



First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews

February, 2024

Dear First Pres Friends,

What a wonderful Christmas time and New Year in the life of our church! It has been such a joy these first few months, and we have many exciting things ahead that I would like to update you on.

You will be hearing a lot from the Youth in the months ahead! They will begin fundraising activities as they prep for Montreat, Youth Sunday, and the Mission at Massanetta Trip in the Summer! Soon, you will see some T-shirts they have designed and will sell to help raise funds. There will be three options that they will provide and an optional First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw T-shirt we will sell alongside. Keep an eye out on Facebook and around the church for more information!

As we look ahead together, many exciting events are here in your church's life! Lent is right around the corner, and on February 14th, 2024 (yes, you read that right, it is on Valentine's!), we will have an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary. In the months ahead, on April 21st, 2024, we will finally have my installation service here at First Pres! This will be in the afternoon after our morning service, around 4 PM. Also, we will continue to have Hospitality Time following service every second Sunday. It was great to be able to share some snacks and coffee and talk to all of you some more! There will also be a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning, which we will also celebrate in the Session House before sharing some coffee (you will see me drink a lot of coffee that morning!)

There is so much more in the life of your church, so keep an eye out for what is ahead! Please also continue to pray for those members who are on our prayer list and those who are unlisted, and please continue to let me know of anyone who may need a conversation, prayer, or a visit.

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Sunday School Classes

MUSIC & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Mary Louise Baker

Parlor Class— The Parlor class is studying *Created to Dream: The Six Phases God Uses to Grow Your Faith* by Rick Warren. Pastor Rick Warren discusses the six phase process of faith that God will take you through to develop character and help fulfill the dream He has given you.

Fellowship Class—The Fellowship Class meets on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we study and learn together. On February 11th we will begin a new study by Adam Hamilton, *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*. In this study, Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

Young Adult Class—Our Young Adults are studying Max Lucado's "Grace," a 7-week study on experiencing freedom in God's grace. Are you ready to move from insecure to God secure? From regret riddled to better-because-of-it? Join us!

Children's Class—Our children's SS class meets upstairs and is going strong as they continue to study Vol. 2 of the Gospel Project which features the Old Testament, "From Captivity to the Wilderness." Their colorful posters, activity books, & videos are fun & informative!

Preschool Class—meets downstairs and is also studying the Gospel Project. Vol. 2. They enjoy playtime with fun toys & activities afterwards!

Nursery is available (downstairs)



***Mark your calendars!
Our Ash Wednesday
Service will be in the
sanctuary on
Wednesday, February
14, at 5:30 p.m.! Come
& worship!***



**No Fun Program on
Wednesday, Feb. 28!**

**Chancel Chorale has
begun learning Easter
music. Please join us
each Wednesday at 6
p.m. in the choir room
for awesome music,
sure to stir your soul
and glorify the Lord!**

Upcoming February Dates

Wednesday, 2/7— Children make Valentine's cards for shut-ins during Fun Program.

Sunday, 2/11—Youth to ring during 11 a.m. worship service.

Wednesday, 2/14—Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Chancel Choir will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room; no regular choir practice.

Sunday, 2/25—Fun Program to Ring/Sing during 11 a.m. worship service!

Wednesday, 2/28— No Fun Program (no school for Faith Academy students).

Session Highlights from January Meeting

- 1) Heard month and year ending report from the Treasurer
 - 2) Approved CE request to send a Mission Team to Mission at Massanetta June 9-15.
 - 3) Approved CE request to allow youth to hold fundraising events to raise money for mission trip.
 - 4) Approved CE request to hold Vacation Bible School for families June 18-20 in evenings.
 - 5) Approved request from Administrative Committee to purchase new camera equipment for sanctuary.
 - 6) Approved request from Tracie Phillips to hold Women's Bible Study in Ladies Parlor on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings.
 - 7) Began discussion regarding the planning of May Presbytery Meeting to be held at FPC. Volunteers needed.
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Giving Ministry Team News.....

You may still turn in your 2024 commitments, both "Time & Talent Sheets" and "Pledge Forms." Extra copies are available on the church pew in the narthex, as well as the church office. Simply fill out your forms and place them in the offering plate, or send them to the church office to Carolyn West, our secretary. Our elders depend on your commitments as they plan our ministries and our budget for this coming year. **PLEASE HAVE ALL PLEDGE FORMS TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024.**



Sunday, February 11, 2024

On Sunday, February 11, the youth will be taking the annual offering for the Souper Bowl of Caring during the morning worship service. Please give generously.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

By giving to this offering your impact will help change lives here in Cheraw. Your donations have been given to the McArn Food Bank. Your help is needed as the number of struggling families increases.

Annual Yard Sale Resumes

The Annual Yard Sale will again be held on Saturday, April 6, in the Fellowship Building. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Fellowship Building stage. If you have any items, you might need help with, contact Cathy Chapman, Dan Tillman, or Avery Dickson.

Proceeds from the yard sale go to help fund mission outreach projects, such as the mission trip being planned for this summer. So, check at your house and donate any items you no longer need and consider donating them. Items not sold will be donated to the Restore.

Listed below are links to sign up to volunteer in the nursery, put flowers in the church, and monitor students at Pathfinders. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities. If you are interested, please just click on the proper link. If you need help in signing up, please contact Cathy Chapman.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-nursery#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-flowers1#/>

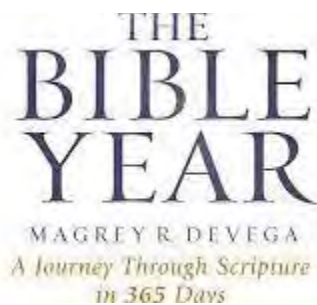
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Thank you so much,

The Christian Education Team

The Presbyterian Women

The Mission Outreach Team



Women's Community Bible Study

Meetings will take place weekly on Tuesdays at 6pm and again on Wednesdays at 9am. Both meetings will be in the Ladies Parlor at First Presbyterian Church Cheraw. You can attend either meeting each week, depending on your schedule. We will be using *The Bible Year* by Magrey Devega. Our goal is to support one another and grow in our faith as we work our way through the Bible. Please reach out to Caroline Streater or Tracie Phillips with questions.



Presbyterian Women News

Duties for February

Communion on February 4

Kim Brabham, Christie McLeod

Youth Supper February 18

Kelli Beck, Mary Gullede, Mary Jane Evans

Bible Study/ Circle on February 7 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Building.

“Gomer Learning to Accept Unconditional Love” is the title of February’s study.

Looking Ahead:

Communion on March 3

Gina and Craig Goddard

Youth Supper March 17

Kim Brabham, Lindsey and Robbie Bennett

The church sanctuary now has a hearing loop installed. This is a system that sends the audio captured on the microphones directly into a hearing aid worn by anyone in the congregation. The system provides the cleanest, clearest sound imaginable for hearing aid wearers and does not require a headset, as it works with any hearing aid that has a T-coil. We also have a limited supply of loop receivers and headsets that can be used during worship if your hearing aid is not equipped with a t-coil. For assistance during worship, feel free to ask an usher.

If you wear a hearing aid and are unsure if it is equipped with a T-coil, please consult with your audiologist.

Dear FPC Family:

On behalf of the Endowment Committee, I would like to provide the following report for the fiscal year November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023, as required under the terms of the endowment:

At fiscal year end the total assets of the fund were \$2,091,931. This is down 2.7% from this time last year, due to investment losses. However, we netted better than the US market average of -19.6% following a difficult 2022. Expenses were \$13,192, which consisted mainly of investment fees and our share of the annual audit. Net income for the fund was \$103,520.

Our by-laws state that we can use between 4-5% of the 12-quarter rolling average of \$2,281,269 to calculate the funding available to the Session. The committee decided to use 4.5% of this average, which comes to \$102,657. This funding is available immediately and can only be used for buildings and grounds related projects.

I would like to thank the following committee members for their service over the past year: Bill Malloy (assistant treasurer, ex officio), Kim Brabham (secretary, at-large), Susan Malloy (Registered Investment Advisor, ex officio), Becky Childers, Jennifer Tillman, and John Joyce.

I would also like to thank you, our congregation, for placing your faith in our efforts as we seek to serve God by the actions of this committee.

Sincerely,

Cam Beck

Chairperson

FPC Endowment Committee

Prayer Changes Things

**Gerry & Bobby Rogers; Ina Coggeshall
Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore;
Jodi Reid (cancer)
Beth O'Neal
Elsie Rainey (Shirley Brock's sister)
Emma S. Hamden
Keller Smith
Kitty G. Grubb (niece of Brother Davis)
Shannon Johnson
Elizabeth "Nubbin" Brown (Miriam
Stricklin's sister)**

**Carolyn Lowe (friend of Ginny Nickles)
Shenell Malloy (Bill & Susan's daughter-in-
law)
Rev. Dr. Sue Arledge & husband, Bob
Kathie Cook
Penny Angle**

Calendar Of Events



- 4 10:00 am Church School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 5 8:30 am MMO
- 6 12:00 pm At Ease Lunch
- 5:00 pm Christian Education
- 6:00 pm Community Bible Study
- 7 8:30 am MMO
- 9:00 am Community Bible Study
- 10:00 am PW Bible Study
- 3:15 pm Fun Program
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 8 10:00 am Giving Ministry Team
- 6:30 pm Mission Outreach
- 11 10:00 am Church School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 12 8:30 am MMO
- 13 6:00 pm Community Bible Study
- 14 8:30 am MMO
- 9:00 am Community Bible Study
- 3:15 pm Fun Program
- 5:30 pm Ash Wed. Service
- 15 6:00 pm Session
- 18 10:00 am Church School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 6:00 pm Youth
- 19 8:30 am MMO
- 20 6:00 pm Comm. Bible Study
- 21 8:30 am MMO
- 9:00 am Comm. Bible Study
- 3:15 pm Fun Program
- 6:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 25 10:00 am Church School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 6:00 pm Youth

- 2-Jill Wentz**
- 6-John Folger**
- 8-Melanie Flynn**
- 12-Sara Marie Jewart, Katelyn Evans**
- 15-Barbara Dickson, Thomas Gulledege,
Michael Flynn**
- 16-Susan Malloy, Harold Watson**
- 17-Michael Hammer**
- 20-Laura K. Folger**
- 23-Cam Beck**
- 25-Tom Hammer**
- 27-Bill Malloy**