



# Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

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Dear Friends,

On Sunday, a very important thing happened. The congregation met before worship and voted to concur with the recommendation of The Session to abolish the position of Associate Pastor. Essentially, the Session recommended that we replace the position of Associate Pastor with two part-time positions. A part time (20 hours a week) position for a minister/pastor type who will focus on pastoral care and worship with some time for preaching/teaching, and a part time (30 hours a week) lay (not ordained) position that will focus on engaging our congregation in active mission and on building community and connections in our faith family. The Session approved this new staffing proposal and the congregation voted to support the Session and to give a brand new staffing model a try.

I want to tell you what I think the marks of a successful and faithful church are. The mark of a faithful and successful congregation is that the leadership and people are **relentlessly** focused on serving God's purposes for the world as we know them through the person of Jesus Christ. And a faithful congregation is able to discuss, consider and even disagree with each other in a spirit of love. On both of those counts, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church is successful and faithful.

The goal of a faithful successful congregation is NOT to stay the same or to have the best facility or have everyone agree. All of those goals get in the way of discerning God's purpose and adapting to meet that purpose in the world. At our congregational meeting on Sunday, I was heartened to see that people seemed free to ask good and tough questions and felt free to disagree. That is a sign of health.

That being said, I think that the decision to move ahead with a new staffing model is hugely important. I consider it a holy experiment, because it is an attempt to try to accomplish the mission and vision of our congregation – as has been expressed by this congregation in two strategic planning sessions – in a new and potentially more effective way. No one knows whether this will work for sure. Truthfully – no one knows if it would work if we called a new Associate Pastor. But, this congregation showed itself open to experimenting and to change when we are seeking to serve God's purpose. And I have heard clearly that those who are unsure about this new model are absolutely certain that they want our church to serve God's purpose. And that – friends in Christ – is what makes Forest Lake Presbyterian Church a **GREAT** Church.

Our Session is strong and determined to continue to evaluate and to chart a course that is determined more by mission and vision than it is determined by history or "the way we have always done things." Change is always scary, but we believe in a God who holds the future, even if we don't know what the future holds. And if we can become ever more faithful in the service of that God, then no matter what happens we will be ok.

See you in worship!

*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

### PASTORAL CARE NUMBERS

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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 Margaret Berry, who passed away on July 9, 2018.
- ♦ Family and friends of Kay Loflen, who passed away on July 9, 2018.
- ♦ Family and friends of Chris Schroeder, who passed away on July 13, 2018.

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THANK YOU BEVERLY SALLEY!

Remember that Beverly Salley is planning to retire as our organist after forty-five years!! Her last Sunday will be August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Session has authorized a love offering and all members and guests are invited to contribute to that gift by sending money marked "For Beverly Salley" no later than August 5<sup>th</sup>! We will give thanks for Beverly's amazing service in worship on August 12<sup>th</sup> and have a simple reception for her following worship. Take time to show your appreciation!

## Family Promise Host Week August 12 - 19

As our next Family Promise host week approaches, we hope you will consider how you can get involved. Family Promise is a local nonprofit that keeps families together during homelessness helping them achieve sustainable independence. Sixteen Columbia faith-based congregations take part providing shelter, food and hospitality to our guests. We need your help and ALL ages can help. Help needed includes: providing a meal (serving and clean up) or part of a meal, spending the night as a host or part of the day on Saturday, setting up rooms, shopping for food, doing a load of laundry, or driving our families who don't have transportation. Please stop by the green sign up board on the Connecting Point desk to see how you can help. Thank you!

## Summer Worship Times

**July 1 - August 12**

**One Service at 11:00 am**

No Sunday School

### Senior Lunch and Program

Thursday, August 23, 12:00pm

Lunch is \$5.00 at the door

Program:

John Allison ~

“The Presbyterian Influence on Winning  
the Revolutionary War in the South”

### RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

The Richland County Stormwater Management Division and the City of Columbia water department are offering discounted rain barrels for sale to the public.

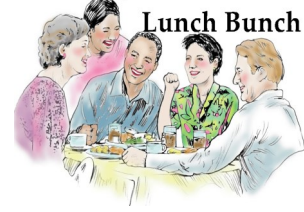
The 50-gallon barrels, which normally sell for \$129, are available for \$68, according to a Richland County news release. The gravity-fed barrels, made of 100% recycled materials, don't require a pump and include a valve for connecting a standard water hose. They also feature a mosquito-resistant inlet and a child-proof lid.

Rain barrels capture and store rain from gutter systems, providing a free source of water for landscaping and gardening while reducing runoff pollution in nearby rivers and streams.

Orders may be placed at <https://www.rainwatersolutions.com>. Orders must be placed by July 22, and rain barrel pickup is scheduled for July 28 at the city of Columbia Public Works building at 2910 Colonial Drive.

Singles 40+

Lunch Bunch



### NEXT SINGLES 40+ LUNCH BUNCH

Sunday, August 5, 2018

following the 11:00 a.m. service.

BLUEFIN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

461 Town Center Place, Columbia, SC

Make your reservation with Marje Warner, 699-6907, or by e-mail, [pmwarner2@att.net](mailto:pmwarner2@att.net), by Friday, August 3, 2018.

### Environmental Stewardship

#### Energy Saving Measures - Kitchen

- ◆ Use your refrigerator's anti-sweat feature only if necessary.
- ◆ Switch your refrigerator's power-saver to "on", if available.
- ◆ Clean refrigerator coils annually
- ◆ Set the refrigerator temperature to 34°-37° F and freezer temperature to 0°-5°F.
- ◆ Ensure gaskets around door seal tightly.
- ◆ Unplug unused refrigerators or freezers.
- ◆ Use microwave for cooking when possible.
- ◆ When cooking on the range, use pot lids to help food cook faster.
- ◆ If you are heating water, use hot tap water instead of cold.
- ◆ Remember to use the kitchen exhaust fan when cooking and turn it off after cooking.
- ◆ Use a crockpot instead of simmering on the stove.
- ◆ Rinse dirty dishes with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher.
- ◆ Use cold water for garbage disposal.
- ◆ Only run dishwasher when fully loaded.
- ◆ Use air-dry cycle instead of heat-dry cycle to dry dishes.

# CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, JULY 22

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

## MONDAY, JULY 23

7:30 AM—Golf Outing

## TUESDAY, JULY 24

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

9:00 AM—Fun Daze Trip  
6:00 PM—Mudhouse Sabbath Study (Parlor)  
8:00 PM—AA meeting

## THURSDAY, JULY 26

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 27

9:00—VBS Decorating

## SUNDAY, JULY 29

10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM—Worship Service (FH)  
5:30 PM—VBS  
8:00 PM—AA Meeting (Community Rm)

## MONDAY, JULY 30

5:30 PM—VBS

## TUESDAY, JULY 31

8:30 AM—Autism Academy Camp Mates  
9:00 AM—Yoga  
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM—VBS

## 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!

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## The New Directories are Here!

If you had a photo made, you may pick up your free copy at the Connecting Point Lobby.  
They are labeled alphabetically.

If you did not have a photo made, we encourage you to use the Online Directory through the Member Login on the website. You are welcome to send us a photo (jpg) to be included in the online directory. The online directory has the most current information available.

(Instructions for using the member login are at the Connecting Point)

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## School Supplies for Conder Elementary

**Many children will be starting school in August without the school supplies they need because their families cannot afford to buy them. You can help!**

***Until Sunday, August 12* FLPC Service and Benevolence will collect school supplies for Conder Elementary (Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade), one of our neighborhood schools.**

**The items will be given to the students in need through the school's social worker. Collection will be in a white bin in the Downstairs Lobby for these school supplies...**

***\*Most needed:***

***\*backpacks***

***\*set of earbuds***

**Also : No. 2 pencils-- 24 pack (Ticonderoga)**

**Colored Pencils --12 pack**

**Washable Colored Markers --8 pack**

**Crayons--24 pack (Crayola)**

**Erasers (Pink Pearl)**

## **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.



### **GOLF OUTING**

Join us for Golf on Monday, July 23 at 7:33am.  
Contact Margaret Shackelford if interested.  
(mshack830@yahoo.com), 622-2866)



Mark Your Calendars!  
Red Cross Blood Drive at  
FLPC  
September 9, 2018  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm



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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:tjllsl@earthlink.net)).

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Ways to help Harvest Hope and feed the hungry this summer:

- ◇ Donate non-perishable items as part of the Fishers of Men VBS offering from July 22 – August 1. Place items in the box in the Connecting Point area.
- ◇ Be a "Weekly Kids Garden Harvester" – 'kids' of ALL ages are invited to pick produce and tend the garden for a week – contact Lee Phippen ([leephippen2@gmail.com](mailto:leephippen2@gmail.com)) for more information.
- ◇ Home Harvest – Share any produce from your home garden by placing in the basket in the Connecting Point on Sundays.
- ◇ Pray for the harvest of the Kids Garden – visit the garden to pray for and enjoy the beauty of the bountiful harvest.



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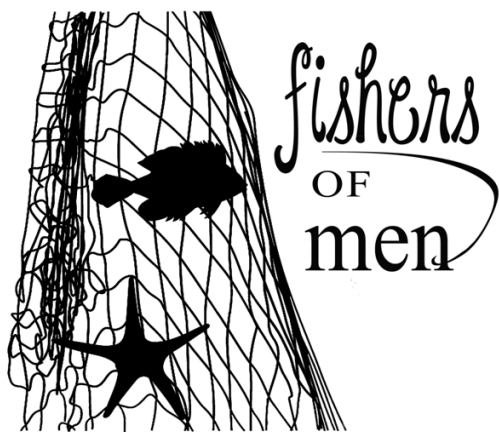
## Summer Feeding Program

Serve your community with FLPC!

Forest Lake will participate in Richland 2's Summer Feeding Program at Northgate Mobile Home Park, 8565 Old Percival Road, The weeks of July 23 and 30, Monday-Thursday, 11AM-2PM. Anyone is welcome to join!

RSVP to Carter Grant via phone/text at 904-302-2303 at your convenience.





## 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 free community family meal and will include Bible Stories, Music, Marketplace shops to learn a bit more about Jesus' time. All ages welcome! Nursery is available for our littlest ones.

Registration for all ages is now open:

<https://goo.gl/forms/xHPW9pRhPExywmit1>

Contact Shannon Fancher with questions or for more information:

[shannonfancher@gmail.com](mailto:shannonfancher@gmail.com)

#### Help prepare for the week:

- ◇ Pray for the leaders and families that will attend.
- ◇ Decorate with us on Friday, July 27, from 9:00am - noon and enjoy lunch as a bonus!
- ◇ Save empty juice boxes and donate for a craft.
- ◇ 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=159949&sn=91571](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=DBqpeyY3dc98KlxY51XKsg==&site=91571&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=4607&EventID=159949&sn=91571)



## Family FUN Bags –

Check out a bag filled with “OLD FASHIONED FUN” to take on vacation (or use at home!)

Families of all ages and stages can enjoy time together. Pick up a bag at the Connecting Point lobby.

Sign the library card and place in the offering plate or give to the Connecting Point volunteer.

## Sunday Nursery Workers

July 22

11:00—Adriane & Drew Radeker

July 29

11:00—OPEN

August 5

11:00—Laura Keever

August 12

11:00—Julie Warren