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 Monday – Thursday: 7:00am - 5:00pm
 Closed for lunch: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
 Closed on Friday's

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S KEYBOARD:

This is the month of Thanksgiving. Being thankful is one of the primary ways we praise God. The great Christian writer CS Lewis had some great thoughts about praise (and thankfulness). I am sharing them here at length because it has really helped me. Lewis wrote:

“I had never noticed that *all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise*. The world rings with praise: Lovers praising their loved ones, readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favorite game; praise of weather, dishes, actors, cars, horses, colleges, countries, historical persons, children, flowers, mountains, even sometimes politicians or scholars. I had not noticed how the humblest, and at the same time most balanced and capacious minds, praised most, while the cranks, misfits, and malcontents praised least. **Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible.**




I had not noticed either that just as people spontaneously praise whatever they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: “Isn't she lovely? Wasn't it glorious? Don't you think that magnificent?” The Psalmists, in telling everyone to praise God, are doing what all people do when they speak of what they care about. I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because *the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment*. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with.”

We are made to praise and to express our thanksgiving. We know God has given us all that we have. Christians are thankful people. Thankful people are joyful people. Thankful people are generous people. Let us keep thanking God and praising God with the way we live. We thank HIM: for all the good things in our lives; for HIS promise that HE walks with us through the tough things in our lives; and for HIS great promise that the best things are yet to come.

Have a good November friends. You are loved.

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<p>ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES</p> <p>Suggested Donation for November:</p> <p>Diapers</p> 	<p>The Church office will be closed November 25 and 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday!</p>  <p>Will Be Closed:</p>	<p>Happy Thanksgiving!</p> <p>From Your Church Staff: Will, Cheryl, Virginia, Pat and Dixie</p> <p>May your family be blessed throughout this holiday season!</p> 
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Session News

Your Session had its regular stated meeting on October 22nd at 7pm, moderated by Rev. Will Gipe.

- Nominating Committee presented the names of the Class of 2023 for the office of Session. Mike Anderson, Bob Edmiston, Shannon Knox, Rick Lyerly and Beth Stacy. The Class of 2023 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on October 25th.
- Set Sunday November 22nd as the dedication of the Family Life Center at 12 noon with a catered lunch.
- Will resume Communion in hopefully later November. The communion will be self serve with elements being individually wrapped.
- Discussed rental property issues concerning the Manse and Hubbard House.
- Set The Cruise In For October 31st from 2-4 pm with hamburgers and hotdogs to be served to the participants. Trunk or Treat to follow at 4:30 pm.

As your Session we always welcome comments.

Grace and Peace,
Dale Burgess - Clerk of Session



Family Life Center Wish List

Construction is complete and we have received our Certificate of Occupancy for our Family Life Center. We have been so blessed to be in the position to use funds that we had rather than borrowing from an outside source to pay for its construction. We will reimburse these funds when our designated Family Life Center annuity matures in December 2021. In order to complete furnishing our new building, we are compiling a wish list of items that are needed or wanted. If anyone wishes make a donation toward the purchase of an item, we would appreciate it.

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| Direct connect coffee maker | |
| New dishes | Dinner plates |
| | Soup Bowls |
| | Coffee Mugs (already purchased) |
| 12 round tables | |
| 120 chairs | |
| Main entry | Entryway table |
| | Mirror |
| Trash cans for kitchen and rest rooms (already purchased) | |
| Wall décor for various areas | |
| Furniture for Multi-Purpose Room | Sofa (purchased) |
| | 2 Chairs |
| | End tables & Lamps |
| | Buffet |
| Sturdy 3 step stool/ladder for kitchen (already purchased) | |
| 2 nice beverage dispensers (3 gallon size) | |
| Cutting boards and rack | |
| Knives | |
| Trivets | |
| Pot holders | |
| Doormats or Doormat service | |



Kelley Stutts	11/02
Alex Crosby	11/03
Margie Swiggett	11/05
Meghan McSwain	11/06
Chuck Miller	11/07
Beverley Bartlett	11/08
Allen Lowrance	11/09
Mary Agnes Wiggins	11/09
Pamela Beaver	11/11
Brittain Tulbert	11/11
David Bradshaw	11/18
Corey Wilkinson	11/18
Kim Cavin	11/21
Cristal Howie	11/21
Meredith Booth	11/24
W. Bart Tulbert	11/24
Shelby Booth	11/26
Betty Bradshaw	11/26
Dan Edmiston	11/26
Jody Oliphant	11/26
Douglas Carrigan	11/30
Reba Connolly	11/30



Kaitlyn & Brandon Mundy	Nov 3
Ky & Dan Cornelison	Nov 4
Jamie & Angela Purvis	Nov 5
Bud & Dale McKnight	Nov 19
Paul & Emily Moore	Nov 20
Kenny & Linda Seamon	Nov 21



During the advent season, we will display poinsettias in the sanctuary beginning on Sunday, December 20. Poinsettias will be available for purchase for \$7 each. We will **ONLY** order what is paid for in advance. **Orders and payment must be received in the church office by Thursday, December 17th.** You may reserve your poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special in your life by signing the chart in the commons area. Please make your check to Prospect Presbyterian Church and indicate it is for the poinsettias. A list of those remembered will be in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20.



For Prayer:

Missionary:

Justin & Kristen Raymer (African Island Mission in Washington DC)

Brian & Christy Ward (Spokane, Washington)

Rob & Sandy Shaffer (Czech Republic)

Local Church:

1st Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis

Nursing Homes, Rehab & Retirement Facilities:

Mac Atwell (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Helen Barber (Trinity Oaks-Salisbury)

Tom George (Elderwood Assisted Living, Hamburg, NY)

Edith Lewis (Citadel – Mooresville)

Harriet Lipe (Citadel-Mooresville)

Please Remember:

Ella Mae Stewart

Anita & Wyatt Fesperman

Carl & Mary Agnes Wiggins

Jackie McKnight

Dick & Ginny Bennett

Louise Becker

Jo Powers

Barbara Ussery

Perry Teeter

Pam Beaver

Helen Lyerly

Pearl Bell

Rachel Powers

Carol & Larry Stutts

Kay Edmiston

Martha Brown

Friends & Family of the Congregation:

Virginia & Ronnie Stewart (*Loss of their son*)

Sharon Dallas (*mother of Jeb Pemderton*)

Judy Palmquist (*friend of the Howie family*)

Patricia Harbison (*MS, daughter of Wayne Connolly*)

Lee Ann Clay (*Breast Cancer, sister to Wayne Chandler*)

Rev. Farrar Griggs, Jr. (*Covid, pastor of 2nd Presbyterian Church, Kannapolis, NC*)

Kim Lambeth (*Cancer, Rachel Marlowe's mother*)

Judy Overcash (*Cancer, home bound in our community*)

Jeff Reid (*Leukemia, cousin of Pam Seamon*)

Brandon Mundy (*Stage II Hodgkin's Lymphoma, husband of Kaitlyn H. Mundy*)

Elizabeth Arthurs (*friend of Barbara & Rick Lyerly*)

Scott Brady (*Male Breast Cancer, friends of the Chandlers*)

Linda Abel (*Health Issues family of Mary Beth Edmiston*)

Emory McLaurin (*Cancer, friend of Jean Gibson*)

Beth Segui (*Parkinson, Daughter of Betty Alexander*)

Elaine Holt Brown (*Breast Cancer, 1st Cousin of Mary & Allen Lowrance*)

Pressley Cashion (*Bladder Cancer, brother of Becky Hart*)

Whitaker Raymer (*Cancer, Missionary Child*)

Ellen Goldstein (*Cousin of Becky Hart*)

Tina Davis (*Cancer, friend of Edie Steele*)

Rita Purvis (*Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Brown Family*)

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...

JANE JACKSON

By:

Ann & Allen Jackson

OUR PARENTS

By:

Bill & Becky Hart

JEFFERY STEWART

(Son of Virginia Stewart)

By:

Mary Helen Smith

Frances Ann Neel



GIVEN IN APPRECIATION OF ...

DIXIE FORBES-GORBY

PAT McCALL

STACEY GIPE & ALL

THE MUSICAL PARTICIPANTS

WHO HELP MAKE OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE SO

MEANINGFUL & ENJOYABLE

By:

Bill & Becky Hart

Life Walk

Life Walk NEWS! Thank you to everyone that supported the Life Walk for the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. Due to your generosity we collected \$4,995.00 That was double our goal and will support 4 moms and her child for the year. That is so awesome. Thank you!

Connie Brown



PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Invites You To

New Church Building

Dedication & Opening

"This is the Lord's doing: it is marvelous in our eyes."

Psalm 118: 23

Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 12:00 pm

Location:

9425 West NC Hwy. 152

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We welcome you to the official opening and blessing of our New Family Life Center; where we will be able to better facilitate the great work God is doing in His church.

Let us celebrate together what the Lord has done!

Contact Us: 704-664-1514

A catered lunch will be provided to all.

Mission Opportunity:

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoeboxes, in the blink of an eye it will be Samaritans Purse Shoebox time. The Mission Committee would like to encourage each member and or family unit to **prepare their own Samaritans Purse Shoebox** and to please follow the Samaritans Purse guidelines. The guidelines can be found online or you may get a copy in the church office. We also have the Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes and Plastic boxes available in the Narthex. We also have toboggans available to go in the shoeboxes. We will NOT be collecting items and filling boxes at the church this year. **Shoebox Dedication will be Sunday, November 15th. Mark your calendars.**



FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving

Time Ends,

November 1, 2020

Set your clocks back

one hour!!!



September Financial Report

General Fund:

Monthly Income through 09-30-20:	\$27,559
Monthly Expenses through 09-30-20:	\$29,778
Expenses GREATER than Income for month:	\$2,219

Development Fund:

Ending Balance through 09-30-20:	\$47,272
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Top Ten Reasons We Should Tithe:

10. Our church started a new stewardship drive; every time you give, your chances of winning increase!
9. There's no money for new choir robes, so the choir has started wearing their bathrobes during the service.
8. The last few Sundays, the Treasurer has gotten up in the middle of the sermon to turn off the air conditioner.
7. Pastor no longer drives his car to make visits; he rides a skateboard.
6. All the Session members have started wearing sackcloth and ashes.
5. Unable to afford childcare, sheepdogs are now keeping the toddlers rounded up.
4. You tried calling the Church Office last week, but found out that the phone has been disconnected!
3. Parking meters had to be installed in the church parking lot.
2. You noticed a ticket booth has replaced the front door of the church. Entry is free, but a seat will cost you \$5.



And the Number One Reason to tithe...

1. As a Christian you understand the privilege it is to have a partnership in the Gospel! Malachi 3:8-10

By the time you are reading this, November will be here or at least right at our doors.

For me, November ushers in Thanksgiving, parades, Turkey, dressing, Christmas, gatherings with family and friends. It is the most wonderful and awful time of year. Wonderful, because of all the fun holiday gatherings and being with loved ones, continuing family traditions, etc. Awful because of untimely or unwanted changes in our lives whether sickness, death, aging limitations, etc. Death doesn't take a holiday; even if we want it too.

However, as Christ followers, we have Hope. Hope, in Biblical terms, is defined as a "confident expectation of good." And because of Jesus Christ, despite our difficult, trying, painful, unfair circumstances, we have Hope because of Jesus. When we can not go on, Jesus carries us. When we are sad and despondent, Jesus is there to hold us at 3am. When life does not make sense or is not fair, Jesus will be there-always. When we fail Him, Jesus lifts us up and leads us onward. Even Death can not stop us when we are Christ followers. Just as Jesus called Lazarus from his burial tomb, Jesus will call us from our grave to be with Him FOREVER. Now, that is what I call "HOPE"!!

I want to encourage you, if this year has been "AWFUL" for you. I want you to look: - up to Heaven, our real home; -Forward because that is where you are headed; - to Jesus because that is where our help and Hope is. Encourage each other with these words. Pray for one another. Love one another. Be tenderhearted to one another. Cry with those that cry and rejoice with those that are happy.

Medicare Open Enrollment begins November 1, 2020 and goes through December 15, 2020. Go to Medicare.gov and see available plans for you. Also call NCSHIIP at 855-408-1212, or go to ncdoi.gov, talk to your insurance agent or pharmacist for more information.

Flu Season will be here soon. Have you gotten your Flu Shot yet? If not and you want to, please do it SOON!!!

COVID-19 continues to impact our communities. Please, Please continue to wash your hands and keep your hands AWAY from your Face, Eyes, Mouth and Nose as these are doorways for germs to enter your body. Be aware of personal spacing, avoid crowds, if you are sick, stay home and call your doctor or nurse or go to your doctor.

Be PROACTIVE! Eat healthy! Get 8 hours of rest/sleep. Exercise 30 minutes or just go for a walk. Take a multivitamin. Take care of your self. Laugh.

Smoking. Do you smoke? Smoking shortens your life. Do you want to quit smoking? Great!! I have resources to help you! Free Resources. Do you want to save at least \$150 per month? When you Quit Smoking, this happens. Let me help you to Live!!

Be sure and cast your vote on Tuesday, November 3rd. Poles open at 7:30am. You can vote from your car by following the car voting directions at Your Precinct.

The nurse is out of the office due to a family emergency. Please see Pastor Will, Cheryl or Frances Ann for assistance.

Thank you for allowing me to serve here.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Virginia Stewart, RN/FCN

