CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013

There will be a Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 10, 10:40AM, for the purpose of electing our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Nominating Committee will present its report at the meeting. The report includes the following seven-member slate of nominees:

Anna Lehman, Elder
Melba Gropper, Elder
Ben Miller, Deacon
David Wilkins, At-large
Rebecca Weaver, At-large
Beth Alexander, At-large
Gay Lynn Williams, At-large

The congregation will vote on the active officers (two elders/one deacon) as required by our PNC guidelines and the four at-large nominees. The floor will be open for additional names for the at-large positions (only). Persons who nominate additional names for the at-large positions (beyond those listed on the slate) are required to obtain their candidate’s willingness to serve prior to the meeting. If additional “at large” candidates are nominated from the floor, we will elect the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Two final notes...

* One of the two elders on the slate will serve as Moderator of the PNC as required by our PNC guidelines.
* We are including pictures of the nominees. We hope they will help our congregation to better identify them.

May we be in prayer for God’s leading in the election of our PNC.
**FPC KIDS’ CONNECTION**

Check out the discipleship opportunities for FPC kids this season!

* FPC's 2nd grader Madison Welch wants to share her heart for the homeless with others. Won't you join us this Wednesday night, Feb. 6th, at Hearts for the Homeless where you will learn how YOU can make an important difference NOW?

  Madison and her team have planned an evening with dinner, activities, fellowship, and a guest speaker, all focused on opening our eyes to the reality of the homeless here in our community.

  Nursery childcare is provided.

  RSVP to Kelley Wilson (kellbell_37@hotmail.com) or at the church.

* Wednesday Night Live! begins in TWO WEEKS! On February 13th we will have exciting new activities planned for children 4 yrs - 5th grade.

  - Pre-schoolers 4-5 yrs will be studying “Undercover Heroes of the Bible,” and the lessons we can learn from their lives.
  - K-2nd graders are learning how God’s Word fits together in a seamless story with “The Story” curriculum. Students will be praising with new Melodee Bells songs before winding up with Gym Time. 3rd-5th grade students will also explore “The Story” curriculum with special guest teacher teams before writing their own Kids Rock Puppet Theater presentations. Parents can retrieve students from the Multi-purpose Room/Gym where students end with Gym Time Play.

* Through our February virtue of “Peace,” the K-5th Kids Rock Sunday School classes learn how God made the ultimate sacrifice to make peace with us; now it’s our turn to risk getting messy to make peace with others. This Sunday’s lesson focuses on Isaac digging a well in Genesis 26. Little Rockers and Rocking Tots classes are learning “How wide and high and long and deep is the love of Christ,” (Ephesians 3:18, NIV) with the parable of “The Lost Sheep.”
At Children’s Church programs for 3 yrs-2nd grade, students are learning the Lord’s Prayer and studying aspects of God’s creation. As we prepare students to join in the full worship service in the sanctuary, we are having our own mini-worship service with praise and worship elements. We have an offering box for students to foster an awareness of stewardship, students serve as ushers and we sing the doxology. If you would like to model this element of worship, you may remind them to bring their offerings to Children’s Church.

Thank you to the parents who have updated “Information Sheets” for each of your children. If you have not yet done so, you will find the blank forms at the FMO desk in the children’s wing on Sundays. We appreciate having updated means to contact you and a record of any special needs for every child. Also at the FMO desk, you will find our Lost and Found Bin.

*Send your ideas and input to the Children’s Ministry Planning Team! Call Sharon at the church at 264-3906 or Email Sharon@firstpresboone.net .

*Did you know that ¼ of all Watauga County Children live at or below the poverty line?

Come out to learn how you can make a difference. FEBRUARY 6th from 5:45 – 7:30 pm Activities for ages 3 through adult

RSVP to Kelley Wilson (kellbell_37@hotmail.com) or at church by February 2nd. There will be dinner and childcare will be offered for children 2 and under.

*In lieu of money, please bring kids books and/or canned goods. Items will be donated to the Hospitality House.

- Madison Welch and team

Congratulations to Melissa and Marc White and big sister Annabelle, on the birth of baby Noah. Noah was born Thursday, January 31 and weighed 7 1/2 lbs. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Welcome to the First Presbyterian family Noah!

“Let the little children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”

Matthew 19:14
DISCOVERY! CLASS - BEGINS FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 17

DISCOVERY!, a class for friends wanting to know more about First Presbyterian Church, will be held at 10:00 am, Sunday mornings, in the multi-purpose room. If you are looking for a church home or seek to follow Christ with other friends, we invite you to join us.  

Tammi Zaidel, Community Connections Coordinator

Directory Update... We are getting close to completing the new church pictorial directory. If you have any changes in your contact information since you had your photos made, please be sure and let the church office know. Also, if you didn’t have a photo taken and would like one included in the directory, you can either drop off a photo to the church office or email a digital file to jennifer@firstpresboone.net. More info to come...

Mexico Mission News...

Your Mission Committee would like to make you aware that members of our congregation will be participating in a Salem Presbytery sponsored medical mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico. Dean Gropper, Harless Wright and Bill Herring will be in Ocosingo, Chiapas, Mexico from January 26 until February 10 and John Newell will join them from February 3 until February 10. They will be providing medical care for the indigenous people of the highlands of Chiapas and working in the new clinic which is supported in part by our congregation. Your prayers for safe travels and for healing works that will bring glory to God will be appreciated.

Mission Committee

Mark Your Calendars....

On Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm, our missionaries Les & Cindy Morgan, who are serving in Bangladesh, will be here to share a PowerPoint presentation about their work.

Community Lenten Services
On Wednesdays

Below is the schedule of the Noon Time Services on the Wednesdays during the upcoming Lenten Season. Worship will begin at Noon with lunch to be served at 12:30 PM.

February 13th: Grace Lutheran
February 20th: Boone Mennonite
February 27th: Deerfield UMC
March 6th: Perkinsville BC
March 13th: St Elizabeth Catholic
March 20th: Crosspoint
March 29th: St Luke’s Episcopal

All are invited to share in these services. Mark your calendars and make plans to prepare for Easter as we worship on Wednesdays.
**Deacons’ Fund Offering** will be received this Sunday, February 3 during both worship services. These funds are used to help church members in need, along with helping those in the community. Please consider giving generously.

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**Hunger Coalition**

**Food of the Month**

**Peanut Butter**

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- a collection basket for non-perishable food items is located at the bottom of the stairwell on the first floor. Produce from the Mustard Seed Garden is taken to the HC and Hospitality House in the summer months.

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**When the weather outside is frightening...**

If there is inclement weather and you wonder if church services are being held, please check

- [www.ncweatherclosings.com](http://www.ncweatherclosings.com)
- [www.firstpresboone.org](http://www.firstpresboone.org)
- Facebook
- or call the church at 264-3906
  (if the message on the machine has not been changed, services are on a normal schedule)

The decision should be made by 8:00 am and a notice posted on the website to let you know what has been decided. In any case, please use your best judgment on venturing out.

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**Wednesday Night Live!**

(Registration forms will be available in the Gathering Space)

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**Year to Date**

- **BUDGET:** 40,056
- **RECEIVED:** 32,711
- **DEFICIT:** 7,345

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**Souper Bowl of Caring Offering.**

This Sunday the Youth will be receiving the

**Souper Bowl of Caring Offering.**

The Youth will stand in the Gathering Space with soup pots. Donations will go toward helping those who are hungry in our own community.

Thank you!
Mr. Bob B. McFarland  
(May 10, 1931 - January 30, 2013)

Bob Baynard McFarland, professor emeritus of curriculum and instruction at Appalachian State University, 81, of Chapel Hill, died Jan. 30 at Duke Hospice at the Meadowlands in Hillsborough after a long illness.

Born May 10, 1931, in Alexander Mills, he was the son of the late Arthur Leslie and Hattie Alice Baynard McFarland and a 1949 graduate of Cool Springs High School in Forest City. He earned a B.S. degree in English and physical education from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1952. He entered the U.S. Army, serving with the 101st Airborne Infantry and the 93rd Signal Corps during the Korean Conflict.

McFarland received his M.A. degree in English and secondary education in 1958 from Appalachian and completed additional graduate work at Indiana University. He taught at Frank Ashley High School in Gastonia before joining the Appalachian faculty in 1961. He retired in 1993 after teaching for 31 years. McFarland was the last retiring Appalachian professor to have either studied with or served with the University’s first four presidents and chancellors.

McFarland was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Boone, where he was a deacon, elder and Sunday School teacher.

He was an avid UNC Tar Heel fan and proud member of the Educational Foundation, Inc. He loved flowers and Big Band music. He was an excellent photographer, a crossword puzzle whiz and, in his younger days, enjoyed golf. He achieved the rare feat of a hole in one.

Survivors include his son, Michael McFarland, and his wife, Jennifer, of Chapel Hill; his daughter, Jill Cook and her husband, Glenn, of Lorton, VA; grandchildren Elisabeth and Margaret McFarland of Chapel Hill, Katharine, Emma and Benjamin Cook of Lorton, Va., and Nicholas Cook of Greensboro; brother-in-law, Harold Mercer of Laurinburg; nephews John Mercer and his wife, Marilyn, of Winston-Salem; Scott Mercer and his wife, Le Ann of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and niece, Alyce Mercer of High Point; as well as several other nieces, nephews, their spouses and children. His sister was the late Sybil Mercer of Laurinburg. He was the former husband of 44 years to the late Betty Ruth Hodges McFarland of Greensboro.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, at First Presbyterian Church in Boone at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Gerald Hodges, Bob’s nephew, officiating. A graveside service will follow at Duncan’s Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery near Ellenboro at 4 p.m. The family will receive friends informally after those services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to First Presbyterian Church, 131 Big Valley St., Boone, N.C. 28607, or the charity of your choice. (Bob, a kind soul, for years supported many good causes to help children, other people in need and the Earth.) Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com

Austin & Barnes Funeral Home of Boone is serving the McFarland family.

Sunday, February 3, 2012

First Light: 8:45 am  Sunday School: 10:00 am  Traditional Service: 11:00 am
Sermon: “THE SIGN OF THE U-TURN”  Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Please remember in prayer Rev. Joel Long, the Session, the Diaconate, our staff, and our congregation in preparation for worship. Children’s Bulletins by age are available in the Gathering Space.
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Joys and Concerns
Those in the Military:
Lucas Pedigo, nephew of Julia Pedigo;
Jesse Howard, friend of Doug Hall, Afghanistan, seriously injured by a suicide bomber.

Hospitalized:
Melissa White and baby Noah.

Prayers of Concern:
Our Mission Team in Mexico;
the family of Bob McFarland, upon his death;
Gene Butts, health concerns;
Doug Hall, recuperating from knee surgery;
Frank Hamilton, Parkinson’s;
Fred Perry, health concerns;
Harriet Wilcox, health concerns;
Erica Bowman, daughter-in-law of Francie Hall, cancer treatments;
E.F. Cook, brother of Lois Peterson, hospitalized;
Alexander Davis, five year old cousin of Dan McAulay, bone cancer;
Hayden Fletcher, granddaughter of Mike & Marsha Fletcher, respiratory concerns;
Eric Ford, friend of Hilari Hubner, lymphoma;
Anne Graham, grandmother of Will Buckner, health concerns;
Michael Grover, friend of Aleeama Fuller, psoriatic arthritis;
Ed Hunt, friend of the Hardings, health concerns;
Savannah Joy, daughter of Martha Janney, health concerns;
Amy Michael, friend of Tammi Zaidel, cancer;
Debbie Miller, daughter of Ben & Judy Miller, recuperating from surgery;
Glenn Norris, neighbor of FPC, cancer;
Etta Snead, friend of Jean DeHart, cancer;
Case Sorrill, great-nephew of Julia Pedigo, cyst in lung;
Monica Soto, cousin of Garner Dewey, brain tumor;
Davis Taylor, nephew of the Taylors, leukemia;
Victor Waggoner, brother-in-law of Harriet Wilcox, health concerns;
Kemper Watson, former member, ALS;
Janice Whitener, friend of Pat Weaver, cancer;
Roger Williams, father of Sara Bentley, cancer.

Hospital Visits:
The pastoral staff visits members and friends in the hospital. However, hospitals need permission to notify the church about admissions. Therefore, when entering the hospital, clearly say that you want your church informed of your admission. With the patient’s permission, the best way to assure a visit is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (828-264-3906). Hospital visits are made by the Pastor, the Deacons, In Touch Bunch, and other members of the church.

Bulletin Prayer Requests:
The pastor and staff continues to keep all members and friends, who are ill, hospitalized, bereaved, or in some need in their prayers. However, with respect to privacy, the church will request permission before printing names in the bulletin or mentioning them in Sunday prayer. During visits, you will be asked if your name can be included; or you may contact the church office to convey this request. Communicating concerns helps all of us to better care for each other.

The Prayer Group connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. All requests may be directed to Carolyn Banzhaf (828-264-2353) or put in the Prayer Box in the Gathering Place. The names of people making confidential requests for prayer from the Prayer Group will not be printed in the Sunday bulletin for prayer unless such individuals specifically request that their names be so printed and included. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Group please call Carolyn.

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