

# This Week at First Presbyterian Church

## Second Sunday in Lent

### March 5th

**Today:** 10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary  
 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.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

**Monday:** 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands  
 2:00 p.m. - Circle 4, parlor

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations  
 7:00 p.m. - Circle 2, conference room

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

**Thursday & Friday:** Kim Berry out of the office

**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: Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, sanctuary  
 Daily Change Offering received  
 11:00 a.m. - Youth, Lunch & Board Game w/Lesson  
 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library  
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Trinity), Carry-out only  
 7:00 p.m. - Handbells

**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 Brenda Eckard and Karen Mills.

**The flowers** are given today by Deward & Jeannie Clark to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Pat & Ginger Clark and C.O. and Carolyn Miller.

**Ushers:** \*Walker Brown, Dan Loyer, Amy Loyer, Jay Bajorek, Sylvia Bajorek

#### Week of March 5th

Elder on Call: Debby Reynolds  
 Worship Leaders: John McCall & David Roquemore  
 Greeters: Sally Sigmon & Margie Pulliam  
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

#### Week of March 12th

Elder on Call: Suzanne Rhinehart  
 Greeters: Terryl Anderson & Debby Reynolds  
 Lay Leader: Brenda Eckard  
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

#### Attendance - February 26, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 85

### Prayer List

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoe 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, Sandra Teubner

**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

#### Condolences:

To Bob & Patty Neill on the death of Ellen Jones, Bob's sister, February 24th.

#### 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 Inscoe, 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 Inscoe'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

# Announcements – Week of March 5th

### 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.

### Worship Schedule for Holy Week 2023

#### Thursday, April 6th - Maundy Thursday

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

#### Friday, April 7th - 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, April 9th - 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. - Brass quartet, organ and piano Prelude, sanctuary

10:00 a.m. - Easter Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary

### 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, April 3rd**

### March Circle Meetings

Mon., March 6th      Circle 4 will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. Brenda Eckard will be hostess.

Tue., March 7th      Circle 2 will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

Wed., March 8th      Circle #5, Youth Room

### Adult Fellowship Dinner

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.

### 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, April 9th. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 3rd. Sign up using the form on this announcement page and place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

### **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