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Hello new friends in Goldsboro NC!

I am super excited to be here and serve as the pastor and head of staff at First Presbyterian Goldsboro. My first Sunday with you on June 26th was fantastic! I enjoyed greeting you and beginning to learn your name and listen to your journey. My wife Laurie and my children Paul and Ella, and our little dog Gemma are staying between Greensboro (with my In-Laws) and Goldsboro until we find a home. We are excited that our children have been accepted to attend the Wayne School of Technical Arts. As you probably know this is a new Middle and High School with 50% military and 50% civilian students. Paul is going to 10th and Ella 9th grade. We are currently looking for a house and, in the meantime, we are staying in a temporary apartment/hotel. We really appreciate the love and hospitality you are sharing with us. We feel the love in every greeting and in every meeting.

These weeks, our plan is to connect with you, to get to know you and begin implementing the kick-off activities and programs for the fall after Labor Day. I would love to visit with you here at the church, we could have coffee or arrange a home visit too. I am usually going to be in the office Monday-Thursday mornings. Thursdays are going to be Sermon writing days. Fridays are going to be my Day-Offs. Afternoons and evenings are going to be for visits, community activities and committee meetings.

As I announced last Sunday, this summer we will be sharing messages based on the stories of Israel in the transition of the wilderness. The sermon series is called 'Journeying Together'. In the fall, we will start a new series called 'Building Together' with stories of the Promised Land, Samuel, David, and Solomon. We are also planning

on organizing a session retreat, deacon's retreat, and staff retreat, to discern together where God is leading us as a congregation. I am beginning to meet one-on-one with the staff, chairs of committees and I am open to hear your insights about anything the Lord puts in your heart for the building of the community and serving people in need.

I am looking forward to meeting you and learning your faith journey and thank you for trusting me. And we thank God for calling us to dream in partnership together.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Pastor Noé Juarez

Officer Duties

	Elders	Deacons
July 3	Bill Royall	Robin Wilson
July 10	Jason Blackburn	Tim Judd
July 17	Rosalyn Lomax	Betty Rose Sutton
July 24	Suzanne Corbin	Emily Byrd
July 31	Chris Martin	Teresa Smith

The deacon in charge: Teresa Smith
Co-Deacon: Demis Perez



For the month of July

Beth Kannan
Jack Kannan
Rebekah Perez

Christian Education

Summer Sunday School 2022

For Adults at 9:00 a.m.

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

Women's Connection Conference

August 12-14

Montreat Conference Center



July Birthdays!



02 Mrs. Joy Leonard

04 Mr. Scott Gibson

05 Mrs. Robin Wilson

06 Mr. Fred McCall III

06 Mrs. Hadley Bolles

07 Mr. James Spicer IV

09 Mr. David Byrd

11 Mr. Jimmy Doss

12 Ms. Katharine Eason

13 Mrs. Judy Taylor

16 Mrs. Addie Warren

16 Mr. Lee Futrelle III

18 Ms. Brigitta Seymour

18 Dr. Bryson Bateman

19 Ms. Wanda Starling

20 Mrs. Barbara Parker

20 Ms. Matilda Parker

21 Mr. Don Sutton

23 Mr. John Parker

24 Mr. Jeff Barfield

25 Mr. Tripp Fidler

27 Mrs. Ellen Eubanks

30 Mrs. Betty Anderson

31 Ms. Vera Mae Blackburn

Save the Date!

Yard Sale!

10-1-2022 from 8 a.m. to Noon

**Start saving your stuff to donate to the
Mission Yard Sale!**



Vacation Bible School

will be hosted at FPC

Monday thru Friday, July 25-29, 2022 from
9:00 a.m. to Noon.

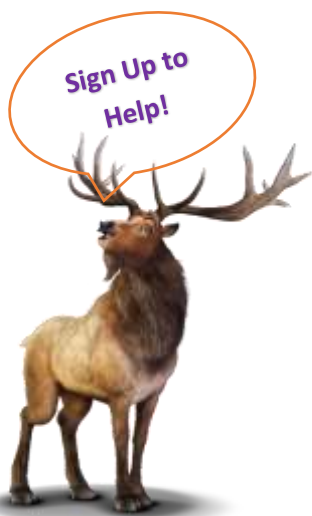
Need volunteers (youth and adults) please help!

Tell your neighbors and friends.

Help boost registrations.

Registration is online! www.fpcgoldsboro.org/vbs

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





Music Ministry

Join the Handbell Choir!

Have you ever wanted to make music for the Lord? Do you think that your voice is not sweet enough to sing in the Chancel Choir? Do you hear the music for the church and long to be part of an instrumental ensemble?

Your wish has been granted!

The wonderful Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church would love to have you join us each Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the upstairs handbell practice room to learn the art of English Handbell Ringing. Beginning on **Wednesday, September 7th**, rehearsals will begin as we prepare our Christmas music. We will teach you how to ring the bells and handchimes, read the music, and enjoy the fun and laughter this choir shares with one another each week.

Please call Chris at the church (919-734-5392 ext. 12) by the **end of July** to reserve your place. He would like to start preparing all the music for each ringer and needs to know the final number of ringers he will have in the choir so that he can circle each part.

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord as you learn to ring bells for the Lord!

Piano and Voice Lessons

Starting in September our Director of Music, Chris Watkins, will be accepting new piano and voice students to receive lessons here at the church.

Chris specializes in teaching both adults and children (who are able to read) to play the piano, and to learn to sing properly and easily. He will be

here at the church on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays depending on the number of new students who wish to receive lessons. The cost of each weekly lesson is \$35 for a 40-minute lesson, and \$45 for an hour session each week.

Please call Chris here at the church (919) 734-5392 ext. 12, or at his home (252) 206-9965 so set up a time for lessons.

Building a Family of Faith Beyond Goldsboro

@ Montreat Youth Conference - 2022!



I had such a good time in Montreat. Not only did I enjoy meeting tons of people who had the same beliefs, interests, and passions as me but it felt like a very safe space to express your thoughts and feelings. One of my favorite parts about Montreat was keynote where every morning I was introduced to a new idea or point of view. Overall I felt like I learnt a lot and came back feeling different than from when I left. -- Carolyn Page

Montreat gives youth the opportunity to bond with their peers and a time to join others with a mutual love for Christ. Montreat gives us a time to reflect on who we are and what God wants us to be. We are reminded that we, as God created us, are more than enough. All fun and socializing was done outside a screen and youth disconnected from technology most of the day. Youth as well as adults need this more than ever. The youth at Montreat renewed my faith in the future. So many good kids were there thinking outside the box, supporting each other, making many lasting memories and building their faith. -- Debbie Richter



I had a great experience at Montreat this year. I was able to feel God's love and kindness through all of the people I met throughout the week. I was able to meet people from all over that had new perspectives and interesting stories. In small groups, I felt comfortable and safe to share my personal experiences. Coming back from Montreat, I have a balance mind and have learned so many new things to bring home. - Nicole Page

Montreat is always such an enlightening experience. From an amazing church group filled with laughter and fun to spending time in God's beautiful creation. Getting to meet other youth from different places, hearing their experiences and becoming friends with people who use to be strangers is one of the biggest benefits of this experiences. I came home touched by the faith of other youth and change in my own faith. - Vismitha Taneti

Being in the mountains and seeing the nature that surrounds Montreat make you feel closer to God because you can feel and see all of God's beautiful creations. Being in that environment gives us an opportunity to relate to and make friends with other Christian teenagers who all want to worship God and that can motivate us to appreciate and worship the Lord more. Small group gives us an opportunity to bond and socialize with a smaller group of new people. The fun activities and discussions that took place made us deeply appreciate God's love for us all and brought us closer together. - Annelise Boros

The spirit of God is present during the Youth Retreat at Montreat which brings peace and healing. We cannot be successful doing it alone but with God's help we are more than enough. Being in a community with other believers in a place away from our normal lives is really encouraging! -- Nathan Johnson

Montreat has a place for everyone. I went this year as a college student and took on the role of a leader. It was humbling to see my peers take that time away from their regular lives and worship God, in this special place called Montreat. - Vismai Taneti

Thank you, FPC for giving our youth this special opportunity to attend the Montreat Youth Conference. The youth and adults soak in all that Montreat gives, faith, fellowship and friendships that last forever. Thank you, FPC Foundation for your gracious investment in their lives. - Mary Taneti



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