

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church



HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST

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Dear Friends,

April 22nd is Earth Day, and the custom at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church is to hold an Earth Sunday on which we recognize and give God thanks for the gifts of creation, and think together about how to become better stewards of the creation God has entrusted to our care. This year, Earth Sunday is April 18th, and our theme will be “Grow God’s Garden.”

One of the “godmothers” of Forest Lake’s Environmental Stewardship work was Lee Pippen. Lee died on March 25th after a lengthy battle with cancer. But one of the last conversations I had with Lee she was making sure that I had my details straight and knew who was doing what for this year’s Earth Day events! Lee was not the only force that – over the years – has changed our congregation into a faith family that values and lives out our love of God through our care of creation. But Lee Pippen was one of the key, quiet, behind-the-scenes, leaders who organized the whole congregation and who, over the years, changed the ethos of our congregation. Before she died, Lee passed the leadership torch to Julie Lott, who is exceedingly well qualified and able to lead our environmental stewardship efforts. But, it is going to take a lot of us to step up to the leadership plate to be able to continue to do all that Lee Pippen was able to accomplish with her iPad from her recliner! This Sunday after worship we will hold an **Earth Sunday Reception**, outside. Lee Pippen’s daughter, Brooke Compton, and Gene Fisher will be there so we can tell them how much Lee meant to us. We will have water (Bottled water ONLY as a covid concession. Lee, please forgive us! We promise to recycle!) and time to talk outside under the covered walkway beside the sanctuary. Come join us for the visiting, even if you don’t physically come to worship!

There are so many wonderful things happening in the next week in honor of Earth Day. Please pick one or two to try. On Sunday afternoon from 2-3 there will be a PLANT GIVEAWAY in honor of Lee Pippen. One of our best gardeners, Randy Dailey, is bringing all sorts of plants for you to take home and plant in your yard! Friday night (4/16) the whole family can come sit under the stars, eat popcorn, and watch a movie – “Chimpanzee”! There is an Earth Day Cooking Demonstration on ZOOM if you don’t want to leave home on Wednesday, April 21st! Recycle your old shoes or have paper shredded. All are small things that help us thank God for the gift of creation.

One of our members, who has served as a FLY volunteer house mom for Senior High Retreats to Montreat said that she used to be lax in her recycling efforts. But when she got to know the High Schoolers in our congregation and she learned how important recycling was to them, she changed how she felt about it. How we live in and on the earth is a practical expression of our love for God and for each other. Come on in!!! Join us.

To God be the glory.

Ellen

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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 - RECONCILE Peace Institute
- * Mamonyane Mohale- 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:

- * Friends of June Canfield, who passed away on April 4, 2021.



Spring Women's Retreat at FLPC April 23 & 24

Hosted by Forest Lake Presbyterian Women
Friday, April 23, 6:30 to 9 p.m. ~ Deli Delight Boxed Supper and a Movie – *The Social Dilemma*

Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to noon ~ Ellen Skidmore will lead discussion based on the movie.

\$15 registration fee includes dinner on Friday
Deadline for Registrations is April 15 – Reservations for Childcare (on registration form)

must be received by April 9.

Registration forms available electronically and in the church office.

Attendance limited to 50.

Questions? Contact Margaret Haymaker or Barbara Holbrook



American
Red Cross

Thank you!

FLPC Red Cross Blood Drive results

Thank you to all who gave blood during our recent blood drive.

Our team registered 16 total donors, collected 13 pints of blood and recruited three first-time donors.

You have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

Our next blood drive at FLPC will be August 29.

Join the Note Writing Team

More note writers are needed for the Note Writing Team. This team writes notes to all of our members throughout the year. If you would like to join the note writing team, please contact Ed at edblack@flpc.org. You work at your own pace, so this is an easy way to get involved and uplift members of our church family. All you do is write notes to members on a list given to you, address the envelopes, and bring them back to Ed. The church pays for the postage. Thanks for considering.

FLPC Intergenerational Opportunity Coming in August

The Education ministry is excited to announce a new initiative for our entire church! From August 1-August 4, FLPC will be hosting an intergenerational worship, service, and learning opportunity each night from 5-7 PM. The preliminary theme is “Recentering in God with our Faith Family,” and options will be available for both children and adults. We will not have 9-12 Vacation Bible School in the summer, but we are excited to gather both our children **and** adults in this new way in August!

While we are excited about this new project, we need your help planning and implementing it! If you are willing to join the planning team, please contact Ed: edblack@flpc.org. All are welcome!

Service Saturday with the HOPE Team (Projects and Volunteers needed)

Do you want to get outside and help serve fellow FLPC members? Join the HOPE Team (Helping Other Presbyterians Everyday) on **Saturday, May 1** for a short service project. Service projects will be approximately 1 hour, are family-friendly and can be scheduled at your convenience. For example, a project may be weeding a garden or helping clean out a garage for someone at FLPC who may need assistance. If interested in serving in this way, please click [here](#). If you have a project you need completed, please click [here](#). Questions? Please email Frank DiSilvestro at fdasil@gmail.com

MORE Justice Nehemiah Action –
Monday, April 26th : 6:30pm

Online Gathering to request small measurable steps towards justice in our community.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Each year, the year-round work of MORE Justice [Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice] comes together in one big gathering called The Nehemiah Action. This year’s event will be completely online, but anyone and everyone is invited to pre-register to attend. MORE Justice has continued, even in the pandemic, to work towards small measurable steps that seek justice for all. Our focus has been on specific steps to address gun violence, housing, education and mental health. Those issues are overwhelming, and cannot be solved. But, when we work together we can make things better in our own community. If you would like to know more, talk to Peggy Carey, Jodi Beckham, Ellen Skidmore or Drew Radeker. You may also visit the MORE Justice website – <https://www.morejusticecolumbia.org/>

To preregister to attend the Nehemiah Action - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-nLuGq-tTWYwiCjlmcaq0MYNvn3PvgIjk7iXBBFtvPF3jtA/viewform>

Hello FLY NATION!!!!

I hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled spring break!!!! Here is what is going on this week!

- **Wednesday FLY Eats (4/14)** We will gather this Wednesday in the McCrae’s backyard from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Just bring your own chair and your own supper! We’ll have a quick devotion and some good ol’ fellowship!
- **Worship and Sunday School! (4/18)** Let’s gather in the parlor at 10:00 and watch the live stream worship service together. Then we will have Sunday School at 10:50. There is a Zoom option as well for Sunday School. Let Bill know if you need the link.
- **Confirmation Class (4/18) (2:30-4:00):** Fellowship Hall 2:30-4:00.
- **Sunday Afternoon FLY. (4/18)** We will be meeting in the fellowship hall from 4:00-5:30 for fun, faith and fellowship!
- **Volunteers needed** for the 2nd Adult for Sunday School, Sunday Afternoon FLY and Wednesday Night FLY Eats. Email Bill (billwannamaker@flpc.org) if you might be interested or have questions regarding being the second adult.



Earth Day Events

April 18, 2021 Earth Sunday Worship - "Grow God's Garden"
Genesis 2:15 "God put the human in His garden to care for and tend it."
Earth Day Reception following the service, outside in the covered walkway.

April 1-30 - Keep the Midlands Beautiful (KMB) shoe collection
Please leave new or gently worn shoes of any style in the marked bin by the covered downstairs entrance at church. KMB works with a partner organization (Soles4Souls) that provides the shoes to people in developing countries as a source of income. Their nonprofit partners provide training and support for people in low-opportunity areas to start small businesses selling these shoes in their local communities, as a way to climb out of poverty.

Friday, April 16 - Earth Day Movie Night for all ages-
Join us for a movie night in the church parking lot, Rockbridge side. We will show Disney Nature's "Chimpanzee." This movie, previously made for Earth Day will be in conjunction with our other Earth day events. Bring a chair, and we'll provide the popcorn!

Saturday, April 17 - Earth Day Shredding Event at Columbia Place Mall, 7201 Two Notch Road. Limit 5 boxes/bags, please. For more information call 803-576-2440.

Sunday, April 18 from 2:00-3:30 - **Green Your Garden Plant Giveaway** in the FLPC Kids Garden
Brighten up your garden in celebration of Earth Day! We will have a variety of flowers and bushes that you can choose for your yard or patio. And if you have something extra to share, please bring it! We hope you will take a plant to put in your garden in memory of Lee Pippen, who was instrumental in developing our Environmental Stewardship Ministry. Some items to expect: Hydrangea bushes, Variegated Eunonymus bushes, Forsythia bushes, Beauty Berry bushes, Amaryllis Lillies (in pots), Spider Lilly bulbs, Dutch Irises, Caladiums, Yellow Flag Irises. For more information contact [Randy Dailey](#) or [Julie Lott](#).

Wednesday, April 21, 7 pm via Zoom - Earth Day Cooking Demo ~ Maximize to Minimize: Strategies for Using Things You Probably Don't
In this one-hour virtual cooking demonstration, Karen Webster, the executive director of Healthy Seminarians-Healthy Church, will provide some tips on how to use produce in ways that are often overlooked. By increasing what we use, we can cut down on our kitchen waste, grocery expenses, and more fully honor God's creation. Karen will be demonstrating and providing recipes ideas for leftover (and/or having an abundance of) herbs, pumpkin, and variations on preparing collard greens.

[Register here for this cooking demonstration](#)

For questions or more information, you may contact Karen karen@healthyseminarians-healthychurch.org or by phone/text (803-873-1682).



**Sanctuary
Flowers**

The Flower Committee is looking for volunteers who would like to join us in arranging Sunday sanctuary flowers. Elrae Poucher will give a class on Saturday, May 15th at 11:00am in room E102. Please come and see if you would like to be a part of this committee. We are not professionals at all, but we do enjoy flowers. Please call Ruth Roddey if you would consider joining us and/or would like to attend the class. There will also be a sign-up board in the downstairs lobby.

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