

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.

March 2025 Newsletter

What Does Lent Mean to You this Season?



Lent provides a tool for us to spend time, real time, dedicating ourselves to growing in our faith journey. We can set aside Bible time. We can set aside prayer time. We can put God's love into real action. If you haven't thought about what you are going to add or dislodge in your life, it is time. Some things in our lives need to wither while other things need to grow. Are you ready to make this Lent life-changing? It's time for us to be transformed by the life of Jesus Christ.

Let me share some important church dates during this Lenten season:

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 4: our community Lenten series begins at Carthage United Methodist Church at noon followed by lunch
At 6:15 p.m. we will have a pancake dinner before worship
At 7:00 p.m. we will participate in the Imposition of Ashes during worship

Every Sunday during worship we will move one step closer to Jesus and the cross. Come each week and be transformed.

Our community Lenten series will continue every Wednesday at noon. Here is the schedule:

March 12th – FPC
March 19th – First Missionary Baptist Church
March 26th – John Hall Presbyterian Church
April 2nd – Grace Church, Carthage
April 9th – Mt. Olive AME Zion Church.

During Holy Week we will do our Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. Our Sunrise service will take place on Easter morning at 7 a.m. followed by a wonderful time of fellowship and food. Leading up to our Easter Service at 11 a.m. Lent is the time to walk with Jesus and become more Christ-like.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick

Adult Bible Study will begin mid-April. We will continue the Chosen Series. Stay tuned for details!



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

David Casey
Lee Edmonds
Carol Lucas
Pat Nugent
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Dennis Parks
Phillip Warmbrod

Alma Baker
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret and Tom Leonard's nephew*
Abe Caviness, *Debby Albright's great-nephew*
Bill Creech, *Dennis Parks' brother-in-law*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
*S*ean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Tyler Mabe
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *sister of Regina Nugent*
Linda Phillips, *friend of Kay Patterson*
T Prickett, *Lyn Austin & Cathy Prickett's brother*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugents*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*
Ginny Stone, *Rick Martindale's aunt*
Marie Walton, *Mother of Diane Pangborn*

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.



This is the Financial Report for

January 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of January 1, 2025		72,043.22
Tithes and Offerings Received		+13,950.00
	Sub-Total	85,993.22
Expenditures		-14,630.93
Balance in checking account as of January 1, 2025 (Includes Jan '25 payroll Taxes Withheld: FICA 251.68; FW/H 45.00; SW/H 22.00=385.68)		71,362.29

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of January 1, 2025		
Donations/offerings received: 2 Cents a Meal 104.29; Flower Fund 32.95; PW GF 40.00; Building Fund 400; Joy Gift 50; Cemetery Fd $300		82,649.95
		+927.24
	Sub-Total	83,577.19
Expenditures: No expenditures this period		-00.000.00
Balance in Restricted Funds as of January 31, 2025		83,577.19

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	71,362.29
Building Fund: 41,118.15 + 400 =	+41,518.15
Restricted Funds Balance	+42,059.04
1/31/2025 Checkbook Balance	
Balance is under by $.60 (I will continue to search for the error) Correct Checkbook Balance is $154,940.08	154,939.48

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	21,681.49

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The session approved the following:

- Adult Bible Study to take place Holy Week through the beginning of May. We will continue The Chosen Bible study.
- Lay reader to assist in worship once a month by reading a scripture passage maybe leading to more.
- A hymn request box will be set up for people to add favorite hymns to incorporate into the worship service.
- Work is beginning on the 175th anniversary of First Pres. this year. Ideas are welcomed!

March Birthdays



1st Kathryn Buie
3rd Ken Fara
4th Joe Lynch
5th Emily Muse
6th Otis Patterson
8th Joey Tortora
13th Angie Medlin
14th Jordan Smith
15th Peter Little
17th Mike Kelly
19th Tom Currie
21st Margaret Leonard
22nd Ann Lynch
23rd Maria Bigger
26th Susan Cole
27th Barbara Kelly
28th Lucinda Casey
29th Connor Lucas
31st Jackie Muse
31st Dennis Parks
31st Christopher Phillips

March Greeters

2nd Emily Tortora
9th JD Monroe
16th Geraldine Moore
23rd Scott Rives
30th Pat Nugent

MARCH SUNDAY FLOWERS

2nd Michelle & Scott Tortora
9th Geraldine Moore
16th Megan & Scott Phillips
23rd Marie & JD Monroe
30th Debbie & Robert Gordon

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Paul White at (910) 783-7868.

January



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	?	59
2nd Sunday	?	54
3rd Sunday	19	32
4th Sunday	26	42
5th Sunday	0	0
Average	23	47

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

Food Bank

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.

Food and double-bagged plastic grocery bags can be placed at the donation station in the FLC.

Come Join us Saturday, March 1st

two cents

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!

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 175th Anniversary of FPC, Planning Team, held an initial meeting on February 11, 2025. Those attending to date included: David Casey, Gail Hardin, Ann Lynch, Marie Monroe, Jackie Muse, Rick Martindale and JoAnn Wahala. More assistance is needed for this landmark event in the life of our church. Please consider joining the planning committee actively or as a support person. Please share your thoughts and ideas for the anniversary celebration with any of the above members. Also, look for a suggestion form planned for distribution to church members; it will be provided in the near future. Your participation in planning this celebration is needed and welcomed to ensure a time of worship and fellowship to be enjoyed by all. The next meeting is planned for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room. All are Welcome to attend. Please notify Rick if you are interested in joining the planning team.

THE FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

The Fellowship and Mission Committee has 4 "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Each month for the remainder of this year, one ministry will be a focus, **but everyone can continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month**. The schedule for highlighted ministries each month will be as follows:

March: Carthage Elementary School (crayons, pencils, notebooks, Chlorox wipes, etc.)
April: Backpack Pals: Raisins (individual-size boxes) and Peanut butter crackers
May: Robbins Food Bank: non-perishable foods and plastic grocery bags
June: Nursing homes: Tara Plantation (socks, sweaters, sweatshirts, pajamas) and Peake Resources / Pinelake (socks, sweaters, puzzles, crayons, colored pencils, construction paper, large print word search, books)
July: Carthage Elementary (crayons, pencils, notebooks, Chlorox wipes, etc.)
August: Backpack Pals: raisins (individual-size boxes) and peanut butter and jelly crackers
September: Robbins Food Bank: non-perishable food and plastic grocery bags
October: Nursing Homes
November: Backpack Pals (see items listed above)
December: Carthage Elementary School (crayons, pencils, notebooks, Chlorox wipes, etc.)

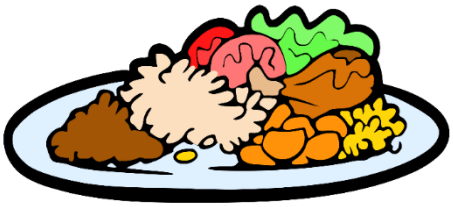
MEN'S GROUP

The men of FPC host a time of fellowship and Biblical Study. They meet on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome to come and join in this time of fellowship and study!

The men feed the women and children of Friend to Friend once a month.

The Men's Group will be collecting paper towels and feminine products for Friend to Friend. Donations may be left in the foyer. Please contact Keith Hardin with any questions at 910-603-0837. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you for your support. It is much appreciated.

PW Meal Ministry



March Meal Leaders

6th	JoAnn Wahala
13th	Gail Hardin
20th	Lucinda Casey
27th	JoAnn Wahala

If you know of someone who needs assistance, please contact JoAnn Wahala (910 947-3238). If you would like to assist with this PW ministry or assist with a meal, please let JoAnn know.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PWCT meeting on Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 am. There will be NO Bible Study on March 4th.

PW Bible Study will be held on Monday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome to join the study.

PWCT meeting on Monday, March 31st at 11:00 a.m.

The PW Spring Gathering is planned for Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church in Pollocksville, NC. All women are invited to attend. The PW coordinating team needs and would welcome new members. Would you consider attending a team meeting to share your thoughts and ideas for the ongoing service of the PW at FPC? Meeting times and days are determined by the team members and can be scheduled to accommodate members schedules. New team members and officers are needed as well.

CHURCH CALENDAR March 2025

Saturday, March 1st	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank
	9:30 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting
Sunday, March 2nd	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Covered Dish Luncheon
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, March 3rd	10:00 a.m.	175th Anniversary Team Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 4th	10:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group, *conference room*
Wednesday, March 5th	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Series Begins – Carthage United Methodist Church
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Pancake Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper
Saturday, March 8th	1:00 p.m.	Birthday Celebration for Otis Patterson at the FLC
Sunday, March 9th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting, *conference room*
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday, March 12th	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Series - FPC
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, March 16th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, March 18th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group, *conference room*
Wednesday, March 19th	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Series – First Missionary Baptist Church
		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, March 23rd	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, March 25th	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 26th	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Series – John Hall Presbyterian Church
		Distribute Church Mouse /Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, March 30th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Dale Buie

Class of 2025
Dale Buie
David Casey
Margaret Leonard
Ann Lynch
Marie Monroe
Paul White

Class of 2026
Gail Hardin
Ann Key
Claudia McKenzie
Leon Monroe
Scott Phillips
Jennifer Thomason

Church Staff

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

Newsletter Feedback…

We'd like your feedback on how to improve our
Church Mouse Newsletter
for FPC members, friends and family! Share your thoughts with us
at infofpc397@gmail.com
or (910) 947-2924.
We look forward to hearing from you!