



# The "First" Press

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Let's kick off another exciting year of learning, worshipping, and sharing God's love at First Presbyterian on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 12!**

- ◆ Church School will resume, beginning at 9:45 am, with classes for every age.
- ◆ Worship services will return to 11:00 am in the freshly painted sanctuary.
- ◆ Following worship, a grilled hot dog lunch with all of the trimmings will follow in Hamilton Hall. Please make

your reservations NOW by emailing or calling the church office. Last year there were 50 reservations for the Rally Day lunch; the Fellowship Committee prepared for 60 but actually fed 80. Please make your reservation **by Monday, September 6!** The cost for adults will be \$4 and children \$2. Invite a guest to attend church with you and stay for lunch!

Plan now to catch the excitement at FPC on September 12!

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## *Thoughts From the Interim Pastor . . .*

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to you, grace and peace. Over the past twenty-four months you and I have walked and worked our way across the territory of transition. It certainly has been an enjoyable, enriching journey for me as we've come to know each other, put our gifts for ministry into play, discovered new things about ourselves and our callings, encouraged one another, grown as disciples, let go of some things, taken hold of others, and realized freshly how marvelously we are held by God. I am so grateful you made it possible for me to come to know yet another part of the body of Christ. I'm thankful you allowed me to contribute something to your development, to your grounding in grace and your reaching out in faith, to your story – which is, in fact, God's story. And how good it is to know that! How comforting and exciting it is, all at once! What confidence that brings us, along with readiness and eagerness to play our parts while we are able! A Master Author is at work with us, and the outcome of God's efforts will surely be a thing of goodness and beauty.

On Sunday, September 5, we will reverse the rite with which I began my ministry with you. Two years ago, when I covenanted to help lead First Church on its interim journey, I came into the sanctuary with my walking stick, handed your chil-

dren coins to help them remember my name, and received from the elders a set of church keys and a gavel – signs of my responsibility. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, I'll be giving those symbols back to the elders, taking my walking stick in hand, bidding all the children of God at FPC farewell, and moving on to whatever God has in store for me. What that is, precisely, remains to be seen. My work as an Intentional Interim has been rewarding; and perhaps I'll be called to assist another transitioning congregation as I have yours.

As I prepare to complete my work with you, I am assured – not only because the Pastor Nominating Committee appears to be nearing a conclusion to its search, but more deeply because I know that the leaders you've already called – your very fine ruling elders – are equipped and committed to care for the congregation and to guide it in the way of Christ. Look to them for leadership. Count on them to supply what's needed for your ongoing journey. And let them know you're praying for them. I will be, for sure . . . and for you all.

While the affection I've developed for you, and that which you may have come to feel for me, has been a gift and will remain so, I am committed to not allowing it, in any way, to hinder the development

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## Thank You, Bill!

We will gather in Hamilton Hall at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 31, for one of FPC's famous covered dish dinners (which Bill truly enjoys!) to commemorate Bill Nickels' service here at FPC during the past two years. This will afford each of us an excellent opportunity to convey to Bill exactly how much his ministry has meant to us.

If you need transportation or childcare, please let the church office know (522-1921 or [info@fpcinston.com](mailto:info@fpcinston.com)) so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

Bill's last Sunday with us will be September 5. If you are prevented from attending the potluck dinner, we know you'll want to be present on September 5.

### **Thoughts**, *continued from page 2*

of your relationship with the installed pastor you'll be calling. While for the past two years it has been my job to journey with you, it soon will be my responsibility to kindly get out of the way. And I promise – in all love – to fulfill that responsibility

## **“Growing Together 2010”**

“Growing Together 2010,” an annual Presbytery-sponsored learning event, will be held this year on Saturday, September 18, 9 am—3:30 pm, at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Raleigh.

The Reverend Dr. Donovan Drake, pastor and head-of-staff at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church in Durham, will be the worship leader. Classes concerning Christian education, church life, theology, the church in the world, and worship and spirituality will be offered and will be led by some very dynamic teachers. Registration, which includes lunch, is only \$20.

Please pick up a brochure with complete details from the church office soon. If you'll let the office know if you're interested in going, perhaps we can help work out carpooling arrangements.

ity quite seriously . . . while, as ever, wishing you

All the very best in Christ,

*Bill*

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## Presbyterian Women Will Meet On September 20

The Presbyterian Women organization of FPC will hold their kick-off luncheon on Monday, September 20, at 12 noon SHARP. All women in the congregation and their guests are invited to this covered dish meal to be held in Hamilton Hall.

Following the meal there will be a short three-part program



which will include the installation of new officers, an update on our Mission Garden, and a special surprise that no woman in the FPC congregation will want to miss.

Come and be a part of this special time of fellowship as we begin a new PW year.

—Kathryn Thutt, PW Moderator

## PW Circles Will Begin Another Year of Study and Fellowship

PW Circles will meet as follows in September:

**Circle 1** - Monday, September 6, 10:00 am, with Joyce Witherington's, 1202 Greenbriar Road, with Lois Flowers as co-hostess

**Circle 2** - Monday, September 6, 7:30 pm, with Janice Hendrix, 1704 Cambridge Drive

**Circle 3** - Tuesday, September 7, 10:00 am, with Eleanor Mallard, 1602 Dubose Drive

**Circle 4** - Wednesday, September 8, 12:00 noon, with Lida Mead, 3109 Fox Run Drive

**Circle 5** - Tuesday, September 7, 11:30 am, at Our Picnic Basket Restaurant

**Circle 6** - Monday, September 13, 11:30 am, at Our Picnic Basket Restaurant

## “Committee Corner”

### From Congregational Care:

The Committee invites congregation members to stop by the bulletin board near the office entrance to view news, announcements, and articles of interest regarding our church family. If you know of something to be included, please let a member of the committee know. Members are Emily Moore (chair), John Hendrix, Janice Hendrix, Anneliese Hunneke, Carolyn Johnson, Sara Murray, and Joyce Witherington.

### From Facilities:

The interior painting has been completed! Please take a few minutes to see how wonderful the sanctuary ceiling and columns look. The ceilings in the narthex and in the hallway from the narthex to the choir room have gone from brown to white. All the hallways in the educational areas and Hamilton Hall have been painted as well. No more chips or stains! With this “fresh” new look in our building, we can feel the energy returning to our church!

### From Membership Development:

The Committee wants to remind everyone of the important role that the simple act of smiling plays in portraying our church as a

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## ***Lectionary Scriptures***

### **September 5**

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

### **September 12**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### **September 19**

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### **September 26**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

Find *daily* lectionary readings and other devotional materials at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

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## “I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food”

Here’s an excellent opportunity to do just that: *for only \$18.75 you can provide good, hot, nutritious lunches for a week for someone who may not otherwise get good meals or be able to afford to pay for meals.*

Through our local Meals-on-Wheels organization, which is funded solely through donations, hot lunches are delivered to needy folks Mondays through Fridays. Some recipients are able to pay for their meals; however, most cannot and that’s

where our donations come into play. Please consider making a contribution to Meals-on-Wheels to help keep this vital ministry in our community afloat!

Delivery drivers are always needed also! It’s possible to volunteer to help deliver meals one day a week, one day a month, or on a substitute basis (you would be called to fill in for a regular volunteer). If you feel called to do this, call Mary Neal Mills at 523-4013.

## FIRST SUNDAY at FPC—Helping Hungry Persons All Year

On the first Sunday of every month at FPC, everyone is given tangible opportunities to help folks in need.

We are asked to place two cents in a container during the month for every meal we eat, every dose of medicine we take, and every night we sleep in a good, warm, safe bed. Then all of those pennies are received during morning worship on the FIRST SUNDAY, put with pennies from other congregations, and used to feed the hungry. This money often comes back to Lenoir County in the form of grants which help

ICOR, Mary’s Kitchen, and other similar organizations!

Also we are asked to bring non-perishable food items on the FIRST SUNDAY to help keep ICOR’s pantry stocked. The grocery cart will be outside the Chapel to receive these donations.

Don’t forget to bring your FIRST SUNDAY items on **September 5!** And remember that you can always bring them to the church office during the week.

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## OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Pakistan has suffered numerous natural and human-caused disasters over the last number of years—earthquakes, floods, war, droughts, water shortages. 2010 was to be a time of new beginnings for this devastated country but has turned into a record-breaking year for flood destruction, with an estimated 1,600 dead, 1.5 million now homeless, and 14 million affected in some way.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with ecumenical partners to provide food packages, shelter materials, non-food essentials, and emergency health services. There are three major ways that we can help:

**Give** — to support relief and recovery ministry (Checks may be made to First Presbyterian or sent directly to PC(USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. All checks should be designated for DR000038, Pakistan.)

**Act** — stay informed through the PDA website [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda) (You may sign up to receive email notices to alert you of additional needs.)

**Pray** — for those who have lost family or livelihood, those who are homeless, those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and support

## ***Mission Garden Is Ready For Fall!***

After producing more than 400 pounds of vegetables during the summer, all of which was donated to ICOR, Mary's Kitchen, Flynn Home, Brotherhood of One on One, and New Beginnings, FPC's Mission Garden will soon be ready for fall planting. Collards and other greens, turnips, and possibly a couple of other crops will be planted within the next 2-3 weeks.

Any interested person is invited to come out any or all Saturdays to help. Remember the weather will be turning cooler!

**“Pennies for Hunger”  
collected in August  
\$ 187.81**

## Save the Date!

The Kinston Federation of Churches, which has funded the Bible teaching position at Kinston High School for the past 60 years, will hold their Fall Celebration on Monday, October 11, at 6:00 pm at Westminster United Methodist Church. Dinner will be provided. All interested persons are invited to attend!

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## Called Session Meeting

At a called meeting on 23 August the session did the following:

- ◆ agreed to offer an interested group the use of two rooms for the church's usual fee;
- ◆ conducted an exit-interview with the Intentional Interim Pastor;
- ◆ discussed ways it would provide for preaching and other leadership services after the Interim's departure;
- ◆ approved plans for the baptism of Hannah Lee Henderson.

## World Communion Sunday

FPC's next scheduled celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be on Sunday, October 3. For those who are prevented from coming to church but would like to receive the grace of Holy Communion, please call the church office (522-1921) so that arrangements may be made to have a pastor and an elder visit to share the sacrament.

## ***Kirkin' O' The Tartans***

In a number of churches, Presbyterian predominantly, but also Episcopalian, Methodist, and other denominations, a special service is held annually in which the Presbyterian Church's Scottish heritage is highlighted. At the urging of a few folks in our congregation who have participated in these "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" services, the Session decided to have an initial version here at FPC this year.

So on Sunday, September 26, wear your family tartan or even just your favorite plaid to church. Enjoy the distinctive music of the bagpiper who's been engaged to help us worship that day. It should be an exciting, motivating, out-of-the-ordinary service for all!

The Reverend Peter Marshall, originally from Scotland, served as pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, as well as Chaplain of the United States Senate before his untimely death in 1949. Reverend Marshall is believed to be the originator of the "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" service during World War II, when he held prayer services at New York Avenue Church to raise funds for British war relief. At one of these services, Reverend Marshall gave a sermon entitled "The Kirkin' o' the Tartans"—and thus a

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<b>WANTED:</b>	Choir members— whereabouts unknown
<b>LAST SEEN:</b>	Hiding out in the congregation
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Male and female, young and old, musical and cheerful, may be armed and desperate for a robe
<b>REWARD:</b>	“Give and you shall receive.”
<b>SURRENDER TO:</b>	Your friendly choir director

## CHOIRS WILL RALLY IN SEPTEMBER!

At FPC there are several ways in which persons with any kind of musical interest may get involved.

The Gallery Choir welcomes adults and older youth who have an eagerness to praise God through song. There is no entrance exam or audition; singers on all levels are encouraged to give it a try and “make a joyful noise.”

The Jubilation Handbell Choir accepts all persons, young or old, male or female, beginner or advanced. The only requirement is a desire to praise God.

Another available musical opportunity is to volunteer as an instrumentalist—piano, guitar, trumpet, flute, etc.

Now is an excellent time to consider joining one of the choirs! Just contact John O’Brien at [obrienj@ecu.edu](mailto:obrienj@ecu.edu) or call the church at 522-1921 and let him know of your interest.

Gallery and Jubilation Choirs will resume weekly rehearsals in September as follows:

***Gallery on September 1 at 7:30 pm***

***Jubilation on September 8 at 6:15 pm***

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## Notes From Friends

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for the varied ways in which you shared God’s love with me during my recent hospital stay.

And thanks, too, for teaching me through your practical actions that John of Patmos who, after praising the Church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:2) for its strict theological attitude, chided it because its members had forgotten to love one another, could not thus judge First Presbyterian Church. To be part of a church where love dwells is challenging and comforting.

I am grateful.

Yours sincerely,  
Jean Tabory

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Dear Friends,

The cards, calls, and visits I have received from my many church friends while I have been confined at home have greatly lifted my spirits. I thank you very much for your kindness in thinking of me and remembering me in your prayers. I love my church family and look forward to joining you again in fellowship and worship.

Lois Flowers

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friendly place. Read on:

*Every morning I wake up with the feeling that I am being watched, and I open my eyes to see the youngest of our little five-pound dogs sitting motionless in front of me, staring at my face. If I don’t smile, she doesn’t change her position, but the minute I smile—and I always do, because she is just so incredibly cute—her tail starts wagging furiously and she’s all over me in a frenzy of happiness.*

*Think about it. To everyone, all over the world, a smile is the universal expression of friendliness and goodwill.*

*There is no downside to a genuine, warm smile, and for that grumpy or harried someone who is having a really bad day, your friendly smile can be a real mood changer.*

*Try giving the gift of a smile—and giving it freely throughout your day. You may be surprised at what a difference a smile can make!*

## OOPS! We Goofed!

In the article “FPC Corporation Officers Elected” in the August Mid-month E-news, the newly-elected treasurer should have read **Herbert Sugg**, not Herbert Manning. We regret any confusion.

## **Kirkin'**, continued from page 8

legend was born. Dr. Marshall was a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC. This group assisted him with the first Kirkin' services. Today the Washington Kirkin' service is held at the National Cathedral (Episcopal), which is a fitting tribute to Reverend Marshall.

While the "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" service celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is a truly Scottish-American custom. It celebrates not only the family heritage of the descendants of Scottish immigrants to the United States and Canada, but also the friendship of our three nations in peace and war.

If you're curious about your own family's heritage, you can search for Scottish clans at [www.scotclans.com](http://www.scotclans.com). If you know that your descendants are Scottish and you'd like to honor your clan by wearing your particular tartan, check out the Scottish Tartan Museum Gift Shop at [www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org) for scarves, ties, kilts, and much more. Or you can call the Gift Shop at 828-524-7472.

### **Attendance**

<b>8-29</b>	Worship	99
<b>9-5</b>	Worship	
<b>9-12</b>	Worship	
<b>9-19</b>	Worship	

## **Smart cookies**

September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

### **What you need:**

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers (rectangular and clear)
- 1 lid
- 4 photos or drawings
- Scissors
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional)
- Cookies



### **What you do:**

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.



## Special Prayer Concerns

**Bill and Pat Anderson** (Mary Riddick's parents)

**Morris and Betsy Barbee**, 1906 Pawnee Drive 28504

**Becky Berry**, 1406 St. James Place, Kinston 28504

**Nancy Cherry**, 1305 Par Drive, Kinston 28504

**Lois Flowers**, 705 W. Highland Avenue, Kinston 28501

**Ramona Griffis**, Spring Arbor, 3207 Carey Road, Kinston  
28504

**Myra Holder**, 1204 Dorcas Terrace, Kinston 28504

**Dennis Irving**, 2681 Gary Drive, Kinston 28501

**Linwood Lender** (Otha Lender's brother)

**Martha Mainor**, 1318 Howard Street, Kinston 28501

**Mary Mallard**, 2002 West Road, Kinston 28501

**Bill Manning**, 1305 Greenbriar Road, Kinston 28501

**Jeanette Marshall**, 1413 St. James Place, Kinston 28504

**Mac and Gwen Orr**, 2107 Michele Drive, Kinston 28504

**Carole Pepper** (Dot Taylor's daughter), 4013 Sage Meadow Blvd, Jonesboro, AR 72401

**Beth Privette** (Julie Privette's sister-in-law), 2012 Pembroke Road, Greensboro, NC 27408

**Nola Dean Stroud** (Earl Stroud's mother), 3073 Tyndall Williams Drive, Deep Run,  
NC 28525

**Jean Tabory**, 2211 Carey Road, Kinston 28504

**Dot Watlington** (former FPC member), Glen Bridge, Room 117, Boone, NC 28607

**David Williams, Jr.**, 455 AEW/EAMXS/F-15 AMU, APO AE 09352

**Dick Wood**, Britthaven of Kinston, Room 2318, P. O. Box 3527, Kinston 28502

### **Pakistani flood victims and those providing help**

**The Pastor Nominating Committee**, continuing its search

**FPC's students and teachers**

**Merle Outlaw** (Beverly Jenkins' mother)

**Frances Parrott and Greg Theodorakis**, to be wed on August 28



in September . . .



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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Holly LaRoque   | 15 Amy Henderson   |
| 3 Beverly Jenkins | Chris Henderson    |
| 4 Mary Neal Mills | 17 Eleanor Crowe   |
| 5 Sandy Landis    | Jeanette Marshall  |
| 9 Jim Marshall    | 22 Hayden Blizzard |
| 10 Cindy Archie   | 23 Chris Ochs      |
| Jane Landry       | 25 Sara Murray     |
| 11 Nick Ochs      | 26 Tom Thutt       |
| 13 Ted Berry      | 29 Ramona Griffis  |
| 14 Mary Riddick   |                    |

**SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

***GREETER***

***STEWARD-IN-CHARGE***

<b>Sept 5</b>	Julie Privette	George Fisher
<b>Sept 12</b>	Michael Riddick	George Fisher
<b>Sept 19</b>	Pam Summerlin	George Fisher
<b>Sept 26</b>	Ann Cherry	George Fisher

# FPC Bulletin Board



## Upcoming Events!

- Sept 1 Gallery Choir rehearsals resume
- Sept 8 Jubilation Handbell rehearsals resume
- Sept 12 RALLY DAY & Hot Dog Lunch
- Sept 18 "Growing Together"
- Sept 20 Presbyterian Women Luncheon
- Sept 26 "Kirkin' o' the Tartans" Worship Service

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***Don't forget!***

**Worship — September 5 —  
10 am in the Chapel**

**Worship — September 12 —  
11 am in the Sanctuary**

# News Around FPC's World



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*To share a specific prayer concern or make known a particular concern or suggestion, please see any of the members of Session listed below who comprise the elected leadership of our church.*

**Class of 2011**

Rick Landis  
Ned Manning  
Julie Privette  
Michael Riddick  
Pam Summerlin

**The Session**

**Class of 2012**

Ann Cherry  
Ralph Clark  
Lyndon Fuller  
Chris Henderson  
Pat Johnson  
Brenda Woodley

**Class of 2013**

June Cummings  
Frank Hall  
John Hendrix  
Emily Moore  
Frances Parrott  
Ruthie Stroud

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**Bill Nickels**, Intentional Interim Pastor  
**Cookie Emory**, Office Administrator

**John O'Brien**, Director of Music/Organist  
**Ann Blackmon**, Church Secretary

**Jeff & Christi Boyd**, Missionaries to Cameroon