# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

*A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.*

***February 2023 Newsletter***




## *New Opportunities on the Horizon*

After many years of serving as the moderator of the Presbyterian Women, Helen McDonald is stepping down. We are grateful for her hard-work and dedication over many years. This now leaves a new opportunity for the PW to move in a new direction. Maybe you don't want to take on the role as moderator, but what about serving on the Coordinating Team? Now's the chance to allow some fresh faces and experienced past members to do things differently. In our busy worlds we make time for those things that are important. What would you like the PW to do in 2023? This is your opportunity to make it a reality. Come join the PW on Monday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. New things can begin with your help!

Officer Training is taking place on January 29th for all elder-elects and session members. Part of our training will be to look into the future. What do we want to do in the years ahead? How can we better FPC and do the ministry of Jesus Christ? Lots of opportunities are available.

Moving into 2023 what do you want to see happen? Let the session members know. How will you help FPC moving forward? One valuable way is to serve on a committee. If you are interested, please reach out to me or say yes when asked to serve. Our committees are where the real work of the church takes place. Thank you for all those who have served in the past and all those who will serve on a committee this year!

Lent begins this month on February 22nd. Our community Lenten series will take place every Wednesday from February 22nd through March 29th. We will gather at differing churches at noon for a brief service and a time of fellowship and lunch afterwards. Come and take part if you are able!

Our Ash Wednesday service will take place at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary which will include the imposition of ashes (ashes on forehead or hand). The start of Lent provides a new beginning for us to serve Jesus. Our lives on earth are short, so what kind of impact are we going to make in the lives of others?

Our time on earth is made up of opportunities by God that we either embrace or ignore. Lent provides a time for us to draw closer to God and thus build our relationship with Jesus Christ. During Lent we prepare ourselves for the supreme act of love given to each of us by Jesus dying on the cross. He took the sins of the world upon Himself, so that the way is open for us to relish in the joy of eternity. Jesus price was great, just like His love for each of us.

May we discover great opportunities to make a difference in our personal spiritual lives as well as in the lives of others. It begins afresh for us each day. It begins when we embrace the opportunities provided by God.

Grace and Peace,

*Rick*




*Remembering our sisters and brothers in Christ as they face difficult times.*

John Currie, *Tara Planation*
Lee Edmonds
Robert Hunt (Claudia), *in the death of his nephew*
Matthew Leonard
Carol Lucas
Gail Meeks
Regina Nugent, *First Health*
Ina Sue Parks
Phillip Warmbrod
Barbara Danley, *(home)*
Robert Gordon
Judi Kelly
Tom Leonard
Lee McCaskill
Pat Nugent
Dennis Parks, *First Health*
Megan Phillips

Artie Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Abe Caviness, *great-nephew of Debby Albright*
Willis Clark, *brother of Elizabeth Barringer & Marie Monroe*
June Greeson, *Susan Cole's mother*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Paul Kelly's Family, *Kelly Martindale's uncle died*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Rexine Lloyd, *Kelly Martindale's mother*
Tyler Mabe
Jane Medlin, *Carol Lucas' daughter*
Johnny Meggs
Lisa Muller, *Cousin of Ina Sue Parks*
Jonathan Patterson, *Otis Patterson's Son*
Gordon Prescott, *Geraline Moore's brother*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*
Emma Lee Upchurch, *Carson Kelly's sister-in-law*

*All of our military men and women and their families, especially the following:*
Jonathan Baker, Kyle Bryant, Cody Fitzgerald,
Chris Mohan, Patrick Mohan,
Greg Riyevski, Michael Schwartz, and Quinn Wicker.

*If you would like to add someone, or remove yourself from First Presbyterian's Prayer Requests, please contact the church office at (910) 947-2924 or infofpc397@gmail.com.*




*December 2022*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**OPERATING FUNDS:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in checking account as of December 1, 2022 | | 68,747.16 |
| Tithes and Offerings Received | | +19,176.00 |
| | Sub-Total | 87,923.16 |
| Expenditures | | -19,479.16 |
| Balance in checking account as of December 31, 2022 | | 68,444.00 |

**RESTRICTED FUNDS:** (Funds designated for specific projects, etc.)

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| Restricted Funds held in checking account as of December 1, 2022 | | 42,228.65 |
| Employee FICA & w/holding taxes for December 2022 | | +483.64 |
| Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $118.23; PW Meal Fund $25; Flower Fund $17; Joy Gift $361; Truist dividend $2.08; Memorials Reg $150 | | +673.31 |
| | Sub-Total | 43,385.60 |
| Expenditures: 2 Cents a Meal $241.28; Joy Gift $361 | | -602.28 |
| Balance in Restricted Funds as of December 31, 2022 | | 42,783.32 |

**RECAP:**

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| Operating Funds Balance | 68,444.00 |
| Building Fund: $1,619.00 + 12/1/22 div $2.08 | +1,621.08 |
| Restricted Funds Balance | +41,162.24 |
| | 111,227.32 |
| Oct - Dec 2022 Payroll Taxes on hand (FICA 1,248.95; FW/H 261.63; SW/H 39.00) + .05 Adjustment = | -1,549.63 |
| 12/31/2022 Checkbook Balance | 109,677.69 |
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| Correct 12/31/2022 Checkbook Balance | 109,677.62 |

**OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:**

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| Scholarship C/D with BB&T | 22,151.75 |
| Truist Financial Corp, Estimated value (4 shs) | +172.12 |
| | 22,323.87 |

# Church Announcements

*Birthdays*
*Sunday Flowers*
*Attendance*
*Thank You's & More!*




The session will be installed shortly as well as committees being formed. If you would like to serve on a committee, please let the church office know. If you are asked to serve on a committee, please consider doing so. Committees will meet as soon as possible once formed.

## *February Birthdays*




2 Nicholas Baker
2 Emma Leonard
5 Taylor Allred
5 Robert Gordon
7 Jennifer Thomason
11 Archie Kelly
13 Pat Jackson
13 Dell Wahala
15 Elizabeth Williams

## *FEBRUARY SUNDAY FLOWERS*

5th Angie & Jeff Medlin
12th Cristy & Damon Dean
19th Jennifer & Chad Thomason
26th Marie & J.D. Monroe

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963, or Tom Leonard at (910) 693-3356.

## February Greeters

5th Tracy & Bill Thomas
12th Kathryn & Dale Buie
19th Ann Key
26th Ann Lynch

*December*




| | Sunday School | Worship |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Sunday | 0 | 0 |
| 2nd Sunday | 33 | 52 |
| 3rd Sunday | 47 | 85 |
| 4th Sunday | 0 | 45 |
| 5th Sunday | | |
| Average | 40 | 61 |

*Send church news and announcements to FPC*
*by calling or emailing the church office at (910) 947-2924 / infofpc397@gmail.com.*

On the first Saturday morning of the month,
FPC friends and family meet at the Robbins' Food Bank
of Robbins Area Christian Ministries from 7:30-10 a.m.
to serve our friends and families in need.

You can help by donating non-perishable foods
and double-bagged plastic grocery bags at our
Family Life Center Basket Ministries Donation Station, and/or
by joining us on:

Saturday, January 7th.

*To carpool, meet in the FPC parking lot at 7 a.m.*

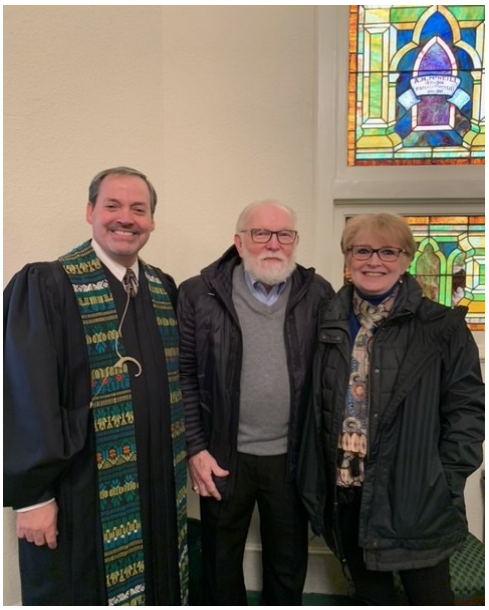
**Don't forget to give us your "two-cents" the first Sunday of every month as we continue to support our Children's 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering.**

Our children are now collecting this offering during the Moment with our Children.

A little bit can go a long way!

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

First Presbyterian Church is happy to welcome new members, Claudia McKenzie & Robert Hunt to the congregation! Were are happy to have them. Their email addresses are: ccmckenzie74@gmail.com and rfhunt3@gmail.com



# BACKPACK PALS

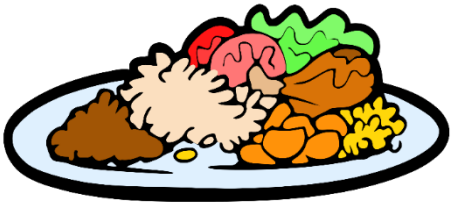
We are collecting peanut butter crackers and/or small boxes of raisins. Please place in the basket for Back Pack Pals.

# FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION REPORT

The 2022 Fellowship and Mission Committee would like to thank everyone that helped with our Fellowship and Missions in 2022. Each project helps to brighten someone's day or helps with food for the hungry in our area. Please continue to support these wonderful projects and suggest others that we might add to our Missions list. We currently support Back Pack Pals (during school months), Nursing Homes, 2 Cents a Meal, Robbins Area Christian Ministries (RACM), Carthage Food Pantry, the Angel Tree, as well as many other organizations that assist many people in various ways. We hope to continue to prepare the Easter Community Breakfast. For several years we could not do the breakfast, but 2022 was a great success. We once again enjoyed our annual picnic and look forward to the 2023 picnic. Again, thank you for your support and we look forward to a wonderful 2023.

Please continue to remember others by contributing to the various FPC Basket Ministries located in the Family Life Center.

## PW Meal Ministry



February Meal Leaders:

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| 2nd | JoAnn Wahala |
| 9th | Gail Harden |
| 16th | Marie Monroe |
| 23rd | Debbie Gordon |

If you would like to help with a part of one of these meals contact the person responsible for the meal that day. You will be contacted at the beginning of the week for the number of meals needed on Thursday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's Circle/Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to join.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will be meeting on January 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. All ladies are invited to join us. Officers for 2023, At large members and ad hoc members are needed.
Retired and working women needed to meet the needs for services and mission projects.
Officers / Ad hoc members that maybe unavailable for hands on assistance during normal business hours could provide assistance behind the scenes for preparations for upcoming events.
If you are unable to attend the meeting and interested in participating, please contact JoAnn Wahala at jwahala@embarqmail.com or 910-947-3238.

# Presbyterian Men's Group

The Presbyterian Men have begun a Bible study by Rick Warren entitled, What On Earth Am I Here For.

They are meeting on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. of each month.

# CHURCH CALENDAR February 2023

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| **Wednesday, February 1st** | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Thursday, February 2nd** | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Morning Bible Study |
| **Saturday, February 4th** | 7:30 a.m. | Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool* |
| **Sunday, February 5th** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Sunday Funday, Ages 4 – 6th Grade |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group, Grades 7-12 |
| **Tuesday, February 7th** | 6:15 p.m. | Men's Bible Study – New Opportunity for our men |
| **Wednesday, February 8th** | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Saturday, February 11th** | 9:30 a.m. | West Community Gathering, Trinity Church, Laurinburg |
| **Sunday, February 12th** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| **Tuesday, February 14th** | | **Happy Valentine's Day** |
| **Wednesday, February 15th** | 6:30 a.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Sunday, February 19th** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship / Communion |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth group, Grades 7-12 |
| **Monday, February 20th** | | President's Day |
| **Tuesday, February 21st** | 6:15 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| | | Deadline for March Church Mouse / Newsletter |
| **Wednesday, February 22nd** | 12:00 p.m. | Community Lent Service |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Service – Beginning of Lent |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Sunday, February 26th** | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Group, Grades 7-12 |
| **Tuesday, February 28th** | | Distribute Church Mouse Newsletter |

## The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Leon Monroe

| Class of 2023 | Class of 2024 |
|---|---|
| Lucinda Casey | Gail Hardin |
| Cristy Dean | Robert Gordon |
| Tom Leonard | Jackie Muse |
| Scott Phillips | John McDonald |
| Jennifer Thomason | Nancy Carter |
| Paul White | Michelle Tortora |

### Church Staff

Rick Martindale, *Minister*
Ann Key, *Sexton*
Marie Monroe, *Treasurer*
Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
Avery Smallwood, *Nursery Attendant*

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or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!