



First Presbyterian Church **PresbyNews**

October, 2024

Dear First Pres Friends,

We have officially ended our Summer hours after a successful Rally Day, and things are as busy as ever! From Abba House Meals to the choir starting back up, the Youth continuing to roll on, and our various Sunday School classes starting back up, this has been an exciting month in the life of our church.

Regarding the Youth, they are now in full swing with Youth every Sunday. This Semester, at our fullest, we now have between 22 to 24 Youth between Middle and High. We have added three new Middle Schoolers in the last couple of weeks with the help of many of our fantastic Parental Volunteers! 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!

After a successful Rally Day, where we worshipped outside under the big tree, we kicked off many programs for the year. From our Sunday Schools starting back up to renewing Prayer Meetings, it has been a fun start to our church year! When we started back up the Prayer Meeting, we also included a midweek liturgical lesson/discussion for the group after we prayed over all those names lifted up during the meeting and on our prayer list. If you or someone you know is interested, then make sure to come on out!

Lastly, I express my deepest condolences to the family of Bobby Rogers, who passed into the church triumphant on September 22nd, 2024, where he is reunited with all those who have gone before and with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I ask all of you for continued prayers for the Rogers family so they have comfort and healing in the days ahead.

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 continues to study 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!

***Fellowship Class**—The Fellowship Class meets on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We will complete our study, *The Story: The Bible as One continuing Story of God and his People* on October 27th. Then we will begin a new 5-week study, *3:16 Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado. If you aren’t currently attending Sunday school, please come join us. Free coffee, muffins, and great fellowship!

***Youth Class**—Our Youth class is studying 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 is studying vol. 3 of the Gospel Project, “From Conquest to Kingdom—Joshua-1 Samuel.”

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

Nursery available (downstairs)

Christian Education & Music Ministry Fall Schedule 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

Wednesday, October 23—5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat!

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—11 a.m. Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

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



Our Chancel Choir began Christmas Cantata rehearsals in preparation for December 15's, Vivaldi's "Gloria," with string quartet and guest conductor, Jose Rivera. If you'd like to sing with us, you are welcome to join us for rehearsals each week at 6 p.m. in the choir room. Please mark your calendars for 12/15 and listen to this beautiful work.

A special guest saxophonist, Jack Ficklin, will be playing on Sunday, October 20, in honor of the Jazz Festival weekend.

All Saints 2024

All Saints' Day is a day for giving thanks for all the great people of faith who have gone before us. We will be remembering our loved ones on All Saints' Sunday, November 3, during the 11 a.m. worship service. If you would like specific names of beloved who have died, please list their first and last names on the form below and submit to the church office by Monday, October 28. We kindly ask that you provide no more than five names per family. Names of the deceased can be loved ones who were not members of the church and can be departed from any period of time.

Name of person submitting (YOUR Name, please use First and Last)

Email

Persons to be remembered on All Saints Sunday. Please provide both FIRST and LAST Name.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Or use this online form <https://www.cherawfpc.org/all-saints-form> Help us make this day special for your loved ones!

Monitors Needed:

Thornwell, First Presbyterian Church, and Pathfinders United, with support from the Malloy Foundation, work together to provide reading help for three Pathfinder children. Thornwell provides the online tutoring and we supply monitors for the children, while they are being tutored. There are several people who do this, but we are in need of additional help. A monitor's role is to make sure the children are online with their tutor and are focused on their reading. The three children who are being tutored this year require very little supervision. However, our presence makes the process easier for students and tutors. If you could find the time to volunteer once or twice a month, it would be helpful. Tutoring takes place from 4:45 - 5:45 pm. Monday through Thursday. If you are able to help, contact Avery Dickson (843) 910-0818 or presbyeducator@gmail.com.

Coats Needed to Help Those in Need

We need new or gently used children and adult coats for the ABBA House coat drive on October 20. You can bring coats or donations to the church no later than October 13. Members of the Mission Outreach Team will deliver the coats to the ABBA House. Questions? Contact Mary Jane Evans.

Session Highlights from September meeting

1. The recommendation from the Mission Outreach Ministry Team to collect new and gently used children and adult coats for ABBA House's Fall Event on October 20th was approved. More information will be sent out to the congregation concerning this event.
2. The recommendation from the Christian Education Ministry Team to create a Governing Board for Mother's Morning Out, consisting of the MMO Director and three members from the congregation was approved. The Board will meet quarterly and provide written reports to Session.
3. The recommendation to move forward with creating a new Church Directory was approved.
4. Mary Jane Evans and Jean Watson reminded everyone of upcoming events in the life of our church in October, November, and December. They encouraged all Session members to participate in these events.



Presbyterian Women News

Duties

Communion

October 6- Tracie and Calvin Phillips

November 3- Sue Funderburk and Cathy Chapman

December 1- Karen Tillman and Becky Childers

Youth Suppers

October 20- Mary Anderson and Tammy Joyce

November 17- Sadie Smith and Kathie Cook

Circle Meetings

October 2- We will meet at 11:00am in the Fellowship Building. We will have our circle meeting and Bible study at 11:00. After Bible study, we have a soup and sandwich lunch at 12:00. PW will hear about the many projects PW Thank Offering sponsored in 2023. We will be taking up our annual thank offering which will sponsor projects for 2024.

Our Bible study title is "The Woman at the Well".

November 6- Circle meeting in the parlor at 10:00am.

December 4-Circle meeting and Cookie swap at 10:00am in the parlor.

Fellowship Committee News
Events for the Upcoming Months

Trunk a Treat

October 23 at 5:30pm

We will have a hot dog supper at 6:00pm.

Decorate your trunk and come join the fun! (If you don't want to decorate your trunk, bring a lawn chair and join the fun!) This is a fun time for all and a safe way our children in Cheraw can have fun trick or treating. Bring lots of treats!

Friendsgiving Cover Dish Supper

November 20 at 5:30pm

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to this cover dish meal. Turkey and ham will be provided by the Fellowship Committee! What a wonderful way to express our thankfulness with our church family!

White Christmas

December 11 at 5:30pm

This is our annual Christmas cover dish meal. There will be a basket for monetary donations for Pee Dee Coalition. If anyone would like to donate can goods for New Beginning Transition Home Christmas dinner. Just wrap them up in white paper! Mary Jane Evans will deliver the food items.

We have a fun night planned!

We will have hospitality time each fifth Sunday until the first Sunday in May.

Prayer Changes Things

Gerry Rogers; Ina Coggeshall

Gray & Bea Sloop

Bennie and Benny Lou Moore;

Bobbie Jones

Edward Tinsley

Shannon Johnson

Ruth Jackson

B J Moore

Tom Sheeler

Wayne Caulder

For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

*The sympathy of the congregation
is extended to the Family of
Bobby Rogers. Mr. Rogers passed away on September 22, 2024.*

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.



Calendar of Events

1	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	5:00 pm	Christian Education
	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
2	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
6	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
8	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
9	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
10	6:30 pm	Mission Outreach
13	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
15	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
16	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
20	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
21	8:30 am	MMO
22	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
23	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
27	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Membership Mtg. (Lib)
28	8:30 am	MMO
29	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
30	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



- 1 Knox Miller, Karen Tillman**
- 3 Avery Dickson, Sam Phillips**
- 5 Susie Ingram**
- 6 John Long**
- 10 Alison Chapman**
- 12 Dan Tillman**
- 17 Robert Angle**
- 27 Brylee Denham**
- 31 Tammy Joyce**