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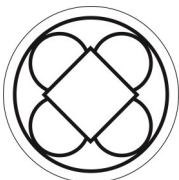
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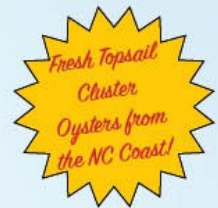
2020 Oyster Roast

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:00PM - 8:00PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SMITHFIELD, NC

215 S. 3rd Street • Smithfield, NC



Tickets: \$25 (includes around a peck of oysters)

Call 919-934-0988 for tickets

EAT IN, CARRY-OUT, & DRIVE-THRU

**For those who may not care for seafood,
delicious homemade soups and chili will be
available for a donation - no ticket required!!*

Tickets available through Monday, February 10th

Proceeds benefit the FPC Emergency Fund.
Remaining proceeds to benefit Youth Ministries



Add to your prayer list

Prayerful Support for

Eleanor Bell at Barbour Court
Bernice Johnson, Autumn Care of Nash
John McFadyen at Brookdale, Raleigh
Ellen Rogers in Raleigh
Virginia Williams in Laurinburg

Lucy Worley at BellaRose Nursing and Rehab, Garner
Linda Wells in Mt. Olive
Ruth Daniel
Wayne Dockery
Tom Harder
Freddy Johnson
Tom Johnson
Sandra Lester
Bill Leist
Miriam Lore
Earl Marett
Jill Merrick
Mary Miller
Benny Pope
Chap Ragland
Peter Russell
Cindy Smith at her son's house
Nelson Vaughn
Betty Welch
William Wells
Ralph Mosley, brother of Dot Ellmore
Gerald Coley, Judy Miller's brother
Bryan Jones, Nan Jones' father
Harold Lee, Nan Jones' stepfather
We welcomed Jane Shipman to Membership by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, January 26, 2017.



Lisa Deans and Kathy Rice for repairing Christmas in a Barn costumes
Hubert and Judy Schmidt and Maxine McFadyen for updating our library.
Ella Ann Holding for presenting our church with a Christmas carol she composed. The Chancel Choir sang it the Second Sunday of Epiphany.

Martha Taylor, Debbie Jacobs, Pam Pope, Joy Worsham and all others who made Relay for Life Bingo such a success.

Camille Boone and Kathy Rice for their tireless work with the Children's Music Program of our church.

Nancy Lee for preparing the Flower Calendar every year.
Hubert and Judy Schmidt and Maxine McFadyen for updating and organizing our church library.

Jaime Beasley, Beth Daniel, and Debbie Jacobs for their work with church finances.

Wayne Dockery for heading of the Walking Ministry.

Diane Dockery for writing memorial acknowledgments.



Transfiguration Sunday
February 23, 2020



In Memory of Helen Godwin, Rebecca Ziady, Judy Avera
Donors: Robert Brown, Phil Ziady, Brandy Avera Vannoy

HIGHLIGHTS of January Session

- Approved the Sacrament of Baptism for Brynleigh Hope Naylor on December 24, 2019.
- Received the gift of a 65" television for the community room with thanks and gratitude.
- Approved the annual Oyster Roast for Saturday, February 15, 2020, hosted by the PYC.
- Approved the annual Silent Auction hosted by PYC. The tentative date is March 22, 2020.
- Approved annual leave for the pastor for January 19, 2020 and January 21-23, 2020. Dr. Roger Horne will lead worship on January 19, 2020.
- Approved a Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 26, 2020 to elect new officers.
- Approved the PYC's participation in the CROSS Mission Project hosted by Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC, on March 6-8, 2020.

If you have items you wish to bring before Session, please contact Debbie Jacobs, Clerk.

—Debbie Jacobs

Thank You.

Your donation to our meal program and pantry helps families who are experiencing a difficult time in their lives. We are very thankful that you chose the SECU Hospice House in which to spend your time and money.

With heartfelt appreciation,
SECU Hospice House & Volunteers

Lisa Sandra Ann Shiley



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Communications and Technology News

The church recently received a gift of a 65" television for the community room, which is the room normally used for Wednesday morning Bible Study. That existing television was moved to the Eason classroom and fitted with an Apple TV connection to assist with the classroom's curriculum. We are also exploring ways to connect the ceiling projector in the Fellowship Hall with an HDMI connection, which will allow us to update that existing laptop. Keep a lookout for other upgrades soon!

COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY



It is important for the church to have your correct contact information. If your phone, email, or mailing address has changed, please let Debbie Jacobs and the church office know so that we may keep our records current. An updated directory is available through the eNews. Please check the latest update to ensure we have your contact information correct.

—Debbie Jacobs

2020 Offering Envelopes in Fellowship Hall

Some people have not yet picked up their giving envelopes. They are still in the fellowship hall. Please write your name on the removable label and place it in the envelope on the table.



It's not too late to be assigned giving envelopes. Just indicate your desire to be assigned a box on the legal pad next to the envelopes. Your envelopes will be there the following Sunday.

If you have questions, contact Beth Daniel, Receiving Treasurer.

—Beth Daniel

Operating Results: January—December 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue		
General Offering	259,316.00	263,587.00
Disbursements		
Education Quadrant	31,475.00	31,559.00
Mission Outreach Quad.	6,065.00	16,350.00
Spirituality Quadrant	144,633.00	156,572.00
Stewardship Quadrant	131,106.00	117,895.00
Total Disbursements	313,280.00	322,376.00
Net Income/(Deficit)	(53,964.00)	(58,789.00)

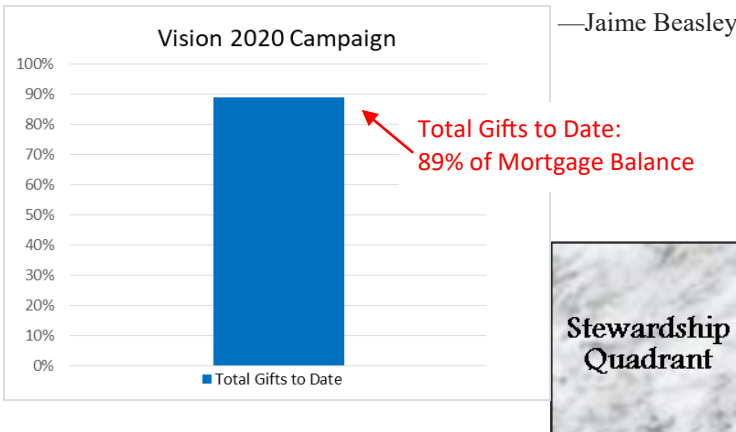
Total VISION 2020 Capital Campaign as of 12/31/2019

Pledge Gifts	481,258.00
Memorials/Honorariums	34,374.00
Other Gifts	88,271.00
Total Gifts	603,902.00

Total VISION 2020 Commitments 540,786.00

Mortgage Balance 679,524.00

—Jaime Beasley



JOY

Helen Best and Pam Schall outdid themselves on the JOY meal on January 2! What a way to kick off the New Year. They served a wonderful meatloaf and delicious vegetables, and the desserts were outstanding. Jewel Ryals presented a program of great stories about antiques and collectibles, unique finds and bad investments in "valuables," and appraised various treasures supplied by the diners. Her 20,000 square foot store in Fuquay Varina, Bostic and Wilson, is a treasure trove of collectibles, antiques, memorabilia, and 'junque.' Take a day to go and visit. She allowed my daughter -in-law's parents to visit even though she was closed for inventory!



JOY CONNECTION

On February 6, an oft-postponed but long awaited presentation by Bill and Shirley Sharek on their wanderings through Italy accompanied by a delicious Italian meal prepared by Lisa Deans, Debbie Jacobs and Shirley Sharek will be our delight for the day. Come early, bring a friend, and a dessert if you'd like, and join us for this travelogue! See you there.

—Sandy Perkinson



Hospice Meal

The Mission Outreach Quadrant would like to thank Lisa and Frank Deans for coordinating the January 12 meal at SECU Hospice. We also thank Rhonda Backner, Eve Creech, and Judy Daniels for helping with the meal.

Our next meal is slated for Sunday, March 22. If you wish to participate, please watch for the sign up sheet in the vestibule in late February or early March.

SECU Hospice House sent the congregation their thanks for all the meals provided in 2019 and for their contributions to help stock the pantry. last November.

We thank you all for your continued support of this caring ministry.

—Greg and Joyce Knoll

Survivor Sunday Relay Team 37 Chili and Soup Luncheon March 1 Following Worship

Now that we have successfully completed our Bingo Party, we are planning for Survivor Sunday on March 1. We will be having a short service during church that day and then hosting our annual Chili and Soup Luncheon. A sign-up for soups, chilies, salads, and desserts will be posted before mid-February.



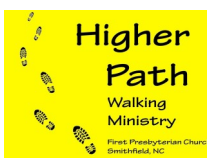
We will also start registering our Survivors during February so that they can attend the Survivor Banquet on Sunday, April 5 at the Benson American Legion and can be recognized and walk in the Survivor Lap out at Relay at SSS on Friday night, May 15, at SSS High School.

We are SO grateful for all the support we get from our church members!

—Martha Taylor and Debbie Jacobs

Come Walk with Us

FPC's Higher Path Walking Ministry is still alive and moving, but is changing its schedule. We will meet Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at the Medical Mall; Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at East Clayton Park; and on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. at the Templeton home.



Please join us when you can!

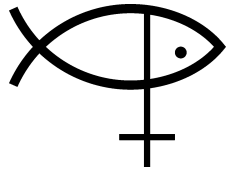
—Wayne Dockery



February

For God so lo**V**ed the world
th**A**t he gave his
on**L**y
begott**E**n
So**N**,
tha**T** whoever
bel**I**eves
i**N** him should not perish
but hav**E** everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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**Celebrating 30 years — 1990-2020!
CHANGE THE GAME**

Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities across the country around the time of the Big Game to help those in need. What if everyone who watched the big game gave just \$1 or 1 can of food? Join us once again in an effort to #tacklehunger in 2020.

PYC will collect an offering following worship on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020!

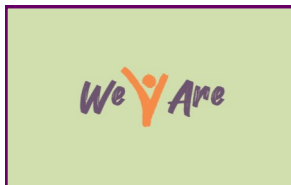
Your gifts will go to the SAM Food Closet.



**PYC Super Bowl Party
February 2, 2020
6:00 p.m.—Halftime
Come join us!**

**2020 Montreat Youth Conference, July 12-18
Registration Due May 1**

Excitement is already building for this summer's trip to Montreat! As an incentive to commit earlier, a non-refundable **\$100 deposit** by May 1 will lock in your student. Other than travel meals, the camp offering, and snacks/souvenirs, all other expenses will be generously covered by our budgeted youth conference funds.



The Montreat Youth Conference is open to all high school youth who will begin 9th grade this fall through students that completed 12th grade this year. We also expect for all youth participants to actively help with fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Troop 95 News

In January, Troop 95 put the final touches on our plans for the Scouting year. We also completed the Basketry merit badge, which is one of the rarest merit badges. We also began focusing on the Scouting Heritage merit badge to try to learn more about the amazing history of the Boy Scouts of America. If you have any questions on what we learned in these activities, feel free to ask Davis Bell or Carson Horne.



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If you know of any Middle or High Schoolers who are interested in Scouting please direct them to our Scribe Davis Bell or our Scoutmaster Evans Horne so they can participate in the new upcoming Scout Year. And as always, on behalf of Troop 95, we would like to thank First Presbyterian Church for their continued support of Troop 95.

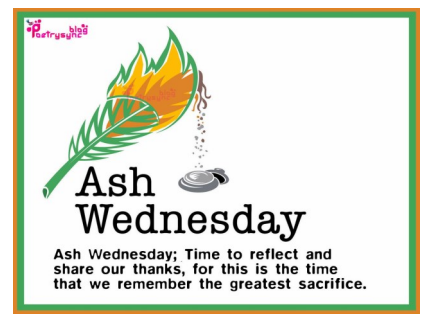
—Davis Bell, Scribe



**A Prayer for
Ash Wednesday**

Lord of the winds,
I cry to thee
I that am dust,
and blown about
By every gust
I fly to thee.

Lord of the waters,
Unto thee I call.
I that am weed
Upon the waters borne,
And by the waters torn,
Tossed by the waters
At thy feet I fall.

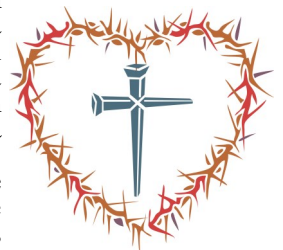


—Mary Coleridge, 1861-1907

Our Lenten Focus

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."



Once again FPC will host Midweek Lenten Services. Look for the schedule in the March ICHTHUS and in Thursday News.



Spirituality Quadrant: Gratitude and Growth

Our deepest gratitude goes to Judy Daniels for her service to our church as Worship Chair. She has been indefatigable, organized, forward thinking, creative, and has paid attention to detail to keep us all on track. We will miss her assistance, but she remains an integral part of our music program, a joyful presence on Sunday mornings, and we appreciate all she has done and is doing for FPC. Her position is open if anyone wants to join a great team!

We also need a team who will work together to plan, coordinate, set up, and clean up after communion once a month. Judy and I have been taking care of these duties with the fantastic assistance of the youth, but having a coordinator would be splendid. The Spirituality Quadrant will meet February 3 at 10:00 a.m. to begin preparations for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, and to discuss some ideas regarding communion, the order of worship, the children's ministry, and VBS. This informal meeting is open to anyone who is interested in discussing these events and ideas. Big things are happening for our church!

—Sandy Perkinson

Help Wanted:

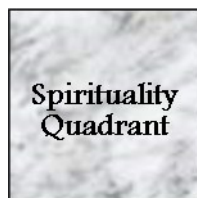
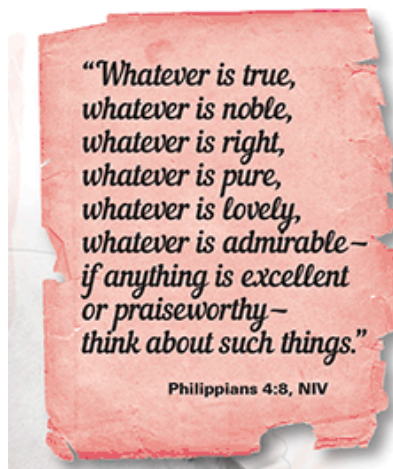
Have you wanted to get more involved in activities at First Presbyterian Church but aren't sure where you might be most useful? Do you sit near the rear of the sanctuary on Sundays and desire to get in on the action near the front? Is this YOUR time to shine? To join? To contribute? Why not consider one of the following openings in the Spirituality Quadrant as your spot? Anyone is welcome to contribute!



Coordinator for
communion set-up
Lay Readers
Leaders for Time with
Children
Singers in Chancel Choir
Ringers in Handbell Choir



We'd LOVE to have your smiling face involved in our quadrant.



Harbor House needs the following supplies:

Toilet paper
Trash bags
Paper Towels
Dishwashing Liquid
Lysol
Hand lotion

The next time you're out shopping, pick up a few of these supplies and place them in the basket in the Great Hall.

And During January

**OUR YOUTH COLLECTED
A HUGE NUMBER OF
CLOTHING ITEMS
for HARBOR**

We thank them!

—Lee Johnson



**Hunger Sunday:
Every Third Sunday**

Bring your change and canned goods

Donations go to the SAM Food Closet.



**Presbyterian Women
Scholarships
Available from
Presbyterian Women of
New Hope
and from the
Synod of the Mid-Atlantic**

If you or your child is currently enrolled in college or will be enrolled next fall, you are welcome to apply.

Complete application packets should be submitted by **March 1, 2020**.

Applicants must live in the presbytery and be a member of a church in the presbytery.

Contact Janet Lassiter, Moderator of Presbyterian Women of FPC Smithfield for more information and/or scholarship applications

Her number is 919-631-2254

Her email is

janetlassiter@yahoo.com

Or Google PCUSA Synod of the
Mid-Atlantic Scholarships

