
WORSHIP

Carolina Chamber Music Concert

Carolina Chamber Music Festival will hold its Festive Family Concert in the Session House on Sunday, February 26, at 3:00PM. The concert is free, and will feature professional musicians and local student flutist Juliette Lafargue and violist Erik Wright. You may meet the musicians at a reception following the concert.

Lent Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show

If you can whistle, tell jokes, dance, sing or play an instrument, we'd love to have you participate in our Talent Show February 21. Keep your performance to 3 minutes or less, and let Pat Rowlett know that you're willing! (See Fellowship for details).

Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 7:30PM in the Sanctuary on February 22nd. Please join us for the liturgy of healing, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion by way of intinction.

Lenten Lunch Series begins Tues., Feb. 28th at 12:05PM in the Session House and continues each Tuesday thru April 3rd. This year's theme is "The First and Second Letters of John" presented by various speakers. Each session is followed by a light lunch prepared by Presbyterian Women.

Lenten Noon Series begins Wed., Feb. 29th from 12PM to 1PM in the Ministry Center Chapel and runs each Wednesday thru April 4th. The topic will be *Lent in Merton's Palace of Nowhere* and is led by Dr. Christa Metzger. The Book: Merton's Palace of Nowhere, was written by James Finley, a disciple of Thomas Merton's while in the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky in the 1960's. Merton is considered one of the greatest mystics and spiritual writers of the last century.

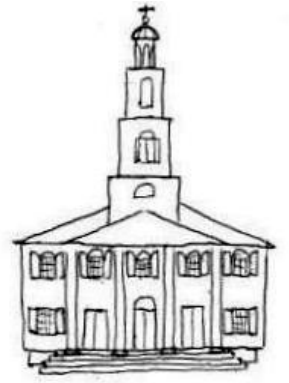
Lenten Evening Prayer begins Wed., Feb. 29th at 5:30PM and continues each Wednesday thru April 4th in the Ministry Center Chapel. Led by Rev. Lloyd Griffith, it is a time to take a spiritual breath in the middle of a busy week. More information is available on our website and in the forthcoming First Edition Newsletter on all of these Lenten Events.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FCG Fellowship Ctr Gym; **THR** Taylor History Room
SHM Session House Main (Rm); **SHL** Library; **SHP** Parlor;
LH Lighthouse; **MC** Ministry Center

SUNDAY	February 19
8:25 AM	Worship Service
9:40 AM	Sunday School (see schedules)
10:55 AM	Worship Service
11:00 AM	Biblical House of God/FCG
12:00 PM	Kids on Mission/SHM
2:00 PM	Montagnard Worship (in Jarai Language)/SHM
6:00 PM	Youth Group (Non-skiers)/SHM
MONDAY	February 20
2:00 PM	Knit for Others/SHP
4:00 PM	Covenant Choir /MC 2.08
6:00 PM	Southern Surgical/LH
7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study/MC 1.27
TUESDAY	February 21
8:00 AM	Prayer Group/SHL
9:30 AM	Office Staff Meeting/MC 1.07
1:30 PM	Seasoned Citizens/SHP
3:15 PM	Kinderchoir/MC 2.08
5:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper/FCG
6:15 PM	Men's AA (CBB)/LH
7:00 PM	New Bern Interfaith Series/Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	February 22
11:45 AM	Preschool Choir/MC 2.08
6:45 PM	Daybreak/Sanctuary Choir/MC 2.08
7:00 PM	Biblical House of God/FCG
7:30 PM	AA (Women's C)/SHP
7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary
THURSDAY	February 23
7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study/SHM
5:30 PM	Outreach Commission/SHP
6:15 PM	AA (C12x12)/LH
7:00 PM	HC #1/offsite
FRIDAY	February 24
SATURDAY	February 25
9:00 AM	Men's AA (Closed)/LH

Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invites all who are led to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in discipleship through his body the Church to join our congregation. Members are received in one of the following three ways: Profession of Faith and Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Letter of Transfer.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS and envelopes are in the pew racks. If you have a burden or concern on your heart that you would like someone to pray for, please fill out the Prayer Request Card, slip it into a privacy envelope, and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to contact someone from the Prayer Care Team, please call Sally Saggio at 634-2679. All requests are kept strictly confidential. *Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.* Psalm 5:2

RECORDING OF SERVICES

Our worship services are recorded and are available for listening on our website. A sermon manuscript is also available in the Church Office.

VISITORS

Information packets are available in the front and back vestibules. Please feel free to take one.

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COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

ADMINISTRATION

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, March 4th a Congregational Meeting will be held to conduct the following business: 1) Election of 4 at-large congregational members to the 2012-13 Nominating Committee; 2) Sale of the Manse; and 3) Treasurer's Report .

Financial Report

Contributions:	<u>Receipts 2.12.12</u>	<u>2012 YTD</u>
Operating Fund	\$18,175	\$97,788
Capital Campaign	\$ 8,585	\$18,056

Total Church Debt as of Feb. 12, 2012 \$2,030,284

Name Badges

If you have requested a new name badge, please remember to pick it up in the back vestibule. The box is duly marked. Thanks!

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One-On-One Prayer

Members of the Prayer Team are available the last Sunday of each month following the 10:55AM worship service, to pray with anyone who has a concern or need. One-On-One Prayer is held in the Ministry Center Chapel, Room 1.25.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth and Children Classes:

Pre-K - 1st Grade: "Live Big" Curriculum, Room MC 1.24

Teacher: Claudy Jones

2nd & 3rd Grade: "Live Big" Curriculum, Room MC 2.23

Teacher: Olivia Peterson

4th & 5th Grade: "Live Big" Curriculum, Room MC 2.24

Teachers: Rebecca Jernigan and Shelly Goulette

6th-7th-8th Grades: "Re:Form Curriculum, Room MC 2.25

Teachers: Kim Avolis, Jennifer East & Gayle Hardy

9th thru 12th Grades: "Faith Questions", Room MC 2.21

Teachers: Karen Reed and Bill Hawkins

Adult Education Opportunities – Winter Quarter 2011-12

Sundays, Feb. 19th & 26th – 9:40-10:40AM

MC Ministry Center

SHM Session House Main Room; **SHP** Session House Parlor

1 – Christendom/MC 2.26-2.27

2 – Faith & Fiction: Selected Stories of John Cheever/MC 1.25

3 - Koinonia Class/SHM

4 - Mary Bryan Hollister Class/SHP

5 –Homebuilders Class/MC 1.26

Adult Education Opportunities – Spring Quarter 2012

Beginning Sunday, March 4th – 9:40-10:40AM

1 – Faith and Science/SHM

Leader – Phil Smith

Book: *Science and Religion* by Thomas Dixon

2 – Hymns of Faith/MC 2.26-2.27

Leader – Varies weekly

Materials: Selected hymnbooks

3 - Mary Bryan Hollister Class/SHP

Leader – Nancy Chiles

Booklet: The Present Word, *God's Creative Word*

The Interfaith Series

Four Part Series entitled: *Our Shared Roots: Understanding Judaism, Christianity and Islam through their Sacred Texts*. Speakers include Brent Schlottman, Marsha Luhrs of Temple B'Nai Sholem, Dr. Saeed Dar of the Islamic Center in Greenville, and Juli Gicker Anderson, A Presbyterian Minister.

Tues. 2/21 – First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary 7-9PM

“Our Relationship to God”

Tues. 2/28 – Temple B'Nai Sholem 7-9PM

“Our Relationship to Creation”

Tues. 3/6 – Temple B'Nai Sholem 7-9PM

“Our Relationship to Family”

Tues. 3/20 – Temple B'Nai Sholem 7-9PM

“Our Relationship to Money”

Men's Bible Study – Thursday mornings at 7AM/SHM

Leader: Ron Saggio

Women's Bible Study – Monday evenings at 7PM/SHP

Book: *How to Worship as a Presbyterian*, by Dean Chapman

Youth Group

17 youth and 4 adults left Friday afternoon for their Ski and Serve Trip to Boone/Banner Elk. They will stay at the Holston Presbytery Retreat Center, spend a full day skiing at Sugar Mountain and a half day serving at the Hospitality House in Boone, NC before heading home on Sunday. Please keep all the participants in your prayers for a safe, fun, trip.

For those youth who did not go on the ski trip...the youth will meet for dinner and a movie. Meet at the Session House at 6PM to see *Brian's Song!*

Kids On Mission

Kids on Mission will meet today following the 10:55AM worship service. We will meet in the Session House Main Room. We will have lunch, games and a mission project. If you are in grades 3-5, please plan to join us!

FELLOWSHIP

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

On February 21, we will gather to enjoy our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show (See Worship). Come splurge on pancakes and sausage while you adorn yourself with cheap, bright jewelry and visit with our church family. If you would like to be involved in the pancake cooking, just let Alene Schlottman know (514-6834). Young and not so young alike are welcome to share the fun. We will begin serving at 5:30PM in the JM Smith Center.

Baseball Coaches Needed!

First Pres is in need of coaches for our Rookie (7 & 8 yrs. old) and Major (11 & 12 yrs. old) League teams. Could you spare a couple of hours per week to help the kids? If you are interested, please call Claudy Jones at 637-3270 for more details.

Lunch Wagon

March 2nd Lunch Wagon will go to Aurora to take a tour of the potash facility. We will eat lunch at the Wayside Restaurant and visit the Fossil Museum and Gift Shop. The museum is free (donations are accepted), and the potash tour will be by company bus. We plan to leave from the Church Parking Lot at 10:30AM and return by 4:30 or 5PM. This event is full, but you may call the Church Office at 637-3270 to be added to the waiting list in the event of a cancellation.

Our **April** outing will be the **SECOND** Friday of April (April 13th) since Good Friday is on the first Friday. Don't be "down in the dumps" about it though, we are visiting the Coastal Environmental Partnership in Tuscarora. It's not what you think, it's a state of the art facility featuring recycling and encapsulating. Lunch will be at Moore's BBQ. See more details in the March newsletter.

OUTREACH

JM Smith Center Temporarily Hosts Church

Through the month of February, the Biblical House of God Holiness Church is our guest and will be using our gym to hold their services while their church is being renovated. Their pastor is the Rev. Paulette Bryant. Their worship services are held Sunday at 11AM and Wednesday from 7:30PM to 9PM.