



August 2022



Whether you have children or grandchildren, nieces and nephews going back to school or you are simply looking around in shock at the back to school supplies at Target and remembering that sinking feeling you had as a child, you may have noticed that it is that time of year for children and youth. And just like that: Poof! Summer was gone. I cannot believe that it is time for school already.

For some this is a particularly meaningful transition, such as first time to school for younger children or sending a child to college and thinking, “where did the time go?” For others it is a somewhat normal transition of heading to another year of school. For some, it is more of a “remember when” moment and recognizing that change is in the air as we resume Fall activities such as regular group meetings (Sunday School, Women’s groups, etc) and Football.

Regardless, change of one kind or another is in the air. Change, no matter what shape or form it takes, can be challenging. There is an element of saying goodbye and mourning in any change. As school resumes, I am saying goodbye to and mourning being able to sleep in until 7:00 AM!

But, with many changes, there is a much more profound element to that mourning. Any change comes with loss and as people of faith, we can name that loss and lift it to God. Psalm 86 is one of my favorite psalms and it speaks to bringing our losses to God: “Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you.”

Also, though, change can bring new opportunities. I am very excited about the new opportunities for service (Friendship table), for growing in Christ (bible studies, small groups and the Follow Me congregational study) that are coming with the Fall. Scripture has a great deal to say about this as well. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation! (2 Corinthians) See I am doing a new thing. Do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (Isaiah). In the midst of change, God is at work, opening new opportunities, calling us to immerse ourselves in the renewal of our Savior, and calling us to step into the future God intends for us.

Ultimately, times of change bring a bevy of mixed feelings! Paul’s words speak most profoundly to such times: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4)

Peace,

*Pastor Leigh*



### Summer Worship

Our 10:00 worship services wrap up on Sunday, August 7th, with our Blessing of the Backpacks. Thank you to all our volunteers (worship and properties) who worked very hard to make worship in the Fellowship Hall a reality. Thank you to our Congregational Life and Congregational Care leaders and volunteers for a wonderful breakfast before worship in July! Thank you, also, to Shane Bruno for building the jury box that helped us all imagine what it is like to spend time reflecting on our faith and where our priorities are. It was a joyful time of fellowship and worship for the summer, and we welcome thoughts or feedback about that time to be offered to the worship committee.



### Fall Worship

As our Fall schedule resumes, we return to two worship services for the Fall. The Gathering (informal worship) will be at 9:00 AM in the Gathering Space (also known as the Upper Room). Traditional worship will be at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. With the start of a new school year, we also say goodbye to Jared Brooks, the Gathering Worship leader, as he enters his junior year at Reinhardt University. As a junior, Jared will be student teaching and carrying a heavy academic load, so he is unable to regularly lead the 9AM service. We will be welcoming volunteers and familiar faces to lead music at the 9AM services for the Fall as we continue on the journey to explore possibilities and opportunities relating to our worship.



**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Blessing of the Backpacks all children, youth and teachers returning to school during the 10 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall.



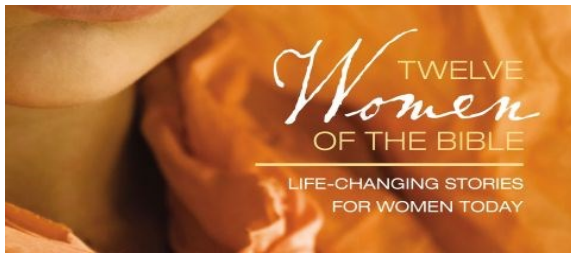
**Ice Cream Social Sunday,** after the 10 a.m. service. Please stay and visit while enjoying an ice cream sundae!

### Friendship Table

We are celebrating our re-launch of Friendship Table and giving thanks to God for our many volunteers and the many hours of work that have gone into this ministry. Join us any Tuesday evening at 6:00 to share a meal and if you would like to volunteer, either regularly, or as a substitute, call the church office 770-382-3511.

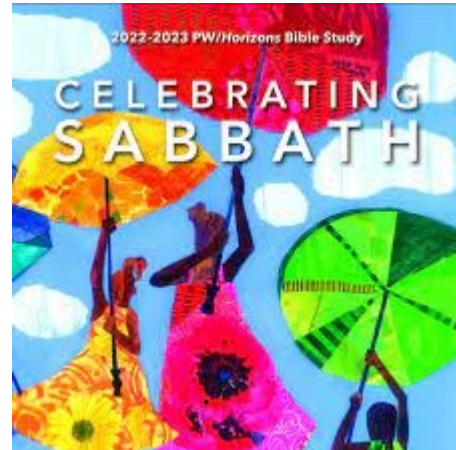






**New Evening Bible Study!** Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m.**, as we begin a new study titled **12 Women of the Bible**. In this twelve-session small group journey, you will meet a group of amazing women in the Bible who are absolutely real. At first you might wonder why God captured these particular stories in the Bible, but you will discover that their raw and revealing stories of frailties, struggles, sins, and brokenness are a real gift to women today.

Pastor Leigh Jones will help us kick off our year-long, in-person monthly study on Thursday, September 8, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited! Please contact Jean Gilliland or the church office if childcare is needed. We look forward to sharing this inspiring journey!



**Come join us for**  
**FPC's Monthly Bible Study**  
 We will resume on Thursday, September 1st at 10:30am in the Cornerstone Room. We will be studying *Celebrating Sabbath*. Copies of the booklet have been ordered and will be available in the church office.  
 All are welcome!

### **Faith development opportunities at FPC!**

Our faith grows and deepens when we spend time with God and each other studying and experiencing the word. Please explore the opportunities below to find a time and activity that meets your needs! Please tell the FPC Faith Development Committee about what you desire for Bible study and churchwide activities that will help you grow spiritually by contacting [sireland0613@gmail.com](mailto:sireland0613@gmail.com).

#### **August**

The Blessing of the Backpacks for all teachers, children and youth returning to school is Aug. 7 at the 10 a.m. worship service in the fellowship hall.

On August 14, we will return to a Sunday worship schedule with services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Sunday school for all groups at 10 a.m.

*There are two Sunday School classes for children:*

- Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grades: Meets in room 261 upstairs across from the café.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades: Meets in room 259 upstairs across from the café.

*Youth Sunday School:*

- Meets in second-floor youth classroom.

*Adult Sunday School:*

- Two classes: One meeting in room 266 and one in the Cornerstone Room next to the Fellowship Hall.

## From the Session:

**The Session did not meet in July, however the following activity was reported:**

1. David Dundee (Chair), Sean Ireland, Patrick Gardner, Rhonda Gaffoglio and Courtney Keen were elected 7/10/2022 by the congregation to serve on the 2022 Officer Nominating Committee.
2. A committee that includes Scott Panter, Beth Gaines, Betty Dundee, Leigh Jones, and a current Hands of Christ Board member were appointed by the Session to gather information and make recommendations regarding the HOC ministry.
3. The CPU board associated with the fire alarm/sprinkler system was recently struck by lightning. The repair cost is estimated at about \$13,000 which has been approved by both the Properties and Finance Committees.

### From Stewardship and Finance:

Halfway through the year our pledges are coming in at 50.7% and total expenses are running at 47.4%. We had some lightning damage in the education wing which will stress our properties budget but overall we are in pretty good financial shape. Thank you everyone for your generosity and continued faithful support.



**Rehearsals resume August 10 at 7:00pm in the Choir Room!**



### FPC Book Club

**August 25th - 10:30 am**

Fellowship Hall

The selected book for August is *Tending Roses*, by Lisa Wingate.



### CHURCH WORK DAY—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Properties Committee is having a work day **on Saturday, August 13th** from 8:30 - 12:30. Grab your coffee and come join us! We will furnish donuts and waters. There is work to be done inside and outside.

### Middle School Montreat

4 middle school youth & Andrea went to the Montreat Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 20-24. We had a great time, enjoyed being together, made new friends, and deepened our relationship with God. Meredith Gaines was on the conference Planning Team, so we also got to see her as well.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for us while we were there. We really appreciate all of you!





### **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!! We will also have an Ice Cream Social after worship to celebrate school beginning.

### **Confirmation**

If your child is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older and has not gone through Confirmation, please reach out to Andrea ([andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org)) if you are interested. Confirmation will be Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. beginning September 11.

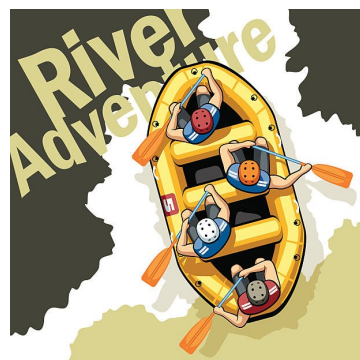


### **Children & Youth Sunday School**

The first day of Sunday School will be, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

### **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).



### **Family Rafting Trip** **Sunday, August 21** **(after church)**

All families with elementary aged children (ages 5 and up, 30lbs+) are invited to go tubing down the

Euharlee Creek and Etowah River! Our plan is to eat lunch together after worship at Sunday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, head to Euharlee Creek Outfitters by 1:15, and enjoy our tubing trip down the river. A parent/guardian must accompany their children. The cost is \$10/person, and it is a 45-60 min tubing adventure. Friends are welcome to join us as well!

**RSVPs are REQUIRED no later than August 14<sup>th</sup>.** Other adults & youth are invited to join us, and if you would like to go, contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).

### **Youth White Water Rafting Trip down the Nantahala – Saturday, August 27**

Kick off the School Year with a Youth group Rafting Trip! Friends are welcome to join as well. We plan on leaving Cartersville Saturday morning at 8 a.m. to head to North Carolina, and we will be gone most of the day.

“Our rafting trips on the Nantahala River run the full length of the river – 8 miles through western North Carolina’s most scenic rainforest. The river runs through the Nantahala National Forest – the largest of the four national forests in North Carolina. On a Nantahala rafting trip, you will encounter an array of lively rapids such as Root Canal, the Isle of Dumping and Tumble Dry. Your Nantahala rafting trip will end with a big, bouncy splash at Nantahala Falls- the only class III rapid on the river.”

Chaperones/Drivers are needed as well, please contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) for more information.

The cost is \$50/person. RSVPs and payment are required no later than Sunday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>.





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It's almost time for another great school year to begin at the

~ **First Presbyterian Church Preschool** ~

**Teacher Commissioning: Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 Service**

**Open House: Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm**

**First Day of School for 2 and 5 Day Classes: Monday, August 15**



Our preschool currently has 106 students for the 2022-2023 school year! We have 3 more slots we can fill with children on our waitlist so we will have a full preschool!



***We have hired a few new teachers!***

*Amy Prather is a newly retired teacher from Bartow County Schools. Amy will be our new Pre-K teacher. Amy also teaches in our HOC program. Theresa Bunch is joining our preschool team as our new nursery/toddler assistant. Theresa has worked in our HOC program for many years. Tiffanie Flores is returning to our preschool to teach a two year old / 2 day class. Tiffanie has taught 3 year olds in our preschool and we are so happy to have her back with us. Tiffanie Harris will be new to our program as a two year / 3 day teacher. She is a former teacher and mother of 4. She has been home for 6 years and is ready to get back to her passion of teaching. We are so thankful God has provided us with a full preschool and an amazing staff to teach our little ones!*

*God is great and He always provides!*

## *August Birthdays*

1	Debra Tatum	18	Veletta Gebert
1	Abby Allen	18	Katie Hoskins
1	Luke Hoskins	22	Nancy Kelly
2	Matt Farnon	23	Rhonda Wachsmuth
3	Lois Hill	25	Peggy White
3	Betty Dundee	26	Rowan Mukete
9	Zim Choate	27	Blake Dudley
10	George Crim	31	Hunter James
10	John Waters		
10	Karon Mauney		
10	Will Broome		
12	Sofia Motuba		
13	Rich Gaffoglio		
14	Ellie Johnson		
14	Gracie Meckley		
15	Earl Williamson		
16	Matt Bailey		
17	Randy Wrinkle		
17	Jerry Brownlow		



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

**Staff:** Jean Dudley, Darlene Vessels (ASP), Kerri Vessels (ASP), April Paulk (Preschool), Rosemary Purdy (Preschool)

**Officers:** Dennis Collier (Session), Sean Ireland (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Worship Ministry

**Families: August 1-7:** Nona Smith, Wyley and Judy Steed, David Steinken and Nancy Kelly (Gracie), Mike and Barrie Stodgell, Chad and Kerry Stough (Madelaine)

**August 8-14:** Terry and Janet Strange, Charlotte Sullins, Jean Tarver, Jennifer and Zachary Tasker, Dianne Tate

**August 15-21:** Debra Tatum, Lauren Tatum, Brad and Erin Templeton, Kathy Thomas, Randy and Jackie Thompson

**August 22-31:** Ken and Sandra Thornton, Ben Tilley, Daniel Tilley, David Tilley, Mike and Cindy Tobin (Derek, Adam, Corey)

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## ***August Calendar***

### **August 1**

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

### **August 2**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

### **August 7**

10:00am - Blessing of the Backpacks during worship

11:00am - Ice Cream Social

### **August 8**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### **August 9**

7:00pm - Faith Development

### **August 10**

7:00pm - Choir Rehearsals resume

### **August 13**

8:30am - Church Work Day

### **August 14 - 2 worship services & Sunday School Resume**

9:00 am - Worship in the Gathering Space

10:00am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00am - Worship in the Sanctuary

1:00pm - Preschool Open House

### **August 15**

8:00am - Preschool First Day

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

### **August 16**

7:00pm - Session Meeting

### **August 21**

12:00pm - Family Rafting Trip

### **August 22**

2:00pm - HOC After School Program  
First Day

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

### **August 25**

10:30am - FPC Book Club

### **August 27**

8:00am - Youth White Water Rafting  
Trip

