



April 2020



A note from Andrea Roche, our new Interim Director of Youth & Children's Ministries:

Blessings to you all during this Lenten season. I am really excited to begin working at First Pres. Cartersville, although it might be a while before I get to meet you all in person.

My faith journey began when I was baptized at 5 weeks old on the bow of a houseboat beached on an island on Lake Lanier. My family lived on that boat for 2 years, while our house was being built. After we moved into our home, my parents, my two brothers, and I became members of Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church.

After high school at North Forsyth High, I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion from Furman University, and while in college, God made it clear that children's and youth ministry is what I was supposed to do with my life. After Furman, I went to Columbia Theological Seminary (PCUSA) and received a Master of Divinity degree. I have worked in Presbyterian churches in Lawrenceville, GA and West Chester, PA, but most recently I have worked for Lutheran (ELCA) churches in the metro-Atlanta area.

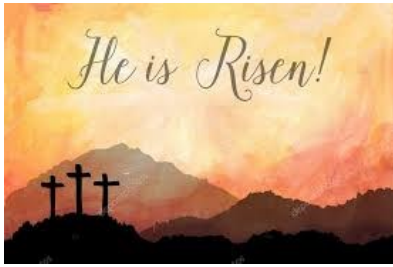
I live in Kennesaw with my 2 dogs, Sidney Lanier & Derby. My mom still lives in the lake house we built when I was an infant, but my two brothers now live in South Florida with their families. I try to visit them, especially my nieces and nephews, as often as I can.

In the coming months, as our community gets back to doing normal activities, I look forward to meeting you all.

If you want to contact me, my email is andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Many blessings to you all as we journey into Easter.

Andrea



*In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last.*

Alfred Henry Ackley (1887-1960)
2nd Stanza of *He Lives*

This Easter is going to be unlike any Easter we have ever experienced. The coronavirus is changing everything about the season. As I write this, a decision has not been made concerning when we will worship together again in the same room, but it is not looking good. Government, business, as well as churches, are trying to figure out how to function in this new normal. "Social distancing," has been added to our vocabulary to define how we are to interact with one another. When you are part of a group of people defined by being a called-out fellowship, the idea of social distancing just does not fit.

Going forward, we will seek to make wise decisions regarding our worship, fellowship and ministries so that people are safe and cared for. We will continue to monitor the information coming from the Center for Disease Control, Bartow County's Health Department, and other government entities in making those decisions. I am in regular contact with our neighboring churches about the advice they are receiving concerning best practices for their congregations.

Your patience as we continue to minister together in new and different ways is appreciated. This is all a work in progress. Andrea Roche begins her service with us April 1st as our Interim Children's and Youth Director. She will be connecting with our youth through social media. I am anxious for all of you to meet her personally. Friendship Table, in partnership with Red Door Food Pantry, is continuing to serve this community by providing hundreds of meals to those in need. I am grateful to Bill Divine and the small army of volunteers that serve together.

As decisions are made regarding worship services and other activities we will notify you through our Constant Contact e-mailings and Facebook. Be sure to like and follow the church's Facebook page for daily information and updates.

Until such time as we are able to assemble again, remember, we serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. We know that He is living, whatever people say. We see His hand of mercy, we hear His voice of cheer. And just the time we need Him, He's always near.

Christ is Risen!

Mike



NO Wednesday Night Activities April 1, 8, 15

Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner 5:30pm

Suggested donation for dinner adults \$10, seniors \$7, children 10 & under \$5, children under 3 eat free, and the family maximum is \$28. The meal includes an entrée, vegetable side dish, bread, dessert and drink.

April Programs at 6:15pm

April 22 - Dinner & programs resume

Easter Goody Bag Drive-Thru

Saturday, April 4
10 a.m. until Noon

Location: FPC Parking Lot under the Portico



Because of the danger the Coronavirus continues to present, the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th has been canceled.

Instead, we are planning a drive-thru Easter Surprise for our families with children. Please have your family join us anytime between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, April 4, to drive up and pick up your goody bag. Andrea Roche, our new Interim Director of Youth & Children's Ministries, will be there helping hand them out to each family. You can meet her from the safety of your car. We hope to see you all there!



We welcome new members **Rick Shireman and Sarah Craighhead**, who joined FPC in February. Rick and Sarah live at 21 Bobwhite Trail, Cartersville.

We also welcome **Marie Creed**, who joined in March. She lives at 11 Heritage Cove, Cartersville.



The Older Adult Ministry trip to the High Museum of Art in Atlanta this month has been CANCELED.

Ladies Night Out Thursday, April 16th The City Cellar 6:30pm

Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship! All women of the congregation are welcome, please feel free to invite your friends too! To RSVP for nursery care contact the church office 770-382-3511.

From the Session

The Session met on March 17, 2020 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:

1. Marie Creed was received as a new member.
2. Due to COVID-19, Mike suggested that we limit committee reports to those requiring action by the Session.
3. The number required for a quorum at Session Meetings was increased to 9 members.
4. David Dundee and Nancy Kelly were appointed as the Session representatives to serve on the 2020 Officer Nominating Committee.
5. Worship Services and all inside-the-building activities with the exception of Friendship Table were suspended through 4/3/2020 due to COVID-19. Friendship Table worker volunteers will prepare food in the kitchen and will deliver take-out meals to guests outside the building Effective 3/17/2020 so no meals will be served inside the building.
6. The Session is working on a response to COVID-19 that will include (1) Practical Matters, (2) Prayer Matters, and (3) Provision for Spiritual Care and Leathership.
7. Through 2/29/2020, revenues were \$86,968 and expenses \$107,842 resulting in a budget shortfall of \$20,874.

First Presbyterian PreSchool 2020

Beth Weathersby and Lindsay
Scoggins ~ Co-directors
April Paulk ~ Assistant to
directors

Registration for next year is underway. We have space for Babies (12- 18 mos.), Toddlers (18- 24 mos.), and graduated 2-year-old classrooms. We will continue with 3 and 4-year-old classes and a Kindergarten Classroom. Feel free to share

this information with someone who might be interested.



- ◆ Vacation Bible School June 1 - 5 9:00am - Noon
- ◆ High School Youth Montreat Week June 13 - 20
- ◆ Art & Music Camp July 6 - 10 9:00 - Noon
- ◆ Middle School Montreat @ Maryville July 15 - 19

Hands of Christ After School Program

Hands of Christ will remain closed through April 12th. Currently, Cartersville City Schools plans to resume classes on Monday, April 13th. HOC will continue to follow the directives of the local school system and state officials regarding the safety of our students and staff. During these stressful times our staff is reaching out to stay connected to our students and their families. It is our sincere hope to be reunited quickly and proceed with our plans for the remainder of the school year.



Hands of Christ is grateful for the dedicated professionals who share our mission and love for our students. Please reach out to them on our Facebook page- [FPC Hands of Christ](#), to let them know you are thinking of them and appreciate the work they do.



June 1-5 8:30am-3:30pm

VBS: Champions in Life
(field trip to LakePoint Station)

June 8-12 8:30am-3:30 pm

Life in the Outback
(field trip to Zoo Atlanta)

June 15-19 8:30am-3:30pm

Alice in Pastaland
(Parking Lot Party)

April Birthdays

1	Martha Campbell	13	Corey Tobin
2	Nan Collier	16	Mason Cline
2	Evan Bergman	16	Mya Shields
3	Joan Green	17	David Dundee
3	Kerry Stough	18	Billy Noble
4	Brayden Mullinax	18	Loveline Itoe
5	LaRue Whitehead	20	Michael Tobin
5	Patty Richardson	20	Jacob Brush
5	Jake Noble	20	Johnathan Shrader
6	Betty Gilbert	21	Margaretta Shaw
7	Clayton Forbes	21	Randy Ellis
8	Jimmy Cline	21	Sam Bailey
8	Perry Rentz	23	Jodi James
9	Denise Manning	23	Jessica Gardner
9	David Tilley	23	Jennifer Ennerberg
9	Ella Bridges	26	Carolyn Bowen
12	Betty-Byrd Randolph	28	Sharon Ellis
12	Mary Mullinax	28	Harrison Paul
12	Will Pruitt	28	Alice Hembree
13	Norman Daugherty	29	Marie Creed



In April We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Grace Barker, Lisa Black (ASP), Vanessa Bryant (ASP), Louisa Thacker, (Preschool), Mary Barragan (Preschool)

Officers: Nannette Enloe (Session), Brac Panter (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Life Ministry

Families: April 1-7: Matt Bridges (Ella), Bill and Becky Broome (Rebecca, Will), Jerry Brownlow (Skylar, Call), Autumn Bruno, Adam and Jamie Brush (Drake, Jacob)

April 8-14: Wilma Cameron, George and Martha Campbell (Bailey, Cailyn), Rebecca Carr, Brian and Heather Choate, Zim and Martha Choate

April 15-21: Scott Clark, Jason and Kristi Clark (Walker, Lilla), Joseph Clark, Thomas Clark, Jimmy and Tinsley Cline (Jackson, Mason, Julian)

April 22-30: Jerry and Sue Coalson, Jay Coalson, Dennis and Nan Collier, Emily Collier, Joey Collins

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Andrea Roche, interim children & youth director

Story Vernon, children & youth intern

April Calendar

April 1 – 3

All activities canceled

April 4

10:00am till Noon Easter Goody Bag Drive-thru

April 5

Palm Sunday

April 6 - 10 - Spring Break

No Preschool & HOC Afterschool Program

April 6

7:00pm Evening Circle Meeting

April 7

6:30pm Properties Committee Meeting

April 9 - Maundy Thursday

7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

April 10 - Good Friday

12:00pm - Good Friday Service @ FPC with Sam Jones UMC

Church office closes at noon

April 12 - Easter Sunday

9:00am&11:00am Easter Services in Sanctuary

April 13

Church office closed

April 16

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ City Cellar

April 20

5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Committee

April 21

6:15pm Worship Committee Meeting

6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

7:00pm Session Meeting

April 22

Wednesday Night dinner & activities resume

April 27

7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

*At this time all scheduled services, meetings,
and activities are subject to cancellation
and/or change.*

