

FPC Marietta

First Presbyterian Church News, May 20 - June 2, 2012



The Power of the Many within the Whole

When someone asks about who or what is First Presbyterian Church Marietta, I prefer the “who” question. There will be a couple thousand answers – perhaps two or three from each person.

There are many parts within this wonderful church. Somehow, in Christ’s plan for the Church, they all fit together to make a whole congregation, i.e., one seeking to be faithful to Christ’s call.

Three New Testament texts have been prominent in my reflections over the last few weeks. The first text is John 17 where Jesus prays for his disciples that they would become one. The Gospels themselves give a brief introduction for each disciple, and we see that they are a diverse lot. From the wide mix among these twelve, the Church moved out to tell the powerful story of the resurrected Lord.

The second text, 1 Corinthians 12, and the third, Ephesians 4, are the Apostle Paul’s understanding of, and call to, the one Church built together from many parts. One Lord has purposed ONE Church out of many disciples. All the parts, the wide mix of present-day disciples, still continue to fit together to create the ONE Church.

These texts were brought to mind as we reflected on the April FPC Hearts and Hands emphasis and invitation to serve. Many FPC disciples responded with either recommitment or new commitment inquiries to over a thousand ministry opportunities. All of those inquiries were noted and passed on to FPC ministry leaders for connections to service. (Due to the overwhelming response, ministry leaders are still in the process of contacting everyone who signed up. So, if you haven’t been called, you will be called soon.)

Once again, the wonder and mystery of Christ’s ONE Church show up. Strong ministries are enhanced and new ministries have new members. The Church of Jesus Christ keeps moving and extending God’s glorious kingdom!

Thank you for your responses. We welcome further inquiries about ministry opportunities through our website or an email to MelissaDubea@fpcmarietta.org.

Changing gears, we invite you to rest in the Psalms this summer. Beginning June 3rd, one Psalm will be the focus of our weekly worship. The Psalm selections are noted on the website, the weekly Order of Worship, and posters. The Psalms have a wonderful power to express to every generation about God and God’s relationship with us. We are thrilled that both Rev. Dawn Stoker and Ashley Mathew, Candidate for Ministry, will continue in the pulpit, along with Denise and me.

In addition to the Psalms in our worship, each Sunday there will be a 9:45 a.m. adult Sunday School class that will study the Psalm of that day. This will allow a deeper exploration of the particular Psalm and conversations about its messages to us. If you have an interest in the Psalms or if your Sunday School class doesn’t meet in the summer, come join us. We’ll meet in room 054.

Thank you again for your discipleship put into action here and in all the places you travel. God has richly blessed FPC with the wonderful disciples who work to honor the One Lord whom we serve.

-John Wells

Mother's Morning Out Summer Schedule

Beginning Tuesday, May 29th, MMO will operate on a 3-day schedule for the summer. We will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children are allowed to attend only a maximum of 8 hours per week. Also, we will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the full week during VBS on June 25th-29th, during Preschool Camp on July 9th-13th, and Kids' Summer Mission Camp on July 16th-20th. Our summer schedule is subject to change if attendance is low. We will keep you updated by email, the church website, and our Facebook page: *Mother's Morning Out at First Presbyterian Church*.

Register Now for Vacation Bible School, June 25-29

Inviting all children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade! Register until May 31st at www.fpcmarietta.org. Nursery and Preschool VBS are available for younger children of VBS volunteers. Adult and teen volunteers are needed! To learn more or to volunteer, call or email Alesia Jones, Director of Children's Ministry, (770) 427-0293, ext. 249 or AlesiaJones@fpcmarietta.org.

High School Youth Off to NYC

This year the High School ministry is headed off to the Big Apple for our annual summer mission trip, May 29th – June 6th. While in the city, 75 students and adult leaders will stay at a local college and do mission projects across all five boroughs. Some of our projects will be at food banks and homeless shelters, and we will also make meal deliveries to the elderly and visits to fire houses. Of course we will do some sightseeing too! Please pray for us as we go to serve the people of New York City. Thank you!

By the way, we are 300 miles away from our 1000-mile goal in the Adopt-a-Mile fundraiser. Please help us reach our goal in the next two weeks!

- Matt McConville, Youth Director



Let's Get Your Graduate in the New College Brochure

A new college brochure is underway to highlight the achievements and future plans of our college graduates. If you have a student who is graduating from college this semester and you would like to have him/her included in this brochure, please send the following information to Lisa Bacorn by Wednesday, May 23rd:

- A photograph or digital picture of the college graduate, preferably from the shoulders/chest and up
- The college from which he/she is graduating
- His or her major(s)
- His or her intended plans
- Any achievements that you would like to include

Please either email your information/pictures to Lisa at LisaBacorn@fpcmarietta.org or drop them off at the church Reception Desk, and let her know if you would like your photographs returned. If you already have submitted your pictures for the Graduation Brochure, it is not necessary to do so again. Please just submit the additional information. If you have any questions, call Lisa at (770) 427-0293, ext. 260.

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Yoga Classes for Late Spring and Summer

Free and available to the public, Yoga with Norrie will provide strengthening, stretching, and relaxation in a Christian environment. Men and women of all ages and at various skill levels are welcome at these sessions taught by Norrie Saunders. Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Holland Hall. Participants are requested to bring a mat or towel and to wear comfortable, stretchable clothing.

Career Transition Ministries: Prescriptions for a New Career

It's never too late to learn a new career, and Dr. Phil has the prescriptions! Dr. Phil Pennartz will share his valuable solutions with those who are struggling in a career transition period or are burned out in their current professions. This U.S. Army veteran and Ph.D. from Notre Dame will discuss considering a new career, networking by "friendship farming," and moving into something that's profitable and fun.

Monday, May 21st at The WareHouse

6:30 p.m. Help with resume, interviewing, networking, and career assessment

7:00 p.m. Presentation

For more information, please call Bill Lins at (404) 558-1579 or Bob Sabin at (770) 795-9084, or visit <http://fpccareersintransition.wordpress.com>.



FPC Weekday Preschool Spring Festival

On Friday, May 4th, FPC Weekday Preschool held its annual Spring Festival, directed by Elizabeth Walker, our Preschool music teacher and an FPC member. This year's theme, "This Is the Day!" was celebrated in song by 161 Preschool students, ages one through five. The opening song by the same name was an upbeat and happy tune based on Psalm 118:24, and set the mood for this joyful and energetic morning.

Over 250 people gathered in the Great Hall for Spring Festival to celebrate another successful year at FPC Weekday Preschool. As children sang and danced, family members enjoyed watching them perform. Afterwards, students and their families viewed artwork made during this Preschool year.

A special Graduation Ceremony for our 48 four-year-olds was held during Spring Festival. These outstanding fours are leaving FPC Weekday Preschool well-prepared for the many new experiences they will encounter in Kindergarten.

This year's Spring Festival was a God-filled morning highlighting our precious Preschool students and their diverse talents! Mark your calendar for next year's Spring Festival on Friday, May 10, 2013, for a morning you definitely don't want to miss!

NEW Adult Summer Sunday School Class

For those whose Sunday School class takes a break for the summer, or for those who currently do not belong to one, there will be a new adult class just for the summer months. The Summer with the Psalms class is designed to complement the sermon series by the same name, as each class lesson will go into detail about the specific psalm that is covered in worship that morning.

Ten different psalms will be taught by various teachers on Sundays between June 3rd and August 5th, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., in room 054. A member of the Adult Christian Education and Discipleship Council will be present at each class to handle the “housekeeping” duties and to answer any questions about other FPC adult programs. Please plan to join us at the Summer with the Psalms class, and bring your friends.



Renacimiento, May 2012

I would love to share with you about our recent trip last week to Renacimiento, Mexico. It was a huge success, all to the glory

of God! A team of 11 people from FPC, including Thad Penuel whose family recently moved to Houston, traveled to Mexico for three days. Our mission was to provide a soccer tournament for the kids from Renacimiento on Friday morning, arts and crafts on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and a Bible Study for the women. Our love-God-and-others theme for the weekend was taken from Luke 10:27, and we incorporated it into all the activities. What a beautiful sound it was on Saturday afternoon to hear over 200 women and children recite the verse from memory and with gusto!

Also, on both Friday and Saturday we provided lunch to all who participated in the activities. On Friday, we fed around 200 people, and on Saturday we fed over 400 women and children! It was truly a “loaves and fishes” moment!

I thank God for the continued opportunity to minister to these people, and to watch them grow in their understanding of Christ’s love for them. I’m never quite sure whom receives more of a blessing – our team or the people we serve.

Pastor Eva sends her greetings and her thanks to this church for all the ways in which we show her our support.

-Collins Roux



Pre-Piccolo Spoleto Concert

Pre-Piccolo Spoleto 2012 Concert featuring Sacre Voci and the Georgia Youth Choir will be held on Sunday, May 20th at the 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us as we present our final concert before we sing in the Piccolo Spoleto Festival on Sunday, June 10th at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston, SC.

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Care Kits for Foster Kids

During National Foster Care Month, our congregation can help Foster Kids! We have been asked to collect supplies to be included in the Care Kits for Foster Kids. Here’s what they need:

- diapers, pull-ups, travel wipes, diaper cream
- sippy cups and bottles
- travel-size baby shampoo, body wash, baby lotion, kid-friendly shampoo & soaps
- travel-size shampoo, conditioner, soap, & deodorant
- toothbrushes, travel-sized tooth paste
- hairbrushes/combs
- pajamas (all sizes infant through teen)
- t-shirts (all sizes toddler through teen)
- underwear and socks (all sizes toddler through teen)

Please consider donating a small object or little toy that can be held and carried along on a child’s journey. Let’s overfill the collection boxes in the Gathering Space by May 27th. Thank you for your support of children in need from the FPC Adoption/ Foster Family Connection Committee.

Welcome, New Members!

JJ and Katie Derman and son, Conner
David and Kelley Gilreath and children,
Emma Rae and Nelson

Welcome, Babies!

Congratulations to Chad and Aliena Parramore on the birth of their son, Taylor Wesley Parramore.

Congratulations to Anslie and Anthony Defalco on the birth of their son, Athan Hunter Defalco. Proud grandparents are Skip and Sheri Charlton.

Please pray for the families of those who have passed away. Our condolences to:

Jason and Lisa Leiter on the death of Jason’s grandmother, Eliza Bagby

Prayers, Concerns, and Praises...

We are thankful for our Stephen Ministers who are visiting our members in hospitals and rehab facilities. Please keep in your prayers these members who are hospitalized, recently hospitalized, under hospice care, or in the process of ongoing illness and/or recovery: Malcolm Bethune, Doreen Bibbins, Carol Bockman, Dianne Brissey, Alice Carlson, Paul Cobb, Joan Schrampf Couch, George Courtney, Eddie Crolley, Elizabeth Dennis, Sylvia Foster, Pat Fox, Nan Franklin, Lynda Furr, Wayne Glaser, John and Marguerite Gloss, Nell Hall, Bob Harris, Louise Hayes, Roy Lautenschlager, Richard Little, Shana Lyman, Eleanor McLean, Gail Meacham, Jeff Patrick, Doris Rainey, Donna Ray, Anita Reddoch, Buni Ricketts, Pat Sherwood, Erin Smazik, Suzanne Smith, Bob Sprinkle, Karen Stickel, Earl Stine, George Suhr, Bobby Tharpe, Russ Thomas, Steve Tibbitts, Coots Turner, Virginia Whittenton, Ed Whittle, and Alicia Willoughby

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worship

Sunday, May 20th - Sermon Title: Disciples with Life in Them

Confirmation of Confirmand Students - 4th Service

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary - Rev. Dawn Stoker, Music: Sanctuary Singers, Kirk Ringers

9:45 a.m. Great Hall - Rev. Dawn Stoker, Music: Linda Bush, cantor/soloist

9:45 a.m. Children and Adult Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Great Hall - Rev. Dawn Stoker, Music: Chancel Choir

11:15 a.m. Sanctuary - Ashley Mathews, Candidate for Ministry,
Contemporary Service, Music: Worship Band

Sunday, May 27th - Sermon Title: Disciples with the Power of the Holy Spirit

Commissioning of the Mission NYC Students & Adults - 4th Service

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary - Dr. John Wells, Music: Cheryl Davenport, cantor/soloist

9:45 a.m. Great Hall - Rev. Dawn Stoker, Music: Cheryl Davenport, cantor/soloist

9:45 a.m. Children and Adult Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Great Hall - Dr. John Wells, Music: Chancel Choir

11:15 a.m. Sanctuary - Rev. Dawn Stoker,
Contemporary Service, Music: Worship Band

Sunday, June 3rd - Communion Sunday

Sermon Title: Psalm 8: Knowing Our Place

Commissioning of the Road Rules Students & Adults - 4th Service

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary - Rev. Denise Beltzner, Music: Sanctuary Singers

9:45 a.m. Great Hall - Rev. Dawn Stoker, Music: Rebekah Plowman, cantor/soloist

9:45 a.m. Children and Adult Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Great Hall - Rev. Denise Beltzner, Music: Chancel Choir

11:15 a.m. Sanctuary - Rev. Dawn Stoker,
Contemporary Service, Music: Worship Band

First Presbyterian Church Summer Hours

Beginning Tuesday, May 29th

Mondays - 8:30 AM – 9:30 PM

Tuesdays - 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Wednesdays - 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Thursday - 8:30 AM – 9:30 PM

Fridays - 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturdays - 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Sundays - 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM*

(*or per ministry/worship scheduling)

financials

Mission Focus Fund Goal: \$ 50,000

Donations received YTD: \$ 26,442

Stewardship Report for April 2012

Anticipated Tithes/Offerings \$ 190,506.67

Actual Monthly Tithes/Offerings \$ 228,714.31

Actual Monthly Expenses \$ 183,221.74

Overage/(Deficit) \$ 45,492.57

Anticipated YTD Tithes/Offerings \$ 938,242.60

Actual YTD Tithes/Offerings \$ 948,231.68

Actual YTD Expenses \$ 746,887.40

YTD Overage/(Deficit) \$ 201,344.28

Financial Summaries provided by:

Andy Workman, Director of Accounting

A May message from the FPC Gift Trust Fund:
May your gift help Christians bloom in places near and far.