



First Presbyterian Church **PresbyNews**

November, 2024

Dear First Pres Friends,

Fall is here, the nights are getting a bit cooler (for the time being!), and a lot is happening in your church's life! From Abba House Meals to the choir prepping for the Christmas Cantata to the Youth fully underway, this has been an exciting month in our church's life.

Regarding the Youth, they have had an eventful September and October. We have had, on average, around 20 youths between middle and high school each Sunday, making this quite an active and exciting group that presents me with many joys and challenges! We have worked on various service projects, learned more about God, spent time together in fellowship, and even visited the Old St. David's Graveyard! This group is a tremendous blessing, and I cannot thank God or these families enough for such a great group of Youth!

This month, after the tragedy of the recent Hurricanes that have hit the Southeast and devastated the Appalachian area, we came together as a church to donate our time, energy, and resources to help out our friends and family who have been displaced and to help the region that has been devastated. There is much more need in the months ahead, so I will keep an eye out for ways that we can assist. I am currently looking into the previous Asheville Mission group that was associated with the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to see if there are options for us, as a group, to go up there and help out in some way.

Lastly, please continue praying for those on our prayer list. Each week, during Prayer Meeting, we come together to pray over those on our prayer list and those weighing on our hearts. After this, if we have time, then we will usually have a short liturgical lesson. So, in addition to the Prayer Meeting each week, I ask that you please continue to pray for those on our list and, if you are interested, come join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Session House for our Prayer Meeting.

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 “Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt,” by Foote/Thornburg through the month of November. This study helps Christians to articulate their faith and respond to difficult questions from a mainline point of view. Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the parlor!

Fellowship Class—The Fellowship Class meets on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. We have just started a new 5-week study, *3:16 Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado. On December 1st. We will begin our Advent Study. If you aren’t currently attending Sunday school, please come join us. I think you will like it. Free coffee, muffins, and great fellowship!

Youth Class—Our Youth class is studying the 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-1Samuel.”

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

Nursery available (downstairs)

Christian Education & Music Ministry Fall Schedule

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; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

Monday, December 2—Fun Program 3-5 p.m.

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)

Wednesday, December 11—White Christmas 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 15—11 a.m. Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata “Gloria,” by Vivaldi

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

December 22—Youth Bells to play alongside guest trumpeter during the 11 a.m. service

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

Please join us for these very special upcoming events!

First Presbyterian Church

Missions Outreach
Team Invites you to a

PANCAKE

Supper



Donations Accepted

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 6**

**FUNDRAISER FOR
OUR MISSIONS TRIP!**

5:30 p.m.

300 Market St. Cheraw, SC
cherawfpc.org

THE CHILDREN OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
PRESENT



The First Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
11:00 AM

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

300 MARKET ST. CHERAW, SC
Cherawfpc.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS



VIVALDI'S
GLORIA

Presented by

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

GUEST STRING QUARTET & SINGERS

JOSE RIVERA, GUEST CONDUCTOR

MARY LOUISE BAKER, ORGANIST

Sunday, December 15, 2024

11:00 A.M.

300 Market Street
Cheraw, SC

Rev. Max Michaels, Minister
cherawfpc.org

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.

McArn Food Bank - Harvest Hope pickup Two men needed to go to Florence on one Wednesday a month, at 9 am, to assist with pickup of food. If you can help, contact Grayson Cauthen, (843) 910-0016.

Shepherd's Child Ministry

We are assisting Cheraw First United Methodist Church and Nancy's Kids with their Christmas Gift ministry this year. Children are identified by the Cheraw Primary School Social Worker and their information is provided for shoppers. Gifts will be delivered to the children on December 18th during a Christmas Party at Cheraw First United Methodist Church. You can be a part of this ministry in a few different ways.

- Choose a child and shop for their gifts. (A \$100 budget and 3 gifts per child is recommended. Gifts must be delivered to church before December 11th)
- Wrap gifts at First United Methodist Church on December 11th at 10:00 am
- Donate money for gifts or supplies for the Christmas Party before December 4th
- Help serve at the Christmas Party planned for December 18th at 1:00 pm.

Please contact Caroline Streater (cwstreater@gmail.com or (803) 429-7287) if you would like to volunteer. Names will be available for shoppers to choose the week of November 25th.

Session Highlights from September meeting

- 1) Received monthly and up to date annual financial report.
- 2) Approved funding of the following entities:
 - A) Transitional New Beginning House Christmas Meal
 - B) Pathfinders School Supplies and After School Snacks
 - C) Thornwell
 - D) Shepard's Child Methodist Sponsored Christmas Gifts for Children at Cheraw Primary
 - E) Nancy's Kids Christmas Gifts for children at Cheraw Primary
 - F) Habitat for Humanity
 - G) Montreat Conference Center Hurricane Relief
 - H) ABBA House Pantry
 - I) Black Mountain Presbyterian Church Hurricane Relief
- 3) Approved promotion of volunteer need request for help with McArn Food Bank and Harvest Hope loading and unloading of food and help with Shepherd's Child at First United Methodist Church.
- 4) Heard report from Officer Nominating Committee for four names to be placed before congregation for election.
- 5) Scheduled Congregational Meeting for elections on November 10, 2024.



Presbyterian Women News

November Duties

Communion

November 3- Sue Funderburk and Cathy Chapman

December 1- Karen Tillman and Becky Childers

Youth Supper

November 17- Sadie Smith, Kathie Cook, and Miriam Stricklin

December 15- Mary Jane Evans

Bible Study

November 6- 10:00am in the Parlor

December 4-10:00am in the Parlor. Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies for a cookie swap.

Fellowship Committee News

November 20 – Friendsgiving Cover Dish Meal at 5:30pm. Fellowship Committee will provide the ham and turkey for this event. Everyone brings their favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert! Come join us for our annual Friendsgiving Meal!

December 11- White Christmas Cover Dish Meal at 5:30 pm. There will be a basket for monetary donations to Pee Dee Coalition.

It has been a tradition in the past for this event, we bring canned goods wrapped in white paper to donate to a food bank. This year, any canned goods brought to White Christmas will be donated to the Pee Dee Coalition Transition House in Wallace.

Big Thanks to all who participated and helped in Trunk a Treat! It was a great success!

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

Tripp Benton (friend of Ingram family)

Wayne Caulder

Hurricane victims

For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

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.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Calendar of Events

3	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
5	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	5:00 pm	Christian Education
	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
6	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	10:00 am	PW Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Pancake Supper
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
7	3:00 pm	Giving Ministry
10	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
11	8:30 am	MMO
12	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
13	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
14	6:30 pm	Mission Outreach
17	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
18	8:30 am	MMO
19	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
20	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Friendsgiving Meal
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
24	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
25	8:30 am	MMO
26	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
28		Happy Thanksgiving

Reverend Max Michaels and his wife Jenny will celebrate their one year anniversary at FPC on Wednesday, November 13th. It's been a wonderful year and we're looking forward to many more.



November Birthdays

- 4- Lynn Smith
- 5- B J Moore
- 8- John Joyce
- 10-Dru Penny
- 12-Charlotte Folger, James Morgan
- 13-Grace Tillman
- 15-Emily Beck
- 16-Steve Cook, Emma Smith
- 18-Susan Gainey
- 19-Nancy Newsom
- 20-Blair Driggers, Kane Driggers, Alice McLeod
- 21-Fred Harris
- 22-Maggie Lloyd
- 24-Dan Driggers
- 26-David Brabham
- 27-Ruth Jackson
- 28-Becky Childers, Debbie McCall
- 29-Sloan Baker
- 30-Andrew Boykin Tucker



Daylight saving time will end for the year at 2 a.m. local time on Sunday, Nov. 3, when we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep.



Joseph Murray from Thornwell Home will be presenting a minute for mission during worship on Sunday, November 24.

Joseph has been at Thornwell since 2021 as an Advancement Officer on the Mission Advancement Team. He works with donors and Churches across the Southeast, primarily in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida to enhance the mission of Thornwell. Thornwell's mission is to "prevent child-abuse and neglect, build and strengthen families, and support health communities in the name of Jesus Christ." Joseph and his wife Katie have two adopted girls and are very passionate about family and children's ministry. They love Thornwell and are honored to play their part in bringing hope and healing to abused and neglected children!



Christmas Shoe Boxes are due November 24th no later than noon.

PW will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 22nd at 10:00am. Please plan to come and join in the fellowship.

It's time to order our Christmas poinsettias! If you would like to honor or remember someone please place your order by Sunday, November 17th. Poinsettias will be red with green wrappers.

The prices are:

small: 6 1/2 inch - \$12.00

large: 8 inch - \$16.00

Forms are located in the Narthex.

Please place your money and requests in the offertory plate in an envelope or drop it off at the church office. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. **Include all money and requests in an envelope and label: ATTN: Karen Tillman**

