

# First Pres

October, 2011

## From the Pastor's Desk,

Several of you have asked about the Fellowship of Presbyterians' event that took place in Minneapolis at the end of August. Originally we thought about a congregational gathering to disseminate that information, but wanted to be sure that the majority of FPC folks would be privy to the summary, so we're utilizing the newsletter for now.

First, the Fellowship Gathering was very refreshing from several perspectives. The preaching and teaching were outstanding and the worship was most meaningful. Those in attendance were enthusiastic and filled with hope even though the circumstances that precipitated our getting together were quite the opposite. People were eager to discover a future for the church that was innovative and inspired and their expectations were high. It would be hard to think of any other gathering of Presbyterians in all my years as a pastor that created an atmosphere so charged with excitement, enthusiasm and energy. It was really that good.

Second, the answers that many of us were looking to find were still in their infancy we discovered and that was disappointing to some. For me, it was a little like that first visit to the doctor for a sonogram when you have discovered that you're expecting a baby. You can hear the heartbeat, the doctor points to the screen and you can see an appendage that he declares is a foot or a hand and you take him at his word. You leave the office with the realization that it's something to be excited about, but you also realize that it's going to be a while before you're taking the boy to the batting cages.

Third, there was a general sense among those in attendance that the time has come to stop fighting with the 'progressives' in the church and move forward in a differentiated way. That is, how can we establish frameworks for ministry that will not offend the conscience of those opposed to the passage of Amendment

10-A? This is where one's imagination was taxed at times because the ideas that were presented in answer to that question were hard to envision. For example, what would a presbytery within a presbytery entail? What do you mean by dual ecclesial orders? What is a union church? Is the New Reformed Body you keep mentioning actually a denomination? As you can see, these are embryonic thoughts that have yet to be fleshed out.

What I did take away from Minneapolis is that there is a wave that is beginning to build. There are churches out there that no longer want to be sidetracked from the proclamation of the gospel. They no longer want to hang their heads in shame because of something that General Assembly passed but instead, they want to get on with being the church of Jesus Christ. Over the next many months that building wave will bear watching and we will need to assess if we want to be a part of it, and if so, to what extent?

Finally, there is another planned gathering of the Fellowship of Presbyterians. It will meet in Orlando on January 12-14, 2012. We have officers who are praying about their attendance at that event in order that we might have a broader sense of what it's all about rather than the reflections from just one person. Perhaps you would be motivated to pray for these men and women whom you have elected, that the Lord will give them wisdom and insight as we continue to discern God's will for First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke.

See you Sunday,  
Bob

## Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter is published on the 3rd Wed. of the month. The deadline is the Sun. prior.

Date Published	Deadline Date
Oct 26	Oct 23
<i>(this is a change)</i>	
Nov 16	Nov 13
Dec 21	Dec 18
Jan 18	Jan 15
Feb 15	Feb 12
Mar 21	Mar 18
Apr 18	Apr 15

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## Lectionary Readings—October

Oct. 2—Exod. 20:1—4, 7—9, 12—20; Ps. 19; Phil. 3:4b—14; Matt. 21:33—46  
 Oct. 9—Exod. 32:1—14; Ps. 106:1—6, 19—23; Phil. 4:1—9; Matt. 22:1—14  
 Oct. 16—Exod.33:12—23; Ps. 99: 1 Thess. 1:1—10; Matt. 22:15—22  
 Oct. 23—Deut. 34:1—12; Ps. 90:1—6, 13—17; 1 Thess. 2:1—8; Matt. 22:34—46  
 Oct. 30—Josh. 3:7—17; Ps. 107:1—7, 33—37; 1 Thess. 2:9—13; Matt. 23:1—12



Don't miss

## LOGOS Menus—October

LOGOS

every Wed.

Dinner at 5:00 pm

October 5

Ham, Mashed Potatoes,  
 Green Beans, Applesauce,  
 Rolls/Butter, Dessert

October 19

Beef Tips on Rice,  
 Green Beans, Rolls/Butter,  
 Dessert

October 12

Macaroni and Cheese  
 Tossed Salad, Corn,  
 Rolls/Butter, Dessert

October 26 – Birthday Night

Chicken Tenders with Dipping  
 Sauce, Catsup, Coleslaw, Mac-  
 aroni Salad, Pickles,  
 Butter, Birthday Cake and Ice  
 Cream Cups

## Please Do Not Forget

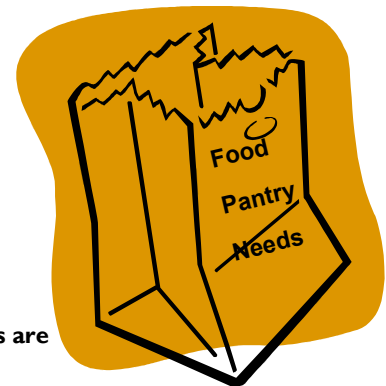
Please do not forget 1st Sunday Food Drive for Presbyterian Community Center. The Center is truly in need; so many people needing a hand-up. The Witness and Service Committee urges you to please put your contribution of food in the big soup can every first Sunday.

**The pantry is ALWAYS in short supply of the following items:**

- ◆ Beef Stew & Treet
- ◆ Tuna & Salmon
- ◆ Canned & Dry Beans
- ◆ Peanut Butter & jelly
- ◆ Chicken Noodle Soup

- ◆ Tomato Soup
- ◆ Oatmeal
- ◆ Syrup
- ◆ Canned Vegetables

**PAPER grocery bags are always needed**



First Presbyterian Church extends prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Gearhart who passed away on Aug. 18.





Thank You, First Presbyterian Church, for remembering...

Thanks to the Chancel Choir, orchestra members, soloists, friends of the choir, publicity committee (Pat Dillard, Hunt Ozmer, Carol Danielsen), FPC staff members, ushers, program staffers, the

Worship Committee and Session, and all others who played a role in presenting a gift to our community on September 11, 2011.

The Georgia Borland fund provided the bulk of the cost, but some have "sponsored" orchestra players by contributing at levels of \$175 and \$350, representing a student player and a professional player. The option to do so is still available! Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo, state "9-11 Memorial."

A complete list of donors will appear in next month's newsletter.

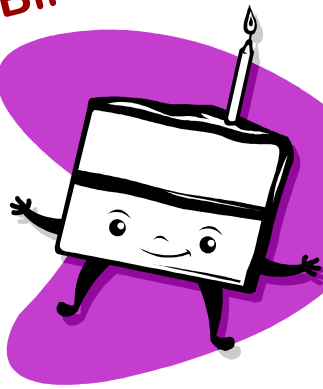
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Peaks Presbyterian Church is celebrating 250 years of serving Christ on October 2.

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Sunday School at 9:30 am  
Worship Service at 10:30 am with  
Gospel Music by Family Grass  
Food & Fellowship at 12:00

## Birthdays



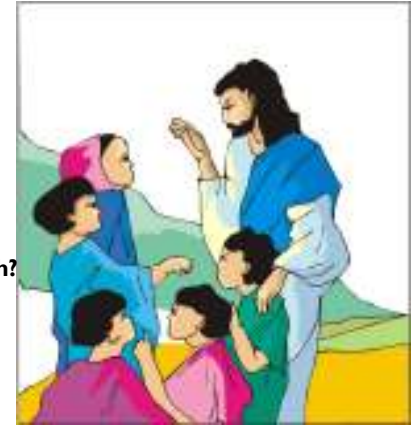
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|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Doug McLaughlin      | 13 Clair Humphreys   | 23 Jim Gibson          |
| 2 Mary Grady McMichael | 14 H. T. Brown       | 25 Heidi Baird         |
| 2 Gary Colby           | 14 Madeline Laucella | 26 Cathy Hartman       |
| 4 Mark Journell        | 15 Kimberly Barefoot | 27 Jacqueline Farthing |
| 5 Bob Hartman          | 18 Ron Bensinger     | 28 Brooke Newman       |
| 7 Joseph Bennett       | 18 Robert Ayers      | 28 Connor Burke        |
| 7 Rye Jackson          | 18 Erin Burcham      | 29 Julie Smith         |
| 8 Bud Swiger           | 19 Austin Burke      | 29 Frederick Gusler    |
| 8 J. D. Braford        | 19 Tuggy McClure     | 29 Catherine Abbott    |
| 10 Daisy Ann Dawyot    | 19 David Linden      | 30 Kevin Burcham       |
| 11 Elizabeth Hock      | 20 Burkley Nichols   | 31 Bev Williamson      |
| 11 Pam Alexander       | 21 Crennie Reed      |                        |
| 11 Vance Adkins        | 21 Jake Facciani     |                        |
| 11 Nathan Carey        | 22 Ed Bartlett       |                        |
| 12 Penny Zirkle        | 22 James Preston     |                        |
| 13 John Gaunt          | 23 Caroline Elliott  |                        |

# Children's Corner

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<sup>6</sup> Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (New International Version, ©2010)



### What is YOUR Child Learning on Wednesdays at Church?

Skills for Grades 1-5

Divisions of the Bible

Books of the Bible in order

The Ten Commandments

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Bob's Key Scriptures

Key Bible Passages

The Apostle's Creed

Catechism for Children (Belonging to God)

Come to church each Wednesday! On the last Wednesday of each month we will celebrate your child's accomplishments!

### Please Mark Your Calendars

- September 25      Third Graders receive Bible during worship!
- October 14        Grades 1-5 Fall Lock-in 6:30 PM – 8:00 AM
- October 16        Grades 1-5 sing during worship!

### Date      Acolytes

- 9-24      Grace Whitesell and Tanner Thomas
- 10-2      Brielle Jackson and Thomas Rhodes
- 10-9      Brielle Jackson and Jake Facciani
- 10-16     Nicholas Carey and Graydon Bartlett
- 10-23     Jacqui Farthing and Ainsley Harris
- 10-30     Tyler and Clair Humphreys

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 First Sunday Food Drive</b> 11:45 am Church Picnic 5:00 pm Diaconate Mtg.	<b>3</b> 11:00 am Staff Mtg 6:45 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Sermon Apps	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Bible St. 3:00 pm Knitting 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Men's Breakfast  7:00 pm Jordan's Small Group	<b>7</b> 10:30 am Prayers for the Church	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 2cents a meal CROP Walk	<b>10</b> 11:00 am Staff Mtg 6:45 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Sermon Apps	<b>11</b> 10:00 am PW Coordinating Team 10:45 am PW Circles 12:00 pm PW Lunch 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30 am Prayers for the Church	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 11:45 am Chamber Choir Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat distribution	<b>17</b> 11:00 am Staff Mtg 6:45 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Sermon Apps	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Knitting 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	<b>20</b> 7:00 am Men's Breakfast  7:00 pm Jordan's Small Group	<b>21</b> 10:30 am Prayers for the Church	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Newsletter Deadline</b> Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat pick up 5:30 pm CE Mtg. 7:00 pm Session Mtg.	<b>24</b> 11:00 am Staff Mtg 6:45 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Sermon Apps	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm Bible St. 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	<b>26 Newsletter Published</b> 5:00 pm LOGOS 7:00 pm Carillonneurs	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30 am Prayers for the Church	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

## Schedule of Events

- **Sundays**—Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship 10:30
- **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays**—Chamber Choir immediately after Worship
- **Mondays**—Staff Mtg., 11:00 am; Women's Bible Study, 6:45 pm; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm
- **Tuesdays**—Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am (except 2<sup>nd</sup>); Adult Bible Study, 6:00 pm; Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays**—Presbyterian Women, 10:45 am
- **Wednesdays**—LOGOS, 5:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
- **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**—Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am
- **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**—Jordan's Small Group, 7:00 pm
- **Fridays**—Prayers for the Church, 10:30 am

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### CROP Hunger Walk

For the past 28 years, Roanoke Valley churches have been supporting the CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk on the second Sunday in October. This year on October 9th, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. Beginning at 2pm on October 9th, at our own First Presbyterian Church, a four mile walk will take us past various sites where persons within our community are being fed week after week. There will also be an option to take a shorter 1 mile walk.

We need walkers and sponsors for

the CROP Hunger Walk. When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you are raising money to help fight hunger but you are also walking in solidarity with all of those people around the world who are walking for food, for water and for firewood each day. The money raised through sponsorships goes to support local and global efforts to reduce hunger under the umbrella of Church World Service.

Last year there were about 300 walkers in Roanoke and the goal this year is to double the number of walkers and have as many age groups represented as possible. To become a walker or sponsor, please see Pete Guillard. Pete will begin distributing

collection envelopes on August 28th. The CROP Hunger Walk isn't about Church World Service fighting hunger – it's truly about us all fighting hunger in many ways throughout the world! Come walk with us and/or sponsor a walker!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### FALL PROGRAMMING NEWS

The C.E. committee is developing opportunities and a focus for our church's' deliberate building up. The following is some of what is being offered to you for the purpose of growing and building up your faith.

#### Monday evening

**6:45 pm** – Ladies' Bible Study - This weekly study will be led by Pat Dillard and will meet in the Parlor and use a Beth Moore study, "The Tabernacle – A Dwelling Place for a Woman's Heart."

**7:00 pm** – Rev. Bob Smith leads a **weekly ongoing** Sermon Apps (Applications) Class that meets in the Session room. Rev. Smith reviews and discusses themes and questions raised by the previous Sunday's sermon.

#### Tuesday mornings

**9:30 am** - Ladies' Bible study meeting in the Parlor and led by Lynn Wimmer: "David – Seeking a Heart Like His."

**10:45 am Second Tuesday of every month** Presbyterian Women meet. Helen Dean is the moderator of this group.

#### Tuesday evening

**6:00 pm—weekly ongoing** adult Bible study led by Pete Guillard. This class will be starting a new study on Hebrews.

#### Wednesday evening

**6:00 pm** – Rev Bob Smith will lead a new adult Bible study that will meet in the Session room. This study will explore the historic questions of the faith as explained in the various catechisms.

Though this begins our fall schedule, it isn't the only thing going on or being offered at the church. Throughout the year there are several offerings available for all ages.

I want to encourage you to continue to develop your faith to grow and apply God's word to your life. Our culture is subtle in its offering a substitute for what is best to what is good. Is God a priority for you and your family? Take advantage of the offerings First Presbyterian Church is making available to you. For further details regarding any of the opportunities above, contact the Church office at 344-3204.

# Sunday School—9:00 a.m.

## Adult Classes

McCLANAHAN CLASS

Fellowship Hall

GOOD NEWS CLASS

Room 207

KOINONIA CLASS

Parlor

CORNERSTONE CLASS

Session Room

It is never too late for Children and Youth to join our Sunday School Classes. If you need more information, please contact Patti Trail (Children's Ministry) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

## Children

Birth - 3: Room 115

Preschool: Room 114

Kindergarten: Room 215

Grades 1 & 2: Room 206

Grades 3—5: Room 203

## Youth

Grades 6-12: Youth Room

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## Prayer Concerns

### Continuing Prayer Support

Dottie Magee

Hazel Capito

Ruth Moutoux

Nancy Hawkins

Kaye Henderson

### First Pres Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please let the church office (lwright@fpc.roacoxmail.com) or Heather Jackson (jacksonclan@roadrunner.com; 992-5289) know and we will put your prayer request on the Prayer Chain.

If you have put someone on the

prayer chain list and their need has been answered or they are no longer in crisis, please let us know so we can keep the prayer list current.



## Children's Worship—October

- Oct. 2 Exodus (10), Leader: Donna Mills  
Greeters: Jan Tyree, Keith Humphreys, James Venable
- Oct. 9 The Ten Best Ways to Live (11), Leader: Mary Davis  
Greeters: Chris Ayers, Terra Wiley, Emma Hartman
- Oct. 16 The Ark and a Tent for God (12), Leaders: Donna Miles  
Greeters: Pat Povtak, Jeff Povtak, Madeline Quinn
- Oct. 23 The Promise Land (13), Leader: Bill Gordge  
Greeters: Greg Macklem, Connie Macklem, Georgia Farthing
- Oct. 30 The Promise Land (13), Leader: Bill Gordge  
Greeters: Helen Dean, Keith Humphreys, Sam Whitesell



## October Reminders

Elders: Leslie Matney, Artie Bush

Sound System

Oct. 2—Crennie Reed

Oct. 9—Jerry Quinn

Oct. 16—Jerry Quinn

Oct. 23—Randy Matney

Oct. 30—Sam Whitesell

Children's Time

Oct. 2—Bob Smith

Oct. 9—Sandy McCullar

Oct. 16—Bob Smith

Oct. 23—Leslie Matney

Oct. 30—Bob Smith

Greeters

Narthex:

Oct. 2—Caroline Roberts

Oct. 9—Daryl & Carolyn Keyes

Oct. 16—Mel Hutchings

Oct. 23—Barry & Anne Webb

Oct. 30—Braford Family

Ramp Room:

Oct. 2—Ioana Farthing, Terra Wiley

Oct. 9—Trish Hawley

Oct. 16—Donna Hutchings

Oct. 23—Tom Turner, Barry Jones

Oct. 30—Ed & Elisabeth Kappus

Bread Delivery

Oct. 2—Pegram Johnson

Oct. 9—Dave & Mary Davis

Oct. 16—Ed & Debbie Bennett

Oct. 23—Barry Jones

Oct. 30—Ted & Pat Richardson

Deacons on Duty—(week of)

Oct. 2—John Jordan, TBD

Oct. 9—Joan Jordan, Katrina Braford

Oct. 16—Barry Jones, Richard Gilmore

Oct. 23—Mike Trail, Greg Macklme

Oct. 30—Sara Maxey, TBD

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Elders

**Class of 2012**

Phillip Brown

Artie Bush

Leslie Matney

Donna Mills

Kathy Petty

Mac Snead

**Class of 2013**

Bob Hartman

Harvey Hotinger

Connie Macklem

Jerry Quinn

Chris Venable

Terra Wiley

**Class of 2014**

Helen Dean

Ed Kappus

Larry Moore

Ted Richardson

Tom Turner

Barry Webb

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Mr. Clarence Smith, Custodian

Mrs. Shelia Keeling, Custodian

Sunday worship service: 10:30 am  
in the Sanctuary. Sunday School  
begins at 9:00 am. Children's Wor-  
ship provided in room 205 during  
worship service. Nursery provided  
for infants and toddlers from 9:00  
a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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