Join us Sunday, September 9 as we kick-off a new Christian Formation year at First Presbyterian Church. This is a great day to reconnect after a scattered summer, and a perfect time to bring your friends and introduce them to your church family!

- **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship**
- **9:45 a.m. The NEW "Tail Gate Party"** (aka Ministry Fair) in Calvin Hall.
- **5:00 p.m. BBQ Dinner on the front lawn.** Enjoy live music by Willy Fisher, an inflatable obstacle course, the dunking booth, lawn games, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, and a great dinner of fried chicken and BBQ.

“What is the Tail Gate Party?” We have a lot going on at FPC Burlington. Often, people in our congregation and people who visit with us do not know what is going on or how to be involved. This intergenerational “Tail Gate Party” will give an opportunity for everyone to interact with different ministry areas in a fun and casual way.

**A small taste of what you will encounter:**
- Chat with the Youth about their summer conferences and mission trip.
- Walk through the Zambia Mission exhibit and learn the story behind the photos.
- Explore the many aspects of Children’s Ministry from VBS to Deep Blue to Mystery Day.
- Discover all that the Deacons really do.
- Participate in a project with the Liturgical Arts Guild.
- Engage with FPC supported Local and International Missions.
- Assemble Presbyterian Disaster Clean-Up Kits and pray for families who will receive them.
- Get some “swag” and discover how God might be calling you to grow and serve.
- Visit about 25 ministry tail gate tables!

Prior to milling around the “Tail Gates,” we will gather for scripture, prayer, and a presentation by our Peru exchange student, **Leigh Stanfill**, who is excited to share her adventures.
The purpose of the First Presbyterian Foundation is to strengthen and expand the ministries of First Presbyterian Church now and for future generations by providing for special needs and projects of the church. Supporting the Foundation is a tangible affirmation of faith and trust that God will use our gifts that have been prayerfully and faithfully given. Supporting the Foundation is also a wonderful opportunity to leave a lasting legacy of faith by making a self-evident statement about the values we treasure most.

The Foundation has been blessed with the generosity of our members, both current and those who served before us. Through their endowed gifts the Foundation has been able to meet current needs of our church while ensuring that those who serve after us also have resources available to support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

During our recent Open Hearts Open Doors campaign, the Foundation was able to assist with replacement of audiovisual equipment in Calvin Hall and made a contribution toward the HVAC work that was done. And Foundation funds regularly support the wonderful special music programs at our church. While making an unrestricted gift gives the Foundations the most flexibility to meet needs that arise, gifts can also be designated, for example, to building and grounds needs. We have a beautiful campus that enables us to reach out to serve our community, but often requires maintenance that cannot be adequately covered in our operating budget.

**The Community of the Celtic Cross** was established by the Foundation several years ago for those who would prefer to make a lasting gift to the Foundation through wills and life income gifts. This can be done through life insurance, real estate, and retirement accounts, and other planned gifts as suggested by your personal tax advisor or legal counsel.

You are invited to an informational lunch on **Sunday, September 16 at noon in the Witherspoon Room.** Please email (kseagroves@fpcburlington.org) or call (336-228-1703) if you are able to join us.

## Upcoming Events!

### The Community of the Celtic Cross Luncheon — Sunday, September 16

**Remember the promise—**

**Wade in the waters.**

**Take heart.**

FPC Women’s Retreat 2018

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**2018 FPC Women’s Retreat — Saturday, September 22**

****REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 15**

As women, we all have times when it feels as if we are treading water, swamped by waves, unable to find our way out of the sea. In those times, it is easy to question — “where is God?”, “does God know who I am?”, “what will happen to me?”. In both Isaiah and John, we find scripture that gives us a life-line, the courage to find a way out of the waters. God names us and claims us, deems us precious in his sight, and through grace and mercy, brings us peace. Come explore what it means to “Take Heart,” to remember God’s promise to us and to live fully in God’s love and care.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the **2018 FPC Women’s Retreat**, to be held **Saturday, September 22 at FPC**. This restful, inspiring day will feature “Rest Stops” including Sacred Steps (labyrinth walk), Visio Divina, Stilling the Self (Yoga), Finding Your Voice, Receiving Grace through Humor, and more! Participants will also enjoy a delicious lunch and plenty of time for fellowship with friends old and new. This wonderful event will be a day filled with worship opportunities, relaxing experiences, and chances to grow and learn more about your faith. Registration is $30 and includes lunch, morning refreshments and all materials.

Church women have received a registration packet in the mail. You can also pick one up in the church office or visit [http://www.fpcburlington.org/womensretreat/](http://www.fpcburlington.org/womensretreat/) to register online.

Don’t forget to invite your friends...all women are welcome!
Art Songs, Show Tunes and Neapolitan Songs — Sunday, September 30
Chuck Beard, tenor, along with pianists Dr. Charles Hogan and Sam Meares will offer a recital of Art Songs, Show Tunes and Neapolitan Songs on Sunday, September 30 at 5 p.m. at Macedonia Lutheran Church, 421 W. Front St. in Burlington. Chuck sang with FPC for many years.

508 Partnership Poetry Gatherings
The 508 Partnership Discussions of African American Poetry will be held from 12:00–1:00 p.m.:
- Thursday, October 4 (First Baptist Church Annex, Apple Street)
- Thursday, October 11 (First Presbyterian Church)
- Thursday, October 18 (First Baptist Church Annex, Apple Street)
- Thursday, October 25 (First Presbyterian Church).
We will discuss selected poems by Langston Hughes, Imamu Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones), Gwendolyn Brooks, and Lucille Clifton. Our textbook will be The Black Poets, ed. Dudley Randall (used paperback copies available on Amazon.com). Discussion leaders are Vickie Morrow, Homer Ashby, and Harry Brown.

Men of the Church Oyster Roast & BBQ
We will gather on Saturday, October 20, at Hugh Cummings’s Farm (2609 Pitts Road, Elon) at 5:00 p.m. to watch college football and at 6:00 p.m. enjoy Hugh Cummings’s steamed oysters and Phil Langley’s BBQ. We will conclude the evening around 7:30 p.m. Bring a pair of gloves and shucking knife if you have one. You will greatly enjoy the time together and can’t beat the cost — $10 for oysters, BBQ, and beer and soft drinks! If you have questions, call Jerry Bailey (336-213-1942) or Hugh Cummings (336-260-8071). Call the church office (336-228-1703) to make your reservation.

Mark Your Calendar — Gratitude & Generosity Dedication Brunch, Sunday, October 28
Dedication Sunday Brunch in between the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. More information to follow!

American Red Cross Memorial Bloodmobile: Save the Date!
October 29 in Calvin Hall
The American Red Cross is planning to hold the Harold and Barbara Lloyd Memorial Bloodmobile on Monday, October 29 in Calvin Hall from 2:30-7:00 p.m.
Harold Lloyd organized many bloodmobiles at First Presbyterian and Barbara was a faithful Red Cross volunteer for many years. When available on-line you may schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code FPC Burlington. If you need assistance or information you may contact Lucy Kernodle, Site Coordinator, at lkernodle@bellsouth.net. The site, redcrossblood.org also gives information about guidelines about who may donate blood and what to expect as a blood donor. You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life!

Charlotte Allbright needs photos of you and your family — define “family” as you wish. This is a project to celebrate the children’s Sunday school theme of “At Home with God” recognizing that our families are unique and we are all part of God’s family. We need LOTS of pictures! Email them to callbright@fpcburlington.org or drop them off at the church office. Or give Charlotte permission to use family photos from your Facebook or Instagram!
Children Ministry

We have two new exciting things happening on Sunday mornings in Children’s Ministry. At 9:45 a.m. starting **Sunday, September 16**, children PreK (3 years old by August 2018) through 4th grade are invited to join the Deep Blue **At Home with God**. Using a one-room Sunday school model, children in this age group will build relationships with each other while they discover how they are part of God’s family and dig deeper into family-theme scripture. The “Family” theme is perfect as our older children will help teach and shepherd the younger children while learning where they belong in God’s big story. Parents will receive handouts to help with faith-in-the-home conversations during the week. And download the Deep Blue Adventures app! Another great resource to have faith talks anywhere and anytime.

**Children Worship, Too!**

“Children Worship, Too!” for Kindergartners, 1st graders and their parents/guardians will start on **Sunday, September 16** at 9:45 a.m. This is a wonderful hands-on Worship and Sacraments experience. **Contact Charlotte Allbright by September 9 to let her know you will be part of this class.** Children will receive Bibles as a gift from their church family during the 11:00 a.m. worship on September 30 to celebrate this milestone in their faith journey.

**September 16**: “We Praise God & We Have a Special Place to Worship” — Meet in the Sanctuary  
**September 23**: “Sacraments Workshop” — Meet in Williams Chapel  
**September 30**: “We Have a Plan to Worship” — Meet in the Witherspoon room

Faith Formation for Infants and Toddlers

Did you know the littlest of our disciples are engaged in faith formation? From the time they are handed over from parent/guardian to our tender loving childcare staff, they are learning how much God loves them. They are learning that they are part of this church family. They are learning. Even from the youngest age, they receive a special time dedicated to hearing Bible stories, learning songs, and reinforcing the lesson in other age appropriate ways with the P.C.(U.S.A.) curriculum *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*. The curriculum comes with a set of 52 beautiful picture cards that are used to tell stories and themes of our faith. The card includes prayers, songs, and other activities to engage the children. Each parent receives a take home page to continue the lessons at home so that they can begin the routine and ritual of sharing faith-in-the-home. If you would like to be part of this special ministry as a nursery volunteer, please contact David Sapp (drsapp3@gmail.com). If you would like your infant or toddler to join in this faith formation time, simply take them to Room 101 on Sunday morning or contact Charlotte Allbright (callbright@fpcburlington.org) for more information.
College Ministry

We need your help! Our church has a College Ministry with a mission to provide spiritual support to our college students (undergraduates and post graduates) during their college years. This ministry supports our FPC Youth Alumni with exam gifts and visits with Taylor in addition to the Ukirk/Wesley Ministry at Elon, Montreat College Conference, and meal get togethers!

As a new school year begins, we need your student’s contact information so they do not miss out on these opportunities. We need their mailing address, school, email, and cell phone number. The mailing address will aid Cathy Wall on behalf of the Presbyterian Women to make sure each student gets an exam gift. She also assigns college students to each Circle. The students enjoy getting these gifts, however, it is a reminder that their church family is thinking about them.

Taylor Barner makes visits to surrounding schools to visit the students as well. It may be a quick cup of coffee or sharing a meal to see how they are doing. UKIRK/Wesley meets weekly to provide bible study and activities for students at Elon. Taylor assists in leading the group and Happy Kerns is their Elon advisor. We also provide exam gifts for them and prepare meals several times a year. A favorite is brunch on Reading Day.

College years can be hard and we want to support these students! PLEASE share your student’s contact information as soon as possible, so no one gets left out! You may email their information to Elizabeth Bailey at jbailey15@triad.rr.com or text it to (336) 580-5807.

Young Adult (YA) Circle

Begins Sunday, September 16

Come join us for YACircle, starting soon! If you are interested in digging into scripture, singing a little, praying a little, and asking hard questions, this gathering is for you! We meet on Sunday afternoons in Room 408 at 4 p.m. Kids are welcome, too! Contact Rev. Lindsay Conrad if you have any questions (LConrad@fpcburlington.org).

Look for updates on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/fpcburlington/

Discussion Topics:

- September 16: On Gathering the Crew and Getting Stuff Done — Matthew 9:35–10:23
- September 23: On Saving the Trees and Answering the Call — Ezekiel 17:22–24
- September 30: About the Important Things — 2 Corinthians 6:1–13
- October 7: How to Calm the Storm — Mark 4:35–41
- October 14: Taking on the Hard Questions — Job 38:1–41
- October 21: NO YA CIRCLE
- October 28: Calling a Spade a Spade — Matthew 16:13–20
- November 4: A Sidewalk Prophecy — 2 Corinthians 8:1–15
- November 11: A Good Word to the Prophets — Ezekiel 2:1–7
- November 18: Ending How We Began — Mark 6:1–13
Adult Studies is an opportunity for faith formation and transformation offered by First Presbyterian Church of Burlington. Our hope is to foster lifelong spiritual growth for our congregation and our community. The Adult Studies Committee invites you to make a commitment to Christian formation. Here are some of the many opportunities offered this fall. Pick one (or more) and join the journey. Contact Charlotte Allbright, Director of Christian Education and Formation, for more information (336)228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. — Starting September 16**
Join one of four Bible studies, topic classes, and guest speakers.
- **Enrichment Class**: Room 228
- **The Point**: Room 227
- **The John Knox Fellowship**: The John Knox Room

**Mid-Week Bible Study**

“Peculiar Treasures” led by Ron Shive in the Witherspoon Room (see page 7 for more details)
- **Tuesday Morning Men**: 6:45 a.m. starting September 11
- **Wednesday Morning Everyone**: 10:00 a.m. starting September 12
- **Thursday Morning Women**: 6:45 a.m. starting September 13

**Lunch Bunch Book Club**
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in Room 122. Come for fun book discussions and fellowship. Bring your lunch with you.
- **September 11** — *The Jekyll Island Club* by Brent Monahan
- **October 9** — *The Perfect Son* by Barbara Claypole White (and she will be here to chat with us!)
- **November 13** — *Bunny Mellon* by Meryl Gordon
- **December 11** — *Winterdance* by Gary Paulsen

**Short-Term Series**

“The Torah” by Mickey Efird — Sundays, September 16–30 at 9:45 a.m. in the John Knox Room.

“Choosing Gratitude as a Way of Life” led by the FPC Pastors — Sundays, October 7–28 at 9:45 a.m. in Witherspoon Room.

“Discussions in African American Poetry” 508 Partnership led by Homer Ashby, Harry Brown, and Vickie Morrow — 12:00 p.m. Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 at First Baptist Church on Apple St. (see page 3 for more information).

“Triple P Parenting Courses” — Sundays, November 4, 11, & 18 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201.

“Race and Reconciliation” — Continuing the conversation on Sundays, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 402.

“Parables” led by Rev. Amanda Anderson — Sundays, November 4-25 at 9:45 a.m. in the John Knox Room.

*If you have any questions or would like to make a suggestion for future faith formation offerings, please contact Charlotte Allbright.*
Join Dr. Ron Shive in a Weekly Bible Study this Fall — “Peculiar Treasures”
September – December 2018
Witherspoon Room

Three Weekly Options:
- **Tuesday Men’s Bible Study**: 6:45–7:45 a.m. beginning September 11
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**: 10:00–11:30 a.m. beginning September 12
- **Thursday Women’s Bible Study**: 6:45–7:45 a.m. beginning September 13

God spoke to Moses on Mt. Sinai and said to him, “…if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples.” A treasured possession — at least that is the way, the New Revised Standard translates it. As the people of God, we are God’s treasured possession. There is something very reassuring about that. But, it is interesting to see how the King James translates this phrase. It states, “Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people…” A peculiar treasure — now that is a different thought. Peculiar — odd, strange, and eccentric. And as we read the Bible, we discover that the people of God are a bunch of peculiar people — odd, strange, and eccentric. And yet, there is much we can benefit from getting to know them better. Frederick Buechner writes, “What struck me more than anything else as I reacquainted myself with this remarkable rag-bag of people from the Bible was both their extraordinary aliveness and their power to make me feel somehow more alive myself for having known them…They still have the power to bring tears to the eyes and send shivers up the spine.”

This fall we will examine thirteen of God’s peculiar treasures. Most of them are odd, strange, or eccentric, and yet they still have the power to make us feel more alive for having known them. Hopefully this study will at times bring a tear to your eyes and at other times send a shiver up your spine.

If you have any questions or would like a schedule of our fall study, please contact Ron (336-228-1703 or rshive@fpcburlington.org).

Enrichment Class outing to Hyco Lake
Hi! Being here in Peru has been an absolutely wonderful experience. I have learned so much about language, about culture, and about how to do some karate and throw a really good quinceañera. Everybody is unfailingly kind and welcoming and I am so thankful to have gotten to experience it all and share it with Allison!

Here are a few pics (I wasn't sure how many you wanted but you're welcome to pick and choose):

Be sure to come to Festival Day and hear about Leigh's experience in Peru!!

2018 Peru Mission Team Summary Report

Friday, August 10
• Meeting with Rusty Edmondson, PC(USA) mission co-worker and coordinator of Perusia to discuss church-wide initiatives in Peru. Miriam Laura joined the group to present collaborative opportunities for future mission efforts.
• Meeting with Pastor Sung-il Kim and Dr. Roman, Rector at USEL University to discuss the status of AERAM (Moyobamba University) and USEL (Lima University).

Sunday, August 12
• Worship at Moyobamba Presbyterian Church and lunch with pastors and members of church.

Monday, August 13
• Meeting with headmaster Mariquita Ruiz at Annie Sopar School. Meet with scholarship students and the 2019 exchange student (Eliseo Aguilar) and the exchange teacher (Margot Borbor).
• Meeting at San Lucas Clinic with staff to discuss their community outreach and their wholistic medical practices in Moyobamba. Heard the “Moyobama Children's Symphony,” a part of San Lucas ministry.
• Meeting with Moyobamba Church Session and Pastor Eliderio to discuss the church’s continuing efforts to minister to and serve the San Martin people.

Tuesday, August 14
• Visit and tour a Paz y Esperanza school site with their director, Jorge Arboco.

Bill Moser
(see page 9 for photos from our trip)
Miriam Laura & Rusty Edmondson

Staff of San Lucas

Session of Moyobamba Church

Teacher (Margot Borbor) and Student (Eliseo Aguilar)

Moyobama Children’s Symphony

Recipients of FPC Scholarships at Annie Sopar

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Diaper Drive
First Presbyterian Church Burlington has donated over 18,000 diapers to babies and toddlers in our community since September 2016! Thanks to the Alamance Partnership for Children, the church has free storage and APC delivery of the diapers to our partners — Allied Churches, Family Abuse Services, the Salvation Army, the Health Department’s Baby Closet, Elon’s Strong Beginnings, The Family Center (Exchange/SCAN), DSS and ABSS. The requests keep growing as does the need. Our sister church Graham Presbyterian Church joined our mission this past June and also held a diaper drive! During the month of September to celebrate the upcoming Diaper Need Awareness Week — September 24–30 — we will hold our 6th diaper drive!

The Diaper Blessing will be on Sunday, September 16, during worship!
Thank you for your continued generosity toward the littlest people in our community!

Singing and Voting to End Hunger — Bread for the World Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, September 25
Bread for the World is a social justice organization that works towards bipartisan support for people who are hungry and food insecure. The quarterly meeting of the local chapter will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian church (1126 W Webb Ave.). We will be singing and voting to end hunger. Choirs will lead us in singing our hopes and dreams for ending hunger, as we also hear from area congressional candidates about how they will vote to end hunger! Please mark your calendar and plan to come join us.

WANTED: Teacher/Student Hosts this Winter!
We have a new teacher and student from Annie Soper School in Moyobamba, Peru joining us again this winter as part of our mission partnership! More details about them to come, but we want to know if YOU are interested in being one of the village it takes to support this important exchange! Are you ready for your heart to be broken wide open as you grow your family with a student or teacher for a week (or month!) from Peru? Let Rev. Lindsay Conrad know! More details to come!
Furniture Ministry Newsletter, September 2018

The Furniture Ministry joyfully welcomed four new volunteers on Saturday, August 11 — Mike Walsh, Collin Walsh, Betty Beal and Libby Conde. In all, 24 enthusiastic church members gave their morning to deliver loads of much-needed furnishings to ten families and to pick up donations from six donors. Reid Dusenberry, Dan Hardie and Barry Bradberry went to Twin Lakes and returned with the new box truck and Barry’s van filled! Sixteen delivery/pickups is a very productive morning!

In addition eight families had picked up their own furniture prior to workday and two families were scheduled to pick up the following week — bringing the monthly total already to 20 families who now have the basic furnishings they have been doing without — beds, living room furniture, tables and chairs, dressers, lamps, dishes, pots and pans. Our ministry is a blessing to more than 200 families a year.

Volunteers are the life-blood of this valued ministry. Other cities have similar agencies with paid staff, supplemented by volunteers. The FPC Furniture Ministry is the only one we know of that is solely volunteer run. This means the dedication of many, many people. However, with enough volunteers, the work is not burdensome and the rewards are huge. Please prayerfully consider whether you may be called to assist in this meaningful work, by coming on one of the twice monthly Saturday morning delivery/pickup days or by assisting with the ongoing warehouse work of managing the phone and the sorting, shelving, tagging of donated goods. Hours are very flexible! If you want to know more, talk to Lindsay Conrad or call Reid Dusenberry (336-260-5804), Elizabeth Bailey (336-580-5807) or Nan Perkins (336-380-1778). Or you can email furnmin@fpcburlington.org.

Another essential way to serve is by making donations of funds or goods.

NEEDED NOW:

- **Queen bedding** — sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress pads. We have been given a large number of queen mattress and box springs sets and the bedding is costing us $50–$100 for each.
- **Mattress pads of all sizes.**
- **Volunteers to pick up and wash donated linens. Please call Raye Sapp 336-260-5833.**
- **Volunteers to help pick up donations on the fourth Saturday morning of each month.**

“**I Dare To Imagine Beyond Here**” Art Exhibit

Kids can’t dream about what they don’t know about. This exhibit brings the challenges and experiences of a variety of local folks to the forefront to be real life examples of passion and perseverance. So whether you are planning your first venture or your fiftieth, this exhibit will inspire your own creativity and originality. Join us as we honor the uniqueness of the individual to model for our youth how to dream beyond where they are today.

Starting mid-September in the Black and White hall
September marks the beginning of a new Music Ministry Season here at First Presbyterian Church — and we hope you will add your Voice or Talent to this vital opportunity to serve God!

**Chancel Choir**

Chancel Choir (college age and adult) begins with rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 5 at 6:45 p.m.** in the Choir Room. If you took part in our Summer Choir offerings, you have experienced so much of our very special Choir Family — and we hope you will join us! If you wish you had taken part in Summer Choir, come sneak a peak at how we support Worship through Music — you will find a great welcome!

**Carillon Choir**

Carillon Choir offers the opportunity to develop your instrumental side by ringing handbells. It’s great fun and a good aerobic workout (from time to time!). Not to mention the camaraderie we experience with one another. This is another opportunity to serve your Church. **Rehearsals will begin around September 11 (Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.).**

**Carol Choir & Covenant Choir**

Carol Choir and Covenant Choir (children kindergarten through grade 5) begin their active musical season on **Sunday, September 16 at 5:00 p.m.** Our children’s music ministry offers the opportunity to not only serve God and the Church, but to grow in faith, explore ways to share and develop musical skills, all in a safe and enjoyable setting. In the spring, Carol and Covenant Choirs will present a musical — yet another way to grow and serve.

**Family Choir, Men’s Voices, Women’s Voices, All Sing Sunday**

What great response we had in June from you, the congregation! So be on the lookout for another chance to flex your vocal muscles in worship!

You are always welcome to get in touch with **Patrick Murphy, Organist-Choirmaster** pmurphy@fpcburlington.org, to learn more about ways to serve this great Church!

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**Thank You to LaRae Bolick**

On September 12, 2002, LaRae Bolick joined First Presbyterian Church of Burlington as our Financial Administrator. For the past sixteen years, she has faithfully handled finances for our annual budget, several endowments, and multiple capital campaigns — all while keeping meticulous track of individual records in a confidential manner.

LaRae will be leaving us on October 5, 2018. Her contribution to FPC is noted and extremely appreciated — but we know her grandchildren are very excited about the chance to spend more time with her!

Anyone who would like to contribute a gift for LaRae, please send to Kathleen Seagroves. Please mark: **Confidential — LaRae Bolick Gift.**
PW Circle Meetings

Presbyterian Women Circles will start back on September 9, 10, and 11. If you are not currently a member of one of the four circles, we invite you to visit and/or join. Circles meet monthly September–May on Sunday night, Monday mornings and Tuesday night. Circles provide bible study, opportunities for local and international mission work, and a small environment for developing friendships.

Please consider exploring this activity at First Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Vickie Whitaker, Vice Moderator for Presbyterian Women at 336-395-3194 or twitaker3.tw@gmail.com.

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PW Events

The Salem Presbytery Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering — “Chosen by Love” – John 15:16. Led by Rev. Lara Musser Gritter, Co-Pastor, First Salisbury — will be Saturday, September 22 at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church (804 East Street, North Wilkesboro, 28657) from 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Registration information will be posted on the Salem Presbytery Website at salempresbytery.org.

A Special Evening for all Presbyterian Women

Monday, September 24 • 6:00 p.m. in the Williams Chapel

*to honor the fine women in our congregation who have passed away in the past year*

6:30 in the Witherspoon Room

for the Annual Salad Supper and Life Membership Award Ceremony

Bring a friend and a covered dish salad.

Drinks and desserts provided.

Welcome to Jane Cunningham

We warmly welcome Jane Cunningham to the staff of First Presbyterian Church as our new **Communications Coordinator**. Her responsibilities include gathering information for publications such as the monthly newsletter, organizing and sending the weekly e-blast, creating images/graphics for the website and e-bulletin boards, keeping our Facebook page up to date, and updating the website.

Jane is a graduate of Brown University and attended courses at the George Washington University Publication Specialist Program. She has done Communications work for a variety of churches and schools in NC including St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Goldsboro, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Greensboro, Christ Preschool in Greensboro, St. Francis Episcopal Day School in Greensboro, as well as The Servant Leadership School of Greensboro, the Episcopal Church Women and The Creative Center of Greensboro.

She is the mother of four adult children and lives in Greensboro.
Welcome New Members!
Five new members (including Lori Powell — see above right) joined First Presbyterian of Burlington on Sunday, August 26. They are:

Virgil and Gillan Christian
155 Crepe Myrtle Court
Burlington, NC 27215

Pat Andrews
607 Westminster Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Betty Beal
1504 Jon Hus Court
Burlington, NC 27215
Session Digest for August 2018

The financial reports for June and July were reviewed. Expenses were in line with the budget, but revenues were down which is typical for this time of year. The Treasurer reminded everyone to keep their pledge payments in mind as we move into the fall.

A motion was approved to change the children’s Faith Formation curriculum. Lesson series called *Submerge* and Deep Blue will be used for the 2018–2019 Faith Formation year.

A motion was approved for rising 4th–6th graders to attend the Passport Kids Camp in Spartanburg, SC in the summer of 2019.

A motion was approved for communion to be served to the participants of the Women’s Retreat that is going to be held on September 22, 2018.

**2018 Flower Donations**

There is plenty of opportunity to donate flowers for the Sunday worship service. Donations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a Sunday, please call Kathleen Seagroves in the Church office (336/228-1703 Ext 213 or keasgroves@fpcburlington.org) or Dick Cannon, 2018 Chancel Guild chairperson (336/227-5449 or analyzepro@yahoo.com). The available dates are September 30; November 11, 18 & 25; and December 2.

The Personnel Committee reported that our new Communications Coordinator, Jane Cunningham, has begun her work for the church. He also reported that LaRae Bolick is retiring effective October 5, 2018. The church has been blessed with her dedicated service. Work has already begun to find a replacement.

A motion was approved for the sacrament of baptism for Emelia Powell on August 26, 2018. The parents are Christopher and Lori Powell.

The Session participated in an exercise with the Visioning Committee to look at themes that were gathered in the recent cottage meetings and look at potential direction for the future of the church.

**Bob Hill**  
Clerk of Session

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**Church Finances**  
**July Financial Statement**

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During the summer months if you have fallen behind in your giving to FPC, please help us by catching up in your giving. If you should have any questions regarding the Financial Statement, please contact Tom McGowen, Jr. Church Treasurer, tmcgowen@ssmkllp.com or LaRae Bolick, Church Business Administrator, lbolick@fpcburlington.org in the church office.
Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m.  Worship Service — Williams Chapel
9:15 a.m.  Welcome Center Opens
9:45 a.m.  Faith Formation for All Ages
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Session meets for prayer — Board Room
11:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary