

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent - Celebrate the Gifts of Women

March 17, 2024

Prayer List

Today: 8:00 a.m. - Youth Outing, Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary
 Time for Fellowship following worship, Narthex (hosted by Presbyterian Women)
 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Class, upper level
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Liberty), fellowship hall

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands

Tuesday: No Classical Conversations Homeschool today
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - M/S & H/S Youth Rooms reserved, PEERS Group

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
 9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting
 10:00 a.m. - Tales of the Raven (Part II) with Margie Pulliam, parlor
 April Newsletter Deadline
 6:00 p.m. - Handbells
 7:00 p.m. - Choir, sanctuary

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible study w/David, Library
 6:00 p.m. - Handbell rehearsal, sanctuary
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, lower level

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary
 No Sunday School
 11:20 a.m. - Congregational Lunch, fellowship hall
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (FPC Youth), f. hall



The flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in honor of Cathy Murdock by Terry & Peggy Johnson.

Personal hearing devices are available. Please see an usher. **Persons interested in joining the church** should speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, or contact the church office.

Please sign the "Friendship Book" located in the pew during the Offertory and then pass it along. When it reaches the end of the row, send it back down the row, and note the names written down. Please speak to others you do not know, or who may be visiting and help them feel welcome in our worship service.

Greeters/Ushers: Leo Yenderusiak, Randy Miller, Taylor Rhinehart, Lamarr Jefferson

Week of March 17th

Elder on Call: Ray Rhinehart
 Lay Leader: Bill Long
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of March 24th

Elder on Call: Margie Pulliam
 Greeters/Ushers: Charles Moody, Dan & Amy Loyer, Terry Anderson
 Lay Leader: Bob Neill
 Flowers: Jim & Linda Ten Kate
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Attendance - March 10th

10:00 a.m. Worship - 90
 Shower Ministry - March 7th - 6

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, Kay Long, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Jo Todd, Judy Fulton, Terry Anderson and family, David Roquemore, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Dale Whitaker, Tom Witherspoon, Norris & Gail McRee, Eric Ellis, John Taylor, Judy Brown, Dennis DeBalso, Joe Jones, Angela Mauney & family, Scott Cranford, Richard Hedrick, Heidi Jonas, Brian, Ericka, & Emmy Krueger

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Zachary Ausel, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Leenie Vallandingham, Nanelle McAlpin, Katie Day, Megan Bergman, family of Leah Lowdermilk, Gary Hefner, Amanda McDonald-Miller, Toby Hemphill, the Frazier family, the Porterfield family, Nancy Kiser, Brooke Powell, Kenny & Vickie McConnell, Jean Bentley, Dr. Chris Bensen, Dawn Vosburgh, Robin Wood, Mary Williams, family of Doug Boliek, Judy Kennon, Georgia Case, Bob Kupits, Bill Clark, Dawn Vosburgh (Nancy Beers' sister)

Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Pete Keel, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Frances Inscoe, Frances Ennis, Wanda Hicks, Ann White, Peggy Templeton, Richard Hedrick

Prayers for those in the Military:

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK
 (Cindy Baldwin's nephew)
 Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
 (Brenda Smith's son)
 Major Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY
 (Tammy Walker's son)
 LT Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA
 (Joan Inscoe's grandson)
 Captain Patrick Day, Chaplain, U.S. Army Multinational Force Observers, Egypt
 (Amy Yenderusiak's brother)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of February, 2024

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| 2024 Pledge Budget | 475,000.00 |
| Pledge Budget through February 29, 2024 | 79,166.00 |
| Pledge Receipts through February 29, 2024 | 128,845.37 |

Announcements – Week of March 17th

Adult Sunday School Class Update

This morning we will continue a Lenten Study called, “Witness at the Cross” where we will learn about the ‘the Other Victims’.

There will be no Sunday School for the next two Sundays, March 24th and 31st, but the study will continue on April 7th and go through April 28th, taught by a variety of people. We hope you will join us!

March Madness Food Drive

Basketball and a food drive . . . A winning combination! It’s time for the 6th Annual March Madness Food Drive Challenge!! Ashure Ministry (formerly Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry or ECCCM) provides food for those across the county who need food supplies for their families. FPC is proud to participate in this challenge.

From March 1st - April 10th, there will be collection boxes in the narthex. We ask you to donate food or money on behalf of your favorite college basketball team. We will have four boxes; Duke, UNC, Wake Forest, and “Other Teams”. Food donations count as 1 pound = 2 points. Financial donations are even more helpful, so money counts as \$1 = 3 points. The team with the most points at the end of the period wins the challenge! If you donate on behalf of a team in the “Other” category, you may write your team’s name on the product or bag, and your team will get credit when Ashure tabulates the results. For monetary donations, please write “FPC” and your team’s name on the memo line and turn it in to the church office. Donations can also be made at ecccm.org/mmc.

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary

This year an assortment of Lilies and Spring mixes will be used Easter Sunday to beautify our sanctuary. If you would like to purchase one or more plants, please include a check or cash payment of \$20 per plant as you place your order. Anyone purchasing a plant will be able to take an Easter Lily or potted Spring mix home following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31st. **The deadline for ordering is tomorrow, March 18th.** Sign up using the form below and place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Celebration of the Ministry of Cathy Murdock

In recognition of Cathy’s 33 years of faithful and worshipful service as our Director of Music, a celebratory lunch in her honor will be held next Sunday, which is Palm Sunday, March 24th, following worship and beginning at approximately 11:20 a.m. Help us extend our appreciation to her for the grace and devotion she has exhibited in this calling over the years. Reservations can be made by placing the sign up form below in the offering plate, or by contacting the church office at 464-0648.

**Tales of the Raven or
“Have Flat Hat Will Travel”
Wednesday, March 20th**

Join us this Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor as Margie Pulliam shares with us more stories she gathered as a Park Ranger in Alaska. Guys and Gals! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Eva Bonnema at 253-736-4433.

Mark Your Calendars!

Community Blood Drive

FPC Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 26th (2:30 - 7:00 p.m.)

Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event

FPC Fellowship Hall
Saturday, April 20th (12:30 - 3:00 p.m.)
Details on both events are in the March Newsletter.

Worship Schedule for Holy Week 2024

Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service, with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday

7:30 p.m. Community Good Friday Service, Old St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in the old white church (2035 Old Conover Startown Road)

Sunday, March 31st - Easter

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service, Deal lot (in case of rain, service will be in sanctuary)
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Congregational Breakfast, fellowship hall (hosted by Session)
9:45 a.m. - Pre-Service music, sanctuary
10:00 a.m. - Easter Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary
11:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt, Deal Lot (in case of rain, will take place in the H/S Youth room)

The Easter Cross

Sunday, March 31st is Easter Sunday! Please bring flowers from your yard or garden to adorn the Easter Cross that will be located in the sanctuary. 2024 is the 34th anniversary of this FPC tradition started by late FPC member Dorcas Wooten, Worship Committee chair at the time. Please bring flowers and help make the Easter Cross more beautiful and meaningful on this special day of worship. Flowers may be placed on the cross before you go to the congregational breakfast or before the worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Congregational Lunch for Cathy Murdock
March 24, 2024**

I/We can attend _____
(name)

Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary

No. of plants ordered _____ Cash or check enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Cost per plant is \$20.

Ordered by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Order Deadline: Monday, March 18th