

Cedar Grove Cemetery Tour

Which of our 13 founding members are buried here in New Bern? Which other famous Presbyterians are buried at historic Cedar Grove Cemetery? If the January 2017 tour was too cold for you, come join Cheryl Young of the Earl of Craven Questers on a tour of Cedar Grove. We will meet at 10 am on **Sat., Sept. 21**, for a one-hour walking tour. A suggested donation of \$10/each will be used for the restoration and repair of the many damaged tombstones in our cemetery. Meet at the entrance gates, 808 George St., New Bern. Call the Church Office to sign up if you plan to come.

October Lunch Wagon

Mark your calendars. The Lunch Wagon will be going to the Lobster Fest at the St. Francis by the Sea church on Saturday **October 19**. The lobster dinner will cost \$25.00. Tickets go on sale later this month. Details on how to order tickets will be posted when available. Everyone will need to purchase their own tickets. Call the Church Office to sign up for the bus.

OUTREACH

Backpack Blessings

We have just learned that a group scheduled to come to New Bern and assemble 600+ food packages for our Back Pack Blessing kids will no longer be coming. Anyone with an hour to an hour and a half next **Wed. Sept. 18th** at 10am, please consider coming to Garber Family Life Center and packing snacks for our kids. The build is at our normal location, Garber Family Life Center across the street from Garber Methodist Church on Country Club Rd. Any questions, feel free to call Ruth Powers at 671-0280 or Stacey Griffith at 636-1975. This is NOT our regular Build which will take place shortly. This is an additional build needed to fill an unplanned shortfall. Questions? Contact Sarah Moeller (scmoeller01@gmail.com) or Stacey Griffith (sgriff4930@yahoo.com).

WORSHIP

Choir

We will soon begin our fall choir rehearsals! There is always a place for new singers in each choir, so please consider joining us. The experience will enrich your own worship, and you will be giving a gift to God that only you can give. Parents may register their children for choir on the website. If you have questions, call me Tuesdays or Thursdays at my office, or email me: pat@firstpresnb.org.

	<u>Starting Date</u>
<u>Preschool Choir:</u> ages 3 and 4. Wed, 11:45 – 12:15 pm	Sept. 18
<u>Kinderchoir:</u> Kindergarten & 1 st Grade. Tues., 3:30 – 4:30 pm	Sept. 17
<u>Covenant Choir:</u> 2nd – 5th grades. Mon, 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Sept. 16
<u>Confirmation Choir:</u> 6th – 12th grades. Sun 9:40 – 10:20 am	Sept. 15
1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Sundays	

Daybreak Choir: open to Sr. high youth and adults. 8:30 service

Sanctuary Choir: open to Sr. high youth and adults. 11:00 service

Resurrection Singers: youth and adults, 1 Sunday/month

Rehearse 1st & 2nd Thursdays, 6:00 pm. Choir Room
(Contact Susan Mabie if you are interested, 638-4773.)

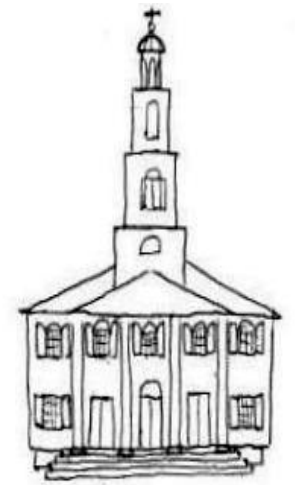
WEEKLY CALENDAR

FCG Fellowship Ctr Gym **SHM** Session House Main (Rm);
SHL Library **SHP** Parlor **LH** Lighthouse **MC** Ministry Center

SUNDAY	Sept 15
8:25 AM	First Worship Service
9:40 AM	Sunday School (see schedule)
9:40 AM	Discovering First Pres Class/MC 1.07
10:55 AM	Second Worship Service
3:00 PM	S.A.L.T./MC 1.10
5:30 PM	Youth Group/SHM
8:00 PM	Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH
MONDAY	Sept 16
2:00 PM	Knit 4 Others/SHP
3:00 PM	D. Bennett Writing Group/LH
4:00 PM	Covenant Choir/MC 2.08
5:00 PM	RCS Meeting/SHM
5:30 PM	Property Committee/MC 1.07
6:00 PM	Southern Surgical/LH
7:00 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study/SHP
8:00 PM	Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH
TUESDAY	Sept 17
8:00 AM	CBS Leadership Council/MC 2.21
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting/MC 1.07
2:30 PM	Pickleball – 1 Court/FCG
3:30 PM	Kinderchoir/MC 2.08
5:00 PM	Craven Ukes Club/MC 1.19
6:00 PM	Grief Support/Sharing/SHM
6:15 PM	AA (12x12) Closed/LH
8:00 PM	Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH
WEDNESDAY	Sept 18
9:00 AM	Preschool Financial Meeting/SHL
10:00 AM	BackPack Blessings Special Build/Garber
11:45 PM	Preschool Choir/MC 2.08
12:00 PM	Centering Prayer/MC 1.25
12:00 PM	Communications Commission/MC 1.07
5:00 PM	Wed. Evening Worship/MC 1.25
6:30 PM	Nar-anon/LH
7:30 PM	AA (Womens C)/SHP
THURSDAY	Sept 19
8:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study/MC 1.19
9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study/MC 1.07
12:00 PM	Al-Anon/SHP
2:30 PM	Pickleball – 1 Court/FCG
5:00 PM	Outreach Commission/MC 1.19
6:15 PM	AA (C12x12)/LH
7:00 PM	Daybreak/Sanctuary Choirs/MC 2.08
FRIDAY	Sept 20
9:15 AM	Lunch Wagon to Beaufort
SATURDAY	Sept 21
10:00 AM	Cedar Grove Cemetery Tour/offsite
10:00 AM	Men's AA Way of Life/LH
8:00 PM	Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH

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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invites all who are led to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in discipleship through his body the Church to join our congregation. Members are received in one of three ways: Profession of Faith and Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Letter of Transfer.

VISITOR BROCHURES are available in the vestibule and the narthex as well as in the friendship pad that will be passed along your pew. Please take one or two!

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS and envelopes are in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request for you or your loved one, please supply the information requested on the prayer card and put it in the privacy envelope. Confidentiality is always honored. For all other requests or questions, please call Janet Benrey (638-5787). *For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7c)

SERMON MANUSCRIPTS are available in the Church Office and the audio version can be found on our website located at: www.firstpresnb.org.

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COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

EDUCATION

SALT TONIGHT, 9/15, 5:30-7:30pm, Ministry Center Cafe

SALT is a ministry for 3rd-5th grade children. Meet in the cafe at 5:30pm for dinner followed by fun games and a Bible lesson. Friends are welcome.

Youth Group TONIGHT, 9/15, 5:30-7:30pm

Come to the Session House for dinner at 5:30pm followed by fun programming led by our youth leaders.

Youth Group NEXT SUNDAY, 9/22, 5:30-7:30pm

Come to the Session House for dinner at 5:30pm followed by covenant, energizer, and lesson

Church Library Reminder: Our William Lee Hawkins Library can be searched online at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/NBFirstPresLibrary> or under "More" and then "Resources" on the church's web site. **The children's books have recently been added to the online catalog.** The children's books are located in the Ministry Center in the hall by Daewon's office, and the adult library is in the Session House. All books appear as "available" in the catalog, whether they are checked out or not. You may e-mail questions to librarian@firstpresnb.org

Fall Sunday School Classes Have Just Begun at 9:40AM/Nursery at 9:30AM

Sunday School for Children

Preschool – Room MC 1.24 (God Loves Me – 52 story books)

Kindergarten-5th Grade – Room MC 2.23 (Whirl: Lectionary)

Middle & High School – Youth will alternate between choir and Sunday School class on Sunday mornings.

1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month (9/15, 9/29) – Choir/Room MC 2.08

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (9/22) - Sunday School/Room MC 1.26

Sunday School for Adults

The Present Word – Responding to God's Grace/SHP

The Present Word is a cooperative curriculum written and supported by five denominations, including PCUSA. It is designed to cover the entire Bible in five-year cycles, but each quarter stands on its own. This quarter, the subject is "Responding to God's Grace," and will focus on both Old Testament and New Testament examples. Brent Schlottman will be the facilitator this quarter, with assistance from George Evans and Joan Leibert.

Discovering First Presbyterian

Come join us in our second week of learning about First Presbyterian. We will meet today and September 22 during the Sunday School hour (9:40AM to 10:40AM) in the Ministry Center Conference Room. This class is geared toward those interested in joining the church, but anyone interested in learning more about how we worship, serve, learn and connect is welcome to attend! Contact Maren for more information.

Run With The Horses: The Quest for Life at its Best

Join us in the Session House Main Room where Wendy Moeller will conduct a study of the Prophet Jeremiah and the book that he wrote, taken from Eugene Peterson's book as introduced to us last summer by Kirsten Sonstegard during the 2018 Read This Book adult SS class.

Aging and Dementia

This special class will be offered during the Sunday School hour in the FPC Ministry Center Room 2.21, which is upstairs above the Fellowship Cafe. Discussion will be led by Ann Bustard (Christ Church) and Stan Dzimitrowicz (St. Paul). Nutritionist Kate Jordan, Exercise Therapist Lucas Jordan, and RN Caregiver Jackie Ward will lead individual Sunday sessions. Stacey Griffith is the class facilitator, and she has arranged for Dorothy Linthicum to be with us on October 6 to address the class. Dr. Linthicum is author of our text *Redeeming Dementia: Spirituality, Theology, and Science*.

Mid-Week Formation Opportunities

Passport Ready Women of First Pres!!

The Monday Evening Women's Bible Study (7:00 to 8:30 each Monday evening) in the Session House Parlor will be working through NT Wright's Acts for Everyone peaking in on the Apostle Paul and his journeys, both land and sea based and faith based. For information, contact Marice DeBruhl 637-5468 or Wendy Moeller 876-7259.

Centering Prayer Group Don't let this title frighten you off. Centering prayer has been around for a long time and is regaining more attention as a useful way of nurturing our new life in God's Spirit. This group meets on Wednesday from noon to 1 pm in the Chapel beginning **September 11th**. We will study The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr as our guide in re-discovering God's Spirit present in all life.

Wednesday Evening Worship This contemplative, or reflective, approach to worship is offered each Wednesday from 5 to 5:30 pm in the Chapel. This quiet service is focused around silence, prayer and refection on the Biblical text chosen for preaching the coming Sunday. The Lord's Supper is observed on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Come when you can and bring a friend.

Men's Bible Study

Fall is almost upon us! Men's Bible study has begun on Thursday mornings at 8:00am in the Fellowship Cafe. This first session, Amy-Jill Levine will be speaking to us about the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. We will continue with her Old Testament series until it is complete. The class will be facilitated by Interim Pastor Eddie Bellis and Brent Schlottman. See you there!

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study has just begun! Feel free to join us from 9:30-10:30am in the Ministry Center Conference Room. We meet weekly and we are going to read together "Bible Women: All Their Word and Why They Matter" by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. The book is available for purchase on Amazon (kindle version also available). If you need help acquiring the book or want to be added to the email list for the class, please contact Maren (maren@firstpresnb.org).

Grief Support

The next gathering of this group will be Sept 17th in the Session House at 6:00PM. This group serves two purposes, to provide support for those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one and to be a safe haven for those who are living through this process. The gathering will begin with a catered meal with a collection basket to help defray the cost of the food. If you would, please RSVP on Monday to the Church Office. Contact Lloyd Griffith (252.675.8196) for more information or to join this group.

Rothermel Presentation

Sunday, October 6 2PM "Sex, Race, and Politics: Explaining the Divide between the religious Right and the Religious Left" by Dr. Daniel K. Williams, Professor of History, University of West Georgia. This lecture will explore the theological differences that led mainline Protestants and evangelicals to react differently to the revolutions in cultural understandings of race, gender, and sexuality in the 1960s, and it will trace the political ramifications of those different reactions. Join us at 2:00 pm October 6 for a fascinating discussion

FELLOWSHIP

September Lunch Wagon

On Friday, **Sept. 20th**, the Lunch Wagon is off to Beaufort for a narrated Double Decker bus tour of the historic areas of the city. Following the tour you will be free to visit the Maritime Museum and have lunch on your own at one of the fine Beaufort restaurants. The cost of the narrated tour is \$12 which will be collected as you board the church bus at 9:15AM. Please have the correct change. The bus will depart at 9:30AM and should return by 4PM. Sign up at the Church Office. Our bus can accommodate 22 people.

October Fellowship Dinner

We have a special event planned for our October Fellowship Dinner. On Wednesday, **Oct. 2nd at 5:30PM**, the Fellowship Commission is providing a catered meal at *The Flame* Restaurant, 2301 Neuse Blvd. in honor of our Interim Pastor, Rev. Eddie Bellis. Your RSVP is REQUIRED by Sept. 27th or unfortunately you will NOT be able to attend. There will be no exceptions. As a cost-effective measure, and to assure an adequate amount of food for those that did sign-up, we must have an accurate account to provide to The Flame by this date. Enclosed in this Insert is a sign-up sheet that you can complete and put in the offering plate or on the tables as you exit. You may also call the Church Office or respond to the email sent to you.

Meet our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Eddie Bellis

Please join us for a meet and greet Sunday, **October 6th**, which is the first Sunday Rev. Bellis will be with us. We're planning a reception in the Session House immediately after the second service. Rev. Bellis will be available to greet after the 8:30 service in the Fellowship Café, located in the Ministry Center, and after the 10:55 service in the Session House. It's a time to introduce yourself and become familiar with Rev. Eddie in an informal setting. Please plan to stop by!