

August 5, 2024



First Word

“To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope.”

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Well, it's been an interesting few weeks here in God's Country. Connie and I enjoyed a two week vacation which began with eight days in Snow Creek, VA. This is where my retirement home is situated. We have decided to put my home on the market and so we needed to do some cleaning up and repairs before the realtor could list the property. Connie cleaned and cleared out cabinets in the kitchen. It never occurred to me that the expiration date on products actually meant that they should be tossed in the garbage. Why would herbs and spices that were dated “use before January 1982) no longer be any good? Oh well, what do us men know? And while she was doing her thing, I was replacing some of the decking boards that were dangerously rotted. That's when it happened. My left foot got entangled with my right foot and down I went. I have often heard people tell about falling; how helpless they felt, how embarrassing it was. Well, I concur. I found myself headed for a stone wall with my head and I threw up my right arm to shield my head. The result was a badly scrapped arm and I ended up wedged between the wall and the corner of a cabinet. The cabinet was inserted between two ribs. I really wasn't sure I could extricate myself. But after what seemed like 20 minutes I did. Actually, it was only about three minutes. A visit to the local urgent care unit the next morning confirmed that I had broken no bones, thank heavens! But that knowledge did not stop the pain every time I coughed.

We then took a few days of rest and relaxation at Lake Lure out in Western North Carolina. I'm not used to doing nothing all day. So we drove across the mountain to Black Mountain and Montreat. Connie had never visited Montreat. I wanted her to see where old worn-out Presbyterian ministers go to watch the sunsets. And one day we drove up to Asheville and took the sight-seeing bus around town. I've been to Asheville many times before, but had no idea the history and literary culture existed there in the 1800's and early 1900-'s. As we drove back to Scotland County my head began to tighten up and my breathing did also. Not a good way to complete a much needed vacation!

And then, upon arriving at the office on Monday morning I discovered an invoice on my mailbox for an anti-virus program I had not purchased. They notified me that if this was not correct to call a number. I did and the end result was that the person I talked to took over my computer and wiped out all my bulletin material and sermons. **WARNING: if you get notice of a purchase which you did not make, be careful.** They did not get any money, but they have made my life a little more troublesome. I guess one is never too old to learn!

That's what is going on with me. God is still in control. My Aunt Lois (age 102+) has been moved into a nursing home. Work now begins designing my research project for my dissertation. And First Presbyterian Church of Sanford is moving on in its quest for a new Called Pastor. Praise the Lord!

Love you all, Pastor Bob



8/8: Randy Berndt, Peggy Golden,
Raymond Womble

WALKING TRACK SCHEDULE

This week's walking track volunteers:

8/5: Emily Kelly
8/6: Charlie Hicks
8/7: Julie Lemon
8/8: Don Wazenegger
8/9: Jim and Laurie Lee



This Weeks Calendar

Monday 8/5:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

Tuesday 8/6:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

6PM: Yoga

Wednesday 8/7:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

7PM: Prayer Meeting

Thursday 8/8:

9AM-12PM: Walking Track

Friday 8/9:

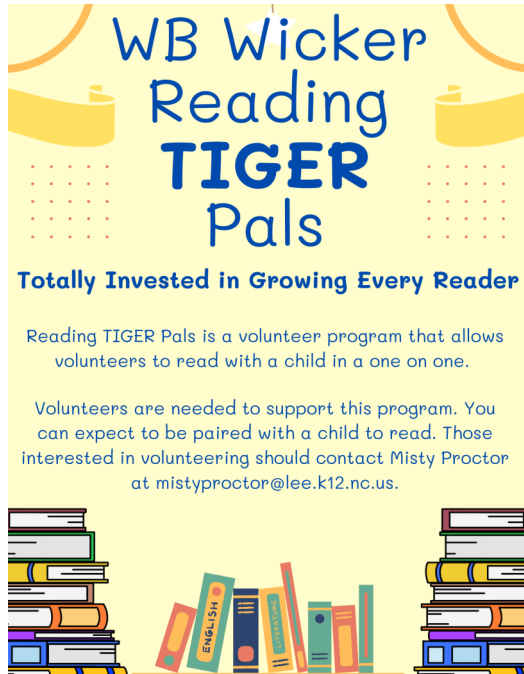
9AM-12PM: Walking Track

Sunday 8/11:

9AM: Contemporary Service

11AM: Traditional Service

4PM-6PM: Grace Gathering



If you're the first person to enter the church, please enter near a key pad in order to deactivate the alarm in a timely manner. In turn, if you are the last person to leave the church, please set the alarm. If you don't know how to arm or disarm the alarm, please contact the church office.

Anything that needs to be included in the bulletin or First Word must be submitted no later than 10am on the Wednesday before to be prepared for printing on Thursday.

-Ronnie Lemon

OUR PRAYER LIST

Parkview: Dowe Smith; Dot Boaz

Sanford Health and Rehabilitation: Lois Yow

Home or with family: Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce Benton; Ricardo Silva; Johnny Miller; Mary Alice Holmes; Jean Perry; Linda Benton

Our Friends & Family: Tiffany Scott Heron (Donna McClune's niece); James Cox; Jamey Allen (Harold James' sister); Phyllis Moore; Carolyn Herring (Bunny Paderick's niece); Greg Horrell (Bunny Paderick's brother-in-law); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Lynn Thomas (Sister-in-law of Steve and Genie Morgan); Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley); George Honeycutt (a friend and neighbor of Dean and Jana Wilkinson); Jeff Brommer (Alyce Clark's son-in-law); Earl Murphy; Stephanie Sellars from our CDC; LuAnn Miller (Rudine Miller's daughter-in-law); Jean Davenport; Marilyn Liner (Lisa Kimble's mother)

Offering Counters Schedule - August

Week 1 (8/4) John Garriss and Daryl Perry, Week 2 (8/11) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 3 (8/18) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon, Week 4 (8/25) David and Rhonda Miller

Our Lay Reader for the 9am Service is Julie Lemon . Our Lay Reader for the 11am Service is John Garriss.

Weekend Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Sanford

Saturday's FPC Clean-Up Crew



CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT



2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament Champions!



Congratulations to David Almond and Brad Marin!!!

REMINDER:

Mark your calendar for a

GRACE gathering



PURPOSE:

To review and discuss the current and future services, activities, and programs at First Presbyterian in preparation for calling a new pastor.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

ALL members are encouraged to join us for one of these discussions.

WHEN:

Sunday, August 11th or
Sunday, August 18th
at 4pm
in the Harper Center

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND A GATHERING