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First Presbyterian: An experience of love

Thank YOU ... thank YOU ...
thank YOU.

It's a simple prayer which proceeds from my heart and Jill's to you. A year ago, we met with a small group of First Presbyterian elders and discussed the possibility of my becoming the Transitional Pastor at First.

The only person I really knew well was Chris Handley. But long before, I had sensed a special place in my heart for First Presbyterian ... for you. I didn't know it then nor was I aware in June 2017 of just how special this experience would be.

You welcomed us into your lives. From day 1, you would stop by and speak to me. You left me notes of encouragement. You brought food to my apartment and this "bachelor" ate like a king! You invited Jill to circles, Sunday School classes, kayaking, and long walks. When I went through my prostate surgery,

We LOVE you. ... 'The people in Florence are like family. I feel like this is my church home.'

your visits, your cards, your calls, and your prayers strengthened me and were a huge source of support. In short, you loved us.

And we LOVE you. Every Sunday when Jill and I drive back to the Charlotte area, our conversation runs along these lines, "The people in Florence are like family. I feel like this is my church home."

That sentiment will not change. But what will change is my "official" role (and privilege) at First Presbyterian. June 24 will be my last Sunday to preach and participate in worship leadership. Within two weeks of that date, our son and daughter-in-law who live in Fort Worth, Texas, will be having a baby. I want to be

available to share their joy and to support them anyway possible. Far too often in my 40+ years of pastoral ministry, my family has not gotten the "most" of me or the "best" of me. I hope you understand.

Words cannot adequately express how much we love you and how grateful we are to have shared life with you.

Thank YOU!

Love in Christ Jesus,

Bill & Jill



Luncheon to honor Bill Cain

June 24 will be Bill Cain's last Sunday with us. At 11 a.m. after the church service everyone is invited to the CLC for a covered dish luncheon to honor Bill Cain on his last day with First Presbyterian Church of Florence. Please bring a cold dish to share to the Jenkins Fellowship Hall before the 10 a.m. service.

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On the Cover, our newest class of confirmands: Morgan Banner, Emma Blanton, Emma Carter, Kate Carter, Celine Cotran, Franklin Emerson, Sarah Ella Hardee, Zach Hall, Jake Lewis, Alaina Naylor, Jayce Newton, Getty Page, Libbie Reames, Weatherly Tiller, and Freeman Williams

A Thought or Two Challenging You Toward Discipleship

Spring, summer full of wonder, opportunities

May was full and wonderful. 1) The Bell Choir gave a beautiful concert. We could boast maybe the largest crowd ever at a concert. What a joy to watch and hear them. 2) We had a special confirmation banquet. Fourteen young people made their covenant professions to the Lord! Confirmants, their families, mentors and elders (over 100 guests) gathered to celebrate the end of this season of discernment and commitment. 3) Our New Covenant Partners had a dinner bookclub gathering. We talked about the book *The Jesus Shaped Life* by Bob Rognlien in an effort to think about a robust life of discipleship to Jesus. 4) The leaders of the church (deacons, elders, and staff) gathered twice in May (8th and 12th) and were led in their thinking by Bill Cain as they considered the strengths and weaknesses of First Presbyterian. And then began dreaming about how God will use us in the days, months and years ahead. 5) We finished another year of Sunday school. Thank all of you who make that hour of learning each week a possibility. 6) And we honored Adele Weatherford and John Shurman in worship as they retired from many years of service on our praise team.

June promises to be full and wonderful as well. We have many opportunities laid out for us for service through ServeFLO (June 16-24). Winshape Camp for Communities will be on campus June 18-22. First Presbyterian, Chick-fil-A and Helping Florence Flourish are teaming up to offer a day camp (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for children who have completed first grade through ninth grade. (The



The Chancel Handbell Choir treated us with a beautiful Spring Handbell Concert. It's such a joy to watch and hear their gifts.

camp needs up to 20 volunteers) Our annual blood drive is June 21, and we need 31 volunteers to donate blood. Janet Brand has the Florence Downtown Roll & Cycling Festival, and Billy McBride is organizing a team to do work on Timrod Elementary on June 23! We need many hands on deck that day! Our ServeFLO Rally will take place at the old Piggly Wiggly store parking lot on Second Loop. Watch for more ways to go on mission this month through ServeFLO. Our Elders for Service will be manning a table to sign up and answer questions on the Sundays leading up to the time.

Remember that a healthy disciple of Jesus will have three elements working in balance in their lives. They will have a deep-seated spirituality (daily connecting with God); they will have genuine community (daily connecting with other believers); and finally, a missional zeal (watch-

ing for ways to engage those outside the kingdom so they could be drawn into relationship with Jesus). ServeFLO emphasizes the last of the three elements.

Finally, as you may be aware Bill Cain's last Sunday with us is June 24. Let me thank Bill Cain for a wonderful year. His presence has been just what we needed in this transitional time. He has encouraged all of us and challenged us to be strong disciples of our Lord. The staff has been especially blessed to have him in the halls laughing with us and thinking with us about how to do ministry well. Thank you, Bill!!!

May we all be challenged to a life of discipleship to Jesus! Let's see what God does with us.

Chris

Stay active and safe during summer months

Summer is officially here! School is out! It is time for family vacations, trips, summer camp, sports camps and numerous other activities. Many of you have or will be traveling this summer. Your travels may take you away from church on Sunday. I want to remind you that the summer months are also active months for the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Summer means Vacation Bible School, Mission Camp, The Great Escape (Junior High camp) and Fun in the Son (High School). Our missionaries depend on our continued support during the summer. Unfortunately, we see an upswing in requests for assistance with housing, food and utilities during the summer months. As you are planning your summer activities, I encourage you to remember your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church. One way you can do this is by signing up for online giving either through "The City" or on our website www.florencefirst.org/giving. Thank you for your continued faithful support of the ministries of our church.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Safety on our campus is a high priority. We want to insure that the children in our CDC, our covenant partners and the many guests that visit our church for worship and other activities are as safe as possible. Safety has been a recent topic of discussion with our Deacons and Elders. You will be hearing more about safety in the coming weeks as we continue to strive to make FPC a safe place for everyone. There are things that each of us can do to enhance safety on our campus. Let me encourage you to remember the following basic safety tips:

- 1 – Lock your car and do not leave valuables (purses, phones, iPads, etc.) in plain sight.
- 2 – When leaving the building, particularly after dark,



practice the "buddy system."

3 – If you are the last person leaving, be sure that the door closes and locks behind you. This is particularly important if you are in the building outside of normal hours (weekends and evenings).

4 – Do not block doors open. There are certain doors that will remain locked in order to control access to our buildings. Most of these doors are in remote areas of the building and are not "regular" entrances.

5 – Familiarize yourself with the location of AED (automated external defibrillator device) and first aid kits. They are located outside the sanctuary near the flower room; outside the kitchen near the CLC and in the upstairs Children's hallway.

6 – If you see something that "doesn't look right," let someone know about it (an usher, custodian, staff member, etc.) Additionally, we have an off-duty Florence County Sheriff deputy on campus each Sunday morning who is willing and able to assist you if you see something that "doesn't look right."

Safety and security is everyone's responsibility.

Flowers in the Sanctuary



Do you have a friend or relative you would like to honor? Sign up to place memorial flowers in the Sanctuary. Please contact Genia Tyson (genia_tyson@hotmail.com or 665-0295) or Melba Whitesides (669-8209). Please leave your name, number, and date you wish to reserve.



Unity in the Church

The church in Corinth has many issues. Paul in the letter to the Corinthians speaks boldly to resolve these issues. After the salutation and the thanksgiving in the first chapter of 1 Corinthians, the section of the letter from 1 Corinthians 1:10 through 1 Corinthians 4:21 deals with the divisions in the church. The Corinthian church divided themselves by following a certain leader.

“For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ (1 Corinthians 1:11-12).” Paul challenges and insists in a brilliant essay that the crucified Jesus is the foundation of the church. “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11).”



I think of the hymn: The Church’s One Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. The Church in its history in the past

2000 years has had many divisions. The first great split was between the Eastern Church based in Constantinople and the Western Church based in Rome. The issue of following a certain leader has not been resolved and the church continues to divide. Paul identifies the cause of divisions in the church: “You are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations (1 Corinthians 3:3)?” As the church became more powerful, the church became more political seeking to establish national strength and to govern people. Paul extends a resolution for the division

REV. MIKE FLEENOR’S BLOG

<https://onepastorsponderings.wordpress.com/>

in Corinth by reminding them of the crucified Christ. “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).”

The words of Paul in I Corinthians call us to put aside our differences and acknowledge our common faith in the Crucified Jesus. The Church as the body of Jesus Christ in the world today is still united under the LORDSHIP of the Crucified Jesus. The sign of a church and a follower of Jesus is the belief that Jesus lived, was crucified for the sins of humanity and is resurrected to eternal life with God. I believe it is God’s will for the followers of Jesus to become one church united in His name. Let us worship Jesus Christ as Lord and Head of the church.

GET INVOLVED IN SERVEFLO 2018



From neighborhood picnics to helping clean up elementary schools to picking up litter and donating blood, there’s an opportunity for everyone to get involved. Sign up today at serveflo.org to volunteer.

CDC classes celebrate end of the year

Our 4K preschool class did a wonderful job at their end-of-the-year program, “Where the Wild Things Are,” a creative movement program with singing. Speaking parts and props were created by their teachers, Mrs. Katie Charleston and Mrs. Christie Blackmon.

“Pastries for Parents” was held on May 24 at the CDC. Several parents and their children stopped by for a quick breakfast and a time of fellowship on their way to work.

The children gave their parents hand-and-foot print stepping stones as a gift that Mrs. Sasha Hall, our CDC Art Teacher, helped them make. We are grateful for all our CDC families who share their children with us!



**June 1**

Donna Collins
Jim Dameron
Emily McLean
Melanie Sprenger
Butch Turner

June 2

Jameson Draeger
Coleman Jeffords

June 3

Bill Cain

June 4

Courtney Emert
Bryan Harwell

June 6

Margaret Charles
Grayson Price
Gerry Rosenlund

June 7

Marshall Benton

June 8

George Beshere
Drew Caudle
Jay Jones III

June 9

Mary Jernigan

June 10

Caleb Meyer
Abigail Tuttle

June 12

Wendell Holland

June 13

Emily Hodges
Jon Lewis
Betsey Moore
Mary Tiller Rabon
Thomas Ray
Anna Reames

June 14

Hannah Carpenter
Gray Scott
Katherine Watts

June 15

Merrette Dowdell
Marty Hucks

June 16

Ken Charles
Carter Hardee
Beverly Harrell
Bobby Henegar
Eric Kim
Cathy Lee
Susan Snow
Gordon Weatherford
Hunter Welch

June 17

Breeden DuBose
Grace DuBose
Hunter Morgan Jr.
Edmund Whitehead

June 18

Jo Lynn Bratcher
McKenzie Lehmans
Collins McBride

June 19

Hunter Burch
Ansley Moore
Gil Vassy III

June 20

Jim Braswell
Lila McMillan

June 22

Amelia Anne Brown
Mary Grady
Alaina Naylor
Ashley Scott

June 23

Frank Ellington III

June 24

David DuBose Jr.
Robin Stoupenos

June 25

Justin Dozier
Jason Grimsley
Ida Whitehead

June 26

Alan Floyd
Bryan Rabon

June 27

Dawn Benton
Heather Draeger
Weatherly Tiller
Genia Tyson

June 28

Richard Genoble
Johnny Stoupenos
Ellen Wilhoit

June 30

Scarlett Cranford
Sally Dameron
Tammy Moore
Susan Perrou



June Events



SUNDAY, JUNE 3

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 AM First Connections
- 2:00 PM Officer Training
- 4:30 PM Volleyball

MONDAY, JUNE 4

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Price Classroom

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 11:00 AM WiM Bible Moderators Meeting: Price Room
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

- 6:00 PM Officer Training
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM First Pres. Family Night at the RedWolves

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

- 6:00 AM Parking Lot Mission: HopeHealth Parking Lot

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 11:30 AM First Connections
- 4:30 PM Volleyball



MONDAY, JUNE 11

- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Price Classroom
- 6:30 PM WiM Joint Circle Meeting: JFH

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 14 FLAG DAY

- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 FATHER'S DAY

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball



MONDAY, JUNE 18

- 8:00 AM WinShape Camps
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
- 6:30 PM GriefShare: Price Classroom

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

- 8:00 AM WinShape Camps
- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Board of Deacons: Lawson-Rain Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

- 8:00 AM WinShape Camps
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

- 8:00 AM WinShape Camps
- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Pres. Community
- 1:00 PM RedCross Blood Drive (till 6:00 PM)



SUMMER BEGINS

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:00 AM WinShape Camps

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

SERVEFLO COMMUNITY DAY

- 10:00 AM Florence Downtown Roll & Cycling Festival

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Luncheon for Bill Cain's last day
- 4:30 PM Volleyball

MONDAY, JUNE 25

- 8:00 AM Mission Camp
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- 9:00 AM Mission Camp
- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group
- 1:30 PM Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Women's Prayer Group – Hucks
- 6:30 PM Session: Lawson-Rain Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

- 8:00 AM Mission Camp
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

- 8:00 AM Mission Camp
- 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast: Presbyterian Community
- 12:30 PM Feeding Children Everywhere meal packing



W Women
m in Ministry

WiM Combined Circle Meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 12 in the Jenkins Fellowship Hall.

GET INVOLVED! IT'S TIME TO SERVE!
SERVEFLO

Helping Florence Flourish is pleased to announce the third annual ServeFLO initiative, June 16-24. This special season of service seeks to unify and bless Florence. Saturday, June 23, is our main service day but there are projects throughout the week for all ages. We will have a Rally at 8 a.m. June 23 for 15 minutes in front of the old Piggly Wiggly on Second Loop Road and then disperse from there to our Saturday projects.

Various Days Projects

- Feeding Children Everywhere Meal Pack: Friday, June 28, 12:30-2 p.m.
- Red Cross Blood Drive: Thursday, June 21, 1-6 p.m.
- WinShape Day Camp: June 18-22 (1/2 Day or Whole Day)

Saturday, June 23 Projects

- Curbside Cleanup
- Florence Downtown Roll & Cycling Festival
- Neighborhood Cookouts
- Timrod Elementary School

For the complete list of service projects and to volunteer, visit serveflo.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, June 21

1 to 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.

American Red Cross
at First Presbyterian Church
700 Park Avenue

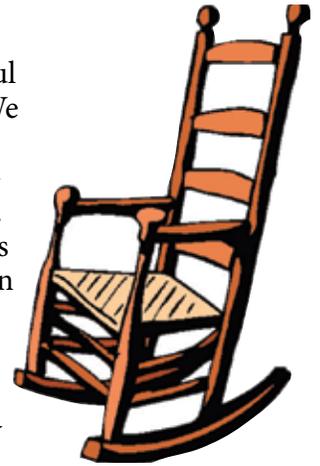
SERVEFLO

May's meaningful moments not lost

The month of May had two very meaningful observances for us: Easter Morning and Mother's Day.

For us Golden Agers, we have fewer sunrises of the wonderful earthly life that we have led. We are waiting for God's final call to bring us to our forever eternal home with him in Heaven. Therefore, we had many events that celebrated the resurrection of the empty tomb.

Mother's Day was "quick-kicked off" with a scrumptious buffet lunch along with a red-stemmed rose. Children, grands, great-grands were all over the campus. Yes, there was a lot of mixing of silver and gold, and many meaningful members and many precious memories – how they linger.



**THE PRESBYTERIAN
COMMUNITY REPORT**

Shoot the Can

Of course Ineda Man, as usual, did something that she brought out from her West Virginian personality – a Firecracker Celebration. Circus Fireworks, a nearby firecracker outlet, has had for the last five years a "Shoot 'em Up" carnival in their big lot. People from all over the Pee Dee come to the event with its carnival atmosphere.

The main event is "Shoot the Can" – a normal empty soup can launched with a "3-incher." The can that goes the highest wins the prize. Ineda Man's can went 5 feet higher than all the others. In a radio interview afterward, she was asked what she attributed her success to. Her reply: "I use an empty pork-and-bean can. It has a lot of residual gas in it."

Her prize was a package of sparklers. When asked what she was going to do with them, her reply was: "I'm going to donate them to homeless shelters. They need a sparkle in their life."

Ain't that sweet!

– Tom Kellam, Foreign Correspondent

Remember in Prayer

Extended Care

Heritage Home
Malcolm Rogers

Heritage at Lowman
Mac King

Homebound
Linda Foxworth
Pam Hoogenboom

Methodist Manor
Marie Jordan

Pee Dee Gardens
Joy Tedder

Presbyterian Community
Hannah Barringer
Ann Cash
Lois Jinks

Sympathy
Luke Scott, loss of his mother
Ellen Wilhoit, loss of her mother
Family of Jean Jones
Family of Julian Price
Family of Rufus Spivey

Households
Harriet Hindman
Carey, Jill, Gresham, and Madison Hindman
Edith Hicks
Win, Allison, and Seth Hallman, and Amanda, Grace, and Lauren Bostick
Bryan, Debbie, Carson, and Sarah Nell Harwell
Quincy Kennedy
Brian Kim and June Chang-Kim, Eric
Dan and Cissy Hicks

Births
Son Hayes born May 9 to Jack and Laura Anne Hofler
Daughter Sullivyn Leigh born April 23 to Kendall and Haley Jackson

Memorials

Jean Jones
Daisy Leland
Julian Price
Doug Smith
Rufus Spivey
Beth M. Tharpe



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Sick & Recovering

Madeline Brice
Jack Cagle
Linda Foxworth
Deloris Galloway
Dora Hewitt
Carolyn Holland
Robert Miles
Eddie McRae
Mary Catherine Rawlinson
George Richardson
Lyllian Scott
Martha Tyson

Elders
Alice Caldwell
Joe McLean

Deacons
Cynthia Knudsen
Brian Naylor

Missionaries
College Outreach

Women in Ministry
Adele Kassab
Kathryn Scott

Sunday School Teachers
Cathy Lee
Ruth Watts

Staff
Wanda Lasane
Sidney Ruff
Pastor Nominating Committee

A night at the gardens



On May 10, a group of Keenagers enjoyed an evening at Moore Farms Botanical Gardens raising funds for education in the arts with the sounds of Pantasia Steel Drums. Above: Mary Lynn van Witzenburg and Mary Ann Nash shake maracas along with the band. Right: Mary Lynn and Amy Wood volunteered to play steel drums for a song with the band.



Boy Scouts prepare for summer camps

Our Boy Scouts are taking a break from weekly meetings during the summer, but have 23 Scouts and leaders going to Camp Coker Scout camp June 17-23.

In July we have several Scouts that will be attending Order of the Arrow summer camp and two attending the National Order of the Arrow conference at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Also in July we have 20 Scouts and leaders heading to Wyoming for a backpacking trip in the Wind Rivers Wilderness area lead by Hunter Morgan.

Weekly Monday meetings will start back August 27.

Summer Women's Bible Study

The Women of First Presbyterian will have the opportunity to study the book of Hosea, an Old Testament

prophet, this summer.

“The book of Hosea is a deeply personal and passionate love story, yet it’s a difficult story. As an account full of harsh judgment unfolds, we find in its midst a rare gem: the truest and purest of loves. You’ll be guided to understand and apply the message of the prophet of love. Hosea showers us with love and points to the coming of the promised Messiah. Be amazed by the love of Hosea for his wayward spouse — and more amazed by the unfailing love of God for His wayward people.”

The 7-week study will begin on Wednesday, June 13, and run through August 1, but we will skip July Fourth. The morning session will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and the night session will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Work books will be available at the first meeting for \$12.99. Please contact Cynthia Knudsen: 843-687-1082, Renee McRae: 843-992-2397, or Dottie Handley: 843-206-3200 to sign up or for more information.

Sunday School ‘Lite’

The Grace and Truth class will have Sunday School “Lite” during the summer months. We will meet at 9 a.m. for an informal lesson, discussion, and prayer.



Beginning on May 27, children in 3K - first grade will have a *different* type of learning time during worship. We use a *different* space -- the Sunday school room. We use *different* material -- God Keeps His Promises. We use *different* leaders -- parents lead the lessons. A link to the schedule is posted on the church website (www.florencefirst.org/children-in-worship/) and will be emailed and texted to parents. All parents are asked to participate.

Friend of Jesus

VBS July 23-26

Jesus invites us to be his friend. If we are his friends, we will do what John 15:12-17 tells us. We will love each other.

- VBS is open to children who have completed 2K-fifth grade.
- If you're interested in being a part, let Kathryn Scott know by emailing kescott1003@gmail.com.
- Registration is open.

SERVEFLO

Mission Camp

9 a.m. to noon June 25-28

- Sponsored by First Presbyterian, Central United Methodist, & St. Luke Lutheran
- Camp is for those who've completed first through sixth grades
- We have 3 spots left; sign up today:
Go to florencefirst.org
- Youth volunteers are needed.
Contact Alexis.



At the end of Mission Camp (and ServeFlo), the community has an opportunity to participate in a meal packing event here at First Presbyterian. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. June 28, teams of 5-10 people are needed to scoop, weigh, seal, and package pasta meals that stay right here in the Pee Dee for families in need. Register your team at serveflo.org.



WinShape Camp: June 18-22

(Open to kids who've completed first-ninth grades)

Downtown Roll & Festival: June 23

Mission Camp: June 25-28

(Open to kids who've completed first-sixth grades)

Art Camp: July 9-13

VBS: July 23-26

(Open to kids who've completed 2K-fifth grades)

Congratulations, graduates



High school graduates were recognized during May 12 services and received a blessing for their next season in life. From left to right are: Whit Poston, University of South Carolina; Richard Shurman, Clemson University; MaryAnna Emerson, Clemson University; Ellen Grace Marechal, USC; Hannah Welch, Francis Marion University; Gresham Hindman, Presbyterian College; Elizabeth Frost, Salem College; Brandon Fuller, Winthrop University; Cameryn Brand, Clemson University; and Randi Ryan, USC-Sumter. Not pictured: Blaine Carter, Worth Player, Carrigan Spearman, and Austin Tyler.

Best Week Ever!

WinShape Camps

WINSHAPE FLORENCE
 June 18-22 at First Presbyterian Church
 Register now for the unprecedented day camp for completed 1st-9th graders. Sports, recreation, arts, Bible study. One incredible week.
helpingflorenceflourish.org/winshape-camps
 One-week session rate: \$214. Scholarships available.

Register Now!
 1-844-WS-CAMPS
 WINSHAPECAMPS.ORG

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER INTERNS

Anna Shurman, daughter of John and Jane Shurman, is a 2016 graduate of West Florence High School. She is a rising junior at Clemson University and majoring in Biological Science. Her future plans include attending physical therapy grad school or speech therapy master's program. She said she is thrilled to work with the children for her second year to help show them the gospel through all of our summer events.



Anna Shurman



Mac Gandy

Mac Gandy, son of Shelley and Tag Gandy, is a 2015 graduate of South Florence High School. He is a rising senior at Clemson University majoring in history and political science. He hopes to attain a law degree or get a master's in political science. He said he is excited to have the opportunity to work with the youth group, which played such a big part in developing his relationship with Jesus growing up.



Chancel Choir members rehearse at First Presbyterian ahead of the Memorial Day program at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Chancel Choir performs at Carnegie Hall in New York

Members from the Chancel Choir at First Presbyterian Church will perform in a special Memorial Day program at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Members were invited to sing, joining other choirs across the United States, said Ann Rodgers Chandler, Director of Music at First Presbyterian. They will study with the well-known English composer John Rutter, who will conduct the

evening concert on Memorial Day, May 28. Rutter has written sacred and choral works and also was the composer of "This Is The Day" for the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Several members of the choir are longtime faithful members in the choir at First Presbyterian, and they practice weekly throughout the year. In preparation of the program, the choir is working on Rutter's

Requiem. Among those from the choir performing at Carnegie Hall: Charlie Bazen, Curt Boswell, Joyce Dalsbo, Brandon Frost, Elizabeth Frost, Linda Jacobs, Fred Kunz, Lee Nunn, Stuart Snow, Mary Lynn van Witzenburg, and Ann Rodgers Chandler.

While in New York, they'll rehearse daily leading up to the concert. The trip will end with a celebration cruise around the New York Harbor.



A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Join us for a night of RedWolves baseball! At 7 p.m. June 6, the covered picnic area at Francis Marion University's Sparrow Stadium is reserved for First Presbyterian to enjoy RedWolves baseball, Florence's Coastal Plain League team. Tickets in advance are \$5. Make checks out to First Presbyterian and turn into Alexis. Deadline for ticket purchase through the church is June 3 and pickup for prepaid tickets is June 5 and 6. You will be able to purchase tickets at the gate and join us in the picnic area.

First Pres Youth P3

The high school and middle school ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC

Sunday School

No SS in June

MOVE

No MOVE in June

East Florence Mission

No EFM in June

P3BC on Thursday

June 14, 28

9 - 10 a.m.

We meet for breakfast, devotion, and prayer

Youth small groups

June 17, 24

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner and Bible study

Senior Getaway

June 13

Seniors will travel to Georgetown for the day and spend time thinking about college and what to expect as well as how to prepare to continue to grow closer to God in college. There will be no cost.

Tentative Deep Sea Fishing Excursion

We are tentatively planning a deep sea fishing trip the week of June 11-15. We will plan to use Little River Fishing Fleet charters out of Little River. It will be a half day of fishing. Estimated price is \$40 a person. Deadline for sign up is June 1.

RedWolves Game

The youth will attend a RedWolves game on June 26. The game starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5. Deadline to signup is June 1.

WinShape Camps for Communities

First Presbyterian Church and Helping Florence Flourish with the cooperation of Chick-fil-A, other businesses, churches, and schools are privileged to be able to host a WinShape Camp for Communities the week of June 18-22. The camp will be held on the campus of First Presbyterian. This is a phenomenal opportunity for the body of Christ to reach our community with the gospel. The camp is for students that have completed 1st through 9th grade. It is a high-quality day camp experience that gives students exposure to solid Biblical truth. The cost is \$214. We need volunteers, as well, so if you are available that week, please consider helping with this great mission opportunity.

Fun In The Sun 2018

The youth will be traveling to FITS this year, the week of July 8-13. FITS is held at the Hilton Head Beach and Tennis Resort. One change this year is that rising ninth-graders will be eligible to attend. FITS is a beneficial week for our youth. It gives them an opportunity to engage in Christ-centered worship as they sing, hear Biblically based teaching, and fellowship with each other, as well as other churches. The cost is \$450. The cost for families with multiple children attending is \$400 a child. The deadline for registering and paying \$100 deposit is JUNE 18! This is a hard deadline this year. If you have not signed up by June 18, then you will not be able to attend.





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