



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

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Dear Friends,

There were 214 of you who responded to the church's survey on worship re-opening. Thank you for making the time to tell us how you feel! Of the 214 who responded, 109 of you said that "it will be a while" before you would be comfortable coming back into an indoor space for worship, even with significant safety measures. 42 people indicated that they were open, but encouraged the leadership to "wait several weeks." Many of those said that they would be willing to come back into the building for worship once the virus numbers appear to be decreasing and on a downward trend. 63 of our congregation indicated that they would like to come back to worship and would come at the "first opportunity."

All of the responses were shared with Session, and, to date, there has not been strong support for making any move in the next week or so. As I am writing this, I received an email saying that today our state documented 1,870 new cases and 56 people died of the virus. But, we also know that people are beginning to settle into routines that include recreation, vacations and just this week I led a funeral with about 100 people in attendance at one of our local funeral homes. I am of the opinion that there is no one answer that will satisfy everyone, and that whatever decision the Session makes, we will continue to provide remote options (livestream, drive-in, etc.) and to encourage anyone who does not feel safe coming to stay home.

Although I did not write the comment, you know me well enough to know that I resonated with the person who wrote in the survey, "slow and steady wins the race." What has become so clear to me is that before this pandemic many people came to church in order to gain/grow/claim their faith. But now, this has been turned around, and we must claim and grow our faith on our own, so that whether or not we can come together we live and grow as followers of Jesus. I just have to say that Bill Wannamaker's creative work with our youth, Andrea's driveway visits, Jodi's continued gleaning opportunities and her mission newsletter, and Beth's work to provide a bluegrass gospel and a hymn sing night fill me with gratitude. I am grateful to be a part of this staff. Though we are not gathering in the sanctuary on Sunday's, FLPC is FAR from closed!!! Our staff are creative and hard-working and our members are compassionate and responsive to the needs that they see all around. I am grateful to be part of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church!

So, as Session continues to grapple with the best and safest ways to gather, please do pray for us all. Make time in your day for prayer and Bible reading. Exercise your generosity muscles both by meeting the needs around us and also by being generous in our judgments of others. And please continue to figure out how to worship. We are planning to return to livestreaming this Sunday, and are working on plans for more drive-in worship services. And, if you need help or just want to talk, call us!

Now the service begins,

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 . . .

Mission Co-Workers

- * Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar- Mexico
- * Rev. Shelvis & Rev. Nancy Smith- Mather - Uganda
- * Ministry of Hope- Lesotho

PASTORAL CARE NUMBERS

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Church office hours are temporarily changed to: Monday—Friday, 8:30am—1:00pm, for essential business only.

Church staff can be reached by email. (see website for those addresses)

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 cell 608-1187 or
wcharris1973@gmail.com

Margaret Harris at 790-0954 or cell 608-1477 or
mmck1950@gmail.com

Bettianne Davenport at 782-6256 or Cell 530-6018 or
bettianned@sc.rr.com



Sympathies of the Congregation are extended to:

- ◆ Daniel and Ginny Jones on the death of his grandmother, Eula Jones, on July 8, 2020.
- ◆ Joyce Lewis on the death of her cousin, Joyce Pollard on July 8, 2020.
- ◆ Lori Hancock, on the death of her father, Dick Haudenschild, on July 13, 2020.
- ◆ Dot Spears, on the death of her husband, Stan, on July 14, 2020.
- ◆ Libby and Alan Collins on the death of Betsey Ellis on July 17, 2020.
- ◆ James Stachowiak on the death of his father on July 18, 2020.



Prayer Request?

If you know of someone who needs to be lifted up in prayer, let us know! Please visit <https://flpc.org/contact-us/prayer/> to fill out our new online prayer request form. On this form, you have the option to let us know if you would like for your prayer request to be added to the church's weekly prayer list.

Thank you!

Dear FLPC family,

We would like to thank all of you for the love, prayers and support that you have given our family not only since Daddy passed away but for the many years during his slow decline. Forest Lake has been our family's church home for over 50 years and the friendships we have built over those many years are the foundation that have given us strength during the difficult days. This church shows sincere love for all of God's people in so many ways and we are so blessed to be a part of such a special family. We miss Daddy so much but continue to find peace and comfort in God's promise that he is free from his suffering and rejoicing in Heaven with Jesus. Not being able to celebrate Daddy's life with a service in the sanctuary has been a challenge of our grief. We hope to one day reunite with all of you that knew and loved Daddy to give thanks to the Lord for a life well lived.

Much Love,
Barbara Goff & Barry, Katherine, Bailey, Eanes & Smith Lea Lockwood

Time for Young Disciples Continues

Join Ms. Andrea every Sunday at 9:00am via Zoom

Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87914698542?pwd=ZmsrWWRJZUhocFBnUDF3akNvdkN4UT09>

FLPC Kids Garden

Did you know there's a small gem tucked away, in a corner of the FLPC property? That gem is the FLPC Kid's Garden, a place where kids of all ages can touch base with nature, witness the bounty of the earth, and engage in creation care. The Kid's Garden was started in 2009 as an outreach of the FLPC Environmental Stewardship program. It is a place of beauty (where milkweed attracts butterflies and a family of bluebirds regularly nests each year). It's a place that invites quiet contemplation (from a strategically placed park bench or during a lunch hour spent at the picnic table). It's also a place of learning (where children learn about creation care), and a place of stewardship (where a team of regular volunteers nurture and harvest organic produce that is taken to the Rehoboth United Methodist Food Pantry each week). This year, the FLPC Kid's Garden has been regularly producing more than a dozen pounds of fresh heirloom tomatoes per week since June! Volunteers are needed for some short term projects (like building a trellis system for one of the raised beds and leveling the picnic table). Gardening volunteers interested in a longer term commitment are always welcome to join a great team, as well! If you're interested in learning more, please contact Alexandria (Xan) Skinner on her cell phone, 803-414-0185.

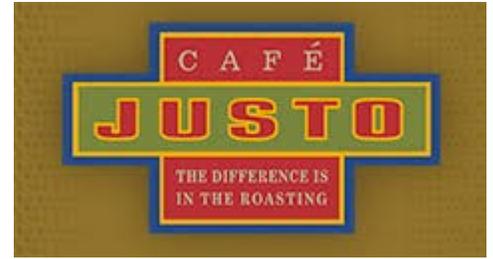


Gleaning

What is gleaning? It is gathering the leftover produce after a harvest and donated to those living in food insecurity. The Society of St. Andrew is a grassroots, faith-based, hunger relief nonprofit working with all denominations to bridge the hunger gap between 96 billion pounds of food wasted every year in the United States and the nearly 40 million Americans who live in poverty. They connect with local farmers who let them know when they have a crop that can be gleaned. Then they notify us as one of their volunteer groups. It is amazing how much one person can pick in just an hour! If you would like to volunteer in future gleanings, please contact Jodibeckham@flpc.org.

Purchasing Café Justo Just Got Easier!

What is Café Justo? Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico. It began as a means to provide living opportunities to the coffee growers of Salvador Urbina. Café Justo protects the coffee farmer by eliminating the middle man, who exploited the Mexican farmers, and sells directly to consumers. By returning the money to the farmers, Café Justo changes the lives of Mexican families. It even returns more money to the coffee farmer than Fair Trade. This coffee cooperative was co-founded by our mission partners at Frontera de Cristo.



FLPC is partnering with Shandon Presbyterian to sell this delicious coffee to our congregation. The 16oz organic bags are sold for \$10, your choice of 1) 100% Pure Arabica 2) 50% Arabica/50% Robusta 3) 100% Robusta or 4) decaf. All orders are handled by Rowena Nylund, rnylund@sc.rr.com, 803-252-7752. Contact Jodibeckham@flpc.org with any questions. Try a bag today!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 AT 7PM – DRIVE-IN HYMN SING

Rockbridge Road parking lot
Bring a chair to sit outside your car (wearing a mask)
or stay inside your car (no mask in that case)

Since we can't sing together in worship, this is a great chance to sing together outside. Our first Sing-a-long was a LOT of fun. Come and join us, and bring a friend. There will be songs for all ages and Dr. Beth Mears will be taking requests! And in between the singing there will be FREE ice cream and popsicles (and water) – as much as you want!



*“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, [get] ice cream and water without money and without price!”
Isaiah 55:1 (slightly modified)*

Church Officers

Session

Class of 2020: Eddie Bolton, Corky Clark, Wendell McCoy, Jane Shera
Class of 2021: Jeff Binnicker, Bud Hult, Dave Precht, Ward Warren
Class of 2022: Jessica Agee, Anne Fowler, William Hunter, Drew Radeker

Diaconate

Class of 2020: Shannon Fancher, Kellah Edens Hult, Jane Mason, Linda Team
Class of 2021: Sheree Ansley, Kathy Hall, Harry Hoppmann, Kevin Tyer
Class of 2022: Christi Cooper, Holly Sarratt, Rebecca Van Wyke, Brad Woodward

FAMILY PROMISE OF THE MIDLANDS

needs our help. They are still serving families but are doing so very differently given our current situation. Families are being housed in hotels or apartments. They are asking their partner churches for some help please with gift cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, etc.

If you can help, please mail the gift card(s) directly to Family Promise of the Midlands; 1333 Omarest Drive; Columbia, SC 29210. Please indicate your name and mention Forest Lake Presbyterian Church.



2020 Census Needs Phone volunteers (Call from your home!)

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how vital federal funding flows into our Midlands community for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every municipality, no matter the size or location. Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses and other public transit systems.

The results of the Census also determine the number of seats South Carolina will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Currently, only 57% of Richland County residents have completed the 2020 Census. Do your part to volunteer and help get the word out to our community about how important it is for everyone to complete the (EASY!) online Census form.

To volunteer or find out more, e-mail cphillips@socsc.com.

ORDERING PW STUDY BOOKS FOR 2020-2021

The Horizons Bible study for 2020-2021 is *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by Lynn Miller. In this study, Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

The cost for a study book is \$11.00. If you have not already ordered a copy, simply send your payment in cash or check to Marje Warner, 7 Coopersmith, Columbia, SC 29229 by July 24, 2020. 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.

Flowers Needed

Do you have flowers from your garden that you would love to share with someone in our church family? Thanks to our congregation, the church staff has a lot of vases that are begging to be filled with fresh flowers. Therefore, if you are willing to donate some fresh flowers to the church, please drop them off on the bench outside the overhang. Your flowers will be given to those who could use some fresh flowers to brighten their spirits. Questions? Please call or text Ed Black: 803-240-0192.

H3 Groups - Next Chapter

As we continue to adjust to these unusual days, we realize H3 (Head, Heart, and Hands) Groups are needed now more than ever before. H3 Groups are small groups (12 or fewer) who connect regularly to share life experiences, fellowship and study Scripture or a book together. Adult Education for the fall will be incorporated into H3 groups. Groups will be given the option to meet in-person socially distanced, online via Zoom, or a hybrid of both. When and how the group meets will be up to the group to decide. Care and Connections and Education are working together to create curriculum and guidelines so these groups can continue to connect people in a safe way. Sign up for H3 Groups will begin in August. More information to come soon.

Healthy Seminarians-Healthy Church's Plant-Based Pantry Party

The HSHC Pantry Party will be held on Monday August 10, from 12:00-1:00pm

Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86036815073?pwd=QUN5YjlrWVFFMHoyU2M4aFVPSnVZUT09>

If you are interested in participating and have not yet registered, here is the registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/HSHC/plant-based-pantry-party>
There are limited spaces available, so sign up soon.



Hey Guys,

I do hope all of you are well and being safe. Forest Lake Youth (FLY) is having a Friday July 24 at 7:00 pm through Zoom and Kahoot. We are now going to open this on up to just about anyone who wants to join in. It is a lot of fun and the Winning family will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from the restaurant of their choice. Looking forward to seeing y'all!

Here is the Link!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89374401579?pwd=TVJrdkc4V2d1OC9jcys1WXg0cXlWUT09>

Also, SR High FLY will have a movie night on Sunday August 2nd.
More information to come !!!!

Blessings and Peace,

Bill



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 John Farley, Kim McLaurin, Tommy Stallings
 - 2 Pearson Fowler, Carey Mears
 - 3 Caroline McKenzie
 - 4 Warren Counts
 - 5 Hayden Blaylock, Al Hamilton, Coe Hankinson, Mark Johnson
 - 6 Tracy Etu, Cindy Powell
 - 7 Caroline Streater, Owen Tyer
 - 8 Gisele Akah, Cary Beckman, Mike Bowman, Dottie Boyd, Peggy Carey, Dave Cook, Paige George, Marshall Pierce
 - 9 Steve Hyman, Blythe Raines, McNair Rieger, Bill Wannamaker
 - 10 Pete Driscoll, Dianne Jones, Alan Port, Sallie Warren
 - 11 Destiny Prinski, Domenick Wright
 - 12 Matt Agee, John Walter Newman
 - 13 Taylor Barr, Kathy David, Judy Timmons
 - 15 Maggie Santino, Anna Warren, Guy Watson
 - 16 Sally Templeton, Sid Thomas, Janice Timms, Trent Watford, Lynn Whitehouse
 - 17 Alex Winslow
 - 18 Margaret Amodio, Emily McCrae
 - 19 Linda Maddox, Kate Todd, Mark Trimmier
 - 20 Ann Gibson
 - 21 Linda Etheredge, Paul Rogers, Dukes Scott
 - 23 Judy Holford, Scotty Radeker
 - 24 Charles Huff
 - 25 Skip Slaughenhaupt
 - 27 Precious Akah, Wendell McCoy, Hailey Streater
 - 28 Kathy Rowland, Marc Shook
 - 29 Chris Beckham
 - 30 Lyles Fogle, Margaret Haymaker
 - 31 Walker Collins, Tyler Etu
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A New Church Directory is Coming!

We are pleased to announce that our church is in the process of putting together a beautiful, full-color cutting edge digital and print directory. This directory will be professionally produced and will include full-color family portraits with names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all our church families. It is very important that each family be included to assure a complete and up-to-date directory. Every family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo, a printed directory, and a digital mobile directory app.

The Portrait Café professional photographer will begin taking family portraits for the directory on September 17.

Reservations for photography sessions will begin soon! In August, Portrait Café will be making phone calls to schedule appointments. Please be on the lookout for a call from the 423 area code. There will also be a link on our website to schedule appointments.

COVID Safety measures will be in place.

SAVE THE DATES: September 17-20.

***Volunteers are needed: There will be a need for a few volunteers to check people in, etc. Portrait Gift Certificates are available for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Adele in the office (803-787-5672).