delicious dishes. Please bring your appetites and your checkbooks because we will offer fabulous foods at our Bake Sale and Frozen/Refrigerated Food Sale. Also we have an awesome raffle assembled. Members of our church and local merchants have been so generous with donations for our raffle and door prizes.

The \$20 tickets are almost gone (but you can still come by volunteering to work the event.) Check in the church office for tickets. You can also support the event with a donation to our frozen food sale. Soups, casseroles, pies, or anything you wish to prepare. Serving sizes for 2-4 or 4-6 sell best. Call Earlene Hite (916-3325) if you can help. Baked goods are also needed. Please donate your favorite decadent desserts and your homemade breads for our bake sale. Call Pam Finch (355-7693) or just drop off your donation wrapped in Valentine motif anytime Friday, February 10 at the church Fellowship Hall.

Finally, cooks for the luncheon, if you are cooking a hot dish for the Saturday luncheon, please deliver your prepared dishes HOT, wrapped in foil and labeled with your name and the name of the dish. All dishes should be delivered labeled and ready to serve on Saturday February 11 between 8 and 9 a.m. at the church kitchen.

We want to make this the best year ever to benefit the GUC Neighbor to Neighbor Program, so be a good neighbor and make, bake, buy, and partake and join us on Saturday, February 11 at 12 noon for a grand tailgating time!

SACRED GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM

The campaign has begun for the sales of niches and contributions for the Sacred Garden & Columbarium. There are many opportunities for you to participate, either by purchasing a niche for your use, or making a contribution for construction. Once the Sacred Garden is built, it will be self-sustaining through the purchase of niches and other memorial contributions. We are now soliciting your participation.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes began this past Sunday. The class takes place during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) in the Confirmation classroom downstairs. The class is open to all 8th grade students and older who wish to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Carrie Finch, 758-1901 ext 205 or Rev.Carrie.Finch@gmail.com.



NOTES FROM BILL WOOD

We welcome Rich Eckert to the Chancel Choir. Rich and family have recently moved here from Charlotte NC, where he sang in the choir at Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

We are looking for more singers to start in this new year and season, and look forward to some wonderful music for Lent, Easter and spring. Please talk to Bill Wood or a choir member about your interest in contributing to our worship of God through music.

Children's Music activities are happening Wednesday evenings during the JAM program. We are beginning a fun spring musical, "Down by the Creek Bank."

There are opportunities in arts and crafts, scenery, and other activities that will be coordinated with the musical.

Extra rehearsal times will be set up for lead characters and soloists.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Presbyterian Women's organization provides scholarships for which college students and high school seniors may apply.

If you are interested, please stop by the church office to pick up an application form. The deadline for application is **February 29th**. (No exceptions!) You may use the same application form and essay for the Presbyterian Women Scholarship, the Hubert and Mary D Bryant Scholarship, the Anna Belle Boyd Sugg and Fordyce Harding Sugg, Sr. Scholarship Fund and the Pandora's Box Scholarship. Please read the guidelines for each and identify on the application form the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. Previous scholarship winners are not required to submit an essay. **Deadline is February 29th**.

The Women of New Hope Presbytery also offer scholarships for students. The application must be received by the Presbytery Scholarship Committee by **March 1st**. You may obtain this application in the church office. It is imperative that you follow their guidelines exactly as written, so be sure to read and follow them carefully!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Circle Meetings in February

Circle 6: Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Gail Joyner, 106 Hearthside Dr.

Circle 1: Monday, February 13, 11:00 at the church

Circle 3: Monday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Scull, 719 Ashley Meadows Dr., Winterville

Cypress Glen Circle: Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 a.m. at Cypress Glen
The Coordinating Team will meet Monday, February 27, 10:00 a.m. at the church.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to attend lunch at McAlister's Tuesday, February 28, 12:30 p.m.

Pastor's Word

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Having spent time this past week reviewing the accomplishments of last year as I assembled our Annual Report (<http://youtu.be/TBF-EZ24JD>), I continue to thank God for the gifts of this congregation. After worship on Sunday, one of our members suggested that such a presentation during our season of stewardship would be an effective means of reminding all of us of why we need to give to the work of God in this place. Indeed when we see the faces of children learning and growing, when we watch our youth as they lead worship, when we stand at the font with another young couple as we baptize their child, when we sit on the bus with a group of older adults as we travel together, or as we sit in worship, we are reminded of all that God has called us to do and be.

In last week's column, I reported to you that we were still waiting for some outstanding pledges. I am happy this week to report that many of you responded and have once again made your commitment to the work of Christ in this place. I continue to thank God for the privilege of being the pastor of such a wonderful group of people and I stand amazed at all that you accomplish. Let's continue to encourage each other to pray for one another and to work together as we share God's love through our work at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville.

Bill Neely