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A New Beginning

Well, this is the last monthly newsletter article I'll be writing you. The "turnover" schedule says my last day will be June 22nd. The night before is the last opportunity to moderate a FPC-Goldsboro Session meeting; one of the highlights of my time here. The FPC Session is a strong one, who knows its functions, and carries them out efficiently and well. They are not afraid to take on controversial subjects, and surely they differ from one another in perspectives, objectives, and personal viewpoints. But they come together in love, candor, and humor to make decisions and, having done so, then support each other in unity. All this is done with great faith, humility, and love of God. I will miss those monthly meetings!

The time I've spent with the Diaconate has also been great fun. By Presbyterian polity, I am required to moderate the Session, but the Diaconate elects its own moderator. So attending those meeting has been a real joy; to watch the interplay of ideas, concern for one another, and the strong commitment they have for providing care for the congregation—the classic, and Biblical role of deacons. I shall miss them too!

During the COVID times, the way ministers do pastoral care has undergone a nearly wholesale change. Why? Because pastors simply could not visit people in their homes or in the hospital. So, many pastors, including me began making regular cell phone calls to parishioners. These contain the same substance as in-person pastoral calls, but I found I could do more of them—and right from my office or home. And I learned how to pray on the phone—another thing that most pastors weren't necessarily used to doing!

My point to all of this is that you are a strong church and a strong congregation. You love each other, care for each other, and accept the work of the deacons and elders in helping shepherd you all. This is the mark of a strong church in a strong denomination, undergirded by strong theology and a marvelous history dating back to the early days of the Protestant Reformation.

As such, it is my joy and pleasure to turn over the reins of leadership to Rev. Dr. Noé Juarez. His style of doing things will no doubt be different from mine—in many, perhaps most ways. He is a gifted musician and you will undoubtedly enjoy seeing him introduce new kinds of music in worship. His strong understanding of mission will enable you to take the church into the world in a much stronger way as you carry out God's calls. To have him live among you in

the community is a special treat that will bring many benefits—both to you and Noé. And, you will welcome his family into your arms and make them feel loved, cared for, and instantly a part of the work in Christ’s name that you already do so well here in Goldsboro. But, as I’ve said to many of you already—don’t overwhelm the Juarezes; remember there are **322** of you and only **four** of them! But it will be a lovely time for all of you as you move forward to greater things in the coming years. Another caveat; interim pastors like me often sweep in like a whirlwind, changing things, uncovering issues and working to correct the major ones to prepare the church for new pastoral leadership. Things change quickly—sometimes seemingly too fast; such is the work of interim ministry. But called and installed pastors like Noé usually follow a much slower pace—their perspective is necessarily longer and more measured. They often expect to be in their position for lengthy periods, so the long view is necessary. They expect to shepherd you through growing up, growing larger, growing older, and experiencing the vicissitudes of life in every way. This is what attracts people to ministry in the first place—and surely all of you will come to deeply appreciate the ways in which Noé will move among you as your new pastor. So, friends although I will be seeing most of you several times before I leave, know that it has been an esteemed pleasure to walk with you on your journey’s of faith, to love you and laugh with you as you’ve emerged from the COVID nightmare, and to watch with great joy as you’ve done the work of the church—lovingly, joyfully, prayerfully, and faithfully! Grace and peace,



John



Rev. Noé Juarez will be preaching on Sunday, June 26. This is his first Sunday with us. Please make plans to attend Worship. There will be a catered lunch after worship service in the gym.

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons
June 5	Suzanne Corbin	Teresa Smith
June 12	Lee Futrelle	Demis Perez
June 19	Evelyn Rose	Elva Graham
June 26	James Spicer	Christie Stafford

Deacon in charge: Tim Haithcock
Co-Deacon: Tim Judd



For the month of June

John Dees
Charlie Dees
Karen Haithcock

Christian Education

Summer Sunday School 2022

For Adults at 9:00 a.m.

For Children and Youth (multi-age) in the Gym

Montreat Youth Conference

June 5-11

Mission Trip to Chiapas, Mexico

Pray for our Mission Team going to Chiapas, Mexico from June 18-24.

Sam & Ann Hunter, Mary & Vismitha Taneti, Lynn & Carol Branch,
Toby Brown, Teresa Smith, Bud Fidler, PJ & Bill Fidler.



June Birthdays!



04 Dr. Robert Campbell

16 Ms. Catherine Jordan

05 Theodore Krutsch

22 Mrs. Marilyn Bateman

08 Davis Hunter

22 Riley Barfield

09 Mr. Harold Rose

24 Mrs. Kaitlyn Stafford

11 Mr. Matt Leonard

25 Mr. Bob Kemper

14 Mr. Curtis Stackhouse

26 Mrs. Ditty Whitford

14 William Lewis

26 Mrs. Lynne Shaw

15 Mr. John Dees

27 Mrs. Ellen Jordan

15 Mr. Nathan Johnson

30 Mrs. Barbara Ann Vinson

16 Mr. Robert Richter

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Member

2022

is presented to

Mrs. Kathryn Spicer



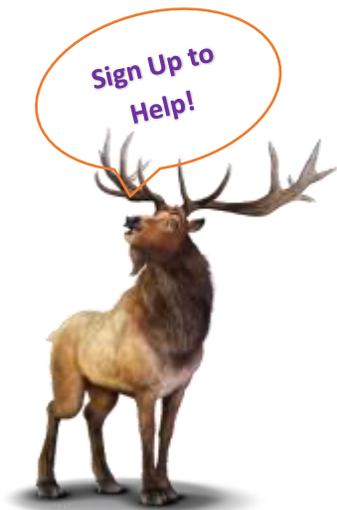


Vacation Bible School

will be hosted at FPC
Monday thru Friday, July 25-29, 2022 from
9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Need volunteers (youth and adults) please help!
Tell your neighbors and friends.
Help boost up the registrations.
Registration is online! www.fpcgoldsboro.org/vbs
The last day to register is 7/10/2022.

Please sign up by emailing Mary Taneti at fpcgoldce@ncrrbiz.com.





Music Ministry

Women to Sing to the Men on Father's Day

On Mother's Day, the wonderful men of the congregation gathered together to sing "Faith of Our Mothers" during the May 8th worship service at First Presbyterian Church. Their powerful voices filled the sanctuary and brought tears and applause from the families who heard them.

On Father's Day, June 19th, the women of the church will give the gift of song to the men by singing "Faith of Our Fathers" during the morning service. All women are asked to come to the choir room at 9:30 a.m. to practice this song before the service. You do not need to know how to read music or have a trained voice. All you need is the desire to sing to our men in appreciation for their love and commitment to God and their families. After you have sung you will be able to leave the choir loft and join your families in the congregational pews.

Please make special plans to join Chris in the choir room on Father's Day. You will have a good time and will fill the sanctuary with the beautiful sounds that only women can make!

Attention! All Chancel Choir Members and Singers in the Congregation!

On Sunday, June 26, 2022, Dr. Noé Juárez will begin his ministry at First Presbyterian Church. His first service will be a long-awaited celebration after several years of searching for the person God wanted us to have minister to us.

If you would like to join members of the Chancel Choir in singing an easy anthem for this service, please come to the choir room on June 26th at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse the music. A choir robe will be provided for you along with a folder to hold your music.

Singing with us on this Sunday does not mean that you have been drafted into the choir! We would love to have you stay and join us this fall but this will be your decision.

Come sing with us on this special Sunday. We will be accompanied by the sound of a guest trumpeter and the organ as we praise God for this exciting time in the life of this church. Let us “Make a Joyful Noise!”

MEMORIALS

Wiley Leonard – Music Fund – Bill & Lisa Royall, Tracy Belyeu, Jack & Ellen Best, CRNAs of East Carolina Anesthesia Associates, Malcolm & Gail Shearin, James & Kathryn Spicer

Audrey Brow – Undesignated – Bill & Lisa Royall, Ditty Whitford, Edith Horne, Worth & Delores Carter, Madeleine Futrelle, Hope Derby, Jack & Ellen Best, James & Mary Taneti, Sue McClenny, Jay & Kathy Best, Anne & Layne Turner, James & Kathryn Spicer, Margaret & Phil Baddour

Presbyterian Women – Frank & Missy Best

Good Samaritan Fund – Malcolm & Gail Shearin

Tommy King – Undesignated – Jack & Ellen Best

FPC Summer Calendar for June 2022

Sundays	Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Mondays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Committee Meetings (first Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (second Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (third Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursdays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Goldsboro Bridge Club 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fridays	Church office 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Day Away 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays	Church office closed

For a detailed weekly calendar please visit the church website.