

August 31, 2020

This Week at FPC

The complete and up-to-date church calendar can be found at the bottom of the Home Page of our website: www.fpcden.org.

Tuesday, September 1

- 9:00 am – Food Pantry ministry
- 7:00 pm – Children’s Ministry Team meeting (Gathering Area)

Wednesday, September 2

- 6:00 pm – Gospel of John Bible Study (Gathering Area)

Thursday, September 3

- 6:30 pm – Celebration Praise Team rehearsal (Worship Center)

Saturday, September 5

- 1:00 to 5:00 pm – Gathering Area reserved

Sunday, September 6

- 9:00 am – Bible Explorers Sunday School Class (Music Room)
- 10:00 am – Worship Service

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)

- Church Office closed for Labor Day

Children’s Ministry Team –

September 1 at 7:00 pm

Our Children's Ministry leaders and parents will tomorrow (Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 pm) to discuss if and when and how to restart programs for children at First Presbyterian Church – Sunday School classes, Children's Church, Discovery Worship, Science with Jesus, Youth Fellowship. Parents are encouraged to attend, or share your thoughts with Peter Smith or Jennifer Shafer.

Gospel of John Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join our in-depth study of John's Gospel Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm! We are meeting in the Gathering Area for safe social distancing. Bring your Bible and invite a friend for a great adventure in exploring one of the best loved books of the Bible together! Study guides are provided each week, and may also be obtained by email ... speak to the pastor or send a request to peter@fpceden.org.

Sunday, September 6

We will begin looking at Samson next Sunday with the story of his miraculous birth and his unique dedication to the Lord (the secret of his extraordinary strength), a peculiar character for peculiar times, not unlike our own. It will be interesting to see how we can apply lessons from the life of Samson to our lives today. We will be in Judges 13:6-25. Please invite someone to worship with us either in person (with face masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing or online at www.fpceden.org). You can also click on the link below, and share it with friends and family:

<https://bit.ly/FPCEden>

Set Your Clocks for Sunday School – September 13!

Members and friends of First Presbyterian Church will have three adult Sunday School classes to choose from starting Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 am. Social distancing is expected, and our hope is that everyone will feel comfortable attending. Nursery care is available for children of all ages during the Sunday School hour.

Bible Explorers Class (Music Room) is led by Bill Robertson. They begin by reading the prescribed Lectionary passages for Sunday, which lead to open discussion about Scripture and a variety of faith-related topics.

Through the Bible (Room C-21, first floor of the Education Building) is led by Terry Widel: “We read through the different books of the Bible and study the different Biblical doctrines that God wants us to know and understand, so we can apply these to our everyday lives to better serve Him.”

40 Days of Purpose (Gathering Area) is led by Pastor Peter Smith. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of Rick Warren’s excellent book, Purpose Driven Life, a 40 day study on God’s plans for our lives. We will read one short chapter every day for 40 days, and meet every Sunday for seven weeks to talk about it. This is a short-term Sunday School commitment, and a great way for new folks to get involved.

**40 Days of Purpose, starting
September 13 at 9:00 am!**

If you read Rick Warren’s The Purpose Driven Life when it first came out 18 years ago, you might benefit from reading through it again. If you were

too young or too busy to read it back then, you will definitely benefit from going through it one day at a time, a few pages each day, for 40 days starting Sunday, September 13 during the Sunday School hour. Join Pastor Peter Smith each Sunday morning for seven weeks to discuss what we have read and how to apply Rick Warren's invaluable lessons to our lives. It is only a seven week commitment, but a great way to make Sunday School a new priority for each of us. Books will not be provided; participants are encouraged to find copies of the book online or in some book stores. We will follow up afterward with another short-term adult discipleship study.

Online Giving at FPC – Safe, Easy, and Convenient

Our website (www.fpceden.org) has a DONATE button at the top of the home page, which takes users to a secure site for making financial contributions to the church using credit and debit cards. It is safe and very easy to use. Please remember to support our General Fund for daily operating expenses, as well as our Building Fund for monthly mortgage payments.



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Stew Pot Success!

Thank you to Pat Smith, Henry Thornton, and Curt Southard for all your help in securing a 100 gallon iron stew pot for First Presbyterian Church. The cost was \$1100, which everyone agrees is a good deal. Session had authorized up to \$500, and there have been additional donations toward the purchase price. Donations are still being received. Thank you to

everyone who has supported this project. We look forward to cooking lots of delicious stews as fundraisers for the church!

Reverse Giveaway Postponed

Due to concerns about COVID-19, our annual Reverse Giveaway fundraiser for the Building Fund has been postponed until January. It will NOT be held on Thursday, September 17 as originally scheduled.

Fall Fest – October 31, 2020



30th ANNUAL FALL FEST

First Presbyterian Church

582 SOUTHWOOD DR., EDEN, 623-3962

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**AN OUTSIDE EVENT – RAIN OR SHINE
(Masks & Distancing if Required by Governor)**

CHRISTMAS & EVERYDAY CRAFTS BAKE SALE

VARIETY OF VENDORS BRUNSWICK STEW

RED TICKET RAFFLE – 40+ ITEMS

BRUNSWICK STEW (NEW RECIPE) available by the Quart

Tickets are \$7 for a quart & may be purchased from members beginning September 6 or pre-ordered by phone accompanied by a check and tickets will be mailed or picked up at the church

GREAT DOOR PRIZES: Drawn from Stew Ticket Stubs

HEALTH FOCUS – 9 AM – 2 PM

FLU VACCINES AND ANTIBODY TESTING BY EDEN DRUG

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

TUTTLE FARM COW TRAIN & FUN ACTIVITIES

2 SPECIAL RAFFLES

3 PRIZE RAFFLE - (3 Drawings) *\$500 VISA CARD

***\$400 APPLE 10.2 Latest Generation IPAD W/CUSTOM COVER & APPLE PENCIL *\$350 CASH \$2 a ticket**

BEACH HOUSE – 1 Week Off Season, Oceanfront, with 4 Bedrooms and 4 ½ Baths at Pine Knoll Shores, between Emerald Isle and Atlantic Beach, NC \$5 a ticket

Drawings begin at 2 p.m. – You do not have to be present to win.

Sermon Series on the Beatitudes

New this fall ... the pastor will begin a brand new sermon series on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12, from the Sermon on the Mount) starting Sunday, September 27 and ending right before Thanksgiving. Some call them Jesus Christ's secret of happiness, also the essence of Christian living.

Prayers

Madison Shook and family
Carol and Larry Helms
Janice McDaniel
Ben Gammon
Brad Wortham (Charlie Hall's uncle, bypass surgery)
Pam Throckmorton
Elaine Brown
Garry Tilley (Darryl's brother, cancer)
Andrew Cundiff (Pam's uncle, leukemia)
Mac and Sherry McDowell
Paul Brown and family
Rhonda and Denny Hale
Larry and Lib Roberson
Shirley Carter
Ron and Suzon Martin
Mike and Merle Gentry
David and Carol Grogan
Gen Critz
Jeannie Wilde
Joy Outland
Bobbie Felizzi
Karen Dolbere
Joice Pucket
Kevin Thompson
Rosie Morris
Hazel Horton

First Responders
Victims of violence and civil unrest
Local, state, and national leaders
People infected with COVID-19
Families of loved-ones who have died from COVID-19
Health care workers who treat COVID-19 patients
Business-owners and employees who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19
First Presbyterian Church and other congregations
America's health and economic impact from COVID-19

