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Reflections in the Water: Grateful Hearts and Generous Spirits

“In the Holy Land are two ancient bodies of water. Both are fed by the Jordan River. In one, fish play and roots find sustenance. In the other, there is no splash of fish, no sound of bird, no leaf around. The difference is not in the Jordan, for it empties into both, but in the Sea of Galilee: for every drop taken in one goes out. It gives and lives. The other gives nothing. And it is called the Dead Sea.”
 —William Sloane Coffin

“Each should give what he or she has decided from the heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” —Corinthians 9:7

Thank you. I thank you for the long hours, hard work, and your financial commitment that expresses your relationship with God and your joyous service here at First Presbyterian Church. Thus far, we’ve heard church members Sandy Perkinson, Nichole Booker, and Ken Allen on Sunday mornings share their testimony regarding the opportunity to give to their church. I see that gratitude and generosity expressed daily among the members of our church staff, our volunteers both day and evening who lead our children, who visit hospitals and care facilities with me. I see the light in the eyes and heart of our children and youth as they gather for events at church and return from conferences and mission trips. All of this is made possible because of you. As we enter the second year of stewardship program VISION 2020, we also have an opportunity to express our thanks with a grateful heart and generous spirit.

Dr. Coffin’s illustration of the living waters is simple and straightforward. Life thrives when what is received is in return given abundantly. That opportunity to share as you have received exists among us. As I shared in previous weeks, our VISION 2020 focus is twofold. We seek to support our annual mission and ministry through our commitment of financial support, time, and prayers and to fulfill our obligation for our new building and expansion which has helped us continue our mission and ministry *with grateful hearts and generous spirits*.

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is expressed visually in a beautiful building created to be sacred space for service to our community and to host the worship of God among his people. The greater ministry that proceeds from these halls and gathering spaces happens because of you and your gift and ongoing commitment.

With deep gratitude and thanksgiving,

Pastor Joe



“Giving has always been a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. The ways in which a believer uses God’s gifts of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God’s self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ’s call to minister to and share with others in the world. Tithing is a primary expression of the Christian discipline of stewardship.”

—Book of Order, W-5.5004

Prayerful Support for



Add to
your
prayer
list

Nor Bell at Barbour Court
Shannon Kimball at Barbour Court
Tom Barbour at Meadowview
Bernice Johnson at Meadowview
Alice Narron at Meadowview
Shirley Williams at Meadowview
Myde Eason at Brookdale Smithfield
Hazel Whitehurst at Brookdale Smithfield

Timothy Allen
Marie Atkins
Bobby Cox
Ruth Daniel
Tom Harder
Tom Johnson
Bill Leist
Marie Maddox
Mary Miller
Benny Pope
Chap Ragland
Shelley Roberts
Ellen Rogers in Raleigh
Peter Russell
Linda Stephenson
Mary Alice Thomas in Charlotte
Nelson Vaughn
Betty Welch
Ted Wells
William Wells
Hilda Worsham
Rebecca Ziady
Joseph Hester, Sr.
Tony Loye, Tonya Worley's father
Sharon Van Velzen, sister of Joyce Knoll

Christian Sympathy for Benny and Pam Pope on the death of **Jane Bolin** on September 21, 2016; and to the family of **Jane Cunningham**; Jane died on September 23, 2016.



In Honor of Lincoln Knoll, Shannon Coble Kimball, the Kimball family

In Memory of William Kimball, Samuel Thomas Avera, Clem and Mikki Sharek, Vicki Bell Paul, Tom Rankin, Carol Hartman Mendenhall, Jane Bolin, Jane Cunningham, Charlie James

Given by Joyce S. Brown, Scott and Brenda Coble, Gary Waller, Mrs. Frank B. Holding, Jane Stallings, Shallco Incorporated, Kenneth and Eva Baker, Bill and JoAnn Leist, Wingate and Susan Lassiter, Vicky Varner, Jimmy and Gay Pernell, Susan Larmore, Kenneth and Carolyn Kimball Sloop, Chap and Ann Ragland, Maxine McFadyen, Frank and Lisa Deans, Faye Peeler, Roger and Eleanor Horne, Georgene Vitense, Kay and Terry Carroll, Frank and Betsy Olive, Neil and Lucy Watson, John and Shirley Booker, Dot Ellmore, Billy Duncan, Bruce and Nancy Johnson, RC and Ellen Williams, Beth Daniel, Jane and Ken Allen, Bill and Shirley Sharek, Ted Eason Class, Janet Smith, Steve and Pam Smith., Tom and Sandra Johnson



Thanks to the **Presbyterian Women** for preparing and hosting the visitation and the meal for the family of Jane Bolin.

Camille Boone, Judy Daniels, Kathy Rice and Patrick Templeton for directing our Chancel Choir until a new Director of Music was hired.

Hank Roberson for providing the beautiful floral arrangements for the

Bolin reception and service.

The Search Committee for finding us a qualified and energetic Director of Music.

HIGHLIGHTS

of September Session

- Approved continuing the Preschool Music program led by Camille Boone for three- and four-year-olds on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.
 - Approved a request by the Property Team to hire HD Pro Services at a cost of \$1,045.00 to remove the bats at the church.
 - Approved the selling of a book on the history of our stained glass windows written by Ann Huckenbeck and Myra Wallace with proceeds earmarked for the Vision 2020 campaign.
 - Approved a fundraising project, the Tour of Tables, to promote donations to the Vision 2020 campaign.
 - Approved the hiring of Martha Ann Chapman as our new Director of Music with a start date of October 1, 2016, and a starting salary of \$11,000.
 - Approved a request from Mission Outreach to provide space for a monthly support group for families of homicide victims. The request came from the county attorney and was approved through the Mission Outreach Quadrant and Session.
- If you have items you wish to bring before Session, see Debbie Jacobs, Clerk.

—Debbie Jacobs

In Communion

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



**World Communion Sunday
October 2, 2016**

Reformation Cornerstones

Every October, many Protestants celebrate the work of reformers who brought about much-needed change in the Christian church. At the center of their contributions were four teachings:

- Scripture alone: The supremacy of the Bible as the surest guide for faith and life.
- Grace alone: The supremacy of God's undeserved love. God counts us right with him when we accept his free gifts of forgiveness and salvation.
- Faith alone: The supremacy of faith. Only by believing and trusting in God's promises, and through no works or achievements of our own, do we receive eternal life.
- The priesthood of all believers: Christians are members of one another (Ephesians 4:25, NRSV. In God's eyes, Christians are all on the same level. We each have a ministry to fulfill to one another and to people outside the faith. Martin Luther said, "We're reciprocally and mutually one."



**Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2016**

Grateful Hearts . . . Generous Spirits

The irony of Pastor Joe's asking me to chair the Generosity Team is deep. I am NOT a financial wizard. I do not manage money well, and my budget plan is something like "spend until there is no more and then stop spending until more comes." Eddie took care of our finances and we shared ONE checking account for over forty years in relative peace, in spite of my occasional effort to help him in which I generally made a mess of the checkbook. Yet, here I am, heading up a committee whose purpose is to solicit funds to finance this church's missions, to pay the employees' salaries, to pay the bills, and to keep the lights and air conditioning on! The responsibility of the task is a bit overwhelming.

And yet, I accepted this charge with energy, determination, and a sense of duty because First Presbyterian Church is my home, my comfort, my support, and has given me more than I can ever repay. It is because of the joy I find in this church, because of the vast support system we are to each other, because of the depth of my belief in our missions that I pledge and give more generously than may be wise for me. But how can I not? If I can help our members and friends rededicate themselves to the financial needs of this church, to show their love for others through their generosity, to consider the possibilities of what this church can accomplish if we give selflessly, then I will have been successful.

Listen with your heart to the testimony of those who share their stories of faith during Minute for Mission. Mentally follow the trail of all those coins and cans from Hunger Sunday as they reach their destination and answer so great a need. Feel the warmth of the prayer shawl wrapped around the shoulders of a friend of a friend. Reflect on our growth as Christians and neighbors as we have shared this lovely building with friends and strangers. And pray. Pray for our church to show its collective Grateful Heart and Generous Spirit as on October 9, we rededicate ourselves to the mission of this church, to our growth and our prosperity, to the maintenance of wonderful programs, and to the implementation of new ideas. What better way to spread the Gospel?

—Sandy Perkinson



Stewardship Commitment Sunday

October 9, 2016

Lunch to follow worship

Stewardship
Quadrant

A Sampling of Live Auction Inventory



Frank Grubbs Pottery

Rinch Mitchell
Clay Targets Shooting
Instruction
Package



Daniel Scott
Handmade Bench



Four Place Settings
Christmas
China

October 23, 2016
Potato Bake following worship
Youth Fundraiser
Live Auction / Silent Auction
2:00 p.m.



Hostess will bring her own china, silver, crystal, napkins, and centerpieces.

We will furnish table, seats, and tablecloths.

Seven seats per table, including host or hostess.

Each seat costs \$40.00.

Every table will have same menu:

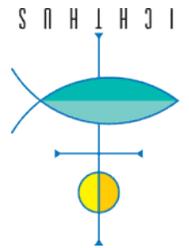
Appetizer, Salad, Tenderloin Medallions, Potatoes Romanov, String Beans, Bread, and Dessert

A wait staff will serve you. Tables to be judged and winners announced.

Contact Linda Crowder, Billy Duncan, or Myra Wallace if you wish to host a table or purchase a ticket.

All proceeds will go to the Building Fund of First Presbyterian Church.

Come join us for an evening of elegant dining and good fellowship.



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October 2016

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Harbor in Need of Supplies

Harbor, Inc. is in need of basic supplies:
Mattress pads and covers, twin and full
Sheet sets, twin and full
Blankets, twin and full
Towels and wash cloths
Mr. Clean
Pine Sol
Baby wipes
Diapers, sizes 3,4,5
13 gallon trash bags
Toilet paper
Paper towels

See the full list on the Sunday school hallway bulletin board.
Place items in the new Harbor woven basket in the Great Hall.
Thank you.



—Judy Miller

October JOY Connection

Spread the word! JOY Connection is just around the corner. Come one, come all, to our fellowship hall at noon on Thursday, October 6. Good friends, good food, good fellowship and an excellent program are in store for you. Local author David Stephens will review his book, The Plantation Mistress and Her Daughter. You will hear the story of a very fascinating Johnston County family. Perhaps you will even know of some of the characters.

Now it's very important that you sign the sheet at the reception desk or call the church at 919-934-0988 to reserve a space. This helps us to prepare the correct amount of food. Our dessert table is always overflowing with delicious pies, cakes, and chocolate surprises brought by some of those who come. If you would like to bring a dessert to share with others, you are welcome to do that in October or any other month.

So go ahead and draw a big flower on your calendar on the day labeled October 6. Join us at JOY Connection for a real October treat!

—Ann Ragland



JOY
CONNECTION

Youth Go Gleaning

It's once again time in Johnston County for gleaning sweet potatoes. On October 29, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., our youth will join with other youths to help support the Gleaning Network Society of St. Andrews, a volunteer-driven and biblical based group who answer the call of Deuteronomy 24:19 When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all of your undertakings.

Let me encourage you and all your family members to join us on that early Saturday morning. You will feel truly blessed as you walk away from the sweet potato field.

A portion of our gleaning will be boxed up and delivered to the Smithfield Rescue Mission in time for Thanksgiving meals.

We generally stop to eat before returning to the church, so plan to bring your lunch money.

The youth would like to thank our dedicated leaders and our congregants for all the support received to go out into the world and make a difference in our homes, in our community, and in the world!

—Linda Crowder

Yamjam



Presbyterian Women Present Joyce Lee Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership in the Presbyterian Women recognizes faithful service both to the women and to the church. The most recent honoree is Joyce Faulkner Lee who received the award during worship on October 18. Joyce has been active in so many facets of our church's life. She has served as a deacon, taught Sunday School and worked in VBS. She served on our building committee, where her handprint is evident in many areas, but no more so than in the kitchen. That is where she is often found, whether cooking (we all know what an excellent cook she is) or helping out in many ways. She has chaired the Special Meals and Bereavement Meals Committees more years than one can count! She recently was nominated by our Session for one of the New Hope Presbytery Older Adult Awards.

The pin she received has caring hands which represents women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal response to Jesus Christ. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, which is shown by the globe. At the center is a cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is the center of our lives. The overall design is a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ.



—Betsy Olive

Calling All Children and Youth!



Come in your best Halloween attire and Trunk or Treat in the safety of the church parking lot!

If you are willing to volunteer your trunk, please contact Linda Crowder or Courtney Scott.

There will be games and other activities for the children.

Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 30
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Church parking lot

—Courtney Scott

College and Military Care Packages

Donations will be accepted through the second week of November.

See Mary Miller or any other Presbyterian Women.

Help us let them know we care!

Thank you!

—Mary Miller



Hospice House and Angel Tree

During the month of November our congregation will have the opportunity to stock the pantry at Hospice House. Individually wrapped items such as cookies/crackers, nabs, pudding, applesauce, fruit cups, cereal bars, microwave popcorn, paper products for the kitchen, bottled water, canned soft drinks/juices, beverages for children, coffee/coffee filters, Keurig individual K-cups, instant macaroni and cheese, grits, oatmeal, and soups would be very much appreciated. A collection box will be located in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday in November for donations.

As part of our Session-approved partner ministry with the Smithfield Rescue Mission, the Mission Outreach Quadrant will be sponsoring an Angel Tree again this holiday season. Angel cards will be available Sunday, November 20, through Sunday, December 18. Please watch for more details in the November ICHTHUS.

Thank you for all your support of our local missions.

—Greg and Joyce Knoll

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Yes We Can

Is there really a need for “Yes We Can”?

Johnston County has approximately 28,000 (2014 estimate) people living below the poverty line (\$24,500 for a family of four). There are 34,000 students enrolled in Johnston County Schools, and 18,700 are eligible for free or reduced lunches. Over 8,000 people are unemployed. The need for food is great.



In August, First Presbyterian Churches provided 65 cans of food to the SAM's Food Closet. We provided a meal a day for two people for one month.

Can we do more? Can we set a goal to provide one meal a day for a family of four (120 cans of food)? Can we set a goal to provide one meal a day for two families? The average attendance at worship is over 100. If every person attending worship brought one can of food, we could provide one meal a day for a family in Johnston County. Can we? Yes we can! Will we?

Let us take our example from Matthew 25:35-40 (NRSV): For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

—Greg Knoll and Hubert Schmidt

Our Season of Peace

Jesus calls us to be peacemakers: “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.*” Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)



Today the world needs peacemakers more than ever; war and disturbance encircle the globe, and none of us is immune. We are reminded constantly whether is through the computer, television or the newspaper. We struggle to teach our children and grandchildren the golden rule and to “turn the other cheek.”

It is only through God’s love and our examples of Christian living that we can impart to others the real meaning of a spiritual life. The Presbyterian Church strives valiantly to teach the good news of peace and to address the violence seen both inside and outside the home.

Your contribution to the Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 2 will assist in the church’s efforts to educate and to inform the world of God’s love and of God’s call for peace. Please give as generously as you can.

—Ann Huckenbeck

Spread the Good News

A recent survey revealed that the best way to recruit people to visit your church is to invite them personally. The tally was that people did not respond to ads, phone calls, flyers or brochures as readily as they did to a personal invitation from a neighbor, friend, or relative.



Have you asked someone to visit? Help us spread the good news about our church and our missions.

—Ann Huckenbeck

Defibrillator to be Purchased

The Mission Outreach Quadrant is excited to tell you that First Presbyterian Church will have an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), commonly called defibrillator, sometime soon. The order will be placed on September 21. Proceeds from the Fourth of July hotdog and hamburger picnic, along with generosity from the congregation, have provided enough money to make the purchase. The unit will be wall mounted in a designated cabinet and visible in the event it is needed.



Heart disease is the number one killer in the United States, and since we have several people with heart disease, the quadrant has made the purchase. We hope it will not be needed, but we want to be prepared. Saving a life is our utmost thought and goal.

Once we have received the AED, we will provide a time for officers, office staff, and any interested person(s) to become familiar with its operation. We thank everyone who made the purchase of this life-saving device possible.

—Helen Best

Refugee Resettlement

The Knolls and the Schmidts have been investigating ways to help refugees who are being resettled in the Triangle area. On September 17, we attended the 2016 Faith and Immigration Statewide Summit in Apex sponsored by the NC Council of Churches and learned that there are many ways we can help.



We were reminded by the Rev. Joe Roberson, who spoke at a Fellowship Meal here at First Presbyterian earlier this year, that the definition of a refugee is any person who flees his/her country because of a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Immigrants choose to leave, while refugees are forced to leave their homes.

The United States partners with the United Nations in vetting refugees coming to the U.S. This process is done overseas and takes from 18 to 24 months. The U.S. is known for its comprehensive screening. Many refugees wait well in excess of two years in a refugee camp for resettlement.

In 2016 fiscal year (ending September 30), North Carolina received 2,743 refugees for resettlement, with 493 coming from Syria. Many others come from the Congo, Somalia, Afghanistan, and other countries. There are nine agencies involved in resettlement. They work to settle people with others from similar backgrounds, customs and language in order for them to support each other.

World Relief is a non-profit organization located in Durham that assists refugees settle in the Durham area. They are assisting 80 refugees settling in the Durham area this month. They list the following opportunities to participate in assisting refugees resettle in the U.S.

- Form a Good Neighbor Team to befriend refugees and assist with their resettlement.
- Form an Apartment Set-Up Team and prepare a home for arriving refugees that World Relief has identified.
- Form a Welcome Team to greet refugees at the airport.
- Become a Friendship Partner and befriend refugees.
- Join the World Relief Donations Organization Team to arrange items for refugees (located in a large warehouse in Durham).
- Create Welcome Kits to donate items for incoming refugees’ apartments.

As we consider ways to help, let us remember Matthew 25:35-40. There are **65.3 million** people around the world who have been forced from home. Among them are nearly **21.3 million refugees**, over half of whom are **under the age of 18**.

If you are interested in learning more, contact the Knolls at 919-550-5710 or the Schmidts at 919-879-8143.

—Greg Knoll and Hubert Schmidt

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Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women

The keynote speaker for the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering, the Rev. A. Vanessa Hawkins, will lead one of two breakout sessions during the gathering on Oct.8 at Unity Presbyterian Church, 11551 NC HWY 50, in Newton Grove. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. Hers will expand on her message of spirituality and inclusivity and on her role as New Hope's associate presbyter for spiritual nurture.



One more thing to entice you to join us on Oct. 8 in Newton Grove for the PW Fall Gathering: Rebecca Gillespie, Kimberly Wynns and Amy Simes will lead one of two breakout sessions that day. All are members of the Human Trafficking Roundtable, and they will talk about awareness and education and ways YOUR church or PW group can contribute to defeating the scourge of trafficking. Corrie Cadwallader and Miriam Dorsey are co-moderators of the roundtable, an initiative that grew out of a Presbyterian Women leadership event in Area 3 a few years ago.

Start thinking about which one you'd like to be a part of. Again we will collect items for Interfaith Prison Ministry Women. Items may be full or travel sized, and they must be unopened and in their original packaging. We need deodorant, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, denture cream, and body powder. Please get these items to Judy Johnson prior to the meeting.

Register today by sending your name and church affiliation to:
 Mrs. Ann Barefoot
 P O Box 181
 Newton Grove
 North Carolina 28366

—Judy Miller

Youth Again Take Yes We Can to the Outlets

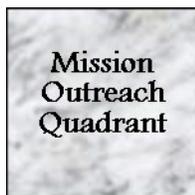
On Sunday, October 3, in place of a meeting, the youth will deliver food boxes to Carolina Premium Outlet Center. They have placed individual store logos on each box. Canned food donated to these boxes will go directly to the SAM Food Closet at Centenary United Methodist Church. This project is a part of our Yes We Can monthly food drive supported by the Mission Outreach Quadrant.

If you find yourself heading to the outlets, please take along some canned food to donate to our cause. And please ask your family and friends to do the same.



—Linda Crowder

Timothy Allen, Iris Anaruma, Carson Horne, Emma Horne, and Madeline Horne cover boxes for Carolina Premium Outlet Food Drive for SAM Food Closet.



Live Auction/Silent Auction/Potato Bake

We need your donations for both the Live Auction and/or the Silent Auction being held on Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 p.m. We have received a lot of great donations, including a piano, a handmade bench, Corn Hole boards, Four-day Shooting Lessons - clay targets (\$600 value), Christmas china, PYC Youth Christmas Tree Decorators, and much, much more!!



This will be a fun event. Check out the three-ring binder in the parlor each week for updates. A Potato Bake is planned following worship. This will be the last youth fund raising opportunity this year. Plan to stay and help our youth.

—Linda Crowder

Camp Don Lee Middle School Retreat Storm Chasers of Faith

October 7, 8, 9
 Cost per person is \$62.50
 FPC pays other half



If you are interested, please let Linda Crowder know at youthfpc2015@gmail.com ASAP. The deadline is soon!

Duke Youth Day, October 8

Saturday, October 8th. Duke vs. Army and cost is \$15.00 per person which includes testimonial session with current Duke Athletics and football staff, meal ticket and game day ticket. You may choose to skip the testimonial and just attend the game. Game tickets are \$10 each.



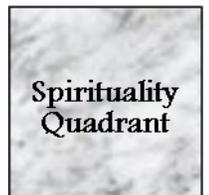
Please let Linda Crowder know your plans. You can email her at youthfpc2015@gmail.com or call the church office at 919-934-0988.

Thank you all.

—Linda Crowder



PSALM 121:2



Martha Ann Chapman, New Director of Music

Martha Chapman spent her early life as a Baptist in Magnolia, Arkansas. During her senior year in high school her father started teaching at Western Carolina University, and the family moved to Sylva, NC. Martha attended the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem as a voice major. She graduated in 1973 and went to work at Benson Baptist Church as Director of Music and Youth. She has worked in church music almost continually since that time.



She left Benson and went back to school to get her Master's in Music Education so that she could teach high school and junior high choral music. She married Gary Cowan, from Sylva, NC, in August 1977, and they moved to Albemarle, NC, for his job with the Stanly County School System. Martha worked as Director of Music and Youth at First Street United Methodist Church and with the Albemarle City School System as Choral Director until their son was born in 1980. She then gave up the church job to have more time with her family.

After their daughter was born in 1982, Martha took a year and a half off from teaching and began working at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, as part time Director of Music. She went back to choral music work in the city school system on a part time basis in 1983. She taught part time until 1987, when she requested a return to full time work and the school system decided they could not afford the salary. She left the public schools' teaching profession to teach privately and continue her church work.

Martha was recruited by State Farm Insurance to open a new agency in Albemarle after the death of the local long time agent. She did this in July of 1990. She was still directing music at First Presbyterian Church. Martha's husband died in August of 1991 and although the church offered her a long-term sabbatical, she left that work to again have more time with her children and focus on the job that paid the bills.

Martha married Independent Insurance agent, Joe Klutz, in November of 1995. They were competitors in business and Martha was not happy with that – so she got out of the insurance business and back into music in 1999. She directed the choir at another Methodist Church in town and started teaching at Pfeiffer University, a Methodist college just outside of Albemarle. Eventually she went back to First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, as Director of Music and continued her work at Pfeiffer.

In 2009 First Presbyterian, Albemarle, decided to hire a combination organist and choral director and Martha decided, since the music department at Pfeiffer was cutting back, to go back to school and study choral music in more depth. She received her Masters' of Music with concentrations in Choral Conducting and Sacred Music in spring of 2012. She enjoyed every minute of school!

Joe sold his business in 2012 and for a variety of reasons they decided to retire to Raleigh. They are very glad they did.

Joe has two sons and three grown grandsons who live in the Charlotte area. Martha's son, Judson, and his wife Blair, live in Edinburgh, Scotland, and her daughter Dorothy lives and works in NYC.

Martha Chapman will begin her work here on October 1. We feel very fortunate to have found her. Give her a warm welcome when you see her.

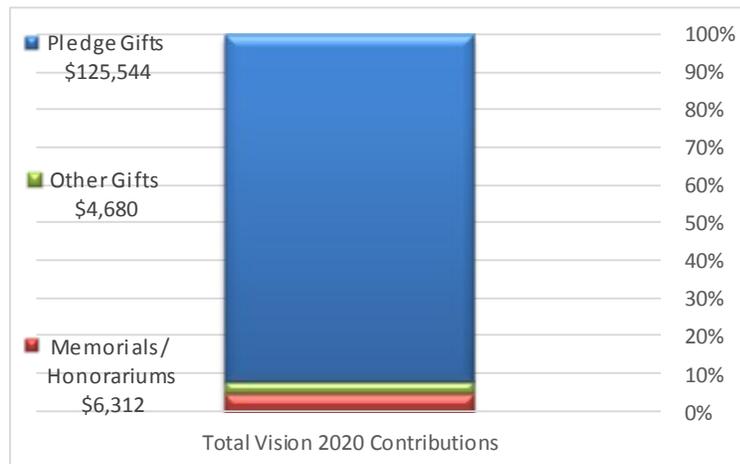


First Presbyterian Church Operating Results: January — August 2016 Actual vs. Budgeted

	Jan - August 2016 Actual	Jan - August 2016 Budgeted
Revenue		
General Offering	190,128.96	193,333.36
Disbursements		
Educational Quadrant	1,486.02	2,699.92
Mission Outreach Quadrant	10,313.24	12,500.00
Spirituality Quadrant	98,116.20	118,955.36
Stewardship Quadrant	66,380.67	73,889.44
Total Disbursements	<u>176,296.13</u>	<u>208,044.72</u>
Net Income/(Deficit)	13,832.83	(14,711.36)

VISION 2020 Capital Campaign as of 8/31/2016

\$ 125,544	Pledge Gifts
\$ 6,312	Memorials
\$ 4,680	Other Gifts
\$ 136,535	Total VISION 2020 Contributions
\$ 555,626	Total VISION 202 Commitments
\$ 1,101,308	Mortgage Balance



Communications and Technology News

The Communications and Technology Team has been working diligently to schedule portrait sessions for our new church directory. If you have not made your appointment yet, please contact Debbie Jacobs (919-631-9471 or debbiej@nc.rr.com) as soon as possible and she will help you.



Remember that we are requesting pictures of our military members for a special Military Honor page for the directory.

If you are not receiving the eNews on Thursdays or Dial My Calls information, please contact Debbie so that your email and phone number can be added. If your information changes, please let her know of the changes so that you can stay in touch with what's happening at First Pres.

Some of you have asked when the emails for the church staff will be changing. We have held this off to ensure a smooth transition with staff training. We anticipate that the new emails will begin in early October. Watch the eNews and the church newsletter for more information!

—Debbie Jacobs

