

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

*A community cornerstone for Christ since 1850.*

*June 2026*

## Our Graduates – Our Future

This season brings a monumental milestone for six of our youth as they graduate high school and begin a new chapter in their lives. Graduating are Aubrey Tortora, Caroline Oakley, Ginny Buie, Alex Thomason, Jjonattan Villa, and Roberto Basilio.

To our graduates: your church family has watched you grow over the years, and we are so proud of your dedication and perseverance. As you begin this new chapter in your lives, remember that your identity is rooted in Christ. As you look forward to college, carry with you the foundation of faith you built here at FPC. Your life is a story. The chapters you've written are good, but the Author has saved the best for the chapters to come. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11). We pray that you use your God-given talents to light up the world, always trusting in His guidance and always remember Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

To the members of our church: as our four graduates begin this new chapter in their lives, let's wrap them in prayer. Ask God for guidance in their decisions, protection from anxiety, and wisdom to navigate new environments. As soon as they get settled, we will share their mailing addresses so you can send them a card every now and again to stay connected as a spiritual family.

Congratulations and Blessings to our Graduates!

*Denise Edmonds*




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

Benny Cole
Lee Edmonds
Margaret Leonard
Carol Lucas
Marie Monroe
Pat Nugent
Otis Patterson
Elizabeth Williams
John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Robert Gordon
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Geraldine Moore
Dennis Parks
Phillip Warmbrod

Shirley Allen, *member of Union Pres. Church*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Pres*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret/Tom Leonard's nephew*
Megan Davis, *Jennifer Thomason's cousin*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
Renee & Phillip, *friends of the Nugent's*
Marie Walton, *Diane Pangborn's mother*

***Please take a moment and review the prayer list. We are happy to keep anyone on the list in need of prayer, but if you have anyone on the list that can be removed, please contact Sonya Potter at the church office or send her an email.***

*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.*

# Church Announcements

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




The Session of First Presbyterian Church Carthage met on May 3rd and discussed the following:

- Fellowship & Mission Committee reported they would be sponsoring a Muffins for Mom on Mother's Day.
- Finance reported we received a $70 refund from the Board of Pensions.
- Worship reported the Buggy Festival will be putting up ropes to protect our grass areas when participants are parking.
- Administrative reported there are several rentals upcoming for the Multipurpose room.
- Building and Grounds reported they are looking to replace the three existing picnic table.
- Christian Education will sponsor a covered dish lunch to honor our graduating seniors on May 31.
- Angie Medlin will be installed as an Elder on June 7th.
- Ann Key was elected as Sunday School Superintendent to fill the vacancy from the retirement of our long-serving and faithful superintendent J D Monroe.

## *June Birthdays*




1 Silas Stromko
6 Carol Lucas
6 Bryan Monroe
6 Claudia McKenzie
8 John Currie
11 Ginny Buie
12 Benny Cole
14 Joanna Monroe
17 Jonathan Baker
20 Sandra Pearson
24 Cristy Dean
24 Robert Wilson
29 Philip Warmbrod
30 Matthew Leonard

## June Greeters

7th Karen Helms
14th Geraldine Moore
21st Ann & Tom Currie
28th Lucinda & David Casey

## *JUNE SUNDAY FLOWERS*

7th Ann & Joe Lynch
14th Marie & JD Monroe
21st JoAnn & Dale Wahala
28th Lucinda & David Casey

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call Ann Lynch at (910) 947-2672.

### *April*




| | Sunday School | Worship |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Sunday | n/a | 47 |
| 2nd Sunday | 6 | 37 |
| 3rd Sunday | 11 | 33 |
| 4th Sunday | 7 | 42 |
| 5th Sunday | n/a | n/a |
| Average | 8 | 40 |

*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, June 6th

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!

# VISITING MINISTERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Listed below you will find our visiting Ministers for the month of May. Please take a moment each week to "Welcome" and "Thank" each one of them for their time and eagerness to provide First Presbyterian Church with an amazing service.

June 7 – Rev. Karen Allen
June 14 – Rev. Elizabeth Pope
June 21 – Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
June 28 – Chaplain Robert Wilson

# 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 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**.

**Please review the upcoming events for June:**

**2026 Fellowship:**

**June 7th –** Lemonade on the Lawn – following worship service

**June 21st -** Father's Day – Donuts for Dad – All Father's will be provided a donut before or after church. Happy Father's Day to all the dad's.

# YOUTH GROUP



May 17, 2026- that's a wrap- Last youth group for this school year.

On May 17th the youth group played mini golf (Ryan Oakley and Chad Thomason tied for the win) and went out to eat dinner afterwards to reflect on our favorite experiences this year. As for favorite experiences, top of list: trip to Boone for operation Christmas Child, youth lock in, Scott & Megan hosting a cookout and playing ping pong, pickle ball, Angel tree shopping, taco nights, and being there for one another!

Thank you to all who provided meals and supported our youth this school year. We will start back in September!

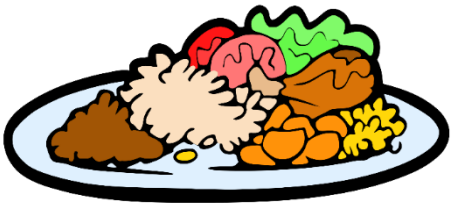
# BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

On May 21st, the Building & Grounds Committee purchased and had delivered 3 new picnic tables for the church. These new picnic tables have truly made the playground area more inviting. Thank you to the Building & Grounds Committee and especially to Keith Hardin and Steve Ingold for taking the time in 90 plus degree heat to put them together.





# PW Meal Ministry



## Meal Ministry:

Meal Ministry continues on scheduled days and as needs are identified. Please share any needs with JoAnn.

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|---|---|
| June 4th | JoAnn Wahala |
| June 11th | Gail Hardin |
| June 18th | Lucinda Casey |
| June 25th | 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

Thank you for supporting the PW Birthday Offering. Those contributions enrich the lives of those who receive birthday grants each year.

The PW are seeking new members and invite you to reach out to JoAnn Wahala, Gail Hardin, Lucinda Casey, Ann Lynch or Jackie Muse for information. We would love to have you.

The 2026-2027 Bible Study will be the PW Horizons Study **United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other,** (Paul's first letter to the Corinthians). All ladies are welcome to join the PW study. An evening session can be available for those needing evening study.

# TREASURER SNAPSHOT

The Treasurer Snapshot listed below provides monthly attendance and financial balance.

## Treasurer Snapshot
## First Presbyterian Church of Carthage
## April 2026

| Summary | |
|---|---|
| Beginning balance | 183,607.83 |
| Checks and payments | -13,357.69 |
| Deposits and other credits | 13,328.75 |
| Statement ending balance | 183,578.89 |

### Attendance

- ➔ 4/5/2026 | SS-NA | CH-47
- ➔ 4/12/2026 | SS-6 | CH-37
- ➔ 4/19/2026 | SS-11 | CH-33
- ➔ 4/26/2026 | SS-7 | CH-42

# CHURCH CALENDAR June 2026

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Tuesday, June 2nd** | 6:15 p.m. | Men's Group |
| **Wednesday, June 3rd** | 5:45 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Saturday, June 6th** | 7:30 a.m. | Robbin's Food Bank |
| **Sunday, June 7th** | 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Session Meeting |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal (Children) / Rev. Karen Allen |
| | 11:05 a.m. | Congregational Meeting |
| | 11:10 a.m. | Lemonade on the Lawn |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Session Meeting |
| **Wednesday, June 10th** | 5:45 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Sunday, June 14th** | 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service / Rev. Elizabeth Pope |
| **Tuesday, June 16th** | 6:15 p.m. | Men's Group |
| **Wednesday, June 17th** | | **Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter** |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| **Sunday, June 21st** | | **Happy Father's Day – Donuts for Dad** |
| | 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service/ Communion / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie / |
| **Wednesday, June 24th** | 5:45 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| | | **Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter** |
| **Sunday, June 28th** | 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service / Chaplin Robert Wilson |
| **Tuesday, June 30th** | 4:00 p.m. | Worship Committee Meeting |

## The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Karen Allen

Clerk:
Robert Gordon

| **Class of 2026** | **Class of 2027** |
|---|---|
| Gail Hardin | Lucinda Casey |
| Ann Key | Damon Dean |
| Claudia McKenzie | Denise Edmonds |
| Leon Monroe | Robert Gordon |
| Scott Phillips | Karen Helms |
| Jennifer Thomason | |

**Church Staff**

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Robert Wilson, *Choir Director and Organist*
Sonya Potter, *Administrative. Assistant*
, *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!