

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES
IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Youth Connection today: Middle and high school students meet at 4:30 – Fellowship Hall; choir practice at 5:30; Dinner at 6:00. **We will be getting ready for Youth Sunday!**

Sunday, March 30, 2014 Youth Connection will meet at 1:30 in the fellowship hall. Several of our Youth Connection members are in the Oxford Singing Children and Oxford Youth Singers. They will be performing in the play “Oliver” at Porter Auditorium. We will meet at 1:30 in the fellowship hall and go together to support them and enjoy the musical. The ticket cost is \$5.00. We'll all enjoy dinner out together and return to the church at 6:45. There will be no regular Youth Connection or choir practice that evening.

This past week our beloved **Helen Stamps** went to be with the Lord. The Stamps family has been an important part of our church for years. Our church will be having a reception for them in our fellowship hall on Friday 3/28 at 12:30. A memorial service will follow. If you would like to help in any way please contact Darcel Tabb at 678-658-6242 or darceltabb@yahoo.com.

Save the Date: Get Ready.....on May 3rd we are having a "Spring Fling" with special music and lots of good food. Mark your calendar now and be a part of the fun. "The church family that sings and eats together...stays together." Location and more information to come.

Filming on Clark Street: On Wednesday and Thursday of this week there will be filming of a “car accident” at the intersection of Clark and Hendricks streets. Parking in front of the church and on Hendricks Street will be blocked off. Clark Street, from Brown St. to the square, will be closed to traffic. The parking on Brown and Washington streets should still be open as will our parking in the welcome center area.

| <i>This Week at FPC</i> | |
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| Sunday, March 23, Lent 3 9:00 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:30 Youth Connection | Thursday, March 27 10:30 Ambassador Choir Friday, March 28 2:00 Memorial Service for Helen Stamps |
| Tuesday, March 25 4:00 Exercise | Sunday, March 30 9:00 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 1:30 Youth Connection |
| Wednesday, March 26 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir | |

**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON**

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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Food Pantry Needs

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for March:

canned vegetables (no corn or green beans); you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

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| Nursery Volunteers today: Shaun & Aubrey Evans or sub. Next Week: Trista Hooten-Wilson | Ushers: Billy Fortson, chair Sound Engineer: Ken Walker |
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

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| Class of 2014 Debra Arnold Bill Loebke Darcel Tabb Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton Sam Hay, IV | Class of 2015 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Kevin Weber | Class of 2016 Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden |
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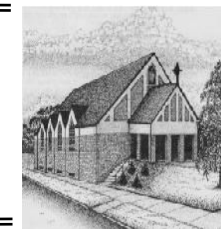
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> | Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i> |
| Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> | Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> |
| Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> | Krissy Jones <i>Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center</i> |
| Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i> | |



Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2014



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Pastorale in F* J. S. Bach
I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT *What wondrous love is this?* WONDROUS LOVE
 Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits,
 who forgives all our iniquity,
 who heals all our diseases,
 who redeems our life from the Pit,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
 who satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

✦ **HYMN 41** LYONS
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Prayer* Jeanne Warzyn
Handbell choir

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN
All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children. Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's activities downstairs.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Joel 2:1-3, 11b-17
II Corinthians 5:16--6:2

SERMON *Out of the Ashes* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 686** *God of Our Life* SANDON

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** MONKLAND
 Hymn 31, stanza 1
Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
 Gracious God, move in our hearts that we might be ambassadors of your forgiving and reconciling power in our lives and in this world, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 23** PLEADING SAVIOR
God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Andante Maestoso* Archangelo Corelli

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Welcome families and new members... come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship!! This annual church event will have traditional outside games for all ages like sack races, crafts, and Easter egg hunt (2 p.m.). Please RSVP by April 16.

When: Saturday, April 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Home of Doug and Debra Arnold
 80 River Shoals Court, Covington
 30016

Bring: Basket with 10 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (per child) and finger food or dessert to share

Please call church office, 770-786-7321 to make a reservation or RSVP with Debra 678-588-5734



Worship Notes

✦ Kevin Weber is assisting in the leading of worship this morning.
 ✦ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** again when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Hollie Chastain--gastrointestinal surgery, Emory Hospital (niece of Margaret Wallace)
 †Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
 †Harry Adams--Stroke, University Hospital Augusta (brother of Margaret Wallace)
 †Dale Pearce--diagnosed with cancer (friend of Dennis & Judy Hooten)
 †Lavonne Bunn--car accident/ankle surgery/rehab, (Alan Bunn's mother)
 †Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)
 †Emma Bowen-sister of Debbie Gossage
 †Mary Annese-surgery & rehab for broken leg (mother of Barbara Martin)
 †Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)
 †Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)
 †Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
 †Louie Katchko-lung cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
 †Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)
 †Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
 †Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)
 †Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
 †Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
 †Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)
 †Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
 †Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
 †Mary Cline-relocated
 †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
 †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
 †Joy Knight -Riverside
 †Martha Borders-Riverside
Benton House
 †Helen and George Stamps
 †Mary Crudup
 †Doris Mote
 †Joan Smith
 †Velma Prescott
Covington Square
 †Rita Harrell
Merryvale
 †Doris Hicks
 †Bill Taylor
 †Elizabeth Gadilhe
 †Frances Ivey-home

We extend our sympathy and prayers for George Stamps and his family at the death of his wife, Helen. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian.

We also remember in our prayers, Sandy Morehouse in the death of his sister, Betsy Simpson, who died last weekend.

Hospital Visitor:
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To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.