



First Presbyterian Church

# PresbyNews

## February, 2025

Dear First Pres Friends,

We are now past New Year's, and there is so much to look forward to! From Massanetta planning to fundraising for McArn, the various classes getting started back up, and so much more! There is so much going on in the life of your church to look forward to!

As we head into this season of constant cold weather, I hope everyone stays warm! It may feel a bit early, but I wanted to update you about the Mission at Massanetta Springs trip that is only five short months away. We are currently anticipating 24 to 26 of our members going up to Virginia for this Mission trip, and they are all excited about it! So make sure you keep an eye out for fundraising goals, various opportunities to help, and some more t-shirts the Youth have designed... and possibly some more with my face on it...

Speaking of fundraisers, we have a few starting in just a few short weeks that I would like to point your attention to. Our first will be a Pancake Supper on February 19th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. This will be followed by a Chili Cookoff on March 19th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, and lastly, we will have a Minute for Mission during Youth Sunday. All of this would not be possible if it was not for the love and support you have given and shown this group!

This month, Prayer Meeting resumed and will continue as normal until March 5th, when we will celebrate Ash Wednesday! This is a time when we come together as a church and pray for those in our community, the world at large, and anyone who needs prayer. If you or someone you know is interested in attending the Prayer Meeting, we are always excited to see new people each week! We are currently meeting in the Parlor because it is a bit warmer than the Session house!

Lastly, please continue praying for those on our prayer list. This is a difficult season for many, so if you ever need someone to talk to then please feel free to reach out.

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

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

## **MUSIC & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – MARY LOUISE BAKER**

### **Sunday School Classes**

**Parlor Class**—*Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt*, by Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg helps us as Presbyterians to articulate our faith and respond to 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. They just started a 6-week video study, “Finding Peace Through Humility,” by Joel Muddamalle. This study explores the book of Judges. If you aren’t currently attending Sunday School, please come join us! All are welcome!

**Youth Class**—Our Youth class continues to study 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 will begin Gospel Project, vol. 4, “From Unity to Division.” They are enjoying learning all the Bible stories!

**Preschool Class**—(ages 3-4) meets downstairs and is also studying the Gospel Project, vol. 4, “From Unity to Division.”

**Nursery available (downstairs)**

### **Christian Education & Music Ministry Winter/Spring Schedule**

- Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Piano Recital in sanctuary at 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 19--No Chancel Choir
- Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>—Pictorial Directory Picture Sign-Up CLOSED 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26--No Fun Program
- Saturday, Sunday, & Monday, March 1-3—Church Directory Pics
- Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 16--Children to Sing/Ring During 11 a.m. service
- Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 19—Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.; breakfast at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 23--No Fun Program; No Chancel Choir (Spring Break)
- Sunday, May 4--Fun Program & Youth to sing/ring during 11 a.m. service (Youth Sunday)
- Wednesday, May 7—Last Fun Program. End of the Year Celebration! Walk to The Caffeinated Cow!
- May 18--Graduation Sunday; last day of Sunday School for Youth & Parlor Class
- May 21-26—Weiz to perform at Carnegie Hall
- June 17-19, 5-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School “True North”
- The Parlor & Youth Sunday School Classes will not meet during the summer; Children’s Sunday School, the nursery, and the Fellowship Class will meet during the summer.

Announcing our NEW  
2025 Church Pictorial Directory!  
Beth Shepard, with  
*Forever Yours Photography*,  
will take pictures of your family  
on March 1-3.

See the times below and call  
the church office before  
Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
to reserve your 10-min.  
time slot.

We want every family to be  
Included. The sign-up sheet is  
available now!

Pictorial Directory Time Slots

**Sat., March 1, 10 a.m.-12; 1-4**

**Sun., March 2, 12-4 p.m.**

**Mon., March 3, 5-7 p.m.**

The graphic features a light blue background at the top with the text "CHURCH DIRECTORY 2025" in white. Below this, the logo for "Forever Yours Photography" is written in a cursive font. There are three overlapping photo frames: one showing a church building, one showing a grid of family portraits, and one showing the logo for "CHERAW First Presbyterian Church" which includes a tree with colorful leaves. The bottom half of the graphic has a tan background with white text.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY  
2025**

*Forever Yours Photography*

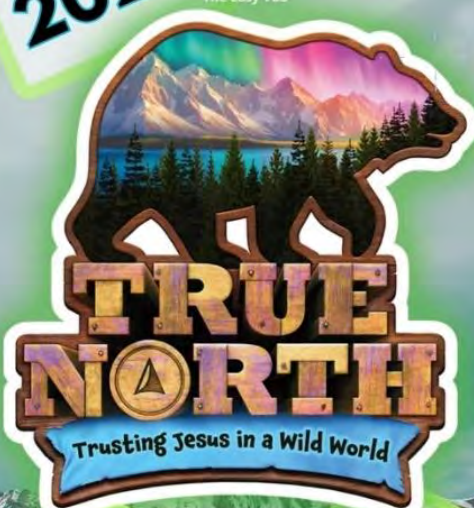
**Call the church office to  
reserve your spot!  
Pictures March 1-3  
Deadline for signing up 2/23**

To sign up, call the church office  
843-537-7474

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**VBS  
2025**

The Easy VBS®



**TRUE  
NORTH**

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World


**5-8pm**

**June  
17-19**


Students of Mary Louise Baker present a

*Piano Recital*

Saturday, February 1st  
3 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church  
300 Market Street  
Cheraw, South Carolina



ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE

March 5, 2024  
5:30 p.m.  
In the Sanctuary  
Join us for worship!

## Session Highlights

### November

- 1) Heard updated financial report month ending November 2024.
- 2) Approved appointment of Susan Malloy as Chairman of the Endowment Committee in the class of 2030.
- 3) Approved appointment of Andrew McLeod and Avery Dickson to additional one year term on Endowment committee.
- 4) Approved election of Sessional Officers and positions for 2025(Avery Dickson, Vice-Moderator of Session, Christie McLeod, Clerk, Mike Chapman, Ast. Clerk, Tracie Phillips, Treasurer, Bill Malloy, Asst. Treasurer and John Long, Building and Grounds Administrator.
- 5) Approved expenditure of \$ 10,624 for updating HVAC System in Manse.

### December

- 1) Approved CE Committee request for the Parlor Class to use Adam Hamilton's book "Christianity and World Religions"
- 2) Approved updated Funeral Policy for FPC
- 3) Set examination date of new officers for 12/12/2024 with installation set for 1/12/2025
- 4) Received written report on 115th Meeting of Presbytery of New Harmony held at Morris College
- 5) Approved staff Christmas bonuses for December
- 6) Approved use of Fellowship Building by Tracie and Calvin Phillips to feed CHS Football Team prior to playoff game on 11/22/2024
- 7) Received updated monthly and year to date financial report

### January, 2025

- Approved the following Annual Special Offerings dates: Souper Bowl of Caring – February 9; One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter Sunday, April 20; Mothers' Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities – May 11; Presbyterian Agency for Developmentally Disabled – September 14; Thornwell – November 23; Christmas/Joy Offering – December 21.
- Approved Vacation Bible School dates of June 15-17 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. each evening and the use of the curriculum "True North" for VBS.
- Discussed preliminary plans for building a picnic shelter on the church grounds.
- Received a report on the purchase of a pellet grill with cover and a new commercial refrigerator to replace the old one in the Fellowship Building kitchen.

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New address for Thomas and Mary Gulledge

2350 W. Lucas St. #303  
Florence, SC 29501



## Presbyterian Women News

February / March Duties

Communion

February 2- Kelli and Cam Beck

March 2- Tammy and John Joyce

Youth Supper

Need someone to sign up for February 16 and March 16- Youth Suppers. Please contact Mary Jane Evans or Cathy Chapman if you can help on one of these Sundays.

Bible Study

February 5 – 10:00 am in the Fellowship Building. Bring your favorite pie to share with everyone.

March 5- 10:00am in the Parlor.

Our Bible Study will come from the book Twelve More Women of the Bible

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Dear FPC Family:

On behalf of the Endowment Committee, I would like to provide the following report for the fiscal year November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2024, as required under the terms of the endowment:

At the fiscal year end the total assets of the fund were \$2,388,860. This is an increase of 14.2% over this same time last year. Expenses were \$13,421, which consisted mainly of investment fees and our share of the annual church audit. Net income for the fund was \$95,590.

Our by-laws state that we can use between 4 and 5% of the 12-quarter rolling average to calculate the funding available to the Session. The committee agreed to use 4.5% of the \$2,238,401 average, which comes to \$100,728. This funding is available immediately and can only be used for expenses related to buildings and grounds.

I would like to thank the following committee members for their service over the past year: Rev. Max Michaels, Bill Malloy, Susan Malloy, Kim Brabham, Avery Dickson, and Andrew McLeod.

Cam Beck

Chairperson

FPC Endowment Committee

## *Prayer Changes Things*

Gerry Rogers; Ina Coggeshall

Gray & Bea Sloop

Bennie and Benny Lou Moore

Bobbie Jones

Edward Tinsley

Ruth Jackson

B J Moore

Hurricane victims

Louise Carpenter

For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

## **Giving Ministry Team News.....**

You may still turn in your 2025 commitments, both “Time & Talent Sheets” and “Pledge Forms.” Extra copies are available on the desk 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 2, 2025.**



Sunday, February 9, 2025

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.

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.



We are excited about our first annual FPC/ St David's Episcopal Church BBQ. The event will be Feb 8 with pickup of some very good BBQ from 11am -2pm at St David's Church. Tickets may be purchased from our church office or any of the following: Cathy and Mike Chapman, Harold and Debbie Watson, Debra and Dal Luke, Phil Powell, Rob Wolfe, Dan Tillman, Lindsay and Robby Bennett. Cost is \$12 per lb and you can purchase as many lbs as you want. We have a very good team of BBQ cooks assembled so we think you will enjoy the great BBQ that is cooked for you. Our goal this year is 500 tickets with proceeds going to McArn Food Bank and Pathfinders. Please join us in supporting these very worthwhile groups.

All tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets sold at door.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## FEBRUARY

**6-John Folger**

**8-Melanie Flynn**

**12-Sara Marie Jewart, Katelyn Evans**

**15-Thomas Gullede, Michael Flynn**

**16-Susan Malloy, Harold Watson**

**17-Michael Hammer**

**20-Laura K. Folger**

**23-Cam Beck**

**25-Tom Hammer**

**27-Bill Malloy**



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The First Presbyterian Church has four scholarships available for young people: The **William Manning Malloy Memorial Scholarship** is available to the most qualified high school senior living within a five mile radius of Cheraw; The **Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarship** is available to anyone seeking higher education opportunities living within a five mile radius of Cheraw; The **D. W. Moore, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund** is available to students seeking a degree in the field of music; The **McArn Scholarship Fund** is also available. The deadline for returning scholarship applications is March 1, 2025.

**Ms. Shirley Brock would like to thank everyone for their many kind acts of love, cards, and especially your prayers in the loss of her sister, Elsie Rainey.**

## *February Calendar of Events*

2	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
3	8:30 am	MMO
4	12:00 pm	At Ease
	5:00 pm	Christian Education
	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
5	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	10:00 am	PW Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
9	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
10	8:30 am	MMO
11	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
12	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
13	5:30 pm	Worship Ministry
16	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
17	8:30 am	MMO
18	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
19	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
23	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
24	8:30 am	MMO
25	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
26	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Prayer Meeting