



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

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Dear Friends,

Last Sunday our summer ministry intern, Carter Grant, preached her third sermon at Forest Lake. If you haven't met Carter yet, you are missing something. Carter graduated from USC last May in Finance and International Business, but is seriously considering some form of full time church vocation. While she figures out what God's call and her gifts mean that she should be doing, she has worked for us full time this summer, learning from you what it looks like to live together as "Church". And by the time you read this, she will begin to transition back to working part-time for Forest Lake as our Youth Director, and part-time for the UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry that is a part of our Presbytery and sponsored by Shandon Presbyterian Church. Rev. John Cook is the PC (USA) Campus minister who leads that ministry, and John is happy to share Carter with us so that she can stay and work for both UKirk and for Forest Lake.

As I was listening to Carter preach, I was struck by the scene. At the front of the chancel was Carter (a smart, millennial person of faith), Rose Beacham (a smart, artistic, rising Junior at Richland Northeast High School) and me (let's just say I bring the average age up a bit!). Do you know how many churches would absolutely LOVE to have a young millennial preaching and a high school student leading worship? Sure, it may not be what we are used to. But, if we are serious about evangelism and serious about the growth and health of the church (not to mention FLPC), then we have to be seriously excited to listen to what these worship leaders have to tell us.

Also by the time you read this, Jodi Beckham will have completed her first day in the position of Director of Mission and Community Engagement, and Dan Holloway and Andrea Paschal will be living into their new duties. I fully anticipate that it is going to take some time before we will see the fruits of this new approach to our life and ministry together. But I am genuinely excited about the possibilities. It is not as it has been. And there is anxiety about that. But, if church were all about how we felt most comfortable, then we would never change. Instead, we believe that the purpose of the church is to be useful to God in the world. That means that what we do must first and foremost serve God's purpose, instead of our comfort and convenience. It seems that many of our leaders at every level have chosen to act in ways that protect the status quo because the status quo protects their power and profits. Disciples of Jesus Christ have always been a threat to that status quo, because they choose to act in ways that seek first the Kingdom of God. The status quo is not bad, but the reality is the world is changing. So when the status quo becomes an end or goal in itself (let's just keep things the same no matter what), it can keep us from seeing the larger picture or the greater good. Change is hard. But, wow, do we have some great youth and young adult leadership to help us negotiate the future. I am grateful for the youth and youth leaders at Forest Lake, and I am grateful to be part of a congregation on whom their message of faith, service and love will not be lost. See you in worship!

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

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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:

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A note of gratitude from Rev. Dr. Chris Denny, Westminster
Presbyterian:

Thank you to Ellen and the Session of Forest Lake Presbyterian
Church for partnering with Westminster Presbyterian Church for the
Montreat Middle School Conference:

- ♦ I thank God for Forest Lake Presbyterian Church! What started as
Westminster's need for transportation became an embodiment of
our common mission in Jesus Christ.
- ♦ I thank God for your students who graciously and quickly
welcomed my students into friendship. Over our five days
together, bonds were formed; faith was shared; and growth
happened for Christ's sake.
- ♦ I thank God for Carter Grant, your youth ministry intern, her
leadership, her grace, her faith, her laughter, her care, her
compassion. She is a true partner in ministry. She made wise
choices, modeled responsibility, and demonstrated the faith of
Jesus Christ. We worked well together.
- ♦ The Montreat Middle School Conference is my favorite of all the
youth conferences in which I've participated over my 41 years of
life. This year was outstanding!
- ♦ I pray Westminster and Forest Lake Presbyterian will engage in
more opportunities to partner sharing in the Columbia community
God's love in Jesus Christ through the Spirit's gifts.

GOD BLESS YOU,
Rev. Dr. Chris Denny
Pastor



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 12th. 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 5th! We will give thanks for
Beverly's amazing service in worship on August 12th and have a
simple reception for her following worship. Take time to show your
appreciation!

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”

Environmental Stewardship

Energy Saving Measures - Heating & Air Conditioning

- Set Thermostats to 78F in summer, 68 F in winter.
- Run ceiling paddle fans on medium, blowing down in summer
- Run ceiling paddle fans on low, blowing up in winter
- Change heating/cooling filters monthly
- Insulate electric wall plugs and wall switches with foam pads.
- Caulk along baseboards with a clear sealant
- Caulk around plumbing penetrations that come through walls beneath bathroom and kitchen sinks
- Ensure attic access door closes tightly
- Insulate attic access door.
- Ensure return air grilles are not blocked by furniture or bookcases
- Ensure windows and doors are properly weather-stripped
- Make sure your outside soffit vents are not blocked



Congratulations!

John and Katie Elliott welcomed a new baby
daughter, Eleanor Quinn on July

11th. Congratulations to grandparents Beth and
Richard Elliott and to great-grandmother,
Pat Thomas!

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, by Friday,
August 3, 2018.

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!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
10:40 AM—Called New Member Commission
11:00 AM—Worship Service (FH)
12:00 PM—YAC Meeting (E102)
12:15 PM—Singles 40+ Lunch Bunch
5:30 PM—FLY Post-trip Pizza Party (FH)
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

6:00 PM—Care & Connections (Library)
6:45 PM—Library Team Planning Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 AM—Personnel Ministry (E102)
8:30—Autism Academy Camp Mates
9:00 AM—Yoga
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting
4:00 PM—Education Ministry (Library)
5:30 PM—Worship Ministry (Library)
5:30 PM—Service & Benevolence (E102)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00 AM—Fall Recruiting Mtg
8:00 PM—AA meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30—Autism Academy Camp Mates
9:00 AM—Yoga
6:00 PM—Board of Deacons Mtg (S211)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 AM Presbytery Meeting (Providence Pres)
8:30 AM Choral Society Retreat

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
10:40 AM—Called Cong. Meeting
11:00 AM—Worship Service (FH)
12:00 PM—Salley Reception (Parlor)
5:30 PM—Youth Advisory Social (offsite)
8:00 PM—AA Meeting (Community Rm)

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

5:30 PM—Coordinating Council
6:00 PM—Stephen Ministry Leaders (S212)
6:30 PM—Stephen Ministry Suprv (S211)

YOU CAN STILL ORDER PW STUDY BOOKS FOR 2018-2019!

The *Horizons* Bible study for 2018-2019 is *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherlun. The study takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. The nine lessons show how God's promise speaks to our circumstances, as individuals and as a community, and how God's presence is with us wherever we are on our life's journey.

The cost of the study book is \$11.00. Orders were taken at the May circle meetings. If you did not order one, you can order a copy by placing an order in Marje Warner's mail box in the Welcome Center by August 5, 2018. Payment can be by cash or check. Checks should be payable to Forest Lake Presbyterian Women. Only books ordered and paid for in advance will be available at or before the September circle meetings.

If you have questions, call Marje Warner at 699-6907.

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-5th 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)

REGISTER NOW 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 register by August 31st for this church-wide retreat.

Brochures and registration forms are at the Connecting Point and downstairs lobby desks.

Sunday Nursery Workers

August 5

11:00—Laura Keever

August 12

11:00—Julie Warren

August 19

9:00—Allison & Lyle Lee

11:00—DoraAnn & Jack McKenzie

August 26

9:00—Shannon & Dave Fancher

11:00—Angie & Chris Ferriell



**American
Red Cross**

Mark Your Calendars!
Red Cross Blood Drive at
FLPC

September 9, 2018
8:30 am - 1:30 pm



★ Welcome Home ★

Welcome Home Sunday ~ August 19
Two Worship Services resume at 9:00 and 11:00
Pancake Breakfast for ALL at 10:00

“Welcome home” after a summer of travels, stay-cations, or just normal routines. Join us for the celebration of Communion in Worship and hear more about all the wonderful classes and activities beginning this fall at FLPC during breakfast. Mix and mingle with church neighbors to hear their tales of the summer and share a few of your own. Come one and all to fill God’s house!

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; tjlsl@earthlink.net).

Intensive Bible Study

Sign-up for the fall Bible study options is going on in the Connecting Point now through August 19. Available long course studies are **Disciple 1 – Becoming Disciples through Bible Study** offered on Tuesday evenings and **Jesus in the Gospels** offered on Thursday mornings. Shorter options include **Invitation to Genesis** offered on Monday evenings and **Biblical Insights – A study of First Thessalonians** offered on Thursday mornings. Check out the options and indicate your interest by adding your name and email to the list. All studies will start in late August or early September.

HOME HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY

**Home Gardeners, You can share
your produce with the hungry!
Bring it to the basket in the
Connecting Point on Sundays.
On Mondays, Environmental
Stewardship
will take it to Rehoboth UMC
Food Pantry
with our produce from our Kids'
Garden.**

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, August 12 at 10:40 for two purposes:

- To hear and act upon the recommendation of the Congregational Nominating Committee to elect Deacons and Ruling Elders for the class of 2021
 - ◇ Deacons Elect: Sheree Ansley, Kathy Hall, Harry Hoppman, Kevin Tyer
 - ◇ Elders Elect: Jeff Binnicker, Bud Hult, Pat Pate, Dave Precht
- To amend the Congregational Nominating Committee (update the Book of Order References and add one provision to guide the Committee). Copies of the draft may be picked up in the church office and Connecting Point Desk.

Nominee biographies are included at the end of this newsletter!

Nominees for Deacon Class of 2021

Sheree Ansley moved from Spartanburg in the summer of 2016 and joined FLPC in November 2016. She has enjoyed getting to know the wonderful members of this loving congregation. Sheree is an active Stephen Ministrer and member of Circle 1. She has completed the Disciple 1 class and volunteers in decorating the Fellowship Hall tables monthly. After 32 years, she retired as an elementary school speech language pathologist and Lead Therapist. She now has time to enjoy her family, her dogs, travel, FLPC, reading, story telling, friends, movies, and theater. Her family includes 2 daughters, 1 son-in-law, and 1 granddaughter. Her vision for FLPC:

- To continue to be the warm, welcoming, loving church it is today
- To continue to provide meaningful programs, courses, and opportunities for growth in our individual faith journeys, service to our community, and witness to others the love of God.
- Stephen Ministry is an important service FLPC offers to individuals needing Christian support during a crisis. She wants to see it continue to be active in our church with opportunities to train new Stephen Ministers and for the congregation to be aware of its availability.



Kathy Hall has been a member of Forest Lake for 30 years. During that time she has served as a Presbyterian Women Circle Leader, served on the Property ministry, the Bereavement Committee, and has been a Sunday Greeter and FLPC wedding Hostess. She wishes to see FLPC continue to serve Christ and the Community. Kathy is married to Joe, and has three grown children, one of whom is FLPC member, Kathy Pittman. She retired from the Laboratory at DHEC and now enjoys gardening, reading, and helping others.

Harry Hoppmann and wife, Kelly, joined FLPC in January 2016. He has served Forest Lake on the Children's Committee, Property Clean-up days, Stop Hunger Now!, Family Promise volunteer (transport, meal prep, and setup), Stephen Minister, Children's Garden volunteer (prep, plant, and harvest), Shut-in Assistance with Property committee members (HOPE). Harry has also volunteered for Family Promise of York County, Bridges Clubhouse, CAMPMATES, The Haven Men's Shelter, A Place for Hope, St. Lawrence Place, and Homeless No More.

Harry's vision for FLPC is constant expansion of the already-present focus of head, heart, and hands, in the service of Christ by creating a true value to members, especially young families. A culture that promotes learning, service, and family strengthening in a safe, secure environment. Comfortable access to leadership and efficient communication that promotes service to the congregation and the community. Increasing attendance at non-Sunday events and activities including study, service, and fellowship.

Harry and Kelly have two daughters, Lucy and Lillian, and he enjoys spending time with his immediate and extended family, working on the family farm, supporting his wife in her endeavors. His hobbies also include tennis and basketball leagues, hunting, fishing, camping and most outdoor activities.



Kevin Tyer, and wife Sara, have been members since April 2017. He has helped teach the Young Families Sunday school class for two seasons. While being active at his prior church, and FLPC, he also volunteers at Oliver Gospel Mission with a Financial Assistance class, Trinity Episcopal with feeding the homeless and underserved, and as a coach for Trenholm Little League softball and baseball. He is a member of F3 and participates in its outreach initiatives. His vision for Forest Lake is to be the hands and feet of Christ in a world that is constantly changing.

A physical therapist for 10 years, he is the clinical manager for Palmetto Health Physical Therapy Specialists. Kevin and Sara have two children, Owen and Sadie, and spending time with his family is his favorite activity. He is also a lifelong Gamecock fan and traveling with family and friends.

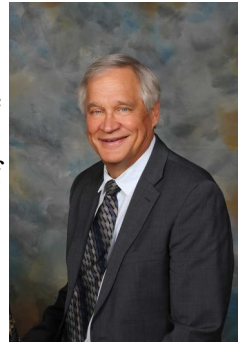
Nominees for Session Class of 2021



Jeff Binnicker and his family joined Forest Lake in 2008. He has served as a deacon both at Forest Lake and also at Kathwood Baptist Church prior to coming to FLPC. Jeff would like for Forest Lake to be seen by our community as a beacon of what a Christian community can do, in the name of Christ, outside our walls. He wishes our church to be seen as a welcoming community with a diverse array of ideas and thoughts with one end in mind; serving Christ. He is an active volunteer with the Family Promise program. Jeff and Kim have two grown daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel.

Bud Hult has been a member since 2015. He has taught CCI Sunday school, currently serves as a mentor at Forest Lake Elementary, and is a member of Personnel Ministry. He has also participated in the first year of FLPC's involvement in the MORE Justice project. Bud and his wife Kellah are transfers from a local church of another denomination and have been very impressed and gratified by many qualities of the FLPC experience. These include: The energy and talent of the church leadership and the congregation members; The sense of sincere welcoming, caring, and love communicated in the church fellowship environment; The dedication to community service through the head, heart, and hands mission statement. His vision for FLPC is for the church to build on these qualities, particularly with respect to the mission of community service.

Bud is a retired USC professor of Educational Psychology and since his retirement has been president of the Golden Kiwanis Club of Columbia and Spring Lake HOA. His interests include golf, tennis, travel, and following the Gamecocks.



Pat Pate joined Forest Lake ten years ago. During that time she has served as a Deacon, Deacon moderator, Moderator for Presbyterian Women, member of the Memorial Garden Committee, Participated in Family Promise, Graduate of multiple Disciple Classes, member of Greeter Ministry, and works with the Centennial Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen Ministry. Pat sees Forest Lake as a church who follows Christ's teachings, and welcomes all people into a compassionate and loving fellowship. She is a retired Colonel in the Army Nurse Corps, and retired Director of Health Services for S.C. Dept of Corrections. Pat has two married sons, and four grandchildren. Pat's interests include missions, travel, reading, golf, and hiking.

Dave Precht has been a member of Forest Lake Presbyterian for 28 years. His service to the church has included being an elder, usher, Sunday school teacher for adults and children, past search committee member, and currently leading an ad hoc safety committee. Dave states "I like the stated challenge of using our head, heart, and hands to serve God. I'd like to see us become a growing community church full of people that try to live lives to represent our Lord and Savior, help others less fortunate, and where we are viewed as the church that makes a positive difference." His interests include golf and work and living the empty-nester life with his wife, Suzanne.



Welcome our New Members who joined 7-22-18

(Put this information in your directory for future use)

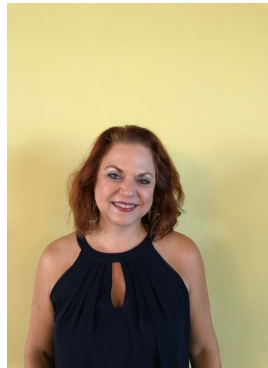
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