

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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April 2025 Newsletter

Lent/Easter Events – Mark Your Calendars

There is still time during Lent to grow spiritually as well as participate in making our community and world a better place. Make the most of these few remaining weeks.

Sunday, March 30th – We will have our Easter Egg Hunt for the younger members of our church family and friends. Please invite your friends. We will meet at 4 p.m. and have story-time, hunt for Easter Eggs, and enjoy a hot dog meal. The youth are helping to put this together.

Saturday, April 5th – Church wide clean-up day at 8:00 a.m.. Come and help spruce up the inside and outside of our church facilities. We will also be in Robbins on that morning to feed those less fortunate than ourselves. Two great ways to serve!

Sunday, April 6th – Sandhills Crop Walk at Union Pines High School at 2 p.m. Google "Moore County Sandhills Crop Walk" so you can donate online (our team is First Presbyterian Church). Come, walk, and/or donate to feed those right here in Moore County and around the world!

Wednesday, April 9th – We will close another Community Lenten Series at Mt. Olive AME Zion Church at noon followed by lunch. The services at Grace Church have been cancelled on April 2nd.

Sunday, April 13th – Will be Palm Sunday, a time of joy and the realization of what is getting ready to take place in the life of our Lord and Savior. Worship the One who has done so much for us!

Wednesday, April 16th – The Chosen Bible Study continues at 6:30 p.m. The 4-week study will shape and bring greater clarity to Jesus Christ and our relationship together. We will meet in the Family Life Center. Witness the benefits of us coming together to learn from this powerful series and one another. All are invited!

Thursday, April 17th – We will be back to our Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. It's Jesus' last night with His disciples. It's a chance to prepare for Good Friday.

Sunday, April 20th – Easter arrives! The Lord is Risen! He has conquered death so that we might experience a new sense of life on earth. Our sunrise service will take place at 7 a.m. in the cemetery. Rev. Campbell and I will lead worship followed by breakfast. Please sign up in the lower narthex to assist with this meal. At 11:00 we come together again to give thanks and comprehend the great love God has for us.

As we experience the end of this Lenten season, what are you going to do? Growing in our faith journey and assisting others requires intentional effort on our behalf. Jesus believes in our ability to rise above ourselves. The question remains, "Do we?"

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



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

Elizabeth Barringer, *home*
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Dennis Parks
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams
David Casey
Lee Edmonds
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe, *Moore Regional*
Kay Patterson
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*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
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, *Diane Pangborn's mother*

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, Quinn Wicker, and Robert Wilson.

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

February 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of February 1, 2025		71,362.89
Tithes and Offerings Received		+15,498.00
	Sub-Total	86,860.89
Expenditures		-18,933.22
Balance in checking account as of February 28, 2025 (Includes Jan & Feb'25 payroll Taxes Withheld: FICA 764.62; FW/H 110.00; SW/H 53.00=927.62)		67,927.67

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of February 1, 2025		
Donations/offerings received: 2 Cents a Meal 125.16; Flower Fund 67.00; PW GF 35.00; Building Fund 600; Souper Bowl $361; FACM $40		83,577.19
		+1,228.16
	Sub-Total	84,805.35
Expenditures: 2 Cents a Meal $194.45; Joy Gift $150		-344.45
Balance in Restricted Funds as of February 28, 2025		84,460.90

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	67,927.67
Building Fund: 41,518.15 + 600 =	+42,118.15
Restricted Funds Balance	+42,342.75
1/31/2025 Checkbook Balance	152,388.57

($.60 error in January report was found and corrected)

OTHER REVENUES ON HAND:

Scholarship C/D with BB&T	22,549.02

Church Announcements

Birthdays
Sunday Flowers
Attendance
Thank You's & More!



The session approved the following:

- Children and youth Sunday School classes will begin their summer break on May 25th. Sunday School Kick-Off will be September 7th. Adult class will meet during the summer.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 30th beginning at 4 p.m.
- Approved clean-up day for April 5th
- Work is beginning on the 175th anniversary of First Pres. this year. Ideas are welcomed!

April Birthdays



4th David Casey
5th Cindy Monroe
6th Katie Campbell Lucas
7th Shane Medlin
9th Judi Kelly
10th Reid Marshburn
11th Katie Kelly Crenshaw
11th Kayden Dean
11th Sharon McDonald
14th Michelle Tortora
16th Regena Nugent
19th Ann Key
26th Denise Bennett
26th Shirley Moore
30th Tina Stromko

April Greeters

6th Denise Edmonds
13th Kelly Martindale
20th Carol & Paul White
27th Dennis Parks

APRIL SUNDAY FLOWERS

6th Ann Lynch
13th Carol & Paul White
20th Easter Lilies
27th Nancy Carter

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

February



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	31	55
2nd Sunday	29	53
3rd Sunday	19	49
4th Sunday	26	43
5th Sunday	0	0
Average	26	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, April 5th

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!

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

On March 2, 2025, during our morning worship service, Ginny Buie, Kayden Dean, Sawyer Dean, Alex Thomason, Owen Thomason, and Aubrey Tortora affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ and became members of FPC. Please welcome them as they join us in the worship and mission of God's church.



175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This landmark event in the history of FPC needs your assistance. Those already serving include: David Casey, Gail Hardin, Ann Lynch, Marie Monroe, Jackie Muse, Rick Martindale and JoAnn Wahala.

Please share your thoughts and ideas about how we should look back as well as looking forward to the next 175 years. Ask yourselves, "How should we celebrate this amazing milestone in the life of FPC?"

More assistance is needed for this landmark event, including some younger members. Please consider joining the planning committee actively or as a support person.

Be on the lookout for a suggestion form that will be coming out soon. Your participation 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 31, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room.

CROP WALK

The Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, April 6th on the track at Union Pines High School. Registration and walking will take place at 2:00 p.m. To donate google "Moore County Sandhills Crop Walk." Our team is "First Presbyterian Church." Come out and join in as we raise money to fight hunger in the community.

THE FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

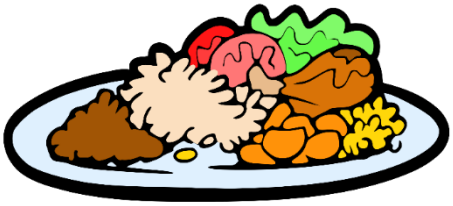
The Fellowship and Mission Committee has 4 "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Each month for the remainder of this year, one ministry will be a focus, **but everyone can continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month**. The schedule for highlighted ministries each month will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

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!

PW Meal Ministry



April Meal Leaders

3rd JoAnn Wahala
10th Gail Hardin
17th Lucinda Casey
24th 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

The Coastal Carolina Presbyterian Women Annual Spring Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. All women are invited to attend. For more information contact JoAnn Wahala.

The PW coordinating team needs new members. All women are invited to attend a team meeting to learn more about the role and work of the Presbyterian Women in our church, locally, nationally and worldwide. Be a part of an amazing group of ladies and join as a member or officer, new team members and officers are needed.

PWCT meetings will be scheduled to accommodate the schedules of team members. Due to the Community Lenten Series our next meeting is March 31, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH CALENDAR

April 2025

Tuesday, April 1st	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group, *conference room*
Wednesday, April 2nd	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Service **Cancelled**
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Saturday, April 5th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank
	8:00 a.m.	Church Clean-Up Day
		PW Coastal Carolina Gathering, *Pollocksville Presbyterian Church*
Sunday, April 6th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal
	12:15 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice
	2:00 p.m.	Crop Walk, *Union Pines High School's Track*
Monday, April 7th	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 9th	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Service, Mt. Olive AME Zion Church
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, April 13th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday, April 15th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group, *conference room*
Wednesday, April 16th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study, multi-purpose room
Thursday, April 17th	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 18th		Good Friday
Sunday, April 20th		**Happy Easter – He is risen!**
	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service and Breakfast, cemetery
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion
	12:15 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice
Monday, April 21st		Easter Monday – Church Office Closed
Wednesday, April 23rd		**Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter**
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, April 27th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, April 29th	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 30th		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study

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!