

MERCI Clinic to Hold Open House & Ribbon Cutting

Join MERCI Clinic (1315 Tatum Drive, NB) on Wed. Oct 24th from 12 to 1:30PM in celebration of the re-opening of Merci Clinic's dental clinic. Meet their wonderful staff and board members, see first hand how your kind donations have supported MERCI. Tour their facility, ask questions and get a glimpse of what the future holds while enjoying a picnic lunch with the community.

MERCI on Middle

Join us for the 2nd Annual MERCI on Middle event to be held in Downtown New Bern on Middle Street on Sunday, November 4 at 5:30pm. This is a community dinner created in collaboration with chefs from local restaurants: Baker's Kitchen, Cypress Hall, Famous Restaurant, La Casetta, Morgan's, and The Chelsea. Tickets are \$75 each and are non-refundable because of inclement weather. There is not a rain date. All proceeds benefit MERCI Clinic. You may purchase your tickets at www.merciclinic.org/merci-on-middle.

Coping With Life After Hurricane Florence

Life after a hurricane is full of challenges. Not only do we have to meet our basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, but such an event also takes an emotional toll. A four week series of workshops are being held to help people cope with loss in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. These workshops are free and open to anyone in the community. Feel free to attend one or more of the workshops. Tell your neighbors or anyone you know who is struggling with loss in the aftermath of the hurricane. Let's come together during this time to support one another, share resources, and provide hope. These workshops will be hosted by Centenary United Methodist Church on Thursdays. Remaining dates are Oct. 18 & 25 from 10AM to 11:30AM. No registration is needed. Facilitators are Pam Bonina, GriefShare, and Rev. Barbara Bornemann, Retired Hospice Chaplain & Bereavement Counselor.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

FCG Fellowship Ctr Gym **SHM** Session House Main (Rm);
SHL Library **SHP** Parlor **LH** Lighthouse **MC** Ministry Center

SUNDAY October 14

- 8:25 AM Worship Service
- 9:40 AM Sunday School (See Schedule)
- 10:55 AM Worship Service
- 3:45 PM Youth Group/Meet at SHM
- 4:00 PM Officer Training/MC 1.07
- 7:30 PM AA Group D/FCG
- 8:00 PM Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH

MONDAY October 15

- 12:00 PM AA Group – Ave D/FCG
- 2:00 PM Knit for Others/SHP
- 3:00 PM D Bennett Writers Group/LH
- 4:00 PM Covenant Choir/MC 2.08
- 5:00 PM Craven Ukes Club/MC 2.21
- 5:30 PM Breast Cancer Support Group/SHP
- 5:30 PM Property/MC 1.07
- 6:00 PM Southern Surgical/LH
- 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study SHP
- 8:00 PM AA Group – Ave D/FCG
- 8:00 PM Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH

TUESDAY October 16

- 8:00 AM Ladies Community Bible Study/LH
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting/MC 1.07
- 12:00 PM AA Group – Ave D/FCG
- 12:00 PM Visitation Training Class/LH
- 1:30 PM Worship Commission/MC 1.07
- 2:30 PM Pickleball/FCG
- 3:30 PM Kinderchoir/MC 2.08
- 6:00 PM Twin Rivers Volleyball Club/FCG
- 7:00 PM Circle 7/SHP
- 8:00 PM Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH

WEDNESDAY October 17

- 11:45 AM Preschool Choir/MC 2.08
- 12:00 PM AA Group – Ave D/FCG
- 12:00 PM Communications Commission/MC 1.07
- 12:00 PM Centering Prayer/MC 1.25
- 5:00 PM Contemplative Worship/MC 1.25
- 5:00 PM Care Commission/SHP
- 5:00 PM Craven Ukes Club/MC 2.21
- 6:30 PM Nar-anon/LH
- 7:30 PM AA (Women's C)/SHP
- 8:00 PM AA Group – Ave D/FCG

THURSDAY October 18

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study/MC 1.19
- 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study/MC 1.07
- 12:00 PM AA Group – Ave D/FCG
- 12:00 PM Al-Anon/MC 1.25
- 2:30 PM Pickleball/FCG
- 5:00 PM Craven Ukes Club/MC 2.21
- 5:00 PM Outreach Commission/MC 1.19
- 6:00 PM Twin Rivers Volleyball/FCG
- 6:15 PM AA (C12x12)/LH
- 7:00 PM Daybreak/Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/MC 2.08

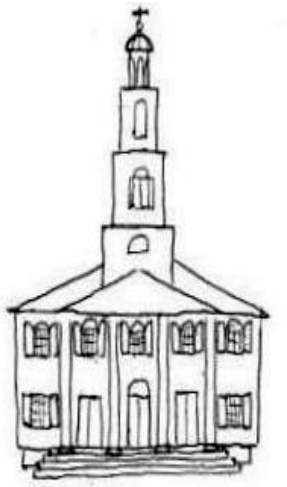
FRIDAY October 19

- 12:00 PM AA Group – Ave D/FCG
- 12:00 PM AA Group New Generation/LH

SATURDAY October 20

- NAACP Banquet/FCG
- 10:00 AM Men's AA Way of Life/LH
- 8:00 PM Clean Freedom of Narc Anon/LH

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NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invites all who are led to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in discipleship through his body the Church to join our congregation. Members are received in one of three ways: Profession of Faith and Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Letter of Transfer.

VISITOR BROCHURES are available in the vestibule and the narthex as well as in the friendship pad that will be passed along your pew. Please take one or two!

THE FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ in the Ministry Center (behind the Sanctuary) is open at 8:45 AM (before Sunday School) for coffee. It remains open until Sunday School begins, at 9:40am. Come, one and all, that we may meet and greet one another!

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS and envelopes are in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request for you or your loved one, please supply the information requested on the prayer card and put it in the privacy envelope. Confidentiality is always honored. For all other requests or questions, please call Janet Benrey (638-5787). *For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7c)

SERMON MANUSCRIPTS are available in the Church Office and the audio version can be found on our website located at: www.firstpresnb.org.

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COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE EVENTS

ADMINISTRATION

Offering Envelopes/Online Giving

It's almost time to order 2019 offering envelopes and we need your help! Many of you are utilizing online payments for giving and therefore may no longer need offering envelopes. Please notify us if you received envelopes this year, but do not need them next year. For that we thank you. Those currently with a bank draft, please consider setting up First Pres as an automatic online payment similar to what you would do for your utility company or cell phone bill. You can set up the frequency of payments and modify the payment without incurring fees in doing so. Lastly, if you still prefer to give in person and did not get envelopes last year but do want them this year, please let us know. Amber Zapffel can be contacted at amber@firstpresnb.org. Please help us save printing and processing costs by considering online giving in the manner you prefer.

CARE

****NOTE!**** Lay Visitation Classes will **resume** this Tuesday, October 16.

Food 4 U

We have emptied and cleaned the Food 4 U freezer and it's ready once again for your contributions. Please consider assisting those in need of a hot meal from time to time. Perhaps when you are making a pot of soup you could make a little extra to share with someone who has lost their stove to hurricane damage. Containers and labels are in the Session House kitchen for your convenience.

COMMUNICATION

Welcoming Tip for October

God's people are nourished and community is built around tables with fellowship and food, and there are lots of opportunities to eat around here – at Fellowship meals, Fellowship Café every Sunday, at Lunch Wagon gatherings and special events. Seek out people whom you don't know to share a fellowship meal with and strike up a conversation with someone standing alone at the Fellowship Café. Make sure no one eats alone.

EDUCATION

Youth Group TONIGHT, 3:45-6:30PM – Christ Episcopal

We are doing a combined youth group with Christ Episcopal and West NB Pres churches. Meet at the Session House at 3:45pm. We'll walk over to Christ Church together. Pick up at 6:30pm from church.

Youth Group NEXT SUNDAY, Oct 21, 5:30-7:30pm

Meet us in the Session House! Following dinner, youth leader, Madison Crum will do a Suicide Prevention workshop. Adults are also welcome to attend.

Youth Group Busch Gardens trip sign up due TODAY!

We'll be going to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA on Saturday, 10/27. It'll be an all-day trip 6:30am-11:30pm. Sign up with Daewon today. The cost is \$50 per person.

S.A.L.T. (3rd-5th graders) meets NEXT SUNDAY, 10/21, 5:30-7:30pm

S.A.L.T. (Serving And Learning Together) is a ministry for 3rd-5th grade children that meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month. At the meeting, we eat dinner, play games, do a service project, and do a Bible story lesson. Children are welcomed to bring friends.

Youth Group Christmas Wreath Fundraiser – until Oct 28

FPC Youth Group is selling wreaths again! The cost of each wreath is **\$30** if you are picking it up from church OR **\$35** if you want it to be mailed elsewhere. Please visit the table in the courtyard following the worship services or stop by the Church Office during the week to place your order. All orders must be in by Oct. 28.

Sunday School Classes Begin at 9:40AM

How to Spell Presbyterian with Your Eyes Closed/Bill Hawkins/MC 1.25 (chapel)

Encounters With Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John/Rev. Maren Sonstegard-Spray and Seth Smith/SHM

The Present Word – God's World and God's People/Joan Leibert/SHP

Mid-Week Formation Opportunities

Women's Bible Study/SHP

Join us as we continue with our study book "Bad Boys of the Bible- Exploring Men of Questionable Virtue" by Barbara Essex, 7:00 to 8:30PM each Monday evening in the Session House Parlor. For questions call Marice DeBruhl 637-5468 or Wendy Moeller 514-7729.

Centering Prayer Group /MC Chapel Resumes This Wednesday

Centering Prayer is an ancient form of prayer that involves learning to rest in God's presence. This group meets every Wednesday from noon to 1PM in the Ministry Center Chapel and is led by Rev. Lloyd Griffith.

Contemplative Worship/MC Chapel

This small group worship experience is offered each Wednesday from 5PM to 5:45PM in the Chapel. A brief service is planned around silence, prayer and meditation on the Biblical text chosen for preaching the coming Sunday. The Lord's Supper is usually observed on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Come – bring a friend.

Presbyterian Men's Morning Bible Study is led by Brent Schlottman and Bill Hawkins. Please join us for our morning bible study each Thursday in the Ministry Center Café. We will continue our focus on the Book of Revelation, using a video series by Rev. James Efird. Join us for coffee (and sometimes baked delights from Chip or Dean or others), fellowship, and deep-dives into Scripture at 7:30AM in the Fellowship Cafe. It's a meaningful mid-week time of refreshment and reflection. No advance preparation is necessary.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study, led by Maren Sonstegard-Spray, meets weekly from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the Ministry Center

Conference Room (MC 1.07). We will be reading together Rachel Held Evan's new book "Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again." The book is \$14 (there is a Kindle edition for \$9.99) – please let Maren know if you would like a copy of the book maren@firstpresnb.org or call 637-3270).

FOUNDATION

The mission of the Foundation is to encourage and manage gifts, bequests and contributions that will expand and enrich the ministry of the church by providing available funds to the church that can be used for Outreach, Worship, Christian Education, and Property. Gifts to the Foundation are not intended to replace generous congregational giving to meet normal daily operating needs but to enhance the church's ministries or assist with projects that are not normally funded by the operating budget. If you're interested in learning more about the FPC Foundation, please speak with one of the current members of the Foundation board.

OUTREACH

Backpack Blessings

The build has been re-scheduled for Oct 25, 26 and 27. Further details will be provided when available.

FPC Hurricane Florence Disaster Response

Carl Chapman and Hollis Brannon have volunteered as co-coordinators to manage FPC's disaster recovery response for our church members in need of immediate and long term recovery efforts. We are busy assessing the needs of our church members via phone surveys and have developed a list of members who have offered to volunteer their assistance along with other community and national responders. The national PDA team is also here for the long term to offer their assistance and will be working closely with our church. We recognize that many of our members have suffered severe damage to their homes and businesses and fortunately we have not heard of any serious injuries or death. Together we will work to restore a new normal with everyone's patience and prayerful support. Additional volunteers are needed so please sign-up. For additional information please check out the following for additional information: a) Craven County website at cravencountync.gov; b) Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance website at cravendra.org; c) Crisis Cleanup at (800) 451-1954; and d) Call 211 about local resources for basic needs. Hollis Brannon may be reached at 252.639.8282.

FEMA Financial Assistance

For those needing financial assistance to make repairs resulting from Hurricane Florence it's not too late to register for FEMA public assistance at the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) at the old Eckerd/Rite-Aid store across from CarolinaEast Medical Center. All homeowners, renters, and business owners who sustained damage as a result of the hurricane are encouraged to register. The DRC has extended the registration period from October 13th to November 13th. To date 8000+ registrations have been filed from Craven County residents alone. To register, please go to their website at www.DisasterAssistance.gov and/or contact the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362. Please don't wait till the last minute.