

# This Week at First Presbyterian Church

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

### Prayer List

**Today:** 10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary  
Time for Fellowship following worship service, Narthex  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Class, upper level  
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Mt. Pleasant Methodist Youth), fellowship hall

**Monday:** 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands  
10:00 a.m. - Membership Committee meeting  
2:00 p.m. - Circle 4, parlor (Refreshments at 2:00; meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.)  
3:00 p.m. - Finance Committee mtg., conf. room  
4:00 p.m. - Council on Sharing, PW room  
5:30 p.m. - Care Team meeting, conf. room  
7:00 p.m. - Council on Praise meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Council on Discipleship mtg. via Zoom  
7:00 p.m. - Property Cmte mtg., fellowship hall

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations Homeschool  
11:30 a.m. - "Well, Isn't That Special?!" lunch group, Casa Azul Restaurant  
5:00 p.m. - Council on Caring meeting, conf. room  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - M/S & H/S Youth Room reserved, PEERS group

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group  
9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting  
11:30 a.m. - Circle 5, H/S Youth Room  
6:00 p.m. - Handbells  
7:00 p.m. - Choir

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

**Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Class, upper level  
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Trinity Baptist), f. hall

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, Kay Long, Jeannie Clark, Jo Todd, Judy Fulton, Terryl Anderson and family,  
David Roquemore, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Dale Whitaker, Tom Witherspoon, Eric Ellis, John Taylor, 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, Robin Wood, Mary Williams, family of Doug Boliek, Georgia Case, Bob Kupits, Bill Clark, Dawn Vosburgh, Dean Holland, Nicole Nelson  
(Nancy Beers' daughter)

**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 Inscoc, 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 Inscoc's grandson*)  
Captain Patrick Day, Chaplain, U.S. Army Multinational Force Observers, Egypt  
(*Amy Yenderusiak's brother*)

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion:** The Presbyterian Church practices "open" communion. All persons present in worship are encouraged to receive the sacrament. The communion bread was baked by Jeannie Clark. The elders assisting this morning are: Eva Bonnema, Lynette Inscoc and Brenda Eckard.

**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:** Alan Forshey, Jim & Sylvia Payne, Cliff Pernell

**Week of April 7th**

Elder on Call: Jim Ten Kate  
Lay Leader: Ray Rhinehart  
Sound System: Bruce Deese

**Week of April 14th**

Elder on Call: Gary McDougal  
Greeters/Ushers: Deward Clark, Rob Inscoc, Gary McDonald  
Lay Leader: Margy Butterfield  
Sound System: Bruce Deese

**Attendance - March 31st**

10:00 a.m. Worship - 152

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of February, 2024**  
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 April 7th

## 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.

**Through Wednesday, 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; NC State, Duke, UNC, 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](http://ecccm.org/mmc).

## Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!** *Rise Against Hunger's* packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. During the four past events, volunteers have packaged over 65,000 meals. Our church will again sponsor an event on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Again this year, we are excited to be working with our friends from Beth Eden Lutheran Church. We will also be assisted by a group of young adults from the Junior Beta Club at Riverbend Middle School. This event is for all ages and we encourage everyone to participate as they are able. Set up will begin at 11:00 am and several volunteers are needed for this . To volunteer, please visit the following link:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstPresbyterianNewton2024>

or fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Rise Against Hunger**  
**Saturday, April 20th (12:30 - 3:00 p.m.)**  
**FPC Newton Fellowship Hall**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I will: Volunteer: \_\_\_\_ Donate financial-ly: \_\_\_\_

Help Set-Up: \_\_\_\_ (11:30 a.m.)

Family Members Volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to the church office by Monday, April 15th**

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## Time for Fellowship

Time for Fellowship will be starting back up this morning. Please join us in the narthex after worship, where we will also be able to welcome Brandon Winbush, our new Director of Music. We're delighted that Brandon will be joining our FPC staff!

## April Circle Meetings & Lunch Group

- Circle 4** Monday, April 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor with refreshments, meeting to begin at 2:30 p.m. Frances Ervin & Linda Witherspoon, hostesses.
- Tuesday, April 9th the "Well, Isn't That Special?!" lunch group will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Casa Azul Restaurant, Conover
- Circle 5** Wednesday, April 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the H/S Youth Room. Pizza, salad and drinks will be provided. Eva Bonnema will read Lesson 2.

## Adult Sunday School Class for April

The Adult Sunday School class meets in the Library (2nd floor, across from the elevator) at 11:15 a.m., after worship. We are currently studying an excellent video series called "Witness at the Cross". Below is our schedule for the next few weeks:

- April 7th** "The Soldiers" led by Cindy Combs  
**April 14th** "The Beloved Disciple" led by David Roquemore  
**April 21st** "The Women" led by Joanne Strike  
**April 28th** "Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus" led by Gary McDougal

We'd love for you to join us in our discussion-format class!

## April Youth Events

- April 7th** 11:00 a.m. - Noon Confirmation Class
- April 14th** 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch & Homebound Communion
- April 20th** 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Rise Against Hunger Event, Fellowship Hall
- April 21st** 11:00 a.m. - Noon Confirmation Class Make-Up Day
- April 28th** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Faith Journey

## Mother's Day / Father's Day Card Project

Every year Circle #5 sponsors a Mother's Day/Father's Day alternative giving card project to benefit organizations that strengthen the family. This year our circle has chosen to sponsor Men in the Mirror, Int.

Men in the Mirror (MIM) is a biblically based 13-week curriculum for men that asks them to examine their beliefs about what it means to be a man and to learn to express their masculinity in a Christ-like manner. It challenges men to improve their relationship skills by following the example of Jesus in his interactions with men, women, and children.

MIM was written by the Rev. Dr. Kevin Frederick, a retired minister of our presbytery, to counteract domestic violence. The curriculum is being taught in Guatemala with plans to sue it in all 800 congregations in the Nkhoma Synod in Malawi. Kevin Frederick will be with us on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to share a Moment for Mission during worship and will lead a presentation during Sunday School. Please plan to come to learn more about this important ministry.

MIM alternative giving cards will be available for purchase in the narthex in May through Father's Day.