



From the Pastor:

Dear Congregation,

This next Sunday is a great day in the life of our church. We will be celebrating 50 years of ministry!

Please make plans to attend the Sunday School Hour in the Sanctuary. This is for all ages and no other Sunday School classes will be held (except nursery care). During this time you will get to hear about some of the history of the church, see pictures of the days gone by, look over a display of "relics" from the past and see the heritage of the church.

Those of you who wish may share a brief memory of past days in the church. This is a rich opportunity for us all so that we do not forget our past and for those of us who are new, we can may be able to connect with what has been.

Jamie Hunt will be our guest preacher. He has recently retired as pastor for over 30 years at

Coddle Creek ARP Church in Mooresville, NC. He and his wife Cathy will join us. Rev. Hunt currently is the Moderator of our General Synod. We should look forward to his message from Galatians 6:11-15, "Will the Church Endure?"

Immediately after worship, we will all walk out front for a tradition on each 10th year - a family picture. We want to remember the event with a great photo of all present on this special day.

A catered lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Please make plans to join us and to invite those that have been connected with the church in past years.

Let us remember well our history and gather to worship the Lord who has made all of this possible!

DIRECTORY UPDATE

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathryn Crotts
Karen Hoke

YOUNG AT HEART

Our next luncheon will be October 27 at 11:45. Our special guest speaker is Stephen Crotts representing Martin Luther in celebration of Reformation Day. Bring a friend. Our menu will include chicken casserole, salad and rolls, which will be provided. Vegetables and desserts are welcome.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Women of First ARP. You are invited to a cookout and bonfire at Kay Moore's home on Saturday, November 7 from 5 - 8:00 PM.

Attention Congregation! On Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 PM, the Women's Ministry will be putting together goodie bags for our homebound members and will deliver these gifts afterwards. Please join with us in this fun project to bless those who can't be with us each Lord's Day.

HOMECOMING and 50th ANNIVERSARY

This Sunday, October 18 we will celebrate the past **50 years of ministry** at First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church! Our special day will include a Special Sunday School Class for **all ages** at 9:45 in the **Sanctuary**, Worship at 11:00 AM and a catered luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall. The Rev. James Hunt, Moderator of the General Synod of the ARPC and retired minister from Coddle Creek ARPC in Mooresville will be our guest preacher. His theme will be, "Will The Church Endure?" from Galatians 6:11-15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

October

- 13 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM
- 16-18 Womens' Ministry ARP Fall Retreat at Bonclarken
- 18 Homecoming and 50th Anniversary
Meal following Worship.
- 21 WM Bible Study - *Joshua* - 11:15 AM
- 22 Called Session Meeting - 7 PM
- 27 Young at Heart Luncheon - 11:45 AM
- 28 WM Bible Study - *Joshua* - 11:15 AM

November

- 1 The Lord's Supper
- 4 WM Bible Study - *Joshua* - 11:15 AM
- 7 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon
- 10 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM
- 11 WM Bible Study - *Joshua* - 11:15 AM
- 15 Annual Congregational Meeting
- 18 WM Bible Study - *Joshua* - 11:15 AM
- 29 Hymn Sing and Social - 6 PM

December

- 1 Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon - 11:45 AM
- 2 WM Bible Study - *Joshua* - 11:15 AM
- 4 Christmas Lessons & Carols with reception to
follow - 7 PM
- 5 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon
- 6 The Lord's Supper
- 8 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM
- 9 WM Bible Study - *Joshua* - 11:15 AM - Luncheon
- 20 Christmas Caroling after Evening Service
- 24 Christmas Eve Service - 5 PM (tentative time)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Kelli Ensley	10/2
Becky Sneed	10/7
Margaret Mann	10/8
Macon Baird	10/11
Ed Limon	10/11
John Harris	10/13
Anne Garner	10/14
Len Sneed	10/17
Jay Snow	10/19
Tammy Cobb	10/20
Matt Causey	10/22
Jay Christopher	10/24
Chuck Renegar	10/25

ANNIVERSARIES

Macon and Katherine Baird (19)	10/12
Mark and Donna Vestal (21)	10/22
Mark and Amy Sanderson (30)	10/26



Nursery:

Oct 18: Nicole Newton and Macon Baird
Oct 25: Fran Haynes and Mary Jane Glass

Counter:

Oct 18: David Newton
Oct 25: Doug Glass

Deacon Duty:

Oct 18: Doug Glass
Oct 25: Stephen Robinson

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