



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

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June 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

As the thermometer races towards 100 degrees outside, I think it is safe to say that summer is here! This week our children and youth, and our own Andrea Paschal, are on the shores of Lake Greenwood at Camp Fellowship! And we are preparing to send our youth on mission trips and to conferences designed to grow their faith. Several adults will go to the Montreat Music and Worship Conference. Their experiences enrich our worship back home more than you might know! And, on Sunday, as I looked out at the congregation, it was clear that many of you are taking the summer season as a time to travel.

A change of pace is good and I would even say God designed. The fourth commandment is that everyone created by God should have a day of rest. God made us so that we need the opportunity to rest and to re-create. We can ignore that reality, but we cannot change it. From July 1st through August 12th, the church will even take our own advice (!) and move to one worship service at 11am. The volunteers who sing in the choir, teach Sunday School, keep the nursery and make coffee need both our appreciation and a break. Rest is good.

But my plea is not to confuse resting with taking a vacation from being a follower of Christ. You are a disciple of Jesus, whether you are at the beach or in your office. Too many people confuse worship attendance on Sunday morning with the totality of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Please don't be one of those folks. So, some suggestions if you need help.

1. 1. Decide this summer to let some of your reading be either of Scripture or of a devotion of your own choosing. Let me know if you need help, and remember that we have a good church library!
2. 2. Take advantage of the more relaxed schedule to experiment with spending time in prayer. Sitting quietly in God's presence is a learned and difficult skill. Summer might be a great time to practice.
3. 3. Participate in the invitation to write me or Andrea Paschal a letter this summer to tell us where you see God at work in the world. Andrea is posting pictures of church steeples on the FLPC Blog. You are invited to participate in the scavenger hunt and identify those steeples, and to write us letters that we can post on our Blog to share your "God sightings" with others. Try to see the world through God's eyes this summer.
4. 4. On Sundays when you are out of town, either visit a nearby church for worship or plan to lead your own (on the beach is really fun!). Visiting other churches is a great way to remember how very big the Body of Christ is, and I hope you will bring home any good ideas you see there. And personal or family worship can be very meaningful in my experience.
5. 5. Participate in our Adult Wednesday Night Study of Mudhouse Sabbath on July 11, 18 and 26 at 6:15 in the Parlor. And participate in our Vacation Bible School from July 29th through August 1st in the evenings, with dinner!

If I don't see you here, I hope to see you in worship soon!

Ellen

Ellen F. Skidmore

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*Proclaiming the good news of God's love in
Jesus Christ, to build a fellowship of
Christian Love, and to serve this
community and the world in the spirit
of the Servant Christ.*

Please Pray For . . .

Missionaries

- * Mark Adams - Mexico
- * Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather,
- South Sudan
- * Ministry of Hope- Lesotho

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church is a
Stephen Ministry congregation!

If you feel like you or someone you
know could benefit from a one-to-
one, confidential, caring Christian
relationship, please contact:

Wayne Harris at 790-0954 or
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Sympathies of the Congregation are extended to:

- * Family and Friends of Hazel Harwood, who passed away on June 8, 2018.
- * Kitty Trehwella, Mary Alice Trehwella, Terry Chronister, and Kathryn & Jamie LaRose, on the death of Steve Trehwella on June 17, 2018.



Thank you!

Thank you for all the calls and visits from my Forest Lake family. It means so much to me.

Mary Carpenter

Congratulations!

Our friend, Rev. Lisa Hermann, received the First Decade Distinguished Alumni Award from Louisville Seminary. This award is presented to recent graduates who have made a significant impact on the church and in their community in the first five to nine years of ministry and service. Lisa is currently chaplain for UW Health in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mission Crossroads, the Presbyterian Mission Agency magazine, has a great article about our Mission Co-workers Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar and their work with Café Justo, a fair-trade cooperative affiliated with Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian Border Ministry

Read the article here:

<https://missioncrossroads.epubxp.com/t/91059-mission-crossroads>

A copy is also located at the downstairs lobby information credenza.

The Session has called a congregational meeting at 10:30 on Sunday, July 15th for the following purposes:

- a. To hear an explanation of the new recommended staffing structure
- b. To ask the congregation to concur with their recommendation:
That after careful review of the ministry needs of our congregation, the Session recommends that the congregation approve the abolishment of the Associate Pastor for Service, Care and Discipleship position formerly held by Michael East.

Brochures with full details of the proposal are included in this newsletter and hard copies may be picked up on either the Connecting Point Desk or the Downstairs Lobby

Notes from the Stated Session Meeting – June 17, 2018

- Service and Benevolence will be providing an opportunity for home gardeners to bring in their garden produce every Sunday so that it can be delivered to Harvest Hope Food Bank each Monday.
- Approved the collection of school supplies for Condor Elementary School from July 1 – August 5th.
- Heard a report from our recent food drive to benefit Richland School Districts 1 & 2. The food drive resulted in 280 bags of food that was evenly divided between the Districts. This total came from FLPC, St. Michaels and All Angels, Beth Shalom Synagogue and Masjid As-Salaam Mosque.
- Received a thank you letter from the PC(USA) Office of Mission Engagement and Support for our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering from Easter of \$1,589.35.
- Approved the dates for the fall 2018 Annual Stewardship Campaign. Dedication Sunday for the congregation will be Sunday, October 28, 2018.
- Approved the baptism of Benjamin Robert Grinton, infant son of Katie and Stewart Grinton on September 23rd.
- Received plans to schedule an organ concert by Matthew Whitehouse on September 23rd in the afternoon in our sanctuary. This concert and reception will be a second opportunity to celebrate the installation of our new Casavant Organ.
- Heard a report of home communion delivered to Mary Carpenter by Ellen Skidmore with representatives from Session, Deacons and staff.
- Approved a request from Education to hold a collection of non-perishable food items during this year's VBS, which will be donated to Harvest Hope Food Bank.
- Approved a proposal that amends our "Standards of Behavior" in our Child Protection Policy. The new language provides security and oversight for online communication between adults and children/youth.
- Approved a proposal, presented by Personnel Ministry and supported by Stewardship and Administration, to redesign our staffing design. The proposal recommends that the congregation dissolve the Associate Pastor position and replace that one position with two part-time positions:
 - A 30 hour Director of Mission and Community Engagement who will focus effort on service, mission and building community within our congregation. And
 - A 20 hour Parish Associate for Pastoral Care who will support and carry out pastoral care and offer staff support on Sunday's in worship and teaching.
- In support of this proposal, the Session voted to call a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, July 15th at 10:30 for two purposes:
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- Session also called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, August 12th at 10:40 for two purposes:
 - To receive and to act upon the nominations from the Congregational Nominating Committee regarding the election of Elders and Deacons for the class of 2021, and
 - To act upon a recommendation of the CNC and Session to amend the Congregational Nominating Committee Policy. Two types of changes are recommended:
 - ◆ Updating the policy to reflect current references to The Book of Order (part 2 of our Denomination's Constitution), and
 - ◆ To add the following sentence to the committee instructions: *During their service, members of the CNC (including the Pastor) are encouraged to suggest members for office, but are not to contact anyone suggested for office, to ask them about serving, until the whole group agrees on the slate and defines the process for asking members to consider service.*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

8:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM—Worship Service (FH)
9:45 AM—Coffee (Connecting Point lobby)
10:00 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM—Worship Service (FH)
12:15 PM—Singles 40+ Lunch Bunch
5:30 PM—South Sudan Dinner and Presentation (FH)
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 25

12:00 PM—Senior Lunch (FH)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

8:30—Autism Academy Camp Mates
9:00 AM—Yoga
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

10:00 AM—Ladies' Small Group
8:00 PM—AA meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

8:30—Autism Academy Camp Mates
9:00 AM—Yoga

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 AM—Ladies' Breakfast

SUNDAY, JULY 1

10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM—Worship Service (FH)
2:00 PM—NA Meeting (Community Rm)
8:00 PM—AA Meeting (Community Rm)

TUESDAY, JULY 3

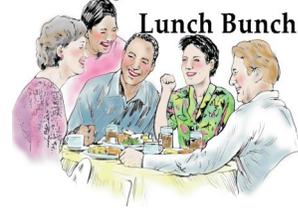
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day—Office Closed

Singles 40+

Lunch Bunch



NEXT SINGLES 40+ LUNCH BUNCH

Sunday, June 24, 2018

following the 11:00 a.m. service.

HOLA MEXICO

9009 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC

Make your reservation with Marje Warner, 699-6907,
or by e-mail, pmwarner2@att.net, by Friday, June 22,
2018.

Senior Lunch and Program

NOTE: SPECIAL DATE -
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018
12:00 PM

Rev. Bill Tabor, Director of Crisis
Assistance with the Cooperative Ministry.

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, June
21, 2018.

Richland School District Two
Community Conversation Series:
Safety in our Schools

June 25, 6pm

R2I2 - 763 Fashion Dr., Columbia
29223

Join the conversation:

- ◆ In Person
- ◆ On Twitter #R2Safety
- ◆ Streaming online at
www.richland2.org/livestream

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2018 CONGREGATIONAL ADVENT RETREAT

November 30-December 2, 2018

Montreat, North Carolina

This year's theme will be Micah 6:8.

Dr. Becky Davis from Presbyterian College will facilitate a study on what scripture teaches us about justice and compassion.

Please mark your calendar for this church-wide retreat.

More information to come in Late August.

~FLPC KIDS' GARDEN~

**Come any time to our Kids' Garden
and enjoy seeing the vegetables and fruit
our children planted growing for Harvest Hope!**

WEEKLY KIDS' GARDEN HARVESTERS

**If you would like to participate in our gardening,
you have the opportunity to sign up for your own week
of harvesting and tending this summer!**

You will be shown everything you need to know...

A "WEEKLY GARDEN HARVESTER" (all family invited)

HARVESTS (picks ripe produce and takes it to nearby Rehoboth Church food pantry or we will take it for you) and **TENDS** (gives attention to garden needs such as extra watering if needed besides the irrigation system, reporting concerns).

Contact Lee Phippen leepippen2@gmail.com for more information.

BACKPACK BUDDIES NEEDED

BUDDIES/VOLUNTEERS needed:

- PACK foods every Friday morning of 2018 – 2019 school year
- SHOP for food on Thursday mornings as needed
- SAVE coupons identified on backpack grocery lists
- COLLECT and DOUBLE BAG plastic grocery bags

WHEN:

- Fridays mornings beginning on September 15, 2018, and continuing throughout the school year
- Thursday mornings as needed throughout the school year to assist in shopping for groceries

WHERE:

- Friday grocery packing and grocery storage will be at Dent Middle School

BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM:

- Backpack Buddies is a nutritional supplement program designed to serve students eligible to receive free or reduced nutrition at school. FLPC's Backpack Buddies program will serve approximately 20 students at Forest Lake Elementary School. Eligibility is determined by the school social worker who follows free and reduced nutrition eligibility standards.

NEED MORE INFORMATION OR WANT TO SIGN UP?

- Sign up sheets are located at the Connecting Point
- An organization meeting will be held in August at a time TBA

For additional information and for answers to questions, contact Joan Dickinson, 586-8282 or jdickinson3@sc.rr.com.

Homeless Assistance Kits - You Can Help

Do you encounter people in need, including Columbia's large homeless population? A person may be standing on the street corner with a sign. A person may be at the entrance to a grocery store or other commercial establishment.

You are reluctant to hand out cash to those in need, and the homeless assistance kits will afford you an alternative that provides immediate assistance for food, transportation, and information. Keeping a kit or two in your car will keep the kits available to you when you need them.

Each kit contains:

\$5 McDonald's gift card

One day Columbia city bus system pass

Health and comfort items

Information card

The kits will be available for purchase at the Connecting Point on Sundays beginning Sunday, May 13, 2018. On weekdays, the kits will be available in the Welcome Center. To purchase a kit, please deposit \$8 cash or a check payable to FLPC in the box located next to the kits. The \$8 covers the cost of the kit. The Service & Benevolence Ministry will use the proceeds to purchase additional kits.

Please contact Tom Leclair if you have any questions (803-786-5599; tjllsl@earthlink.net).

July Study Series for Adults

Summer is a season of change for many of us, and that is certainly true here at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church. Yet summer can also provide its own unique opportunities for growth and spiritual formation and we will be offering one such opportunity on three Wednesday nights in the month of July. Starting on July 11th and continuing each Wednesday evening through July 25th, there will be a study offered each week based on the book *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline*. Written by Lauren Winner, it helps us look in a unique way at such spiritual practices as Sabbath-Keeping, Prayer, Fasting, and even Mourning, from both a Jewish and Christian perspective. The book reminds us that we can learn much from each other in the way we observe these practices. We will meet in the parlor from 6:00-7:15 and The Rev. Dan Holloway will lead the study. All are welcome!

How is God's work accomplished in times of famines, droughts and civil wars?

To answer that question, please plan to attend the presentation of Debbie Braaksma, the head of PCUSA Africa Office, and Rev. John Yor, Executive Secretary, the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan. Rev. Yor has conducted his mission in South Sudan in the midst of famines, droughts, and civil wars. He brings a real-world perspective to being a Presbyterian in a region dominated by strife of Biblical proportions.

When: June 24, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall at FLPC

Bring: Your favorite covered dish item (sign up for covered dishes will be at the Connecting Point)





Fishers of Men

2018 Intergenerational VBS

July 29 - August 1

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Calling all Fishers of Men! Experience a sample of the way Christ and the Disciples lived! Cast a Net~ Make a Boat ~ Tie Knots ~ Make a Clay Pot ~ Write in Hebrew

Each night starts with a community family meal and will include Bible Stories, Music, Marketplace shops to learn a bit more about Jesus' time. All ages welcome!

Registration for all ages is now open: <https://goo.gl/forms/xHPW9pRhPExywmit1>

Ways to help prepare for the week:

- Pray for the leaders and families that will attend.
- Volunteer to help with marketplace crafts - Carpentry, Music, Pottery, Boat making, Scribe, Fishing
- Help with decorations - fishing nets, fruit/market baskets, burlap, pottery dishes, white, colored or striped flat sheets, shoestrings, bread making machines
- Invite friends to join you for this wonderful week!

Beat the Heat and enjoy a Summer Movie with friends!

Wednesday, July 25 9:00am - 1:30pm

Cost: \$15 Registration deadline: Sunday, July 22

Elementary ages will enjoy the movie *The Secret Life of Pets* at Regal Columbia Cinema at Richland Mall. After the movie, we will eat lunch and get ice cream at Zestos, before returning to the church.

Registration link: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=DBqpeyY3dc98KlxY51XKsg==&site=91571&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=4607&EventID=15



The new 2018 Church Directories are here!

If you had your picture made, please pick up your free copy at the Connecting Point on Sundays or in the downstairs lobby during the week. They are labeled with your name and filed alphabetically.

If you did NOT have your picture made, you may purchase one for \$7.50 in the church office.

Sunday Nursery Workers

June 24

9:00—Allison & Lyle Lee

11:00—Gisele & Donald Akah

July 1

11:00—Ginny Jones

July 8

11:00—Kristy & Brad Woodward

July 15

11:00—Kevin & Sara Tyer

JULY SCHEDULE



Summer Worship Hours
July 1—August 12
One Service at 11:00 am
No Sunday School

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FLPC July Happenings to remember and pray for:

High School Montreat Youth Conference—July 8—14

Middle School Montreat Conference at Maryville College—July 18—22

Vacation Bible School—July 29—August 1