



FLPC News

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Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

Dear Forest Lake Family,

Rally Day may have looked a little different this year, but the excitement and energy were certainly on the campus! There are a lot of new things happening: new teachers, new classes, and new photos around the campus!

Speaking of new, all active church members with email addresses on file will receive an email invitation on September 17 to create an account in Realm, the church's new online community. It is a simple process (**instructions are on the right**), and once your account is created, you will be able to access the church's directory and see updates from the church.

We know this is one more change, but we are confident you'll like it! Please email me if I can answer any additional questions for you about Realm. See you soon over at FLPC.

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Instructions for Creating a Realm Account

1. You will get an email from Realm that says the following: "Forest Lake Presbyterian Church: Join our online community!" A screenshot is below.
2. Please click the link next to "Create an account."
3. You will then be taken to a page where you are asked to establish a password for your Realm account. After establishing your password, click "Register" at the bottom.
4. You will then be sent another email from Realm that says the following: "Forest Lake Presbyterian Church: Email Verification." Once you receive it, click the link next to "verify your email."
5. You should be all set!



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church: Join our online community!

Hi Testy,

We at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church have an online community where we can connect with each other outside our Sunday gatherings. We'd love for you to take part!

Create an account: <https://onrealm.org/ForestLakePresb/account/Register?user=edblack%40flpc.org>

If you've already downloaded the Realm Connect app, use the code ForestLakePresb when creating an account.

Sincerely,
Your friends at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

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Upcoming Events

Palmetto Pipes and Drums Sunday, September 26: 6:00 PM

If you love bagpipes and snare drums, then mark your calendars now for a concert by Columbia's own Palmetto Pipes and Drums (featuring our own Danny Skinner)! Although we are not yet scheduling a Kirkin' of the Tartan Service in the sanctuary (that is a lot of wind instruments!), we have invited the band to play for an hour on September 26th. More details will follow, but plan to come and to bring a friend!



Be the good news!

How can you be the good news in our broken world today? Come be inspired by two people doing good work in our community. On September 19 Bill Taber will speak during Sunday worship about his work as Director of Crisis Assistance for the Cooperative Ministry and on September 26 Jeff Armstrong, Executive Director for Family Promise will speak. Come hear from our mission partners in the community and be inspired to **go out and be the good news!**

MORE Justice, Make Your Voice Heard

Did you know FLPC partners with 34 other Columbia congregations to support the work of Midlands Organized Response for Equity and Justice - MORE Justice in our community?

Did you know in 2019 "South Carolina has, by far, the highest rate of evictions in the United States. This leads to severe housing instability for impoverished tenants. In 41 of 46 counties statewide, the average SC renter cannot afford a basic two-bedroom apartment without overextending their budget." 2019 South Carolina Housing Economic Impact Report

Did you know MORE Justice has been working on an affordable housing campaign for our community? Through the work of this affordable housing campaign, four Richland County Council members, Paul Livingston, Allison Terracio, Gretchen Barron, and Overture Walker said they would support the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This was a huge victory for MORE Justice!

MORE Justice begins their cycle each year by holding listening sessions in order to allow YOU to speak about the issues that "keep you up at night," where would YOU like to see justice happen in our Columbia community?

YOU ARE INVITED to take part in this process, which is about to start up again. Please join us for a house meeting on either: September 29, 6:30 in person and in the parlor; September 30, 5:30 on Zoom; or October 7, 6:30 in the parlor and over Zoom. Please contact Ellen Skidmore or Peggy Carey with questions. Register for a house meeting today to make your voice heard by clicking the date above or call the church office 803-787-5672.

Two Local Missions to receive proceeds from the Hearts & Hands Bazaar and BBQ Lunch

Plans are continuing to shape up for the Hearts & Hands Bazaar and the BBQ lunch on October 30. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss the big event. All proceeds from the event will benefit two local charities doing critical work for our neighbors lacking economic self-sufficiency and experiencing food insecurity – The Cooperative Ministry and Rehoboth Food Pantry. Forest Lake Presbyterian Church has a long-standing association with these two organizations, and our additional gift will be put to good use in these uncertain times. Commitments for bazaar items are still being sought, and the reservations for the BBQ lunch will be available in the coming weeks. Watch the newsletter for additional details.

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Congregational Retreat in Montreat March 25-27, 2022

Join us for an intergenerational retreat in Montreat, NC. Our speaker for the weekend will be C.S. Lewis expert, Don King. King has published over 80 articles as well as 10 books and has been on the faculty of Montreat College since 1974. Come hear him speak on C.S. Lewis: His Influence and Relevance Today. There will be programming for children and youth as well.

First night deposit is due with registration and is refundable before December 1, 2021. Room availability based on first come first served. Scholarship assistance is available, please contact jodibeckham@flpc.org for questions about that. Register by scanning this code:



Congregational Care Updates

Christian love and sympathy is given to the friends and family of Fran Gibbs, who passed away on July 9, 2021.

Christian love and sympathy is given to the friends and family of Gayle Charles, who passed away on September 13, 2021.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Christian Brown on the birth of Rosemary Rachel Brown on September 11. Proud grandparents are Jeff and Kim Binnicker.

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