

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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From the Pastor:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

A pastor wears many hats! One of my hats is to be a cheerleader for various ministries and events. Here are a few you should note:

This next Lord's Day is Missions Sunday in our congregation. Join us on June 28 for combined Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear from the Olson family and their preparations to serve a church plant in Scotland. During worship, they will give a Missions Moment and I will be preaching on the subject of missions and evangelism. Join us for lunch afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. It will be an exciting day!

Additionally, on Missions Sunday you will be given the opportunity to give above your tithes and offerings to the cause of the Gospel. The Jubilee Birthday Celebration and Offering began in 1929 to commemorate the Jubilee (50th anniversary) of sending out the first foreign missionary from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP). The offering helps support two women missionaries. Our current Jubilee Birthday ladies are Shelia Osborne and Nanette Howard.

In order to participate in the Jubilee Birthday Celebration, you may attend the luncheon and make your donation at the cake ceremony. Please utilize the green envelopes provided on Sunday, make your checks payable to First ARP Church and note Missions in the memo. If you are unable to attend, please place your gift in the offering plate during worship or send to the church office.

I hope that you will mark your calendars for the upcoming Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social to be held on Sunday, July 12 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will spend time around the tables singing hymns, psalms and hearing a brief lesson on why, as Christians, we should sing. Afterwards, we will enjoy ice cream and toppings. Plan to come, enjoy fellowship, sing songs to the Lord,

hear a lesson and create your grandest ice cream dish! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or neighbor.

Our New Member Class began this past Sunday and we had a room full! It was a joy to hear how each person came to First ARP Church and why the church has become their new place of worship. If you are interested in church membership, please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall Classroom on Sundays at 9:45 AM. Our next class will resume after Missions Sunday on July 5. Anyone interested in attending the class is also welcome to join us!

Much planning at Committee, Session and Diaconate levels is taking place to get our church well-ordered and ready for the upcoming year. Please pray for these planning sessions as we look forward to how the Lord will lead us into 2015-2016. By God's grace, we will prosper in organization, unity and purpose. In the next weeks, the Session will make the congregation aware of these plans and give each member the opportunity to exercise their gifts in the life of the body of Christ. You will also be able to map out your yearly calendar with church life events for your growth in grace here at First ARP Church.

Many thanks to all of you for your kindness as you served Peggy Mitchell's family. Her funeral service and the family luncheon was a blessing to them. You showed them great grace and mercy.

My family also extends our thanks to you for your gifts at the May 24 welcome luncheon, as well as for how you have welcomed us to Burlington. It's starting to feel like home! Please continue to help us get to know you by name. We are thankful to the Lord for bringing us together.

May the Lord prosper our ministry together,



PASTOR CROTTS' SCHEDULE

Pastor Crotts may be reached via phone or text message at 336-944-2892. His e-mail address is pastor@firstarpburlington.org His office hours are Monday-Thursday. Please don't hesitate to contact the pastor for any needs you may have!

ALAMANCE COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The mission of Alamance County Meals on Wheels, Inc. is to provide in-home nutritional services in Alamance County which improve and enhance quality of life; nourish the body, mind, and spirit; and promote independent living for seniors and their families. *We are in need of friendly and motivated volunteers. Please call Ruth at 336-228-8815.*

MISSIONS CONFERENCE-POTLUCK LUNCH

Please plan to join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service for a potluck lunch. The main course and drinks will be provided, and we ask the congregation to bring a side dish. We will also celebrate the Jubilee birthday with a birthday cake. Please come and support our missionaries.

LADIES EVENTS!

Ladies Mystery Dinner. Please join us for fun and fellowship on Friday, July 10, 2015 from 6 to 8pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. All ages invited & please invite friends!

Please RSVP to Jessica Richardson 336-437-4388 or richardson.jessica83@gmail.com for important information.

SAVE THIS DATE! Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 2:00pm! More information to come soon.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

ILLNESS: Please be in prayer for the following -- Tim Besette; Owen Constable; Foy Evans; Gary, Hope, & Ben Gregory; Ellen Huffman; Margaret Owens; Margaret's sister Carolyn Turbyfill; Mary Renegar; Julie Snow. **Remember all our shut-ins.**

SYMPATHY: Pray for the family of Peggy Mitchell who passed away June 10, 2015.

CHURCH NEEDS: Pray for Rev. Bryan Crotts as he assumes pastorate of our church, and for the family's adjustment to a new home in Burlington.

MISSIONARIES: Andy & Nannette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Chile), Ali & Tara Mitchell (ARP Connect), Jubilee Birthday Ladies – Sheila Osborne & Nannette Howard

From the Financial Secretary: If you use online bill pay with your bank you can schedule your contribution to be sent to the church automatically. Your account number would be your envelope number.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tom Childrey	7/2
Lynne Causey	7/5
Jamie Terry	7/8
Liam Hutelmyer	7/11
Isaac Spencer	7/11
Owen Constable	7/13
McKenna Constable	7/14
Chris Hutelmyer	7/14
Kathryn Richardson	7/15
Erik Ensley	7/16
Jondeen Terry	7/16
Ferald Mann	7/18
Patrick Crotts	7/24
Laurie Isley	7/30
Clay McPherson	7/30
Kevin Limon	7/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Betty Besette (43)	7/1
Bill & Ellen Huffman (66)	7/23
George & Mary Lou McKinney (51)	7/26
Donald & Sandy Childrey (26)	7/29

FINANCIAL UPDATE

May Contributions	\$16,430.08
May Expenses	\$27,015.06
Year-to-Date Contributions	\$67,419.96
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$76,400.09

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Nursery:

June 28: Stephen Robinson
Macon Baird

July 5: _____

Counter:

June 28: Bennett Richardson
July 5: Doug Glass

Deacon Duty:

June 28: Stephen Robinson
July 5: Macon Baird

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