

# The Banner

Todd Hobbie, Pastor  
 Leslie Piper, Associate Pastor  
 Ben Acton, Associate Pastor  
 Ken Craig, Parish Associate  
 Jacqueline Yost, Dir. of Music and Organist  
 Jeff Price, Choirmaster

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 Debra Moss, Receptionist/Secretary

Heath Ritchie, Maintenance Superintendent

Maureen O'Bryan, Director of First Kids  
 Malinda Barbee, Church Hostess

## Points of interest:

- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14**  
 Leslie Piper  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- SPRING FORWARD**  
 Don't forget to set your clock AHEAD one hour before you go to bed this Saturday, March 13.
- Tuesday Lunch Bunch**—will meet March 16 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
 Ken's talk: "PREDESTINATION."  
 Make your reservation by calling the church office by Monday, March 15.
- Flower Dates Available**—April 18 and April 25. Please call Deborah Mesimer in the Church Office.
- March CCM Pantry**  
 Canned tomatoes, fruit, meat, mixed vegetables, instant potatoes, pasta, paper towels, plastic grocery bags.
- March CVAN Items**  
 Trash bags (13 & 30 gallon), plastic gloves.

## IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO



- Your gift of \$10 can help start a small Moringa tree nursery with 10 seedlings.
- \$65 can buy a treadle pump to help a farmer irrigate fields.
- Your gift of \$50 can provide a small loan to a woman in Latin America to start a small business.
- 70% of those who suffer from hunger are women and girls. \$12 can provide training community gardening to help a poor woman in the U.S. feed herself.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE! SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2010 CHURCH RETREAT!

More than 50 members of First Presbyterian Church are already making plans to meet in Montreat for First Presbyterian's Congregational Retreat on April 23-25. Prayerfully consider joining them in what promises to be a memorable weekend of renewal and fellowship, as we explore the theme "Ancient Wisdom/Modern Times."

**Questions** about the retreat, lodging or financial assistance?? Contact Leslie Piper or the Retreat Planning Team co-chairs, Bonnie Ewing and Glenda Steel. Visit [www.firstpresconcord.org](http://www.firstpresconcord.org) for more information.

To guarantee your spot, please complete the retreat registration form and turn it into the Church Office with a deposit as soon as possible.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### COSTS: 2 nights lodging + 4 meals + tax

# _____ Adults & Youth (Age 15 & older) X Room Rate*	\$ _____
# _____ Adults & Youth (Age 15 & older) X Meeting Space Rate**	\$ _____
# _____ Children (0-4 years old) (no charge)	\$ _____
# _____ Children (5-10 years old) (meal charge only) X \$14**	\$ _____
# _____ Children (11-14 Years old) (meal charge only) X \$36.25**	\$ _____
<b>A. TOTAL COST</b>	\$ _____
<b>B. Enclosed Deposit Due (\$100 Minimum)</b>	\$ _____
<b>C. Balance Due on March 29 (line A-line B)</b>	\$ _____

- \* **Room Rates: Single \$245/adult, Double \$155/adult including meal cost & tax**
- \*\* **If lodging is other than Assembly Inn, Meeting Space Rate: \$10/adult +Meal Charges**

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

In making recommendations of church members to serve as Deacon or Elder it would be helpful to keep in mind the responsibilities connected to these two offices.

For **Deacon**, think of people who would be good at working especially in the areas of congregational care and community outreach. Deacons help with the pastoral care of the congregation. They organize and carry out mission work in the community. They respond to those who visit our church and help to assimilate new members in the church. Finally, Deacons organize all the nurture and fellowship activities in the congregation.

For **Elder**, think of people who have a good overview of the life and work of our church and who can use wisdom in guiding our congregation into the future. Elders oversee administrative and personnel matters. They are responsible for the buildings and grounds. They organize and plan the Christian Education programs. They encourage giving and prepare the budget of the church. They oversee the music and worship programs. Finally, remember that the Elders, with few exceptions, are responsible for all the work of this congregation and even have final jurisdiction over the work of the Board of Deacons.

The Officer Nominating Committee will meet on Monday, March 22, to consider names for the Classes of 2013. Please list your suggestions on this form, drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church office (P.O. Box 789, Concord 28026-0789) by Thursday, March 18, 2009.

**Suggestions for Deacon** \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggestions for Elder** \_\_\_\_\_

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**“Stop Hunger Now” Mission Event  
Saturday, March 20, 2010  
3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., Davis Hall**

The youth of First Presbyterian, invite the entire church to Stop Hunger Now, on Saturday, March 20 as we package 10,000 meals that will feed hungry people all over the world.

Stop Hunger Now is an organization whose purpose is to end world hunger and poverty. To fulfill that purpose, they partner with churches, business, and school groups to package nutritious, dehydrated food that is shipped to locations across the globe.

Volunteers work to package these meals and to raise the money to ship them. It takes only 25¢ to ship one meal that feeds a family of four! To find out more about how you can donate your time or financial resources, contact Ben Acton at the church office.

## YOUTH NOTES

### Youth Fellowship for March 14

**Sunday School:** 9:45-10:45 a.m.

**Confirmation:** 3:30-5:00 p.m., Davis Hall

**“Who is the Holy Spirit?”**

**Middle School:** 5:00-6:00 p.m. **“The Power of Lament”**

**Dinner:** 6:00-6:30 p.m.

**High School:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. **“Stop Hunger Now Brainstorm”**

## Youth Events



**this summer**

### Summer trips!

Info on our summer trips has been mailed and spots are waiting for you! The dates and cost are:

#### High School Mission Trip:

June 27-July 2, \$60 per youth

#### High School Youth Conference:

July 25-July 31, \$130 per youth

#### Middle School Youth Conference:

July 13-July 16, \$150 before March 22;  
\$160 after March 22

*There are financial discounts for families with more than one youth going on a particular trip, contact Ben for more details. Scholarship assistance is also available and requests are confidential. Please do not let cost be the primary reason you do not participate.*

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 14—Girl Scout Sunday

8:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast  
8:45 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Cantate, Jubilate  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
3:15 p.m. Cherub Choir  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation  
4:15 p.m. Junior Choir, Cantate, Jubilate  
5:00 p.m. Celebration Ringers, Jubilate  
Middle School Youth  
5:30 p.m. Leslie’s Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. All Youth Dinner  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth  
6:30 p.m. Circle 5

### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

11:45 a.m. Lunch Bunch  
7:00 p.m. PW CT Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Bells  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 a.m. Leslie’s Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts—Daisy 3631,  
Brownie 323, Junior 3142,  
Cadette 334  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3

### SATURDAY, MARCH 20

3:00 p.m. Stop Hunger Now Mission Event

## CHURCH REPORT

### Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:45 a.m.—90 11:00 a.m.—216

**Hospital—CMC-NorthEast,** Roy Davis, James Morrison.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Closed Friday

### Church Phone Numbers

Church Office: 704-788-2100  
Fax: 704-788-2940  
Information Line: 704-784-6283

### Church Website

[www.firstpresconcord.com](http://www.firstpresconcord.com)