



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

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Dear Friends,

Election season is upon us, and I do make an effort to be informed on the issues and candidates. But it is difficult to keep up, and the volume and venom of the campaign ads from both sides cause me to want to quit participating or listening. Am I alone?

What keeps me going is the conviction that my Christian Faith requires me to work for the common good. And the way our country has determined that decisions shall be made is through our political process. So, while I do not believe that the political process should be confused with or called a Christian process, I definitely do live and vote my faith.

The Reformed Theological tradition has a deep respect for the separation of church and state. Our *Book of Order* says, "We do not even wish to see any religious constitution aided by the civil power, further than may be necessary for protection and security, and at the same time, be equal and common to all others." [Book of Order; F-3.0101b] We learned, in the Protestant Reformation, how very dangerous it is to have the church and state combined. Protestant Pastors led the resistance when Adolph Hitler moved to have the churches in Germany swear allegiance to the state. They wrote *The Barmen Declaration* to define the duties of the state and of the church and to warn against the dangers of combining or confusing the two.

So, there are two dangers we must avoid. First, we are not to confuse our nation or our political party with our faith or with the Christian Church. Second, we are not to assume that there should be no connection or relationship. From the time of the Biblical Prophets, God has sent faithful men and women to speak truth to power and to hold leaders accountable to the Biblical standard and to humility. We must continue to be engaged in the process of civic debate. Only, we ought not to be the ones shouting and slinging mud!

Rae Hunter showed me a small book of prayers that has been important to her, [Bless This Mess & Other Prayers](#) by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley, which was written in 1969! In it I found this little gem:

Dear Lord, I come confessing. To live dangerously in these days is unavoidable.
But to live ignorantly is inexcusable. And I live ignorantly.
I voted today. Civic duty, and all that. But for the most part I voted ignorantly.
I just didn't bother to study the issues. And those issues will affect me, affect all of us.
I don't plan my days. They just come. I don't plan my tomorrows either.
Mine is a "live one day at a time" casualness that constitutes living ignorantly.
And I guess it *is* inexcusable to spend more real thought on choosing a dress pattern
Than on the Eternals. Lord God, I would live intentionally.
Thought-fully. Not by default, but by design. Amen.

I hope to see you in worship!

Remember that this Sunday is Stewardship Dedication. Please prepare thoughtfully and prayerfully.

Ellen

Ellen Fowler 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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Sympathies of the congregation are extended to:

- ◆ Gayle Charles on the death of her husband, Bob Charles, on Oct 9, 2018
- ◆ Emmeline Short, on the death of her father, John LaFitte, on October 8, 2018.
- ◆ Martha and John Hudgens, on the death of her brother, Melton Eargle, on October 18, 2018.



Thank You!

I want to thank all for the prayers, cards, calls and food during the recuperating process from my fall. I am 97% back to normal and plan to be at church on Sunday. See you then.

Linda Etheredge

Memorial Gifts made in September

Mae Brown
Alice Holland
Kay Loflen
Henry Maine
Troy Pickens
Jane Rowell
Steve Trehwella

September 2018 Financial Update

Annual Budget	\$ 786,625
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$ 594,903
YTD Actual Income	\$ 621,934
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 540,249

Budget details are available in the Welcome Center.

DEDICATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 28

Please bring your completed pledge card to be turned in during the service. Blank cards are also available at the church.

If you will not be there, please return your card by mail, or email Murphy Peele with your intentions.
murphypeele@flpc.org

VERSE
of the
MONTH

Scripture Memory Challenge for

October:

“The grass dies, and the flowers fall.
But the word of our God will live
forever.” *Isaiah 40:8*

YOUTH BASKETBALL

FLPC and NTBC will be jointly sponsoring youth basketball teams in the 2018-2019 Christian Youth Basketball League.



Players must be at least 7 years old and cannot be listed on a school basketball team roster.

Registration is \$75 which covers the cost of the team registrations, referees, and t-shirts as well as an end of the season celebration.

You may register at this link: <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=910003>

Registration closes on **October 28** to ensure that we have teams organized and jerseys ordered in time for the start of the season.

We also seeking coaches and assistant coaches.



Kirk Night Classes:

Wednesday, Oct 31: Reformed and Always Reforming—
Part 1: What Does the Reformation have to do with me?
I'm Christian!

Wednesday, Nov 7: Reformed and Always Reforming—
Part 2: The Church's Job Description

Wednesday, Nov 14: Gift Giving: No Batteries & No
Plastic: What can I give for Christmas?

Sunday Nursery Workers

October 28

9:00—Ashley & Kenyon Foster
11:00—Kristy & Brad Woodward

November 4

9:00—McKeever & Drake Cobia
11:00—Mary Catherine & Bryan Raines

November 11

9:00—Shannon & Dave Fancher
11:00—Angie & Chris Ferriell

November 18

9:00—Jessica & Billy Agee
11:00—Nancy Livingston

Singles 40+

Lunch Bunch



Singles 40+ Lunch Bunch

Sunday, November 4, 12:15pm
following the 11:00 a.m. service.

HENRY'S NORTHEAST

111 Sparkleberry Crossing, Columbia, SC

Make your reservation with Marje Warner, 699-6907,
or by e-mail, pmwarner2@att.net, by Friday,
November 2, 2018.

Kirk Night Menus

10/31/18—Baked Ziti, Vegetables, Garden
Salad, Bread, Dessert

11/7/18—White Chicken Chili, Garden
Salad, Bread, Dessert

11/14/18—Last Kirk Night of the
season—Fried Chicken, Red Rice,
Vegetables, Garden Salad, Bread

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM—Worship Service
10:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship Workshop
10:30 AM—Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM—Worship Service
4:30 PM—Confirmation Mentor Meeting
8:00 PM—AA Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 PM—Genesis (E102)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:45 AM—Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting
6:30 PM—Disciple 1 (S211)
7:00 PM—High School Girls' Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 AM—Ladies' Small Group
4:00 PM—Book Discussion
5:30 PM—Kirk Night Dinner
6:00 PM—Children's Choir
6:40 PM—Handbell Choir
7:30 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM—AA meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 AM—Yoga
10:00 AM—1 Thessalonians (S212)
10:00 AM—Jesus in the Gospels (S211)
4:00 PM—Gills Creek Exec Board
5:00 PM—Property Ministry (E102)
6:00 PM—FLY at Groucho's

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 PM—NA Dinner (FH)

~ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP~

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY CELEBRATION!

PAPER SHREDDING & NATURE EVENT

SAT. NOV. 17 10:00—2:00

AT SESQUICENTENNIAL PARK

FREE PERSONAL PAPER SHREDDING,
NATURE WALKS WITH PARK RANGERS,
and ENVIRONMENTAL EXHIBITS-- WITH
ENTRANCE FEE TO SESEQUI PARK.

(COST of Park entry: Adults=\$5; Children
ages 6 to15=\$3 and ages 5 & under=free; SC
seniors age 65 & older= \$3.50)

A graphic with the text "TAKE OFF ELECTION DAY" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a blue outline, set against a black background.

Fun Daze at Camp -

Tuesday, November 6

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Spend Election Day (a school holiday) with church friends. We will spend the day in God's world having a bit of fun and doing service to benefit camp. Cost is \$10 per person and includes a "Camp" lunch. Make sure to wear clothes appropriate for the weather and closed-toe shoes.

[https://secure.accessacs.com/access/
eventlogin.aspx?id=v5Uygir/N/
G7LI7omCGMzA==&site=91571&ReturnUrl=events
%
2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=4607&EventID=16559
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Ladson Presbyterian Church is 180 years young!

One of our most historic Presbyterian Congregations is celebrating their 180th Anniversary this November and they have invited us to help celebrate! Ladson Presbyterian Church [1720 Sumter Street, Columbia] is holding two events to which our congregation is invited:

- A Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, November 3rd from 9am to 11am – Tickets are \$25 per person and may be reserved by contacting Elder Rosena R. Lucas at jrrlucas@ao.com
- An Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday, November 4th at 11am in their historic sanctuary on Sumter Street. There are no reservations needed to participate in this historic worship service. Just come and help celebrate!

Part of what it means to be Presbyterian and to be Christian is to be a part of a larger body of Christ! Please consider making time to celebrate this amazing anniversary and to participate in the larger Body of Christ – right here in Columbia!

PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Each year Forest Lake Presbyterian Women awards Honorary Life Memberships to Presbyterian women, chosen by their church peers, as recognition for being outstanding examples of a Presbyterian Woman's commitment to Christ's mission.

Nomination forms will be available to all Forest Lake Presbyterian women at the Downstairs lobby desk and the Connecting Point desk.

The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2018.



Forest Lake Presbyterian Women

All women of Forest Lake Church are invited to participate in any Forest Lake Presbyterian Women activities and to attend any Circle meeting to become acquainted and visit with new friends. "Circles" (smaller groups) meet monthly for friendship, spiritual enrichment, missions and Bible Study. For information please contact Sandy Helfer, FLPW Moderator, (788-8111).

Circle 1 – Tuesday, November 13, 10:00am
Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Martie McParland and Sally Templeton

Circle 2 - Monday, November 12, 11:00am
S-211

Leaders: Sally McKenzie and Beth Rozek

Circle 3 - Tuesday, November 13, 6:30pm
At Linda Murphey's home (86 Polo Ridge Circle)

Leaders: Linda Etheredge and Sandy Helfer

Circle 4 - Thursday, November 8, 6:30pm
At Laura Wannamaker's home (928 Burwell Lane)

Leader: Emily McCrae

Bubbie's Brisket and Bakery Jewish Food Extravaganza

Beth Shalom Synagogue - 5827 N. Trenholm Rd. 782-2500

Sunday, November 11th, 11:00am - 3:00pm

Traditional Jewish Foods and Baked Goods!

Brisket, Corned Beef, Sandwiches, Stuffed Cabbage, Matzah Ball Soup, Meatballs, Falafel, Noodle Kugel, Israeli Salad, Potato Knish, Tzimmes, Kasha Varnishkes, Baba Ganoush, Challah, Homemade Kosher Pickles, Horseradish, Kid's Meals, Rugalach, Mandel Bread, Cakes and more!

Notes from the Stated Session Meeting – Sunday, October 21, 2018

- ◆ Received eight thank you letters from local service agencies that are supported by FLPC with both finances and volunteer hours.
- ◆ Received invitations from the Ladson Presbyterian Church to help celebrate their 180th Anniversary on November 3rd.
- ◆ Received an invitation from Masjid As-Salaam (the Mosque on Monticello Road with which we have conducted the school food drive) inviting us to participate in their Education and Building Fund awards Banquet on November 3rd on the theme “Building Model Community Life: Critical Conversations on Racism, Religion and Reconciliation”.
- ◆ Approved Worship Ministry’s request that FLPC again allow honorary and memorial gifts to be given for Advent and that the donations (minimum of \$12) be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in lieu of purchasing poinsettias for the sanctuary.
- ◆ Heard from Care and Connections about plans for several events:
 - Plans are underway to organize a day trip group. The group’s first trip will be to the Crèche Festival at Mepkin Abbey on November 13th and is open to the congregation.
 - Flu Shots will be offered at FLPC again within the next month.
 - Basketball Team registration is again underway and will again be a joint venture with North Trenholm Baptist Church.
 - 68 individuals have registered for the Congregational Advent Retreat in Montreat this year.
- ◆ Heard a report from Andrea Paschal regarding the curriculum and plans for the Confirmation Program that is just beginning. There are currently nine students (8th and 9th graders) who are being matched with Mentors and who are committed to the process.
- ◆ Approved a position description for the Parish Associate for Pastoral Care that will guide the search committee who is searching for a replacement for Dan Holloway beginning in January of 2019. David Hunter is the chair of that search committee.
- ◆ Heard from the Property Ministry about ongoing work to find and repair leaks in both flat roofs on our facility. Also received a review of the Church’s insurance coverage provided by Brotherhood Mutual Insurance.
- ◆ Heard from Service and Benevolence that the Potato Drop, originally scheduled for November 10th has been postponed because the potatoes that were to be sorted were to come from Eastern NC and the flooding has affected their availability.
- ◆ Heard a report from Tommy Stallings that FLPC made \$1,300 from the Garage Sale that was held on October 20th.
- ◆ Reviewed the Church’s budget and attendance figures for September, and discussed both the budget process for 2019 and the Endowment Fund schedule for reports and requests.
- ◆ Elected commissioners to represent our congregation at the Stated meeting of Trinity Presbytery on Tuesday, November 13th at the Sion Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro. Jane Shear and Karl Maddox agreed to serve as commissioners and Stuart Hunter agreed to serve as an alternate and all were elected unanimously.

FLPC SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2018

Stuart Hunter
Tom Leclair
Karl Maddox
Pinckney Roberts
Tommy Stallings
Caroline Streater

Class of 2019

Bettianne Davenport
Steve Etheredge
Barbara Holbrook
Steve Hyman
Stephen McCrae

Class of 2020

Eddie Bolton
Corky Clark
Wendell McCoy
Jane Shear

Clerk of Session: Margaret Harris

BRAHMS – “A GERMAN REQUIEM” – NOV. 2

The Columbia Choral Society, directed by Dr. Elizabeth Mears, will perform Brahms’ “A German Requiem” on **Friday, November 2 @ 7:30pm** at the Basilica of St. Peter (1529 Assembly Street). This magnificent work is consistently listed as one of the five best classical choral pieces ever written. Brahms’ focus was to be a comfort to the living who suffer loss, and to help them transition from pain and suffering to comfort. You will hear words of comfort and blessing, and uplifting passages from the Beatitudes. The concert will be sung in English. Tickets are \$15 each will be available in the Connection Point between worship services this Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?

How can people pay for things at FLPC (retreats, books, meals, etc.)?

There are multiple ways to pay for items at FLPC:

- ◆ Cash or check – Make the check payable to FLPC. During the week, please put checks in the drop box in the downstairs lobby (instead of handing them to a staff person). Envelopes are available on top of the drop box. Write on the envelope what the cash/check is payment for and your name. Place your payment in the envelope and drop it in the drop box. The contents of the drop box are counted on Monday mornings and on Thursday mornings when Kirk Night is being observed.
- ◆ Debit or credit card – The Business Manager has a card reader that will process debit or credit cards for your purchases. It is available at Kirk Night for meal payments and at other church activities if you make arrangements prior to the event. You can always stop in and see Murphy and he will process the payment or contribution for you in the church office. A 3% processing fee is added to purchases that are not contributions or memorials.
- ◆ Online – The church website, www.flpc.org, has a link for online giving. Scroll down the main website page to the Give section and select the “How to Give” option. Scroll down the next page and select the “Give Online” Option. If you wish to setup an account, select the “Create New Account” option. If you already have an account, choose “Login”. “Quick Give” allows you to enter a one-time gift without setting up an account. Once you select an option, fill in your name and contact information. Choose a fund (or payment) and enter a payment amount. Select your payment type and enter the information. When finished, check the box beside “I am not a robot” and select “Submit”. Close your web browser and you are finished!
- ◆ Pledges – The church has an automatic giving option available to draft your checking or savings account each month for your pledge. The draft is on the 1st or 15th of the month (your choice) unless it is a weekend or bank holiday, then the draft moves to the next business day. If you wish to use this option, indicate your interest on the form in your stewardship packet or contact Murphy Peele in the church office and he will be glad to help you get this setup.

Catching Fire-FLYs!

Your favorite youth are here to serve you and the church! FLY will be holding the Catching Fire-FLYs Fundraiser in support of their summer trips funds. Pay for a chore that needs to be done around the church, and FLY will do that service as a group on Nov 4 after church. Services range from organizing rooms, to cleaning windows, to yard work around the church. Help support the youth's funds for Summer 2019 trips, while beautifying the church. The Catching Fire-FLY's Jar Sign will be in the Connecting Point from Oct 7-

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Children's Choir!

Wednesdays
6:00 - 6:30 pm
Begins Sept 5

All children in K - 5th grades are invited to meet with Ms. Elizabeth Blevins to learn about worship through music. Learn the language of our faith and share this with the congregation when singing in worship.

Children's Choir is working hard to help lead in worship on Sunday, November 18 at the 11:00 service. Please join them as they prepare on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 6:30pm.

Children Ushers

Elementary children are encouraged to become engaged in worship by ushering on the first Sunday of each month. Children will partner with the adults at 9:00 and 11:00 worship services to greet and pass out bulletins before worship, collect the offering, then help pick up in the Sanctuary at the end of worship. Call Andrea with questions. Registration for times can be found at:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/
go/5080E49ADAA2CA57-children](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E49ADAA2CA57-children)



FLPC Day Trippers 2018 Crèche Festival at Mepkin Abbey Tuesday, November 13

Please join us for a day trip to Mepkin Abbey to see the Crèche Festival. We will leave FLPC at 9am and plan to arrive in Moncks Corner around 11am where we will have lunch. We will then go to Mepkin Abbey where we will have time to walk around and visit the shop. Our reserved time to view the Crèche Festival is 1:30 – 2pm. We should arrive home between 4:30 and 5pm. There is no cost but donations to the Abbey are suggested. We have reserved 14 places so this is first come first serve. This is the first day trip of many to follow and all ages are welcome! Sign up by e-mailing Nancy Livingston: mellonlady@sc.rr.com