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Dear Ones,

I'm writing this on Friday morning. In a couple of hours, Sally and I will leave on our "bucket list" pilgrimage to Israel. I have yet to pack, and have promised Ruth that I would have this newsletter contribution in her hands before bon voyage. So I'm sharing with you a portion of a poem that I read this morning, one by 17th Century Welsh poet George Herbert. This will, I know, please the English and Literature teachers among you. This work, about how to behave in church, is worth digging into and pondering for the rest of us, too.

The Church Porch

When once thy foot enters the church, be bare.
God is more there, then thou: for thou art there
Onely by his permission. Then beware,
And make thy self all reverence and fear.
Kneeling ne're spoil'd silk stocking: quit thy
state.
All equall are within the churches gate.

In time of service seal up both thine eies,
And send them to thine heart; that spying sinne,
They may weep out the stains by them did rise:
Those doores being shut, all by the eare comes in.
Who marks in church-time others symmetrie,
Makes all their beautie his deformitie.

Let vain or busie thoughts have there no part:
Bring not thy plough, thy plots, thy pleasures
thither.
Christ purg'd his temple; so must thou thy heart.
All worldly thoughts are but theeves met together
To couzin thee. Look to thy actions well:
For churches are either our heav'n or hell.

Judge not the preacher; for he is thy Judge:
If thou mislike him, thou conceiv'st him not.
God calleth preaching folly. Do not grudge
To pick out treasures from an earthen pot.
The worst speak something good: if all want
sense,
God takes a text, and preacheth patience.

He that gets patience, and the blessing which
Preachers conclude with, hath not lost his pains.
He that by being at church escapes the ditch,
Which he might fall in by companions, gains.
He that loves Gods abode, and to combine
With saints on earth, shall one day with them
shine.

My God bless and keep you (out of the ditch!) while I am away. When I come back I expect to resume teaching you patience.

Warmly,
Bob

The Foundation of FPC



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.



We would like to extend an opportunity to the congregation to place a name on the memorial or honor list and share in the cost of the Easter lilies. The cost will be \$10 for each name listed. The deadline for placing orders is March 26.

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 kimbrogden@gmail.com. We will have an interest meeting March 18th.



C.L.I.F.F. presents
Mid-week Lenten Luncheon Services
 Each Wednesday through March 28
 St. Paul UMC at 12:00 p.m.
 Lunch at 12:30 p.m. (dine in or take-out)
“Unity in the Body of Christ”



March 11, 2018



You can watch FPC sermons online at fpcgoldsboro.org. Click on the “video button” on the home page or go to “Resource’s tab,” scroll down and click on “Sermon Videos.”



March 4 Dr. Art Ross
 March 11 Dr. Bob Bardin

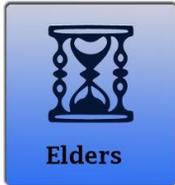
March 18 Dr. Bob Bardin
 March 25 Dr. Bob Bardin



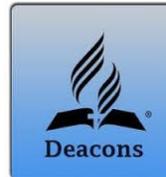
Deacon in Charge: Robin Wilson

Co-Deacon: Hettie Grisette

Ushers: Steve Jara, Scott Jara, Jimmy Doss, Brownie Doss



March 5 Linda Brown
 March 12 John Dees
 March 19 Dan Blackshear
 March 26 Lee Futrelle



March 5 Michael Ellis
 March 12 Hettie Grisette
 March 19 Toby Brown
 March 26 Elva Graham



Circle 4 will meet on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Circles 1 and 2 will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Debbie Richter
 Betty Rose Sutton

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

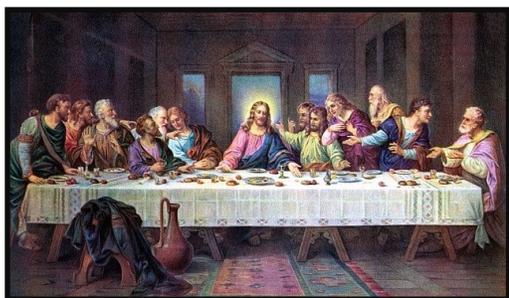
4	Mr. Thomas Bradshaw	25	Ms. Sandra Franklin
5	Mr. Sam Hunter		Dr. Sherman Hawkins
	Trotter Sumner		Mrs. Debbie Bronner
9	Thomas Sumner	26	Dr. Joe McLamb
10	Mrs. Mildred Merritt		Mrs. Ann Hunter
11	Mr. Sonny Wooten		Mr. Tom Shaw
	Mrs. Meredith Gurley	27	Scott Jara
	Mrs. Elva Graham		Mr. Fred McCall, Jr
15	Miss June Fields	28	Mr. Mike Richter
19	Mr. Philip Brogden	29	Mr. Bill Corbin
21	Mr. Michael Ellis	30	Mrs. Loretta Hawkins
	Jayson Keeton		Mrs. Sandi Bair-
	Emily Sauls Lewis		Gibson
24	Mr. Bob Bass	31	Mrs. Linda Brown
	Fort Parker		
	Mrs. Lynn Branch		



Saturday, March 17 at 11:00
 First Presbyterian Church
 Activity Center

Please Call 919-734-5392 to make reservation





The Living Last Supper

The Living Last Supper is Maundy Thursday, March 29. This service has been a rewarding and meaningful event for those who have participated in the past, as well as for the congregation. Come and be part of it as we prepare our hearts to celebrate our Risen Lord!

Anyone interested in making **Palm Crosses**, please meet on March 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the gym.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday
March 25 10am

"Living Last Supper"

March 29 7pm



Lenten Service
March 28 12:00

Easter Sunday
April 1 10am

Palm Sunday Children's Choir

For children and youth interested in singing two songs during Palm Sunday worship service, please come for practice following children's time on Sunday morning. Meet in McChesney Hall every Sunday leading up to Palm Sunday. The children will have the processional and then sing the songs they have practiced.



The Easter Giving Tree is our mission project this Easter. We will make Easter food bags to support the Wayne County social worker's food closet. If you are interested in supporting this project, please take one egg from the tree and donate the food supplies listed on the egg by March 26. You may place the items under the tree or leave it in Mary Taneti's office.

Dates Available for Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary, the following dates are available:

March 18, April 22

May 27, June 17

Please contact Susan Stackhouse or Ruth Smith in the church office if you are interested.

