

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Carthage, NC

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March 2026

Importance of the Community of Believers

I really missed our church family when worship activities were canceled for two Sundays in February! We are now in the midst of the season of Lent, and the community services we participate in with other churches in Carthage are so uplifting. I started thinking about how faith is enhanced in my local church and by fellowship with other believers beyond the walls of First Presbyterian Church, Carthage.

Our local church is where we worship, grow, share, and care for one another. It is the primary place to learn about discipleship and accountability. It is the place where we receive encouragement during trials, where we share our joys and burdens. We are not perfect, but I am proud of how we care for each other. From the opening pages of scripture, we see that God says it is not good for humanity to be alone. Hebrews 10:24-25 reads, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another..."

I also know that no single church can capture the fullness of God's work. Unity across congregations strengthens His witness and mission. Combined resources can create a greater impact. That calls to mind specific ministries that we support such as Two Cents a Meal, the Christmas Joy Gift Offering, the Robbins Food Bank and the Least Coin Offering and the families we support at Christmas. Serving our communities is a core mission for churches, and it becomes even more impactful when we come together. When we collaborate on service projects, we multiply our resources and reach more people. The Bible guides us to put the needs of others first, and by joining hands as churches, we can respond to these needs effectively. United action enhances our witness and brings hope to those we serve, as we reflect the love of Christ through our deeds.

When churches partner together the gospel impact multiplies. Unity and sharing across congregations show the world that the Church is bigger than a building or denomination-it is the body of Christ working together. Paul often wrote to many churches encouraging unity in core beliefs and purpose.

We are called to commit to a local church and serve with our gifts. Each of us has a role to play. As we navigate this time at our church without a minister, I can see evidence of members moving out of their comfort zones to make this transition as smooth as possible. Our responsibility doesn't stop there; we also pray for, support and partner with the wider Church.

Peace and Joy, Lucinda



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

Elizabeth Barringer
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 Presbyterian Church*
Lester Bailey, *member at Union Presbyterian Church*
Tom Brady, *member at Priest Hill Church*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Jo Ellen Caulder, *sister of Keith Hardin*
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*
Jerrod Lowry, *General Presbyter of our Presbytery*
Tyler Mabe
Lisa Muller, *Ina Sue Parks' cousin*
Marlene O'Hara, *Regina Nugent's sister*
Linda Phillips, *Kay Patterson's friend*
T Prickett, *Cathy Prickett's brother*
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 meeting minutes from the February 8th meeting.

The Fellowship Committee reported the Youth had a canned food drive and will host a Pancake Dinner before the Ash Wednesday Supper.

The Worship Committee approved the Communion dates for 2026 also it was reported that we have (4) graduating seniors this year. Also Lent begins on February 18th.

Building and Grounds reported that one of the HVAC units in the Currie Building is broken.

Claudia McKenzie will represent the Session at the Presbytery meeting in March.

Gail Hardin reported on the church secretary's new hours and upcoming rentals of the Family Life Center

If any church member has an emergency or needs assistance, please contact an elder. Each church member has been assigned an elder to assist them with their situation. It is very important that we maintain good communication during this period. The elders are here to assist all of our church family.

March Birthdays



1st Kathryn Buie
3rd Ken Fara
4th Joe Lynch
5th Emily Muse
6th Otis Patterson
8th Joey Tortora
8th 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

1st Carol & Paul White
8th Karen & Tim Helms
15th Ann Key
22nd Lucinda & David Casey
29th Pat Jackson

MARCH SUNDAY FLOWERS

1st Ann Key
8th Jackie and Jim Muse
15th Debbie and Robert Gordon
22nd Ann and Tom Currie
29th Denise and Lee Edmonds

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please call Ann Key at (910) 947-5476.

January



	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	n/a	n/a
2nd Sunday	n/a	n/a
3rd Sunday	n/a	41
4th Sunday	n/a	n/a
5th Sunday	n/a	n/a
Average	n/a	n/a

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.

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

Come Join us Saturday, April 7th

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!

THE FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

Souper Bowl of Caring: Thank you all for the canned good donations received. All donations were delivered to Robbin's Food Bank on February 7th. All donations were much appreciated.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast: We are planning for Easter Sunrise Breakfast on April 5th. We will need **10** breakfast casseroles baked and in the warmer before the sunrise service. If you would like to volunteer to make a casserole, please let Jennifer Thomason know via email (mrs.jenniferthomason@gmail.com) or text (910.690.4756).

Easter Morning Breakfast Casserole Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- 8 large eggs
- 2 ½ cups milk
- 6 slices white bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Instructions:

1. Lightly spray 9x13 pan with Pam, line pan with bread cubes
2. Brown sausage
3. Whisk together eggs and milk
4. Top bread cubes with browned sausage, pour egg/milk mixture over sausage
5. Top with shredded cheddar cheese
6. Bake 350 degrees for 40 minutes (until a knife inserted near center comes out clean)

Thank You Card from Pinelake Nursing Home: We received a "Thank You" card from Pinelake Nursing Home for all the donations sent to the residents in December.

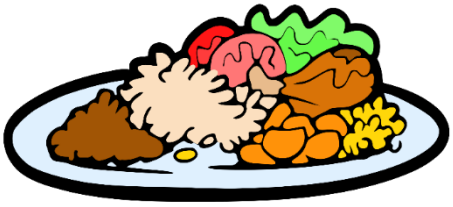
MEN'S GROUP

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!

CROP WALK

The Sandhills Crop Hunger Walk will be held on March 29, 2026, at Union Pines High School track. Please visit the link provided for more information or to start signing up teams.
https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/sandhillsnc
There will also be a Captain's Rally on March 1, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Pinehurst, 125 Everette Rd.

PW Meal Ministry



Meal Ministry:

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

March 5th:	JoAnn Wahala
March 12th:	Gail Hardin
March 19th:	Lucinda Casey
March 26th:	Kay Patterson

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 PWCT will meet on Wednesday, March 4th at 10:00 am.

Selection for the Bible Study for 2026-2027 will be determined soon. We welcome any ladies to join the PW Bible Study and your suggestions for a study are welcome. Currently the Bible Study meets on the first Wednesday at 10:00 am. A night study can be planned for those needing evening study. Please let JoAnn or any of the PWCT members know of your interest and suggestions.

CHURCH CALENDAR March 2026

Sunday, March 1st	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal (Children) Rev. Susan Hudson
	11:05 a.m.	Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, March 2nd	6:00 p.m.	RACM Meeting
Tuesday, March 3rd	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, March 4th	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	PWCT Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	John Hall, Community Lenten Service
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, March 5th	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Committee Meeting
Saturday, March 7th	7:30 a.m.	Robbins Food Bank
Sunday, March 8th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
	11:15 a.m.	Session Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, March 10th	6:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th	12:00 p.m.	Grace Church, Community Lenten Service
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, March 15th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Communion / Rev. Laura Lupton
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, March 17th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Group
Wednesday, March 18th	12:00 p.m.	Carthage United Methodist Church Community Lenten Service
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
Friday, March19th		**No School**
Sunday, March 22nd	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Dr. Edna Ann Loftus
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday, March 24th	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 25th	12:00 p.m.	Mt. Olive AME Zion Church Community Lenten Service
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
Sunday, March 29th	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Nancy Wazenegger
	2:00 p.m.	Sandhills Crop Walk, UPHS

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Karen Allen

Clerk:
Robert Gordon

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

Class of 2027
Lucinda Casey
Damon Dean
Denise Edmonds
Robert Gordon
Karen Helms

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!