



*First Presbyterian Church
1101 E. Ash Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530*

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Dear Ones,

I'm writing to invite you on a journey, a pilgrimage that may change your life. The journey will take somewhere around 365 hours.....one hour, every day, for a year. During this year you will journey through the wonderful, wild, and sometimes perplexing world of the Bible, all 66 of its books. Additionally during that daily hour, you will commit yourself to a discipline of prayer, thoughtful meditation, and journaling, using the book, *Disciplines for the Inner Life*.

This is what the hour each day might look like: Each devotional time begins with an opening prayer and a Psalm. There follows a reading from the Bible that speaks to the theme for that week. Additionally, there will be a daily Old Testament reading and a New Testament reading that, if completed each day will carry you through the whole Bible in a year. Following these readings you will find in the *Disciplines* book brief selections from a wide variety of authors who address the theme for the week. Following this is a suggestion for your time of prayer and meditation, a concluding hymn, and benediction. There is great flexibility in how you structure this time, and every person must find their own practice. Of greatest importance is that it become a regular, daily time of worship.

I will join you on this journey, as I have with others before. This coming year will be the fifth time I have done so. We will begin together on **Monday, February 19th**, the first full week of Lent this year. Please let me know by **Friday, February 9th** if you would like to be a part of the *Disciplines for the Inner Life* group this year. This will give me time to order a book for you. If you would like to know more about it before deciding, here is a list of persons who journeyed through the *Disciplines* this year:

Debbie Richter, Sally Bardin, Lynn Branch, Carol Branch, Hettie Grisette, Toby Brown, Kathryn Spicer, Ruth Smith, Rosalyn Lomax, Susan Stackhouse, Brownie Doss, Hope Derby, Mary Taneti, Phyllis Patterson, Ann Hunter, Elva Graham, Ellen Best

Of course, I would love to talk with you more about it, too. Call the church office at 919-734-5392 or email me at fpcgoldpastor@ncrbiz.com

I know of no other more helpful practice for drawing near to the God who longs to draw near to you. This is, I know, a serious, demanding commitment. As in all of our commitments, God gives grace to help us when we try and fail to completely live up to them. I ask you to consider this commitment prayerfully.

Love,
Bob



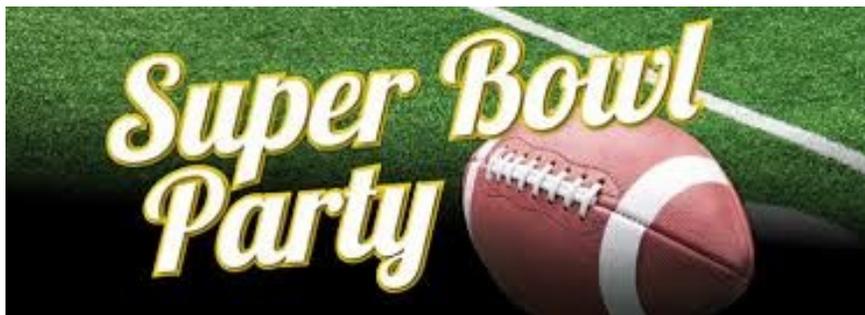
Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership is presented for outstanding service and leadership in the church. It is presented to a woman chosen by those who know her for her commitment to Christ and the mission of the church.

Nominations forms for this honor must be completed and returned no later than February 19th. 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 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Circles 1 and 2 will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m.

The Presbyterian Women of New Hope Presbytery are currently accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Applicants must live in the presbytery and be a member of a New Hope Presbytery church. Deadline for submission of a complete application packet is **March 1, 2018**. Questions about the scholarship or application process can be directed to Karen Lovering at KRNMC3@bellsouth.net. Also, please take note of the address for any hard copy correspondence sent via USPS or Express Mail. See the church office for an application.



Church-wide Super Bowl Party

February 4 @ 5:30 p.m.

Gym

Bring snacks.

Drinks will be provided.



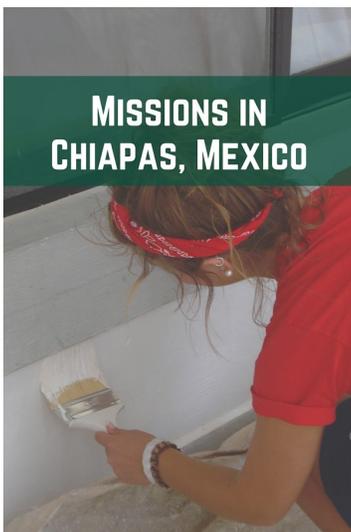
It is Yard Sale time and donations are needed and greatly appreciated! Our **Annual Missions Yard Sale** is always a big event and we want this year's sale to be a success. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 3!**



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

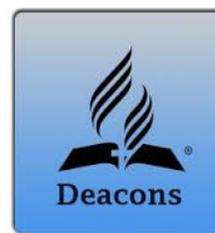
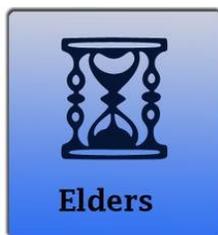
Volunteers are needed as well. We will need helpers to prepare ahead of the sale and to work on the day of the sale. Please call the church and let us know if you are willing to help or sign up at the reception desk.

Wouldn't you like to go on a mission trip?



Plans are underway for this year's mission's trip to Chiapas. We will be going July 19 – 26, 2018. 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 kim-brogden@gmail.com. We will have an interest meeting in February as well.





Feb. 4	Rev. Cynthia Williams	Feb. 5	Scott Gibson	Anne Fidler
Feb. 11	Dr. Bob Bardin	Feb. 12	Kim Brogden	Ellen Best
Feb. 18	Dr. Bob Bardin	Feb. 19	Bill Royall	Ellen Jordan
Feb. 25	Dr. Art Ross	Feb. 26	Malcolm Shearin	Robin Wilson



Deacon-in-Charge: Curtis Stackhouse
 Co-Deacon: Ellen Jordan
 Ushers: Sam Hunter, Sue Wooten, Dillon Wooten, Wilson Stackhouse

Chancel Guild: Barbara Bradshaw and Matilda Faircloth



Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

February 18, March 18, April 22, 29

Please contact Susan Stackhouse or the church office if you are interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary.

Foundation News

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 enhancement. 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, 2018** 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.



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		Mr. Ed Bass
15	Mrs. Kathryn Spicer	28	Mrs. Ellen Henderson
			Caroline Suddarth



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. Supporting churches include: First Christian Disciples of Christ, First Presbyterian, St. Luke United Methodist, St. Paul United Methodist, and St. Stephen's Episcopal.

Checks may be made to Protestant Preschool & Kindergarten and are 100% tax-deductible. A special offering will be received on February 11th to benefit the school's scholarship fund, which supports qualified, deserving students.

Mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Silent Auction on February 12-15, 2018 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Beginning February 7 through March 21

- 5:30 p.m. Family Fellowship Dinner
6:30 Bible study for youth
6:30 Pastor's Bible study for adults

Please note: *Childcare is available for infants and toddlers from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*



- 6:30 **Conversational Spanish Class**
Tutor, Jessica Lopez

*If you have any questions, please contact Mary.



A note or card can bring happiness and joy to some of our members who are recuperating at home. Please take a moment to encourage someone on the prayer list today.

Joy—*"A multitude of small delights constitutes happiness."*

Charles Baude-

2018 FPC LOCK-IN

Thank you for providing an opportunity for our youth and their friends to enjoy a lock-in at the church. We had a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, fun and food.

Mary Taneti



A special thanks to each of you that said a prayer, sent a card, called or visited during my recent surgeries and recovery. Thanks also for the beautiful flowers. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to both Joe and I.

Sincerely,
Jane McLamb



Congratulations!
Mary



Certified Christian Educator

First Presbyterian Church recognized Mary Taneti on her accomplishment in receiving her Christian Education Certification from the PC(USA).



No Ordinary Girl

There's something new at FPC,
Our Mary's a Certified CE!
She's Christian Educator Certified!
Presbytery sent the news
But nothing's really changed her views—
She's still our same sweet Mary at our side!
She's still working hard and loving hard
And serving, glorifying God.
We thank our God for her whole family!

She's no ordinary girl; she's always in a whirl
Helping everybody everywhere around.
An extraordinary girl, it's no wonder we're excited—
Our sweet Mary's CE Certification's done!
She deserves a happy cel-e-bra-ti-on
'Cause she's NO O O O ordinary girl!



Dear FPC,

Thank you so much for recognizing my certification. Thank you for being a vital part of this journey through your prayers and support. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our church. I will always cherish your warmth and hospitality. Thank you for the many prayers, wishes, and tokens of love. Working for and with people dedicated to the mission of the church makes it easier for me.

Love and peace,

Mary Taneti

February Calendar



1	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
4	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
	5:30	Super Bowl Party for all
5	10:00	Congregational Nurture Meeting
	6:30	Circle 4 meeting
6	9:00	Troubleshooters
	10:00	Circles 1 & 2 meeting
	5:30	Personnel Committee
	7:00	Committee Meetings
7	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship
8	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
11	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship
13	9:00	Troubleshooters
	4:00	Memorials Committee Meeting
	7:00	Diaconate
14	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship
15	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
18	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship-First Sunday in Lent
20	9:00	Troubleshooters
	7:00	Session
21	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship
22	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Choir
25	9:00	Sunday School
	10:00	Worship-Second Sunday in Lent
27	9:00	Troubleshooters
	9:30	PWCT
28	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship