



# First Presbyterian Press

*First Presbyterian Church  
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Dear Ones,

Yesterday, I heard a stirring rendition of Frederick Faber's hymn, "Faith of our Fathers." I thought to myself, "It's been a long time since we sang that hymn!" Checking our hymnal, I discovered why. It's not there. It didn't make the cut for our current maroon edition, Glory to God. Neither did it make the cut for the previous blue one, The Presbyterian Hymnal. You have to go all the way back to the good old red, The Hymnbook, to find it. Like many of my generation, I am inclined to believe that some years before the turn of the century from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>, we stopped making good music. Likewise, I feel a certain partiality to the old red Hymnbook. All this means is that I am getting old.

I think I know why "Faith of Our Fathers" bit the dust. It's not inclusive. The kiss of death, these days. I once sang a rendition of this hymn with "Faith of our mothers" substituted for "Faith of our fathers." That was fine by me, but I am from a generation that understood (wrongly??) that words like "mankind" and "forefathers" were, in fact, inclusive. This is no longer true, so I understand the need for change. I just don't always like it.

It's interesting that Frederick Faber wrote "Faith of Our Fathers" to honor a woman, Catherine of Alexandria, martyred for her faith during the 4<sup>th</sup> century. The familiar hymn tune is named, "St. Catherine." No one, as far as I know, thought this odd or inappropriate.

Some would call the hymn's wording "antiquated." This is another curse word in our time. Faber was a lover of the King James version of the Bible. Of it he said, "It lives on in the ear like music that can never be forgotten, like the sound of church bells, which the convert hardly knows he can forget." I would say that the hymn he wrote is like that, too. Such a hymn, like the sound of church bells themselves, has fallen silent in our time. A great loss, if you ask me.

Well, enough moaning and groaning about "the way things used to be." Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Nothing else ever will be. Let me finally tell you why this hymn struck me yesterday. It was the last stanza, which, it turns out, was not penned by Faber's hand, but by some anonymous other. It goes like this:

*Faith of our fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!*

In the immortal words of American Bandstand, "the rhythm's not good and you can't dance to it".....I know this. But this word proclaims a timely truth. In times of division, disagreement, and conflict, the Christian is called to "love friend **and** foe in all our strife." In a time when angry people are shouting at each other, the follower of Christ knows how to respond... "with kindly words and virtuous life." Both are endangered species. Maybe we need to put this hymn back in our hymnal.

Much love,  
Bob



**Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership** is presented for outstanding service and leadership in the church. It is presented to a woman chosen by those who know her for her commitment to Christ and the mission of the church.

Nominations forms for this honor must be completed and returned no later than February 24th. The forms are on the credenza in the reception area and may be placed in the PW box in the church office or mailed to: Kathryn Spicer, 1605 E. Mulberry St., Goldsboro, NC 27530.

**Circle 4** will meet on Monday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Circles 1 and 2** will meet on Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m.  
**PWCT** will meet February 26 at 9:30 a.m.

## Join Us for Yoga

**When:** Starting January 2019  
Thursdays from 5:30 to  
6:30 p.m.

**Where:** In the Activity Center

**Who:** For all ages

**Start Date:** 01-17-2019

**Yoga Teacher:**

- Teresa Smith, 200 Hour RYT
- Certification in Yoga for Seniors and in Restorative Yoga

**About:**

- A fundamental yoga stretch class.
- Great for beginners or those looking for a relaxing practice that offers strengthening and flexibility.
- Men and women welcome.
- Please bring your own yoga mat.

A minimum **\$5** donation is recommended for each class. All monies will go to support FPC's mission activities.

# FPC YARD SALE

## MARCH 2nd

### FPC ACTIVITY CENTER

Donate  
Items



Donate  
Time  
We need  
you to help!

It is Yard Sale time! Donations are needed and greatly appreciated! Our **Annual Missions Yard Sale** is always a big event, and we want this year's sale to be a success. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 2 at 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

If you have items that are too large to bring in, please call the church and a pick-up will be arranged.

Volunteers are needed as well. We will need helpers to prepare ahead of the sale and to work on the day of the sale. Please call the church and let us know if you are willing to help.



#### Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

**February 3, 17, 24, March 17, 31,**

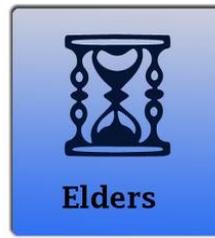
**April 28, May 26**

Please contact Susan Stackhouse  
or the church office



# Preaching Schedule

Feb. 3	Ms. Christine Markham	Feb. 4	Ellen Henderson	Joyce Wooten
Feb. 10	Dr. Bob Bardin	Feb. 11	Kim Brogden	Joyce Wooten
Feb. 17	Dr. Bob Bardin	Feb. 18	Barbara Ann Vinson	Rosalyn Lomax
Feb. 24	Dr. Bob Bardin	Feb. 25	Scott Gibson	Anne Fidler



Elders



Deacons



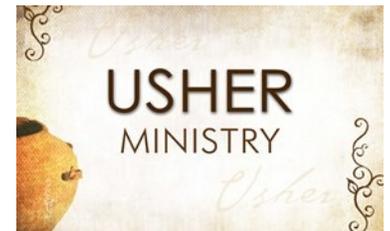
## Deacon Ministry

Deacon-in-Charge: Hettie Grisette  
Co-Deacon: Joyce Wooten



## Chancel Guild Ministry

Ushers: Sam Hunter, Wilson Stackhouse  
Dillon Wooten, Sue Wooten,  
Barbara Bradshaw and Matilda Faircloth



**Committees** meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
(**Congregational Nurture Committee** meets the first Monday at 10:00 a.m.)  
(**Personnel Committee** meets the first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.)

**Diaconate** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
(**Memorial Committee** meets the second Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.)

**Session** meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



The *Foundation of First Presbyterian Church* annually provides gifts and support for worthy causes, and it is time for all interested parties to make application for this support. The Foundation funds cannot be used for operating expenses of the church. Only benevolent and non-operating “causes” can receive gifts, such as local and foreign missions, Christian educational support, and special music worship enhance-

ment. All requests should be submitted using an FPC Foundation Grant Application. **We have an updated application this year**, and these applications are available from the church office and on the web. All requests should be submitted **no later than March 31, 2019** to The Foundation of First Presbyterian Church, C/O First Presbyterian Church, 1101 East Ash Street, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution to the FPC Foundation, brochures and envelopes are available. Your gift will be wisely invested in God’s service.



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| 2  | Mrs. Hope Derby        | 16 | Morgan Jeffreys        |
|    | Ms. Leslie VanHoy      | 18 | Mrs. Mary Hope Crocker |
| 4  | Mrs. Jewel Sauls       | 19 | Mrs. Leslie Hunter     |
|    | Mr. Stephen Stackhouse | 22 | Mrs. Ali Blackburn     |
| 5  | Mr. Borden Parker      | 23 | Mr. Jim Parker         |
| 6  | Bob Bardin             |    | R.J. Parker            |
|    | Vismitha Taneti        | 24 | Mr. Troy Pate, Jr.     |
|    | Mrs. Anne Fidler       |    | Dr. Charlotte Campbell |
| 7  | Mrs. Katherine Parker  | 25 | Mr. Will Spicer        |
| 11 | Mr. Ron Jennette       | 26 | Mrs. Christine Coward  |
| 12 | Mr. Norman Goss        | 27 | Mr. Gary Patterson     |
|    | Mr. Lee Coward         | 28 | Mrs. Ellen Henderson   |
| 13 | Mrs. Sadie Rowan       |    | Caroline Suddarth      |
| 15 | Mrs. Kathryn Spicer    |    |                        |



**The Boy Scouts of America** annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940's and is most always the Sunday preceding February 8<sup>th</sup>. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God." These values strengthen youth character in their family, community, and faith.

First Presbyterian Church holds active charters for both Cub Scout Pack 3, for boys in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, and Boy Scout Troop 3, for boys up to the age of 18.

Scout Sunday will be held February 3, 2019, at FPC.



**PP&K** was established in 1950 by several churches in our community. Saralynn Vied currently serves as school director, supported by a staff of ten teachers. The school is governed by a Board of Directors, and each supporting church has positions on the Board for lay persons and staff.

One important mission of the Board of Directors is to have the highest quality of education possible for PP&K students, while having the most reasonable tuition price in our area, which allows the school to reach as many students as possible. Support of churches and community is critical to the success of this mission.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church hosts Protestant classes.

Checks may be made to Protestant Preschool & Kindergarten and are 100% tax-deductible. A special offering will be received on **February 10th** to benefit the school's scholarship fund, which supports qualified, deserving students.

# WELCOME

## *New Members*



Tim and Karen Haithcock



Sharon Crawford



Eva Bruder



Bill and Sharon Stanley



### **February 10, 17, and 24**

Following worship  
A light lunch will be served.  
Childcare is available if needed.  
If interested, contact Pastor Bob.

Plans are underway for this year's mission's trip to Chiapas. We will be going June 22 –30, 2019. If you are interested in being a part of this year's team or have any questions, please contact Kim Brogden at 919-735-7431 or [kimbrogden@gmail.com](mailto:kimbrogden@gmail.com).





FPC Youth Group meets the first and third Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Please make plans to come and bring a friend. There are games, fun and food at every meeting.



**Monday – Thursday**  
**June 17-20, 2019**

More details in the coming months.



### **Elementary School Age Group**

Camp Albemarle: Junior Camp Session 2 – July 14-19

### **Middle School Age Group**

Camp Albemarle: Middle Camp Session 2 – July 14-19

### **High School Age Group**

Montreat High School Conference Session 1 – June 2-8

Youth Triennium – July 16-20

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*For Camp Albemarle, parents register directly. After registration, share information with Mary Taneti for church scholarship.*

*For high school camps, contact Mary Taneti to register.*

# February Calendar



3	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship-Scout Sunday
4	10:00	Congregational Nurture Meeting
	6:30	Circle 4 meeting
5	9:00	Troubleshooters
	10:00	Circles 1 and 2 meeting
	5:30	Personnel Committee
	7:00	Committee Meetings
6	5:00	Wednesday Family Night
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
7	5:30	Yoga Class
8	5:30	“Faith in Progress” at Well Travelled Beer
10	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship-Protestant Preschool Sunday
	11:15	New Member Class
11	7:00	Women’s Bible Study @ Ali Blackburn’s
12	9:00	Troubleshooters
	4:00	Memorials Committee Meeting
	7:00	Diaconate
13	5:30	Wednesday Family Night
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
14	5:30	Yoga Class
17	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	New Member Class
	5:00	Youth Group
19	9:00	Troubleshooters
	7:00	Session
20	5:00	Wednesday Family Night
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
21	5:30	Yoga Class
24	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	New Member Class
25	7:00	Women’s Bible Study @ Ali Blackburn’s
26	9:00	Troubleshooters
	9:30	PWCT
27	5:00	Wednesday Family Night
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
28	5:30	Yoga Class