

The First Word

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FROM THE PASTOR

Friends of First Franklin,

Part of my time away is to see my two daughters in Stowe and NYC. The week-days in-between I hope to read, walk and refresh while tent camping in the Adirondacks with Curtis. It is a 15 hour drive from Franklin to our campsite and I intend on enjoying the sojourn. I ordered a book entitled Places of the Spirit (in the Adirondacks) and I plan on visiting some of the sites. (You can see some of the sites where I hope to pause in the hallway outside the sanctuary.)

Yet as I saw those images, I realized, we have many even more charming places of the Spirit here in Macon County. The outdoor worship center on the way to Standing Indian, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Union UMC Chapel, Pleasant Hill AME Church in Cowee, Gillespie Chapel on South Skeenah Road. What was especially lovely is that, in visiting these sites, not one of them had a lock on the door

Then there is this little Chapel that Melissa McClure told me about and, I intend on locating. We are never far from our own places of the Spirit. Enjoy our country roads and let us share our discoveries as we grow in sharing the same Spirit.

Your in Christ

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Dear FPC Family,

Pete and I cannot fully put into words our gratitude for the prayers, cards and delicious food we received during our dual illnesses. Your love was in each note and bite. God hears your prayers. Thank you dear family.

Sue Joiner



Joe & Susie
Invite you to share
in the joyful occasion
of their marriage on
Friday, October 25th
at 6:30 pm in the
Chapel

A celebratory wedding
brunch will be held Sunday
October 27th after services
in Tartan Hall

All are invited

Melissa McClure

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Sunday School will be hosting a 5th Sunday breakfast on September 29th at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend. We will finish our DVD series "The New Testament You Never Knew" next week. This lesson will be led by Doris Jelley. In October, Sara Wood will be presenting a series of lessons on "Psalms". She will lead the lessons on October 13th, 20th, and 27th. Our lesson for October 6th is to be determined. Our classes are held in Tartan Hall on Sundays at 9:00 am.

Our Bible study class meets on Fridays at noon in M2 and is led by Melissa McClure. We just finished the book of Ruth and will be studying 1 Samuel starting this week and will continue for several weeks. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Feel free to come early and bring a lunch to enjoy.

All of our programs are provided for enjoyment and spiritual growth. We hope to see you at one of our programs that pique your curiosity or interest.



Linda Keenum

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Our mission: To share God's love. "We love because he first loved us". 1 John 4:18.

In last month's Word, I failed to thank and acknowledge Jim Geary as our photographer for our revised directories. We particularly want to thank him for all his time assembling people and posing them to get renewed photos and new members' photos and information to keep the directory up to date.

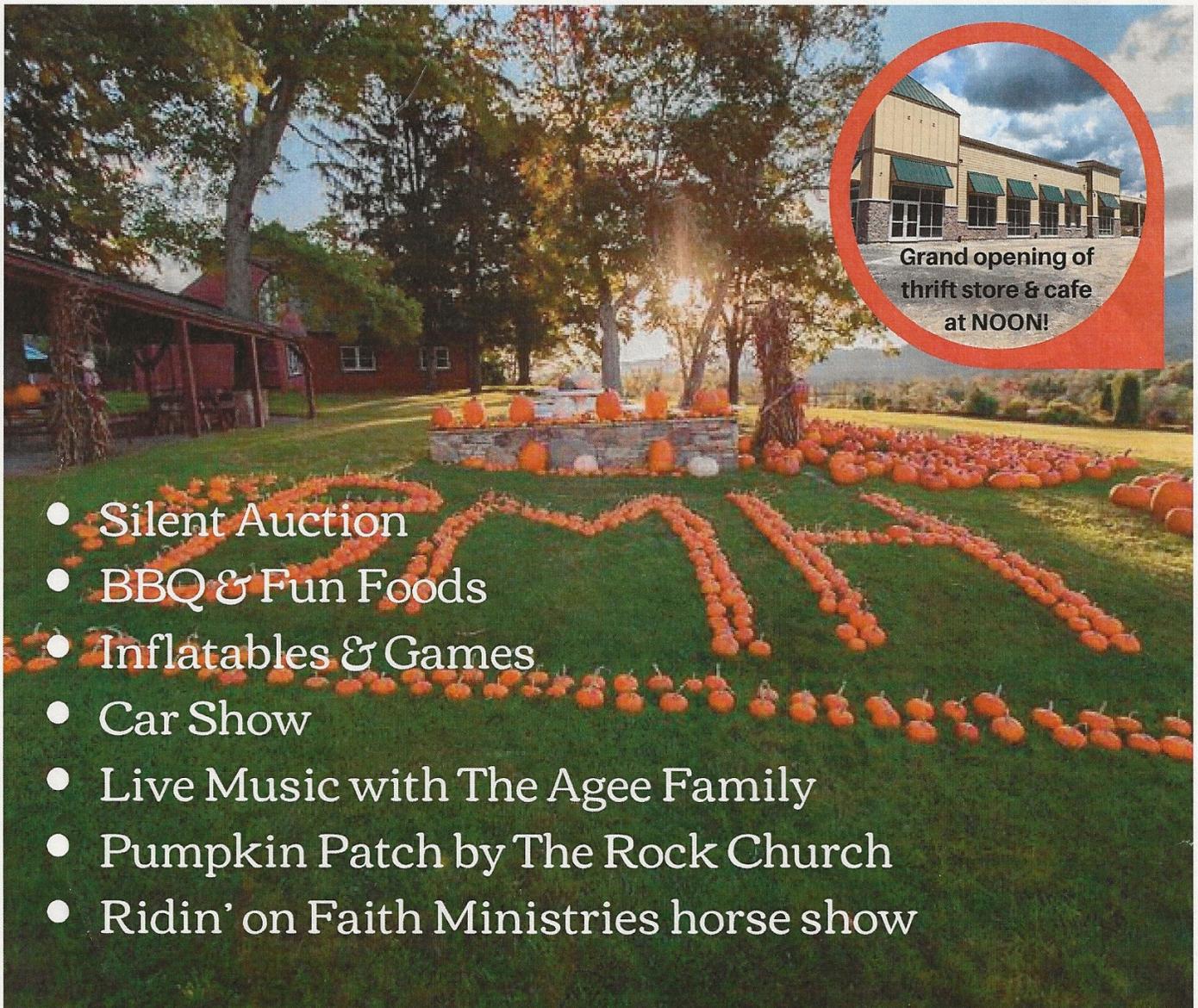
We are looking forward to our homebound visits scheduled for October 22nd to celebrate "Fall" the annual changing of the colors of the flora and fauna of the mountains.

Keep the Winter Wonderland event on your calendars for November 30th and December 7th. This is a wonderful time to share the Holiday spirit with our community, neighbors and friends. We provide free hot chocolate on Main Street from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm to help bring in the most favorite time of the year celebrating the birth of Jesus. Please let Linda Keenum know, if you can volunteer your time to help serve the hot chocolate.

Debbie Heckler is our new web master with Jim Geary as her backup. She has been working diligently to provide us with a new and modernized web page. Debbie has been working non-stop from early morning to early evening and is making great progress in spite of the dwindling response time beginning early each morning. Please take time to thank Debbie for her efforts and pray for better response time.

Fall Festival

October 12, 2019 - 10 am - 3 pm
Glorifying God by caring for children and families



- Silent Auction
- BBQ & Fun Foods
- Inflatables & Games
- Car Show
- Live Music with The Agee Family
- Pumpkin Patch by The Rock Church
- Ridin' on Faith Ministries horse show

Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families

80 Lake Eden Road, Black Mountain, NC

www.BlackMountainHome.org - 828-686-3451



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF HIGHLANDS



Geneese Gottschalk

NEWS FROM MISSION & SERVICE--INVITATION AND CLARIFICATION

Our Second Sunday lunch this month (October 13) will be an Italian feast of antipasto, spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert (as always we invite the congregation to bring favorite treats). This luncheon is our thank-you to the congregation for its support of M&S work, particularly of our “Dollars/Week” ministry. We’ll have more to say about that on the 13th. For anyone who wants to throw a little money in the donation jar as a “thank you” for the “thank you,” that money will help defray the expenses of travelers to Guatemala this spring or be added to our scholarship support.

Now the clarification: for those who missed last month's FIRST WORD or Ellen Dozier's presentations on September 8, our September & October “dollars” are going to Annunciation House on the U.S./Mexican border in El Paso, TX. Annunciation House is one of many (mostly faith-based) organizations along the border that help migrants. Specifically, working with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Annunciation House receives migrants who have been initially vetted as asylum seekers. It provides them with food & drink, personal items, clothing as needed, and a couple of nights of lodging. During that time, its volunteers (including our Presbytery's own Ellen Dozier earlier this year) help them contact relatives or friends who have agreed to be sponsors. Once contact is made, the volunteers also help to arrange transportation so the migrants can connect with their sponsors and await adjudication of asylum claims.

In an attempt to provide more information on the scope of work done at Annunciation House, I sent Ellen an email asking for comments on the subject. Here is her reply:

“I will make only one comment on what you shared. Annunciation House does serve people who do not have the proper papers; these folks, and others, are not illegals as no human being is an illegal. This is the belief out of which Annunciation House lives and serves. It is my belief as well, and, as best I can understand, it is what the Scripture of the Old Testament and New Testament teach us and what I see in the life of Jesus Christ.”

On a related topic, the subject of migration from Central America is of particular interest to our church and Presbytery because of our connection to Guatemala. In her Sunday School presentation, Ellen gave some insights into why Guatemalans are choosing to make a dangerous trip with an uncertain outcome to seek asylum in the United States. She also discussed changes such as improved farming methods and crop selection that had potential to make staying home on the farm a more attractive alternative. For those who would like to learn more, we recommend a segment of NPR's Goats and Sodas series, <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2019/09/17/761266169/trump-froze-aid-to-guatemala-now-programs-are-shutting-down>. For information on a CBP report on the same subject, visit <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/trump-admin-ignored-its-own-evidence-climate-change-s-impact-n1056381>

REMEMBER!! Sunday, September 29th, is our 5th Sunday special offering for “Nickel A Meal.”

Ned Kraft

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

A big thank you to all who came to the September Sunday luncheon. The hot dogs and all the sides were delicious and we had wonderful desserts provided by the congregation. 100% of the donations from the Sunday lunch will be going to help Homeless Veterans. The amount collected was \$913.00.

The lunch kicked off the 2nd Annual Help Homeless Veterans Week, September 8 - 14. We placed collection containers in close to 100 businesses in the area. The amount collected so far from the containers is \$1,462. With some businesses closed when we picked up the containers, the total collected will likely go up some. The Presbyterian Men would like to thank the citizens of Macon County and the many visitors who gave so generously to help homeless Veterans in western North Carolina.

We have one more chance this year to raise money to help homeless Veterans. We will have a booth set up at the Pumpkinfest in Franklin on October 19. Contact Neal Keenum if you would like to help out at the booth.

Men's monthly meeting

Monday October 7th 7:00 pm Tartan Hall

Men's breakfast

Saturday October 12th 8:00 am Franklin Cafe

Men's lunch schedule

Wednesday	October 2nd	11:30am	Jaxon's
Wednesday	October 9th	11:30am	Mi Casa
Wednesday	October 16th	11:30am	Captain D's
Wednesday	October 23rd	11:30am	Motor Company Grill
Wednesday	October 30th	11:30am	Franklin Cafe



Pat Mesta

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Hi Presbyterian Women!

A very special THANK YOU to everyone who is working on the PW Annual Luncheon! The luncheon team is Barbara McInnes (Chair), Jim McInnes (Chef), Linda Keenum (Dining Room Coordination), Jan Stevens (Fashion Show), and Auction Gifts (Gail Lehman, Gail Barrett, and Pam Davis). They are doing a wonderful job of keeping the rest of us organized!

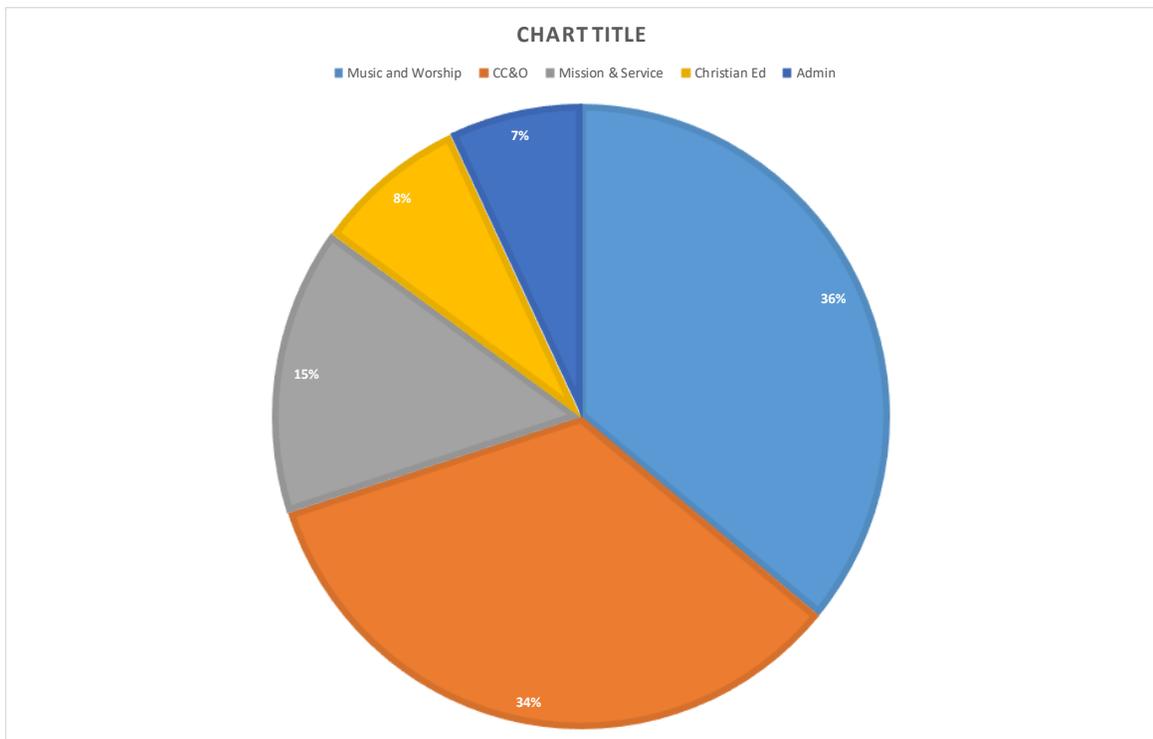
Our next circle meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 2:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will be studying Chapter 2.

Snacks for the Community Medical Team will be delivered on the first Monday of October and November. Emails or texts will remind the volunteers.

Hope all of you have a lovely fall! Take time to enjoy the colors and feel of our beautiful fall weather -- the wave of God's paint brush to fill us thru our less colorful winter!

TEMPE' FUSSELL'S NARRATIVE BUDGET

Music and Worship	36%
CC&O	34%
Mission & Services	15%
Christian Ed	8%
Admin	7%



To which non-profit organization (s) do you give of your time, resources or energy?



Non-Profit

Why do you support them?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Your Name _____

Tithe of **TIME AND TALENT**

I will support the work of:



- ◆ Mission
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Grounds
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Worship
- ◆ Facilities
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Hospitality

Your Name _____

Tithe of **TREASURE**

I estimate my giving for 2020 will be a total of \$_____



I will give: Weekly Monthly
 Quarterly Annually

Your Name _____

Please bring your pledge card on Sunday, October 27th or mail it to the church office.

David Key

PROPERTY TEAM

Thank You!

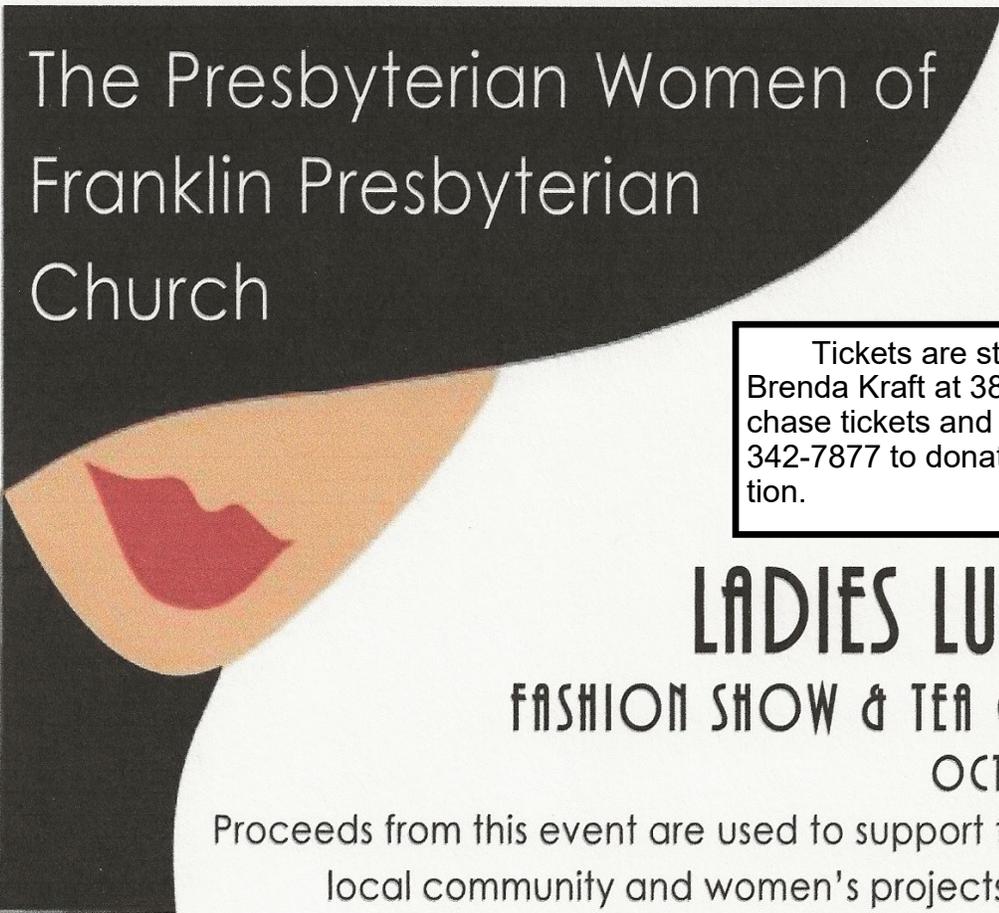
Thank you to everyone who worked so hard helping to renovate Fellowship Hall and to those whose donations made it possible. The renovation is ongoing and should be completed in the near future.



LEW MESTA

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Through 9.26.19	Budget	Actual
Income (All Income)	137,730	133,730
Expenses (All Expenses)	138,168	120,508
Combined Offerings (Plate & Envelope)	131,670	122,283



The Presbyterian Women of
Franklin Presbyterian
Church

Tickets are still available. Call
Brenda Kraft at 386 852-3895 to purchase tickets and Gail Barrett at 828 342-7877 to donate items for the auction.

LADIES LUNCHEON
FASHION SHOW & TEA CUP AUCTION
OCTOBER 5, 2019

Proceeds from this event are used to support the needs of our local community and women's projects globally.

Serving FPC This Month

Opening/Closing the Building This Month

David Key

Charge

Kathy Maps

Lay Readers

October 6th: Doris Jelley
 October 13th: Judy Comer
 October 20th: Gail Barrett
 October 27th: Jim & Sandy Geary

Child Care Saints

October 6th: Melissa, Brenda and Jan
 October 13th: Sandy, Jim and Linda
 October 20th: Cecilia and Griff Morgan
 October 27th: Melissa, Linda and Pam

Greeter/Parking Lot Attendant

October 6th: Jim Geary & Jeff Stevens
 October 13th: Jim McInnes & John Duncan
 October 20th: Lew Mesta & David Keys
 October 27th: Griff Morgan & Ray Heckler

Counters

October 6th: Anne Blake & Pat Mesta
 October 13th: Judy Comer & Ron Hill
 October 20th: Gail Barrett & Jan Stevens
 October 27th: Clyde Genter & Gail Lehman

REMEMBERING OUR SPECIAL DAYS

October Birthdays

October 1st	Bo Bohanon
October 5th	David Dozier Susan Rosenbeck
October 8th	Betty Moore
8th	Judy Comer
October 10th	Kim Hill Jerry Wells Susan Fagg
October 11th	Jane Frankland
October 12th	Suzanne Mc Cauley
October 16th	Cecelia Morgan Doreen Freeman
October 18th	Laurel Holland Monika Smart
October 19th	Judy Gray
October 20th	Marc Sharp
October 21st	Larry Jelley
October 22nd	Anne Blake
October 23rd	Liz Learn
October 24th	Cheera Roadarmel
October 28th	Gail Barrett Elsa Stiles McCowan
October 30th	Tillie Bohanon Sue Ann Munnell

October Anniversaries

October 1st	Clyde & Sue Genter
October 7th	Jerry & Susan Blaydes
October 11th	Dennis & Susan Dalglish
October 13th	Patricia & Vincent O'Brien
October 16th	Jim and Barbara McInnes

COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Here are the names of our family and friends in need of prayers:

Kathy Key
Judy Comer
Tom Fagg
Jeanette Poff
Marlene Jacobs and Jan and Jeff Stevens
Barbara Griseck
Susan Dalglish
Sara Wood
Martha Rainer
Sue and Pete Joiner

Cheeera Roadarmel
Jack Kemp
Judy Gray
Pearl Duncan Schiffhauer and George, Andy,
Emma and Lexi
Those undergoing therapy and enduring chronic
pain and constant health issues.
Our caregivers and those who need their care.



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