

Proposed Agenda
Central Community Gathering
129th Presbytery Stated Meeting
Clarkton Presbyterian Church, Clarkton, NC
Saturday, June 3, 2023

09:30-10:30	Registration/Fellowship	
10:30-10:45	Call to Order with Prayer	CRE Henry Cowan, Moderator
	Welcome	Host Church, Rev. Barrett Ingram
	Declaration of Quorum	
	a. (20 people: 10 TE, 10 RE from 7 different churches)	
	b. Corresponding Members Received	
	c. Welcome New TEs, CREs, and QREs	
	Appointment of Standing Committees	
	a. Temporary Clerks: Elders from Clarkton Church	
	b. Attendance Committee – RE, Bob James	
	c. Committee of Thanks - TE, Steuart Link	
	Adoption of Agenda	
	Reception of New Business (must be done in writing)	
10:45-11:30	Worship	All Participants
	Board of Representative	Elizabeth Little, Church Consultant, NC/SC
	Stated Clerk's Report	TE, Jerrod Lowry, Executive Presbyter
	Central Steering Team Report	
	Nominating of Steering Team Officers for 2024	TE, Becky Durham, Chair
	a. Moderator – TE, Barrett Ingram, Clarkton Church	
	b. Vice Moderator – TE, Chip Stapleton, Highland Church	
	Nominating of Steering Team Members for Class 2026	TE, Becky Durham, Chair
	a. TE, Cynthia Brasher, Chaplain, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center	
	b. RE, Dennis Corbin, Panthersford Church	
	c. CRE, Henry Cowan, Reilly Road Church	
	Presbytery Committees Report	
	Commission on Ministry	
	1. Minimum 2024 Terms of Call – First Reading	
	Committee of Nomination	
	1. General Assembly Commissioners and Alternates 2024- First Reading	
	Youth Council	Jerusalem Martinez
	Central Mission Coordinator	Rev. Clarence Page
	Standing Committees Report	
	a. Attendance Committee	Elder Bob James
	b. Committee of Thanks	Rev. Steuart Link
	Meeting Adjourned with Closing Prayer	
12:00-1:00	Depart for Lunch	

*Commissioners, please tuck the neck string in the badge before you depart and leave it in the designated area.

**Full Commission on Ministry
Report to Mission Cabinet (5/18/2023)
Summer Community Gatherings (6/2023)**

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **After investigation and due deliberation, Full COM recommends that—for calendar year 2024—there be NO CHANGE to the financial portion of the 2023 terms of call for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.** Full COM is concerned with the negative impact that another increase in minimum terms of call might have on smaller congregations aspiring to hire installed ministers. Note that an amendment to the Book of Order approved by presbyteries will be effective July 10, 2023 and require Terms of Call for installed Teaching Elders to include provision for a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family medical leave.

New Minister Members:

1. Rev. Elizabeth DeSouza from Greater Atlanta Presbytery as chaplain for Lower Cape Fear Life Care Hospice.
2. Rev. Natasha Sudderth from St. Augustine Presbytery as pastor of West End PC
3. Rev. Jake Young from St. Augustine Presbytery as Designated Pastor of First Morehead City PC

Temporary Member: No action taken

New/renewed Relationships:

- a. Rev. Richard C. Boyd, Stated Supply, and Croatan through 2023
- b. Rachel Doll, CRE, and Winter Park through 2023
- c. Rev. Steuart Wilson, Stated Supply, and First Maxton through 2023
- d. Rev. Eugene Bach, Stated Supply, and Lumber Bridge through 2023

Additions to Supply List:

1. Rev. Barbara Hedin (45 minutes beyond Southern Pines)

Moderators:

1. Rev. Dari Rowen moderating Big Rockfish PC
2. Rev. Dari Rowen moderating Parkton PC
3. Rev. Howard Whitehurst moderating Faith PC
4. QRE Jim Smith moderating Westminster Laurinburg

Other:

2. Dismissal of Rev. Jonathan Kelley to Northwest Coast Presbytery
3. Wallace PC approved to begin search for interim pastor
4. The pastoral relationship between Rev. Brad Simpson and First Sanford PC will be dissolved effective June 1, 2023
5. New Hope Presbyterian Church was approved to waive rotation of officers for 3 years.
6. Rev. Jay Atkinson approved to continue as Minister At-Large status

Administrative Commissions:

The report from the Administrative Commission to commission CRE Cullen Edwards at Pleasant View Laurinburg was received and the commission was dismissed with thanks: TE: Elizabeth Forester, Patricia Ramsden, Jim Bumgardner, Jerrod B. Lowry, RE: Martha Strickland, CRE Crystal Blue, CRE John Baker.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2023

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WILL RECEIVE A \$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP TO THE SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE:

Andrew Corbin from Panthersford PC
Grad of Terry Sanford in Fayetteville ('23)
Accepted at Johnson C Smith University, Methodist University, and Winston Salem State University

James Garvin III, College Heights PC
Grad of Westover HS ('23)
Accepted at NC AT State University

Daisy "Grace" Russ, Clarkton PC
Grad of Whiteville HS ('22)
Current Student at UNCW

Miller Snead, Midway PC
Grad of Scotland HS ('23)
Accepted at UNCP

Abelina Sosa Capote, Primera Iglesia (First Hispanic Church)
Grad of FTCC
Accepted at UNCP

Brooke Terranova from FPC Lumberton
Grad of Lumberton HS ('23)
Accepted to UNC Charlotte

PERSONS RECEIVING MOZZELL HOWIE PEACEMAKING SCHOLARSHIP \$500.00:

Gray Walker Murphy
Bluff Presbyterian Church
Cape Fear High School, Fayetteville

Hugh Cameron,
Highland Presbyterian Church
Terry Sanford High School, Fayetteville



Elizabeth Little
Church Consultant

m: 252-723-8653

elittle@pensions.org

Spring 2023

We at the Board are working hard to support our ministers and employees of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in new and creative ways. If you have other ideas about how we can help, please let me know. I am happy to meet with presbytery and church committees to listen to your thoughts and hopes of how we can strengthen the benefits offered to those who serve the Church.

The Board of Pensions is a national agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), offering a broad range of benefits to PC(USA) churches, agencies, and mid councils, as well as affiliated employers.

Member/Employer Services: 800-773-7752, M-F 8:30 am to 6:00 pm ET

A Season of Rebuilding

At the Board of Pensions, we are committed to assessing and restructuring the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to meet the needs of a changing Church and to serve the most people possible. The Board has entered a season of rebuilding in which our goal is to make necessary changes to provide great flexibility and cost control for congregations as they care for the well-being of their pastoral leadership. Our vision is for all ministers ordained in the PC(USA) to be plan members. [Read more.](#)

Other important information:

- **The Assistance Program:** As part of our commitment to mutual care and wholeness, the Board of Pensions has once again expanded access to the Assistance Program to serve more ministers, employees, retirees, and surviving spouses who have financial need. The latest Assistance Program expansion includes broadened eligibility, increased grant amounts, and two new grants. [Read more.](#)
- **Directors grant experience apportionment:** The Board of Directors granted a 4.2 percent experience apportionment for the Defined Benefit Pension plan. Effective July 1, 2023, this apportionment will result in an increase in retirement and survivor pensions benefits for pension plan members and survivors as well as an increase in the pension credits accrued as of December 31, 2022, for active and vested terminated members of the pension plan. [Read more.](#)
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** The Board is taking tangible, intentional steps to ensure a workplace culture that inspires a sense of belonging. We actively engage throughout the Church to ensure access to benefits plans and programs that provide wholeness. [Read more.](#)
- **Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):** This 403(b)(9) plan helps participants build savings and achieve long-term retirement goals. This plan offers both tax-deferred and Roth after-tax contribution features. No hourly work requirement for employees. [Read more.](#)



PYC

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!!!



The PYC plan, lead and invent exciting gatherings of middle and high school students throughout the presbytery. Join in the energy and adventure by coming to one (or all) of the events!

For more information:



jmartinez@presbycc.org



910-260-7253

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION



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Montreat 2023
July 30-August 5

Spots are available for
youth to be part of
Montreat 2023



Join
us!

MORE INFO

Please be sure to have updated your contact info
as well revise your email to get full details on
upcoming events



2023-2024 Youth Council Application

PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA



What is the YOUTH COUNCIL? The Presbytery Youth Council (PYC) is a group of high school students, who plan and implement Presbytery-wide events for middle and high school youth. This council should reflect the diversity, creativity, and dedication of our Presbytery and communities.

Requirements:

- Rising 9th-12th grader
- Confirmed & Active member of a Presbyterian church in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
- Regular participation in planning meetings and events
- Willingness to learn new skills and eventually provide leadership

The PYC is challenging and will make demands on busy schedules, but the experience is very rewarding. PYC members develop leadership and planning skills, experience unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth from around the Presbytery.

Agreeing to serve on the PYC, is a decision that should be made carefully. **The other members of the PYC need to be able to count on you for regular attendance, support, and participation in meetings and events.**

CONSIDER AS YOU APPLY:

- Each member is asked to serve a 2-year term. You may “renew” when the term is up or rotate off, if needed.
- All members should be present at Installation during the October Presbytery meeting
- Members are asked to be present at retreats. They should expect to participate in planning prior to events.
- If elected, you initially make a 1-2 year commitment of time & talents to our Presbytery
- If elected, you serve as a role model for others. Your behavior, language, **social media presence**, and involvement in your church and presbytery should reflect positively on the PYC.

Predicted Schedule for 2023-2024:

- End-Of-Year Overnight (for incoming* & outgoing PYC) → TBD
- PYC Planning & Training (Location TBD) → August
- **Presbytery Meeting – PYC Installation Service → October**
- **Senior High Retreat (Camp Kirkwood) → November**
- **Middle School Retreat (Camp Kirkwood) → March**

AND as a new council, we can always try something totally new!

Applications accepted NOW

Please fill out the application and have your parents & references fill out their pages. If you have any questions (big or small), please email Jerusalem Martinez. jmartinez@presbycc.org

*****Keep this page for your records*****



2023-2024 Youth Council Application

PRINT Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Grade 2023-2024: (circle) 9 10 11 12

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

***REQUIRED >> E-mail address: _____

Instagram: _____ or **NONE**

Name of Church: _____

Church City: _____

Are you a member of your church? (Please circle) **YES / NO**

Are you able to participate in your church on a regular basis? **YES / NO**

If not, please explain:

Youth Council Statement of Intent

By submitting this application, I wish to be considered for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Youth Council (PYC).

If selected, I commit to regular participation in planning sessions and youth council events.

This is a 1-2 year commitment of my time and talents and I commit to participate in at least two Youth Council events each year.

If I cannot fulfill my obligations, I understand that I will need to relinquish my position. I will pray for the work of Christ's church, the work of the PYC, and the youth & adults of the Presbytery.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

On a separate page, please answer the following:

1. Why do you want to be on the Youth Council of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina?
2. What skills or gifts will you bring to Youth Council?
3. What does your Christian faith mean to you and how do you express it in your day-to-day life?
4. Which church activities are you involved in?
5. List other activities you participate in and leadership roles you have:

6. How would you encourage your local church to participate in PYC-hosted events?

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2023-2024 PYC Application

Congregation Endorsement

We understand the expectations of members of the Presbytery Youth Council, as well as the opportunities this ministry provides.

We heartily endorse this young person's nomination for the PYC and will provide our support for this person's attendance and participating in the meetings, work, and events of the council.

Applicant Name: _____

Church: _____

Minister / Moderator of Session

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Current Session Member / Clerk of Session / Educator (Other than parent)

Printed Name: _____ Role: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application form to:

Youth Council c/o Jerusalem Martinez

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

807 West King Street

Elizabethtown, NC 28337

You may also scan and email: jmartinez@presbycc.org

2023-2024 PYC Application - Reference Form

APPLICANT NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

The position involves:

- Planning and implementing Presbytery-wide youth events for middle and high school youth
- Regular participation in planning, training, and execution of events
- A willingness to learn new skills and eventually provide leadership
- Regular participation in local church youth and congregational activities.

Your comments will be kept confidential. Feel free to use the back of this sheet if needed.

You may also email these answers to presbyccyouth@gmail.com

How long have you known this youth?

Describe their skills, abilities, and leadership potential to participate on PYC.

Is the applicant active in the life of your congregation? In what ways?

Does the applicant have enough time in their schedule to include PYC activities? YES ____ NO ____
Unsure ____

In what areas, does the applicant need further growth and maturity?

If selected, do you perceive that the applicant's family will be supportive of their participation on PYC?
YES ____ NO ____ Unsure ____

Additional comments:

Signature of Reference

Date

Title/Position in Church
(Pastor, Youth Leader, Elder, etc.
- not applicant's parent)

**Please return this reference form to: Presbytery of Coastal Carolina,
807 West King Street, Elizabethtown, NC 28337**

You may also scan and email: jmartinez@presbycc.org

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2023-2024 PYC Application

Parent/Guardian Statement of Support

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina's Youth Council is offering high school members the opportunity to serve the church and their peers as they plan and implement Presbytery-wide youth events.

I am aware that _____ is applying for a 1-2 year position on the Youth Council for the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

It will be hard work and will make demands on busy schedules, but the experience is also rewarding. Youth Council members develop leadership and planning skills, experience unique events and opportunities, and make lasting friendships with other youth from around the Presbytery.

An important component of an effective PYC is having parents of the youth who are supportive of their responsibilities, and are willing to encourage their active participation on the Council.

If your youth is selected to serve on the Council, we need to know that it meets with your approval and that you would provide encouragement, support, and help making transportation arrangements to and from events.

I understand that at the end of that time, depending on his/her age, he/she may be able to apply for a second 1-2 year term. If she/he is selected, I will support his/her participation on the Youth Council.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

Parents/Guardians may contact Jerusalem Martinez directly with additional questions or concerns.

Optional:

Do you wish to be informed via email regarding PYC meetings and activities? YES / NO

***Same email sent to youth at the email address they provide to the presbytery --
WITH the understanding that the youth council member is primarily responsible for
communicating in a professional, timely manner.***

If Yes, please CLEARLY PRINT your email address: _____

Please return this support form to:
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina ♦ 807 West King Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337.
You may also scan and email: jmartinez@presbycc.org

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Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana de Fayetteville Youth Conference | Fayetteville, North Carolina

May 8, 2023 | Event Gallery



Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana de Fayetteville Youth Conference

Event Location: Fayetteville, North Carolina

Being blessed as a church with the support from PYAT, we decided as a church to be able to bless other youth from other churches as well as from our

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community. A one-day youth conference was held from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm on April 22, 2023. As a church, we were honored to receive 85 youth ranging from ages 11 to 22 years old and 20 adult chaperones (pastors, youth leader, elders, deacons) representing 5 churches from our Coastal Carolina Presbytery and one church from our neighboring New Hope Presbytery. We worked with 25 collaborators for the development of this event.

For this conference we invited Rev. Gedeon Cortez from Mexico City as the main speaker. The conference was carried out in two languages, English and Spanish, using all the materials that were provided to us by PYAT. During the day, we held 3 general conferences presented by the main speaker.

Participants were divided into 4 small groups plus an additional group for adults and youth leaders. These small groups had 3 sessions after each general conference where they had the opportunity to express what they understood, what they thought, and expose their doubts.

We also had two sessions of 3 workshops in each session. For the development of these workshops we had the support of the local community college with the Emergency Medical Service program from Fayetteville Technical Community College and the local Cumberland County EMS, along with the Presbytery Youth Council of our presbytery and a psychologist. In these sessions, the young people were able to explore how to serve the church and the community in different ways, as well as the opportunities they have to continue preparing themselves in their studies and to be able to serve God.

We also had a moment of Q&A with the main speaker and had a time to give communion. At the end we offered a mini concert of praises and the youth responded to a call of invitation and confirmation to the service of our God. This conference was completely free for all attendees, and we offered breakfast, a big meal by a chef from a local restaurant, and snacks during the day. We also gave out swag bags that were provided by PYAT and gift bags that we made as a Church.

Testimonials from some young people who expressed what “When Did We See You?” meant for them in this conference:



“I have to accept myself as I am” – Moses 12

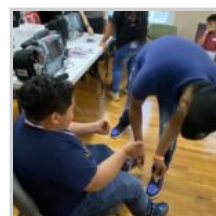
“God, please help me look at others the way you do” – Jose 15

“I saw you when you arrived... and saw Jesus within you...” – Grace 18

“In very little time of the start of the conference we have seen a change in our youth” – William (Youth Leader)

“Now we understand our young people and now we can support them more” – Youth Leader

We thank the PYT for giving us the opportunity to be part of the Triennium through this conference and thank you for all your support and prayers.



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Hello Summer Hello Churches

**Feel free to contact me if
you would like me to come
to your church to invite
your youth to be part of PYC
and other Youth events
withing Presbytery or your
Church**

Contact:

jmartinez@presbycc.org

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Pastors Retreat 2023

Registration is now open!

Join us at Trinity Center **August 20-22**, for a time of learning, for receiving spiritual nurture, for fellowship and fun, and maybe take a walk on the beach or go for a swim in the ocean.

The Bible and Film



Dr. Sam Adams will lead participants in exploring the different ways in which Christianity, the Bible, and film can be placed into mutually enriching conversation. How can biblical texts provide new lenses for our viewing of films? In what ways can films enrich our understanding and interpretation of Scripture? Participants will engage a variety of topics and films in the process, including actual depictions of biblical stories, Christ figures in film, monsters, the Bible and American identity in film, religious satire, and themes related to the book of Job.

Dr. Adams is the Professor of OT and Director of Community Engagement at Union Presbyterian Seminary. As an ordained PCUSA minister he has served churches in New Haven, CT; Chicago, IL; and in Richmond, VA. He is the editor of the journal, *Interpretation*. He has published books on wisdom, death and the afterlife, and the socioeconomic world of the Bible. He is active in several community initiatives in Richmond.

Monday evening will feature a ***special music program*** by the very talented **Karla Casteen and Vera Simpson**. Karla is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, an educator and musician/vocalist, has conducted a variety of music groups, and is Music Director at Wallace PC. Vera has played for the retreat for several years, is a graduate of East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy, is a frequently called upon accompanist, and is organist/pianist at Wallace PC. They have both sung at Carnegie Hall and Karla has rung bells on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Trinity Center is a beautiful facility of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina situated on Bogue Banks between the ocean and the sound. It has motel-style rooms with one single and one double bed in each room, heat and AC, and a private bath. There are also adjacent living rooms.

Please see the registration form for more specific information.





Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Pastor Retreat

Trinity Center
August 20-22, 2023
618 Salter Path Rd., Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512
252-247-5600

Registration deadline: August 7, 2022

Arrival: 4:00-6:00p.m. on Sunday
Departure: After lunch on Tuesday (vacate room by 10:00am)

Cost: (includes 2 nights, 6 meals, snacks, linens and towels)

\$250.00	Single Occupancy
\$210.00	Double Occupancy (per person)
\$115.00	Commuter

Payable in full with registration (Form on reverse side.).

Payment: Make checks payable to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and note Pastor Retreat in the memo line. *Send check and registration form to Nancy Gladden, PO Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466.*

Cancellation Policy: Presbytery policy states: "The deadline for registration and/or lunch cancellations and refund requests is five (5) business days before a Presbytery event. No refunds will be given after this time. Approved refunds will only be given to the individual or church who paid for the registration. To cancel your registration and request a refund, please send your request to the contact person listed on the registration form. This does not guarantee that a refund will be given." *(Trinity Center policy will also apply. Contact Nancy Gladden with questions.)*

What to Bring: Bible, journal/notebook, pen, beach towel

Directions to Trinity Center:

- *From Hwy. 24* – Follow NC 24 East through Swansboro. At the Hwy. 24 and 58 intersection, turn right onto NC 58. Cross the bridge to Emerald Isle. Continue approximately 14 miles. Trinity Center is on the left between mile markers 10 and 9 (just past the blue water tower).
- *From Hwy. 70* – Follow US 70 East into Morehead City. Follow signs to Atlantic Beach and cross the bridge onto Bogue Banks. Turn right at the traffic light onto Hwy. 58 (West Fort Macon Rd.) Continue approximately 7 miles. Trinity Center is on the right between mile markers 9 and 10.

Questions? Contact Nancy Gladden, East Community Mission Coordinator
nancygladden@presbycc.org 910-284-0581

****Make a copy of both sides of this form for your records.****

The waves, the seagulls, and God's voice await you at Trinity!

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Pastor Retreat

Registration Form

Deadline: August 7, 2023

Each person attending must complete a separate registration form.

Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please indicate your lodging choice:

_____ Single Occupancy \$250

_____ Double Occupancy \$210

_____ Commuter \$115

Do you have dietary or mobility needs? (Vegetarian and sugar-free choices are available.)

Please list: _____

Please provide an emergency contact (someone not on the retreat):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

For your info: Nancy Gladden 910-284-0581

Presbytery office 910-862-8300

Make checks payable to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. **Note** Pastor Retreat in the memo line.

Mail or email this form and send payment to

Rev. Nancy Gladden nancygladden@presbycc.org

PO Box 717

Wallace, NC 28466

For Presbytery use:

Check # _____ Amt. _____ Date rec'd. _____

**Order Tickets for
Presbyterian Night at the
Woodpeckers
Friday, August 4, 2023**



Name: _____

Email Address: _____

How many Tickets? _____ x \$15.64/each \$ _____
(This included the \$5 donation and \$1.64 processing fee)

This order sheet and payment is **due by Sunday, July 23.**
Please return this form with your money to your group leader so that they
can order a block of tickets for your church to sit together in our
Presbyterian section on the 3rd base line.

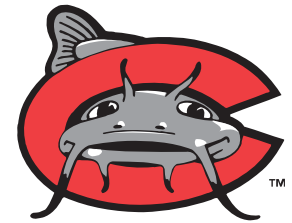


Supporting Children's Hope Alliance! CHA is committed to helping children and families of all shapes, sizes, and definitions. Prior to the pandemic, CHA helped 10 children in community-based services for every one child in a group home. A family unit is the very definition of home, so that's where CHA intervenes now to help children and their parents. CHA's comprehensive programs give hope to North Carolina's children and families by providing a safe family home, a pathway to healing, and a healthy start toward a bright future. **Thank you for your support of Children's Hope Alliance.** *****

Church GROUP LEADERS: Please see the email for additional information about the new ticket website! Order tickets using a credit/debit card at <https://fevogm.com/event/Coastalcarolinapres>



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**Presbyterian Night at the Ballpark
Friday, August 4, 7:00PM**

Fellowship with Friends From Across the Presbytery

for an evening of relaxation & fun ~ All are Welcome!

Game starts at 7:05PM ~ **Groups are encouraged**

to arrive by 6:30 due to parking & walking times. Stay for Fireworks!

Come enjoy a ballgame in beautiful Segra Stadium in downtown Fayetteville as the Fayetteville Woodpeckers take on the Carolina Mudcats.

THEME AT THE PARK is Alzheimer's Awareness Night! Fans are encouraged to wear purple & the first 1,000 fans through the gates will get a purple gift.

Proceeds from ticket sales are a fundraiser in support of:

