



October 2022



Do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that you may take hold of the life that really is life.

(1 Timothy 6:18-19)

At one time or another, all of us have struggled with issues related to the cares of the world and the challenge of living faithfully into God's abundant love for us. These issues include our attitudes and practices about finances, saving, and spending. Our relationship with Christ and our spiritual well-being are impacted by those attitudes and practices. Yet, they are often uncomfortable to consider, reflect on, or talk about.

For some, such matters are considered private. While our financial giving to God is between us and God, the practice of faithful stewardship, our attitudes and practices of giving, and living into God's abundant love is of the greatest importance to our discipleship. This is why over the next four weeks, we will be spending time in worship and reflection on *Abundance: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about attitudes and practices relating to our financial resources. We will pray together and learn about how our management of our resources shapes our faith and how our faith shapes our management of our resources.

Each week, we will offer some practical tools that can be used as we all seek to grow in faith. At the conclusion of that time, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in worship on Oct. 30th. I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we consider what it means to live into God's Abundance and truly experience simplicity, generosity and joy.

Abundance

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity



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.

October

- **Join a six-week study of "The Grace of Les Miserables,"** by Matt Rawle, starting Oct. 5. Rawle will dive into six ideals found in the story — grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love and hope — each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As the story's imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. The Faith Development Committee plans this study for every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room, but if you are more comfortable participating via Zoom, please email Sean Ireland at sireland0613@gmail.com so that we can make arrangements for a hybrid study. Please contact the church if child care is needed.

Officer Nominations

After much prayer, discernment, and discussion— the officer nominating committee is pleased to present this group of spiritual leaders for our church. The members of the officer nominating committee are: David Dundee, chair, Rhonda Gaffoglio, Patrick Gardner, Sean Ireland, Courtney Keen.

Deacons

- Jennifer Nebergall
- Brian Purtymun
- Sheilah Simons
- Keith Williamson

Elders

- Mark Bridges
- Betty Dundee
- Rich Gaffoglio
- Paul Green

Trustee

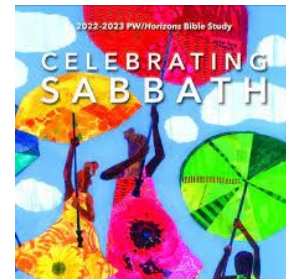
- Susan Panter

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purposes of voting on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee. That meeting will be on **Sunday, October 9th at 10:45 AM.**



October 16th - 12:00 noon

If you have been visiting and would like to learn more about this congregation and our witness to Christ or to grow in your relationship with Christ, join us for a gathering of Inquirers. We will meet in the Cornerstone room immediately after 11:00 AM worship. Childcare is available upon request. If you intend to join us for the meeting, please let Pastor Leigh or Elder Kathy Farnon know or call the church office.



Come join us for

FPC's Monthly Bible Study

The first Thursday of the month at 10:30am in the Cornerstone Room. We are studying *Celebrating Sabbath*. All are welcome!

From the Session:

Following are highlights from the 9/20/2022 Session Meeting:

1. Becky Ferguson is working on the 2022 Necrology Report honoring Elders that have died during the year.
2. Therese Howell is the newly elected Cherokee Presbytery Stated Clerk Consultant.
3. World Communion Sunday is 10/2/2022 when we will have one service at 11:00 AM with communion by intinction.
4. Becky Morris will be received as a new member in worship on 10/23/2022.
5. A Congregational Meeting was approved for 10/9/2022 at 10:45 AM to elect the new FPC Class of Officers.
6. An FPC Officer Retreat was approved for 10/29/2022 from 9:00 AM until 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
7. Blessing of the Animals will take place on 10/8/2022 at 11:00 AM in the courtyard.
8. An Inquirer's Class is set for 10/16/2022 after the 11:00 AM Service in the Cornerstone Room.
9. The Fall Festival is set for 10/22/2022 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.
10. Friendship Table volunteers are needed.
11. The FPC budget is in normal shape as we approach the 4th Quarter although \$33,000 in HVAC Repairs are expected in September.

Church Family

Thank you for your prayers and cards during the recent passing of Wyley's brother. We appreciate your kindness during this difficult time.

*In Christ's love, **The Steed Family***

Thanks to all who are remembering me in prayer and for the many cards. Due to Covid still around, I am isolated for now, but appreciate all your thoughts, prayers, and well wishes. Hope to be out and about in a few weeks.
Sincerely, **Wyley Steed**



**Help those in need stay warm
this winter!**

Donate a gently used coat (adult size) for our Friendship Table guests. Please drop-off donations in the Cornerstone Room.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 8th at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church courtyard. Bring your dogs, cats and any other pet to be blessed in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Donations of dry dog and cat food for the Red Door Food Pantry at the Episcopal Church will be gratefully accepted.

Ladies Night Out @ Jefferson's

October 20th, 6:30pm

All ladies welcome!



FPC Book Club

October 27th

10:30am - Cornerstone Room

The book selected for October is William Kent Krueger's Ordinary Grace.

We will take November and December off and resume meeting in January.

FALL FESTIVAL

FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK-OR- TREAT

OCTOBER 22

5:00-6:30 PM

Sign up here for our >>[Fall Festival](#)<<

- Decorate the trunk of your car & hand out candy (come as early as 3 to set up)
- Donate a cake for the Cake Walk
- Volunteer in other ways: lead games, parking lot attendant, serve dinner, etc.
- **Invite friends, family, & neighbors in our community to come Trick-or-Treat!**

We are also collecting bags of individually wrapped candy. Drop candy off at the office during office hours or place in the baskets before worship.

If you have questions, reach out to
andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Youth Group October Calendar

4 (Tues) – Serve at Friendship Table (4:30-7:15 p.m.)

9 – Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30)

14 (Fri) – Corn Maze (RSVPs Required)

22 (Sat) – Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat

30 – Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30)

On Sunday, Sept. 25, a group of children, youth, and adults from FPC joined our friends at Good Neighbor Transitional Housing program for a cookout, games, crafts, and all around fun!



Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze & Haunted Maze Friday October 14

meet at the church at 5 p.m.
return time estimate 11 p.m.

RSVPs are required by Oct. 11

On Friday, Oct. 14 the youth will be going to [Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze](#) & Haunted Maze in Dawsonville, weather permitting. We will leave the church parking lot by 5 p.m. and return around 11 p.m. Invite friends! Cost is \$25 and includes the corn maze, haunted trail, corn cannon, wagon rides, bonfire with marshmallows, goat walk, etc. Bring extra money for dinner, buying pumpkins, funnel cakes, etc.

We plan on taking the church bus, but depending on numbers, we might need some adults to chaperone/drive as well. Let Andrea know if you want to join us.

Cost is \$25 – Pay by Cash, check, or online – memo Youth Corn Maze - <https://cartersvillepres.org/give/>

RSVPs are required by Oct. 11 so tickets can be purchased ahead of time.





Current Enrollment: Total: 106

October Bible Verse:

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Dear Church Family:

Life at preschool is going great! All the children have settled in and love coming to school to see their teachers and friends. We have started special area classes including Science, Music, Bible Class, and Little Church! We are looking forward to some of our fall traditions including our Pumpkin Patch Field Trip and Costume Parade/Fall Parties!!!

Love in Christ,

Lindsay



"Important Dates"

Fall Break:

October 3 and 4

School-Wide Field Trip to
Creekside Farms Pumpkin Patch

October 14

Wizard of Oz at the Grand

October 27

Costume Parade and Fall Parties

October 28 and 31

Photo on the left: Ms. Rosemary's Class
at Fire Station 1

Photo below: Ms. Amy's class explor-
ing the firetruck here at FPP





Hands of Christ After School Program

Hands of Christ
has been busy getting



Open House was a big success with 68 families attending! Some of our favorite photos were with our former students who came with their younger siblings. The Vasquez family came with Christopher, now in 11th grade, brother Henry (3rd) and sisters Mia (4th) and Camilla (kindergarten). We were excited to welcome our second generation HOC students when Jennifer Alonso enrolled Leo in Kindergarten, and Ana and Geovanny Rojas enrolled their daughter Rosa!



Mrs. Woods helps new student learn to read.



Blessing of the Backpacks



October Birthdays

1	Sue Coalson	21	Nancy Kaufman
4	Linda Hall	21	Bob Mauney
4	Anita Meadows	21	Andy Keith
4	Luke Wachsmuth	22	Frank Weathersby
5	Sandra Thornton	23	Bill Broome
5	Brandon Johnson	24	Paxton Robinson
5	Craig Godfrey	28	Beth Porter
6	Russell Pressley	28	Keith Williamson
10	Robert Sims	28	Christopher Shields
10	Lauren Pressley	29	Charlotte Sullins
11	Diane Burger-Wrinkle	29	Jonathan Pressley
13	Elizabeth Baxley-Bowen	31	Joseph Clark
13	Patrick Gardner		
14	Bill Devine		
15	Brad Barrett		
16	Penny Waters		
16	Jamie Brush		
17	Peter Olson		
20	Sandy Bridges		



In October We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Andrea Roche, Nancy Wise (ASP), Mary Woods (ASP), Kamryn Taylor (Preschool), Louisa Thacker (Preschool)

Officers: Nannette Enloe (Session), Brac Panter (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Care Ministry

Families: October 1-7: Matt and Jessi Bailey (Sam, Judd), Richard and Guill Bailey, Alice Baker, Lane and Tracey Baker (Alexandria), Mike and Cynthia Ball

October 8-14: Grace Barker (Wesley, Barbara), Steve and Mary Barnes, Brad and Susan Barrett, James and Anne Marie Benton (Jimmy, David), Bobby and Amy Bergman (Evan, Gillian)

October 15-21: Peyton Boulier, Gary and Kay Boulier, Andy and Kim Bowen (Brooke), Brandon and Elizabeth Bowen (Tom and Katherine), Ben Bridges (Ross)

October 22-31: Mark and Sandy Bridges, Phil and Donna Bridges, Matt Bridges (Ella), Bill and Becky Broome (Rebecca, Will), Jerry Brownlow (Skylar, Call)

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October Calendar

October 2

11:00am - One Service/World Communion Sunday

October 3 & 4

Preschool & HOC Afterschool Program Fall Break

October 3

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

October 4

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

October 5

7:00pm - "The Grace of Les Miserables" Study begins

October 6

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study/Celebrating Sabbath

October 8

11:00am - Blessing of the Animals/FPC Courtyard

October 9

10:45am - Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary

October 10

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

October 11

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

October 12

7:00pm - "The Grace of Les Miserables" Study

October 13

7:00pm - 12 Women of the Bible Study

October 14

5:00pm - Youth Trip to Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze

October 16

12:00pm - Inquirer's Class

October 17

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

October 18

7:00pm - Session Meeting

October 19

7:00pm - "The Grace of Les Miserables" Study

October 20

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

October 22

5:00pm - Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat

October 24

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

October 26

7:00pm - "The Grace of Les Miserables" Study

October 27

10:30am - FPC Book Club

October 29

9:00am - FPC Officer Retreat