



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Albemarle, North Carolina

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September 2026

From the Pastor

I'm excited to be able to provide a new Sunday School offering this fall: a book discussion group, which will be starting off with C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. Lewis is well worth reading as one of the most influential Christian figures of the 20th century. He is impressive for his wide appeal. Many may know him from his children's book series *The Chronicles of Narnia*, or its film adaptations. The series is popular enough that film director Greta Gerwig has chosen to tackle it as her next project fresh off of directing one of the highest grossing films of all time in *Barbie*. You can find him honored not just on the big screen but in Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey, the church where British royals are crowned and buried.

But Lewis is also known for his deep, theological mind. Here he drew on his intellect as one who taught at both Oxford and Cambridge, a specialist in literature and philosophy. He became one of the premier Christian apologists, a defender of the faith, living at a time when secularism was rising in England. He was well suited to such a task as he was once a devout atheist himself before finding his way back to God. He could thus relate well to what ideas and temptations can lead us onto irreligious paths. His most famous apologetic work is *Mere Christianity*, which was adapted from talks he gave on BBC radio during WWII. He also wrote *Miracles* in defense of belief in the possibility of supernatural, divine interventions to a skeptical, post-enlightenment world.

Lewis was a companion for me too in my return to the faith. *The Great Divorce* helped me come to grips with how to square a loving God and the existence of Hell. His famous "trilemma" argument that Jesus cannot be merely a good moral teacher, that he must be either a liar, a lunatic, or Lord, helped me better understand what to make of Jesus. *Mere Christianity* helped me come to understand the necessity of a god for there to be objective morality.

Further, his experiences of deep suffering in his life equipped him to speak authentically on the topic of the problem of evil, which he addressed most prominently in his work *The Problem of Pain*. Lewis drew upon his time fighting in the trench warfare of WWI and the loss of his wife to cancer to wrestle with how the existence of a good, loving, and powerful God is not ruled out by the immense brokenness of our world.

You will find that C.S. Lewis is eminently quotable, unsurprisingly among the most cited figures by preachers. And though he was writing decades ago, Lewis often has a timeless feel to his work such that you'll regularly encounter passages that feel like they were written specifically to address a modern problem.

As Rally Day approaches on September 13, I hope you'll make plans to join a Sunday School class. If you're like me, *The Screwtape Letters* will be a book you'll want to revisit again and again to find renewed inspiration for spiritual growth. Taking the guise of an older demon teaching the tricks of the trade to an amateur demon, Lewis uses clever wit in this novel to help us gain insight into the human psyche and the many ways we are led astray in life. If we can better understand the devil's playbook, we can better craft our own strategies towards holiness. We'll be in Classroom 2 downstairs at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Pastor Joel

RALLY DAY 2026

September 13

9:30 am



Join us for Rally Day 2026! On Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 we will gather in the gym for light pastries, yogurt, fruit, coffee, juice and great conversations on our new church year! Please join us to joyfully reconnect with your church family after a summer of traveling and vacationing.

We will have information and presentations of all the groups we have going on here at FPC! We are so excited for Rally Day and all the opportunities we have for our congregation and friends to participate and enjoy great fellowship together! We will have sign up sheets for each group, it is not “mandatory” you sign up, but it will give us an idea of how many are interested in each group. Sign up for as many as you would like, and if you aren’t sure about one, you can always join closer to the date of each event.

A list of the groups are listed below. Picture yourself at some of these!

Groups 2026

Lunch & Learn

Jane Snyder and Gayle Russell

Mondays from noon to 1:15 p.m.

Session Room

Contact: Jane Snyder 704-438-3358.

We enjoy a simple meal together while sharing wisdom, strength, and encouragement. It's a welcoming group where you'll find plenty of laughter, meaningful conversation, and the support of others.

Walking Group

Gina Martin

4 pm on Monday afternoons

Rock Creek Park- with alternate location- Stanly Commons on really hot or rainy days.

This group enjoys fellowship and conversation while moving our bodies in mindfulness of how intricately created we are. Contact Gina Martin 704-244-0186 to get on the reminder thread. We were created to move, so come move with us!

Pickleball

Tuesdays 2:00 pm and Fridays 9:30 am

Gina Martin

Want to learn how to play pickleball or improve your skills, join us in the FPC gym.

Contact Gina Martin 704-244-0186 to let her know you are interested.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays 6:45 a.m.

Lee Snuggs

Kitchen/Pit Stop

This long standing group meets early Wednesday mornings enjoying breakfast and praying for those in need.

Midweek Meal

Wednesdays 5:30

Jane Snyder

Pit Stop

Join us as we meet in the Pit Stop for a wonderful meal each week. You can sign up on Sundays in the Guest register or call the church office by Tuesday of each week to let us know how many will be attending. Come join us for great food and great friendships!

Chancel Choir

Frank Poolos

Wednesdays 4:15

Choir room

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the choir, come on Wednesdays to rehearsals and give it a try. We have great fun and make some wonderful music together.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Peggy Finley

First Wednesday of each month 1:30 p.m.

Church parlor

We meet and work on prayer shawls to have available for those in need of comfort and prayers.

Circle Five

Second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Ann Duckwall

Pit Stop

If you enjoy small group Bible study, consider joining us. We will begin a new study in the fall.

The Wired Word

Rich Schaefer

Sunday morning 9:45 am

Parlor

This class discusses current events and biblical scripture that relates to the news.

No teaching, this is a group discussion, or you are also welcome to just listen to the thoughts of others.

Book Discussion Group

Rev. Joel Lynn

Sunday morning 9:45 am

Classroom 2- Downstairs

This is a book discussion group that meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in Classroom 2. We will be reading through *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis, one of the most read Christian books of all time. It is a clever piece of fiction that explores the many temptations that seek to draw us away from following Christ. Please email Pastor Joel if you are interested in joining, and order your book.

Lunch Out

Jane Snyder

Once a month- noon (location is announced each month prior to the next date)

Various restaurants in town and nearby.

This group meets each month for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at different restaurants. We have lots of good food and enjoy fellowship with each other. We carpool or meet at restaurants here in town or nearby towns such as Concord, Troy, Salisbury etc.

Lunch After Church

Gina Martin

The third Sunday of each month- following church (location is announced each month prior to the next date)

Various restaurants in town.

This group will share a meal and conversation with friends after church. Our first meal together will be Sunday October 18 at "The Independent Bistro".

Puzzles and Games Night

Gina Martin

The first Tuesday of each month- starting October 6 at 6:30 p.m. and will meet each month through May.

Various locations.

This first date the location will be Martin Gallery. We would love for others to sign up to "host" this fun night at their house or location for the months to follow. Enjoy appetizers and drinks while you move between puzzles and games. If you love working puzzles, playing games, eating and socializing, come join us!



FLOWERS

First Presbyterian provides flowers for worship on some Sundays but is dependent on members for flowers on other Sundays. Members who donate flowers may do so in honor of or memory of others. We obtain flowers from Blooms Royale florist on Main Street, but the choice of florist is up to you. You may also supply flowers from your garden. Please contact flower coordinator Mary Louise Sawyer 704-986-6320 or jameshardinsawyer@gmail.com if you wish to donate flowers for worship.



Sunday, September 6 **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger**
Sunday, September 13 **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Rally Day/Grandparents Day**
Sunday, September 20 **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Sunday, September 27 **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



We will receive the Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger on Sept 6. This monthly offering is used by the Presbytery of Charlotte to fund hunger programs and agencies (including SCCM) throughout the presbytery.

Beginning September 13, worship returns to 11:00 a.m.





The choir will resume choir rehearsals starting on Wednesday, September 9th at 4:15 and will return to the choir loft on Sunday September 13.

NEWS *and* NOTES

Thank you to all the

COOKING CAMP

Volunteers:

Thanks to all the wonderful Cooking Camp volunteers! I think many of us agree that this was an amazing camp experience for all of us.

Becky Andrew, Linda Anderson, Debbie Bennett, Kathy Campbell, James Cotton, Ruth Cotton, Emily Deese, Ann Duckwall, Angie Earnhardt, Carter Gibson, Emma Gibson, Jim Hesley, Myron Lowder, Chris Mabry, Rose Moore, Nancy Napier, Gayle Russell, Cathy Senter, Billie Jean Snuggs, Hilda Snuggs, Lee Snuggs, and Debbie Wainwright. This camp is a huge success because of all these wonderful volunteers.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Patrick and Tzu Chun Martin upon the birth of their son, Aiden Chu, on August 13.
Proud grandparents are Roger and Gina Martin.

New Address for Myron Lowder

43 Papillion Way
Clayton, NC 27520



Atticus Update

On August 19, Lily started back to school - and we are so happy to let everyone know that Atticus is finally getting back to Burgess Elementary, Surfside Beach, SC !Such a blessing. He is doing well. He will be going to clinic once week on Thursday afternoon. Chris will get him at school 11:45 so he won't miss a day of school. Atticus is so excited to be going back to school with his friends! All the church love and prayers are greatly appreciated by the Hampton's and their extended family. Keep them coming!
Chris & Barbara



Retreat @ Montreat



**During the month of July our youth attended Montreat for the 2026 Youth Conference
“Wonder & Wander”**

Our group consisted of 7 youth and 4 adults who left on, July 12 and returned on Saturday, July 18.

Attendees were: Ella Cumming, Ashley Deese, Emily Deese, Cidney Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, Jordan Hesley, Sophie Poplin, and adult chaperones Jim Hesley, Lee Snuggs, Billie Jean Snuggs and Jane Snyder. All had an amazing time!



NEWS and NOTES

Memorials and Honorariums

Minister's Discretionary Fund:

In honor of Joel & Katie Lynn, given by Miriam Russell.

Building/Property Fund:

In memory of Ramona Churchill, given by Scott & Robin Walden.

In memory of John McIntyre, given by Roger & Gina Martin.

In memory of John McIntyre, given by John & Angie Earnhardt.

In memory of John McIntyre, given by Mt. Creek Hunt Club.

In memory of John McIntyre, given by Lin & Cathy Senter.

In memory of John McIntyre, given by Uwharrie Capital Corp., Uwharrie Investment Advisors, and Uwharrie Bank.

In memory of John McIntyre, given by Joe & Susan Brooks.

In memory of Patsy McLaurin, given by Danny & Kyle Lambert.

In honor of Frankie Palmer, given by Kyle Lambert.

NEWS and NOTES

Stewardship Campaign 2027

Kick off information for the 2027 campaign!

We will have a kick-off luncheon for the 2027 Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, October 4, at the conclusion of the worship service. All are invited to attend.

Deuteronomy 10:12 – To serve the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul.

Ephesians 6:7 – Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord.

In an effort to keep the prayer list updated, we would appreciate your help. Please notify the church office (704-982-2722 or bpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org) of changes.

Thank you.



Do you ever see a name on the prayer list and think, *Now who is that?* Or forget what the relationship is? You are not alone as many folks have asked for help with this. The *Prayer List Connection* will refresh all our memories. We will be deleting all names on this list after this month to make updates. If you would like to put someone on the list, you will need to first have permission from the person you are adding, contact the church office and let us know who you would like added. Following next month, we will keep them on the newsletter's *Prayer List Connection* for as long as we are requested to do so.

Current critical prayer concerns will be added weekly to the prayer list in the bulletin.

Friends of the Congregation:

Mikayla Hege, friend of Elizabeth Bryson.

Molly Amelia Lowder, low immunity health concerns.

Taylor Blalock Mauldin, nurse at Atrium-Stanly; cancer.

Maddie McRae, daughter of Renee & Keith McRae; diagnosis & treatment for a brain tumor.

Bryanna Medlin, Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Garin Stepp, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Dr. Mike Dearstyne, brother of Holly Norwood.

Elizabeth Cox, niece of Elizabeth Wilson.

Kim Roberts, cancer.

Atticus Hampton, grandson of Chris & Barbara Whitley.

Madelyn Jones

Annie Poolos, sister-in-law of Frank & Beth Poolos.

Kelly Jordan, daughter of Nancy Sullivan, friend of congregation.

Mamie Rogers Morton, daughter of Art & Sandy Rogers, undergoing treatment for bladder cancer.

Jacob Rodgers, friend of congregation in accident.

Jean Bell, mother of Pam Knighten

Ginny Carpenter

Doug Owens, father of Courtney Niederer

Shelby Burris, aunt of Danny Lambert

Amy Elizabeth Owens, friend of the congregation

J.D. Holbrook

Members of the Congregation:

Anita Gower

Polly Moose

Rita Morgan

Shannon Newport

Marlene Sanges

Mary Green

Gus Holbrook

Leslie Kinley

Ann Byrd

John Montgomery

Frankie Palmer

Ann Snuggs

Sympathy

To the family of John McIntyre who passed on June 16, 2026.

To the family of Katie Lynn who lost her grandfather, Carl Churchill in Quincy, IL.

To Lee McLaurin and family upon the loss of his mother Patsy McLaurin on August 18, 2026.



01- Frank Poolos
02- Betty Crook
04- Margaret Ivey
06- Laura McLeod
10- Grace Richards
11- Kelly Lentz
Ned Russell
15- Jim Hesley
16- Kyle Marks
David Morgan
Simon Lynn
18- Nathaniel Eudy
19- Becky Miller

20- Angus Currie
Lindsey W. Herring
Katie Lynn
21- Ben Andrew
Oliver Henkenjohann
22- Matt Herring
25- Kristie Bryson
27- Carter Gibson
28- Desmond Bullard
Ruth Goforth



03- Miller and Teryn Morgan
10- Richard and Janet Schaefer
12- Heather and Mike Hatley

15- Banks and Susan Garrison
16- Don and Sheryl Stewart
27- John and Jessica Palmer



FPC will be feeding the Community Inn On Friday, September 4.

If interested in helping, please contact
Ruth Cotton at 704-942-1381 or
hugawolf@hotmail.com.

We will feed next month on October 2nd



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
Please contact Peggy Finley at 704-779-8320 or maf447@windstream.net if you have questions.

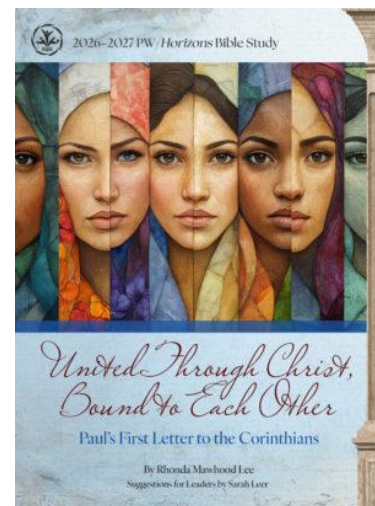


Circle will meet at 1:00 pm in the Pit Stop on
Wednesday September 9, 2026
We will begin our new study

“United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other”.

If you enjoy small group Bible study, consider joining us as
we meet for a 9 month study using Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible
Study book.

Contact Ann Duckwall @ 704-983-3498 for more information.



October Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, September 22.

Early submissions are always welcome!

If you type your items in Microsoft Word, please email
them as an attachment to:
bpoolos@fpcalbemarle.org.





Let's do
LUNCH

LUNCH OUT

First Presbyterian Church Lunch Outing at THE INDEPENDENT
Friday, September 25 at 11:30 am

Let Jane know if you can join us by texting or calling her at 704-438-3358.



Volunteer Drivers Needed

Would you be willing to help by providing transportation for members of our church family to doctor's appointments or church activities? If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact **Anissa Chapman** at achapman 414@gmail.com with your availability and the best way to reach you.

Would You Like To Be A Silent Partner?



Help the college age youth of our church continue to feel a connection to our congregation by becoming a Silent Partner. A Silent Partner's identity is a secret to the college student. Your role is to send cards of encouragement and little gifts monthly if possible.

If you love keeping a secret and would like to show our young people that you care please contact me via email or text message. Anissa Chapman-
Achapman414@gmail.com; 336-302-4471.

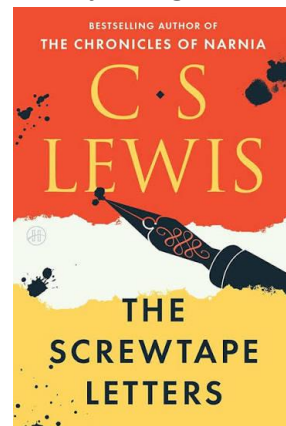


Prayer & Bible Study Opportunities



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Sunday School offering:

a book discussion group that meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in Classroom 2. We will be reading through *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis, one of the most read Christian books of all time. It is a clever piece of fiction that explores the many temptations that seek to draw us away from following Christ. Please email Pastor Joel if you are interested in joining, and order your book.





The Wired Word Class will start meeting on Sunday, **September 20 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Parlor to discuss current events and biblical scripture that relates to the news.

There is no "teaching". Rather it is a group discussion. We hope you will participate but you are also welcome to just listen to the thoughts of others. Importantly, there are no right or wrong answers. And, since the subject is different every week, it doesn't matter if you miss some Sundays. We hope you will give our



MONDAY LUNCH AND LEARN

MONDAY LUNCH AND LEARN will start back on Monday, September 14 at NOON in the Session Room across from the office. We will provide a delicious BRUNCH of BREAKFAST CASSEROLE, HAM BISCUITS and GRITS. All you need to bring is something to compliment the meal. We look forward to seeing everyone, hearing about your summer and deciding where we want to begin this year.

Remember you do not have to attend every class to get the benefits of Lunch and Learn and the fellowship. RSVP to Jane Snyder at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or 704-438-3358.

FOOD PANTRY FOR SCCM



Pantry Needs



Mayonaise, & Mustard

Ketchup

Salad Dressing

Oil & Vinegar

Shampoo & Conditioner

Hand Soap

Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Deodorant

Brownie & Cookie Mix

Muffin Mix

Gravy Packets

Jelly

Oatmeal

Black Eyed Peas

Breakfast Bars

Canned Oranges

Canned Pineapple

Canned Pasta

Baked Beans

Pork & Beans

Canned Pinto Beans

Canned Kidney Beans

Spam

Lima Beans

Ramen Noodles

Gravy & Seasoning
Packets



MIDWEEK

We are so excited for our Midweek Meals to start back up! If you would like to join us for our MIDWEEK MEALS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 please RSVP by Tuesday, at 2:00 p.m.

You can sign up on the Register of Friendship in church, email Jane Snyder at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org or text Jane at 704-438-3358.

You can pay at the door as you enter the gym. This year we will continue to eat in the Pit Stop. MIDWEEK MEAL will begin at 5:30P.M.

Meal prices: \$8.00-adult (not to exceed \$20/family), \$4.00-children through grade 5. We need volunteers for food prep, set-up and clean-up on Wednesdays at 9:00 am, 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Contact Jane if you are interested.



Menus for September: 16, 23, 30

FIRST WEDNESDAY: **NO MEAL**

SECOND WEDNESDAY: **NO MEAL**

THIRD WEDNESDAY: Chicken Nicoise Salad (Boiled Eggs, Bean Salad, tomatoes, mixed greens, grilled chicken, roasted red potatoes, shredded carrots, homemade Croutons)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Hot Dogs and all the fixins (Crutchfield Meal)

* All meals include: Assorted Desserts Tea, Coffee, Water and Lemonade.



The church office will be closed
on Monday, September 7
in observance of Labor Day.

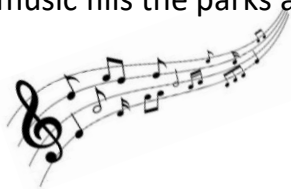
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

5:30 TO 9:00 PM
CONTINUING AT
CITY LAKE PARK



Food Truck Friday continues, held once a month at City Lake Park, located at 815 Concord Road, from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Bring a chair!

Each monthly event has a variety of food trucks with something for everyone including: BBQ, Tacos, Soul Food, Seafood, Asian Cuisine, & Desserts. Free live music fills the parks as talented artists from a range of genres perform each month.



Dates are September 4, October 2





PIZZA & PICKLEBALL & MISSION

for Kids of all ages

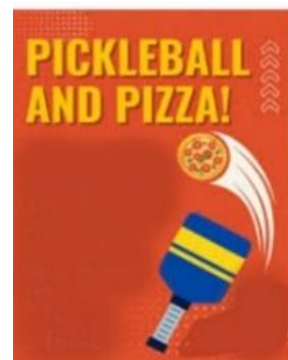
Sunday, September 20

Noon to 2:30 pm

Kids of all ages are invited to join Barbara & Gina for an afternoon of eating pizza, playing pickleball and working on a mission project.

Contact Gina Martin 704-244-0186

to let her know that your child or grandchild would like to attend.





GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

On Grandparents' Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of grandparents. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Grandparents' Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Grandparents' Day, September 13**.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH and GHA Autism
Creative Arts Program Presents:

"A Star Spangled Showcase"

GHA Annual Art Show

GHA Autism Supports is proud to invite our families, friends, and community to our Annual Art Show on Wednesday, September 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This special event showcases the incredible creativity and artistic talents of the individuals we support. Each piece of artwork tells a unique story and reflects the imagination, personality, and abilities of its artist.

This year's theme celebrates America's 250th Birthday, featuring a beautiful collection of patriotic artwork inspired by our nation's history, symbols, and spirit. From vibrant red, white, and blue creations to inspiring interpretations of freedom and community, visitors will enjoy an uplifting display that honors this historic milestone while celebrating the remarkable talents of our artists.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to First Presbyterian Church of Albemarle for once again partnering with GHA Autism Supports by hosting this exhibit in their beautiful gallery. Their continued generosity and commitment to our mission have provided a welcoming space to showcase the artwork of the individuals we support for many years. Their partnership helps make this cherished tradition possible, and we are deeply grateful for their ongoing support!

We are proud to feature the GHA Art Show on September 16, 2026 from 1 – 3 p.m. at FPC, Albemarle.

**The congregation of First Presbyterian Church is invited
to meet the artists at the
Art Gallery Reception on Wednesday, September 16 from
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
in the church common area.**

**Wednesday, September 2**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
1:30 pm Prayer Shawl in Parlor

Friday, September 4

5:30 pm- 9 pm Food Truck Friday at City Lake Park
6:00 pm Meal for Community Inn

Sunday, September 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am *Rally Day -Pitstop
10:00 am *Worship Last Early service

Monday, September 7

Office closed in observance of Labor Day

Wednesday, September 9

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
1:00 pm Circle Five meeting in Pit Stop
4:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 13

16th Sunday after Pentecost/ Rally Day/ Grandparents Day

9:00 am Diaconate Meeting
9:30 am *Rally Day -Gym
11:00 am *Worship

Monday, September 14

Noon Lunch & Learn

*childcare provided

Wednesday, September 16

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
1:00 pm-3:00 pm Art Gallery Reception
4:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm Midweek Meal

Sunday, September 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Session Meeting
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am *Worship
Noon-2:30 pm Pizza, Pickleball & Mission for Kids of all ages

Monday, September 21

Noon Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, September 23

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
4:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5:39 pm Midweek Meal

Friday, September 25

11:30 am Lunch Out @ The Independent

Sunday, September 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am *Worship
2:00 pm "All Hands" meeting in Pit Stop

Monday, September 28

Noon Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, September 30

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
4:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm Midweek Meal



SERRV catalogs for Christmas gift orders to be placed in late October.

Watch for more information!



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week
is November 16-23, 2026. This year just bring in
items for boxes and our youth will fill and pack boxes.
A list of approved items will be posted in the Pit Stop.





Be Part of the Holiday Tour of Homes!
Saturday, November 21 • 3:30–7:00 PM

Albemarle Downtown is seeking Albemarle homes to showcase for this beloved holiday tradition. The Holiday Tour of Homes supports historic preservation, downtown beautification, and small business grants.

Interested in showcasing your home?

Contact Katie Lynn at 704-961-6849 or klynn@albemarlenc.gov.



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**

October 4, 2026



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

THOSE WHO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

Ushers: (captain), TBD

Elder Greeters: Lee Snuggs, Kate Gibson

Deacon Ministry Team for September:

Anissa Chapman, Captain

Jim Hesley

Angie Earnhardt

Streaming Coordinator:

September 6: Tech

September 13: Tech

September 20: Tech

September 27: Tech

Outside Ushers:

September 6: Ronnie Michael, JD

September 13: Matt Carpenter, Danny Lambert

September 20: Lee Snuggs, Jim Marshall

September 27: Tom Norwood, John Earnhardt

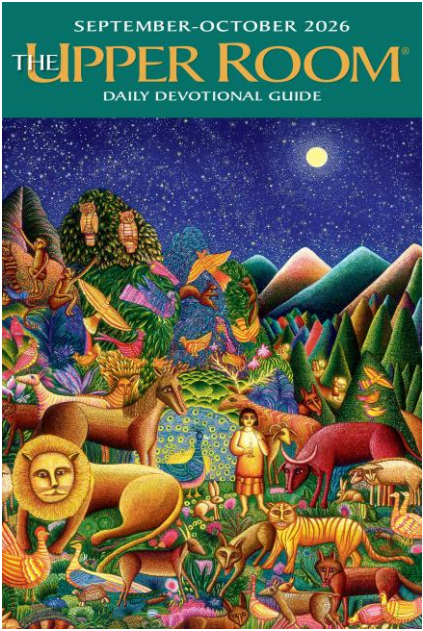
Nursery for September:

September 6: TBD

September 13: TBD

September 20: TBD

September 27: TBD



THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide exists to:

- offer resources that encourage daily spiritual practice,
- call Christians to a life of living prayer,
- create meaningful, transformational experiences and studies for individuals, small groups, and congregations,
- help people grow deeper in love with God and neighbor,
- support churches in becoming centers of prayer and spiritual formation,
- inspire spiritual leaders to lead with a listening heart, and
- invite the “spiritually curious” to living waters.

The Upper Room devotional guide is available for your use. Daily readings will help focus your prayer and study.

The Upper Room can be found in the pit stop, the church office, and the narthex.

Elders

Debbie Bennett
Keith Bryson
Kathy Campbell
Ruth Cotton
Peggy Finley
Kate Gibson
Mike King
Ronnie Michael
Tom Norwood
Gayle Russell
James Sawyer
Lee Snuggs

Deacons

Mike Burleson
Anissa Chapman
Wiley Crutchfield
Angie Earnhardt
Vaughn Folks
Heather Hatley
Jim Hesley
Jennifer Hesley
Kyle Lambert
Frank Poolos
Debbie Wainwright

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