



May 2022



## Praising God Throughout Our Lives

“Sing Praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.” (Psalm 30:4)

It is often said that the seasons of the church year reflect our lives. There are times of waiting and darkness like Advent, times of joy when we know Christ has come to be with us like Christmas. There are times of repentance such as Lent and times of new life and resurrection. There are times when we are profoundly touched by the power of the Spirit (Pentecost) and times when we turn to our ancestors in the faith for strength and courage (Reformation Sunday).

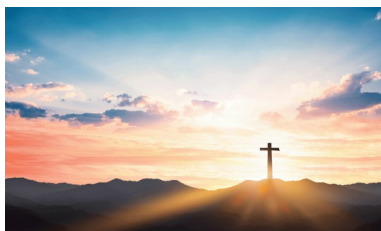
We are now in the Season of Easter, which is a time for us to celebrate and live into the promises of the Resurrection. This is a time to join the chorus of all creation as we sing our praises to our God. But even in the season of Easter, we have many different seasons in our lives. That truth reminds me of Psalm 30, which is a psalm of praise, but recognizes that there are many different moments in our lives and different ways to praise. We sing praises; we cry to God; we weep; we are dismayed; we plead with God. Ultimately, though, our entire lives are lived in praise of our God.

There is a prayer that is found in our Episcopalian brothers and sisters Book of Common Prayer that says: “No one is far from you, O God. We come to you in joy - mindful of the burdens we carry, the hurts and sorrows we have. We come together in gladness - never forgetting God’s love. We come together with praise - for each other and those who assist us on this journey. No one is far from you, O God, and we call upon your power in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”. This prayer speaks our praises while acknowledging the burdens, the sorrows, the hurts, and the power of the love that sustains us all. In this season of Easter, regardless of what season we find ourselves in, let us all find ways to praise God.

Peace,

*Pastor Leigh*

## A Joyous Celebration of the Resurrection!



### Summer Worship

Make plans to be a part of our Summer Worship. Beginning Sunday May 29th, we will move to our summer worship schedule with one service at 10:00 AM. The month of June, we will be worshipping in our sanctuary and reflecting on Worship, focusing on topics like Sacraments and Prayer in Worship. June 5 is Pentecost and everyone is invited to wear red and join us as we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit! In July, we will be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall for Judges in July. Have you ever heard of Othniel, Ehud or Deborah? What about Gideon or Samson? This will be a time to learn more about and give thanks for ancestors in the faith and for their witness.

### Inquirers Group - Sunday, June 5th

Want to learn more about FPC? We will have an Inquirers Group on Sunday, June 5, immediately after 10:00 AM worship in the Cornerstone Room. This will be a time to learn about the work for Christ that goes on at FPC and ask questions about our ministries. Also, there will be an opportunity to officially join our congregation at the end of this meeting. If you plan on attending or would like to attend but cannot at that time, please speak with Elder Kathy Farnon or Pastor Leigh or contact the church office.

## *From the Session:*

### **The following are the highlights from the 4/19/2022 Session Meeting:**

1. A request to add small bread pieces and a grape juice chalice as another option to communion pods on 5/1/2022 (Youth Sunday) was approved.
2. The Session will not meet on 5/17/2022 because Pastor Leigh will be attending the Festival of Homiletics in Denver 5/16/22.
3. Vacation Bible School this year will be 6/27-7/1 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.
4. Friendship Table is expected to start back up before 5/31/2022.
5. The Bride's Room at FPC will also be available as a Prayer Room.
6. Replacement HVAC Units are expected to be installed by July in conjunction with the FPC roof claim.
7. Pledge receipts were at 28% of the amounts pledged at the 25% point (3/31/2022) of the calendar year.
8. The John Panter Ukraine Fund has reached \$11,000 and contributions are still being accepted.

## Welcome to our New Members



**Keith Williamson**



**Mary & Steve Barnes**



**Brian & Paula  
Purtymun**

### Ladies Night Out

May 19th

6:30-8:00pm

Moore's Market

Come enjoy good food and fellowship.

All ladies are welcome!



### FPC Book Club

May 26th

10:30am

Fellowship Hall

The selected book for May is

*Peace Like a River*, by Leif Enger.



### Blood Drive

**Wednesday, May 11th**

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

2nd Floor Education  
Building

For more information, to schedule an appointment, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

and enter sponsor code:

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE June 27 - July 1 9:00 am - Noon Volunteers Needed!

VBS is coming to FPC this Summer!

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.

Volunteers 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!

To volunteer for VBS contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org)



## Graduate Recognition Sunday May 15th

Do you have a youth or young adult who is graduating this year? We want to celebrate with them on Sunday, May 15 at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Please email [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) to let her know of your graduate.

### **Montreat Donations Needed**

Support our youth going to Montreat by financially helping us with meals. We are need of Ingles Gift Cards, checks (Montreat Meals in the memo line), or give online (<https://cartersvillepres.org/give/> note: Montreat Meals).

Please give your donation to Andrea or place in the offering plate by June 5.

**Pray for our youth and leaders going to Montreat (June 12-18) and Middle School Montreat Conference (July 20-24).**

*Thank you*

**Thank you for all who donated items or gift cards for our College/ Young Adult Care Packages. 19**

packages were assembled on Sunday, April 24, prayed over, and mailed to our young adults.

**Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10.** It was so much fun.

Many thanks to our youth who filled and hid the eggs, helped with crafts, did face painting, etc. Thank you for the donations of candy and small toys that helped fill over 2000 eggs, and many thanks to the adults who helped out during the afternoon to keep everyone safe.



### **Youth Group Calendar**

**May 1** – Youth Sunday (9 & 11 a.m. Worship Services, No Youth Group)

**May 4** – FAB Lunch

**May 8** – Mother's Day – No Youth Group

**May 11** – FAB Lunch

**May 15** – Graduate Sunday – Food Truck Lunch

**May 22** – Last Day of Sunday School



# Hands of Christ After School Program



Hands of Christ  
Service Club organizes  
Easter Egg Hunt for HOC  
primary school students



**Last Day of  
HOC  
May 19<sup>th</sup>**



**Student  
Excellence**

On Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> our Hands of Christ students will be recognized at our annual Awards Ceremony. Each classroom teacher has selected five students to be rewarded for their academic effort, positive attitude and exemplary behavior. The HOC staff also votes for a 5<sup>th</sup> grader to be our Hands of Christ Hero- this student is a positive role model for their peers, is helpful and courteous toward adults, and maintains a diligent work ethic in their academics.



**The HUG Award** is given in memory of Michele Sims. It stands for "Happy U Grew", to reward the student who has made the most improvement since their enrollment at the after-school program. This yearly recognition encourages and rewards the effort of over 80 children in our student body. Our graduating students receive Bibles to take with them on their journey beyond our doors.





## First Presbyterian Preschool

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\*The Pre-School staff wants to acknowledge the retirement of Mrs. Jennifer. Mrs. Jennifer has served First Presbyterian Pre-School children and families for 18 years. She always creates a family atmosphere in her classroom. She nurtures and cares for her students so well, making each child feel special. She is truly an expert preschool teacher that goes above and beyond the call of duty. She will truly be missed. We wish her nothing but the best on her next chapter!

\*We have 100 students registered for preschool next year! All classrooms are full except for our 3-year-old classrooms. Please let anyone know if they are interested in our 3-year-old class, to contact me. We just have a few more slots available.

\*We have had a wonderful time in April at preschool! We had our annual Egg Drop, celebrated Easter with learning about Jesus' resurrection, praise/worship time, and Easter Egg Hunts/Parties. Next week, we celebrate our teachers with Teacher Appreciation Week! We are coming to the end of our preschool year. We will be busy with Fun Day, graduation practices, finishing up school projects, and graduations/parties!

### May 2022

- ♥ National Day of Prayer,  
May 5 (Early School  
Dismissal 10:45 – 11:15)
- ♥ Fun Day, Friday May 6
- ♥ Mrs. Jennifer's Retirement  
Luncheon, May 11
- ♥ 3-year-old Graduation  
Thursday, May 12, at  
9:00 A.M.
- ♥ Pre-K Graduation  
Friday, May 13, at 9:00
- ♥ Kindergarten Graduation  
Friday, May 13, at 10:00
- ♥ End of Year Parties  
May 11, 12, and 13
- ♥ Post Planning May 16



### Letters Q & U

Pastor Leigh performs a pre-school wedding ceremony for the letters Q and U, because Q and U always go together! This was such a special event the kids are sure to remember! Thank you, Pastor Leigh!!!

## *May Birthdays*

1	Betty Sime	22	Renee Shields
1	Sid McAllister	23	Bob Meadows
2	Sean Ireland	23	Laura Rentz
4	Kellie Clark	25	Brandon Bowen
6	Ashley Knight	26	Kim Bowen
6	Paxton Russell	28	Emily Collier
8	Mark Gebert	30	Matt Simons
8	Linda Motuba	31	Graham Hembree
8	Derek Tobin		
8	Adam Tobin		
9	Megan Johnson		
10	Paul Wachsmuth		
12	Jerry Coalson		
12	Brian Choate		
16	Brad Hughes		
16	Maggie Cummings		
18	Hallie Wachsmuth		
19	Grace Shields		
22	Bobby Bergman		



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

**Staff:** Becky Ferguson, Amy Prather (ASP), Carol Ries (ASP), Stefanie Collins (Preschool), Kelly Forrester (Preschool)

**Officers:** Jean Gilliland (Session), Sonya Noble (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Congregational Life Team

**Families: May 1-7:** Brandon and Emma Johnson (Drew, Anne Tatum), Frank and Faye Johnson, Megan Johnson (Ellie, Eliza), Chris and Leigh Jones (Amelia, Ben), Nancy Kaufman

**May 8-14:** Kathe Keck, David and Courtney Keen (Gracie, Caroline), Andy and Rachel Keith, Ronny and Denise Kennedy, Debbie King

**May 15-21:** Ashley Knight (Isla, River), Terry and Valarie Lavender (Alec, Olivia), Laura Layne (Molly), Don and Sandy Longhurst (Tzelda, Vaughan), Brod and Jean Lumpkin

**May 22-31:** Janet Martin and Larry Eggersman, Bob and Karon Mauney, Laurie McAfee, Zach McAlexander (Carson), Lori McAllister (Heather, Sid)

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## ***May Calendar***

**May 1 - Youth Sunday**

**May 2**

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

**May 3**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

**May 5 - National Day of Prayer**

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

10:45am - 11:15am Preschool Early Dismissal

**May 8 - Mother's Day**

**May 9**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

**May 10**

7:00pm - Faith Development Committee Meeting

**May 11**

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

**May 13**

Preschool Last Day of School

**May 15**

Graduate Recognition Sunday at 11:00am service

**May 16**

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

**May 19**

Hands of Christ ASP Last Day of School

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Moore's Market

**May 23**

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

**May 26**

10:30am - Book Club Meeting

**May 30 - Memorial Day**

Church office closed

