

“making Christ known by developing prayerful disciples!”

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

The writer of Hebrews tells us that the mark of the Church is centered in faith. Throughout the letter we see the development of a path of right living which sets our community apart from its broader culture. With the level of dissent in the world these days, I believe sometimes we forget that while we are “in” the world, we are not to embrace the practices “of” the world that may lead us astray. With that in mind, I thought it worth mentioning the “marks” for living as a community of faith in an indifferent and even hostile world.

The first and foundational mark is **love**. Showing love to our neighbors is essential. We now have essentially two congregations: one that gathers in-person for worship and one that gathers virtually through Facebook Live. It is vital that we continue to be a welcoming and inviting congregation. Throughout the Bible we see examples where hospitality leads to new possibilities, new life, and new avenues of service.

The second mark is to show **care** in times of distress. With the current uncertainties that we face – whether economic, political, or spiritual -- we have many opportunities to reach out. We all need a friend – someone we can call or text who will listen without judgment.

The third mark is **fidelity** – we should honor covenants. Such faithfulness sets us apart from the broader culture and strengthens the bonds of community. In a world where promises are “meant to be broken” we can demonstrate that integrity and honor still have a place in our lives and teach the youth in our midst that fidelity is not a dated concept.

Commitment is the fourth mark of the church. We place our trust in God and choose faith over fear. We trust that God will provide for our needs – physical, financial, and spiritual. Just as Jesus chooses us, we choose Jesus.

The fifth mark is **loyalty** and **consistency**. In Hebrews, we are told that Jesus “is the same yesterday and today and forever” (13:8). How comforting to know that some things truly never change, and we can always look to Jesus as our example of how we should live!

Finally, **worship** infuses all of life. Our relationship with God permeates all that we are and all that we do. God is a part of our very identity.

What a joy to know that all things are truly possible with God. Please remember to support the ministries of our congregation through prayer, participation and financially so that we can grow the kingdom of God and glorify Him in all we do.

Thanks be to God!
Blessings, Pastor Patti Sue

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GROWING IN FAITH WITH BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on Wednesdays for bible study! All are welcome! We gather each week at 10:00 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m.

We will begin a new study in September, **Women of the Bible.**

Below is the schedule:

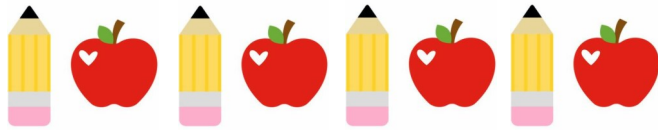
September 4: Sarah
September 11: No Class
September 18: Abigail
September 25: Esther

SAVE THE DATES:

- ✝ **Sept 2:** Labor Day (Office Closed)
- ✝ **Sept 3:** Begin placing American Flags on campus grassy areas
- ✝ **Sept 8:** Grandparents' Day
- ✝ **Sept 11:** Healing of the Nations & Remembrance Worship at 7:00 pm
- ✝ **Sept 29:** Remove 9/11 Memorial Flags
- ✝ **Oct 3:** LaVie Pregnancy Care Center Annual Dinner
- ✝ **Oct 11-13:** Annual Women's Retreat
- ✝ **Oct 14:** Columbus Day (Office Closed)
- ✝ **Oct 19:** Annual Fall Festival
- ✝ **Oct 24:** PLCP Trunk or Treat
- ✝ **Oct 27:** Reformation Sunday & Confirmation for Marissa and Liam
- ✝ **Oct 29-31:** PPS on Vacation

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class will be studying "*God Never Gives Up*" by Max Lucado. Please come and join us each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SERMON SERIES

We conclude our Fruit of the Spirit sermon series on September 1st by discussing the Spirit of Self Control – something we could all use a little more of these days. We will then resume the Revised Common Lectionary. Please join us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.!

9/11 MEMORIAL PROJECT

To help remember and honor the 2,977 people who died on 9/11/01 from the terror attacks, we will be placing an American flag with each person's name written on it on the church grounds. We would like to begin placing these flags in the church yard after Labor Day on the grassy areas so they can be seen from the street as people drive past our church. Our hope is that people will come and remember these men, women and children as their deaths should not be forgotten.

On Wednesday, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m. we will have a worship service, *Healing of the Nations and Remembrance*. Please come and join us in praying for peace.

PLC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Preschool is about to be back in full swing again! We are so looking forward to it also, the halls have been too quiet around here and we are ready to see those precious faces and hear those sweet voices! Our staff has lots of new hires joining us and we are excited for what God has in store for our sweet preschool this fall year.

The staff has been working hard to get their classrooms ready and Amber and I have been working hard at getting the building in tip top shape! Lots of training has been going on including a very informative active shooter class that also helped us to step up security measures in our building to protect Gods most valuable assets!! Every year we grow a little wiser and more informative to help make this the best and safest preschool in Lexington county, and we couldn't be prouder of what is happening here.

In fact, we only need three more children to make our preschool full and we have never been this far ahead! School begins on August 26th, and we are believing this will be the best year yet! We thank you all for your continued support and ask that you please pray fervently for us, that we will continue to listen for Gods voice and guidance as we embark on this new school year!!

Love and Blessings, Betsy and Amber

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Altar Flowers:

9/1 The Oswalds
9/8 Eva Jimenez
9/15 *Open Availability*
9/22 Judy Meetze
9/29 Judy Meetze
10/6 The Pyes

Lay Readers:

9/1 Duane Hall
9/8 John Scott
9/15 Tanya Thomas
9/22 Judy Meetze
9/29 Ricky Jones
10/6 Trudy Scurry

Greeter:

Connie Setzler

Worship Assistant:

9/1 Trudy Scurry
9/8 Kathy Hendrix
9/15 Deb Kopitskie
9/22 Trudy Scurry
9/29 Kathy Hendrix
10/6 Deb Kopitskie

Altar Guild:

9/1 Glenda Oswald
9/8 Judi Harmon
9/15 Kathy Hendrix
9/22 Glenda Oswald
9/29 Trudy Scurry
10/6 Judi Harmon

Ushers:

Russell Pye &
Jimmy Scurry

Offering Counter:

Ty Yonce

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

9/1 Conner Violette
9/5 Ed Crawford
9/8 Maria Jimenez-Holloway
9/21 Val Nash
9/25 Bob Harmon

Did we forget your birthday? Please contact Steph in the church office to let her know!



TREASURER'S UPDATE

Attached is the financial report for July. Please consider your fiscal commitment to our congregational ministry.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755). Thank you.

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation classes meet on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Sept. 1: no class (potluck breakfast)
Sept. 8: the Apostles' Creed
Sept. 15: the Apostles' Creed; send home faith essay instructions
Sept. 22: The Lord's Prayer
Sept. 29: The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Patti Sue needs to know how many plan to attend the retreat by September 25th in order to gather materials and plan appropriately.

WOMENS' RETREAT

Place: Serenity House
Mill Springs, NC

Date: October 11-13, 2024

Cost: \$80

Romans 6:23 "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

PROVIDENCE MEMBERS

Gail Caldwell, Rosemary Carmean, Frank & Cissy Corley, Debbie & Jamie Edwards, Donna Florio, Eva Jimenez, Kaleigh and Ryder Kameese, Rebecca Kameese, Mike Mancino, Christopher Marler, John & Jane Gault-Martin, David Monts, Rachel Moore, Peyton Nash, Glenda Oswald, Ken Peacock, Cass Ronan, John Scott and Conner Violette

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lynn Ball and her son Jackson, Stephanie Barnes-Illick, Stephen Barrett, Scott Brazell, Donna Burton, The Cafferty Family, Amanda Carnavale, Doug Carter, Minerva Castro, Craig DeMunbrun, Kay Elliott, Rachel Ellis, Hellen Farrell, Grayson Florio, Tricity Florio, David Godwin, Kim Groh, David Guzman, Sarah Harmon, Taylor Hayes, Elizabeth Hebert, Bernarda Jimenez, Sally Johnson, Bobbi Labreque, Rhett Lever, Brice Minick, Leon Norwek, Kaitlyn Osteen, Jane Park, Theo Pikramenos, Brad Pounds, David & Susanne Richardson, Greg Ring, Stephen Robbins, Luz Roman, Maryanne Seyfert, Greg Smith, The Station II Family of the Columbia Richland Fire Dept., Lou Thomas, Pete Thomas, Mario Trejo, and Clemence (friend of Denise Pikramenos)

Prayers & Praises

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