



at First Presbyterian Church in Morganton, NC

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-FALL 2017-

Sunday, August 27—Blessing of the Backpacks at 10:55 AM worship!

The return to school, starting a new grade with new teachers and students, even new schools, is a big deal for children and their families! We want children to know that their lives are important to the church. We also want them to hear that God is with them at school and that the church cares about what happens there. God and church are not “off to the side” or just a Sunday thing. So children and students of all ages, as well as teachers and staff, are encouraged to bring their backpacks for a special *Blessing of the Backpacks* during worship!



Wednesday, August 30—Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Aycock Farm, 6:00 PM



Celebrate the end of summer as a family at an "Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social," trying different flavors of homemade ice cream with other families and friends. Bring lawn chairs to relax. See some horses too! Contact Pastor Adam (adam@firstpresmorganton.org) if you can contribute some homemade ice cream. All are welcome! Aycock Farm: 1786 Bost Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

Saturday, September 30—Bread Baking Event, 1:00-3:30 PM

Children in grades 1 through 5 are invited to come to church for a special program on Saturday, September 30 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. Children will bake the bread for World Communion Sunday (Oct. 1), and while the bread is baking, they will learn about worship through hands-on activities. On Sunday, October 1, children will process the bread they baked to the Communion Table for the celebration of the Lord's Supper during the worship service.



Sunday, Oct. 1—Blessing of the Animals at First Presbyterian, 3:00 PM



People of all faiths and their animal companions are welcome to attend! Members of the congregation and visitors—adults and children alike—are encouraged to bring their leashed or caged animals to this service on the church lawn. All are invited to come forward to receive an individual blessing from the ministers. Dogs, cats, horses, goats, llamas, ferrets, frogs, turtles, and hedgehogs are some of the animals that have received blessings at past services. A real, live pet is not required to participate—well-loved stuffed pets are welcome, too.

October 20-22, 2017—SuperStart Conference Trip to Atlanta!



Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 are encouraged to sign up and attend the SuperStart Weekend Conference Trip to Atlanta, GA. SuperStart is a two-day event specifically designed for preteens. It is filled with worship, drama, small groups, and time to bond with other First Presbyterian

preteens. It is organized by Christ In Youth (CIY), leaders in preteen ministry. Contact Pastor Adam (adam@firstpresmorganton.org) for more information!

Wednesday, October 25—FALL FESTIVAL at First Presbyterian, 5:00-8:30 PM

Kids and adults alike are encouraged to put on their non-scary costume and attend our Fall Festival from 5:00-8:30 PM. After a special dinner, there will be games, activities, crafts, entertainment, a special appearance by a Ghostbuster, prizes, and more! You don't want to miss this fun event, which is perfect for your entire family. Friends and neighbors are more than welcome to attend, so invite them!



Wednesday, November 29—Advent Family Fun Night, (5:15 PM Meal) 6:15 PM Program



Families are encouraged to attend our *Advent Family Fun Night* to prepare for the season of Advent, which starts December 3 this year! Different crafts and activities, including the ability to make your own family Advent Wreath, will be offered. It is also a great evening to pick up your *Advent Family Devotional Booklet*, which is provided free to participants. Invite a friend, and get ready to welcome the Newborn King!

Wednesday, December 6—Decorate the Chrismon Tree, (5:15 PM Meal) 6:15 PM Program

Families are encouraged to come to the Sanctuary, after the Wednesday Night Meal for cookies and music and to gather around the church's *Chrismon Tree* to decorate it as a church family. By the way, "Chrismons" are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday.



Wednesday, December 13—Children's Christmas Pageant, 6:30 PM



Children who are participating in our afterschool Bible Club program will present their annual Christmas Pageant following the 5:15 PM Wednesday Night Dinner. All are encouraged to attend and see the whimsical and fun way the children present the story of Christ's birth. If you would like to help out with the pageant, or if your child who is not a part of the Bible Club program would like to participate, please contact Pastor Adam today (adam@firstpresmorganton.org).

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