



September 2020

Celebrating Who We Are!

For the next few weeks, I would like to invite you all to join me in celebrating who we are. *We are the body of Christ (1 Corinthians); we are a new creation (2 Corinthians); we are children of God (John). We are strengthened by Christ (Philippians); we are conquerors in Him (Romans); we have peace with God through Him (Romans); we are saved by grace through Him (Ephesians).* There is much to celebrate as disciples of Christ and as members of this wonderful congregation. We have a legacy of faith and service that began long ago, which continues to this day, and will continue for generations to come. I give thanks for all of you and for who we are. Let's celebrate that! I invite you to share your stories about what you love about this congregation and about your hopes for our future. Share those stories through an e-mail, or have someone video you as you reflect on one of those questions. Call or meet with me to share your stories or join one of our small group discussions. Let's all take time to give thanks to God for bringing us together and trusting us with the joyful task of serving Christ in this time and place. Then, let us take time to pray for God to guide us as we seek God's will for our future. Pastor Leigh

Celebrating Who We Are Wednesday Night Zoom Study Group

You are invited to a four-week Wednesday evening Zoom Study group with Pastor Leigh to celebrate who we are as Presbyterians. Wednesday Sept. 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7 at 7:00pm, join our Zoom conversation as we talk about who we are and reflect on topics like Fundamentals, Grace, Faith, and Service. To sign up, contact the church office. You may attend 1, 2, 3, or all the Sessions. You will receive an e-mail with the zoom link on the Tuesday before each Wednesday gathering.

Prayer Jar

The Apostle Paul reminds us about the importance of prayer:

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Our Deacons invite you to share your prayer concerns using our prayer jars. You will find the jars by the entrances to the sanctuary, office, and in the CE wing. Slips of paper are beside each jar. Write down the prayers that are on your heart, indicate whether the prayer is a public prayer concern or a private one, and place the slips in the jars. Or you can call the church office and ask for the prayers to be added to one either the public or private prayer concerns. Public prayer concerns will be published in the newsletter and bulletin and private ones will be handed directly to Pastor Leigh. Then, join us each Wednesday as we pause at sometime during the day and lift our prayers for our community and the world.

Meet Pastor Leigh Small Groups and Zoom Calls

Thank you to everyone who has already participated or who is signed up for a small group or zoom call to meet Pastor Leigh. Additional meetings will be added as needed.

Thank you

The Jones family (Chris, Leigh, Amelia, Ben, Ariel the Wondermutt and our two cats, Indi and Marion) would like to express our gratitude to this congregation for your amazing welcome and hospitality. The cards, food, encouragement and prayers are very appreciated. Thank you for reaching out to support us as we settle into this wonderful community.

Love, Chris, Leigh, Amelia, Ben, Ariel, Indi & Marion

From the Session

The Session met on August 18, 2020 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:

1. A study group was appointed to work on the following policy: 'What happens if there is a positive Covid-19 test on the FPC campus'.
2. A Trust for the Yvonne Louise Gautier Memorial Fund of Georgia Presbyterian Cursillo Inc was received with gratitude.
3. A committee to work out an insurance claim settlement for the wind damage to the Educational Building roof was formed.
4. Hands of Christ students returned for the Fall on 8/18/2020 and Preschool students start back on 9/1/2020.
5. The Worship Committee wants to start having liturgists at each Sunday worship service again.
6. The Properties Committee held a successful Work Day on 8/15/2020.
7. Pledges received to date are on track compared to pledges budgeted.
8. New officer training will begin in October and the Class of 2020 will rotate off in November.
9. The ordination and installation of Officers will take place in early November.
10. Stewardship themes were discussed with Commitment Sunday expected to be 10/25/2020.

**WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together**


Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 9th

3:00pm - 8:00pm

2nd floor Upper Room

In order to support summer inventory concerns, the American Red Cross will be providing COVID-19 antibody testing for all donors.

To schedule an appointment go to
www.redcrossblood.org and enter
sponsor code: firstprescartersville

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, September 17th, 6:30pm
The City Cellar

Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship!
All women of the congregation are
welcome, please feel free to invite your
friends too!



The Book Club meets on
Thursday, September 17th
at 10:30am in the
Fellowship Hall.



Youth Group Activities

On Wednesday, August 12, a group of youth welcomed Amelia & Ben (Pastor Leigh's children) to FPC and to Cartersville. We met at the church, shared stories about Cartersville, the schools, and a bit about ourselves. We then walked to Coconuts for Ice Cream and Shaved Ice. In proper Cartersville fashion, we HAD to stop and take a group photo by the famous Coca-Cola painting. We had a great time in fellowship and we are all excited to have Amelia and Ben as part of our church community!

Watch your email for more information on upcoming Youth Group activities.

Youth Group Registration

FPC Youth Group Registration

Please take a moment to register your youth for the 2020-21 calendar year by using this link [here>>](#). This form needs to be filled out for ALL youth (6th-12th grade) for them to participate in our Youth Group activities this year.

Family Faith at Home



September Take Home Boxes

(preschool - 5th grade)

We are beginning to discuss what Nursery and Sunday School can look like for our children for this fall, but in the meantime, another Family Faith at Home box will be available September 1. Email andrea@cartersvillepres.org to set up a time to pick up a box or for her to drop one off at your home.



Welcome September

- OPEN HOUSE: **Monday, August 31** Staggered visits for parents
- FIRST DAY: **Tuesday, September 1**
- LABOR DAY: **Monday, September 7** Preschool Holiday



Changes to Our Operating Procedures

Little Church, Music and Science Classes are postponed for this year so that we can keep our children in their classrooms. The only times they will move is to head to the playground.

We are asking anyone who is in the front desk area, education kitchen, or classrooms to wear a mask. AND, we cannot touch our little ones which will be the most difficult part of our mission.

We will take the temperature of the children each morning and ask about their current health status. Our parents, unfortunately, will not be entering the building.

Pre-School Directors and Staff

Since we cannot introduce and show our support with Teacher Dedication Sunday this year, we ask for your prayers. Our first goal is to keep every child and teacher safe and secure. Thus, prayers for the physical and emotional health of our entire school is much appreciated as we venture forth.

- **Co-Directors:** *Lindsay Scoggins and Beth Weathersby*
- **Assistant Director:** *April Paulk*
- **Desk Assistant:** *Sheila Rosser*
- **Pre-K:** *Jennifer Belisle and Louisa Thacker*
- **3's:** *Rosemary Purdy and Tonya Lutjens*
- **2's:** *Sharon Ellis, Carol Ries, and Mary Barragan*
- **Nurse and Toddlers:** *Anna Claire Mathison*



Hands of Christ After School Program

September 2020

Cartersville City Schools and Hands of Christ Open with Hybrid Model

CCS summoned students back to school on Tuesday, Aug. 18th. The hybrid model of classes allows for students to have in-class learning two days a week and work from home three days a week. Students whose last names begin with A-K attend on Tuesday and Wednesday, while students with last names L-Z attend on Thursday and Friday. Monday is a virtual learning day for all. CCS will announce new scheduling plans for after Labor Day.

Hands of Christ is operating according to the schools' plan, seeing half of our students on Tuesday and the other half on Thursday. Our teachers are available to our students online from 3:00-6:00pm on Mondays.

Protocols are in place for the safety of all. Some of these include wearing masks in the hallways and on buses where social distancing isn't possible, no gatherings of more than 10 people, and increased cleaning measures.



HANDS OF CHRIST FEEDS THOSE IN NEED

When shelter in place orders were given the HOC staff immediately sprang into action to feed our students, their families, and the community. Staff members donated food to the Douglas St. food pantry where it was sorted into bags and boxes based on family size. Contactless deliveries were made to families who had lost wages due to quarantine and business shutdowns. We also assisted families in signing up for Red Door Meals to Go. Our efforts continued all summer by participating in the Summer Feeding Program with drive through service and deliveries twice weekly. Still underway, 20lb boxes of fresh produce is available for pick-up every Monday morning and evening at Douglas St. Methodist Church. We are happy to rally around our HOC families and support them in practical ways during the pandemic.

September Birthdays

1	Jim Morris	13	Judd Bailey
1	Heather Pullen	14	Lisa Morrison
1	Bailey Campbell	17	Sonny Neal
1	Henley Hughes	18	Lee Davis
2	Jane Dysart	19	Mike Stodgell
2	Zach McAlexander	23	Martha Choate
3	Jeanine Tarver	24	John Panter
3	Lin Bradley	26	Sheilah Simons
3	Hayden James	27	Jerry Coalson
5	Sam Sullins	29	Karen Anderson
6	Becky Carr	29	Caroline Morrison
6	Aaron Williamson	30	Cynthia Ball
7	Sonya Noble		
7	Amy Bergman		
9	Bobbie Allen		
10	Candler Ginn		
11	Kent Hughes		
12	Will Noble		
12	Olivia Whatley		
13	Tracey Baker		
13	Ben Bridges		
13	Grey Olson		



In September We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Lindsay Scoggins, Gail Henry (ASP), Tracey James (ASP), Anna Clair Matheson (Preschool), Rosemary Purdy (Preschool)

Officers: Brad Hughes (Session), Rhonda Gaffoglio (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Care Ministry

Families: September 1-7: Broderick and Jean Lumpkin, Denise Manning, Janet Martin and Larry Eggersman, Laurie McAfee, Zach McAlexander (Carson)

September 8-14: Lori McAllister (Heather, Sid), Bob and Anita Meadows, Courtney Meckley (Gracie), Marcia Mein, Tom and Molly Mendenhall

September 15-21: S. B. Moore, David Morris, Jim Morris, John and Lisa Morrison (Thomas, Peter, Caroline), Linda Motuba

September 22-30: Emmanuel and Linda Mukete (Rowan, James), Chris and Mary Mullinax (Katie, Brayden, Pearse), Sonny and Lisa Neal (Amanda), Terry Nelson, Joe and Carolyn Noble

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September Calendar

September 1

Preschool First Day of School

1:30pm Meet Pastor Leigh - Zoom Call

6:30pm Properties Committee Meeting

September 2

5:30pm Meet Pastor Leigh - Small Group Meeting

September 3

7:00pm Meet Pastor Leigh - Zoom Call

September 7

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Preschool & HOC Afterschool Program Holiday

September 9

3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

September 15

6:15pm Worship Committee Meeting

6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

7:00pm Session Meeting

September 16

7:00pm Celebrating Who We Are Zoom Study Group

September 17

10:30am Book Club Meeting

6:30pm Ladies Night Out @ The City Cellar

September 21

5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting

September 23

7:00pm Celebrating Who We Are Zoom Study Group

September 28

7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

September 30

7:00pm Celebrating Who We Are Zoom Study Group

The Session will determine month by month the activities allowed in the church.

