



October 2020

There is much to be thankful for this Fall season: The leaves as they begin to change color; the crisp morning air. We have even more to give thanks for as a congregation. We have a legacy of faith and service that spans generations. We give thanks for that legacy each Sunday as we gather in worship (in person or online) and especially the last Sunday of September when we celebrated our newest members who were received by Confirmation of Faith.

We have been entrusted with this legacy of faith and we have many who are caring for and sharing that legacy today. In the first letter of Peter, we are reminded of the gifts we have received and our calling to use those gifts to serve others. For years, some scholars thought this letter was one very long sermon! They believed it was a sermon preached on a baptism Sunday because it emphasizes the importance of celebrating our gifts by using them to serve others. At baptism and confirmation, we are reminded of our calling to nurture and support our brothers and sisters of all ages and to share Christ's love with the world.

But, this calling is not limited to a Sunday when we have a baptism or confirmation. Each day, we recognize and give thanks for the gifts God has given us. We are faithful stewards of those gifts, entrusted with them and sent out to use them to serve. How can we celebrate those gifts? Let us name and give thanks for the gifts and graces we have received. Let us also use those gifts to serve others.

Our gratitude and love for Christ overflows from our hearts as service for others. I invite us all to celebrate our gifts this Fall as we use whatever gifts we have received to serve others. Join us in worship during the month of October as we celebrate our gifts in this Stewardship season and join us on Facebook as we reflect on those gifts. Then, on October 25, everyone is invited to celebrate our gifts as they overflow from our hearts and we commit to them to Christ's service for the coming year.

Pastor Leigh

Join us for a very special October as we Celebrate our Gifts!

October 4
Who We Are
2 Timothy 1:1-14

October 11
Called to Share
Matthew 6

October 18
Called to Serve
Matthew 25

October 25
Blessed to be a blessing
2 Corinthians 9:8-11

CONFIRMATION 2020

In worship on Sunday, Sept. 27, we welcomed five new members of our congregation through Confirmation. We celebrated the baptismal promises that were made to these young people by the body Christ and that they now claim those promises for themselves. Congratulations and blessings to our five newest members.



Hayden James



Eden Olson



Katherine Bowen



Meredith Gaines



Julian Cline

Dear Friends,

What an honor it has been for me to serve the church family of First Presbyterian Church. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. I was blessed to work with a wonderful staff, elders, and deacons who sought to serve God through this church. Whatever success I may have achieved is due in no small measure to them. Monnie and I have been overwhelmed by your generous gift. Thank you.

Over the next few months we will be preparing for our move to Minnesota where we eagerly await being full-time grandparents to our grandsons. As we leave, we will hold you and Pastor Leigh in our prayers. I am convinced the Lord has great things in store for you.

Blessings,

Mike and Monnie

We are looking for more volunteers to help with the Children's sermons on Sundays at 9am and 11 am. You can present your lesson through song, story, or short activity, and the sermon needs to be less than 5 minutes. We use a 4 -6 week rotation schedule. Please contact Sonya Noble at senoble95@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



Cookie Angels!

This past month, the First Presbyterian Cookie Angels met and baked and delivered cookies to many of our neighbors, sharing Christ's love with this community. Thank you to our Cookie Angels!

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, October 15 at 6:00pm
El Dorado Mexican Restaurant

Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship!



The Book Club meets on Thursday, October 22nd at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

From the Session

The Session met on September 15, 2020 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:

1. Andrea Roche reported a church email problem that began 9/12/2020 but has now been resolved.
 2. Rev Leigh Jones reported that the FPC email list was hacked and some unauthorized emails went out but all staff have now changed their passwords.
 3. Janet Martin, Scott Panter, and Tinsley Cline will participate in the first ever Zoom Cherokee Presbytery Meeting on 10/15/2020 and our own Rev. Leigh Jones will be examined and approved as a new Cherokee Presbytery minister.
 4. The Session approved a change in Andrea Roche's title by dropping 'Interim'. Andrea's new title is Director of Youth and Children's Ministries.
 5. The Session approved FPC Friday office hours of 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. The church office will be closed on Friday afternoons.
 6. In-Person Sunday School will return on 10/4/2020 for children, youth, and adults but the Cornerstone Class will meet in-person on 9/20/2020 in the Fellowship Hall.
 7. An in-person Called Session meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on 9/20/2020 to exam and receive the following five Confirmands into membership: Meredith Gaines, Eden Olson, Hayden James, Katherine Bowen, and Julian Cline.
 8. Scott Panter reported that there are currently 150 students participating in the Hands of Christ program.
 9. Beth Weathersby reported that our Pre-School Co-Directors have worked out a new work schedule.
 10. Nancy Kelly reported that the sound and video quality of our Facebook Live broadcasts are being studied.
 11. The local New Frontiers Group has requested the use of our kitchen to prepare and deliver to-go meals on 11/21/2020.
 12. A Public Adjuster is being considered to address our Educational Building roof claim.
 13. Paul Green reported very positive church budget results through 8/30/2020.
 14. New Deacons will begin training on 10/14/2020 and new Session members on 10/29/2020. A Session Retreat in the Fellowship hall is on 11/7/2020 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
 15. New Officers will be ordained/installed on 11/8/2020 but without the laying on of hands.
 16. FPC related groups/committees will resume in-person meetings immediately with proper social distancing, masks, and cleaning up.
 17. 'Celebrating our Gifts' is the 2020 Stewardship Theme.
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Spotlight on the Deacons' Fund

Ever wonder what the Deacons' Fund is used for? Our primary ongoing commitment is \$500 per month to the worthy Community Resource Center, which acts as a clearinghouse referral service and screener and dispensary for individual needs, such as utilities about to be shut off, fuel cards, emergency meds and other needs, etc. It is supported by a consortium of churches and other private individuals in the community (no government funds). While the offering from Christmas Eve services goes to the Deacons' Fund, you can always designate any offering or contribute directly to it (online or by check and note in the memo/note line). Given the pandemic, our resources have been stretched thin. Please prayerfully consider helping your neighbors in these stressful times.



Sunday School Resumes

Sunday, October 4

Sunday school for all children & youth will begin on Sunday, Oct. 4 in the Upper Room at 10 a.m.

All children MUST be registered for Sunday School, so we have all emergency contacts, allergies, etc. on file. If you have already registered your youth for FPC programs, no need to register again.

To register your child for Sunday School [click here>>](#)

If you have any questions about Sunday School please contact Andrea Roche at andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We need a team of faithful teachers for each age group, children, Middle School, & High School. If you feel called to work with children or youth, please reach out to andrea@cartersvillepres.org for more info.

All teachers must be background checked, and it can be done through the church.

Nursery Care

Our nursery is available for children under the age of 4 Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

All children MUST be registered for the nursery, so we have all emergency contacts, allergies, etc. on file for our Nursery Care Workers.

To register your child for the nursery [click here>>](#)

If you have any questions about the nursery, please contact Andrea Roche at andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Nursery Care Workers Needed

We are always looking for caring & nurturing Nursery Care Workers to be on our rotation or substitute list. If you know someone 18+ who is looking for some potential part-time work please have them contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Youth Group Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ Oct. 4 – Youth Group at the church 4-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Oct. 18 - Youth Group at the church 4-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Oct. 25 – Trip to the Corn Maze in Rockmart (Carlton Farms) meet at the church at 3 p.m. RSVPs needed & invite friends! Drivers/Chaperones Needed (Weather Permitting)
- ◆ Nov. 1 - Youth Group at the church 4-5:30 p.m./Rain Day for Corn Maze Trip
- ◆ Nov. 8 – Youth Group at the church 4-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 13 (Friday the 13th) – Youth Group Lock in – Adult Chaperones needed
- ◆ Dec. 13 – Youth Group Christmas Party

Most of our youth communication comes from our Constant Contact Weekly Youth Emails. If you are not on our Youth Group Email distribution list, email andrea@cartersvillepres.org.



Cartersville High School Football Dinner

Help Needed

We have committed to cook dinner for 120 Cartersville High School football players, coaches, and staff on **Friday, October 23**. This is a great way to reach out to our community, but we need a lot of help. If you can help menu plan, shop, cook, serve, clean up, etc., please let andrea@cartersvillepres.org know. This is NOT only a children & youth event, but rather, an opportunity for our whole congregation to serve others.

College/Young Adult

Care Packages

If you have a college student, young adult, or a child in the military please send their address to andrea@cartersvillepres.org. The youth are going to put together Care Packages and send them out before Thanksgiving.



FP Preschool Current enrollment: 70

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



L-R: Russell Pressley, Sawyer Crowe and Gibbs Thomas

Dear Church Family:

We have lots of boys this year, and they love anything with wheels! The rooms are almost full with priorities being safety and cleanliness. Movement is limited which helps with exposure to each other and staff. We hope to have some normalcy with an outdoor Halloween Parade and our annual fall pictures.

Leigh, Andrea, and Becky are helping with chapel by going into classrooms and reading bible stories. Our appreciation is beyond measure.

Love in Christ, Lindsay and Beth



Important Dates

Fall Break:

October 12 and 13

Individual and Group

Pictures

October 28 and 29

Outside Halloween Parade

(Pending weather)

October 30



Photo below: Marshall Pressley





Hands of Christ After School Program

October 2020

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 12-13 *Fall Break*
- Nov. 23-27 *Thanksgiving Break*
- Dec. 3 *Christmas Parade*
- Dec. 14 *Classroom Christmas Parties*
- Dec. 15 *Classroom Christmas Parties*
- Dec.21-Jan. 5 *Winter Break*



FPC Hands of Christ

Like us on Facebook!

Follow us on Facebook to see the cool activities we are doing in the classroom. We are so sad not to have our Booth Museum art lessons or our Book Buddy readers this year. We can still make learning fun though, by bringing creative lessons to our small group classrooms!



HOC is Back!



Seven Day Prayer Challenge for our SCHOOLS:

- Monday-Pray for School Staff
- Tuesday-Pray for Parents
- Wednesday-Pray for Students
- Thursday-Pray for Health & Safety
- Friday-Pray for Hope
- Saturday-Pray for Protection
- Sunday-Pray for Peace

Let your light shine before others... Matthew 5:16

October Birthdays

1	Sue Coalson	16	Jamie Brush
4	Linda Hall	17	Karl Baumheckel
4	Anita Meadows	17	Peter Olson
4	Luke Wachsmuth	20	Sandy Bridges
4	Tzelda Longhurst	22	Frank Weathersby
5	Sandra Thornton	23	Monnie Anderson
5	Brandon Johnson	23	Bill Broome
5	Craig Godfrey	24	Paxton Robinson
5	Joey Collins	28	Beth Porter
6	Allyson Jenkins	28	Chad Stough
6	Anderson Shrader	28	Daniel Tilley
6	Russell Pressley	28	Christopher Shields
10	Robert Sims	29	Charlotte Sullins
10	Lauren Pressley	29	Jonathan Pressley
11	Diane Burger-Wrinkle	31	Dot Oscher
13	Elizabeth Baxley-Bowen	31	Deborah Davis
13	Ian Ennerberg	31	Joseph Clark
13	Patrick Gardner		
14	Bill Devine		
15	Brad Barrett		
16	Penny Waters		



In October We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Jean Dudley, Paige Lathem (ASP), Susan Linsey (ASP), Carol Ries (Preschool), Sheila Rosser (Preschool)

Officers: Nancy Kelly (Session), Denise Manning (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Life Ministry

Families: October 1-7: Billy and Sonya Noble (Will, Jake), Ellyn Olson (Grey, Eden), Peter Olson, Jon and Dot Oscher, Scott and Susan Panter

October 8-14: Brac and Louise Panter (Marion, John), Bettye Parker, Lauren Paul (Conner, Harrison), Tommy and Beth Porter, Jonathan and Lauren Pressley (Harris, Marshall, Russell)

October 15-21: Randy and Heather Pullen (Maddie), Terry and Carla Purdy, Mike and Pam Radford, Betty-Byrd Randolph, Mike Rawls

October 22-31: Perry and Kim Rentz (Anna, Laura), Rick and Patty Richardson, Jean Robinson, Paxton Robinson, Karen Rodgers

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October Calendar

October 4

10:00am Children & Youth Sunday School resumes in Upper Room

October 6

6:30pm Properties Committee Meeting

October 7

7:00pm Celebrating Who We Are Zoom Study Group

October 9 - October 13

Preschool and HOC Afterschool Fall Break

October 14

6:30pm Church Officer/Deacon Training

October 15

6:00pm Ladies Night Out/El Dorado Restaurant

October 19

5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting

October 20

6:15pm Worship Committee Meeting

6:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

7:00pm Session Meeting

October 22

10:30am Book Club Meeting

October 23

9:00am Cartersville HS Football Dinner Preparation

October 25

3:00pm Youth Trip to Corn Maze Rockmart

October 26

7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

October 29

6:30pm Church Officer/Session Training

