FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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October 2024 Newsletter



John Hall Presbyterian Church

It's been several years since FPC has worshipped with our sisters and brothers at John Hall Presbyterian Church. Personally, I have had the joy of worshipping with them at least a couple of times this year already. Our sessions have made plans to worship together in November. Now don't panic, it's not November yet. I decided it would be good to go ahead and get the dates out there and make sure we are ready for a great time together.

On Sunday, November 3rd, John Hall will be at First Pres. I will lead most of the service and George Wilson, one of their elders, will be preaching. Afterwards we will have a covered-dish luncheon. We will make enough food for ourselves and our guests. This Sunday will be pretty easy for us except preparing for the luncheon but even this, will not be difficult. We know how to do a covered-dish luncheon. 😊

On Sunday, November 24th we will be at John Hall. John Hall is located at 520 Dowd Road. Most of you pass it on the right as you head toward the Pik-N-Pig. Now hold on to your chair or computer…John Hall meets at…8:30 a.m. George will lead most of the service and I will be preaching. After the service we are invited to stay for a wonderful breakfast by the ladies of the church.

Please get these dates on your calendar. I normally field a few questions so let me see if I can offer some insight. We will <u>not</u> have Sunday School or worship at First Pres on November 24th. We will place signs on the doors to share what is happening. Do not expect your normal offering to be handed over at John Hall to First Pes. I would simply give your offering the week before or after. I do strongly encourage us to give generously to our fellow church family on that day. They like most churches, are dealing with financial issues. Finally, you do have to climb about 8 steps to get into their sanctuary. Once you go down those steps after worship you only have one step to enter their fellowship hall.

We are very excited about the chance to worship, fellowship, and eat with one another. November will be an exciting month and this just adds to it. Let us get ready to greet them on November 3rd as we travel to John Hall on November 24th.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult times.

Benny Cole
Jeane Dennis & Family
Sheree Kelly
Carol Lucas
Dennis Parks
Sonya Potter
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Lee Edmonds
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Ots Patterson
Phillip Warmbrod

Alma Baker
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret and Tom Leonard's nephew*
Abe Caviness, *Debby Albright's great-nephew*
Hoke Currie's family, in his sudden passing, Tom Currie's brother
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sue Kelly, in the passing of her husband Chuck, *Mike Kelly's brother*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Tyler Mabe
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *sister of Regina Nugent*
Linda Phillips, *friend of Kay Patterson*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugents*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*
Marie Walton, *Mother of Diane Pangborn*

All of our military men and women and their families, especially the following:
Jonathan Baker, Kyle Bryant, Cody Fitzgerald,
Chris Mohan, Patrick Mohan,
Greg Riyevski, Michael Schwartz, and Quinn Wicker.

If you would like to add someone, or remove yourself from First Presbyterian's Prayer Requests, please contact the church office at (910) 947-2924 or infofpc397@gmail.com.



This is the Financial Report for
August 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of August 1, 2024		65,698.89
Tithes and Offerings Received		+14,352.00
	Sub-Total	80,050.89
Expenditures		-15,881.80
Balance in checking account as of August 31, 2024 (Includes Jul-Aug payroll taxes Withheld: FICA $670.12; FW/H $68.00; SW/H $20=$758.12)		64,169.09

RESTRICTED FUNDS: (Funds designated for specific projects, etc.)

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of August 1, 2024		54,393.30
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $214.18; Flower Fund $27; Pres Women GF $85; Men's Group $50		+376.18
	Sub-Total	54,769.48
Expenditures: 2 Cents a Meal to Presbytery		-383.64
Balance in Restricted Funds as of August 31, 2024		54,385.84

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	64,169.09
Building Fund: $12,664.09	+12,664.09
Restricted Funds Balance	+41,721.75
8/31/2024 Checkbook Balance	118,554.93

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	21,681.49

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The session met on September 8th. Approved the following:

- Spending over $16,000. to replace two of our HVAC units. Discussed how to best do this without depleting our reserves.
- The Christmas Cantata for December 22nd during the worship service.
- The PW events for 2025 and January 2026.
- Nancy Carter as our October Presbytery meeting representative
- Rev. Tom Currie to preach on October 20th.

October Birthdays



2	Angie Prevost
4	Laura Gordon Faircloth
6	Catherine Martindale
6	Elizabeth Martindale
7	Dale Buie
9	Ben White
13	Bill Thomas
15	Leon Monroe
15	Matthew Monroe
16	Jennifer Prevost Kennally
21	Caroline Carter Reynolds
21	Mack McDonald
24	Kim Kelly
27	Elizabeth Barringer
27	Gabe Phillips
31	Hammond Bennett

OCTOBER SUNDAY FLOWERS

6th	Ann Lynch
13th	Jennifer & Chad Thomason
20th	Ruby Ingold
27th	Michelle & Scott Tortora

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963

August 2024

Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	8	85
2nd Sunday	11	29
3rd Sunday	16	42
4th Sunday	12	45
Average	12	50

October Greeters

6th	Doreen and Peter Little
13th	Kelly Martindale
20th	Elizabeth Barringer
27th	Lucinda and David Casey

Send church news and announcements to FPC
by calling or emailing the church office at (910) 947-2924 / infofpc397@gmail.com.

Food Bank

On the first Saturday morning of the month,
FPC friends and family meet at the Robbins' Food Bank
of Robbins Area Christian Ministries from 7:30-10 a.m.
to serve our friends and families in need.

Food and double-bagged plastic grocery bags can be placed at the donation station in the FLC.

Come Join us this Saturday, October 5th.

To carpool, meet in the FPC parking lot at 7 a.m.

two cents

Don't forget to give us your "two-cents" the first Sunday of every month as we continue to support our Children's 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering.

Our children are now collecting this offering during the Moment with our Children.

A little bit can go a long way!

ONLINE DIRECTORY

Directory sheets are located in the upper and lower narthex. Please fill out and return to Michelle Tortora. You can also email the information and a clear, family appropriate picture to her at mrstortora@hotmail.com.

175 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Next year FPC will be celebrating 175 years!!
If you are interested in serving on this committee to prepare for our celebration, please let a member of the session know. Your help is essential for our celebration.

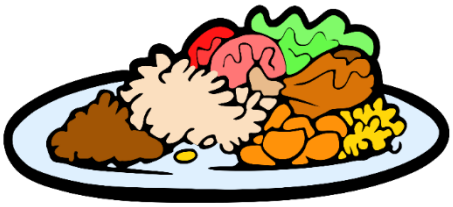
COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES

College students, we would like to reach out to you during the school year and maybe even send a care package! 😊 Please send an email to revmartindale@hotmail.com with your information. Thanks so much and may this year be full of blessings and possibilities.

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Confirmation will begin on October 27th from 6 – 7 p.m. immediately after youth group. Typically confirmation is for those in 7th grade or older. Parents you can make the decision if your child is ready.

PW Meal Ministry



October Meal Leaders:

3rd JoAnn Wahala
10th Gail Hardin
17th Lucinda Casey
24th Claudia McKenzie
31st Marie Monroe

If you know of someone who needs assistance please contact JoAnn Wahala (910 947-3238). If you would like to assist with this PW ministry or assist with a meal please let JoAnn know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW Bible study will be Wednesday October 2nd at 10:00 am. We will be using Lesson 2, chapters 3 & 4 in the book. All ladies are welcome to attend as we continue the study of Max Lucado's book, **You Are Never Alone.**

The PWCT will meet at 11:00 am on Wednesday October 2nd.

The PW Thank Offering will be collected on Sunday, October 27th. The offering this year will help fund eight projects, six serve people in the United States and two are international. More information will soon be available.

MEN'S GROUP

The men of FPC host a time of fellowship and Biblical Study. They meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to come and join in this time of fellowship and study!

The men feed the women and children of Friend to Friend once a month.

The Men's Group will be collecting paper towels and feminine products for Friend to Friend. Donations may be left in the foyer. Please contact Keith Hardin with any questions at 910-603-0837. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you for your support. It is much appreciated.

CHURCH CALENDAR October 2024

Tuesday, October 1st	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, October 2nd	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Choral Preparation for Christmas Cantata
Saturday, October 5th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
	9:30 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting in Raeford
Sunday, October 6th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:10 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, October 7th	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship and Mission Committee, *conference room*
Tuesday, October 8th	5:30 p.m.	Administrative Meeting, *conference room*
	6:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee, *conference room*
Wednesday, October 9th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Choral Preparation for Christmas Cantata
Sunday, October 13th	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:10 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting, *conference room*
Tuesday, October 15th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, October 16th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Choral Preparation for Christmas Cantata
Sunday, October 20th	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	12:10 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group (No Confirmation Class)
Wednesday, October 23rd		**Deadline for Church Mouse**
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Choral Preparation for Christmas Cantata
Sunday, October 27th	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / PW Thank Offering
	12:15 p.m.	Hand Chime Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	**Confirmation Begins**, *youth room*
Tuesday, October 29th	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee*, conference room*
Wednesday, October 30th		Church Mouse Distributed
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Choral Preparation for Christmas Cantata

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Dale Buie

Class of 2024
Nancy Carter
Robert Gordon
Gail Hardin
John McDonald
Jackie Muse
Michelle Tortora

Class of 2025
Dale Buie
David Casey
Margaret Leonard
Ann Lynch
Marie Monroe
Paul White

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Rick Martindale*, Minister*
Jeanne Dennis, *Interim Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
Avery Smallwood, *Nursery Attendant*

Newsletter Feedback…

We'd like your feedback on how to improve our
Church Mouse Newsletter
for FPC members, friends and family! Share your thoughts with us
at infofpc397@gmail.com
or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!