



First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews

September, 2024

Dear First Pres Friends,

It has been a surprisingly busy and event-filled two months here at our church. From returning from Montreat with a group of seven Youth to helping put together our first Bluegrass Sunday, we have had quite a bit going on in our church's life.

Regarding the Youth, they have started coming back from our Summer Activities and are now in full swing with Youth every Sunday. This Semester, at our fullest as of this month, we now have over 20 Youth between Middle and High. This is a tremendous blessing, and I cannot thank God or these families enough for such a great group of Youth! We are planning many exciting things this Semester and hopefully will be able to contribute to the Mission Work of our church with this great group!

Next, we had Bluegrass Sunday this past month, which was a big success. Soon, we will have our Kickoff/PADD on Sunday, September 8th. Prayer Meeting will resume on September 11th at 5:30 PM, with the Fun Program also resuming that day. There will be so much more in the months ahead, so keep an eye out on Facebook, around the church, or in your emails about many of the great events we have planned!

Lastly, I express my heartfelt thanks for your support and prayers for those on our Prayer list. Your continued prayers and outreach make a significant difference in their lives and help them feel connected to all of us. Also, with a heavy heart, I share the passing of one of our beloved members, Peggy Stewart, who died on August 21, 2024. Peggy was a cherished member of our congregation and a beloved member of our choir and she is dearly missed by all. Please continue to pray for Peggy's family as we all grieve her loss.

If you have any prayer concerns, please let me know,

Blessings

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

MUSIC & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Mary Louise Baker

Sunday School Classes

* **Parlor Class**— The Parlor class will be studying Adam Hamilton's *Christianity's Family Tree*, an inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations. He compares each denomination and believes that each has a unique, valuable perspective on the Christian faith. He examines Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, & Methodism. Hamilton gives history for each, outlines the major beliefs, and describes things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own faith. Join us in the parlor for this very interesting study beginning September 15!

* **Fellowship Class**—The Fellowship Class meets on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. They are reading & studying "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People." The story is all about the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, the progression of this study will introduce us to the characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. If you aren't currently attending Sunday School, they would love to have you join them for this study.

* **Youth Class**—Our Youth class now has a new, 12-month curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, which follows the Presbyterian lectionary and provides a solid biblical background through a variety of learning & teaching styles. Fun activities and thought-provoking discussions are in store for our 6th-12th graders!

- **Children's Class**—Our children's SS class, ages K-5th grade, meets upstairs and will begin vol. 3 of the Gospel Project, "From Conquest to Kingdom—Joshua-1Samuel."

- **Preschool Class**—(ages 3-4) meets downstairs and is also studying the Gospel Project.

- **Nursery available (downstairs)**

FUN PROGRAM

Starting
September 11
1st-5th
Grades

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY
3:15-4:45PM**

300 Market St
Cheraw, SC

**SNACKS, GAMES,
CRAFTS,
HANDBELLS,
CHOIR, & BIBLE
STUDY!
BRING A FRIEND!**

Fun Program begins on Wednesday, Sept. 11!
Register in the church office or online:
<https://www.cherawfpc.org/fun-program-signup>



RALLY DAY!

Sunday,
September 8

Breakfast at
10 a.m.!

Join us for worship
at 11:00 a.m.

on the grass! Bring a
Lawn chair!

Our Chancel Choir resumed rehearsals on Wednesday, August 21st at 6 p.m. We are excited to learn new, uplifting sacred music to share with the congregation. Join us each week as we dive into a variety of worship music styles! We have been asked to sing as a group at Carnegie Hall on May 24, 2025. Stay tuned for more information!

We were pleased with the Bluegrass Sunday on August 18. Special thanks to Kris Houser and the Longleaf Social Club!

Bring a lawn chair and join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 8 on the lawn of the church. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Building at 10 a.m. The Parlor & Youth Sunday School classes will resume at 10 a.m. on September 15. Everyone is welcome!

Christian Education & Music Ministry Fall Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 3—CE meeting 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 11—Fun Program begins! 3:15-4:45p.m. with Mrs. Weiz, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Kathie, & Mrs. Susie!

Sunday, Sept. 15 —Sunday School & Acolytes resume!

Sunday, Sept. 29---Children to Sing & Ring in the sanctuary

Tuesday, October 1—C.E. meeting at 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 6--Youth Bells to ring in the 11 a.m. service for World Communion

Wednesday, Oct. 9--- NO Fun Program

Sunday, October 20—6:15-6:30 p.m. Youth rehearsal in sanctuary

Sunday, October 27—6:15-6:30 p.m. Youth rehearsal in sanctuary

Sunday, November 3—6:15-6:30 p.m. Youth rehearsal in sanctuary with Chancel Choir

Tuesday, November 5—C.E. meeting 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 10-- Youth & Chancel Choir to sing "Firm Foundation" in the 11 a.m. service

Sunday, Nov. 24—5-6p.m. Christmas Pageant Costume fitting; 6-7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Nov. 27th—NO Fun Program; No Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 1—Youth Bells to ring during the 11 a.m. service

Tuesday, December 3—C.E. meeting at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7 —10:00-11:30 a.m.—Christmas Pageant Rehearsal with pizza afterwards

Sunday, Dec. 8—11a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant (Fun Program children to ring & sing)

Sunday, December 15—Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata during 11 a.m. service

Dec. 11, 18, 25, Jan. 1 NO FUN PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 29—NO Acolytes (worship in Fellowship Building)

Tuesday, January 7—C.E. meeting 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8—Fun Program & Chancel Choir Resume

• **Youth Handbells meet on Sundays from 6-6:15 p.m. with Mrs. Lindsay**



MMO NEWS

**MMO will resume Monday,
September 9th at 8:30 a. m.**

Session Highlights from June meeting

- 1) Approved hiring of Gini Eddins to work with MMO program
- 2) Approved "Feasting on the Word 2024/2025" as curriculum for the Youth starting in the Fall
- 3) Heard Mission Report indicating \$ 750 received for Mother's Day Offering
- 4) Heard report from Monday June 24, 2024 ABBA House feeding program which saved about 145 individuals
- 5) Received report from the 113th Gathering of the Presbytery of New Harmony held at FPC, Cheraw, S.C.
- 6) Regretfully accepted the resignation of Mary Gulledge as Nursery worker
- 7) As always heard report from minister and Session members of those that need our prayers

Session Highlights from August meeting

- 1) Approved permission of the request of Rev. Michaels to be seated on the Homeless Awareness/Advocacy Board in Cheraw. This in keeping with our mission oriented ministry.
- 2) Heard positive financial report from Tracie Phillips, treasurer.
- 3) Set date for Called Congregational Meeting for September 22, 2024 to elect two (2) church at large members for the Officer Nominating Committee.
- 4) Approved several requests form Mission Outreach: Funding of Abba House meals to come from MMO budget and Anderson Fund, Fund raising pancake supper for Mission trip to be held November 6, 2024 at 5:30, Minute for Mission and offering to be held on September 8, 2024 for Presbyterian Agency for Developmentally Disabled and Joseph Murray from Thornwell to have presentation during church school and Minute for Mission during worship on November 24, 2024.
- 5) Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting to begin on September 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
- 6) Rally Day to be held on September 8, 2024.

Please make a note of the address change for Ms. Ruth Jackson

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Presbyterian Women News

Duties for September

Communion

September 1- Jean Page Watson and Beth Witherspoon

October 6- Tracie and Calvin Phillips

Youth Supper

September 15-Marion Anderson, Lindsay Bennett, and Kim Brabham

October 20- Sadie Smith, Tammy Joyce, and Kathie Cooke

Circle Meeting Schedule

September 11- We will meet at 10:00 in the Parlor

Bible Study-Martha

October 2- We will meet at 12:00 in the Fellowship Building. We will have a salad lunch to celebrate the Thank Offering.

Bible Study- The Woman at the Well

Prayer Changes Things

Gerry & Bobby Rogers; Ina Coggeshall

Gray & Bea Sloop

Bennie and Benny Lou Moore;

Bobbie Jones

Edward Tinsley

Shannon Johnson

Ruth Jackson

B J Moore

Tom Sheeler

For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

*The sympathy of the congregation
is extended to the Family of
Peggy Hamden Stewart.
Peggy passed away on August 21, 2024.*



Calendar of Events

1	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
3	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	5:00 pm	Christian Education
	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
4	9:00 am	MMO open house
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
8	10:00 am	Breakfast
	11:00 am	Rally Day Activities
9	8:30 am	MMO Resumes
10	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
11	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	10:00 am	PW Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program Resumes
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
12	6:30 pm	Mission Outreach
15	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
16	8:30 am	MMO
	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
18	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
22	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
23	8:30 am	MMO
24	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
25	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
29	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Casual Worship
30	8:30 am	MMO



SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Charlie Phillips**
- 2 **Marion Anderson**
- 3 **Eliza Chapman**
- 4 **Ina Coggeshall**
- 5 **Billy Smith**
- 11 **John Anderson, Dal Luke**
- 13 **Ginny Nickles**
- 15 **Eva Goddard**
- 16 **Tracie Phillips**
- 17 **Bennett Evans**
- 22 **John Folger**
- 23 **Ella Morgan**
- 25 **Cynthia Smith, Miriam Stricklin**
- 26 **Nancy Griggs, Penny Angle**
- 27 **Gray Sloop**

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.