

The View

our vision is...

To identify and claim our God-given gifts and use them to: Reach the world with Christ's good news; Equip each other as disciples; Respond, "Here I am," when the Spirit calls.

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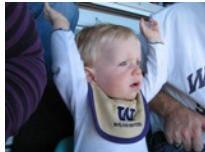
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Message from Our Pastor & DCE

Psssst....

In case you hadn't heard, Forest Hills recently broke a record. Your commitment to generous giving in November led to the biggest increase in giving in our 50 year history. Your commitment to living as the generous people of God, claiming God's abundance instead of the world's scarcity, has enabled Forest Hills to do a number of important things to further the ministry happening through this congregation.

We are reducing the operating fund debt we have carried since the economy crashed in 2008-09, a debt of \$57,000. Generous giving in January has reduced that debt to \$37,209 (just under 35%) and your generosity enabled FHPC to budget further monthly reduction of that debt by \$717. Eliminating our debt will enable us to better respond to God's next call to ministry.

We have paid off our air conditioning chiller, and have been able to set aside funding for long-range maintenance for the first time in three years. We are making payments of \$1,311 a month to pay for our organ upgrades and our property acquisition (and the interest we pay on that loan will increase our endowment fund by \$5,000).

We were able to give our incredible office manager her first raise since hiring her in 2007, and we have a new phone system with private message capability---good-bye 1980's!

Your generosity also enables us to keep our doors open and climate control on, to provide worship for our community, to nurture disciples in the faith, to support raising children and youth in the faith community, to serve outside our doors and raise our voices in song, to work in ministry with our sister churches in Salem

Presbytery...and a million other things that serve God, each other, the High Point community and the world.

Our ministry continues as we receive two new families into membership on Feb. 26, welcome an increase in worship visitors, and enjoy our new website that gets at least 400 unique hits a month. We celebrate and nurture the gifts of members with the Fourth Sunday music program, and we reach out to the world through increasing our awareness of and participation in missions.

And...we celebrate new office furniture and bookcases for the library! That is a joy to behold...not to mention work upon!

Most significantly, we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us... revealed this day in your generosity.

Thanks be to God,

Joe & Beth

PRAYER CONCERNS...

In Our Church Prayers

Keith Silver; Charlene Berube; Martha Millard; Mac & Kathy Fairly, brother and sister-in-law of Cindy Salter; **Clarisse Coffey**, mother of Charlie Christian; **Kathy Sechrist and her sister Ann Long; Carolyn Mallard**, sister of Bobby Johnson; **Carrie Gayle & her mother; Mich Krull; Gretchen Braswell; Timothy Strickland**, father of Janice Grady; **Mary Parker; Gib White; Silvia White**, aunt of Krissa Schaaf; **Marjorie Coughenour**, mother of Cindy Salter; **Bob Winzeler**, brother of Dan Winzeler; **Nancy Blanchard; Peggy Cox**, mother of Teresa McGee; **Rachel & Raymond Taylor**, parents of Betsy Garber; **Jodi Barlow; Randy Scoggins**, friend of the McKenna's; **Bobbye Jones; Ann Bencini; Alison Main**, friend of Jen Vandemeer; **Alana Gatewood**, sister of Alan Gatewood; **Bailey Brenner**, granddaughter of Bob & Snow Brenner; **Randy Simmons; Bob Brenner; Pastora Beatriz Santana & Ronnie Meindel**, friends of Kim Schweizer; **Cathy Tate; Clara Estelus; Alicia Simmons and the family of Tiffany & Jason Temberton**, friends of Sarah Hussey; **Edward Vernet; Bill Cecil**, friend of Cathy Tate.

Joyful Noise!

From *The Focus*, a Union Presbytery Seminary publication: "No less than five Union Presbytery Seminary students in recent years have come from Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in High Point, NC, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in April 2011. Ruth Lenger (M.Div.'95) [was] pastor of Spencer (NC) Presbyterian Church. John McKinnon (M.Div.'06) is associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in New Bern, NC. Whitney Salter Bayer (M.Div.'06) is associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, NC. Allysen Schaaf is a current student at our Richmond campus, and Beth Utley is a student on our Charlotte campus. We look forward to seeing who comes our way next from Forest Hills!"

The Prayer Ministry Leader for February is Gay Wyche. To include or remove your prayer request or joyful noise, call the office at 336-883-4239 or email foresthills@northstate.net. If your prayer

CELEBRATIONS!

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or listed incorrectly please contact the church office to have our database updated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mary Laura Kennedy	Feb 18
Diane Doorley	Feb 19
Dot Tate	Feb 21
Rhett Grady	Feb 23
Juanita McPherson	Feb 27
Bobbye Jones	Mar 2
Cheryl Riedlinger	Mar 2
David Riedlinger	Mar 2
Adam Utley	Mar 7
Joe Abernethy	Mar 9
Cathy Bencini	Mar 11
Rob Hill	Mar 11
Gib White	Mar 11
Brittany Krull	Mar 14
Bo Stephenson	Mar 15
Ben Aldridge	Mar 18
Jay Hankins	Mar 18
Chris Simmons	Mar 18
Jim Mason	Mar 19
Bill Bencini	Mar 20
Beth Utley	Mar 22
Michael Bencini	Mar 23
Will Gross	Mar 24
Tory Thomas	Mar 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jamie & Joe Blankinship Mar 27

COMING UP...

Click [here](#) for the full church calendar.

- 2/19 Renewal of Baptism during Worship
- 2/21 Shrove Tues Pancake Dinner @ 6pm
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30pm
- 2/26 4th Sunday Music & Receiving New Members during Worship
- 2/29 Mobile Meals @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3/1 Community Clinic Meal @ 5pm
- 3/3 Adult Supper Club Meal @ 6:30 pm
- 3/5 Baptism of Adeline Bayer during Worship

FEBRUARY / MARCH SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

February 19

Acolyte: Drew Garber
 Nursery Volunteer: Charlie & Martha Christian
 Nursery Floaters: Pat & Randy Simmons
 Ushers: Wayne & Teresa McGee, Steve & Teddee Ashworth
 Elders on Call/Greeters: Linda Sasser & Gay Wyche
 Hospitality Elder: Missy Hill
 Children's Sermon: Shannon Spencer
 Flower Ministry: Linda Sasser & Pat Simmons
 Sanctuary Flowers: Dan Winzeler
 Chancel Guild: Sissie Burgess

February 26

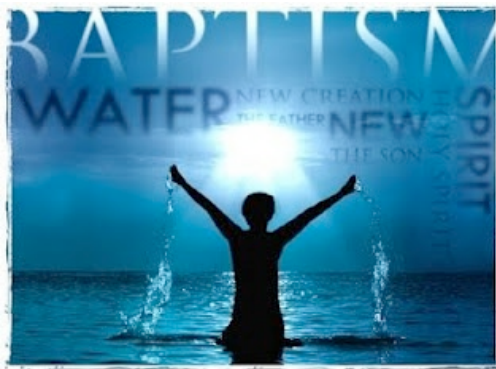
Acolyte: Mary Laura Kennedy
 Nursery Volunteer: David & Brenda Drewry
 Nursery Floaters: Mark & Anna Troutman
 Ushers: Wayne & Teresa McGee, Steve & Teddee Ashworth
 Elders on Call/Greeters: Linda Sasser & Gay Wyche
 Hospitality Elder: Missy Hill
 Children's Sermon: Tom Schaaf
 Flower Ministry: Jackie Templeton
 Sanctuary Flowers: Teddee & Steve Ashworth
 Chancel Guild: Sissie Burgess

March 4

Acolyte: Ryan Garber
 Nursery Volunteer: Cindy & Will Thomas
 Ushers: David & Brenda Drewry, Tom & Krissa Schaaf
 Elders on Call/Greeters: Lee Richie & Stan Bittner
 Hospitality Elder: David Drewry
 Children's Sermon: Staff
 Flower Ministry: Mary Anna Johnson & Venda Whitney
 Sanctuary Flowers: Bob & Betty Smith
 Chancel Guild: Linda Sasser
 Communion Servers: Linda Sasser, Stan Bittner, Bob Brenner, David Drewry, Sissie Burgess & Groome Fulton

March 11

Acolyte: Will Thomas
 Nursery Volunteer: Rob & Missy Hill
 Nursery Floaters: Gay Wyche & Sy Green
 Ushers: David & Brenda Drewry, Tom & Krissa Schaaf
 Elders on Call/Greeters: Lee Richie & Stan Bittner
 Hospitality Elder: David Drewry
 Children's Sermon: Cindy Salter
 Flower Ministry: Janet Hutchens & Teresa McGee
 Sanctuary Flowers: Dick & Mary Anna Johnson
 Chancel Guild: Linda Sasser



Tons of Thanks!

Youth Sunday & Souper Bowl of Caring

We score a touchdown in Worship and sacked hunger afterwards! Following a SUPER YOUTH SUNDAY service, the congregation and friends of FHPC gathered for the annual SOUPER BOWL OF CARING luncheon. We kicked a touchdown against hunger! Many thanks to everyone - we collected about 500 units of food for Caring Service & over \$700 for Open Door Ministries! What a SUPER GREAT DAY!!!

Subway Cards to our College Students

Because of your generosity, we were able to send each of our college students two Subway gift cards each. Surely they felt our love this Valentine's Day! ~ *The CE Committee*

Renewal of Baptism

Remember whose you are...

How do we remember that we are God's children? By remembering our baptism and what it means. The Worship Committee suggests we do this again by observing a Renewal Of Baptism Service, Sunday, February 19, as part of our regular worship service. This ritual prompts us to remember and renew our covenant (promises) made at our baptism. As people of faith we can make New Year resolutions but we would do well to remember our roots as Christians who have passed through the waters of baptism and have been marked by God. The occasion for this is the Sunday in which we read of the baptism of Jesus.

The service liturgy comes from our Presbyterian Book of Common Worship and contains the same structural elements as any baptism service. (See the headings in your bulletin.) At one point you will have the opportunity if you wish to come forward, pass by the font and touch the water as a physical reminder of the symbolic water of your baptism.

This service may be new to some of you. It has been around for a long time in the Presbyterian church, but is not always observed. We pray you will allow this service to remind you of your identity as a child of God.

From the Mailbox

Prayers & Squares

To the congregation of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church - Thank you so much for the prayer quilt you sent to John Gray, my daughter-in-law's father in Warren, PA. When John received it, my son called and described John's reaction as surprise and disbelief that people who don't even know him care enough to make a quilt and pray for him. His wife, Gayle, cried for half an hour upon seeing it. They were overcome with emotion.

We are grateful for your congregation's ongoing support which has touched our family before. Throughout Mich's struggles with her health, she has always said that she felt everyone's prayers; and God answered our prayers to bring her through difficult times. Many of you visited her, sent cards, food, and gifts. Thank you.

For me personally, Pastor Joe listened and assured me when I needed an ear. To this day, the thought of his words and his understanding are comforting to me. We will never forget the kindness of your pastor and congregation.

Your compassion, strength, and prayers have held us all up. Thanks to God for these gifts.

Sincerely, *Cheryl Collopy* (sister of Mich Krull)

To Forest Hills - I have just received the prayer quilt that was tied for me in your service on January 29th. To know that I was litted up in prayer during your worship service is a great comfort. What a wonderful ministry! God bless you as you continue this ministry. God is big enough ~ *Silvia White*

New Contact Number

Beth Utley & Ruth Lenger

Please note that Beth nor Ruth no longer have home land-lines. You may reach them on their cell, Beth: 847-2280 and Ruth: 802-6958.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feast before Lent begins

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1,000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses).

Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up all the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes! And lots of 'em!

So bring your appetites, friends & family to a pancake feast Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Beginning of the Lenten season

Ash Wednesday Worship begins our celebration of the Lenten season. Many of us did not grow up with Ash Wednesday and Lent as a part of our discipleship practice, but participating in these events can bring a new focus to your faith. Join us this year at 6:30 p.m. on February 22nd for a family friendly Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes.

Presbyterian World Mission Turns 175 in 2012

History in Context

This year marks the 175th Anniversary of Presbyterian World Mission. In 1837, amid controversy, which resulted in division in the PC(USA), the General Assembly created the Board of Foreign Missions – the precursor to Presbyterian World Mission today. The Synod of Pittsburgh sent an overture proposing that the PC(USA) adopt the Western Foreign Mission Society as the denomination's international missionary-sending organization.

Briefly, in 1831, the Synod of Pittsburgh started the Western Foreign Mission Society. They widely held the axiom, "the Presbyterian Church, a Missionary Society." The Western Foreign Mission Society believed that it was a true representation of the church. This saying quickly became the rallying-call to the church. The Western Foreign Mission Society asked each Presbytery "to support at least one missionary, from year to year, in the foreign field." They worked largely through Presbyteries to send and support international missionaries.

However, by 1837, the Presbyterian Church was embattled in debate over polity, biblical interpretation, and theology. As Presbyterians moved westward from New England, they reached an agreement with Congregationalists on how they could work together. Beginning in 1801, the "Plan of Union" was reached to demonstrate cooperation between the two denominations. The agreement allowed churches to call either a Presbyterian or a Congregational minister. Consequently, these churches could conduct their polity according to either the Presbyterian or the Congregational form of governments.

However, as these churches worked together, eventually they moved from cooperation to incorporation and a "New Divinity" emerged as exemplified by the trials of Rev. Albert Barnes beginning in 1830. At issue were the biblical interpretations of sin and the doctrinal understanding of atonement – free will versus election.

The differences between polity and theology led to the creation of Old School and New School Presbyterians. Old School supporters wanted to retain the standards of the past. New School advocates were open to new interpretations.

Yet, within the context of this divided denomination, the General Assembly in 1837 began what is today Presbyterian World Mission.

Perhaps, there's a lesson to be learned from our Presbyterian forebears; namely, that World Mission is common ground for our diverse denomination. They also asked each Presbytery "to support at least one missionary, from year to year, in the foreign field." That same overture passed at the 219th General Assembly (2010). Through your Operating Fund giving Forest Hills supports in part two PC(USA) mission workers.

Thanks be to God.

Adult Supper Club

New Year, New Groups

At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3rd, the next season of the Adult Supper Clubs kicks off. Please contact Karen Roach if you would like to join as a new participant or if you no longer wish to participate. You do not need to contact Karen if you are presently participating and wish to continue. The groups will be reshuffled and announced at dinner. The cost is \$7.50/person. The menu is baked lasagna (white & conventional), ravioli, tossed salad, bread, tiramisu. If you want to participate but can't attend on 3/3, just call Karen Roach.

Fellowship Lunch

Program by the Endowment Committee

Join us after Worship on Sunday, March 11th for lunch and a program by the Endowment Committee. Meat will be provided for \$2/person. To make it interesting, we are asking everyone to please bring something... if your last name begins with A-G, bring a dessert. H-R, bring a side dish (veggie, pasta, etc.). S-Z, please bring a salad. You do not need to sign-up for this meal.

Per Capita 2012

Please note: if you intended a portion of your pledge for 2012 to be recorded as your per capita payment, please notify Kim in the office.

Per Capita is money that specifically supports mission and ministry in the "connectional" part of the PC(USA). Part of our Presbyterian identity is the connectional nature that joins us with other Presbyterians to do greater things than we can do alone. Per Capita is the way we help that happen. If you would like additional information about Per Capita, consult an Elder or a member of the Stewardship Committee. There are also informational flyers available in the Commons. Per Capita for 2012 is set at \$28.39/member. Thank you for your faithfulness to the denomination!

4th Sunday Music

Instituted by the Worship Committee

The vision of 4th Sunday music is to promote the expression of faith through the musical gifts of our congregation. If you have a gift you would like to share, or know someone who should be invited to share, please contact Claire Utley at 336-847-8430.

Your Youth Need You

Youth continue their Wednesday night youth group with the specific purpose of providing the same support and encouragement that they receive from FHPC to kids who don't have that kind of support...kids inside and outside of a church community. We meet from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, feed them dinner, and have some programming and conversation. We need dinner and your presence for the evening. Plan to feed 10 at the most. You can sign up in the Commons, call Beth in the office, or e-mail/Facebook. Open dates are 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28 (dinner for all). Thanks for your help! ~ Carolyn Troutman, Beth Utley

Time & Talent 2012

Again on Sunday, February 19th, members of the Pastoral Care Committee will be distributing 2012 Time & Talent sheets. If you do not receive one, check the box in the Commons, there should be one for everyone. If you do not find an envelope with your name on it, just pick up a blank form from beside the box. Please turn these back in as soon as possible to the basket in the Commons or to Sissie Burgess, moderator of the Pastoral Care Committee.

In Appreciation

Throughout the year Forest Hills receives many donations in honorarium and in memory of loved ones. We gratefully acknowledge gifts given to date in February 2012:

Courtyard Garden Fund

*Groome & Ann Fulton,
in memory of Peggy Harris,
sister of Pat Lopp*

*Donation from Groome &
Ann Fulton*

Memorial Fund

*Ned & Katherine Covington,
in memory of Khacky Lambeth*

Elders & Committee Assignments

Joe Abernethy, Class of 2012
Moderator: Long Range Planning Cmte
Mbr: Property Cmte

Stan Bittner, Class of 2012
Moderator: Missions Cmte
Mbr: Endowment & Personnel Cmte

Sissie Burgess, Class of 2012
Moderator: Pastoral Care
Mbr: Property & Memorials Cmte

David Drewry, Class of 2012
Moderator: Property Cmte
Mbr: Youth Connection & Long Range
Planning Cmte

Linda Sasser, Class of 2012
Mbr: Pastoral Care & Missions Cmte

Randy Simmons, Class of 2012
Moderator: Memorials Cmte
Mbr: Missions & Property Cmte

Candace Gatewood, Class of 2013
Co-Moderator: Worship Cmte
Mbr: Evangelism & Youth Connection Cmte

Sheila McKenna, Class of 2013
Moderator: Nominating & Stewardship Cmte
Mbr: Personnel & Worship Cmtes

Tom Schaaf, Class of 2013
Moderator: Personnel Cmte
Mbr: Evangelism Cmte

Hannah Utley, Class of 2013
Co-Moderator: Worship Cmte
Moderator: Youth Connection Cmte
Mbr: Nominating Cmte

Gay Wyche, Class of 2013
Mod: Christian Education Cmte
Mbr: Missions Cmte

Bob Brenner, Class of 2014
Mbr: Fellowship & Property Cmte

Groome Fulton, Class of 2014
Moderator: Endowment Cmte
Mbr: Stewardship Cmte

Linda Greene, Class of 2014
Moderator: Fellowship Cmte
Mbr: Property Cmte

Missy Hill, Class of 2014
Mbr: Christian Ed & Pastoral Care Cmte

Cindy Thomas, Class of 2014
Mbr: Long Range Planning & Worship Cmte

Carolyn Troutman, Youth Elder
Mbr: Missions & Youth Connections Cmte

View Publication & Church Information

We welcome your input to this newsletter! If you, your committee or group have information or pictures you'd like published simply email or call the church office prior to the deadlines posted on the church calendar.

We encourage you to keep informed of the activities and events of Forest Hills by going to our online calendar at www.ForestHillsPres.com. We are also on Facebook - simply link from our website!

You are welcome to stop by our office during the week, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. except on Wednesday's we close at Noon. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday's; childcare is always provided. If you are interested in more information about anything you read in this newsletter or about our church in general, please do not hesitate to call us at 336-883-4239 or email ForestHills@northstate.net. We hope to see you soon!

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