



Ye Fourth Creek Journal

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the First Presbyterian Church in Statesville

June
2023

The Pastor's Pen

In the Gospel according to Mark, there was a moment when Jesus's family seemed very concerned about him and the work he had begun. At the end of Mark 6, he is teaching a crowd about the kingdom of God when the crowd tells him that his family wanted to see him. Jesus replies in Mark 6.34-5, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Jesus turned family from blood relation to one formed and connected by the Spirit. Using his teaching, we understand that each of us is a part of a larger family that goes beyond our blood and/or marriage. We are covenanted together to be a family we call the First Presbyterian Church (USA) in Statesville. When each person joins our membership, he or she vows to live in relationship with this family. When we do this, and when we follow the will of God, we prove how Jesus's teaching is still correct.

We are family. Sometimes that may be difficult to feel, especially when we don't get to see one another all the time. When our one occasion to see one another may come only on Sunday for an hour or two, or during our fellowship meals, or at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, we deprive the rest of the family from sharing in our joys and our sorrows. When we don't live together as family, we miss seeing children grow up in the vow we made at their baptisms to love them, nurture them, and foster them in Christian community. We don't get to hear about job changes and the nervousness or anxieties associated with them. We don't get to celebrate the end of careers at retirement. We leave words unspoken at the death of a brother or sister.

Was Jesus correct? Or is church just a club we attend when it is convenient to come to or because the people hold similar opinions, preferences, and tastes? Yes, we know Christ was right. I believe Jesus is still

spot-on. He modeled that family can be—and is sometimes even more so—about the relationships that go beyond who we know as our children, or parents, or siblings. I think family is formed when we worship God together on Sunday, drink coffee together on Tuesday, and share an off-campus meal or game together any time of the week.

Summer is a time when many of us will go our ways for vacations, yet it is also a good time for us to re-knot the ties that bind. If you haven't been to church in a while, come back. We miss you; we need you back; we want you back. Your family is here, every Sunday. The fact is that we are a family, because we're doing our best to follow God's will together, and you are important to us.

God loves you, and so do we.

Our Congregational Leadership

Session Class of 2023

Richard Hanson	Property: Safety
Susan Hollingsworth	Congregational Life: Cong. Care
Bill McBane	Worship
Carey Parker	Finance & Stewardship
Cate Tuck	Christian Education
Scott Zanotti	Property: Facilities

Session Class of 2024

Catherine Baker	Christian Education
Scarlett Chapman	Missions
Robert Dearman	Worship
Joanne Dodick	Congregational Life: Cong. Care
Robin Downs	Congregational Life: F&F
Scott Stevenson	Property: 4CBG

Session Class of 2025

Matt Austin	Administration: Personnel
Alan Carpenter	Administration
John Childress	Missions
Sherry Harris	Worship
Clay Speaks	Missions
Dycie Walton	Christian Education
Jeremy Cannada	Pastor jeremy@fpcstatesville.org M-W: 9am - 5pm Th: by appt.
Vacant	Director of Music Ministries
Falon Speaks	Director of the FPC Preschool preschool@fpcstatesville.org M-F: 8:30am - 12:30pm
Clare Robinson	Office Manager office@fpcstatesville.org M-W: 9:00am - 3:00pm
LeighAnn Perkins	Financial Secretary leighann@fpcstatesville.org W: 9am - 5pm (appts. encouraged)
Grant Sharp	Pastor <i>emeritus</i>

June Birthdays

2	Emeline Gilbert Jillian McInnis
4	Caroline Bramley Julie Caudle Dion Dacons
5	Rhyne Scott
6	Carly Manship
7	Bethany Clifton Judy Edwards
10	Elizabeth Cannon James Snyder
12	Kelsey Jones Jane Lentz Edmond Pendrich Julian West
13	Lynda Sloan
15	Amanda Downs Fern Steele
16	Hanna Kutteh
19	Neville Steele
20	Ann Brady
23	Matthew Austin Savanah Bustle Emily Nicholson
27	Betsy Adkins
28	Joy Morrison
29	Mallory Foote

Worship Notes

4 June 2023

Acolyte Sophia Martinez
Communion Joanne Dodick, Clay Speaks,
Scott Stevenson, Cate Tuck,
Dycie Walton, & Scott Zanotti
Ushers Team 1 - Jim Tarman (Captain)
Scripture The Rev. Lynn Kunkle, officiant
Flowers Harriet Mauzé

11 June 2023

Acolyte Caroline Long
Ushers Team 5 - Jim Pickett (Captain)
Scripture
Flowers Barbara Tharpe

18 June 2023

Acolyte David Austin
Ushers Team 2 - Dick Sears (Captain)
Scripture
Flowers First Presbyterian Church

25 June 2023

Acolyte Harper Speaks
Ushers Team 3 - Matt Austin (Captain)
Scripture
Flowers To Be Announced

Weekly Livestream: fpcstatesville.org/worship

If you are a member-at-home and wish to have home communion provided to you, please contact Susan Hollingsworth and/or Joanne Dodick.

**Sunday Worship will
remain at 11:00am
throughout the summer.**

Historic Cemeteries Committee

On 30 June, 2023, Jonathan Appell, renowned cemetery preservationist/conservator, has selected Fourth Creek Burying Ground as the North Carolina location for their 48-state, 2023 tour.

This will be a workshop, inside the burying ground, teaching the proper and safe methods of cleaning headstones, in addition to some light repair. Jonathan has been conducting workshops for some time now, and is sought by many for his knowledge on the subject. One such project was in Jamestown, where he helped restore probably the oldest headstone in the United States. Information can be found in the following link and more information will be coming in following weeks. <https://48statetour.com/about>.

Also, the Private-Public Partnership between the City of Statesville and FPC has been approved by the city, for the landscape maintenance (mowing and trimming) of Fourth Creek Burying Ground, with the city providing \$12,000/year, and FPC hiring a contractor to perform those duties as well as establish protocols for the long term preservation of this historic burying ground, where some of FPC's founders are buried.

Sanctuary Flowers in 2023

The Flower Guild is soliciting members of the congregation who would like to provide weekly flowers to the glory of God in honor or in memory of your love one(s). If you will have a reason to commemorate them through the course of the year, please contact Jane Lentz, who is the Flower Guild Coordinator. She will help you determine the best date for your arrangement's donation and other information (such as your post-service desires for the arrangement). Contact her at 704.880.6900.

Session Notes

At the recent Called Session Meeting of 17 May 2023, Session (by request of three members of Session, following a request by Sandra Cathey):

- Declined to take any action that would result in a Alcohol Usage Policy;
- Approved allowing the Cathey family to have up to two glasses of wine served to celebrants to the reception in the Fourth Creek Meeting Hall

The next Stated Meeting of Session will take place on Monday, 19 June 2023 with Joanne Dodick leading the Devotion & Opening Prayer.

Capital Campaign Update

The Centennial Committee, a subcommittee of the Property Committee, has been meeting over the last year to look at possibilities and to make recommendations for upgrades to our sanctuary, all leading up to our building's 100th Anniversary in 2025.

As part of this process, we have made various physical changes to the chancel area over time and are making yet another change for the month of June. We are returning the privacy screens and putting the organ back on the left and the piano on the right, behind the screens. Also, we are adding a temporary pulpit between the communion table and the screens.

We seek your feedback! Let us know how you like this view from where you sit on Sunday mornings. Is it more worshipful from your viewpoint? Are there more distractions? Let us know!

Donnie Haynes and Jane Lentz
Co-chairs of the Centennial Committee

Safety Update

The Safety Committee would like you to know that it is working to address and improve security, policies, and procedures for our Sanctuary and Education buildings. If you have suggestion about how we might improve our campus to handle emergent situations, please speak with Richard Hanson, as he is working with Falon (Preschool), Jim Pickett (Ushers), Bill McBane & Jim Tarman (Worship), Scott Zanotti (Property), and Pastor Jeremy to develop our protocols.

On Tuesday, 13 June, a CPR and AED Class will be taught by a Certified Instructor. The class will be from 5:30pm until 8:30pm with a brief break for a sandwich meal. Please contact Richard Hanson at 704.437.2058 or the Church Office at 704.873.7244 to register.

Clinkers Update

A big thank you to Robin and John Downs for hosting our May Clinkers-it was the perfect night to be outdoors and we enjoyed wonderful food and fellowship.

As announced at May Clinkers, we will be taking a brief Summer Sabbatical for the months of June and July. We look forward to being together again in August at the home of Nancy and Dirk Tharpe.

Thanks to all our hosts and cohosts thus far this year, for making our gatherings possible. We couldn't do Clinkers without you. If you would like to consider being a host/cohost in the future, please reach out to Lourdes Winters, 704.880.7737, or AnnSpeaks, 704.437.2772.

Book Study Update

Book Study will take the summer off, with an anticipation of studying "Pauline Letters & Theology" after Rally Day in September.

OWLS Update

OWLS will take off the summer for rest and relaxation. We will resume lunch together starting in September. Have a great summer!

Missions Partner

Our Missions partner for June is Feed NC. There are many needs they have:

Everyday List

- Pancake/Waffle Mix Complete
- Franks Red Hot
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Ranch Dressing
- Vegetable Oil
- Fryer Oil
- Chocolate Chips
- Fresh Vegetables
- Nuts
- Pam Spray
- Diapers
- Diaper Cream
- Baby Wipes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Body Soap
- Lunch Box Items
- Pantry Staples (pasta, canned goods, spices, oatmeal, cereal, juices, salad dressings, condiments, pancake mix, rice, dry beans, etc.)
- Paper Products (paper towels, plates, napkins, toilet paper, etc.)

Note of Thanks

To All the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church:

We are so very grateful for your many kindnesses expressed to us during Wendell's illness. We regret that it had to happen during the Worship Service on Easter Sunday, but what better place to be than in God's house with loved ones. You all performed to help as if it had been orchestrated, each person taking on a responsibility to see to Wendell's care. Our Pastor, Jeremy, has been a true shepherd to us. We are so thankful for the prayers, thoughts, visits, calls, and food that have carried us through this trying time. Wendell continues to be under doctor's care. We do feel the love from each of you and look forward to seeing you in church in the near future.

In ChristianLove ,
Wendell and Doris Worthington

May 17,
Dear Friends at
First Presbyterian Church
in Statesville, I can never
thank you enough for that
beautifully decorated basket
full of wonderful letters, from
what seemed to me to be
every one in the congregation!
Thank you one & all - so kind,
so generous, so thoughtful!
Best wishes toward your
goals for the coming year. (as I
say goodbye to this much used
pen. Love to all - Elaine Steele)

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church in Statesville, I can never Thank You enough for the beautifully decorated basket full of wonderful letters, from what seemed to me to be everyone in the congregation! Thank you one and all, so kind, so generous, so thoughtful! Best wishes toward your goals for the coming year.

Elaine Steele



Collins's Corner

This month's newsletter features an interview by Collins Tuck (age 5) Donnie Haynes that took place in the Fellowship Room at the church. We thank Cate Tuck for her transcription:

Collins: Can we get started?

Donnie: How long is this going to take? Should I be nervous about this?

Collins: It's going to be quick, because me and my mom are going to a nail salon.

Collins: What is your favorite color?

Donnie: Black and Gold!

Collins: What?!?! Why do you say black? Mr. Bill's (Bill Long) favorite color is black!

Donnie: ASU Mountaineers!

Collins: What is your favorite food?

Donnie: Hmm... I shouldn't eat as many of them as I do, but a steak, potato, and salad.

Collins: My mom likes salad!

Collins: What is your favorite place to visit?

Donnie: Boone, NC.

Collins: What's Boone?

Cate & Donnie: That's where App State is!

Collins: What is your favorite sports team? *(At this point in the interview, Collins begins using a British accent.)*

Donnie: Uhh... the Mountaineers *(to which Donnie responds back in the same accent).*

Collins: How long have you been a member at our church?

Donnie: Uhh... doing the math in my head: 43 years! We started attending before Charles was born... so 1980 to now.



Collins: Mr. Donnie- your eyes are red. Have you been putting eye drops in them?

Donnie: They are just a little blood shot. That's natural.

Collins: How many kids do you have?

Donnie: How many children do I have?

Collins: No- kids!

Cate: Well they are not kids anymore... they are grownups.

Donnie: I have two: a son and a daughter.

Collins: How many grandkids?

Donnie: I have 4 grand girls.

Collins: What is your favorite book in the bible?

Donnie: I like the writings of Paul, but I guess it would be Luke.

Collins: Paul got in jail a lot!

(Cate & Donnie laugh. Cate shares that Collins learned about Paul from Bill Long.)

Donnie: That's important to remember because that's sacrificing for what we believe in.

Collins: How old are you? 24?

Donnie: x3 *(says this while laughing)*

Collins: You laugh like Santa Claus!

Donnie: I have played that roll a few times!

Cate: How old do you think he is really?

Collins: 100

Donnie: Just ¾ of 100.

Collins: 75!

Cate: Ok! Last one. Collins would like to know who your favorite person is?

Donnie: Outside of my family, my best friend in all times is a high school and college friend, Jack Elledge.

Cate: What about in your family?

Donnie: My wife, of course.

Collins: What is her name?

Donnie: Ms. Susie. She plays the piano sometimes.

The interview ended with hugs, looking at family photos on our phones, and a quick tour of the church fairy garden. Thank you, Donnie, for taking time to sit down with us!

Thank you to everyone that was able to come out to our Art in the Park event last month! We had a wonderful turnout and enjoyed seeing all our preschool families enjoying some time together. A special thank you to all our students for their beautiful artwork, our teachers for their time and dedication in helping these young artists develop these wonderful pieces to show their families and to our families for their continued support. Thank you to Clay Pittman for our live music and Andrea's Ice Cream Truck for coming to treat our families.

We enjoyed a week full of spirit and fun last month. On Monday, we had PAJMAMA DAY, and the children really enjoyed coming to preschool in their pjs! On Tuesday, we enjoyed HAT/SPORTS DAY, Wednesday was WACKY TACKY/SILLY SOCK Day and Thursday was SUPERHERO Day. Children dressed up like a superhero or someone in their lives they look up to. We saved the best for last on Friday and had LETTERLAND DAY where children dressed as their favorite Letterland characters. We ended spirit week with a Letterland Day Parade!

Graduation

On 22 May our four-year-old classes graduated from FPC Preschool. This was a wonderful celebration with our preschool families. Thank you to our wonderful preschool staff for another wonderful year! We will see you all back in August for a new, fun and exciting preschool year! Congratulations graduates! We will share some pictures from our graduation in July's Fourth Creek Journal.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to all the preschool and church families that showed their support for our AMAZING FPC Preschool staff last month during teacher appreciation week. We were showered with cards, gifts, meals and much, much more! We are incredibly grateful and appreciate all the love and support.





Congratulations to Willa Parker who graduated from FPC Preschool last month. We hope you have a wonderful summer and good luck in kindergarten at American Renaissance School next year! We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to all our Little Gardeners!
We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to Collins Tuck who graduated from FPC Preschool last month. We hope you have a wonderful summer and good luck in kindergarten at American Renaissance School next year! We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to all our Wise Owls!
We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to Annabelle Wasik who graduated from FPC Preschool last month. We hope you have a wonderful summer and good luck in kindergarten at Cool Spring Elementary next year! We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to all our Zoo Crew!
We are so proud of you!



FPC Preschool
invites you to the dedication of

The
Bentley
Project

Join us on the FPC Preschool Playground for a time of happy memories, stories, and prayer as we dedicate our new piece of play equipment in the name of our little Spider-Man friend, Bentley Marlowe

Tuesday, 13 June 2023
6:00pm

June 2023

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28 Pentecost 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Sunday Worship (Sanc)	29 FPC Office Closed ARS Holiday I-SS Holiday Whit Monday Memorial Day 12:00 PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)	30 ARS Teacher Workday 12:00 PM Daytime Care Group (LIF) 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Recruitment(4CMH)	31 ARS Teacher Workday 12:00 PM Daytime Care Group (LIF) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (Sanc)	1 12:00 PM Daytime Care Group (LIF) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #40010 (4CMH)	2 12:00 PM Daytime Care Group (LIF)	3
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of every third Tuesday of each month.
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