



June 2025



## Jeremiah June!

***For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11***

These stirring words of hope and encouragement are found in the book of the Bible that is written by a prophet known as the weeping prophet. Jeremiah, who also wrote Lamentations, mourned the brokenness of the world and of his people and the brokenness of his own life and heart. There is enormous depth and challenge in the book of Jeremiah and studying it for a single month seems to me to be like reading the introduction to a great book without reading the book!

But this June, we will be reading more than just the introduction to Jeremiah. Each Sunday you are invited first to gather in the Cornerstone room for a small group conversation about this rich book of the Bible, then to worship when we will consider some over-arching themes from the book, using selected passages as our guide. (I have shared the initial outline of those themes on the next page).

Jeremiah is more of a book that we would study over a lifetime rather than a single month and I hope that this month will serve as an invitation for continued study, prayer, and reflection in personal discipleship. I believe that a group in our church has undertaken a study of Jeremiah before. I think that because as I was in the church library searching for books on Jeremiah, I found several, with the names of some of our saints of the church written in them and with their personal handwritten notes included.

I LOVED reading the books and the insights of those saints who have come before us. It reminded me of the timelessness of the prophet's words as well as the joy of studying Scripture together, gleaning new understandings from the insights of others, and seeking God's Word for us as a community of faith. It also reminded me of the incredibly important legacy this congregation lives into, of studying Scripture together and the gift those saints have given us by sharing that legacy with us.

Become a part of that incredible tradition this June by coming to Sunday school and worship. In conclusion, I share with you these words that are from one of the books that belonged to a saint of this congregation. The book was written in 1953 and the words are just as true today as they were when it was written and whenever the book was last read in this congregation:

"Jeremiah is still an inspiring leader because his wisdom, courage, and faith are the qualities needed today. You will be reinforced in your faith again and again as you read the passages from the pen of this mighty prophet of God."

*Pastor Leigh*

**Join us for Jeremiah in June!**

Small Group conversation at 10:00  
and Worship at 11:00

- **June 8 -(Pentecost) Jeremiah's call**

Jeremiah 1:4-19 (also touching on Jeremiah 11 & 20 - the challenges of the call)

- **June 15 - Covenant Broken & Hope Renewed**

Jeremiah 2:1-13; Jeremiah 31:27-34

- **June 22 - Judgement & Repentance**

Matthew 21:12-17; Isaiah 56:1-8; Jeremiah 7:1-11

- **June 29 - Jeremiah & Hope for the Future**

John 10:1-10; Jeremiah 29:1-11

For I know the *plans*  
I have for you declares the Lord,  
to prosper you and not to harm you,  
to give you a hope and a future.  
Jeremiah 29:11

**June Faith Development Dates**

- ♦ **Sundays June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 a.m.**

Sunday School for Adults

Book of Jeremiah (Cornerstone Room)

Gospel of Matthew (Room 114)

- ♦ **Monday, June 2 7 p.m. Session Room**

Faith Development Meeting

- ♦ **Sunday, June 8 - Saturday, June 14**

Montreat High School Conference, Montreat NC

- ♦ **Tuesday, June 17 10:30 a.m. Cornerstone Room**

Book Study: *Bad Girls of the Bible, and What We Can Learn From Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs

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**FALL RETREAT**

The second annual **Fall Spiritual Formation and Mission Retreat** is scheduled for **Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19** at the **North Georgia Mission Lodge near Blue Ridge**. Everyone is welcome, including children age 6 and older if accompanied by an adult. Participants will engage in mission work and spiritual formation study, which will be led by FPC's parish associate, the Rev. Maryellen Hittel. Participants may choose to spend Friday night, Friday and Saturday nights, or the day on Saturday only. The cost for those wishing to stay overnight is \$125/person (includes meals). Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Contact Jean Gilliland for more information.

## *From the Session:*

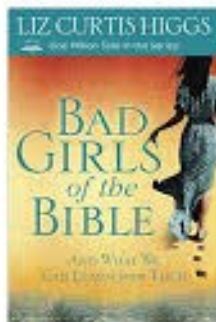
### **At its stated monthly meeting on May 20, the Session:**

- Approved a recommendation to move forward with a project for enhancements in the sanctuary. Next steps include updating drawn plans for changes and information/listening sessions with members of the congregation. The project could be done in July, when worship is held in the fellowship hall, with funding provided by an anonymous donor.
- Approved creation of a drop-off zone outside the front of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.
- Approved a fundraising drive to pay for additional security cameras at critical points in church facilities and on the grounds.
- Approved suspending interest payments to the endowment fund for five years so long as the funds that would be paid in interest are paid in furtherance of mission in accordance with the terms of expenditure of interest payments as outlined in the terms of the endowment. This procedural change would reduce the back-and-forth movement of funds between the Endowment Fund and the church and would go into effect in 2026.

**A new monthly small group study will begin on**

**Tuesday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.,**  
**in the Cornerstone Room.**

All are invited to join our discussion of *Bad Girls of the Bible*, and *What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. Books can be purchased online at Amazon, Thrift Books, or Barnes & Noble. We hope you'll join us as we study one "bad girl" each month. Anyone with questions may contact Jean Gilliland.



**The FPC Book Club meets next on June 26, 2025 at 10:30am in the Cornerstone Room.**

Our book club selection is Kate Quinn's *The Alice Network*. This is a novel about a female spy network in WWI France and the fallout from that in the aftermath of WWII. Come join us; everyone is welcome!



**Please keep our Montreat leaders and participants in your prayers.**

- Montreat High School Youth Conference June 8–14
- Montreat Worship & Music Conference June 22–28

**Ladies Night Out at **  
**Thursday, June 19th at 6:00 pm**

Come join us for good food and fellowship.  
We will be dining at Okinawa, located at  
1010 N. Tennessee Street, Cartersville.  
All ladies are welcome!



## VBS at FPC, in partnership with Church of the Ascension

July 7-11, 9 a.m. until noon

Register at [www.cartersvillepres.org](http://www.cartersvillepres.org)

VBS is open to children 4 years old - 5th grade, and it is a time for kids to hear God's Message, deepen their faith, enjoy songs, create crafts, and have a wonderful week.

**VBS Volunteers Needed**—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!

If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact [andrea@cartersvillepres.org](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org).

VBS Amazon Wishlist >> [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGG6EF3DSAJY?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3QGG6EF3DSAJY?ref=wl_share)



### Donations Needed & Write them Notes

- Support our youth going to Montreat (June 8-14 & July 16-20) by financially helping us with meals. We will graciously accept 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.
- 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](mailto:andrea@cartersvillepres.org) to get a list of the names of youth participating.

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### Summer 2025

- High School Youth Montreat – June 8-14
- Worship & Music (Children, Youth, & Adults) – June 22-28
- VBS – July 7-11, 9 a.m. until noon



## *June Birthdays*

1	Karen Russell	23	David Gregory
2	Anna Godfrey	24	Georgie Russell
4	Elizabeth Watanabe	26	Margie Vonnahme
6	Paul Green	27	Tom MendeHall
6	Eden Olson	27	Phil Bridges
6	Emily Godfrey	27	Susan Panter
8	Molly Layne	30	Dylan Sanborn
10	Marilynn Devine		
10	Call Brownlow		
11	Edward Shrader		
13	Karl Mosley		
15	Katherine Bowen		
17	Skylar Henderson		
18	Karen Rodgers		
21	Susan Ingram		
22	Terry Nelson		
22	Emily Ireland		



## *In June Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Vanessa Bryant, Emily Doxy (Preschool), Sharon Ellis (Preschool)

**Officers:** Trey Gaines (Session), Sheilah Simons (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Mission & Service Ministry

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

**June 8-14:** Sam Sullins, Jake Sullins, Jennifer Tasker, Dianne Tate, Debra Tatum

**June 15-21:** Brad and Erin Templeton, Kathy Thomas, Randy and Jackie Thompson, Ken and Sandra Thornton, Harry and JoAnn Treadaway

**June 22-31:** Kyle and Jamie Lee Tucker (Dolly), Margie Vonnahme, Chip and Lauren Warlick (Scarlett), Elizabeth Watanabe, John and Penny Waters

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## ***June Calendar***

### **June 1**

9:00am - Men's Monthly Breakfast

### **June 2**

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

### **June 3**

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

### **June 4, 11, 18, 25**

11:30am - Small Group Study/Church of the Ascension

### **June 8**

Pentecost Sunday

### **June 8 - 14**

Montreat High School Youth Conference

### **June 9**

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### **June 16**

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

### **June 17**

10:30am - Monthly Study - Bad Girls of the Bible

7:00pm - Session Meeting

### **June 19**

6:00pm - Ladies Night Out at Okinawa

### **June 22 - 28**

Montreat Worship & Music Conference

### **June 26**

10:30am - FPC Book Club

12:00pm - Lunch & Learn

