

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 26th

Prayer List

Today: 8:45 a.m. - Discipleship & Fellowship Sunday school
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, Chapel
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Youth dinner & Lenten activity with First United Methodist, Newton at FUMC
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Cornerstone Youth), Carry out only
 7:00 p.m. - Handbells

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands
 7:00 p.m. - Stated Session meeting, conference room

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations
 10:00 a.m. - Book Club, Roquemore home
 Noon - Cookbook Club Ladies Lunch, Roquemore home

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
 9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Choir

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with David, Library
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, Lower Level
 7:00 p.m. - A.W.E. practice

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Lent
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary
 Celebrate the Gifts of Women
 11:00 a.m. - Youth, Homebound Communion
 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Beth Eden), Carry-out only
 7:00 p.m. - Handbells



The flowers in the narthex are given today by Frances Ervin to the glory of God and in memory of Dorcas Wooten.

Ushers: *Clark Strickland, Cindy Combs, Rob Inscoc, Leo Yenderusiak

Week of February 26th

Elder on Call: Brenda Eckard
 Lay Leader: Tracey Paul
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of March 5th

Elder on Call: Debby Reynolds
 Greeters: Sally Sigmon & Margie Pulliam
 Flowers: Martha Brame
 Time for Fellowship: Dan & Amy Loyer
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Attendance - February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 93

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoc family, Tom & Linda Witherspoon, Courtney Roquemore, Beverly McAlister, Bud Beers, Kay Long, Richard Hedrick, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Bill Long, Jo Todd, Michael & Becky McRee, Judy Fulton, Terryl Anderson and family, Frances Ervin, David Roquemore, Dale Whitaker, Joe Jones, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Bob Neill, Dick Yaussy

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Zachary Ausel, Lisa Eaton, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Bobby Brown, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, Melanie Cranford, Alex Terry, family of David Crockett Long, Shirley Harwell, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Heather Forshey, Larry O'Dell, the family of Linda Mundy, Ellen Jones, Leenie Vallandingham, Fred Thompson, Anne Walker, Selena McColley, Linda Boyette, Ken McColley

Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, Becky McRee, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Johnsie Abernethy, Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Betty Fieselman, Frances Inscoc, Frances Ennis, Wanda Hicks, Ann White, Peggy Templeton

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)
 Captain 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)

Prayers for El Redentor, our Sister Church in Guatemala:

- For the well being of all members of our sister church
- For all 20 scholarship students as they begin a new school year
- For Humberto Robles, elder, who is fulfilling requirements in secular education in order to continue his studies at the seminary
- For Dayana Rojas, who is receiving a university scholarship to study nursing
- For Yesmi Monterroso, who will receive a university scholarship in 2024 to study business
- Timoteo Rodas, from our partner church of El Redentor

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of January 2023

2023 Pledge Budget	464,000.00
Pledge Budget through January 31, 2023	38,666.66
Pledge Receipts through January 31, 2023	54,045.00

Announcements – Week of February 26th

Sunday School - It's Not Just for Kids!

In study after study, strong Christian Education for children, youth AND ADULTS stand out as being particularly predictive of a congregation's vitality and faithfulness.

As we have come back from the Pandemic, two of our Adult Sunday School classes, the Discipleship and Fellowship classes, have combined and met both in person and via Zoom. We've continued to use that model as things have returned more or less to normal. We've shared concerns, prayed together, and worked through a wide variety of topics in a discussion format.

Beginning, next Sunday, March 5th, we'll be changing the time that we meet to 11:15 a.m., shortly after the worship service; we'll end by noon. We meet in the church library, across from the elevator, on the second floor (one floor up from the sanctuary). We will be studying Lenten themes, "Jesus and Possessions" from The Thoughtful Christian) until Palm Sunday, and after Easter, David will be leading us in a study of baptism. Please call the church office if you have any questions or need the Zoom link for the class. Hope to see you there!

March Madness Food Drive

March is food collection month for ECCCM at FPC. Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry provides food for those who are having difficult times and need food supplies for their families.

During March there will be four large containers in the narthex for food donations: one for the University of NC at Chapel Hill, one for NC State University, one for Duke University and one for all others. You are asked to place your donations in the container labeled with the name of your favorite team. Monetary donations may be given to Kim in the church office with the name of your favorite team on the check memo line. Donations may also be made on the church's website, using the Online Giving button. Again, please select Special Offerings, specify that your donation is for March madness and for which team.

Community Blood Drive

FPC Newton will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 2:30 until 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for this event to assist in registration and serving snacks. Also, donated cakes and pies will be welcomed. The Red Cross states that there is a critical need for blood so please consider donating at the drive.

Please contact Beth Huggins at huggins.beth@gmail.com if you are able to help or donate desserts.

March Youth & Young Disciples Events

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| March 5th | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Homebound Communion |
| March 12th | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Youth Lunch & Board Game Lesson |
| March 19th | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Young Disciples Picnic Lunch & Gem Mining |
| March 26th | 11:00 a.m. - Youth Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt Prep / Lesson |

Adult Fellowship Dinner

Make plans to join us for the next Adult Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, March 16th from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be a Potato/Chili Bar and Bingo will be the theme.

Each person is asked to bring one of the following: an appetizer, a topping (cheese, green onions, bacon bits, jalapenos), chili (meat or vegetarian) or dessert plus a Bingo prize. Bingo prizes can be a homemade item, something to re-gift or something everyone would like.

Please contact Barb Forshey by March 12th to let her know what you plan on bringing. Call or text her at 828-244-1200 or email at cleefor@yahoo.com

Celebration of the Ministry of Susan Strickland

In recognition of Susan's 17 years of faithful and worshipful service as organist here at FPC, a celebratory lunch in her honor will be held on **Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**, following worship and beginning approximately at 11:20 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Help us return a portion of the joy she has brought our way over the years. Reservations can be made by placing the form below in the offering plate or by contacting the church office at 464-0648 or email Kim at kberry@fpcnewton.com.

Congregational Lunch - Sunday, April 2, 2023 Fellowship Hall (following worship service)

Yes! I/we will attend _____
(Name)

Number attending: _____

Please return to church office by Mon., March 27, 2023