
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

Lexington, North Carolina



Upcoming Events

September 9:
Church Yard-Sale

September 10:
Parent's Meeting—9:00 a.m.

September 12:
Women of the Church
Circle 1—10:00 a.m.
Circle 2— 6:30 p.m.

September 17:
Rally Day Sunday

September 21:
Senior Superlatives
Luncheon— 12:00 pm.

Rally Day Sunday

September 17, 2017

We will celebrate the beginning of Fall activities at Second Presbyterian on Sunday, September 17.

Our church school activities will begin at 9:45 a.m. After worship, we will have a covered dish picnic on the church grounds.



Women of the Church News

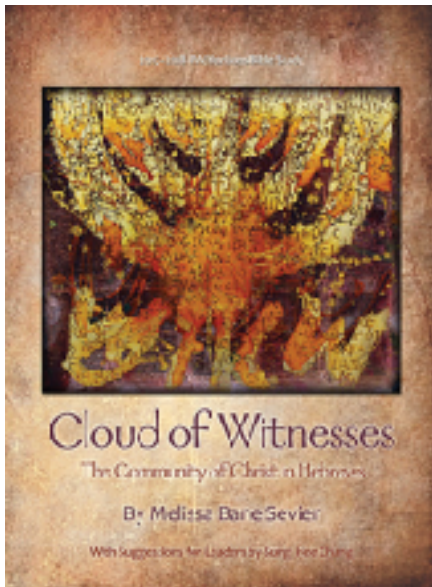


A new year of service begins for our Women's Circles. We would like to thank Shelia Koonts who has served so faithfully as our Moderator. As her term of service concludes, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her leadership and dedication.

We welcome Kathy Clark who will begin her term as Moderator this month. Welcome Kathy!

Our circles meet on the second Tuesday of the month. The morning circle meets at 10:00 a.m. and the evening circle meets at 6:30 p.m.

A reminder that our Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 9 beginning at 7:00 a.m.



Women's Circle Bible Study

2017-2018

Cloud of Witnesses:

The Community of Christ in Hebrews

The Letter to the Hebrews is a significant book of the Bible, and is also significantly different from every other book in the Bible. It consists of thirteen chapters, all of which are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons, and spirituality. Therefore, I've decided to approach the letter thematically, not sequentially. We will explore nine major themes, relate those themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The community for which the letter was written interacts, in a sense, with all the communities of which you are a part, because you bring those groups with you wherever you go—they have helped to form you into the person you are. The community in which you study and worship, your family and friends, social and therapy groups . . . all are part of you.

Our prayer is that the study of community in Hebrews will help us strengthen our own communities.



Youth and Children's Ministries

Attention all Parents! We will have a meeting on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss our children and youth events for 2017-2018.

Topics will include Youth Group, Confirmation Class, Children's Sabbath, Youth Trips, and Sunday School. Please come and share your insights and suggestions.

A light breakfast will be served.



Senior Superlatives Luncheon September 21 at 12:00 p.m.

All our Senior Adults are invited to a monthly luncheon on the *third* Thursday of the month. We have several excellent programs lined up for the fall. Come and share in good food and fellowship!



Hunger Relief Offering First Sunday of Every Month

During the school year our congregation receives a special offering on the first Sunday of the month for the *South Lexington School Emergency Food Ministry*. Each Friday the school sends home nutritious food for at-risk children who may not have enough to eat over the weekend.

Our congregation is the sole source of support for this vital ministry. We will receive this offering on September 3.

Reverend Rummage Begins Work with Fairmont Presbyterian Church in October

Dear Second Presbyterian Family:

Over the last eight months we have been in conversation with Fairmont Presbyterian Church about ways our two congregations can work together. Both congregations are discerning the possibility of forming a new church union in order to grow our ministries in the future. This process will take on a sense of urgency in September when Reverend Randy Hall retires from Fairmont.

Beginning Sunday, October 1, 2017, I will be assisting Fairmont with their interim process. I will provide worship support and Session leadership as we prayerfully discuss the possibility of merging our two congregations. This arrangement has been approved by both our Session and Fairmont's Session as well as the Committee on Ministry for Salem Presbytery.

My duties will include the following:

- Moderating their Session
- Preaching and Worship Leadership
- Pastoral Care and Visitation
- Interim Tasks and Mission Study
- Merger Discussion and Discernment

This will be a shared ministry where I will be preaching and leading worship at both churches. Both congregations will use this time for regular fellowship and worship gatherings as a way to strengthen relationships.

This is an exciting time for our church! We are seeking to embrace creative ways to continue flourishing and growing in the future. We want communication to be as open as possible so everyone feels ownership in the process. To that end, if you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Blessings and Peace,

Brian K. Rummage

Mission Study for Second Presbyterian Church

In conjunction with the work at Fairmont, our congregation will also enter into a season of prayer and discussion as we discern our own sense of mission and witness for the future. We will work together to examine our own sense of where God is leading us as the Church of Jesus Christ. We need your insights, energy, and imagination for this process to be as beneficial as possible.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

**CALL TO PRAYER AS HURRICANE
HARVEY PASSES BY**

God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance; we open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude, and hope: that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and rebuilding that come.

We pray for those yet in harm's way; who wait in neighborhoods while the waters rise, who pray for the rains to cease. We pray for those huddled at home or among strangers while wind ravages, for those who have fled from home and wait and wonder. We ask for sustaining courage, for the kindness of strangers, for hope that does not disappoint.

We pray in grief, honoring the lives, shattered and the livelihoods, homes and businesses for whom recovery seems an insurmountable mountain. We lift our voices in sorrow and compassion for families who have lost loved ones, homes, or livelihood.

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs beginning to emerge in the wake of the storm.

In these days of relief, assessment and response, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams makes glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You.

In the name of Christ the Healer we pray, amen.

*Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

TROPICAL STORM HARVEY

Situation

Harvey made landfall late Friday and early Saturday am as a category 4 hurricane, and though downgraded now to tropical storm status, remains dangerous as it continues to churn inland into Texas. Damage in and near Rockport and Port Lavaca, where the storm made landfall, was catastrophic. There is one reported death and massive damage reported, and the flood event is continuing as the storm is dumping heavy rains in South Texas. The storm is forecast to continue to produce heavy rains, with serious flooding into the middle of the week.

PDA Response

PDA continues to be in touch with presbytery leadership in New Covenant, Mission, and South Louisiana Presbyteries. National Response Teams are being deployed into the affected regions when it is safe to do so.

Second Presbyterian Response

We will be receiving a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistances in the near future. We will also be in contact with PDA about other ways our congregation can help our brother's and sisters in Houston with recovery.

Special Funds of the Church

In our bulletin you may have noticed a few designations for special funds. These are opportunities to give to special ministries in the church above and beyond your tithe.

Memorials:

These are gifts given in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. They are utilized at the discretion of the Session.

Hunger:

This is our special offering we receive during the school year which supports the Backpack Food Program for South Lexington School.

Music Ministries Fund:

Donations to the music fund are used to purchase music and supplies for the adult choir, the children, the handbell and choir chime choirs. Disbursements are made at the discretion of the Director of Music.

Organ/Music Equipment:

Donations to the organ/music equipment fund are used for the purchase and repairs of musical equipment. Disbursements are made at the discretion of the Session with input from the worship committee, director of music, and organist.

Ministries in September

Ministry	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Acolyte	Lydia Perryman	Kambri Clodfelter	Joseph Nance	Wesley Rummage
Sound System	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler	Tad Helmstetler
Nursery	Angie Biesecker	Beth Rummage	Patrica Neal	Venessa Link
Officer of the Week	Tad Helmstetler Kathy Cashion	Bobby Smith Callie Lane	Kathy Clark	Jamie Nance Jeff Gray

Ushers: Mike Link, Venessa Link, Dennis Hill, Joe Clark (Captain)

Opening/ Closing:

Second Presbyterian Church

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Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Bill Sosebee
Director of Music: Iris W. Mauney
Organist: Margaret Yarborough
Financial Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Cashion
Nursery Coordinator: Kathy Clark

Leadership/ Ruling Elders:

Class of 2019

Kathy Clark
Kathy Cashion
Jeff Gray
Jamie Nance

Class of 2018

Tad Helmstetler
Stacy Sosebee-West
Bobby Smith

Class of 2017

Steve Alston
Mike Davis
Callie Lane
Lynda McDaniel

