



# The CORNERSTONE

Elkin Presbyterian Church

*"You are members of the household of God... with Jesus Christ himself being the cornerstone." (Ephesians 2.19-20)*

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**T O T H O S E W H O S H A R E T H E J O U R N E Y**

***"Nourishing Body and Soul" - Following Jesus by Feeding Hungry People***

Our next steps in our "Nourishing Body and Soul" mission initiative are:

### **CB Eller Elementary School**

The first step is to partner with **CB Eller Elementary School** in providing food for children who are on the school lunch program during the school year. CB Eller distributes food to children who may go without during the summer. Let's all get behind a food drive to collect these items by **Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please place these items in the NW corner of the sanctuary. Thank you!

**Single-serve items:** Spaghetti, soups, mac and cheese, ramen noodles, snack cakes, peanut butter crackers, cookies, fruit cups, cereal bars, pop tarts or anything that you would consider "kid friendly" and easy to prepare or open.

**Family items:** Instant potatoes, instant rice, hamburger helper meals, canned vegetables, canned fruits peanut butter, jelly, crackers, soups, dry beans, cornbread mixes, biscuit mixes, canned meats, or generally anything non-perishable.

### **Bread for the World - "Offering of Letters"**

The second big step is to partner with Bread for the World in what is called an "Offering of Letters." On **Sunday, May 6**, our guest preacher will be a close friend of Stuart's, the Rev. Frank Dew, who is on the board of Bread for the World. BFW is a collective Christian voice on behalf of hurting and hungry people here in the United States and around the world and is nationally recognized for its grassroots effort that advocates for government policies to alleviate hunger. In the last 25 years, the world has reduced by more than half the number of people living in extreme poverty. Our own country has also reduced hunger and poverty in recent decades. Unfortunately, this progress is now being threatened. In 2018, we expect Congress to again propose deep cuts to vital programs and could include such programs as WIC (women, infants, and children) and SNAP (our food stamp program), as well as the supplemental nutrition school lunch program. Congress will also consider cuts in the international humanitarian and development assistance programs that fight famines, and provide nutrition for mothers and their children. Immediately following worship, everyone is invited to lunch in the fellowship to meet Reverend Dew, learn more about BFW, and should you choose, actually write letters on specific legislative priorities. BFW's **Offering of Letters for 2018** offers us the opportunity to raise our voice to help make it possible for all people to reach their God-given potential!

### **"Blessing Box"**

Finally, you may have noticed that our "**blessing box**" is being regularly used by families in the community who need a helping hand. The preschool community has been doing a great job of keeping the blessing box fully stocked. However, soon the preschool will be on summer recess, so it will be up to us to keep the blessing box supplied with food. Keep this in mind as we approach the summer.

Yours on the journey,

Stuart

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Thanks from the Youth Group!

Our Youth Group and their parents want to thank you for the love and support shown to them at the youth luncheon on Sunday, April 15. The total amount received was \$760, which will be used for the youth mission trip to Charlotte on August 16-18. The group is planning to stay at Avondale Presbyterian Church, work in a soup kitchen in Charlotte on Friday, and do a fun activity on Saturday. The trip is open to all adults in the church as well, and we're hoping to take a big group!

### Vacation Bible School!

Watch as Elkin Presbyterian Church transforms into **HERO CENTRAL!** We'll learn what it means to be a hero for Jesus and a hero in our own community. This year, Bible school will be held 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, for ages kindergarten through high school. There will be supper served both nights, and a local mission component on Saturday for the middle and high school students and adults. We will celebrate our journey in church on Sunday, June 24. Make plans now to attend! If you would like to help in any way, contact Karen Alley, 336-957-8596 or [karenalley3@yahoo.com](mailto:karenalley3@yahoo.com).



### EPC Women's Bible Study Meetings

Everyone is cordially invited to attend one of our church Bible study groups. The morning group will meet on Thursday, May 10, at 11:00, and the evening group will meet Monday evening at 7:00. These will be the last meetings until September. Please see Peggy Dudley or Karen Alley with questions.

~ Karen Alley

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Kirk Night Mealtime

If you've been missing out on the great fellowship and fantastic food on Kirk Night, please make plans to join us at 6:00 on Wednesday each Wednesday now through May 16th. John and Susie Prigmore having been doing an awesome job of lining up great meals for us . . . everything from Mexican, Italian and Thai . . . of awesome meats and vegetables from some of our local restaurants. It is truly great food and a fantastic time to get to know some of the members of our congregation, and you can't beat the price of only \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, \$15 for a family. May 16th will be our last Kirk Night Meal until this fall. Below are the menus:

**May 2:** Cracker Barrel - Homestyle meatloaf, creamed potatoes w/gravy, apples, green beans, turnip greens, corn bread, biscuit, beverage

**May 9:** Mazzini's - Hamburger steak w/mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, roll, beverage

**May 16:** John & Susie Prigmore - Chicken casserole with California veggies, salad, roll, beverage

~ Debbie Collins

## PRESCHOOL



We can't believe that this year is almost over! This school year has flown by. This month we will be busy practicing for our Pre-K graduation and also practicing for our End-of-the-Year Luau program. We will also be celebrating Cinco de Mayo with the busting of a piñata and making our own quesadillas!! Of course, we will be celebrate all those special women in our lives for Mother's Day as well. To all of you from EPCP... Happy Mother's Day and have a great summer!

~ Misty Cranford

LOVE AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

**Church Family:**

Lowell Bushong  
 Howard Campbell  
 Bob and Joan Garwood  
 Ralph Lanier  
 Bettie Motsinger  
 Mary Gale Price

**Extended Family:**

Owen Henning (Father of Kate Henning)  
 Alice Lewis (Daughter of Joe & Pam Mickey)  
 Mary Mayhew (Linda Brown's Sister)  
 Jodie O'Connell (Son of John O'Connell)  
 Priscilla Hague Smith (Friend of Sharon Jones)

**Extended Care:**

Fran Greene  
 Linda Habershaw  
 Jean York (Hugh Chatham Nursing Center)

**Military Personnel & Families:**

Tyler Darden (Hunter Darden's Son)  
 Richard Gwyn (Will & Lori Gwyn's Son)  
 Christopher Habershaw (Bob & Linda Habershaw's Son)  
 Andrew Reece (BD & Tiffany Reece's Son)

**Sympathy**

We extend our love, sympathy and prayers to Andrew Reece upon the tragic loss of his friends, Daniella Suarez and Julian Castillo, on Saturday, April 7, in Leeds, CA. Please keep Andrew, his family and the families of Daniella and Julian close in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

MINISTRY OF THE MEMBERS – MAY

**Announcements/**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6	Nick Carpentier	The Kreh Family	Tiffany Reece	Karen Chandler Vicky Tysor	<b>Casey Billings</b> , Cynthia Douthit, Jim Douthit, Jonathan Snyder
13	Ann Ashman	Andras & Kathy Neumark	Lori & Alice Gwyn	Miner Flynt Charles Gilreath	<b>Chris Kreh</b> , Michelle Kreh, Mason Kreh, Julian Charles
20	Linda Brown	Joe & Pam Mickey	Kathy Neumark	Courtney Snyder Karen Alley	<b>Zach Myers</b> , Jake Myers, Robert Myers, Sam Bishop
27	Sam Bishop	The Myers Family	Man-Shun Hon	Dee Neil Randy Tullbert	<b>Will Gwyn</b> , Ken Hon, Larry Culler, John Prigmore

EPC CALENDAR – MAY

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m. – Worship**

**Wednesday Evening - May 2, 9, 16**

**6:00 - Kirk Night Meal**

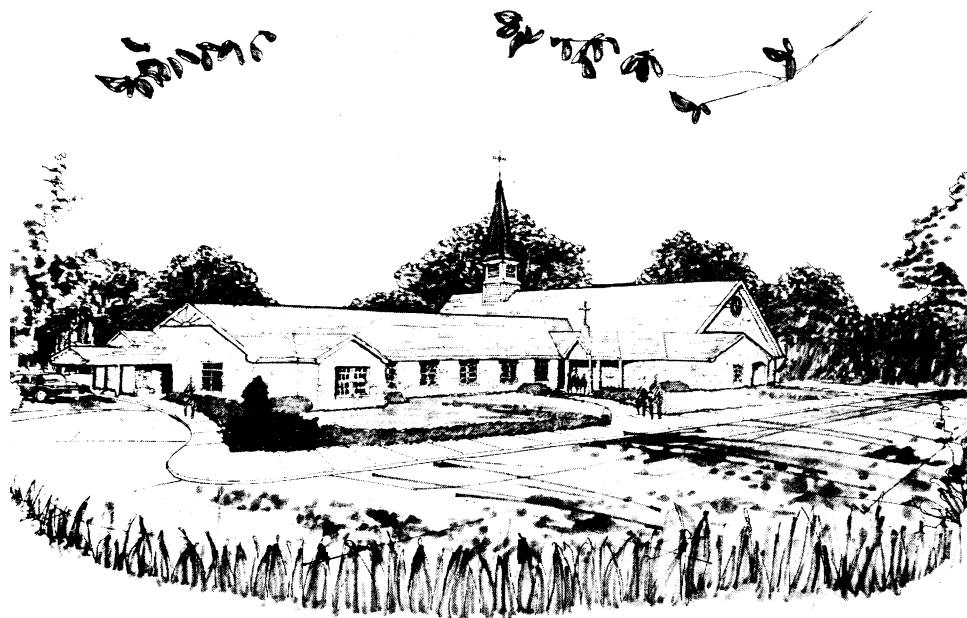
**6:30 - Handbell Choir Rehearsal & Children's Choir**

**6:30 - Middle & High School Youth Choir Rehearsal**

**7:30 - Adult Choir Practice**

**(Note: May 16th will be the last Kirk Night meal until this fall)**

Sunday, May 6:	11:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker, Rev. Frank Dew, Bread for the World Luncheon in the fellowship hall immediately following worship & Offering of Letters
Thursday, May 10	11:00 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study Meeting
Monday, May 14:	7:00 p.m.	Women's Night Bible Study Meeting
Sunday, May 20:		Day of Pentecost – Pentecost Offering received during worship EPC Choir Festival—Church-wide Covered Dish Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday, May 22:		Salem Presbytery Meeting - Alamance Presbyterian, Greensboro
Monday, May 28:		Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed
Tuesday, May 29:	6:30 p.m.	EPCP Graduation
Thursday, May 31:		Pre-School Last Day of School Celebration & Picnic



### Elkin Presbyterian Church 2018 Session

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#### *Staff . . .*

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