

THE UPDATE

Forest Park Presbyterian Church

October, 2011

A Word From Our Pastor

Dear Church Family,

First I would like to thank the congregation for taking time to fill out the surveys concerning the recent changes to the ordination standards of the Presbyterian Church USA.

The main thing that your session wanted to do was to get a sense of what the congregation's thinking was on the matter before it continued any further in its discernment. In Presbyterian polity the congregation elects elders to govern the church on their behalf. This means that it is the elders who are charged with the responsibility of seeking and acting on the mind of Christ in leading the church. Even so, it is always a wise thing for the session to have a feel for the pulse of her flock on issues that are of major importance. Thank you completing your survey, and if you have not yet done so try to get it in ASAP.

On another note things are quite busy in the church with lots of good activity. The other night, as I was waiting to enter the fellowship hall for our band practice, I peeked in the window to get a glimpse of the Bible study that was going on there. Jim Staples and John Marshall were leading a great class on the parables of Jesus, with lots of participants. This is a great thing to see as a pastor! Thanks so much for your hard work and commitment Jim, John, and all the participants. I am also leading another Disciple Bible study group, and we too have a great class going. It is exciting to see discipleship opportunities abound in the life of our church. Are you taking advantage of the opportunities that we offer at FPPC for spiritual growth in your faith?

May God's blessing be upon your life in October, and may the changing of the season remind us all of how much God wants to change us into the image of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Behold, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone and the new has come."

Your pastor,

Scott

THIS MONTH'S SERMONS

Oct. 2—"What is the Unpardonable Sin?" Matthew 12:22-32

Oct. 9—"Sin Boldly?" Romans 6:1-14

Oct. 16—"Running from God" Jonah 1:1-17

Oct. 23—"Saved by the Whale" Jonah 1:17-2:10

Oct. 30—"The God of Second Chances" Jonah 3:1-10

FOREST PARK WOMEN PRESENT HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The morning worship service September 18, 2011 was an important day for Forest Park Presbyterian Women. Reverend Nancy Williams-Berry, Chaplain of River Landing Retirement Community in Colfax, NC, was guest minister and presented an inspirational sermon on "The Will of God." FPPW were in charge of all aspects of the service.

One of the highlights of this special service was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership which is the highest honor Presbyterian Women can bestow. The recipient for 2011 is a woman who is petite in stature but big in heart and service and patience. In her quiet and unassuming way she has always served her church, cared for her family, and used her time and energy to help others. Martha Harrill Deal is the forty-fourth woman from Forest Park to be honored in this way. Her name has been added to the plaque in the church parlor that denotes the other recipients since the founding of our church in 1960.

Forest Parkers got acquainted with the Deals in 1971 when they moved from Bedford, VA, to Statesville and bought a house on Forest Park Drive. They began attending our church, and in the spring of 1972 Harold, Martha, Rick, and Lynn Deal joined Forest Park Presbyterian Church with Leigh joining when she was old enough.

Martha Jo was one of seven daughters born to William Burdett Harrill and Myrtle Rose Harrill in Forest City, NC. She and her six sisters are very close and get together as often as they can. Her four brothers are deceased with two dying in infancy.

Martha and Harold Albert Deal, Jr. were high school sweethearts in Forest City with only two days difference in their ages. She and Bud were married November 23, 1952 after Martha had earned a one-year Commercial Degree at Woman's College, now UNC-G. She later completed the requirements for an Associate of Arts Degree at Mitchell Community College.

Because Martha's husband was working

in sales management in the furniture industry, the Deals would make their home in various places over the next twenty years. In addition to NC, they have lived in SC, TN, IL, and VA. During this time Martha and Bud became the proud parents of three children with all having college degrees and leading productive lives. Son Rick is a doctor of internal medicine in AL; older daughter Lynn lives in Atlanta, GA, and presently works with post physical therapy patients; younger daughter Leigh is a wife and mother of two and a part-time personal physical trainer who lives with her family in Catonsville, MD. Martha Deal has dedicated her life to her family and has always been a strong stabilizing force for them.

If she is not busy doing things for others, Martha enjoys walking and exercising and can be seen moving at a steady pace throughout her neighborhood. In her spare time she finds pleasure in knitting and crocheting. Martha is definitely an avid supporter of UNC athletics and has been known to passionately cheer on her Tar Heels. According to her family, Martha is also a great cook, and especially during the holidays she enjoys making her very popular fudge recipe along with her favorite cookies for family, friends, and neighbors.

In our community Martha was a teacher assistant at Pressly Elementary School from 1973-1979 and did substitute teaching for first grade at the same school. In addition she has been an active voting precinct judge for Iredell County and volunteers at most elections. She has been an active volunteer at Iredell Memorial Hospital for several years, learning and performing various jobs. Martha has also taken classes at Iredell Senior Center learning how to use a computer, how to surf the internet, and has been seen taking line-dance classes!

Martha Deal has always been active in her church, and this has been the cornerstone of her life. She made sure that her three children went to Sunday school and church regularly and that they participated in youth activities and

church camp. At an early age she instilled in each child the love of God. Martha "practiced what she preached." She has served as a deacon in this church, is a member of a circle, and has served as a chairperson of a circle. She regularly attends Sunday school and church and has been a consistent volunteer for Forest Park Day Camp and for the nursery. She has been active in a small group Bible study. In a recent Disciple Bible Study, Martha was not feeling well enough to attend all the sessions, but she kept pace and finished all of the required reading. Her Bible and study guide were always close by and helped her through a challenging time.

Martha waited a long time for grandchildren. As a matter of fact, her first grandchild was of the four-legged variety—a golden retriever named Maddux that she loved and pampered. Now she has two grandchildren. Casey Lynn Fisher, age six, and Cody McKinley Fisher, who is almost three, love their "Mimi" and enjoy the time they can spend with her. It is quite obvious that the joy is mutual!





Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

October 16 will be the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox distribution Sunday. Shoeboxes will be in the Narthex and the dedication Sunday will be November 6. The theme this year will be "JUST ONE MORE BOX" with the intent of everyone filling just one more box if at all possible. The need is dire and Samaritan's Purse is able to distribute into more countries each year, with a large expansion into Southeast Asia as well as intense work in various African nations. They are also able to use these newly opened doors for introductory religious work with the children, and as a result are leading more and more families to Christ. Children who are given shoeboxes are also given Bibles in their language and invited to attend a 12 week discipleship series entitled "The Greatest Journey." Samaritan's Purse is finding that many of these children go on to lead their siblings and frequently their parents to become believers as well, all through the initial contact of a simple shoebox gift. Remember that there is typically a shortage of boxes packed for older children, especially boys. Please search your heart and see if you can possibly give "JUST ONE MORE BOX."

New address for Robert Andrews, II: 1101 Exchange Place, Apt. #533, Durham, NC 27713

Forest Park Day

Sunday, October 30

Catered by—Box Car Grill

\$6.50/ per person/drinks included

We will provide
Desserts!

Mission and Outreach Committee

The Mission and Outreach Committee is compiling the mission's calendar for the upcoming year. We welcome missions suggestions from the congregation. If you have suggestions, please let Mona Owens or Kathy Hoover know before the end of October. We will present all ideas to the committee.

Thanks for your help.



The Helping Hands Committee

Do you need something done around the house?
Let us help you!!

We have volunteers from the church with different talents who would love to help! No cost to you - we want to help you - no job is too big or too small.

Contact Kathy Hoover or
Johnny Hoover
704-872-1648

Interested in hand bells or singing? Talk to Sarah or Brad or any choir member. The more the merrier—really!

THANK YOU

We want to thank my Forest Park family for the love and care shown me during the time in the hospital with visits, cards, and phone calls. Thanks for your concerns and prayers during this time. Sylvia and I appreciate all of you so much! With much love and gratitude....
Brian & Sylvia Whitley

Circle #1 will meet October 3, 7 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Fran Tharpe and Susan Ervin will serve as hostesses.

Circle #2 will meet October 11, 2 p.m. in Church Parlor

Circle #3 will meet October 4, 7 p.m. at Dot Ingram's house.

9-20-11

Dear Forest Park friends,

I thank you so much for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and so many other thoughtful things you have done for me during the past months. Your many kindnesses have been such a help and source of strength for me and my family during these challenging times for us. I am so thankful to be back in my home. When my therapy is finished and I feel stronger, I hope to be able to come back to church. Please keep me in your prayers.

Frances Lankford

Thank You

9/4/11

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the school supplies you sent to Cloverleaf. Our teachers and students really appreciate your help in getting our new school year off to a great start!

Thanks again!

Cloverleaf Elem. School

Don't forget to read the Forest Park Young People article on the back of the attached October calendar.

LOVEFEAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
6 P.M.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Friday
9:00 am—1:30 pm
Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 am—5:00 pm
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OCTOBER B-DAYS

1 William Dorsey
3 Donna Moose
4 Thomas Dotson
5 Caroline Lail
7 Joe Beaver
Edward Marshall
8 Phil Lail
10 Michael Galanin
Louis Huffman
12 Debra Smith
17 Brad Rashley
21 Myrtle Johnson
Dan Winslow
21 Kirby Guill
25 Margaret Hamilton
26 Terrell Moore
27 Alexander Galanin
28 Amy Holland
30 Melissa Chambers
If we are missing your birthday or have your birthday listed incorrectly, please contact the church office at 704-872-6482.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all the members of the congregation and all those for whom you know prayers should be offered including:

Mary Olive Angell
Nancy Best
Willie Causey
Bob Crawford
Tom Gilmore (Jody Samuel's son)
John Gregory
Bill Holland
Myrtle Johnson
Frances Lankford
Ginny Lavender
Frances Marlin
Rev, E, Thomas Miller
Marilyn Moore
Wilma "Bill" Morrison
Debra Smith
Nan Boulware
Mary Whitley

Sunday, October 9, 2011 starting at 4:00

Concert at First Presbyterian Church
Sponsored by MacDowell Music Club

Choirs from various local churches will be singing. All of the choirs will join together for singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Forest Park's Chancel Choir will be participating

FPPC Serving dates for Fifth Street Ministries—Oct. 11 & 18....Please bring desserts or large canned items or non perishable items.

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