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with love, faith and action.”

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From Ed's desk

Dear Friends,

While I love our All Church Retreat tradition (actually I love any excuse to drive through the stone gates of Montreat), being away from our sanctuary on a Sunday morning always makes me feel a little disconnected. Our retreat experience was wonderful and we returned to Raleigh with souls lifted and spirits renewed, but it will be good to be back together this Sunday.

Speaking of Sunday, I hope you are planning to stay after church for the luncheon, silent auction and talent show. This big event is being sponsored by our Senior High youth, as a fundraiser for their summer mission. Now I would come even if it was **only** a luncheon . . . but I've also heard about some of the items which will be on display for the silent auction, and so I know that will be fun. And I've also heard about some of the talent that will be on stage, and take it from me, you don't want to miss it! So stay after church on Sunday for the food, for the fun, for the first rate entertainment, but mostly, to support the

spirit of mission that is so much at the heart of the youth of our church.

The other thing happening on Sunday, which gives you an opportunity to show your *own* mission spirit, is that one of our WIHN weeks begins. If you'd like to help with this important, person-to-person ministry of our church, let us know.

Finally, in last week's newsletter, you learned that I was going to be the preacher at this year's Sprunt lectures at Union Seminary. In the article (written, I think, by Bob) it was suggested that I would be speaking to an "austere" group. I think Bob meant to say "august" group, meaning "venerable", since "austere" means "severe, uncompromising, strict, grave, sober, solemn". Of course, since he knows I'll be preaching to a group of Presbyterian ministers and scholars, maybe he meant "austere" after all! I'm glad I don't preach to an "austere" group on a regular basis!

Grace and peace,
Ed

Holy Land Medical Vision and Trip

A need and an opportunity

We *need* volunteers to provide supportive medical care, resources, and empathy in areas where health care is limited or is difficult to obtain. Medical personnel of all professions are needed as well as those who have a willing heart and hands; those who are just willing to share themselves and their time.

You have the *opportunity* to establish relationships through personal encounters, promote well being, mutual education, and to learn about life in Israel/Palestine on a personal level.

This trip is open for fifteen people. We will stay in local hotels and have time for activities and sightseeing. The trip is slated for the fall for about two weeks (time to be determined). The cost is approximately \$2500/person, plus airfare, and will be all inclusive.

These mission trips are expensive, but can be a life-changing experience, and will provide incredible memories.

If interested, please contact Scottie Hogg, scotthogg@bellsouth.net or (919)779-4644 before March 25. We will then provide you with more details about this exciting adventure.

This week's opportunities

Sunday (3/14) Wake Interfaith Week
 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins
 8:00 a.m. Youth Silent Auction opens
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/McLeod
 9:45 a.m. Church School; Confirmation; Inquirers
 11:00 a.m. Worship/McLeod
 12:15 p.m. All church Variety Show and lunch/FPC Youth
 5:00 p.m. Chapel Choir; Pathfinders
 5:30 p.m. Circle; Disciple II Bible Study; Pathfinders supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth supper
 6:30 p.m. Youth meeting
 6:45 p.m. Children's Choir

Monday (3/15)
 11:15 a.m. PW Prayer meeting
 Noon PW Life Membership Luncheon

Tuesday (3/16)
 5:15 p.m. HS Youth/Men's shelter
 6:00 p.m. Adult basketball
 7:00 p.m. Christian Believer Bible Study

Wednesday (3/17)
 6:30 a.m. Early Birds/Sam Stone
 Noon Service/Ed McLeod
 12:30 p.m. Lunch
 6:00 p.m. HS Bible Study/outside; Property & Insurance
 7:00 p.m. Deacons meet
 7:15 p.m. Handbells

Thursday (3/18)
 9:30 a.m. Adult bridge
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday (3/19)
 10:30 a.m. Adult Fellowship/Chapel Hill

Saturday (3/20)
 8:30 a.m. Habitat House

Sunday (3/21)
 8:00 a.m. Blood Drive
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Barrick
 9:45 a.m. Church School; Confirmation; Inquirers; Stephen Ministers
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Barrick
 5:00 p.m. Chapel Choir; Pathfinders
 5:30 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study; Pathfinders supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth supper
 6:30 p.m. Youth meeting
 6:45 p.m. Children's Choir

Other ministries are Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous; Child Development Center, High School Equivalency Classes; The Linen Closet; Job Friends; The Healing Place for Women; SAFEChild, and JobStart.
 Call office for dates/times.

Habitat House build begins

**Lot 203, Myers Avenue
 Raleigh NC**

Our first volunteer day will be Saturday March 13,

beginning at 8:30 a.m. Our homeowners are Bennie Best and Jo Ann Kincy.

We will again be partnering with White Memorial.

Contact Scott Peek with any questions.

If you can help provide lunch for workers, please contact Carol Anne Moehring, cmoehring@fpcraleigh.org or 833-4070.



Pastor on Call

March 13-14:

Ed McLeod, 782-7119

March 20-21:

Sheila Barrick, 851-0330

Seeker's Class invites you to a new study

The Seeker's Church School Class will begin a 12-week study of Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*, on Sunday, March 28. Visitors are invited to join us. We meet in the **old** library in the **old** Sunday School Building. Class starts at 9:45 and ends at 10:40 so people can get to the 11 a.m. service. We hope to have a lively discussion with our leaders, Sheila Barrick, Jim Nichols, and David Kesterson.

Lectionary

March 14:

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Fun for everyone Sunday, March 14

FPC Youth will be having an activity for **everyone** in the church! The High School Youth are hosting a Silent Auction, Luncheon, and Variety Show on the morning of March 14.

The Silent Auction bidding begins at 8:00 a.m. The Luncheon and Variety Show will be at 12:15 p.m.



Presbyterian Women

Have you made your reservations for the Life Membership Luncheon yet?? This is your last call! Please call the church office, 821-5750, to sign up.

At the time you call, please indicate your intentions to ride the van, and which van you'll be riding.

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In honor of Ed McLeod by Richard Boyette

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 In memory of Frances Deaton, mother of
 Cathy Kramer, by John and Katherine
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 In honor of the Ed Greer Class by Henry and
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 In memory of Lisa Ham by Dee Campbell
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 Anonymous
 Dee Campbell
 In memory of Howard Spruill, father of Sheila
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 In memory of Evelyn Turner, mother of Judy
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In honor of David Lackey Jr. by David and
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In memory of our grandson, Alex Heidengren,
 by Hugh and Ruth Williams

OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME

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 Dick Pearson and Joan Robertson
 In memory of Carter Lyles, sister of John
 Patterson, by John and Frances McClain
 In memory of my grandparents, Milton and
 Alice Poole, by Susan Stevick
 In memory of my uncle, Tom Poole, by Susan
 Stevick
 In memory of Howard Spruill by:
 Anonymous
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 In honor of Anne Swaim by Darcy Dye
 In memory of my grandfather, Harvey Stevick,
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 In memory of Raymond Thomson, brother of
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 In memory of Evelyn Turner by:
 Anonymous
 Houston Black
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 In memory of Ginny Williams by:
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 John and Frances McClain
 In memory of my mother, Betty Poole Wilson,
 by Susan Stevick

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 Fred and Betty Crisp
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Order an Easter lily

The Sanctuary Sub-committee of the Worship, Music and Communion Committee plans to decorate the Sanctuary and various places around the church with Easter lilies on Easter Sunday.

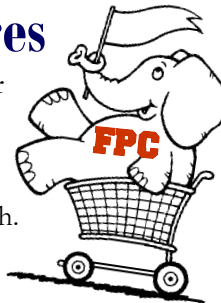


If you would like to participate, please fill out one of the forms in the rack across from the Vanguard Class or from your Church School Class or circle. Forms must be completed and turned in to the church office by March 21. The cost of each lily is \$12. A separate form is needed for each lily, but you may write one check (made to First Presbyterian Church) for multiple forms.

FPC Shares

Thanks for your continued dedication to this important mission outreach.

In February, we collected 449 cans or bags of beans. Our food item in March is canned pasta. Keep up the good work!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Co-sponsored with Church of the Good Shepherd Sunday, March 21 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

To make an appointment sign up online at www.membersforlife.org/cbsr/schedule click on 'search by sponsor code' and enter 13766 or call Beth Fields, 821-5785.

Stewardship Report

Received 2/28	\$19,994.48
Received 3/7	\$18,630.26
Received YTD.....	\$371,115.23
Disbursements YTD...	\$310,968.13