

GROWING IN OUR ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST + INVITING OTHERS INTO THE ENCOUNTER



February  
2020



The Connection



# Jazz Sunday

@ FAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WORSHIP WITH US**  
**Sunday, February 23**  
**10:30am**

Our annual Jazz Sunday is coming up, when you can worship with us to the smooth sounds of jazz, featuring piano, guitar, bass, and a horn section. We'll have several guest musicians, along with our own musical talent. We're excited to have our soon-to-be brothers and sisters from the Summit join us on Jazz Sunday! This year, we ask that you make extra effort to invite your friends and family, since we aren't able to advertise in our local newspaper.



# A Word from the Pastor

Dear friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the engrafting process with the Summit church. Around the holidays, they took a vote of their congregation and the great majority voted to join with our church. They expressed that the main reasons for choosing our church was your great friendliness and how welcoming you seem to be of all sorts of different people. That vote then led to a meeting on January 21 that we hosted in our fellowship hall. This meeting included our Session and engrafting team, the Summit's engrafting team, four members of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (PGA), and two PGA staff members.

There are many details which will need to be worked out between the congregations. The two engrafting teams and the COM representatives split into three groups to begin making plans. The timeframe which we plan to propose to the COM in February is for the Summit to have their last worship service, and for us to have a welcoming service the next week, near the end of March. Everyone in attendance believed that was "do-able", although COM will have to give official approval.

One of the things on which the group is working is to plan those two worship services as well as a part of a presbytery meeting when the Summit's life and ministry will be honored. The next big thing on which we are working is how to best receive this group of probably 20-25 new members who have been used to being their own church. We want to both honor their history and also make them feel welcome and help them get involved here. There may be things that they did as a church that we will incorporate into what we have planned. And the final thing on which we are working, and which will likely extend into the future, is how to handle their property and finances.

We hope to enjoy the presence of these sisters and brothers in Christ by the time we worship on Palm Sunday and Easter. That week may carry extra meaning for the Summit members this year – mixed with grief as well as the hope of new life. I think there is a great opportunity for some new life for FPC as well. Please keep the members of the Summit as well as the leaders of both churches in your prayers as we move forward together, trusting that it is God's Spirit that is leading us.

Yours in Christ,  
Alex



**Like to travel and meet people? Ever think of going on a mission trip to another country?  
Please join us in a trip to Shiroles, Costa Rica, May 30 – June 5  
Contact Pastor Alex to find out more — [amoses@fayettepcusa.org](mailto:amoses@fayettepcusa.org) or call the church office**

# Kindling Kindness

by Karen Anthony

I was recently perusing a local community Facebook page and I noticed several complaints: one person was venting about someone's terrible parking job, another was enumerating all the errors made in a recent fast food restaurant visit, and another was ranting about a post office mistake. I remember thinking "Gosh, these people love to complain. Don't they have anything positive to say?" (Life is so easy up on one's high-horse, isn't it?)

Well, fast-forward to my own frustrating trip at a local grocery store just yesterday – the store was out of my favorite tea, as they frequently are when it goes on sale. As I left the store, I was still irritated by this inconvenience – as well as the clerk's less-than-accommodating response. I even vented to John about it when I got home! All it took was my own minor inconvenience to fall into the very same negative mindset that I had so easily spotted (and rebuked) just a few days before!



Isn't life like that? Sometimes it is so easy to think about all the things that have gone wrong for us lately, rather than all the many things that fall perfectly into place for us each and every day: a neighbor who brings over muffins because your kids are sick; a spouse who packs your lunch because you're in a hurry; a child who wants to give you *just one more hug* before you head out the door; a text from a friend just to say hello; a note from a tiny church member that simply says "I love you."

I know what you're thinking – you're thinking that this is one of those "count your blessings" kind of reminders, and while that is a worthy platitude, it isn't exactly my point here. My point is let's **BE** the blessing. My mother is the best living example I have found of how to do this. If she encounters an unpleasant person at a store, she resists matching their grumpiness with her own negative attitude. Instead, she makes it her personal mission to leave that individual smiling before her transaction is finished. She asks about their day, mentions the cute button on their nametag, or compliments their sweater. It's a small thing that only takes a few seconds, but what a powerful example of the opportunities around us every day to just be kind to each other.

Many of us associate February with being the month of love, but did you know that February 17<sup>th</sup> is actually Random Acts of Kindness Day? So my challenge to us all is to **Show love to those around us in ordinary and every day ways by practicing random acts of kindness!**

I have read that it takes FIVE positive comments or experiences to offset just ONE negative interaction. So there are definitely many folks in need of a random act of kindness all around us! The thing about kindness is that once you share it, it starts to grow – so **beginning Sunday, February 2, I invite you to stop by our "Kindness Wall" just outside the sanctuary to share your own random acts of kindness.** For inspiration, visit [www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas) where you can even filter ideas based on categories and age groups. Let's Kindle Kindness in our community and share some LOVE!

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." (Colossians 3:12-14 NIV)*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <b>11a AA</b> <b>5:30p</b> Calvary Refuge Dinner <i>(Linda Weller)</i>  <b>10am-1pm</b> <b>Cub Scout</b> <b>Pinewood Derby</b> <b>(Fellowship hall)</b>
<b>2</b> <b>9:00a</b> Sunday School <b>10:00a</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>12:00p Souper Bowl</b> <b>of Caring</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10a F&amp;N Board</b> <b>6p AA</b> <b>6:30p</b> Praise Bd <b>7p</b> PW Circle: Linda Weller	<b>4</b> <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>11:30a</b> PW Circle: Nightingales <b>8p AA</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:15a</b> Youth Prayer Breakfast <b>12n AA</b> <b>7:00p</b> Choir	<b>6</b> <b>10a</b> Ladies' Bible Study <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>8p AA</b>	<b>7</b> <b>5:30p</b> Exercise <b>6p AA</b>	<b>8</b> <b>11a AA</b>
<b>9</b> <b>9:00a</b> Sunday School <b>10:00a</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship <b>2:00p Elder Training at</b> <b>Judy Bausch's home</b>  	<b>10</b> <b>6p AA</b> <b>6:30p</b> Praise Bd	<b>11</b> <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>1p</b> PW Circle: Morning Glories <b>8p AA</b>	<b>12</b> <b>7:15a</b> Youth Prayer Breakfast <b>10:00a</b> PW Circle: Homebuilders <b>12n AA</b> <b>5:30p Fellowship</b> <b>Dinner OUT at</b> <b>Broadway Diner</b> <b>7:30p</b> Choir	<b>13</b> <b>10a</b> Ladies' Bible Study <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>8p AA</b>	<b>14</b> <b>5:30p</b> Exercise <b>6p AA</b>	<b>15</b> <b>11a AA</b>
<b>16</b> <b>9:00a</b> Sunday School <b>10:00a</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship	<b>17</b> <b>9a F&amp;N Brunch</b> <b>(FH)</b> <b>6p AA</b> <b>6:30p</b> Praise Bd	<b>18</b> <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>7p</b> PW Coord. <b>Team Meeting</b> <b>8p AA</b>	<b>19</b> <b>12n AA</b> <b>8:30a—3:45pm</b> <b>AARP Driver's</b> <b>Safety Course (FH)</b>	<b>20</b> <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>7p Men of the</b> <b>Church Meeting</b> <b>8p AA</b>	<b>21</b> <b>5:30p</b> Exercise <b>6p AA</b>	<b>22</b> <b>11a AA</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9:00a</b> Sunday School <b>10:00a</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:30a</b> Worship  <i>Jazz Sunday</i>	<b>24</b> <b>6p AA</b> <b>6:30p</b> Praise Bd	<b>25</b> <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>8p AA</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7:15a</b> Youth Prayer Breakfast <b>12n AA</b> <b>5:30p Dinner</b> <b>6:30p Service</b> <b>7:30p</b> Choir  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>27</b> <b>10:30a</b> Al-Anon <b>7p Quilters (FH)</b> <b>8p AA</b>	<b>28</b> <b>5:30p</b> Exercise <b>6p AA</b>	<b>29</b> <b>9a-4p Quilters</b> <b>Workshop (FH)</b> <b>11a AA</b>

### Nurture Coordinators

Ann Johnston and Liz Lamble coordinate our nurture needs.

Ann Johnston, 404-403-5101  
 Liz Lamble, 770-304-2662

### Presbyterian Women's Circles

**Nightingales Circle** will meet at Susan Holcombe's home for lunch—174 Hayden Lane, Newnan, GA 30265. Mission: New socks and underwear for children and youth to donate to Bloom.

**Linda Weller Circle** will meet at the church in the Fellowship Hall.

**Homebuilders Circle** will meet at the church in the Fellowship Hall.

**Morning Glories Circle** will meet at the church in room A-2.

# Church Family means Support

## Celebrating with you!

### BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Gail Otwell
- 2/4 Isabella McGregor
- 2/5 Daniel Higginbotham
- 2/6 Betty Chally
- 2/7 Deborah Arjun  
Rebecca Stone
- 2/8 Andrew Schueffner
- 2/10 Pam Lewin
- 2/12 Vickie Jeffries
- 2/13 Eva Gill
- 2/15 Jennifer Holcombe
- 2/16 Liz Lamble  
Hope Palmer
- 2/17 Ana Price
- 2/18 Rodney Reynolds  
Gavin Wooten
- 2/19 Melanie Mickleboro  
Cindy Phillips
- 2/21 Ralph Davis
- 2/22 Kaye Mrozinski
- 2/23 Art Ayers  
Betsy Jackson  
Brad Conley  
Mark Banks
- 2/24 Frank Pepper  
Alan Lamble
- 2/27 Ashleigh Reyes  
Dani Jackson  
Sheri Pepper

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/11 Robert & Pam Whitley
- 2/12 Rookmin & Ganesh Arjun

## Thank You

Tom and Carol Lunsford wish to thank the members of Fayette Presbyterian for the prayers, well wishes, cards and meals during Tom's recent illness. Prayers works.

~ Tom & Carol Lunsford

**Prayer Chain Updates.** Please call Sharon's cell phone or email her to submit prayer requests. If Sharon does not answer, you may leave a message or call Art's cell.

Sharon: 404-402-4094, [sharart.ayers@gmail.com](mailto:sharart.ayers@gmail.com)  
Art: 678-276-5585

**Participation in the Prayer Ministry** of FPC is one way we grow in our encounter with Christ. Prayer is one of the most powerful things we can do in life! Be a part of this ministry and see how God works in our lives. **Please update us as concerns change—prayer concerns with no update may be removed after 6 weeks.**

### Please be in prayer for...

All those serving our country  
The people of Nicaragua, continued civil unrest  
Beit Sahour Lutheran, sister church in Palestine  
Linda McNeill, recovery from surgery  
Mack, Linda McNeill's cousin, health concerns  
Jennie, Betty Chally's sister, recovery from two stint placements  
Sarah Klett, complications after toe amputation  
Joyce Britt, recovering from several falls  
Nancy Ross' mother, continuing issues after fall and broken pelvis  
Allen Russell, continued health concerns  
Yale McManus, cervical disc disorder  
John Sackett, worsening pain issues  
Carolyn Jacobs, Jim's sister-in-law, breast cancer  
Pat Skelton, continued recovery  
Richard Billings, continued recovery  
Jeff Jeffries, continued recovery  
Corey Leonhard, continued recovery  
Jerry, Virginia Padgett's brother-in-law, lymphoma

### Ongoing Health Concerns:

Louie Chance, Jeani Holder; Linda McNeill; Corey Leonhard; Joe McNeill; Yvonne Olson; Larry Olson; John Sackett; Sarah Klett; Bernice (Roy Westerfield's sister-in-law); Sarah (Jim Jacob's daughter-in-law); Ed (Jim Jacobs' brother); Claudia (Jim Jacobs' sister-in-law); Thomas (Pat Cantoni's nephew).

# Welcome to our New Members!

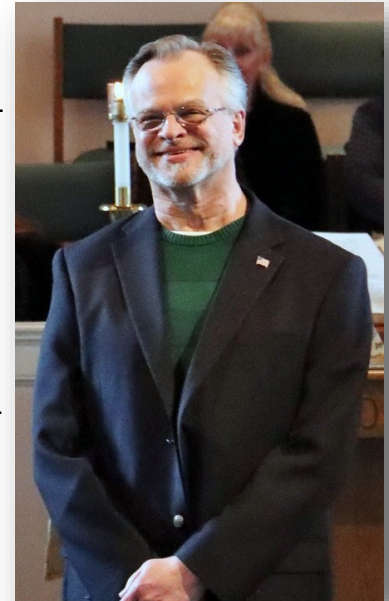
## Greg Downing

I have been a Presbyterian all my life. I was born into Riverdale Presbyterian on June 2, 1962, the youngest of four boys by our late parents Roland and Betty Downing. I was baptized as an infant and baptized again when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 10 by the late Rev. W.W. Satterwhite. At the age of 33, I was ordained as an elder by the Rev. Dr. Steven Austin where I served on Christian Education, Worship, Usher, Counter and wherever else I was needed. I was a member of RPC for 48 years until 2011 when we unfortunately had to close our doors.

By transfer of my letter from Presbytery of Greater Atlanta I became a member of Philadelphia Presbyterian in 2012 where I was welcomed with open doors, open arms and open hearts by a very loving and caring congregation where I served on Safety / Security, Bereavement, Counter, Usher and wherever else I was needed. I was a member of PPC for 8 years until 2020.

I have a very special connection to Fayette Presbyterian. I have known Sarah Simpson, Glenda and Lamar Hasty all my life. Our families worshipped the Lord together at RPC for many, many years where they were educators and leaders in my life.

Riverdale Presbyterian, Philadelphia Presbyterian and their congregations will always have a special place in my life and in my heart. I look forward to worshipping the Lord at FPC and its members as I continue my walk with God.



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Meet the **Anthony-Schnick Family!** Many of you know Karen Anthony, who joined FPC as the new Director of Children and Family Ministries in September. Her husband, John Schnick, is a Georgia Tech graduate and is a Civil Engineer at Rochester & Associates in Fayetteville. Karen and John moved to PTC from Nashville in 2017. They were previously members of Blakemore Methodist Church in Nashville, where John was a Trustee and Karen was a choir member and frequent volunteer with children's activities. In college, they were both active members of Circle K (a division of Kiwanis International) and they met while volunteering together at the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

They have been married for 15 years. Karen and John's first daughter, Abiella, is 8 years old and attends 3rd Grade at Oak Grove Elementary in PTC. Abiella is an accomplished runner, avid reader, baseball player, and she enjoys horseback riding at Karen's parents' farm outside of Americus, GA. Annalise is 5 and attends Kindergarten at Oak Grove. She is the ballerina of the family and she also plays t-ball. Her favorite color is pink, and one day, she hopes to have her very own pet unicorn. The Anthony-Schnick family is very grateful for the warm welcome they have received from everyone at Fayette Pres, and they are so happy to call FPC their new church home!

## REBOOT Course beginning soon.

As part of FPC's Outreach efforts, we are offering a 12-week course to military veterans and their families suffering from the symptoms of combat trauma. This is open to all veterans in the community, free of charge. The faith-based course material is specifically and uniquely designed to deal with spiritual and moral wounds of war. **Starting Monday, March 2nd**, we will meet each week at FPC from 6:30-8:30 pm. A dinner and child care will be provided. **If you are aware of someone who might benefit from this course** encourage them to checkout [rebootrecovery.com](http://rebootrecovery.com) to get more info and register or they can call Ron Reams at 770-558-0980. **If you or your group would like to support this effort** by providing a meal for the participants (maximum 20 people), contact Ray Chally at 678-591-3112. Please also **be in prayer** for the success of the program.

## Music Schedule

### CHANCEL CHOIR

We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. On February 12 and 26, we'll start at 7:30pm. NO CHOIR on February 19.

### PRAISE BAND

We rehearse Mondays at 6:30pm

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in learning more about the music ministry of FPC, contact Jacob Winslett.

There will be a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, February 9 directly following worship today for the purpose of receiving a financial report from the treasurer, approving changes to the Pastor's terms of call, and electing a new nominating committee for 2020.

## SMART DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

Wednesday, February 19 · 8:30am to 3:45pm

Cost is \$15 for AARP Members and \$20 for all others. Open to ages 25 and older. All will receive a certificate to present to insurance company for discount.

Register in the main hallway or contact the church.

### Fellowship Dinner Out!

Join us on Wednesday, February 12 out on the town for fellowship and delicious food. We'll be eating at 5:30pm at **Broadway Diner**—535 Glynn St. S, Fayetteville. Sign up at the church so we have an accurate count for reservations!

**The Men of the Church will meet Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7:00pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Join us!**

**February 9 is our 2nd Sunday Focus on Fayette Samaritans.**

### Most Needed this Month

Beef Stew, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta Sauce, Dry Spaghetti, Canned Pasta – Ravioli, etc, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Jiffy Cornbread Mix, and Cereal.

Celebrate the **Souper Bowl of Caring** with our Youth and tackle hunger together! Our Souper Bowl of Caring is in two weeks, **Sunday, February 2**, immediately after worship. Please bring your favorite recipe(s) for judging. We will vote for our favorites in categories including: Soups/Chili, Appetizers, and Dessert. **Bring as many entries as you like!** Sample cups will be provided for all entries so you can taste as many as you like before voting. As we enjoy delicious food and fellowship, we can also experience the satisfaction of helping those in need - the Youth Group will be collecting donations for Fayette Samaritans, our local food pantry.

## Church Staff

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Christina Price, *Nursery Attendant*

## Church Office Hours

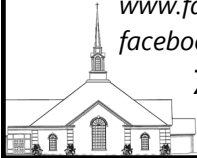
Monday-Thursday: 9am-5pm

Friday: 9am-2pm

[www.fayettepcusa.org](http://www.fayettepcusa.org)

[facebook.com/fayettepcusa](https://www.facebook.com/fayettepcusa)

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Fayette Presbyterian Church (USA)

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# Ash Wednesday

February 26

Dinner at 5:30pm

Please RSVP

Service at 6:30pm

with

imposition  
of ashes



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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# HELP WANTED!

### Benefits include:

- instant hero status
- all you can eat Goldfish Crackers
- exercise during worship
- unlimited high fives
- free crayons

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Ask your Children's Ministry Leader how you can apply today!

**CONTACT KAREN ANTHONY!**