

FOCUS

ONE FAMILY



January 4, 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 a.m. ~ "Care and Prayer" (Session Room)

9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship in the Chapel

Ordination and Installation of Officers

**Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing
God Has Called Us by Robert Hobby**

4:00 p.m. ~ Service of Installation for Pastor Nick
Reception to Follow in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. ~ Youth Group (West Building)

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP Bob Smith
ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Pam George

WORSHIP AT HOME Robin Thames, Dee Dailey

TELLER DUTY Susan D. Osteen, Dee Dailey

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (January 8-14)

Pam George

USHERS Bronwyn McElveen, Susan D. Osteen

JUNIOR USHERS Cameron Coulter, Ansley Blanding

YOUTH LITURGIST Duncan James

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED

CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Anna Moorman

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Chris & Kimberly White



**WELCOME REVEREND
ASHLEY CHEEK
TO OUR STAFF!**

First Presbyterian is happy to announce that the Rev. Ashley Cheek has accepted a position as Pastor of Family Life. We are grateful and blessed to have Ashley with us.

Ashley's position will be devoted to supporting, guiding and nurturing our families with children and youth as well as our volunteers who work with our young people.

We believe in the importance of Family ministry and the vital role families play in the faith development of our children and youth. Hiring Ashley is another step in the right direction.

Ashley has a rich history of ministry with families. She has worked at Central Steele Creek in Charlotte as a Director of Christian Education, as well as Associate Pastor of Family Life at Woods Memorial Presbyterian in Maryland.

Ashley officially came on staff Sunday, January 1. As she will be working part time, you will find Ashley in the office most mornings and spending time out and about with members. Please welcome Ashley into the fold when you see her next!



If you are a serious Christmas celebrator, than you may still have your tree up until this Friday, which is Epiphany. Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi, better known as the Three Kings or Wise Men. Epiphany is a strange word. We hear it during the Christmas season, but we also use it to describe a "light bulb"

moment, or when we've suddenly been enlightened by a new truth or awareness. "I've had an Epiphany", we say.

The Magi traveled toward the Bethlehem Star looking for a king. They found one in the form of a little baby and the scripture says that when they left they did so "by another way." Through an encounter with Christ, they had received an epiphany that literally changed their direction.

The celebration of Epiphany is a reminder that the Christ Child has come to enlighten the world with a new truth. A truth that we serve a God who no longer lives in the heavens, but has chosen to live with us –and even more than that – to live inside of us. That's an incredible Epiphany!

As we put our trees on the curb and pack up the ornaments, let us not pack up the miracle of Emmanuel too. Let us not forget that the light of the world is still living and revealing epiphanies to us and to the world.

Happy Epiphany!

Pastor Nick

*You are invited
to a
Service of Installation
for
Reverend Nick Cheek
Sunday, January 8, 2017
4:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary*

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

- 6:00 p.m. Deacons MeetingMcLaurin Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86 Scout Hut

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 11:30 a.m. Worship & MusicParlor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 12:00 p.m. Lectionary LunchMcLaurin Room
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

- 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Min. TeamParlor

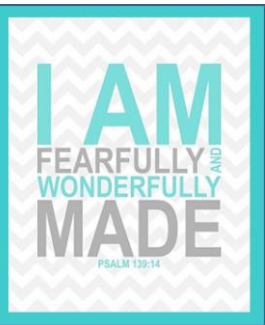
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 ~ Preschool Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:00 a.m. “Care and Prayer Session Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
- 11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir..... Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Youth BellsFellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group West Building

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Church Office & Preschool Closed**



**LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER FOR THE
CONGREGATIONAL
RETREAT!**

February 17-19, 2017

Doubletree Resort
(formerly Springmaid Beach Resort)
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Brandon Frick. He has an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Religion from Baylor University. He has written and presented extensively on creation, particularly in his dissertation “Covenantal Ecology: The Promise of Covenant for a Christian Environmental Ethic” and in his chapter “Covenant and Creation” in the book “Genesis and Christian Theology.” He currently serves Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, Maryland as the Associate Pastor for Adult Education, Small Groups and Young Adults.

Claire Tomkinson, will engage our youth with creative ways to explore and deepen their faith.

Kelly Boone-Sloan, Director of New Harmony Presbytery’s Camp Pee Dee, and her staff will lead the children.

Registration forms are available on the table outside the church office and in the pew racks. Fill one out today!!

Registration deadline is January 11, 2017!

**LECTIONARY LUNCH
WITH PASTOR NICK**

**Wednesdays in the
McLaurin Room
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

Bring your lunch and enjoy a discussion of the lectionary reading for the following Sunday. All ages are welcome!



PRESBYTERIAN MEN



First Presbyterian Men of the Church will meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 9, in the Fellowship Hall. Keith Ivey, with the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, will be our speaker, and Ted Hardy will be preparing our meal. This will be the perfect way to fill up on food and fellowship before the big game. So, please join us for the pregame assembly, and may the best team win!

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS



Allergies to foods that contain nuts or gluten can cause significant problems if ingested. In an effort to promote an awareness of food allergies and alert you to foods at FPC covered dish meals and receptions that contain nuts or are gluten-free, we are asking that you label foods that you donate for these events. Please clearly mark your items that contain nuts or are gluten-free. The kitchen helpers will place a label on a floral pic to alert those with concerns about what they are eating. We appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Janet Kuhlmann

At Home: Betty Crosby,
Charles Shaw,
Linda Montague,

Anne Bell (11 Holland East Ct, Simpsonville, SC 29681)

Names added to this list will be removed after three weeks unless there is a continued need or a request to remain on the list.



FOCUS ON FINANCES

Weeks Beginning 12/18 and 12/25/2016

	Received		Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$46,103.27	\$736,739.39	\$742,328.00
*Other Sources	<u>\$361.63</u>	<u>\$133,839.54</u>	<u>\$155,565.00</u>
	\$46,464.90	\$870,578.93	\$897,893.00
Disbursements	\$42,495.34	\$850,915.66	\$895,694.30
Surplus	\$3,969.56	\$19,663.27	\$2,198.70

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*

