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This has been a busy week here at church for entirely different reasons than I had been expecting, but Hurricane Florence does demand attention. At this point, I hope that you have heard that we have moved Homecoming from this coming Sunday to the 23rd. We realize that this may preclude some out of town folks from being able to make it on the new date, but with the storm bearing down, many of our own local folks might not have been able to attend had it remained on the 16th. By the 23rd we hope to have cleared all storm debris, and hopefully the ground will have dried out by then so that we can enjoy our planned outdoor activities. And, by the way, many thanks to all who worked so hard for our Work Day this past Saturday. The church and grounds look great, and Rodney has refinished the floor in the Bray Fellowship Hall! If you have out of town guests who had been planning to come to Homecoming, please let them know that things have been moved back one week. Also, after consultation with Elsie Bolick, the chair of our Deacons, we have decided to cancel services for this Sunday as well. The storm's path is still variable and we decided that safety should be our greatest concern.

Homecoming T-shirts were available this past Sunday and they look great. Thanks to Cindy Sharpe for making them available at such a reasonable price!

The end of September will be filled with special services. After our delayed Homecoming celebration, on the 30th, Dotti and Matt will be making a presentation on their mission trip to Uganda. They will start off the day with a presentation during the 9:30 CE hour, then follow it up with a presentation during worship. Several members of their mission team also plan to attend. Finally, we will top things off with a special reception following worship featuring foods from African.

In our broader community, there are a couple of opportunities that I want to bring to your attention. First, the Auxiliary of Twin Lakes is hosting their semi-annual Estate Sale from 9 am till 4pm on Sept 21st, then again on Saturday the 22nd, from 8:30 am till 1 pm. On Tuesday the 25th, First Reformed is hosting their annual Community Health Fair from 12:30 till 5:30 in their Fellowship Hall. There will be a number of different health professionals available for consultation in a number of different areas of healthcare.

On the prayer concern front, Mark Garrison is back in the hospital because of digestive issues. He is at ARMC this time. Also, Connie Collins' mother continues to have significant health issues. In addition to our ongoing prayers for Louise Walters, Parker King, Margaret Turner, Anna Gerow, Nancy Thomas and Donna Freeman, please keep in prayer all those who will be contending with Florence in the days to come. Some have said that this may be the worst storm that has ever struck the coasts of North and South Carolina. And here, in your own home, please be safe!

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