



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Healey Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice; our bodies dwell secure.

People: You show us the path of life in your presence there is fullness of joy, in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

*CHORAL INTROIT

Alleluia

Albert Lowe

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent

Unison

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us and make us whole.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Believe the good news,

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Barbara Mc Manus

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery. Children in grades K-2 may go the chapel for Children's Church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming: Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 133

Pew Bible, page 543

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Vernon Hoyle

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible, page 108

SERMON

Unfolding Faith

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captive, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 250

Hymn of Promise

Promise

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mr. Drumheller

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death

Georg Philip Telemann

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Christ Has Broken the Bonds of Death

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Angus Currie. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Palmer.

Ushers: Wes Eudy, captain; Steve Cumming, Angie Earnhardt, Greg Lisk, Ronnie Michael, Witt Snuggs, and Morgan Smet **Nursery:** Cici Ly (Diaconate 8:30 a.m.) **Toddler Room:** Lauren Cranford **Preschool Partner:** Susan Pandich **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green **Children's Church:** Virginia Currie

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Anita Gower, Toby Webb, Olin Huneycutt (father of Angie Earnhardt), Caleb Poston (great-grandson of Joan & Roger Belsan), Becky Carter (at home; Hospice Care), Peter Henkenjohann, Lathan & Katherine Cox (parents of Sherrie Richards), Greg Johnson (son of June Johnson), David Sanges (brother of Nathan Sanges). **See newsletter for complete list.**

Bread Bakers Needed for *Bread for the World*

If you make quick breads, sourdough breads, or yeast breads, and can supply some for the *sale* table on April 26 as part of the *Bread for the World* letter writing campaign, contact Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498). Remember that all donations for the bread are given to SCCM!

The Faith & Family Sunday School Class Welcomes You!

This class meets in the parlor and is a group of adults (most of whom have children in elementary and/or high school) who gather to study scripture and reflect on what it means to live faithfully as Christians in the 21st century.

On April 12, we will begin a new study using a book entitled, *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion* by Martin Thielen. Questions? Contact Elizabeth (eayscue@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-982-2722).



**WORLD CAFÉ
MONDAY, APRIL 13
7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBEMARLE

The presbytery of Charlotte is hosting a series of *conversations* through the Presbytery. One of these will take place at First Presbyterian Church on April 13. Known as *The World Café*, we will be guided through a series of questions and share conversation with folks from other congregations. The *Emmaus Team*, made up of teaching and ruling elders (including our good

friend, Julie Hill) will use this information to help guide the Presbytery in the coming years. Everyone is welcome to attend and childcare will be provided if requested in advance. We hope to have a large turn-out for this important evening.

Theology Lite

**Thursday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m.
Little Tokyo (Hwy. 52 location)**

On **April 16**, young adults are invited to **Theology Lite** at Little Tokyo on Route 52. Matt will host a conversation over your choice of drink about a topic of theology. We will gather at 8:00 pm in the back room. Please feel free to invite friends (members or non-members) to join in the conversation!

Hurray For Breakfast Bunch!!!

- Who can come? 2nd graders & 3rd graders
- What? Breakfast...muffins, fruit, juice, etc.
- When & Where? Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Room
- Why? To pray together & build a strong community of faith.

Please let Gina Martin know if you are able to join us...(ginamartin@fpcalbemarle.org)
*Parents...there will be coffee & muffins for you in the parlor, so please take advantage of this opportunity to relax with other moms & dads while your children are spending quality time together each month.

**Faith Explorers' (4th & 5th Graders) Sunday Outing on Sunday, April 19
Trip to Lucky Clays Fresh Aquaponics Greenhouse
Bring bag lunch for picnic at Rock Creek Park.
Return to church for pick up at 3:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a picnic at Rock Creek and then a tour of the Lucky Clays aquaponics greenhouse. **Contact gmartin@fpcalbemarle.org to sign up your Faith Explorer today!**

**Spring Art Gallery Exhibit presents...*Our Great State of North Carolina*
Featuring Artwork from the Children of Central School
Opening & Reception on Tuesday, April 21 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD
Letter Writing Sunday, April 26

Question: Are not paying taxes and supporting the local food bank enough? Why do we need to write letters?

Answer: As Christians, we have a mandate from the Bible to care for our neighbors – next door, next state, and next continent. The Bible shows over and over that God has a special concern for people who are poor or hungry. As people of faith in a wealthy country, we have a responsibility to ensure that children, who deserve protection from adults, have all their needs met. Ending child hunger requires a strong partnership between the federal government, state and local government, and local communities. Churches, local food pantries, and other private charities are doing a lot to alleviate hunger directly. But they can't end hunger alone. Did you know? For every one bag of groceries provided by churches and food pantries, the federal government provides 20 times more bags of food assistance.

Question: What is Congress doing with the programs this year?

Answer: Congress must *reauthorize* child nutrition programs by September 30, 2015 when the current programs expire. Reauthorization includes reviewing the current law and renewing or revising and designating funding for the program going forward.



Please join us for
Homes of Hope's Spring Hearty Breakfast Fundraiser
Friday, May 1...6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Central United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
(172 N. 2nd Street, Albemarle)
Donations will be accepted!

On the menu:
Pancakes, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Cereal, Sausage,
Grits, Gravy, Biscuits, Juice, and Fruit

Homes of Hope is a grassroots organization of churches and human service agencies that provides short term transitional housing and services to homeless families. Through support and counseling, families are prepared to move into stable independent housing.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 12

- 8:45 am *Diaconate
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm Mission Committee
- 4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee
- 7:00 pm *Session

Monday, April 13

- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm World Café

Tuesday, April 14

- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Confirmation Class (Session Room)

Wednesday, April 15

- 6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30 am *Pray & Play
- 3:15 pm-5:15 pm Youth Cubs/Youth Club
- 5:15 pm-5:45 pm Youth Orff/Handbells Ensembles
- 7:00 pm *Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, April 16

- 10:00 am Muffins & More
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 8:00 pm Theology Lite at Little Tokyo (Hwy. 52)

Sunday, April 19

Trusty Travelers & Faith Explorers sing in worship

- 7:45 am Confirmation Class Departs for Outing
- 9:00 am Lent Planning Committee Wrap-up (Elizabeth's office)
- 9:00 am Breakfast Bunch (Media Room)
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 12:00 pm-3:00 pm Faith Explorers Outing to Rock Creek Park for Lunch & to Lucky Clays Greenhouse
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class Returns from Outing
- 4:45 pm-7:45 pm SNL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 12-Laura Blalock
- Jake Davis
- Holly Norwood
- 14-Anissa Chapman
- 17-David Kilde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 13-Gus & Nancy Feather
- 16-Kyle & Laura Beth Marks

SCCM NEED FOR APRIL:
CANNED FRUIT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Central School is in need of several volunteers on a rotating basis to shelve books in the school media center for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour per week. If you are interested in assisting the school, contact Kristie Bryson (864-230-3074 or kristie.bryson@stanlycountyschools.org).

***childcare provided**