



May 2023



Leftovers

**"And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces
and of the fish." Mark 6:43**

I love leftovers. I realize that leftovers have mixed reception for many. Many people do not care for leftovers. But I love them. To me leftovers are the gift that keeps on giving - I get another great meal and don't have to do any of the work! I think Jesus is a fan of leftovers, too. He fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish and there were still twelve baskets of leftovers. There was more than enough to go around. I have been thinking about Jesus and those leftovers ever since Youth Sunday this past month. The theme was "More than enough," and the Scripture was the feeding of the five thousand from Mark's Gospel. Throughout the worship service, the youth reminded us that in Christ, we are more than enough. Many times in life and in the church, we may think in terms of scarcity - there are limited resources, limited energies, limited hope, even. But, God's abundant love that we know in Christ is more than enough. In Christ we are not only given all that we need but there are leftovers to share. Christ's love fills our hearts and overflows in our lives. Sometimes, our anger, our fears, our frustrations, or our lack of control in this world can make us feel small and we feel like there is not enough. But Christ is more than enough and in and through his love, we know not only is there enough, there is love and hope and joy to share. In worship on Youth Sunday, the youth shared a poem. It says:

Christ is more than enough
Generous in patience
Plentiful in mercy
Lavish in forgiving sins
Washing away our iniquities
Just for His name sake

Christ is more than enough
Has authority over all situations
Is master over all positions
The devil is not a match
The grave could not keep him
Death could not stop Him

Christ is more than enough
He is my shepherd
He is my fortress
My shield and rock
My savior and redeemer
God above all

Christ is more than enough
He is my provider
He is my healer
My guard and guide
My all in all.

Christ is more than enough. In Him, we can be fed and there will be the kind of leftovers that everyone loves. Let us give thanks for our Savior and that in him, we, too, are more than enough.

Pastor Leigh



The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the congregation for Sunday, May 21st at noon. At this meeting, the congregation will also vote on the Officer Nominating Committee.

Join us for a pot luck lunch and a time to reflect on and give thanks for our ministry and pray about all that God is calling us to do for the future. Dessert will be provided as we are honoring our Graduates on this day in worship.



Men's Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to come to the monthly breakfast on May 7th at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. Great food and fellowship!



FPC Book Club May 25 at 10:30am Cornerstone Room

The book selection this month is Ferrol Sams' Run with the Horseman.

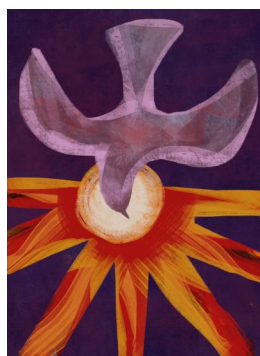
Come join us. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP TIME FOR THE SUMMER:

**Beginning May
28th, 10:00 AM**

Our summer
worship begins

on May 28th and we will be gathering for worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM to celebrate Pentecost. All are invited to wear red as we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our summer 10:00 AM worship will be in the sanctuary from May 28th - June 25th. Then, we will worship at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall from July 2nd- August 6th. Our summer worship series this year is: *Stories of the Heart*. For June, we will be reflecting on the ways we grow in God through beloved children's stories like the *Runaway Bunny* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. In July, we will consider Stories Jesus Told, looking at some of the parables of Jesus.



Pentecost May 28th

Wear red and come prepared to celebrate the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. Please note that this will be our first day of 10:00 AM worship.

From the Session:

The following are the highlights from the 4/18/2023 Session Meeting:

1. Confirmands Ethan Gregory, Eliza Johnson, and Ben Jones were approved as new members after examination by the Session.
2. A Report from the Choir Director/Organist Task Force was received.
3. Jim Stanley was hired as Interim Choir Director and will begin 4/26/2023.
4. Scott Panter reported that the HOC transition to the Cartersville School System is progressing.
5. Suzanne Collins of Congregational Care reported that over 30 April birthday cards have been mailed.
6. Kathy Farnon of Congregational Life reported that a pot-luck lunch is planned for 5/21/2023 and a Men's Breakfast on 5/7/2023 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
7. Jean Gilliland of Faith Development reported that 14 youth will attend the Montreat Youth Conference and a new Bible Study will begin 4/19/2023.
8. A work day on 4/30/2023 is planned by the Mission Committee.
9. Mark Bridges of Stewardship & Finance reported that cash flow is somewhat tight but improving.
10. Peter Olson reported that the Endowment Fund balance is \$155,513 and the FPC loan from the Endowment Fund is currently \$371,960.
11. Pastor Leigh reminded the Session that the Annual Meeting is 5/21/2023 and an Officer Nominating Committee slate will be presented at the meeting.
12. The next Session Meeting will be held on 5/9/2023 at 7:00 PM in the Cornerstone Room.

Yard Work Day - Due to days and days of rain, yard work day has been rescheduled. Please mark your calendars to volunteer for **June 4**.



Ladies Night Out

At Moore's Market

May 18th 6:30 – 8:00pm

All ladies are welcome!



KICK HUNGER IN THE CAN

Food drive for Friendship Table continues. Shopping carts will be parked at the front and back entrance to Sanctuary for your donations. Items needed: **Iced Tea**

Mix; Manwich or Sloppy Joe sauce in cans, Baked beans, canned fruit; peaches, pears, individual fruit cups, bags of cookies, and green beans. This is just some of the needs we know we have. Please make sure all items are in date. Again we thank you for your generosity.



GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CARTERSVILLE

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Gathering Space

All presenting donors will receive a gift!

All donors will receive a \$10 E-Gift Card to the merchant of your choice.

For more information, to schedule an appointment, & to do RAPIDPASS, go to www.redcrossblood.org

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**Our Interim Choir Director, Mr. Jim Stanley**

On April 18th, the Session approved the recommendation of the Interim Task Force and Personnel Committee to hire Mr. Stanley as the interim choir director. Mr. Stanley is originally from Blue Ridge, Georgia (where the majority of his family still resides), but he has been a resident of Cartersville since moving here in '95 after accepting the position as choral music teacher at Cartersville High. Prior to that, he was the choral director for Rome Middle and Rome High Schools. Mr. Stanley is a graduate of Shorter College (now Shorter University) where he earned his Bachelor of Music Education, majoring in voice and minoring in piano and English. He has a Master of Education degree from Walden University and a Specialist in Education from Lincoln Memorial University.

Mr. Stanley's past church music experience includes South Broad United Methodist Church in Rome (pianist/choir director 1990-1994), Rome First United Methodist (youth and children's choirs director, adult choir paid singer 1994-1997), and Sam Jones Methodist (director of music ministries 1997-03, 2011-21).

Our Interim organist/pianist, Mr. Fred Drifmeyer

Fred W. Drifmeyer graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Boston University and earned a Master of Music Degree from Hart College of Music at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. He was employed as a music educator in the state of Massachusetts for 37 years before retiring. During his career Fred also directed the Cape Cod Community College Chorus and Chamber Choir, was a member of the Cape Cod Conservatory piano faculty, and directed a semi-professional group, The MasterSingers of Cape Cod. Most recently he was the Director of Music and organist at the Pilgrim Congregationalist Church in Harwich Port, MA.

Fred and his wife Alice moved to Georgia to be closer to family.

Come one, Come All:**Opportunities to make music to glorify God!**

Choir practice is Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Handbell practice will resume based upon the best time for all who wish to ring. If you have ever considered joining the choir or handbells, now is an opportunity to give it a try. All are welcome! If you would like to know more about what is involved in being in the choir or handbell choir, you may speak with any of our current choir or handbell choir members and/or members of our Worship Committee.





Graduate Recognition **Sunday – May 21**

Do you have a youth or young adult who is graduating this year? We want to celebrate with them on Sunday, May 21 in worship at 11 a.m. and a celebration afterwards. Please email andrea@cartersvillepres.org to let her know of your graduate, along with a grad photo and short bio of your graduate's accomplishments and/or where they are headed next.

Last Youth Group of the Year **Bowling on Sunday, May 7 (4 p.m.)** **RSVPs Required**

We are going to go bowling on Sunday, May 7th, leaving the church promptly at 4 p.m. The cost of bowling will be covered, but bring money for food and any extras you might want. Friends are welcome to join us! Please RSVP to Andrea (andrea@cartersvillepres.org or 678-910-6026) by May 3, so she can reserve enough lanes.



VBS Register Today **Volunteers Needed**



VBS is coming to FPC this Summer!

July 10-14, 9 a.m. until noon

Register your Pre-K-5th Grader here>>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddyHM0MDyOghQHEsc81XTvGFmsJa6mGcUi_F9P039RWg8q0Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

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! Nursery care is available for our volunteers. If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

VBS Amazon Link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGG6EF3DSAJY?ref=wl_share



Montreat Donations Needed & Write them Notes

Support our youth going to Montreat (June 11-17) 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 4.

Pray for our youth and leaders going to Montreat.

If you would like to write notes to our youth going to Montreat, please email andrea@cartersvillepres.org to get a list of the names.

First Presbyterian Pre-School

Lindsay Scoggins ~ Director

770-382-0755 Lindsay@cartersvillepres.org



♥ The Pre-School wants to acknowledge the great work of our two-year-old teacher, Ms. Carol. Ms. Carol has served First Presbyterian Pre-School children and families for 17 years. She will be taking a full-time job with Bartow County Schools and will be dearly missed at preschool. Ms. Carol is so loving and patient with her students. Her students feel so loved and always learn so much each year. We wish her nothing but the best on her next chapter!

♥ All classrooms for next school year are full except for our 4-year-old PreK classrooms. Please let anyone know if they are interested in our 4-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 Spring and Graduation pictures taken, Kindergarten performed a wedding for the letters Q and U, we had a herpetologist share reptile friends with our students, PreK students had an umbrella parade, and we celebrated our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with breakfast each morning and goodies all 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! It has been a wonderful year at First Presbyterian Church Preschool! Thank you all for your support! ~Ms. Lindsay

May 2022

- National Day of Prayer, May 4
(Early School Dismissal
10:45 – 11:15)
- Fun Day, Friday May 5
- 3-year-old Graduation
Thursday, May 11th at 9:00 A.M.
- Pre-K Graduation
Friday, May 12th at 9:00
- Kindergarten Graduation
Friday, May 12th at 10:00
- End of Year Parties
May 9, 10, 11, and 12
- Post Planning May 15



Ms. Stefanie, our Little Church Teacher, leading our students in Praise and Worship!

It is the sweetest thing to watch these children sing to the Lord in His house! So thankful for this beautiful sanctuary and the seeds that are planted in our children's heart each Wednesday during Little Church!

May Birthdays

1	Betty Sime	22	Renee Shields
2	Sean Ireland	23	Bob Meadows
4	Kellie Clark	23	Laura Rentz
6	Ashley Knight	23	Audrey Farnon
6	Paxton Russell	25	Brandon Bowen
8	Becky Morris	26	Kim Bowen
8	Mark Gebert	28	Emily Collier
8	Linda Motuba	30	Matt Simons
8	Derek Tobin	31	Graham Hembree
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: Cody Carver, Pam Nealey (ASP), Amy Prather (ASP), Sheila Rosser (Preschool), Kamryn Taylor (Preschool)

Officers: Suzanne Collins (Session), Sonya Noble (Diaconate)

Ministries: Faith Development Ministry

Families: May 1-7: Wyley and Judy Steed, David Steinken and Nancy Kelly (Katie, Owen, Will, Gracie), Mike and Barrie Stodgell, Terry and Janet Strange, Charlotte Sullins

May 8-14: Wes and Sharon Sullins, Jennifer and Zachary Tasker, Dianne Tate, Brad and Erin Templeton

May 15-21: Kathy Thomas, Randy and Jackie Thompson, Ken and Sandra Thornton, Mike and Cindy Tobin (Derek, Adam, Corey), Harry and JoAnn Treadaway

May 22-31: Kyle and Jamie Lee Tucker (Dolly Pearl), Margie Vonnahme, Paul and Rhonda Wachsmuth (Luke, Hallie), Chip and Lauren Warlick (Scarlett), Elizabeth Watanabe

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May Calendar

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

11:30am - Wednesday Prayer Group/Prayer Room

May 2

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

7:00pm - Faith Development Committee Meeting

May 4

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study

May 7 - Confirmation Sunday

9:00am - Men's Breakfast

12:00pm - Inquirer's Group

May 8

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

May 9

7:00pm - Session Meeting

May 10

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

5:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting

May 11

9:00am - 3 year old Preschool Graduation

7:00pm - 12 Women of the Bible Study

May 12 -

9:00am - PreK Preschool Graduation

10:00am - Kindergarten Preschool Graduation

May 15

3:30pm - Hands of Christ ASP Awards Day

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

May 18

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

May 21 - Senior Recognition Sunday

12:00pm - Congregational Meeting &
Pot Luck Lunch

May 25

10:30am - FPC Book Club

May 28 - Pentecost

10:00am - Summer Worship in Sanctuary

May 29 - Memorial Day

Church office closed

May 30 - June 2

Hands of Christ ASP Summer Camp Week

May 30

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

