



July 2022



## Judges in July

Consider the following list: tension and strife between rival groups (in the Middle East or elsewhere); disputes over land and territory; uncertainty over the roles of men and women; power-hungry political leaders; senseless and excessive violence; excessive individualism. What time and place is being described in this list? It sounds as if it describes our lives today. But, in fact, this list is an accurate description of the contents of the book of Judges.

Although the world has obviously changed dramatically in the past three thousand years or so, and while human civilization has come a long way, there is so much about this book that speaks to our circumstances today. The book addresses many concrete situations, but also invites us to consider ourselves and our world in theological terms. Do we give steadfast loyalty to God alone? What does that look like in our lives? How do we experience God's grace and mercy when we fall short?

Join us for worship in the Fellowship Hall as we explore these questions with our Judges in July series. I hope to see you there!

Peace,

*Pastor Leigh*

**Judges in July**

**10:00 am**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

## CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST JULY 10TH

Join us for breakfast before worship on Sunday, July 10th at 9:00am. This is a great time to visit with friends before the 10am service!



**Congregational meeting** - The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 10 at 11:00 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the nominating committee. This group will pray about and make recommendations to the congregation about who God is calling to serve as Elders and Deacons for next year. The representatives are: David Dundee, Elder, Chair; Sean Ireland, Deacon; Rhonda Gaffoglio and Courtney Keen, at large; and Patrick Gardner, youth.



## Friendship Table Meal Tuesday evenings beginning July 12th at 6:00 PM

The Friendship Table is our mission to serve members of our community in need with a hot meal once a week on Tuesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Meal is served from 6:00-7:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact the church office.



*Pentecost Sunday*



## Worship & the Sacraments

We concluded our series on worship for the month of June by reflecting on the Sacraments. With joy we celebrated a Baptism and Martha Choate painted a beautiful picture of a communion table from Mont-Saint-Michel. The completed picture will be shared in worship in the Fall and we are very grateful to Martha for sharing her gifts through being a part of that special worship service.






## *From the Session:*

### **The following are the highlights from the 6/21/2022 Session Meeting:**

1. A request from the Memorial Gifts Committee to spend \$5,000 to upgrade Technology Equipment was approved.
2. A request from the Worship Committee to move Communion from 8/7/2022 to 8/14/2022 was approved.
3. Jean Gilliland and Suzanne Collins were appointed Commissioners to the 6/4/2022 Cherokee Presbytery Meeting.
4. A request from Cherokee Presbytery regarding our Benevolence Pledge was referred to Stewardship & Finance.
5. Debbie Hall (Grandmother) was approved as the Elder to serve during the baptism of Samuel Godfrey.
6. A Congregational Meeting on 7/10/2022 was approved for the purpose of electing an Officer Nominating Committee with David Dundee serving as Chairman.
7. Congregational Life reported that 3 prospective members attended a recent Inquirers Group.
8. Margie Vonn was approved as a new member by Transfer of Letter and will be welcomed by the Session on 7/3/2022.
9. Congregational Life reported that a breakfast is planned for 7/10/2022.
10. Phil Bridges reported that (1) Recoverable Depreciation of \$61,150 for hail damage to our HVAC Units has been received, and (2) a final payment of \$7,097.31 is due Hunter Public Adjusting Corporation.
11. Peter Olson provided a Financial Report showing Income and Expenses at normal levels for this time of the year.
12. Pastor Leigh reminded the Session to meet prior to worship for prayer in the Cornerstone Room.
13. The Session will not meet in July.




### FPC Book Club

July 28th  
10:30am

Cornerstone Room

The selected book for July is  
*Becoming Lucy*,  
by Martha Rogers.



## BLOOD DRIVE

### July Red Cross Blood Drive

The blood drive will be Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-7:00pm in the Education Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. To schedule an appointment go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: firstprescartersville.

## *Thank You!*

Thank you to all our Friendship Table volunteers and we are looking forward to resuming this ministry and the many ways we share Christ's love in this community.





**We had a wonderful time with our Food Truck Party at VBS last week!**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who made our VBS week an amazing adventure. We could not have done it without all of those fun, hardworking youth and adults who created an exciting week for the children who came to VBS.

The kids got to explore Bible stories, play games, create crafts, experiment with science, eat tasty snacks, and sing and dance all week long!! We had a fabulous week and look forward to sharing God's love with others in our community.



### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

Have you been thinking about and praying about teaching Sunday School this year at FPC? We could really use your help. Teachers are needed for all ages. If you can teach once or twice a month, or teach for a whole month at a time (rotating months with another leader), or if you want to be a substitute SS teacher, let Andrea know. We will find a perfect place for you! If you feel called to teach our children or youth this year, please contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).

### **Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 7**

Bring your back-packs to be blessed as we offer prayers for the new school year. And invite a friend to join you!!



Our high school youth went to Montreat June 12-18. We had a great time, enjoyed being together, made new friends, and deepened our relationship with God. We had keynote and worship in Anderson Auditorium with nearly 1000 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	20	Terry Purdy
2	Isla Knight	20	Andy Bowen
3	Heather McAllister	20	David Benton
3	Thomas Bowen	22	David Wilkins
5	Brian Purtymun	24	Maggie Medlock
5	Jake Sullins	28	Mike Ball
6	Pam Hughes	29	Katie Pruitt
7	Broderick Lumpkin	30	Janet Martin
8	Carolyn Noble	30	Wyley Steed
10	John Cummings	30	Trey Gaines
12	Don Longhurst	31	Rhonda Ireland
12	Katie Godfrey		
13	Pam Radford		
13	Frank Johnson		
13	Mary Gilreath		
14	Gary Boulier		
15	Susan Barrett		
18	Jeannette Wilkins		
18	Jared Whatley		



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

**Staff:** Lindsay Scoggins, Ken Turner (ASP), Kim Turner (ASP), Paige Lathem (Preschool), Peyton Miller (Preschool)

**Officers:** Scott Panter (Session), Rick Shireman (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Mission and Service Ministry

**Families: July 1-7:** Terry and Carla Purdy, Mike and Pam Radford, Mike Rawls, Perry and Kim Rentz (Anna, Laura), Rick and Patty Richardson

**July 8-14:** Jean Robinson, Paxton Robinson, Karen Rodgers, Denice Rouse (Matthew, James), Paxton Russell

**July 15-21:** Kyle and Karen Russell, Georgie Russell, Margaretta Shaw, Chris and Renee Shields (Grace, Mya, Christopher), Rick Shireman and Sarah Craighead

**July 22-31:** Betty Sime, Jerry Simmons, Matt and Sheilah Simons, Robert and Cindy Sims (Erin, Elise), Joyce Smith

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## ***July Calendar***

**July 4** - Independence Day - Church office closed

**July 10**

9:00am - Congregational Breakfast before worship

11:00am - Congregational Meeting

**July 12**

2:00pm - Serv Safe Training

4:00pm - Friendship Table Prep

6:00pm - Friendship Table served till 7pm

**July 13**

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

**July 20 - 24**

Montreat Middle School Conference

**July 28**

10:30am - FPC Book Club

## **Summer Worship Schedule**

10:00am - Worship in Fellowship Hall

11:00am - Adult Sunday School



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