



First Presbyterian Church **PresbyNews**

March, 2025

Dear First Pres Friends,

We are now looking towards Easter as we barrel right into this joyous season in the life of our church! I have a few updates for you that I would like to bring your attention to as we look ahead into March!

As we head into this season I wanted to update you about the Mission at Massanetta Springs trip that is only three short months away. We are currently anticipating 26 of our members going up to Virginia for this Mission trip, and they are all excited about it! From elementary to middle and high school students, college students, and even our members, this is a great, true, intergenerational experience for our congregation, and it will enable us to do the work of Christ for those in need!

As we plan for this trip, we have a few fundraisers on the horizon to help ensure that we keep our commitment to this group that, as a congregation, we send them to Massanetta for this Mission Trip fully taken care of. This is a trip to do the work of Christ, rather than an explicitly fun trip, although that doesn't mean we won't have fun along the way! Our next fundraisers are the Chili Cookoff on March 19th, and then the church-wide Yard Sale on April 5th where we will also be holding a bake sale. So if you would like to donate any baked goods for the Youth to sell that day to help fundraise, then please donate if you are able!

Lastly, here are some updates for things we are working on behind the scenes here at First Pres. First, some of you may have noticed that our Instagram account for the Youth is back up and running. After some time, we have managed to get this account active and will post updates regarding what the Youth are doing, some funny posts, and some updates regarding Missions, projects, and other things y'all may be interested in! Also, I wanted to give an update regarding staff and office hours. Soon, these hours will be posted on our website as well as on the door of the church. They are as follows:

Church Office Hours: Office Manager Carolyn Hours

(does not account for Choir, Bible Study, and other regularly scheduled meetings)

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Friday: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday: Closed, except for scheduled events
- Sunday: 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM; 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Office Manager Carolyn Availability:

- Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Pastor Max's Availability:

- Monday: Off; Silenced Phone (except for emergencies)
 - *Emergencies usually fall under the category of death, family crisis, or church property emergency.*
- Tuesday-Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 - *In office, if not, then I am available by phone (if out to lunch, in a meeting, visiting a member, etc.)*
- Saturday: Available by phone until 6:00 PM (primary day for contacting Youth Parents)
- Sunday: 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM

I wanted to be transparent about availability because I treat Monday as my Sabbath since I work so late leading worship on Sunday mornings and then prepping and leading Youth on Sunday evenings. So, typically, this means that I will silence my phone completely and do what I can to not touch it on Mondays. This, however, is all dependent on whether there is an emergency or not on a Monday. I will usually respond anytime before 6 PM Tuesday through Sunday, but at the end of Youth on Sunday, I silence my phone and try to step away from the office and church business to spend time with my family and with God. I hope that everyone understands that if I do not respond on a Monday, I am not ignoring you, I love y'all and simply need some time away from emails and text messages so I can unwind and genuinely be with my loved ones.

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Music and Christian Education – Mary Louise Baker

Sunday School Classes

Parlor Class—*Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, by Jill Levine, is a Lenten series that explores the passion of Christ and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. 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. Join us as we begin our Lenten Study on March 9, *He Chose the Nails*, by Max Lucado. This study explores the many gifts that Christ provide to use at his crucifixion. 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, is studying the 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, 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
- Saturday, April 5—Yard Sale 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Building
- 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, April 27—VBS Meeting at 5 p.m.
- 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
- Sunday, June 8—VBS Meeting 5 p.m.
- 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. If you don't already have a time reserved, please contact me so we can schedule you. The price list is below:

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.




**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

**CHERAW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DIRECTORY
PHOTOS
MARCH 1-3, 2025**



<p>Package A \$75</p> <p>2) 8x10 4) 5x7 16) Wallets 1) 11x14</p>	<p>Package B \$55</p> <p>2) 8x10 4) 5x7 16) wallets</p>	<p>Package C \$35</p> <p>2) 8x10 4) 5x7</p>
<p>Package D \$25</p> <p>1) 8x10 2) 5x7 8) wallets</p>	<p>Package E \$15</p> <p>2) 5x7 8) wallets</p>	<p>Package F \$15</p> <p>1) 8x10 2) 5x7</p>

Single Prints

1) 11x14- \$20
1) 8x10- \$10
2) 5x7- \$10
8) wallets \$10

Digital copy \$75

Email Address: _____

*Please note that you will have 2 weeks to download pictures once you receive link.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

*Cash/Checks/Credit Cards excepted. Please note that credit cards will have a convenience fee. Please make checks payable to Beth Shepard.

Company use: Check# _____ Cash _____ Credit Card _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**VBS
2025**

The Easy VBS®




**TRUE
NORTH**

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

5-8pm

**June
17-19**



**ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**

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



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9th. Set your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed.



Annual Yard Sale Resumes

Dear Church Family,

I know it doesn't seem like it but spring is just around the corner. It is time to start cleaning out your closet, attic, and garage because our annual yard sale will be Saturday, April 5th.

If you have items that you would like us to pick up, please let me know. You can also drop off items in the Fellowship Building.

Thanks to everyone for always helping us with this event because without your generous donations, we would not be able to have this yard sale.

Thank you so much!

The Mission Team

Fellowship Committee News

April 19

Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Breakfast 9:00am – Pancakes, Sausage and Juice

Egg Hunt at 10:00am

Bring your cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Welcome donations will be taken up to assist with the cost of this year's Youth Conference .

Membership Committee News

Meeting on Sunday March 23 after church.



Presbyterian Women News

Duties for March and April

Communion

March 2-Tammy and John Joyce

April 6- Mary and Douglas Anderson

Maundy Thursday April 17- Mary Jane Evans

Youth Supper

March 16- Debbie Watson, Debra Luke, and Penny Angle

April 20- No Youth

Bible Study/ Circle Meeting

March 5- Parlor- 10:00

April 2- Parlor- 10:00

Prayer Changes Things

Gerry Rogers; Ina Coggeshall
Gray & Bea Sloop
Benny Moore
Bobbie Jones
Edward Tinsley
Ruth Jackson
B J Moore
Hurricane victims
Louise Carpenter



3 Bayley Hydrick
4 Kim Cauthen
Christopher Tucker
7 Jenny Michaels
8 Debbie Watson
10 Robert Moffat
11 Richard Pierce
15 Marion Murphy
18 Kristen Miller
Mary Jane Evans
19 David Brabham, Jr.
22 Andy Beck
23 Reba Brooks, Thomas Barton
25 Craig Goddard
30 Joye Sansbury

March Calendar Of Events

1		Directory Pictures
2	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion)
		Directory Pictures
3	8:30 am	MMO
		Directory Pictures
4	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	5:00 pm	CE Team Meeting
	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	Ash Wednesday Service
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
9	10:00 am	Church 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
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
13	6:30 pm	Mission Outreach
16	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
17	8:30 am	MMO
19	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:00 pm	Chili Cook-off
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
20	6:00 pm	Session
23	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
		Membership Team Mtg.
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
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
30	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
31	8:30 am	MMO



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The family and friends of Mrs. Bennie Moore.

February Session Highlights:

- Approved the following Fundraisers for the Youth Mission Trip to Massanetta: Pancake Supper – to be determined, Chili Cookoff – Wednesday, March 19th, Annual Yard Sale – Saturday, April 5th.
- Approved the 2025 Church Budget.
- Received a report from the 116th Gathering of the Presbytery of New Harmony held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach on February 9, 2025.
- Received a report from Mothers' Morning Out Ministry Board that Kim Brabham will be retiring as MMO Director at the end of the school year.
- Approved a request of the Daughters' of the American Revolution, Old Cheraws - Pee Dee Chapter to use the Fellowship Building for its meetings this year on March 17th, September 15th and November 17th.
- Received the 2024 Church Statistical Report.