



July 2021



## The Adventure Continues. . .

“You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Jonah 4:2

Our summer series on Jonah has been a wonderful adventure! Many of us have learned things about Jonah and his journey that have touched our hearts. We have drawn closer to God and been given the chance to dive deeper into Jonah’s story and what that story has to say to us today about living faithful lives.



There are many people who have helped us to reflect on Jonah and enriched our worship this summer. Thank you to Shane Bruno, who made the belly of the whale, and Anne Marie Benton, who made our blue streamers. We are grateful for the ways they used the gifts God has given them to ignite our imaginations. Thank you to our youth and to Andrea Roche, our Director of Children and Youth, for their amazing skit that brought Jonah’s story to life and helped us to see Jonah from a different perspective.

The adventure continues. For July, we will be venturing into the last half of Jonah. This part includes portions that may not be as familiar. There is no whale or big fish. But God is present and at work and speaking to us all about grace and mercy and our calling to proclaim that grace and mercy. I look forward to continuing the journey and seeing what God is saying to us through the second half of this fish story.

*Pastor Leigh*



## What's happening at FPC...



### Summer Worship One Service 10:00 AM thru August 8th

In July we continue our summer series on the book of Jonah. For a short book in the Bible, it is full of rich insights about following God and our lives as disciples, and then, of course, there's the big fish! The sanctuary will look a little different during this time, because we are inviting everyone to immerse themselves into the story. The story of Jonah is our story. Join us for these special worship services and to be a part of one really big fish story!



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

**MUSIC LIVE** returns in July for a series on the music of Advent and Christmas. Join our organist, Pam Radford **LIVE** on our Facebook page at 2:00pm beginning Wednesday July 7 OR you can also join us **LIVE** in-person in the Sanctuary or choir loft!!

The programs for **Christmas in July** are:

*Word Made Flesh*  
*Shepherds and Angels*  
*On This Day*  
*Heavenly Light*



*Community*  
CHURCH SHOP  
GOOD PRICES FOR A GOOD CAUSE

### Did you know the Community Church Shop on Main Street had its humble beginnings at First Presbyterian Church as The Clothes Closet?

In 1965 several faithful members of our church began this clothing ministry for the needy. You can be a part of this continuing ministry by donating or volunteering. Donations of clothing, shoes, jewelry and/or small household items are accepted M,T,W, F 10-1 and TH/SAT 10-4. You could also volunteer on FPC days—2nd M, T, W, 4th M; or 5th W of every month. Contact Susan Ingram or Suzanne Collins for more information or to volunteer.



### Ladies Night Out July 15th

Join us for a night out at one of our newest restaurants, Largo's, 214 E. Cherokee Ave., Cartersville from 6:30pm till 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

If you are not already on text reminders, contact Megan Johnson (678)640-7926

## *From the Session*

The following are the highlights from the 6/15/2021 Session Meeting:

1. New Covid-19 policies were approved by email vote on 5/18/2021.
2. The following 2021 Officer Nominating Committee nominees were approved:  
Megan Johnson-Session, Karen Russell-Diaconate, Emily Ireland-Youth, Trey Gaines-At Large, and Lois Hill-At Large
3. Janet Martin and Robert Sims were appointed commissioners to the 6/12/2021 Cherokee Presbytery Meeting.
4. A renewal 6-Month contract with New Hope Janitorial for day and evening cleaning of the Educational Building was approved.
5. A \$400,000 Line of Credit with First Bank of Dalton was renewed for 12 months.
6. The Diaconate is in the process of implementing a new Shepherding Ministry.
7. Hands of Christ students enjoyed a great first week of summer camp.
8. Beth Weathersby will no longer serve as co-director of the Preschool as of 6/30/2021 but will continue on the Preschool Board.
9. Congregational Care is working with Congregational Life on a refreshment plan for the summer before or after the 10 AM Services.
10. A plan to re-start Wednesday Night Suppers after the Covid-19 shutdown is underway.
11. Pastor Leigh plans to begin an Inquirer's Class on 6/27/2021.
12. Vacation Bible School leaders have been recruited but more volunteers are needed.
13. A plan to re-start Friendship Table after the Covid-19 shutdown is underway. We need a coordinator or a coordinator team.
14. The bridal room will be painted soon and will double as a prayer room.
15. The water damaged sheet rock has been replaced.
16. Payments totaling \$56,585.99 for our roof wind claim have been issued by Brotherhood Mutual but a new hail damage claim has been reported.
17. The FPC budgeted income and expenses through 5/31/2021 are on track.
18. An Endowment Committee Report dated 6/14/2021 was received.
19. Job descriptions for all staff are being updated by the Personnel Committee.
20. A strong argument can be made that the 'Front Door' of FPC is now our web site and Facebook Page with visits trending up to both.

## *To All Women-*

Members of the former Evening Circle are exploring the idea of forming a new women's group. Our thought is to start with a monthly Bible study and fellowship and go from there as interests lead us. Pastor Leigh has committed to lead some of the Bible studies. We are open for suggestions as to day and time. Please call Carolyn Noble at 770-382-8603 or the church office with your suggestions.



FPC's Book Club will meet on  
**July 22nd at 10:30am** in the  
Cornerstone Room.

The selected book for July is  
*The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides.  
All are welcome!



# Oh the Places We have Gone!



**FPC Hands of Christ**

Like us on facebook!

FPC Hands of Christ has a Facebook page so that you can see photos from our busy summer. Please be sure to visit FPC Hands of Christ and like our page.

You will find pictures from our field trip to the Chattanooga Zoo, and Copper Creek Farm. We also had a great day with the Queen's Parking Lot Party during our Alice in Pastaland week. The children enjoyed a Bounce Castle, Waterslide, games and crafts, to celebrate their summer freedom.

We have many photos of our precious students and the work they do throughout the year. This is a great way to stay in touch with this important church ministry.



## SUMMER LEARNING MATTERS

During the summer, students lose **2 months** of math skills.



Low-income students also lose **2+ months** in reading achievement.

9 in 10 teachers\* spend at least 3 weeks re-teaching lessons at the start of the school year.



Unequal access to summer learning opportunities accounts for 2/3 of the achievement gap between low- and middle-income students.



**Back to HOC**  
**Monday August 23rd**





## VBS Registration & Volunteers Needed

**VBS is coming to FPC this Summer! July 26-30, 9 a.m. until noon, for children Pre-K (4) through 5<sup>th</sup> graders.**

VBS is open to all children in our community, and it is a time for kids to hear God's Message, deepen their faith, enjoy songs, create crafts, and have a wonderful week.

**To Register your child (Pre-K 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade):**

- Go to our website. [www.cartersvillepres.org](http://www.cartersvillepres.org) - registration tab is on the front page
- Or you can visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJ2QubddVUe3gvrkKsNUNm8DpvnEGxSli\\_H5VTJw36kQgl6g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJ2QubddVUe3gvrkKsNUNm8DpvnEGxSli_H5VTJw36kQgl6g/viewform) to register.

**Volunteers (youth & adults) with all abilities are needed:** teachers, snack coordinators, set builders, guides for our children, game leaders, decorators, etc. There is a place for everyone at VBS! Nursery Care for children 3 and under is available for children of volunteers.

**Help out with Supplies for VBS** - Visit our Amazon Wishlist ([https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGG6EF3DSAJY?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGG6EF3DSAJY?ref=wl_share)), and everything will be sent directly to the church.



**If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).**



Our high school youth went to Montreat June 13-19. We had a great time, enjoyed being together, made new friends, and deepened our relationship with God. After having "Montreat @ Home" last year, the youth were really looking forward to being back in Black Mountain, NC this year. We had keynote and worship in Anderson Auditorium with 600 other youth and adults, we stayed in the best housing in Montreat, the Georgia Lodge, went paddle boarding in Lake Susan, and went rock hopping in the creek. On our free afternoon, we hiked Lookout Mountain, spent time in the town of Black Mountain, and of course ate dinner at My Father's Pizza.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us while we were there, those who donated money for our meals, and a special thank you to those adults who came along as chaperones and those who helped cook meals for us throughout the week. We really appreciate all of you!



## *July Birthdays*

2	Mark Bridges	18	Jared Whatley
2	Isla Knight	20	Terry Purdy
3	Heather McAllister	20	Andy Bowen
3	Thomas Bowen	20	David Benton
5	Jake Sullins	22	David Wilkins
6	S. B. Moore	24	Maggie Medlock
6	Pam Hughes	28	Mike Ball
7	Brod Lumpkin	28	Lauren Tatum
8	Carolyn Noble	29	Katie Pruitt
9	Mike Haley	30	Janet Martin
10	John Cummings	30	Wyley Steed
10	Kate Howard	30	Trey Gaines
12	Don Longhurst	31	Rhonda Ireland
12	Katie Godfrey		
13	Frank Johnson		
13	Mary Gilreath		
14	Gary Boulter		
15	Susan Barrett		
18	Jeannette Wilkins		



## *In July We Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Pam Radford, Nancy Wise (ASP), Mary Woods (ASP), Mary Barragan (Preschool), Jennifer Belisle (Preschool)

**Officers:** David Dundee (Session), Kathe Keck (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Worship Ministry

**Families: July 1-7:** Andy Johnson, Frank and Faye Johnson, Megan Johnson (Ellie, Eliza), Chris and Leigh Jones (Amelia, Ben), Nancy Kaufman

**July 8-14:** Kathe Keck, Andy and Rachel Keith, Denise and Ronny Kennedy, Debbie King, Ashley Knight (Isla, River)

**July 15-21:** Terry and Valarie Lavender (Alec, Olivia), Laura Layne (Molly), Don and Sandy Longhurst (Tzelda, Vaughan), Broderick and Jean Lumpkin, Janet Martin and Larry Eggersman

**July 22-31:** Laurie McAfee, Zach McAlexander (Carson), Lori McAllister (Heather, Sid), Bob and Anita Meadows, Courtney Meckley (Gracie, Caroline)

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## *July Calendar*



### **July 4**

Independence Day

### **July 5**

Church office closed for Independence Day

### **July 7**

2:00pm - Music Live

**July 13 - 17** Middle School Montreat

### **July 14**

2:00pm - Music Live

2:00pm - 7:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

### **July 15**

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Largo's

### **July 21**

2:00pm - Music Live

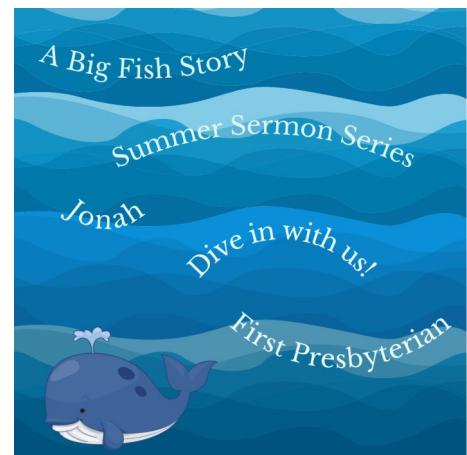
### **July 22**

10:30pm - Book Club Meeting

**July 26 - 30** VBS Week 9am - Noon

### **July 28**

2:00pm - Music Live



**Summer Worship**

**10:00 AM**

**Now-August 8th**