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June 2024 Newsletter



Summer Is Upon Us

The first official day of summer is June 20th. The unofficial day of summer arrived with Memorial Day weekend. As far as FPC goes June brings about hotter days, a break from school (only days away), and our summer schedule. But don't fear I'll still be working at least one hour a week…maybe even more! 😊 Here are some opportunities on the horizon for us.

Our summer **worship time** is changing to 10:00 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August. Yes, it begins this Sunday. We will be celebrating the graduation of Abby Phillips and Joey Tortora. You have seen these two grow up since they were just small children. Come and celebrate with them and their families as we host a covered-dish luncheon after worship.

Also included in our summer schedule is a **Praise Service** taking place on the first Sunday of June, July, and August. It will be in the multi-purpose room. The music will be different from the past contemporary service. We will be using hymnbooks most of the time. Give it a try and let us know what you think.

We will be teaming up with Grace Church, Carthage for a **"Reading and Lunch"** time on June 8th and 22nd, July 13th and 27th, and August 10th and 24th. It's for children going into kindergarten through 5th Grade. It will take place at Kiser Park. Every child will get a free lunch and book. The parents will be asked to stay on site during the event. Check your calendar and see what dates you might be able to assist with this great opportunity for the children.

Speaking of children, our **Vacation Bible School** will take place on Friday, August 2nd – Sunday, August 4th. The theme for this year is "SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God." It should be lots of fun. We are inviting Carthage United Methodist Church to join with us in this wonderful time for our young children. Lots more details to follow.

Our children and teachers will be off during the summer months but don't fear, we will have an **adult Sunday school class** that will meet each Sunday during the summer at 9:15 a.m. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and learning about God.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rick



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

John Currie, *Tara Plantation*
Sheree Kelly
Carol Lucas
Dennis Parks
Otis Patterson
Lee Edmonds
Matthew Leonard
Nancy McKenzie
Ina Sue Parks, *St. Jospeh's*
Phillip Warmbrod

Alma Baker
Terry Barber, *friend of the Monroes*
Bonnie Brown, *friend of the Edmonds*
Daniel Cartwright, *Margaret and Tom Leonard's nephew*
Abe Caviness, *Debby Albright's great-nephew*
Ann Herndon, *Kay Patterson's sister*
Sue & Chuck Kelly, *Mike Kelly's brother*
Sean Kennally, *Angie Provost's son-in-law*
Angie Krappl, *friend of Gail & Keith Hardin*
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*
Sandy, *Marlene Riyevski's sister*

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
April 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUNDS:

Balance in checking account as of April 1, 2024		71,672.61
Tithes and Offerings Received		+13,099.00
	Sub-Total	84,771.61
Expenditures		-16,548.30
Balance in checking account as of April 30, 2024 (Includes April '24 payroll taxes Withheld: FICA $193.18; FW/H $34; SW/H $10=$237.18)		68,223.31

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

Restricted Funds held in checking account as of April 1, 2024		55,979.69
Donations/offerings received: 2¢ a Meal $92.17; Flower Fund $29.35; PW $235; One Great Hour of Sharing $27; CROP Walk $23		+406.52
	Sub-Total	56,386.21
Expenditures: Mar & Apr '24 2 Cents a Meal donations $197.33; One Great Hour of Sharing $253		- 450.33
Balance in Restricted Funds as of April 30, 2024		55,935.88

RECAP:

Operating Funds Balance	68,223.31
Building Fund: $12,663.57	+12,663.57
Restricted Funds Balance	+43,272,31
4/30/2024 Checkbook Balance	124,159.19

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/discussed the following items at our May meeting of the session:

- Pianos to be tuned
- Marie Monroe is our delegate to the June 15th Presbytery Meeting
- A new committee will be formed to celebrate our 175 years of serving God and this community (next year)
- Preparing to elect our Nominating Committee

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 SUNDAY FLOWERS

2nd	Claudia McKenzie & Robert Hunt
9th	Kay Patterson
16th	Geraldine Moore
23rd	Carol & Paul White
30th	Megan & Scott Phillips

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please call Debbie Gordon at (910) 947-3963

June Greeters

2nd	Tortora Family
9th	Claudia McKenzie & Robert Hunt
16th	Megan & Scott Phillips
23rd	Susan & Benny Cole
30th	Scott Rives

April 2024

Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
1st Sunday	24	44
2nd Sunday	24	46
3rd Sunday	23	37
4th Sunday	25	54
5th Sunday	0	**0**
Average	24	45

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.

Three items still needed include: protein beans,
peanut butter, and tuna (chicken) in cans.
Please, no big cans.

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

Come Join us this Saturday, June 1st.

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

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!

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship at the bowling alley before the summer break. This is an amazing group of kids.

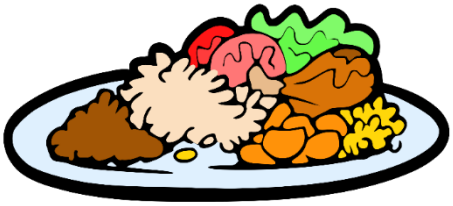


MEN'S GROUP

The men of FPC host a time of fellowship and Biblical Study. They are doing a study by Ray Vander Laan. 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'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. Thak you in advance for all your support of this group. It is much appreciated.

PW Meal Ministry



June Meal Leaders:

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

If you would like to help with a meal, part of a meal or know someone who needs assistance please contact JoAnn Wahala at 910-947-3238.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW annual salad supper will be held on Monday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. A musical program by Scott Tortora, Ed Martel and wife is planned for the evening. All are invited and are encouraged to invite a friend to share an evening of music, good food and fellowship together.

The PW Coordinating team will meet on July 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. We will be discussing the Bible Study for 2024-2025. Suggestions for consideration are Max Lucado's book "You are Never Alone," and the PW study "Let Justice Roll Down." Anyone wishing to join the meeting and discussion will be welcome.

175 Years of Serving God and this Community

Next year, 2025, FPC will be celebrating 175 years!! It's hard to believe! It seems like just yesterday! 😊
If you are interested in serving on this committee to prepare for our celebration, please let a member of the session know. We will probably be celebrating in early September when FPC was founded.

CHURCH CALENDAR June 2024

Saturday, June 1st	7:30 a.m.	Robbins' Food Bank, *meet 7 a.m. at FPC to carpool*
Sunday, June 2nd	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Praise Service /Graduation Sunday/ 2 Cents a Meal
	11:15 a.m.	Graduation Luncheon – Covered dish luncheon
Monday, June 3rd	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship & Mission Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	RACM Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 4th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, June 5th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study with The Chosen Series (Last Class)
Friday, June 7th		Early Release - Last day of School until Fall
Sunday, June 9th	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:10 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Tuesday, June 11th	6:30 p.m.	Administrative Meeting
Wednesday, June 12th	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, June 16th	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Communion
	11:10 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Tuesday, June 18th	6:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, June 19th		Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, June 21st		Unity Fest (Union Pines High School)
Saturday, June 22nd		Unity Fest (Union Pines High School)
Sunday, June 23rd	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:10 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice
Wednesday, June 26th		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, June 30th	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:10 a.m.	Hand Chime Practice

The Session

Moderator:
The Rev. Rick Martindale

Clerk:
Dale Buie

Class of 2024
Nancy Carter
Robert Gordon
Gail Hardin
John McDonald
Jackie Muse
Michelle Tortora

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

Church Staff

Ann Key, *Sexton*
Leon Monroe, *Receiving T*reasurer
Marie Monroe, *Dispersing Treasurer*
Rick Martindale*, Minister*
Jeanne Dennis, *Interim 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!