Celebrate Our Spiritual Heritage as Presbyterians as We Participate in Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan on Sunday, May 19

On May 19 we celebrate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage with the presentation of the clan tartans of some of our members.

The Church of Scotland has unveiled its own distinct tartan to celebrate its enduring role as the country’s national Kirk.

Each of the five new colors holds deep meaning for the Presbyterian denomination, which was established in 1560.

Rev Iain Cunningham, convener of the World Mission Council which commissioned the tartan on behalf of the wider Church, said it was an “eye catching and well balanced” design.

Church of Scotland Tartan

Cunningham said that the idea was to make use of colors associated with the liturgical calendar, Christian tradition and links with the nation of Scotland. Purple symbolizes royalty, the sovereignty of Jesus Christ as the head of the Church, divinity, the thistle and heather. Red represents the blood of Christ, Christian martyrs, the flames of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, the Burning Bush from which God spoke to Moses and the Scottish Lion Rampant. Blue represents Mary, the mother of Christ, the sky, St Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, and the Kirk itself. Green is for the earth, growth, glens, moors and mountains. White symbolizes brightness, the purity of Christ, the cross in the official emblem of the Church of Scotland and the Saltire, the country’s national flag.

In 1746, British law forbade the wearing of tartans in an effort to subdue rebellious Scotland. Legend has it that some defiant Scots carried small pieces of their family or local plaid as secret identification. They sometimes brought the swatches to church for a surreptitious blessing by the minister.

If you have no tartan of your own, on May 19 we will provide a small piece of the new Church of Scotland tartan to pin to your clothing. We will bless you and declare you an Honorary Scot for the day!
Upcoming Events & News

**YOGA FOR WOMEN**

Sundays, May 5–June 9 at 5:00 p.m., location TBD.
Total cost for the six weeks is $30 cash or check payable to First Presbyterian Church. RSVP with Charlotte Allbright 336-228-1703 x 223 or callbright@fpcburlington.org.

**Tenor Rocco Sharkey to Present Recital**

Rocco Sharkey, a tenor in our Chancel Choir and a senior voice performance major at Elon, will present a recital in our sanctuary on **Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m.** The program will include works by G. F. Handel, Robert Schumann, Gabriel Fauré, W. A. Mozart, and Robert Lau. Mr. Sharkey will be assisted by Tyson Hankins, piano and Patrick Murphy, organ.

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**Presbyterian Women Spring Birthday Salad Supper & Annual Meeting**

Monday, May 6
John Witherspoon Room
6:00 p.m.

Installation of Officers
Birthday Offering

Bring a salad and a friend!

Bring Children Books for Andrews Elementary

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

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**Presbyterian Women FPC Circle Meetings — May 2019**

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**Upcoming Events & News**

**Mystery Day**
Mystery Day is almost here!
**Saturday, May 18** several of our 3rd, 4th & 5th graders and brave adult chaperones will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and are going on an adventure. After about an hours’ drive, we will be at our destination. As it is a Mystery, I cannot tell you what we are doing, but I can give a hint. “It is one of the favorite things to do when going to the Middle East.” Pictures will be posted on Facebook!

**May Friendship Group — Songs of Love**
Don’t miss Friendship Group in May! Our Marvelous May program will be **Songs of Love from the Golden Age of Music Theatre**, featuring the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe, Bernstein and Cole Porter to entertain and delight you! Our last Friendship Group of the season is a covered dish – so pull out those favorite recipes and bring some Marvelous May tasty treats! Our Marvelous May event is **Thursday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. in the John Knox Room**! See you there!

**Summer Choir 2019 Edition**
Our annual Summer Choir tradition gets under way on **Sunday, June 2**! YOU are INVITED to join in this great opportunity to lead in worship through music. It is quite simple: join us each or any Sunday morning for rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. as we learn the anthems for that morning’s worship service. Patrick and members of our Chancel Choir welcome YOU! Please contact Patrick if you have any questions. See you in June and August!

**Pentecost Offering – Received on Sunday, June 9**
A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:
- Young Adult Volunteers
- Ministries for Youth
- Children-at-Risk

The Pentecost offering will be taken up on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

**JUNE, 2019**

**Taizé Service**
Sunday, June 2 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This service will follow the Taizé tradition. A defining element of this style of worship is contemplative participation where we seek to be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit. The service uses moments of silence, meditation and reflection, coupled with sung response, to help us become aware of God’s presence within us and to hear God’s whispered voice speaking to each of us. In this time of winter, come, gather and join with brothers and sisters in Christ seeking Sabbath light. Members of FPC and the community are invited to attend this quiet and reflective worship experience. Childcare is available.

**Yes! VBS is for Adults!**
**The Congregation’s Song**
Led by Patrick Murphy, Sunday through Tuesday Evenings, June 16-18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
The congregation is “the true choir” of the church, for the congregation is the voice of the people. Our faith foundation is formed through our singing, for it is the song of the congregation we first sing with our lips and believe in our hearts. Over the course of three nights, we will explore our “song,” walking through the hymnal and singing our faith.
Youth Ministry

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is coming May 5th! Since January, our confirmands have been meeting weekly, learning and growing in their faith and understanding of God, Holy Scripture and the Presbyterian Church. Now they are ready to profess their faith for themselves. In recognition of their achievements, we will confirm them as members of FPC Burlington and the PCUSA on May 5 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Our confirmands this year are Timothy Hackman, Edward Bryan, and Andrew Parker. Please join me in welcoming these young men and congratulating them on all their hard work! (Photo, right, Confirmation 2018.)

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is back at both services on May 12th! We look forward to this Sunday all year and the FPC youth are getting ready to once more lead us in worship! Our theme this year has been “Refresh” and has included mindfulness practices and rethinking the ways that we approach our faith walk with God. We have explored ways we interact with God, others, and ourselves, all while having fun along the way. I am so impressed by and proud of these young people and the talents and gifts they bring to this community. I hope you will join us on the 12th for a beautiful time of worship. (Photo, left, Youth Sunday 2018.)

May and Summer Youth Plans

Even though Youth Group weekly meetings end on May 19 until next August, we still have a lot going on over the summer! All of our summer trips are still open. Junior highs can still sign up for Montreat (July 7-13) and the Mission Trip (July 21-27). Senior highs can still sign up for Massanetta (June 20-23). Contact Taylor at tbarner@fpcburlington.org to sign up!

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!

Please submit the following information no later than Sunday, May 12 to be featured on the First Press graduate page in June:

Name of Student: ________________________________

School: ________________________________

Degree: ________________________________

Known Plans after Graduation: ________________________________

Favorite FPC Memory, Bible Verse, or Inspirational Quote: ________________________________

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Please email this information to Pastor Taylor (tbarner@fpcburlington.org) by May 12. Information turned in after this date will be included in the July newsletter.
Spring Adult Studies

Adult Studies is an opportunity for faith formation and transformation offered by FPCB. 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 winter/spring. 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.

SUNDAYS

Every Sunday Morning, 9:45 a.m. (ongoing)

The Point Room 227

We are professionals & students, parents & friends, and we are committed to asking hard questions of faith and walking together in love. For everything we do and everything we are, we ask “What’s the POINT?” and we know better than to expect answers. What we do know is that the point – the purpose – of our study and worship and fellowship and faith journeying is that God has called us into Christian community and that we are doing our best to live out that call. We are opening our hearts and opening our minds to be a part of whatever God has called for with this zany and wonderful group of people. Join us as we search, pray, and discover as “The Point.” Join our Facebook group!

Enrichment Class Room 228

For over 25 years, this class has studied a variety of topics from atonement to world religions. The discussion-based class, led by Henry Carrouth and Bill Massey, runs year round, even in the summer months. Everyone is encouraged to share opinions as we affirm each other on this faith journey. The Epiphany party held each January is one of the social events for the class. We actively support missions, like rebuilding New Orleans after Katrina or building a wheelchair ramp for a local cancer patient or adopting a Christmas cheer family. This is a place to grow your faith and build new relationships.

Sunday Classes in the John Knox Fellowship, 9:45 a.m. in the John Knox Room

The Torah, Part II

Led by Mickey Efird, Sundays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26

The Torah, also known as the Pentateuch or the Books of Moses, remains the basic religious foundation for the Jewish faith — and to a certain degree for Christians also. This second half of the study will focus on significant passages which are often misunderstood. We can really have some fun with this one!!!!!

Summer Sunday School will start June 2 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 203

More information to come!

2020 Jordan, Israel, and Palestine Trip

Join this spiritual pilgrimage to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine. It will change the way you read the Bible and you could find it to be transformative as many previous pilgrims have described it. The dates of the trip are Friday, February 14—29, 2020. This is an opportunity to see many Old and New Testament sites, but also an opportunity to “get off the bus” and meet and have meals with Palestinian Christian partners in the region. An itinerary and additional information is available in the church office.
Spring Adult Studies (continued)

May Lunch Bunch Book Club
May Lunch Bunch Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 12:00 p.m. in the John Knox Room. We will have a covered dish lunch and discuss The Last Castle by Denise Kiethan. This will be our final meeting until the fall. Led by Virginia Cummings and Peggy Harrelson.

Join Dr. Ron Shive in a Weekly Bible Study this Spring — “Peculiar Treasures of the New Testament”
March–May 2019 in the Witherspoon Room
Three Weekly Options:
• Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study: 6:45–7:45 a.m.
• Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 10:00–11:30 a.m.
• Thursday Women’s Bible Study: 6:45–7:45 a.m.

This spring we will examine 17 of God’s peculiar treasures from the New Testament. 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, but you will walk away with an insight of living as Christ’s more faithful disciple. If you have any questions or would like a schedule of our spring study, please contact Ron (336-228-1703 or rshive@fpcburlington.org).

Children’s Ministry

Faith Formation on Sunday Mornings in May
PreK–3rd Grade Children
Faith Formation on Sunday mornings in May for prek through 3rd grade children will look a little different than the “regular” classes.
• Sunday, May 5 is the VBS Preview Party.
• Sunday, May 12 is Muffins with Moms and we will practice FAITHS.
• May 19 and 26 will be focused on learning spiritual disciplines. Wear comfy clothes!

Charlotte Allbright will teach the PreK through 4th grades these two Sundays to introduce the children to different types of spiritual disciplines including narrative yoga and Prayer Art with Zentangle. Parents are welcome to hang around and learn, too! Wear comfy clothes these days as yoga does involve floor work.

Tweens
Come at 9:45 a.m. to Room 401 for “The Church Family.” Tweens will learn more about being a witness, being one in the Spirit, being a people united, and a community of care.

Passport Kids Camp
If your child is attending the Passport Kids Camp, you and your child need to attend a meeting on Sunday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 122.

Things to look forward to:
• 9:00 a.m. faith formation for children of all ages starting June 2.
• We will have our annual Pentecost Party at 9:00 a.m. on June 9
• VBS Kick-off is June 16 at 9:00 a.m.!
Children’s Ministry (continued)

Join First Presbyterian Church of Burlington for:

**Vacation Bible School Preview Party**
Sunday, May 5 @ 9:45 a.m.
Rooms 223/224
Learn the music & moves
Get your VBS music CD
Help create to decorate
Preview the crafts

**Kick Off Event**
Sunday, June 16 @ 9:00 a.m. in
Calvin Hall
Session 1 – “Go Beyond with Faith!”

**VBS**
Storytelling, Science, Crafts, Music, & More!
Sessions 2-5
June 17-20
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Register online [www.fpcburlington.org](http://www.fpcburlington.org) and BRING FRIENDS!!!

*Need more info?*
Contact Charlotte Allbright,
Director of Christian Formation
508 W. Davis St.
Burlington, NC 27215
336-228-1703 x 223
callbright@fpcburlington.org
Outreach
Furniture Ministry News

Spring is here with flowers, pollen, and rain abounding, but at Furniture Ministry, we have discovered that heroes abound. Last week, Kent and Denese Byrd, on their own, delivered beds, living room furniture, kitchen table and chairs, dishes, pots and pans and other items to a family moving from homelessness with nothing. Because of Kent and Denese’s heroic efforts, this family was able to bring their daughters home who had been staying with an aunt, and the grandmother was able to join them from a care facility. A few days later, Kent Byrd, Reid Dusenberry, and Dan Hardie spent two days clearing out a house full of furniture being donated to the Furniture Ministry. Finally, heroes were everywhere on Saturday, April 13, Furniture Ministry’s most recent delivery day. Betty Beal, Denese Byrd, Kent Byrd, Jo Feroe, Gary Garrison, Gene Grimley, Dan Hardie, Leslie Hardie, Jim Johnson, Phil Langley, Libby Lasley, Jay Pringle, Raye Sharpe, and Virginia Wilburn along with seven Kappa Sigs from Elon were able to provide nine families with beds, couches, kitchen tables and chairs, and other need items. Some of the deliveries were carried out in the pouring rain.

You can join this hardy band of heroes on May 11 at 9:00 a.m., for the monthly delivery day. In addition, on May 22 at 9:30 a.m., Reid Dusenberry will need help picking up a large furniture donation from Elon University. The Don’t Trash It campaign will also begin in May. Raye Sapp is in charge of collecting linens Elon students will be donating as they clean out their rooms and leave town. She will be looking for people to help wash, sort, and bag the linens so they will be ready to donate to Furniture Ministry clients. She will be in the Scout Hut on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 21 to June 13, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

The Furniture Ministry is most grateful to Elon University for their support and for First Presbyterian members who willingly give of their time to help our community members in need. Please join us. We need all the help we can get.

VBS Mission Project – Super Soup!

We need YOUR help making this mission project a reality. Super Soup is a bean and spice soup that the children will assemble during Vacation Bible School. We will collect supplies for this soup in May. We need YOU to bring those supplies. Every little bit helps! You can get a list of supply needs from Charlotte Allbright or use this list. In May, collection boxes will be available in the Welcome Center and under the VBS bulletin board in the hallway between the sanctuary and the education buildings.

Here is what we need:

- 75 Quart size mason jars with lids
- 75 sandwich size ziplock baggies
- 12 bags EACH of these DRIED beans: pinto beans, barley, lentils, green split peas, black-eyed peas, red beans, white navy beans, black beans, yellow split peas
- 75 cubes vegetable bouillion
- 4 large containers of dried chives
- 1 container salt
- 7 containers dried thyme
- 7 containers ground cumin
- 1 large container ground black pepper
- 75 bay leaves

We will sell this soup later in the year for $5 a jar. Money collected will be given to Allied Churches.
Outreach

First Presbyterian Ladies Grassroots Team
Session has approved a First Presbyterian Ladies Grassroots Team in support of Habitat of Alamance’s *Women Build/She Nailed It!* Campaign during the month of May. By forming a Grassroots team, FPC has pledged to raise $2500 for Habitat and to provide a team of 8-10 ladies to work on a job site on Wednesday, May 22 from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. with lunch provided.

We would love to see 50 folks donate $50 each to help us meet our goal! We could also use about five more lady volunteers to fill up the team (five wonderful women have already signed up!).

Gents, you are also welcome to volunteer as an individual or as a team (without the fundraising piece) any morning (8:00-11:30 a.m.) Tuesday–Saturday during the year except May which is designated as *Women Build/She Nailed It* month. Just need to contact the Habitat office directly at 336-222-8191, ext 4.

Please visit the secure and user-friendly fundraising page provided by Habitat at this link: [https://grouprev.com/WomenBuild2019-First-Presbyterian-Women](https://grouprev.com/WomenBuild2019-First-Presbyterian-Women)

August 8-18 Peru Mission Trip —Join Us!
Come and experience God’s work in Peru by participating in our mission trip August 8-18. We will be working with *Paz y Esperanza San Martin* (Peace and Hope) in the construction of a school for deaf children in Nueva Cajamarca, a city near Moyobamba. This trip is being planned in partnership with Miriam Laura at PERUSA, who works closely with our P.C.(U.S.A.) mission co-workers. The trip will cost approximately $1800. Join us for a life-changing experience. Call Ron Shive at 336-228-1703 or Bill Moser at 336-226-1501 for more information.

We Need Your Help!! — May Book Drive for Andrews Elementary School
We will have a Church-Wide Book Drive for Andrews Elementary (children’s books for grades K–5th) through the month of May. This is an extension of the Presbyterian Women’s Book Drive in April. Please drop your books off at the church beginning Sunday, May 5. There will be bins in the workroom and in the Black & White Hall. We hope each child will be able to go home with a book!
**Miscellaneous**

**Need Legos!**
Charlotte Allbright is going to try “Building Faith Brick by Brick” with the children this summer, but she needs lots and lots of Legos. Do you have some you are ready to give away? Would you like to provide the church with a new batch? Please contact Charlotte callbright@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703 x 223.

**One Great Hour of Sharing 2019**
In our One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 21, the congregation was able to raise $2,081.00!
A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Thanks for your generosity to a great cause!

**2019 Flower Donations**
Floral donations for use during worship are offered on a first come/first serve basis. If you would like to reserve a Sunday in memory or honor of your loved one, call Kathleen Seagroves in the church office (336-228-1703) or to Cindy Cothran, Chancel Guild chairperson (336-226-8226). The available dates for this summer are currently: June 2, 9, 16, 30; July 7, 28 and August 4, 11, 18 and 25.

**Church Finances — March Financial Statement**

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| **Expenditures**    |                  |                |                |                |              |
| Total               | $105,990.74      | $102,413.69    | $280,267.52    | $307,241.07    | $1,228,964.00|
| Net Total           | $5,042.26        | ($0.03)        | $52,456.50     | ($0.09)        |              |

If you should have any questions regarding the Financial Statement, please contact Chan Chandler, Church Treasurer, JICChandlerIII@aol.com or Lacey Way, Financial Administrator, lway@fpcburlington.org in the church office.
Easter 2019
Memories Under the Steeple

In 1989, church members started the First Presbyterian Playschool to fill a need within our church. It was placed under the direction of the Educational Outreach Division and was governed by the Playschool Committee. Martha Neely was the first director, followed by Cheryl Huegel and Karyn Parsons. Teachers sharing the director’s duties were: Martha Smith, Mary McIntyre, and Elizabeth Mize. As of 2004, the playschool included nearly one hundred children from all over Alamance County, and employed a staff of fifteen teachers and assistants. Classes ranged from Mother’s Morning out (for toddlers), to Pre-Kindergarten. A schedule was established for operation during the mornings, and for following the school year calendar. The goals of First Presbyterian Playschool are to provide: a nurturing environment where children have the opportunity to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, creatively, and spiritually and to respond to the needs of families. The Playschool continues very successfully today (2019) under the leadership of Lindy Halverson.