

Network News

Beloved in the Lord,

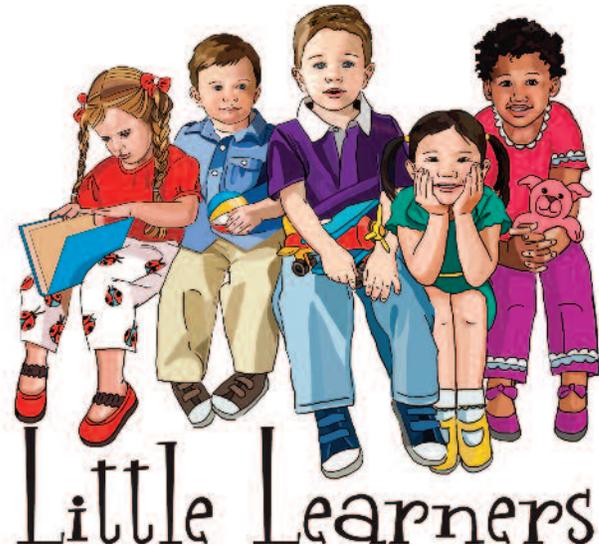
Your Christian Education Team and Session have a dream for our youth on Sunday mornings. We dream of a new Sunday School experience where

- Children are excited to attend each week
- Teachers are excited about their lessons
- Children learn Bible stories that they don't forget as soon as they leave the building
- Intergenerational interaction is the norm
- Teachers are happy, if not eager, to be asked to teach Sunday school
- Expensive curriculum is a thing of the past
- Art projects are more than just 5-minute crafts that get tossed away that very afternoon
- Children don't always have to sit still and don't always have to be quiet
- A large percentage of the congregation is involved in one way or another
- Boredom is a thing of the past
- Entire families are reached by the stories and lessons that the children learn
- Unchurched children are invited, feel comfortable, and want to return
- Everyone is having FUN!!!

Do you share our dream?

This summer the CE Team discovered a new (to us) way to do Sunday School called the Workshop Rotation Model (**WoRM**, for short).

What is the **WoRM**? **WoRM** is a Sunday School model which uses *workshops* instead of *classrooms*. One Bible story is taught over several Sundays, and the children attend a different workshop each week to experience the story from different perspectives. One rotation may last 4-6 weeks, with about seven different rotations being taught over the school year. We have divided the children into two teams of mixed ages, with an adult **Guide** shepherding each team for the entire rotation. Our **Teachers** will teach the same



workshop twice in one rotation, once to each team. So, each week the teams will have a **Guide** and a **Teacher** with them in their workshops.

Every rotation will begin with a combined class where I will introduce all the kids to the new story and then Shelia will hold a Youth Choir rehearsal. Over the following four or five weeks the teams will head to one of the new "classrooms" dedicated solely to one activity for that rotation. These flexible spaces might be set up for Art, Cooking, Cinema, Science, Creative Thinking, or a Puppet Theater.

The WoRM model recognizes that the keys to retention are *repetition* and an appeal to a *variety* of ways in which children learn. While the WoRM is not a panacea for all of the difficulties associated with Sunday School, many churches that have converted to this approach report encouraging results. Our first rotations will be

Exodus: Through Water and Wilderness

This workshop teaches the four important Exodus "water and wilderness" episodes: Red Sea Crossing, Bitter Water Made Sweet, Manna from Heaven, and Water from the Rock. We fear and doubt – God saves and guides. We complain – God gives. We get

Special Dates in September

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tony Amos
- 2 Emma Sartelle
- 3 Ken Padgett
- 4 Gladys McMillan
Slim Ruddell
- 8 Jaliyah Thorton
- 13 Maddi Smith
- 15 Donna McIntyre
Roberta Siegriest
- 20 Anna Hamilton
Winton Southerland
- 24 Jan Carrier
- 27 Brianna Thorton
- 30 Carol Mayo



*Please send birthday updates
and additions to Elaine Miller,
selainemiller54@hotmail.com.*



SUNDAY ASSISTANTS IN WORSHIP

Dates	Liturgists	Usher Leaders	Treasurer Assistants
Sept. 4*	Opal Amos	Connie Kellum	Opal Amos
Sept. 11	Sue Lowery	Barbara Krause	Mary Ellen Andrews
Sept. 18	Gary Danford	Tim Hunter	Connie Kitchen
Sept. 25	Opal Amos	Connie Kellum	Tim Hunter

*Nancy Gladden, Labor Day Weekend

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for the Worship Service, please sign up on the sheet across from Pastor Marie's office, or call the Church office.

Network News of the First Presbyterian Church

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A monthly publication of First Presbyterian Church—its purpose is to inform members and friends of the meetings and programs of the church, to provide newsworthy articles, and to strengthen communications in our church family.

Please send news and articles to the newsletter editor.

October 2016 Newsletter Submission DeadlineThursday, September 22

- MinistersThe People of the Church
- Interim PastorThe Reverend Marie Cone
- Choir DirectorJeff Story
- Organist.....Sheila Miller
- Pre-School Director.....Melody Abshear
- Church Secretary.....Gloria Parker
- Newsletter Editor.....Lisa Colwell, (910) 937-0190, colwellster@gmail.com

Evangelism Opportunities

Collecting School Supplies – Begin the School Year with Prayer and Action (Aug. – Sept. 11)

As the new year begins, we lift school children, teachers, and administration in prayer for a safe and productive year. We are collecting school supplies to provide hope and encouragement for those needing assistance.

Collection bins are located in the entrance to the sanctuary and outside the church office. The supplies will be dedicated during the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 11.

SUPPLY LIST for Clyde Erwin Elementary Magnet School

Clorox wipes • Dry erase markers • Ziplock bags (any size) • Hand sanitizer (large size)
Construction paper • Printer/Copier paper • #2 Pencils • Colored pencils • Blue or black pens
Elmer's Glue • Book bags • Post-its

Looking Ahead – Operation Christmas Child 2016

Now is the time to find items to fill the shoeboxes on sale. Begin shopping early and save. The collection dates for the boxes are Nov. 14-21, 2016.



EDUCATE...EQUIP...EMPOWER

Presbytery's E3 LEARNING FAIR Partners with Union Presbyterian Seminary

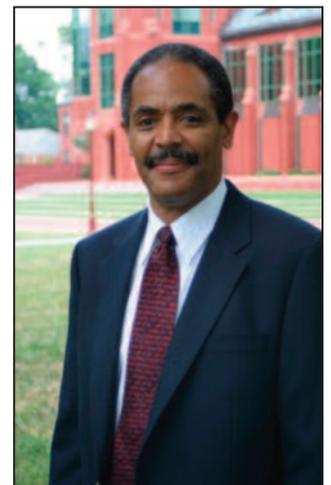
You are invited to Presbytery's annual E3 Learning Fair **Saturday, September 17** in Elizabethtown – Connect with good ideas to strengthen your service and participation in the church. The Learning Fair has a new format this year welcoming faculty from Union Seminary to be our session instructors. The E3 Learning Fair offers spiritual enrichment for all church participants.

This year's Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Brian Blount — President and Professor of New Testament in the Walter W. Moore and Charles E.S. Kraemer Presidential Chairs at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA.

Keynote Topic — *“If You Get MY Meaning: Why who we are shapes our understanding of biblical texts”*

2016 E3 Learning Fair—Schedule for Saturday, September 17

10:00 AM	Registration, Refreshments, Displays
10:30–11:45 AM	Plenary with Keynote
12 Noon	Lunch & Bookstore
1:00–2:00 PM	Session #1 Workshops
2:15–3:15 PM	Session #2 Workshops



Rev. Dr. Brian Blount

Find the E3 flyer and registration forms are posted on the educational building hallway bulletin board. Registration forms can be given to Kaye Bledsoe (kayebledsoe@presbycc.org or 910-389-2592. Online registration is available at www.presbycc.org.

GUESS WHAT!!!

We will be receiving a new Defibrillator very soon, thanks to the inquiry from our preschool staff and one very special church member who has offered to purchase it! We are so excited for this generous donation! Be on the lookout for its appearance above the first aid kit near Pastor Marie's office!

– Memorial Subcommittee

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angry – God forgives. God leads us through the wilderness – we should trust God and follow in faith.

Deborah

Discover the courage of Deborah, the female judge. Learn about the foreshadowing of the need for a leader who wouldn't die – Jesus!

Advent: Mary Accepts, Magnifies, and Ponders

Who is this young girl chosen by God to give birth to and raise our Lord? Learn how her servant spirit and overflowing heart sets the tone for our servant spirit and Christmas celebration.

Personally, I am very excited about trying this new approach at First Presbyterian. In my last church it was in full swing when I arrived and children, parents, and staff were all enthusiastic about it. I have committed to doing the overall planning for this first year and to leading a workshop during each rotation. In the weeks ahead, look for opportunities for ways in which **YOU** can be involved! This is a wonderful way to get to know the children of the church, to “love our kids into the Kingdom,” and to fulfill the promises we made at their baptisms!! Don't miss out!!!

Proverbs 22:6

Train children in the right way, and
when old, they will not stray.

Yours and His,
Pastor Marie

A Special Note

Dear Congregation,
I would like to thank you all so much for the opportunity that I had of serving through your church. The people here are so nice and caring from the minute I first walked through the door.
I have learned a lot while being here.

These experiences have caused me to grow, both as a musician and as a Christian.

Again, thank you for letting me use my gifts for God.

God Bless,
Grace Beacham

“People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT

Teaching Children Worship in the Sanctuary

The next three months of worship will hold a unique, important, and wonderful time for the children of our congregation. During the worship service, Pastor Marie will talk with them about each part or act of worship in our service. Beginning on Sunday, September 18 with the Call to Worship, the practice and purpose of each act of worship will be presented to the children.

Each Sunday they will come forward to learn about that particular act of worship. Because of the importance for children of experiencing the actual act of worship and learning about it at the same time, ***we will match those two events exactly.*** The children will be invited to come forward for a brief Children's Message ***immediately before the particular act of worship*** rather than after the First Scripture Reading as they usually do.



To compliment this experiential learning about worship within the worship experience, we will provide

1. A topical ***Children's Worship Activity Page***
2. An enrichment activity for the younger children who leave the sanctuary during the sermon

Families are encouraged to continue this teaching about worship at home during the week. Talk about the act of worship for the day on your way home. Mention it during the week; wonder with them what comes next and what Pastor Marie might say about it. To enhance this at-home conversation and reinforce the learning, we will have available a sheet of ideas for following up on each topic.

We look forward to exploring the parts of the worship service with the children, but these Children's Messages are not just for children! As a congregation we all will more fully understand the purpose and practices of our worship traditions. Join us every Sunday!

*In Christ's Service,
The Christian Education Committee Team and Pastor Marie*



Hello, everyone!

We are very excited to begin the 2016-17 preschool school year! We are very pleased to be welcoming our new teachers, **Ms. Shelby** and **Ms. Kara** in our 3 year old classroom and **Ms. Jennifer** in our 4 year old classroom. We look forward to all

of their new ideas to help further our learning experiences!

Preschool orientation is August 31 at 10:30 a.m. Our first day of school will be Wednesday, September 7. Some of our first themes will be Apples and Bears. We will take our annual field trip to the Fire Station on Wednesday, September 28. The children always enjoy meeting the Firefighters and learning about fire safety.

This school year, we are excited to be extending an invitation for church members to volunteer with the preschool. If you have any talents or time that you would like to share with us, please pick up a form in the church office from **Ms. Gloria**. We keep very busy and would be very grateful for any support that you may be able and willing to offer. No contribution is too small. We have many volunteer opportunities ranging from handing out Halloween candy, to cooking, to reading to the children.

We are very blessed to have you as a part of our preschool family!

With Gratitude, Jessica Arnold

Continued Prayers for...



At Home

Martha Jacob
Macie Ruddell
Slim Ruddell
Roberta Siegriest

In Hospitals, Nursing Homes or Rehab Centers

Lei Ashley – Onslow House
Donna McIntyre – Liberty Commons
Dot Keel – Liberty Commons



Our Mission

The Spirit calls us to

Welcome all:

Sure and Unsure
Whole and Broken
Insiders and Outsiders

Grow more like Christ as we
explore issues of faith together; and to

Serve with gratitude and grace to the
glory of God

Welcoming 🌿 Growing 🌿 Serving

Financials

July 2016

General Fund\$15,366
Building Fund\$580

Through August, 2016

General Fund:

Income\$106,333
Expenses\$120,248

*In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God. — Philippians 4:6*

Time and Talent — It has been several years since our Church family has completed a Time and Talent form. The forms have been in the Sunday bulletin and can also be obtained in the church office or on our website (go to About Us > Resources). The forms have been updated and we are asking every individual to complete a form even if you filled out a form years ago. We will compile this list so it can assist the session and ministry teams of our church with matching your time and talents so that we can all continue growing in Christ. Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete the Time and Talent form.

Thank you for your support — The Stewardship Team

Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at First Presbyterian on Saturday, August 20, for Josiah Morton, a member of the Scouts that we sponsor. Congratulations Josiah!





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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Check out our website –
www.jacksonvillepresbyterian.com!**

If you have an event or meeting that needs to be added to the online calendar, please e-mail your event info – **Event Title, Date(s), Time(s), Location, and Details** – to Lisa (see page 2 for e-mail address).

Some people seek counseling because a specific life issue seems to be getting in their way.

Other people seek counseling because they recognize they are unhappy or dissatisfied, but are not sure why.

Some people face difficult life circumstances and feel like there are few choices.

Whatever your reason for considering counseling, we can help.

The Presbyterian Counseling Center offers professional, experienced counseling that combines the insights of psychotherapy with the traditional art of pastoral care.

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(910) 452-7370 www.presbyteriancounselingcenter.org

Session Notes

Stated Session Meeting, August 16, 2016: Members present: Opal Amos, Mary Ellen Andrews, Gary Danford, Tim Hunter, Connie Kellum, Barbara Krause, Sue Lowery, Dan Roerman, Ariel Rymoff, and Bobby Sheegog. Also present were Pastor Marie Cone, Moderator, Brad Kuegel, Treasurer, and Rev. LaVera Parato, pastor at Antioch Presbyterian Church.

Action Items

Approval of study leave for Pastor Marie as follows: 2 days (September 27-29) to attend an evangelism seminar in Richmond, VA, and one day (October 11) to attend the NC Women's Preaching Festival

Approval of vacation leave for Pastor Marie as follows: 2 days (October 23 and 24), one day (November 13), and 2 days between Christmas and New Year (December 28 and 29)

Approval of Rally Day Septembers 11, to include Blessing of the Backpacks and the annual church picnic/dessert auction

Approval of Trunk or Treat October 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Approval of Sunday School curricula as follows:

Beulah Sadler Class: The Present Word

Agape Class: Efid Bible Study

Men's Class: Journey through the Bible

Children's Classes: Rotation Model

Same Bible story for five weeks

Taught in different ways: choir, video, creative writing, art/cooking, and puppets

Two different groups, two different stations each Sunday

Authorized Personnel Ministry Team to research Board of Pensions health insurance for support staff, compare to present coverage, and make decision based on best option for church secretary

By consensus, authorized Preschool Ministry Team to request Memorial Subcommittee to investigate and purchase a defibrillator for the church

Pastor's Report

Preaching & Teaching

Preached seven out of seven Sundays

Planned and led a Service of Lament which was followed by refreshments and conversation

Led seven Evening Dinner and Study events at my home (average attendance: 8)

Administration

Prepared monthly Letter from the Pastor for the newsletter

Staff Meetings: I meet with Gloria at least once a week

Attended Meetings: Session, CE, Preschool Board, Stewardship, Worship

Attended East Community Ministers Group monthly meeting

Attended Coastal Carolina Presbytery Interim Collegium

Completed Worship Planning through the end of 2016

Prepared two proposals for CE including: 2016/2017 Confirmation Class, moving to a Rotation Model for Children's Sunday School

Planned next two sessions of Evening Dinner and Study, through end of 2016. We are now meeting on Thursdays at my home.

Attended the East Community Pastor Retreat at Trinity Center in Emerald Isle

Began planning Preschool Chapels for 2016-2017

Began planning Moms Group Study for the Preschool moms

Pastoral Care & Nurture

Home Visitation: One: Winton and Jackie Southerland

Hospital Visitation: Four: Olive Downing (x2 at Onslow, x1 at Vidant), Winton Southerland (x1 at Vidant)

Homebound Communion: Two: Olive Downing and Winton Southerland

Funerals: One for a non-member: Grace H. Marion at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery (at the request of Andrews Mortuary in Wilmington, NC)

Lunch with the Pastor: One

Fellowship/Mission Events: Three: all private events

Meetings with Individuals: Five

Other

Holiday: 1; Vacation: 0; Study Leave: 2; Sick Leave: 0

Rev. LaVera Parato, pastor at Antioch Presbyterian Church, gave highlights of recent meeting of General Assembly in Portland, OR: changes in Directory of Worship in Book of Order requiring approval by Presbyteries in area of sacraments, allowing open table theology; requirement that all churches adopt a Child and Youth Protection Policy (we have already adopted this policy); return to former terminology: "Minister of the Word and Sacraments," "Elder," and "Commissioned Lay Pastor" to replace "Teaching Elder," "Ruling Elder," and "Commissioned Ruling Elder;" apologies: race issues, LGBT (issued a Statement of Regret); voted for selective divestment of investments. Bobby Sheegog reported on the Gathering of the East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina: gatherings of each of the three Communities serve as Presbytery meetings; recognition of retiring pastors; missions fair highlighting projects of churches; worship service led by dynamic pastor urging Southern hospitality by all churches; inspirational music by two members of Wallace Presbyterian Church.

Discussion Items:

Christian Education: (copied from report submitted)

Discussed Rally Day activities, dessert auction and blessing of the backpacks; will coordinate with Fellowship Team.

Discussed and planned for proposed Rotation Model for Sunday School for the children, tentatively to begin Sunday, September 11; plans for Trunk or Treat (proposed Saturday, October 29, 6:00-8:00), with coordination between CE,

Session Notes

Fellowship, and Evangelism. Confirmation classes to begin early fall (September or October), 12 total sessions (10 learning sessions, one meeting with Session, then Confirmation Sunday), ending early spring. Team discussed having at least one quarterly even with the youth; will discuss more at next meeting.

Congregational Care: Members have made ten visits and plan to accompany Pastor Marie on visits; Team is amending the Congregational Care model.

Evangelism/Missions: Collecting backpacks of school supplies to be delivered to Clyde Erwin School.

Preschool: (Copied from submitted report)

Concerns involved the number of applicants interviewed and the lack of active interest due to low salaries. Pastor Marie revised Jessica's budget proposal in order to increase salaries and include items such as custodial salary and purchase of new playground equipment. The new budget was approved along with the decision to move \$10,000 from the preschool checking account to the church general fund. Jessica presented the 2016-17 calendar with minor changes, including the Wednesday a.m. mom's prayer group with Marie on Wednesdays, 9 – 10:00 a.m., beginning in October. The new preschool staff has been hired and will begin workdays August 22 with orientation on the 31st and first day on September 7. A CPR class is scheduled for August 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., for five participants and can include any others interested for a \$55 fee. (Since the CPR class includes defibrillator training and Gloria will be a participant, the committee decided to present the idea to the Session of purchasing a defibrillator for the church.) *Clerk's note:* see authorization in Action Items above. This year the preschool staff hopes to include church members by welcoming all who are interested to read a story, share an experience, or help with activities. At present the enrollment count is 20 with 8 applications out – an anticipated 28 students.

Property: Members received a copy of a check in the amount of \$2,044.22 from Duke Energy reimbursing for repairs/replacement of items damaged by power surge: wireless thermostat, \$973.20; answering machine, \$29.95; printer, \$320.99; fan, \$30.82; organ repair, \$480.67; computer CPU, \$208.59. A discussion was held regarding the need for high-quality security cameras; Property will investigate.

Stewardship: (Copied from submitted report)

Ministry Teams will be asked to prepare budget for Treasurer in September. A narrative budget, like the one used in 2015, will be made based on Ministry Teams' budgets. The budget will be sent to the congregation early November for prayerful consideration.

Dedication Sunday will be November 20.

Reminder that there is money in the Memorial account for special requests that fit Memorial guidelines. If your team has a request, please submit to Marilyn Danford. Financial Statements were reviewed by the Treasurer and team. Based on the summer months, we were in agreement that the finances of the church were in line with expectations and budget.

Treasurer: Report for month ended July was presented with no extraordinary expenditures.

Worship: (Copied from submitted report)

Pastor Marie has worship services prepared through September, with the rest of the year soon to follow. She is requesting pulpit supply for 2016 for the following dates: 10/16, 11/13, as well as for 01/01/17. Children's worship beginning this fall will be TEACHING CHILDREN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY—the various parts of our worship service will be taught to the children as these parts naturally occur during our worship service. Changes coming from General Assembly relative to Worship and Communion... pending vote. Our church bulletin will add (under worship leaders) "Acolytes": children of the church.

Mark Your Calendars:

August 21, 2016 – Head Usher Training, 9:30, Sunday morning in the sanctuary
December 4, 2016: Hanging of the Green service (during 11:00 worship service)
December 18, 2016: Choir cantata

Please note that Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are Saturday and Sunday this year.

Homebound communion was shared with the Southerlands and Olive Downing (Pastor Marie); others will be contacted for this quarter; may be served at times other than communion Sunday ...pending.

Communion setup schedule:

Sept.: Jenifer Bean; Oct.: Pete and Mary Ellen Andrews; Nov.: Dan Roemerman & Tony Amos; Dec.: pending
Worship team members will continue to advertise training for communion set-up for those who expressed an interest on the time and talent sheets.
A note from Grace Beacham (substitute pianist during July) expressing her appreciation for the church's hospitality was shared.

Sue Lowery
Clerk of Session