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JOYS AND CONCERNS



Congratulations to Mike and Kristi Brock on the birth of their granddaughter Haddon Eliza Erkens on July 30, 2023. The proud parents are Coleman and Melissa Erkens.

Congratulations to David and Nancy McGregor on the birth of their granddaughter and grandson. Callahan Rae McGregor was born August 22 and the proud parents are Drew and Haylee McGregor. Tommy Knox White was born August 24 and the proud parents are Philip and Anne White. Proud siblings Mary Jones and Wells

The Christian sympathy of the pastors and congregation is expressed to the families of Kelly Cleveland and Lisa Moorhead on the death of their mother Nancy Cochran on July 28, 2023.

The Christian sympathy of the pastors and congregation is expressed to Susan and Wes Dyar on the death of their grandson Evan Kinley on August 7, 2023 and to Thad Arnold, Evan's great-grandfather.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Our September Mission Emphasis is for **Good Neighbor Cupboard**, a local food pantry for those in our community suffering with food insecurity. We are asking for donations of peanut butter, canned tuna, canned beans and nutritious cereal such as Honey Nut Cheerios. Bring your donations to the brown bins outside the church parlor.

Beginner Yoga 4 Week Session

Thursdays in September - 6:15-7:45 pm - FLC Gym

- Learn basic yoga poses and breathing techniques
- Increase flexibility, strength, and balance
- Develop mindfulness, relaxation and meditation skills
- Boost your overall well-being

This class is designed to provide you with a solid foundation in yoga while helping you build confidence and a deeper connection with your body and mind. By the end of the 4 weeks, you'll be equipped with the tools to continue independently or progress to more advanced classes.

Yoga mats and props are available or bring your own.

This 4-week session is free. Donations are accepted to FPC Yoga Fund, which supports local charities. Instructor: Kathy Roser, RYT-500 To reserve your place, email kathyroser@aol.com by September 2.

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Wednesday Night Live @ FPC

Preschool & Elementary First Kids: Faith Formation time with your church family as you enjoy faith, fun and friendship! Class and choir for children K3 through 5th grade. Nursery is available for birth through 2 years old.

FPC Youth: Youth Bible Studies at 5:30pm. Middle School in the McDougald Room and High School Youth in the Youth Room. Both groups will have a space and conversations that are Scripture-based, relatable, and practical to the issues facing them today while growing in their faith.

Adult classes:

Great Chapters of the Bible: This pastor-led study will examine one chapter of the Bible each week and dig deep into its message and meaning. Come find out what particular chapters our pastors think are crucial to understand and formative for helping us draw nearer to God and walk more closely with Christ. Bring your Bible. Meets in the Chapel.

Rest & Refuel: Time to decompress with other young moms and catch your breath during the week. Catherine Ryan will have a closing devotional thought for your mid-week mindfulness. Meets in Room 214.

Dinner in the Kirk: Join us for dinner even if you can't make it to class! 6:30 in the Kirk, \$8/older youth and adults, \$4/kids 4-12, under 3 free. Family max \$25.

9/13 - Burgers, fries, baked beans, salad and dessert.

9/20 - Chicken pilau and sides and dessert + kids dinner option

9/27 - Taco bar and dessert.

Please reserve your meals by the previous Saturday to Alisa, alisag@fpcandersonsc.com or through the Google Form on the First Events page on the website. You can pay at the door or in advance using Venmo @firstpresanderson1



Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:30am
Faith Formation
Classes for all ages
See website for info.

10:15am
Fellowship time in the
Welcome Center

10:30am - Worship
The 10:30am service is live-streamed on YouTube, Facebook, and our website, firstpresanderson.org. Watch live or later in the day or week.

How can you support our FPC Youth:

All of these events will help support our Youth Mission Trips and Conferences this year.

Yard Work Help - If you have yard work you don't want to do or need help with, connect with our youth team to get some help. All payment/donations will be sent to the church to help.

Parents Night Out on Thursday, December 21st from 6-9pm. Sign-ups will start in Sept.

Yard Sale on Saturday, March 2nd: before you throw out or donate things in the coming months keep a pile to help us. If you have larger items like furniture contact Kari to see if we can help.

Swing for Mission Golf Tournament, April (date TBD) Stay tuned for more details coming up on how you can sign up to play or how your business can sponsor the tournament.

For more information contact Kari, karim@fpcandersonsc.com

FPC's Mission Ministry is excited to announce that this year we are sending TWO teams to the Habitat for Humanity Women Build on September 30th. Habitat is a nonprofit organization that helps people in our community and around the world have an affordable place to live in dignity and safety. This year our teams will be building the frame for a new home in Anderson, and we need to raise \$2,000 by September 10 to support them. Any amount is appreciated!

To help one (or both!!) of our teams, please visit the link(s) below:

Team I: Amelia Nelson, Team Leader; Nancy McGregor, Jenny Pray, Rosanne Pruitt and Diane Schonauer
<https://habitatanderson.charityproud.org/Fundraising/P2P/AmeliaNelson>

Team II: Jennifer Stewart, Team Leader; Susan Brown, Diane Dixon, Angel Morrill and Cindy Selch
<https://habitatanderson.charityproud.org/Fundraising/P2P/8965>





First Kids Faith Formation

Sunday morning at 9:30 am Faith Formation for preschool through 5th grade.

Wednesday Night Live Begins September 13, 2023!

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Faith Formation gatherings for 3K (age 3 by September 1) - 5th grade Followed by Dinner in the Kirk at 6:30 pm

*Nursery will be available from 5:30 - 6:30pm for children 2 years old & under.

Worship Education for First Graders Sunday, September 10, 17, and 24 Our First Graders will join us during Worship to learn more about being an active part of our worship!

We invite our First Kids age 3K through 5K to worship with us in the Sanctuary. After our Time with Young Disciples, the children will be dismissed for Extended Worship in Room 200 on the Education Hall. The nursery is available for newborns through age 2.

For more information about these events, contact Susan Brown, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation susanb@fpcandersonsc.com or 864.617.1675

FINANCES AS OF July 31, 2023

Contributions	\$624,683.41
Budget	\$647,791.34
Expenses	\$694,270.10

Contact our Financial Administrator, Angi Patrick, with any questions, 225-2551 or angip@fpcandersonsc.com



Families look for the weekly emails from Kari for more details about upcoming events.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION 9:30 -10:15am: for September

All youth come and gather together on the balcony of the Welcome Center for "Balcony Conversations" as we dive into what "Sabbath" means together this month.

GROWING & SERVING TOGETHER

Sunday, September 3rd, 1st @ First

Come serve together. We will cook, serve, clean-up dinner for our neighbors while building community together. We will start at 4:15pm (come to the door on the back of the Kirk building), pick up at 6:15pm.

Sunday, September, 10th

Youth Fellowship from 5 - 7pm in the FLC for all middle & high school youth. Dinner & Program

Sunday, September 17th

Youth Fellowship, 5 - 6:30pm Middle School @ Youth Home High School Youth @ Tedder's community clubhouse, The Ravines neighborhood off of Greenville Street

Sunday, September, 24th

Youth Fellowship from 5 - 7pm in the FLC for all middle & high school youth. Dinner & Program

YOUTH PRESBYTERY RETREATS DEPOSITS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 24th

MIDDLE SCHOOL Retreat @ Asbury Hills, November 10th - 12th

HIGH SCHOOL Retreat @ Montreat, January 5th - 7th, 2024

Contact Kari for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE Starts on Sept. 13th

Middle School Youth: Can get picked up from school if they go to Southwood, Glenview or McCants on Wednesdays in the church buses and then come back to the church or you can meet us anytime at the church after 4pm. Let Kari if you want your youth picked up from school or you will be joining us at the FLC for Bible study at 5:30pm in the McDougald Room.

High School Youth: Can come to the FLC to hang out starting anytime after 4pm on Wednesdays or you can join us in time for bible study at 5:30pm in the Youth Room.

If you have any questions or if you have any prayer requests please reach out to:

Kari Morgan, Director of Youth & Family Ministries karim@fpcandersonsc.com, #864-314-3691

Yale DIVINITY SCHOOL

Yale Bible Study

We grow in faith and discipleship by encountering God in the Bible, and by studying and interpreting the Bible—its message, its meaning, and its application to life today. —John Roberto, Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century

YOU can study the Bible with Yale Divinity School professors...right in your own home!

If you are new to Yale Bible Studies, try starting with Reading the Bible with Yale professors Harry Attridge and John Collins. Each study follows a curriculum that includes videos, study guides, reflection and discussion questions, and more. It's on your own schedule and it's free!

One of the newest offerings in the Yale collection is the New Testament Epistles Bible Study. In this study, you can explore letters, sermons, and other kinds of New Testament teaching materials to see what they have to show us about their authors, their audiences, and what we can learn from them today.

Access Yale Bible studies by going to the Faith First tab on our website and looking for the Yale logo seen above.

Faith Formation Through Travel: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

Our next study session will be

Sunday, Sept. 17 at 4 pm in the Kirk.

Athens/Corinth:1st century culture, Paul's visits to these cities and the challenge for Christ-followers Coming Sunday, Oct. 15 - The Mediterranean Region was the "Cradle of Christianity" Find out why. Our trip is full. If you'd like to add your name to our waiting list, contact atedder@fpcandersonsc.com.



Men of FPC: Try one of these opportunities for study and fellowship!

Men's MidWeek Bible Study

Wednesdays at Noon in FLC Canteen Currently studying Proverbs. Prayer and care cards.

Biscuits & Bible with Dr. Dennis Tedder

2nd and 4th Fridays at 8 am in the Kirk. Pastor-selected Bible passage. Order a biscuit or bring your own breakfast!

Brews & Views with Art Klugh

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 pm at the home of Rusty Childs. Studying Jesus Mean & Wild (Gospel of Mark). Contact Art or Rusty for information.

Men's Fall Dinner

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 12 and plan now to attend the Fall Dinner. Last year's "Crock Pot Luck" was a big hit, so we're asking for 10 men to bring a crock pot of soup or chili. Call church office if you can help. Cornbread, dessert, and beverages provided. Additional details coming next month!



adults

@ First Pres, your faith formation matters.

Want to connect with a class or study group? I'm here to help! —Anne Tedder atedder@fpcandersonsc.com



Especially For First Pres Women:

Jubilate Fall Bible Study Begins Soon!

Philippians: God's Guide to Joy

Our large group kickoff is Sunday, Sept. 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Kirk.

Small groups will sit together and leaders will collect \$8 for study books (cash, check or Venmo) at this time.

Dr. Maren will give us an overview of Philippians and an introduction to the study. Dessert social to follow!

Our Annual Women's Retreat is Back!

February 9-10, 2024* Lake Junaluska, NC

Cost: \$150 all-inclusive/double room

(Three meals, room for one night, and all materials.)

\$50 deposit to hold your spot due October 1

Sign up by emailing alisag@fpcandersonsc.com

Our presenter is the Rev. Pressley Cox of Foothills Presbytery.



Presbyterian Women Lunchtime Circle

In Everything, Give Thanks!

The spiritual discipline of gratitude has power to bring us closer to Christ. We are grateful for the women who attend Circle and welcome others to join us. We meet at noon on Monday, Sept. 11 in the McDougald Room for lunch, our new study on Gratitude, and we'll have a special gift for all attending!

Contact Jane Terry or Kathy Hall if you'd like more info about this fellowship and study group!



FPC Faith and Fellowship Groups

Bread Breakers is a lunch group for senior adults that meets monthly at a restaurant selected by the group.

Next meeting: 11 am on Thursday, Sept. 21 Fork Grove BBQ, 1721 SC-187, Anderson 29626

All are welcome anytime, but please text your name and the number attending to 864-940-4731 before Tuesday 9/19. This helps service staff better prepare for us. We are growing! Come join us!

Common Ground is a fellowship/support group for widows in our congregation.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 24, 6-8 pm at the home of Dianne Hollingsworth, 1206 Melbourne Dr.

