



GOOD NEWS

LETTER

*Forest Presbyterian Church
Living God's Heart, Hands, & Voice*

Newsletter for Forest Presbyterian Church, Forest, Virginia

April 2024

Session Notes

The Congregation of Forest Presbyterian Church formally dissolved our relationship with Pastor Morgan Whitfield, at his request, effective March 1, 2024. We are grateful for his many years with us, and pray that God will continue to bless his ministry.

Session appointed Denise Kennedy, John Klingenfus, and Deborah Ashworth to serve as our Transition Team, which is tasked with recommending a candidate for Interim Pastor. This team is in the process of receiving training and guidance from Presbytery so they can begin their work.

Session is also actively collaborating with the Board of Deacons to ensure a smooth transition during this time when we do not have an installed pastor. Remember that the Deacon assigned to your family is available as always to assist with any needs or concerns you may have.

You may also contact the following Elders for assistance:

For Building/Property: Biz Klingenfus 434-942-5485

For Worship/Music: Cynthia Wilkerson 434-941-3528

For Pastoral Care: Sarah Heideman 434-238-7794

While this may be a challenging time of change for our congregation, it is also an opportunity for growth and new possibilities!

Please continue to keep our church family in your prayers.

**Church
Yard
Sale**

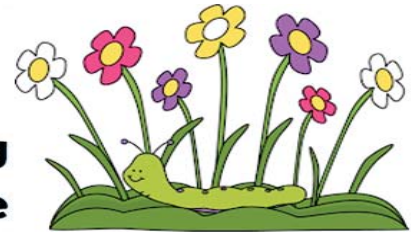
**FYRE Youth
Church Yard Sale
Saturday, April 27,
7:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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**Forest
Youth
Reaching
Everyone**



April Youth Events!

NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR REGULAR MEETING

- * **Sunday, April 7 - Regular FYRE Youth Meeting (Note: Time Change) 3:30-5 pm**
- * **Sunday, April 21 - Yard Sale set up (immediately after worship) yard sale item donation pickups (2:00 - 4:30 pm). Needed any trucks, SUV's to help!**
- * **Wednesday, April 24 - Friday, April 26 (12-7 pm) - Help with Yard Sale drop offs - please sign up in the Commons**
- * **Saturday, April 27 - FYRE Youth Yard Sale - 7:00 - 12:00 pm**
ALL Youth - We need your help before, during, and after the sale to make the day a success. Please be at church from 6:00 am - 2:00 pm.



Got Stuff?

Donate it to the FYRE Youth Yard Sale!

We are looking for toys, books, CDs, movies, household items, working electronics, sporting goods, and any other treasures you may find.

PLEASE:
NO Clothing or Tube TV's

All proceeds will go to the FYRE Youth budget that funds, camps, mission trips, and other youth activities.

The Yard sale will take place on Saturday, April 27 - From 7 am-12 pm



Support the FYRE youth group by bringing us your spare stuff for our yard sale. If you need items picked up, there will be sign-up sheets in the Commons or contact Laurie Brownson (vacubsfan5@gmail.com)

Items may be dropped off between 12:00 noon and 7 pm on Wednesday, April 24 - Friday, April 26

A successful FYRE Yard Sale requires a lot of Volunteers. We are looking for people to help with sorting, setting up, help during the sale, and clean up.

EVERY HOUR IS APPRECIATED!

Look for signup sheets in the Commons or contact Laurie Brownson (vacubsfan5@gmail.com)



Christian Education

A Word from CE

Join us for Church School - Sunday, 9:30 AM

We welcome EVERYONE from nursery through adults to join us for Church School. We need YOU to attend and help make these classes engaging, fun, spirit-filled and welcoming. Consider joining us each Sunday for Church School and bring a friend!



Church School - The K-5 children are still enjoying their time rotating each Sunday between children's music ministry, writing cards for our senior member.

Children's Chapel - Children's Chapel welcomes all children ages 4 years through 5th grade. Join us downstairs after the Children's Message in the church service where we enjoy interesting Bible stories and fun activities.

Needed - We could still use an adult to assist with our high school class one Sunday a month. Please contact Denise Kennedy if you are available.

Adult Church School

The adult class continues to study **Feasting on the Word** curriculum. Studying the Ten Commandments in a different light, how we can move forward instead of backward, how we can we sit in silence and listen to God's voice.

Choir Notes

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Have you been thinking about joining the choir, but you feel you are too late? It's never too late - there is always a place in the choir for anyone who wants to join! The choir practices on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary from 7 unto 8 pm. We are a welcoming, accepting group, and we have a lot of fun making music together. Give it a try- you'll be glad you did!



April Birthdays

1 Avery Smith
5 Laurie Brownson
8 Kevin Heideman
25 Logan Bibeau



In The church family...



My Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, phone calls, and get well cards during my recovery from hip surgery. Appreciate my church.

Nancy Whitehead

A bunch of thanks and sunshine too...Thank you for both boxes of "goodies" you have sent me this year. Appreciate everything. It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over.

Thank you - Madison Sparks



The Ding-A-Lings Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm. We are always looking for new ringers. Come on by and give it a try. If you would like more information, contact Laurie Brownson (vacubsfan1@gmail.com) or 434-221-8038).

April rehearsal Dates:
10, 17, 24

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 	6
7 Communion 3:30p FYRE Youth Group	8	9 Newsletter Deadline 	10 6p Handbells 7p Choir 	11 11:30a FPC Lunch Club	12	13
14 11:30a Potluck Sunday	15	16	17 6p Handbells 7p Choir	18	19 	20
21 2p FYRE set-up	22	23	24 12p Yard Sale Drop-off 6p Handbells 7p Choir 	25 12p Yard Sale Drop-off	26 12p Yard Sale Drop-off	27 7a-12p Yard Sale 
28 2 Cents-a-Meal	29	30				

ABBREVIATIONS

a - am
p - pm
MT - Ministry Team

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am - Church School
10:30 am - Worship Service

April events

- ☞ **Handbells** - Wednesday's 6:00pm (not April 3)
- ☞ **Adult Choir** - Wednesday's 7:00pm (not April 3)
- ☞ **FYRE Youth Group** - Sunday, April 7, 3:30 pm
- ☞ **Communion** - Sunday, April 7
- ☞ **Newsletter Deadline** - Tuesday, April 9
- ☞ **Pot Luck Sunday** - Sunday, April 14 following Worship (sign-up in Commons)
- ☞ **FYRE Yard Sale setup and pickup** - Sunday, April 21, 2:00pm
- ☞ **FYRE Youth Yard Sale Dropoff** - Wednesday, April 24 - Friday, April 26, 12-7pm
- ☞ **FYRE Youth Yard Sale** - Saturday, April 27. 7-12pm
- ☞ **Two-Cents-A-Meal** - Sunday, April 28

A Word From... Worship

We would deeply appreciate any assistance from volunteers for some of these important church activities:

Assistance in the Audio/Visual Department (John Farrell will provide necessary training)
Liturgist (training provided)
Singing in the choir
Ringing in the handbell choir
Greeters and Ushers

These are all great opportunities for you to get to know other church members, and provide help as well. If interested, please contact Cynthia (434-941-3528) or fill out the flyer located in the Commons and place in the collection plate.

Fellowship Notes

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting monthly fellowship events. Some events already have determined dates and times, others will be determined and sent out. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend for a time of fellowship together.

April 14 - Potluck Sunday - Following Worship

May 19 - Potato Bar Sunday

May (date TBD) - Bells of Blue Ridge cookie reception

June 9 - Picnic

July 14 - Ice Cream Social/Sundae Bar

August 11 - Salad Bar

September 8 - Rally Day



Deacon notes

April is at the heart of spring! It symbolizes the full awakening of life. Trees regain foliage, flowers bloom, and animals become more active. Warmer and brighter days induce happiness and positivity.

The Deacons wish you an April filled with nature's beauty and new life. May the joy of God's love and creations renew your happiness and faith.

Please continue to keep Forest Church in your thoughts and prayers as we embark on our new and exciting journey together.

If you have any needs, good events in your life that you want to share, or concerns, please contact your Deacon.



MISSIONS

Bedford Christian Ministries

Food Pantry: The Missions Team would like to thank you for the continued support for the food pantry. Please continue to bring in canned foods (any canned meats, spaghetti and meatballs, spaghetti O's, chicken, tuna), paper products (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper), kid snacks (treats of all kinds), mac-n-cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and oatmeal.



Shepherds Table: Do you love to cook and serve others a hot meal? We have a blessed opportunity to help and serve Bedford County residents a hot meal that they might not otherwise get. The Shepherds Table is located at 217 W. Washington Street, Bedford. They serve hot meals every Monday/Wednesday/Friday 11-1. Denise Kennedy manages the 3rd Friday of each month. She is looking for volunteers to help in every capacity. If you are interested in helping, please contact

Ginny Fiddler (1-540-588-2301 or ginintheforest@aol.com). They would appreciate your help!

Desserts are still need for Shepherds Table on the third Friday of every month.



Walking Group!



During the month of February we made good progress on our long trek to visit all the state capitals. We were able to cross both Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Providence, Rhode Island off our list, and in March we will also visit Columbia, South Carolina. Then it will be onto Pierre, South Dakota. This will be quite a long hike as the distance between these two cities stands at 1,251 miles. Once it is reached, we will turn back east for 909 miles to Nashville, Tennessee. With the weather getting much warmer, why not get out and do some walking exercise to join us on our walking trips! If you are interested, just contact Ginny Lenz to get your name on the group list.

