



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

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February 8, 2017

Dear Friends,

There is so much good news at Forest Lake Presbyterian that often it is difficult to choose what to highlight in the newsletter. I will begin by saying that the almost 90 FLPC members and friends who went to Montreat for the annual congregational retreat had a wonderful time! If you have never been able to attend, I hope you will consider going next year. It is an excellent way to retreat from the crush of every day and to get to know some new folks, grow in faith and enjoy the beauty of the mountains and Montreat! Make sure that you look at the two new banners that our group created while on the retreat. They are hanging in the hall behind the sanctuary where the coffee table is located. We had a lot of fun!

And, I want to let you know that this weekend is a big one for Andrea Paschal, our Director of Youth, Children and Family Ministries. Over five years ago, Andrea began a process of class work, projects and papers that ended with a giant final exam-project. Having successfully completed all of the required study and work, Andrea has been recognized as a CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR IN THE PC(USA)! She will be recognized at the meeting of Trinity Presbytery on this coming Saturday (Feb 11) in Greenwood, SC. And we will hold a celebration of her certification in the eleven o'clock worship service on Sunday, February 12th. The long term commitment Andrea has made, to excellence in education and to continuing to grow and deepen her skills as an educator, benefit us all. I am proud that Andrea doesn't just sit and wait for things to come to her, but actively pursues how to become a better educator and how to be more proactive in helping us grow in faith! Next time you see Andrea, tell her "Congratulations! And Job Well Done!", and come ready to celebrate in the eleven o'clock service this Sunday.

Finally, don't miss your chance to participate in our Lenten Practice Prayer Triplets. You can register until February 20th. After you register, you will be matched with two other folks (tell us if you want a group that meets in the daytime or evening) and your group will meet seven times (you pick the time and location) to learn more about prayer and practice some simple, non-threatening ways to pray. Directions and instruction will be provided. All you need is an open and willing heart. Prayer is a central way we grow in relationship with God. Make that a priority in the weeks leading up to Easter. I promise it will make a difference in your faith. Come and see! Or in this case come and register!

See you in church!

Ellen

Ellen F. Skidmore

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*Proclaiming the good news of God's love in
Jesus Christ, to build a fellowship of
Christian Love, and to serve this
community and the world in the spirit
of the Servant Christ.*

Please Pray For . . .

Missionaries

- * Mark Adams - Mexico
- * Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather,
- South Sudan
- * Ministry of Hope- Lesotho

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STEPHEN MINISTRY



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation!

If you feel like you or someone you know could benefit from a one-to-one, confidential, caring Christian relationship, please contact:

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Sympathies of the Congregation are extended to:

- Friends and family of Mary McCollum, who passed away on February 2, 2017.

Thank You

Dear Forest Lake Presbyterian Family,
I am truly Blessed to me a member of such a loving and praying church. Thanks to all for the prayers, cards, emails, & calls before, during and after my recent surgery. They all helped me to get through this and still continue to put me on the path of a speedy and complete recovery.

God Bless all of you and I hope to be back in church very soon.

Fondly,
Sandi Bush

FLPC Ruling Elders

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
George Davis	Stuart Hunter	Bettianne Davenport
Margaret Harris	Tom Leclair	Steve Etheredge
William Hunter	Karl Maddox	Barbara Holbrook
Suzanne Precht	Pinckney Roberts	Steve Hyman
David Robertson	Tommy Stallings	Stephen McCrae
Paul Rogers	Caroline Streater	Patrick Wood

FLPC DEACON CONTACTS

Congregant last name - Deacon

A- B	Wayne Covert - 803-360-2867
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P-R	Elizabeth Blevins - 803-397-1453
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Sunday Nursery Workers

February 12

9:00 - Amy & Trent Watford
11:00 - Mary Catherine & Bryan Raines

February 19

9:00 - Kelly & Harry Hoppmann
11:00 - Amanda & Chris Smythe

February 26

9:00 - McKeever & Drake Cobia
11:00 - Angie & Chris Ferriell

March 5

9:00 - Jennifer & Grant Catoe
11:00 - Jacqueline & John Marshall

Kirk Night

Dinner at 5:15pm, Programming at 6:15pm

February 15 Menu:

Ham with Pineapple glaze, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Green Bean Casserole, Yeast Rolls, Peach Cobbler

February 22 Menu:

Chicken & Dressing Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Succotash, Pumpkin Pie

Adults \$5.00, Children \$4.00, Family Maximum \$25.00

Make your reservations by Tuesday at noon.

Children Ushers

Elementary children are encouraged to become engaged in worship by ushering on the first Sunday of each month. Children will partner with the adults at 9:00 and 11:00 worship services to greet and pass out bulletins before worship, collect the offering, then help pick up in the Sanctuary at the end of worship. Call Andrea with questions.

Ladies' Prayer Group

The FLPC Ladies' Prayer Group meets the first and third Wednesdays at 10:00am in room E102. Come join us!

SINGLES 40+ LUNCH BUNCH

The next get-together is

Sunday, February 19, 2017

following the 11:00 a.m. service.

TRAVINIA ITALIAN KITCHEN NORTHEAST

101 Sparkleberry Crossing Road, Columbia, SC

Make your reservation with Marje Warner, 699-6907, or by e-mail, pmwarner2@att.net, by Friday, February 17.

Environmental Stewardship

RECYCLE & SHRED EVENT

February 11, 2017 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Crayton Middle School 5000 Clemson Ave.

The following materials will be accepted (no commercial materials, residential only) :

- * Electronics: computers and accessories (keyboards, printers, scanners), TVs, stereos, VCRs, DVD players, power tools, radios, fax machines, small appliances such as microwave ovens and other household items with power cords, telephones, pagers, answering machines
- * Scrap metal: stoves, washers, dryers, bicycles, metal door frames, metal chairs, metal shelves, lawn mowers (free of gas and oil), refrigerators, air conditioners
- * Tires: car and light truck tires or smaller, small tires (bike or wheel barrow), limit of 8 per family
- * Paper shredding

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM—Worship Service
9:45 AM—Coffee
10:00 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM—Worship Service
2:30 PM—Disciple II (E102)
5:30 PM—FLY
5:30 PM—CNC Orientation

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

11:00 AM—Circle 2 (S211)
5:30 PM—Coordinating Council
6:00 PM—Stephen Min. Leaders (S212)
6:30 PM—Stephen Min. Suprv (S211)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:45 AM—Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00 AM—Circle 1 (FH)
10:30 AM—Staff Mtg
6:30 PM—DivorceCare
6:30 PM—Circle 3

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

10:00 AM—Ladies' Small Group (E102)
5:15 PM—Kirk Night Dinner
6:00 PM—Children's Choir
6:40 PM—Handbell Choir
7:30 PM—Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00 AM—Hebrews
6:00 PM—Salt Shakers Org Mtg (FH)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM—FLPC Ladies' Breakfast
5:30 PM—FLY Date Night

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8:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM—Worship Service
9:45 AM—Coffee
10:00 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM—Worship Service
12:15 PM—Singles 40+ Lunch Bunch
2:30 PM—Disciple II (E102)
5:30 PM—Session Mtg (S211)
5:30 PM—FLY



Marriage Retreat

Rockbridge Club
9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday, March 25

Spend the day enriching your relationship with your spouse as we learn and engage with these topics: Modeling, Biblical instruction to leave and cleave, 10 habits of healthy relationships; Communication; Conflict Resolution; Hot topics like money and sex; and The Gift of Marriage.

Registration is limited to 15 couples with a cost of \$50 per couple.

Deadline to register is March 15.

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Salt Shakers Returns!



The Organizational Dinner Meeting will be Thursday, February 16, at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

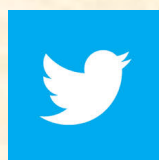
Sign-up at the Connecting Point Desk or the downstairs Welcome Center.

Women's Retreat

February 24-25, 2017

PW Winter Retreat
at Fellowship Camp and Conference Center

Open to all FLPC women
Sign-up at Connecting Point Desk by February 15.



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**Brains, Bodies and Behaviors:
Stuff that Matters to Parents
of Adolescents.**



As adolescence unfolds, changes in bodies and brains affect behaviors in a big way! That means parents need a solid game plan for encouraging increasing independence, yet providing boundaries for healthy growth - especially when it comes to emerging sexuality. Presented by one of the Girlology & Guyology doctors, this program will give parents a greater understanding of teen development, risky behaviors, and emerging sexuality along with some practical tools for promoting health and safety.

Target Audience: Parents of youth in grades 5 – 9

Date: Sunday, March 12 5:30 – 7:00pm

Cost: \$25 per family

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FLY
forest lake youth

****Youth Sunday is February 26****

We will be preparing for Youth Sunday during FLY and Kirk Night throughout January and February. It is important for youth to attend, when able, to be a part of the preparation and planning for Youth Sunday. We will be creating t-shirts for the youth to wear and would love for a youth to be a part of the creation process! If you would like to help, please contact Chandler Hulsey.

Date Night - February 17, 2017

Drop your children off for fun with the FLY youth and adults while parents go out to enjoy a nice dinner! Friday, February 17th, 5:30-8:00 at FLPC. All donations will help fund FLY summer trips.

Questions: email youthdirector@flpc.org



STOP HUNGER NOW

There are less than two months until our 2nd meal packaging event which will be held on **Saturday, April 1st**, and we need to raise over **\$5,000.00** to reach our goal of **\$10,000** to package **35,000 meals**. Here's how you can help:

***Bring Quarters!** – We will be collecting quarters every Sunday until March 26th. There will be collection jars in the children's classrooms as well as at the Connecting Point and Welcome Center desk.

***Valentine Honor Cards** – Purchase Valentine cards to send to your loved ones which will indicate that you have provided meals to hungry children in their honor. These cards are located next to the collection jars at the Connecting Point and will be available February 12th.

***Bake Sale** – Due to the popularity of November's bake sale, we will be having another one on Sunday, February 12th. **Bakers needed** – pies, cakes, breads, and other goodies welcomed. Please email or call annefowler72@hotmail.com/269-6352 if you can help.

***Envelope Challenge** – Sunday, March 12th – this will be our last push to raise money before the event on Saturday, April 1st.

In addition, general donations are always welcome. If you have questions please contact Anne Fowler – annefowler72@hotmail.com/269-6352 and be on the lookout for information on how to sign up for the event soon.



Notes from the Stated Session Meeting – Sunday, January 22, 2017

- Approved the details that will allow Rebecca Krueger to provide Line Dancing Lessons for members and guests in January and February.
- Approved four FLY fundraising events that will raise money to offset the costs for our youth to participate in both the Montreat Youth Conferences (middle and high school) and the High School Mission Trip.
- Approved a sexuality education event for parents of 5th – 9th graders on Sunday, March 12th
- Approved plans for our annual Earth Day Celebrations on Sunday, April 30th
- Approved plans to host the summer camp run by the Autism Academy of SC this summer on Wednesdays and Fridays from June through early August.
- Approved plans to sponsor a Marriage Enrichment Retreat on Saturday, March 25th, led by Nancy Smith and held at the Rockbridge Club.
- Approved several items to facilitate the work of Stewardship and Administration:
- Authorize the Business manager to update the signature cards required by the Banks with which we do business to reflect the new people in those signer positions
- To authorize the Business Manager to work with First Community Bank to set up online access to accounts.
- To reappoint Bill Hancock to another 3 year term on the Endowment Fund Committee – for the class of 2019.
- Approved a request from the SSJ Leadership Team to appoint a 3-5 member Task Force for the purpose of reviewing the structure and functioning of both The Session and The Board of Deacons in light of the results of the Spiritual Strategic Journey and the Officer's Retreat (January 2017).
- Heard a report from the Organ Facilitation Task Force about their progress
- Elected Bettianne Davenport and Stephen McCrae from the Session Class of 2019 to serve on the New Member Commission.
- Elected Paul Rogers and Tom Leclair, with Karl Maddox as an alternate, to represent FLPC at the Stated Meeting of Trinity Presbytery on Saturday, February 11, 2017.
- Approved the 2016 Statistical Report required by our denomination – the PC(USA).

MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS

The Memorial Garden Committee, elected by Session to oversee the church's Memorial Garden, commissioned and purchased a new cross sculpture that has now been installed on the back wall of the Memorial Garden. FLPC member and artist, Peter Driscoll, designed and created the cross sculpture entitled *TRICRUCIA*. The sculpture is a three dimensional copper cross. We hope you will make time to visit the memorial garden and to appreciate the beauty of the sculpture. Peter wrote of his creation:

TRICRUCIA

The name, created by the artist, is intended to reflect the meaning of the sculptural forms of the three crosses used at the crucifixion. Some artist's thoughts about the design follow.

TRI Represents the three crosses that were used on Golgotha on Good Friday.

CRUCIAL Represents the severe trials and difficulties of the Cross.

The artist chose copper, a soft, malleable and ductile metal that can be rolled into sheets without breaking. The reddish orange color appealed to the artist. One of the properties of copper is that if properly sealed it will neither corrode nor oxidize. Copper was first discovered in 9,000 BC.

Three sheets of 24" x 48" x 1/8" thick copper were hand sawn, the edges filed, after which the surfaces were hand sanded and polished to a glossy finish, epoxied together, and sealed.

While designing, and fabricating the cross the artist reflected about the carpenters who might have been assigned the task of making the crosses used in the crucifixion. Who were they? How did they work the wood? What tools did they use? They probably belonged to a Guild, and used iron axes, saws, adzes, hammers and chisels to fashion half-lap joints to fasten the horizontal and vertical pieces of wood together. Would they somehow have been aware that Jesus had also been a carpenter? Finally, the three crosses might even have been commissioned by the Centurions who were in charge of arranging the crucifixions.

The Cross is one of several major art commissions this artist has received and one of the most meaningful. The artist is grateful to Forest Lake Presbyterian Church and the Memorial Garden Committee for this opportunity and privilege of creating *TRICRUCIA* for the Memorial Garden.

Peter Driscoll, Artist

TRICRUCIA was installed December 19, 2016

February Birthdays

- 1 Susan Robertson
- 3 Ellen Dukes, Gene Fisher, David Jones, Amanda Smythe, Alex Woodward
- 4 Julianna Skinner
- 5 Billy Agee, Susan Ervin, Ginny Jones, Daniel Whitehouse
- 6 McKeever Cobia, Julianna Holmquist
- 7 Thad Timmons
- 8 Lori Hancock, Ron Hill, Lainey Hutchison
- 9 Flynn Bowie, Wilson Maddox, Will O’Cain
- 10 Claudia McCollough, James Stachowiak, Mac Watkins
- 11 Chris Ferriell, Alice Joye, Joan Meeting
12. Grant Catoe, Gray Catoe
13. Ashley Foster, John Hudgens
- 14 Angie Ferriell, David Williams
- 16 Susan Haney
- 17 Eddie Bolton, Liz Roberts, Jane Thesing
- 18 Lucy Derrick, Nat Hall, Aimee Stewart, Cambo Streater
- 19 Lucy Counts, William LaRose, Kevin O’Dell, John Peters, Bob Robinson, Maggie Wannamaker
- 21 Emily Bowman
- 22 Jan Beacham, Stephen Collins, Dukes McCoy, Terri Nix, David Robertson, Matt Smarr, Chris Smythe, Sierra Stachowiak, Virginia Wetzel
- 23 Margaret Cundall, Madeline Giess, Nancy Livingston,
- 24 Polly Hall, Preston Smarr
- 25 Dick Thomas, Matthew White, Millard Zink
- 27 Rylea Jackson
- 28 Bette Kassel, Tutie Thompson

Lenten Family Class - Wednesday nights

6:30 – 7:15pm

March 8 – April 5

Families with children from Kindergarten – 5th grade will learn together about how we might be able to do as Jesus says and “Come Follow Me.” Study topics will include prayer, simplicity, baptism and communion.

Jam and Jelly Sunday Results

On February 5, we collected 77 pounds of jam, jelly, and peanut butter which was taken to Harvest Hope Food Bank at Rehoboth United Methodist Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Our next Jam & Jelly Sunday is March 5, 2017



A PLACE AT THE TABLE: 40 DAYS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR

We live today in a culture built on consumption--especially of food—and it is easy to forget the poor that Jesus cared so much about.

Please join the CCI class for a Lenten study that invites you to on a journey of self-examination, discipline, and renewed focus on Jesus.

The creator of this curriculum, Chris Seay, challenges us to eat like the poor for forty days in solidarity with a much-neglected group of people, and to donate the money we save on groceries to a charity or project that serves the poor in concrete ways. But he doesn't expect them to go it alone. *A Place at the Table* includes a brief (2-3 pages) reading for each of those forty days with Scripture, reflections, prayers, and encouragements. The six-session DVD, shot in such locations as the Holy Land, Haiti, and Ecuador, will help us go on a passionate journey of faith, personal action, solidarity with the poor, and extravagant grace.

At FLPC the study will include short daily readings, optional short 2-minute online video devotionals, Sunday School classes using the video series and discussion, an invitation to eat differently during the week, and an option to join in Sunday feasts in our Fellowship Hall and in members' homes.

The Study will begin on February 26 - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and will conclude on Palm Sunday. Books are available on Amazon.com for \$.01 (yes, that is only one cent) plus \$3.99 shipping.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Luncheon

I know it is only January but The Forest Lake Presbyterian Women's annual Birthday Offering luncheon in April will be here before we know it. As part of this luncheon, we have a silent auction to raise funds for local mission projects and I'm the co-coordinator of this part of the luncheon.

We are looking for items to auction off. We want items and services. We have had in the past a member who donated a loaf of bread a month for a year, a member who donated hosting a luncheon for a group, the youth donated a certain number of hours for house or yard work, a member who donated a photography sitting fee and a member who donated some tutoring time - the options are limitless.

We would love to have beach or mountain houses donated for a week or weekend, (if you have that availability), donated services from salons, handmade items from members, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, decorating items for the house (such as pictures), flower arrangements - again the options are endless.

To use when soliciting items/services from businesses, we now have a letter on church letterhead to leave with the vendor for their use for tax purposes. The circle leaders should have these by your February circle meeting

Please let me when you obtain an item so I can start our list. I will coordinate getting the item from you.

Thanking you in advance for your help with this project.

Kathy David
Silent Auction Co-Coordinator
Email: kchdavid@att.net;
Home: 234-5656; Cell: 553-9074



Eric Skidmore in the news!

The Presbyterian Outlook just published an article that describes the work that Eric Skidmore and his SC Law Enforcement Assistance Program did to support the families of the Mother Emmanuel AME shootings in Charleston, SC. Eric coordinated the local churches to provide support for the families of the nine shooting victims during the trial of Dylan Roof.

Read more about Eric's work here:

<https://pres-outlook.org/2017/01/providing-spiritual-support-victims-families-charleston/>

Senior Lunch and Program

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Noon—\$5.00 each

Speaker: Tamara King, Richland County Library