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THE SESSION IS CALLING FOR A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** This Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10:35 AM.

Associate Pastor This will be a HYBRID FORMAT MEETING. There will be an opportunity for Rev. Sarah A. Bishop members to attend, discuss, and vote EITHER IN-PERSON IN THE SANCTUARY Associate Pastor for **OR VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

We need 101 members in attendance in these combined formats to achieve our quorum for this Congregational Meeting. Please plan to join us. Check your email for the Zoom Emily G. Snyder link to join. Or use these 7 steps:

- 1. go to https://zoom.us/join
- 2. enter Meeting ID **940 6375 8233**
- 3. click Join
- 4. click Open Zoom Meeting
- 5. enter your name and Meeting Password 637
- 6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
- 7. see all your church family and wave "hi"

The business to be conducted at the Congregational Meeting is to:

- Director of Maintenance 1. Act upon Dr. Alan Harvey's request that the Associate Pastor Relationship be dissolved on September 17, 2020 so that he might move to Honorably Retired Status with the PC(USA).
 - Hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect elders sand deacons for the Class of 2023 (and one deacon and one elder to fill un-expired terms in the Class of 2021) and to elect at-large members to the Nominating Committee Class of 2021.



Deacons

Class of 2021 (unexpired term) Bill Lockhart Class of 2023: Becca Alexander, Kevin Britt, Hadley Owen, Amy Speer, Gail Van Allen

Elders

Class of 2021 (unexpired term) Todd Dantzler Class of 2023 Cindy Chilton, Lisa Endres, Lindsey Ivey, Mike Seney, Aurora Walker

Nominating

Laura Frost, Mike Harris, Jane Ray, Kasey Ray, Tom Oldt

If you do not currently receive the Tower Chimes or daily devotions by email and would like to join this meeting by Zoom, please send you email address to office@firstpreswh.org.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am Heart of Worship

(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)

10:35 am Congregational Meeting

(Sanctuary/Zoom)

11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)

5:30 pm High School Youth Group

(GC Backyard)

6:00 pm Service for Wholeness (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 14

9:00 am MOM Open House (CE) 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH/Zoom)

6:30 pm Christian Education (MH/Zoom)

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)

9:30 am Joy Circle (MH/Zoom)

12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)

12:00 pm Finance (UR/Zoom)

4:00 pm Music Director Search (Zoom)

6:30 pm Deacons (MH-Back)

Wednesday, September 16

8:45 am MOM (CE)

12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH/Zoom)

1:30 pm Congregational Care (MH)

4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)

5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group

(GC Outside)

6:30 pm Dave Ramsey Financial Peace (MH)

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, September 19

2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)

4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 20

Sunday School will begin for our children (PreKgrade) sparking faith starting Sunday, September 20 after the time with younger disciples in the Heart of Worship service. This One Room Class will be meeting in Room 203. And ART on the third Sunday will be meeting in **Room 207**. Classes will end by 10:20 am. Rev. Sarah has also set up a virtual classroom for families to do Bible Study at

home! Monthly lessons will be available at the start of each month. Sept and October can be seen here: Virtual Sunday School.



Remember in Prayer

MFMBFRS

Marie Able Jane Hayman Joyce Hayman Melvin & Debbie Frances Heath Anderson Kathy Andrews Kay Hedden Pat Berrell Doris Hill Orrin & Helen Bryan Howard Champlain Isobel Hubbard Carl Cheatham Jim Huff Charlie Darte Martha Johnson Marjorie DiLorenzo Dena Lancashire Zan Dismuke Eric Lindstrom Jana Easterling Spike & Jane Lucia Dana Elmore

Pat McCarty Bob McClew Edna Mitchell Nancy Neale

John Gray Jane Hammette Edna Mitchell

Bill Everhart

Bill Garrett

Bethany Owen Barbara Roberts George Seagreaves **Bob Sheffield** Joyce Shirah Dale Smith

Joel & Barbara H. Smith Andy Stavres Christine Stevens Pam Tallent-Blackburn Carolyn Thompson Ellie Threlkel

Mike Vibral Gwen Waters Sug Zowarka

Relatives & Friends

John & Brenda Accardi Bruce Bachman Joe Boyce Sheri Braun **Bob Carolan** Maryann Cassell Allen Cofiori Connie Craig Katie Derthick Andra Douglas Lynda Giles Paul & Betty Gilliam Kristen & Dave Hall Sidney Hilliard Lynda Holyk LuAnn Hurley Helen Lake Sue Miller Michael Oriani Paula Penna Joan Richter Jane & Mario Scarpa Toni Shaw

Jeri & Tom Oldt's friends Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend Mary & Greg Mars' friend Margaret Braun's friend Amy Speer's father Candy Marshall's friend Gale & Gwen Water's friend Lynn Oakley's friend Marile Weeks' great-niece Lynn Oakley's friend Polly Wilson's niece Debbie Anderson's parents Judy Winfree's friends Tillie Montney's mother Paul Montgomery's sister Sandy Hoffman's friend Sandy Hoffman's friend Lynn Oakley's friend Joe Oriani's brother Steven Lockhart's friend Lynn Oakley's friend Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

Judy Winfree's friends Candy Marshall's friend Bob Steele's brother Amv McKee's friend Marcie Dershimer Jackie Pinckney's friend

MILITARY

Zach Anaya Brenden Anderson Eddie Gray Christian Anderson Daniel Harp Zach Drum Robert Ferguson

Bennie Spangers

Jeanie Williamson

Jim Steele

Sam Vac

Nicole Upson

Stephanie Gillie John Marotti KaitLin Marotti Mathew Massam **Shad Skinner** Sean Harp David Knowles Drew Stapor



SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

Are you feeling the need to pray for our church and our community in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis?

Are you longing to pray for our country in the midst of this election season and during a time of social unrest?

Would you like to gather around the Lord's Table in a search for health and well-being during this seemingly fractured time?

Then consider joining us for our **SERVICE OF WHOLENESS on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6 PM** in the sanctuary (we will be socially distanced in this well ventilated space.).

Dr. Negley will be leading us in prayer and reflections on scripture before we come to the table for The Lord's Supper.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

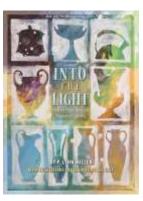
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The Lydia and Joy circles are beginning a new Bible Study: *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **September 14 at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **September 15 at 9:30 am** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.

The study books will be available at a cost of \$10. Contact either Sue McClew at (863)604-1610, Carol Carter at (863)206-7095, or the church office (863)294-3121 to purchase your copy. Our groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



If you prefer to join by Zoom, please call Sue for the Lydia Circle, Carol for the Joy Circle, or Connie in the church office to provide your email. Can also email your request to cshipley@firstpreswh.org. Be sure to indicate which circle you wish to join.

CHRIST KIDS STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16! 4:00-5:30P M



The school year has just started and you know what that means?!? Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade is starting soon. The fun begins **Wednesday**, **September 16 at 4:00 pm** with majority out-door activities and Bible study.

Permission slips for children are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer!

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via email sbishop@firstpreswh.org or call the church office 294-3121.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Starting September 16 at 6 pm, Running Through November 11 Meeting In McLeod Hall And On Zoom

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! This nine-session course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you!

The class link to sign up at a discounted price is: <u>fpu.com/1124153</u>. FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Join this FPU group today! Be sure to purchase your member registration online and then join us. This program will be a hybrid model with both in-person and ZOOM virtual options for attendance.



Questions, contact Lee and Pam Wilkinson (863)221-2006 or email wilkeglk@verizon.net.

BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023

DEACONS

BECCA ALEXANDER was born and raised in Winter Haven, Florida. She has been attending First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven since she was a baby, as she is the third generation to go to this church. Becca grew up playing softball and attending the Christ Kids program that the church provided. When she was old enough, she started helping out with Christ Kids and eventually was in charge of it while the church was looking for the Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Family Ministries. Becca is now in college at Polk State, working on her AA degree in Liberal Arts. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing, hunting, hanging out with family and friends, and helping out with the church when she can.

KEVIN BRITT was born in Winter Garden, FL and moved to Winter Haven in 1986 were he graduated in 1989. Upon graduation Kevin enlisted in the US Coast Guard and was stationed in Kodiak, AK patrolling the Bering Sea as well as Key West patrolling the South Caribbean. Kevin has worked in geotechnical engineering for the last 15 years and is currently employed by Faulkner Engineering in Tampa. Kevin is a proud father of two amazing daughters, Madison who attends Florida State University, and Ally at WHHS. Kevin is honored to serve as a Deacon for First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven.

WILLIAM "BILL" LOCKHART and his wife Kathy love First Presbyterian Church and especially the people. Bill was fortunate to work as the Interim Church Educator for a period of time. He is retired, having served as a teacher and a coach in the Polk County school system for decades. Bill loves working with young people, and is active with FPC youth. He has previously served as a Deacon, Elder, a Sunday School teacher, and the human playground to the younger crowd. Bill describes himself as a sinner who seeks forgiveness and is so thankful for the grace of our Lord. Bill and Kathy have two awesome sons, Josh and Jared, who are made even "awesomer" by their wives, Jessica and Chalsey, and 4 fabulous grandchildren.

HADLEY OWEN grew up attending church at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven. She was involved with Sunday School, Christ Kids, and Youth Group. Her passion for mission led her to go on four mission trips to Honduras. This summer she was chosen to serve as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 224th General Assembly of the PC(USA). She now serves on the Bills and Overtures Committee for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. In May, she graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in advertising. She is currently completing an event management internship at the O'Connell Center in Gainesville.

AMY CAROLYN SPEER is a native of the Boston area where her family still resides. She met her husband, Mike, in Florida in 1989. They married in 1994 and, in partnership with Nell and Ralph Speer, they raised Michael's two sons, Sean and Justin. After 9/11 the pair relocated to Massachusetts to be near her family. There Amy worked for Governor Romney as a Director of Gubernatorial Appointments, and later she served as his director of a statewide Economic Development initiative. She served in that capacity until 2006 when their son, Sawyer, was born and the family moved home to Winter Haven. Amy is now a very proud mom, High school teacher, cross country and track coach in Lake Wales. She has been active in the church since 2007 when she first brought her family on the invitation of Bill and Kathy Lockhart. Amy's great joy is that Sawyer has grown up surrounded by the faith and love of the First Pres family. She is eager to serve the church community.

GAIL VAN ALLEN and her husband, John, have been members of First Presbyterian Church since 1976 and were married by Reverend Donald Price in 1978. Gail has served as a Deacon, been a member of the Worship and Music Committee, volunteered in Christ Kids and children's choir, and sang in the Chancel Choir for over 26 years. She has two daughters, Jennifer and Heidi, and two grandchildren, Jacob and Anna. Gail is humbled to be nominated for a second term as Deacon and excited to serve her great church family.

ELDERS

CINDY CHILTON is a third-generation Winter Havenite and graduate of Winter Haven High School, who grew up at First Presbyterian Church and is excited to take on the new role of Elder. Leaving for college in 1999, Cindy returned in 2012 to raise her son Charles "Beckett". Now 7, Beckett was baptized in the church and has grown up running the aisles during the contemporary service. More recently, Cindy has been found teaching Sunday school and dressed as a shepherd with son, Beckett, during the living nativity. Cindy graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human and Organizational Development and promptly began her career in Human Resources at Capital One. Over the past 21 years, Cindy has held various positions in HR in recruiting, strategy, associate relations, and training. As the Chief of Staff for Tech Recruiting, her initiatives cover business updates, reporting, analysis, DIBs (diversity, inclusion and belonging), and a little bit of coding. In 2010, Cindy earned her MBA from the University of Florida and attained her Senior Professional in Human Resources certification (SPHR). Cindy is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts (USA) and was part of troops sponsored by our church. She is especially proud of her God and County Award, earned through volunteer work at our church. The past 2 years, Cindy's continued her scouting adventures with Beckett in Cub Scout Pack 505. She enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends and traveling internationally. Cindy and Beckett have their eyes set on Greece once borders reopen.

LISA KATROS ENDRES was born and raised in Winter Haven. She graduated from Winter Haven High School, Polk State College and Florida Southern College. Her working career was spent in marketing at Meritor Savings, feature writer at the News Chief, and most recently, Cypress Tire which was started by her father in 1959 and she continued to carry it to its 60th year in business. She is currently on the board of Ridge Art Association and recently completed her position on the Polk State Alumni board. Lisa has spent her life in the church as her parents raised her in the Church of Christ and in 1983, as an adult, she chose to make First Presbyterian Church her home. She married her husband, Bob, in the chapel almost 25 years ago with Martin Lifer officiating and Dr. Steve Negley recently conducted the marriage of her son, Porter and daughter-in-law, Sarah. In addition to Porter, Lisa and Bob have daughter, Nikki, son, Joey, as well as 4 adult grandchildren. She currently serves on the Finance Committee and has previously served on the Memorial Gardens Committee and as a Sunday school teacher. First Presbyterian Church, its members and staff hold a very special place in Lisa's heart and she is honored to be asked to serve in this important way.

LINDSEY IVEY was born in Winter Haven in 2002. She has been a member of First Pres all of her life and attends with her mother, Kelli, and her brother, Sean. Lindsey was baptized at First Pres as a baby, served as an acolyte, was confirmed as a 6th grader, and was active in middle school and high school youth groups. Lindsey has a passion for working with children and has volunteered with Christ Kids and helped produce VBS videos this year. She is a vocalist in the Praise Band and occasionally plays keyboard. Lindsey recently graduated from Winter Haven High School and is currently attending Polk State College, where she is seeking to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Lindsey is honored to be nominated for Elder and looks forward to serving Jesus and her First Pres Family!

MIKE SENEY was born in North Little Rock, AR and moved to Winter Haven in time to attend 8th grade at Denison Junior High School. Mike currently resides in Winter Haven with his wife, Martha, and their three children. Mike and Martha are both proud graduates of the University of Florida where their oldest child, Caitlin, currently attends. Ryan is currently a Freshman at the University of Central Florida and Kyle is a Senior at Winter Haven High School. Mike is employed by CenterState Bank (soon to be South State Bank) as the Director of Appraisal Management. Mike has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since August of 2001. He has previously served as both a Deacon and Elder at FPCWH and currently spends most of his volunteer time at the church working in the Sound Booth.

TODD DANTZLER was born and raised in Winter Haven, the middle child of Dick & Clara Nell Dantzler. Todd has been a member of First Presbyterian Church his whole life. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1982 with a degree in Marketing. He has two adult children, Hannah and Jacob. Todd is a Senior Consultant of Two Blue Aces and is the Managing Director, SVN Saunders Ralston Dantzler Real Estate. He is also a principle with Real Estate Central Group, LLC, a residential real estate brokerage in Winter Haven. Todd has been active in Polk County real estate for over 36 years. During his years as a member of First Pres, Todd has previously served as both and Elder and a Deacon.

AURORA WALKER was born and raised in Winter Haven where she has attended First Presbyterian Church since the mid-2000s. Aurora is an active member of the church and enjoys leading music at the Heart of Worship service. She currently resides in Lakeland and studies theology at Florida Southern College. Upon graduation, Aurora plans to pursue a Master's degree in Youth Ministry and go on the be a Director of Student Ministries. In her down-time, Aurora enjoys cooking, gardening, and playing with her cat, Lucas. She looks forward to furthering her service to the church as an Elder.

NOMINATING

LAURA FROST was born in Harlingen, TX, graduated from Baylor University, and earned her Master's in Counseling and Development from North Texas University. She was raised by wonderful Christian parents and was surrounded by a nurturing group of family friends at Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo, TX. Laura and Rob met at Baylor in a Co-Ed Service Fraternity and were married in 1995. Rob, Laura, Adam, and Ava moved to Winter Haven in 2006 and chose First Presbyterian for their programs for children and families and their outreach to the community. Laura has served in various volunteer capacities and now serves as one of the school counselors at Chain of Lakes Elementary. She is looking forward to serving God, our church, and the people it touches.

MIKE HARRIS was born in Newark, Ohio and raised in Melbourne, FL. He attended Emmanuel Methodist Church where his father was a church leader and his mother was the choir director. Mike graduated from Florida State University with a degree in MIS and moved to Winter Haven in 1987 where he began his career with Scotty's as a computer programmer/analyst. That same year, he married his college sweetheart, Cheryce Powers. Their daughter, Rachel, was born in 1993. After continuing his career with Watkins Motor Lines and Fed-Ex, Mike retired from IT in 2019 and went to work as a school Network Manager for Polk County Public Schools. Mike and Cheryce started attending First Presbyterian Church in 1989. Since then, Mike has served on the Diaconate, Nominating Committee, and several Music Director search committees. Mike is very active in the music program as a choir member, soloist, instrumentalist, and leader of the Jazzbyterians. Mike also maintains the church's computers and network, and oversees FirstPresWH.org website.

JANE RAY was born in Baton Rouge, LA and lived there until her junior year in high school. After her father retired from Standard Oil, they moved to Pensacola, Florida. She finished high school and went to Florida State where she received a B.S. degree in Fashion Merchandizing. She met her late husband, "Scoot Roberts" and they were married in 1961 and moved to Winter Haven. Mike, Tim, and Carol Jane were added to the family. They joined First Presbyterian in the late 70's. Due to a long standing bout with cancer, Scoot passed away in 1985. Jane went to work with Keith Ray for Savannah Foods in 1985. The office was in downtown Winter Haven until it was closed in 1995. Jane and Keith were married by Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Jim Manor in 1997, with their six children in attendance. Seven grandchildren have been added to the family. Jane has previously served as both a Deacon and an Elder. She is an active Stephen Minister. Presently she is a member of the Chancel Choir, Co-Chairman of the Sanctuary Committee, and a member of Worship and Music and Congregational Care committees. In 2015, the Rays were chosen as Outstanding Older Adults. It is a blessing to be asked to serve God and this congregation once again.

KASEY RAY was born in Winter Haven and has attended First Presbyterian Church since birth. Kasey was very active in middle and high school youth groups, attending Great Escape twice and Montreat all 4 years of high school, along with participating in soup kitchens, talent shows, flamingo flockings, and many other youth events. He also served on two Director of Student Ministries search committees. Kasey attended All Saints Academy from kindergarten all the way through high school, where he played soccer and lacrosse and was a member of the academic team. Currently, Kasey is in his third year at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He plans to graduate in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Having come from a long line of elders and deacons, Kasey looks forward to his term on the nominating committee as his next step in serving God and the church.

TOM OLDT was born in Michigan and came to Florida as a toddler. The Oldts joined First Presbyterian Church in 1947 and Tom's earliest memories include being tended to in the nursery (now the chapel) by church women who became like second mothers. He became a Cub Scout and then a Boy Scout with Troop 121, earning his Eagle at age 15, and was active in the church's youth group during high school. At the University of South Florida, from which he graduated, Tom participated in the Methodist Student Union. During the Vietnam War he served in the U.S. Navy. After college he worked as a research librarian at The Washington Post, covered Congress as a writer for The Energy Daily, was a reporter for the St. Petersburg Times and a reporter and later an opinion columnist for The Ledger. For the past three years he has conducted interviews in The Ledger that are published the first weekend of the month. In a short second career he taught history, economics and government at Winter Haven High School. For the past 26 years he has served as a registered representative and general securities principal in the investment business, and sits as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Tom has served on several community boards and currently is president of Historic Ritz Theatre. He and his wife Jeri were married by Steve in their back yard several years ago. A former choir member and Honduras mission trip participant, Tom occasionally plays the prelude on the Yamaha piano at the 11:00 o'clock service. He is honored to serve on the Nominating Committee.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!



Youth groups have started meeting (socially distanced & safe) inperson again! We are so excited to be gathering outside the youth house and can't wait to see all of you soon. We will also be welcoming our new middle schoolers and new high schoolers!

MSYG meets Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm HSYG meets Sundays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith building. We can't wait for another awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or esnyder@firstpreswh.org.

MEN'S LUNCH IS NOW HYBRID

You have two ways to attend the First Pres Men's Lunch on Tuesdays at noon.

You can still Zoom and the invite will continue to be sent Tuesday mornings. The Zoom connection will be on the flat panel TV at the end of the live table in McLeod Hall. You will be seen and heard as a full participant in the Men's Lunch. If you would like to join us by Zoom and have not been receiving the invites by email, please contact the office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.

OR

You can join us in person at our socially distanced table in McLeod Hall.

- You will need to wear a mask.
- We will be seated around the tables six feet apart.
- We'll get to see each other face-to-face (or at least eye to eye) like we can on Sunday mornings.

We hope you'll join us with one of these options as we continue meeting together as brothers in Christ. And don't forget your lunch!



SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD One form is necessary for each person attending. Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

this brief survey	fall entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us nip on Facebook Live.)
[] Yes [] No	Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?
[] Yes [] No	Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
[] Yes [] No	Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?
Name (Please pr	rint):
Phone Number:	Date:
First Time Visito	or Address:

Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.

Our Purpose Statement

First Presbyterian Church 637 6th Street, NW Winter Haven, FL 33881 863-294-3121 FAX 863-294-1105 www.firstpreswh.org office@firstpreswh.org As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God's kingdom to the world as we...

Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ

Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

Provide a place and a program for praising God

Live our lives according to the Word, guided by the Spirit

Commit to justice for all God's people.

Adopted by Session, 2003

This newsletter is published weekly.

Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly. Church dated material, please deliver by 9/11/20.

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 127 bag lunches the week of 8/31/20.

We gave out 512 bag lunches in August, 2020

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 70 people on 8/05/20.

We fed 357 In August, 2020.

Return Service Requested

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PREPARING TO BID FAREWELL

Plans are underway to say good-bye and celebrate 22 years of ministry with Dr. Alan Harvey.

As we all get ready to bid farewell to our well-loved, long-tenured Associate Pastor, the Session has planned a celebration. Alan's last Sunday before retirement is set for **Sunday**, **September 13**. You can help us make that a special day by:

Sharing a card with a "love offering" of cash or gift cards for his enjoyment in a retirement trip to the Carolinas for the fall colors.

Joining in our drive-by salute to Alan under the church portecochere **following the 11 am worship** service on that Sunday.

You can bring your cards and gifts to the drive-by salute on **Sunday, September 13**.

Let's share our love and best wishes with Alan as he moves toward becoming....?

Dr. C. Alan Harvey, HR (Honorably Retired!)