



First Presbyterian Church **PresbyNews**

April, 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 to your attention as we look ahead into April!

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 currently have 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! We have one open availability for any adult who would like to go as well.

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 fundraiser is the church-wide yard sale on April 5th, during which we will also be holding a bake sale to help fundraise for Montreat. 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 other Ministries ahead of this Season! Easter is right around the corner and only a few weeks away. This year, we are planning on having Maundy Thursday in the Sanctuary at 5:30 PM, Good Friday at 12:00 PM, and will be focused on being a shorter service of prayer, an Easter Egg hunt on Holy Saturday, and Easter Service in the Sanctuary at 11 AM! This is such a special season in the life of your church and it is also during this season that we continue to lift up those on our prayer list in our prayers. Please let me know if you have any more prayer requests or updates!

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Music and Christian Education – Mary Louise Baker

Sunday School Classes

Parlor Class—The Parlor Class will be studying Amy Jill Levine’s *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to Holy Week*. This 6-week study explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. The author shows us how the text raises spiritual questions for the reader, 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. They are currently studying the Lenten series, *He Chose the Nails*, by Max Lucado. This study explores the many gifts that Christ provide to use at his crucifixion. Following this study, we will begin *Wresting with Doubt*, by Adam Hamilton, which explores trusting in God and not being afraid of difficult questions. 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, will study the Lent/Easter segment of the Gospel Project, which will explore Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, and the events surrounding these sacred stories.

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

Nursery available (downstairs)

Christian Education & Music Ministry Spring Schedule

- Saturday, April 5—Yard Sale 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Building
- Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
- Friday, April 18—Good Friday Service 12 noon in the sanctuary
- Saturday, April 19—Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.; Light refreshments to be served
- 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.

YARD SALE

Saturday, April 5th
8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

IN THE FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

PROCEEDS WILL FUND THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Sponsored by The Fellowship Committee

Don't forget your basket!

EASTER EGG HUNT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
10:00 A.M.

Everyone is Welcome!
Light Refreshments Will be Served



Hosanna in the Highest!



palm sunday

We welcome you to come & worship with us in the sanctuary!

11:00 a.m.
April 13



Maundy
Thursday
Service

April 17
5:30 p.m.

In the Sanctuary
Join us for worship!
"Do this in Memory of Me"



Special thanks to all who participated in the church directory photo sessions. If you have not submitted a photo, please contact me so we can be sure to include you in the new directory!
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be taken on Sunday, April 20th. This money goes to providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Saturday, April 5th - YARD SALE

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

Pancake Supper, Wednesday, April 23rd

Fellowship Committee News

April 19 Annual Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am

Light Refreshments will be served.

Bring your cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Presbyterian Women News



Duties for April and May

Communion

April 6- Mary and Douglas Anderson

Maundy Thursday April 17- Mary Jane Evans

May 4 - Gina and Craig Goddard

Youth Supper

April 20- No Youth

May 18-

Bible Study/ Circle Meeting

April 2- Parlor- 10:00

May 7- Celebrating Birthday Offering with a salad luncheon at 11:00am in Fellowship Building. Please be prepared to give an offering towards the Birthday Offering.

March Session Highlights

- Approved the Pancake Supper Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip to Massanetta to be held April 23rd.
- Approved a Special Offering to be collected on May 4th for the Youth Mission Trip to Massanetta expenses.
- Approved a Youth Group Bake Sale during the April 5th yard sale with the proceeds going to help with Montreat Youth Conference expenses.
- Approved the baptisms of Brylee & Laikyn Denham for April 27th during worship.
- Approved the Church Key Card Policy.
- Accepted Carolyn West's letter of resignation for her retirement after almost 18 years as church secretary and financial secretary.
- Made plans to increase committee/ministry team involvement among members of the congregation.

Address change for:
Thomas & Mary Gullede
2350 W. Lucas St. Unit 3
Florence, SC 29501 .

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
 Elizabeth (Nubbin) Brown



April Birthdays!

1-Alex Evans
 3-Bill Cauthen
 5-Dena Tillman
 6-Kathy Bradshaw, Edward Tinsley
 8-Josh Evans
 9-Buddy Brooks, Phillip Tucker
 12-Mike Chapman, David Morgan
 13-Louise Carpenter
 14-Danny Bradshaw
 17-Douglas Anderson,
 Brittany Tillman
 18-Diane Hines
 19-John McLaughlin
 20-Charlene Tillman
 22-Betty Laney
 24-David Nagel
 26-Maggie Barton
 28-Kathie Cook
 30-Maylen Harris

April Calendar Of Events

1	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	5:00 pm	CE Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Comm. Bible Study
2	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 rehearsal
5		Yard Sale/Bake Sale
6	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
7	8:30 am	MMO
8	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
9	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
10	6:00 pm	Session
13	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
15	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
16	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
17	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
18	12:00 pm	Good Friday Service
19	9:00 am	Breakfast
	10:00 am	Egg Hunt
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
	5:30 pm	Pancake Supper
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
27	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
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

Mission Outreach News

The Mission Outreach Team is charged with the task of helping First Presbyterian Church be a missional community both locally, nationally, and internationally. To that end, the Mission Outreach Team involves the church in a variety of activities and causes to demonstrate our response to Jesus' command to "love our neighbors and ourselves."

Here are some of the causes in which First Presbyterian Church Family participates.

Collect offerings for

- **Souper Bowl of Caring, One Great Hour of Sharing** (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People),
- **Mothers' Day Offering** for Presbyterian Communities of S.C.,
- the **Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled**,
- **Thornwell**, and the
- **Christmas/Joy Offering** (support for Presbyterian Church Workers in need and Presbyterian-related schools and colleges of color).

In addition, First Presbyterian Church provides

- occasional **Friendship Meals** to our elderly,
- volunteer monitors for **Thornwell/Pathfinders Read Right Program** (more volunteers needed),
- assistance with projects to **Pee Dee Coalition**,
- **transportation assistance** to members as needed,
- prepare and serve, along with other churches, **Abba Ministry Meals**, and
- support for **Community Efforts for the Homeless**.

Of course, one of our biggest investments in time and money is the **Youth Mission Trip to Massanetta**. As occasions arise, and money is available in different First Presbyterian Church funds, we provide donations to several other causes on a one-time basis.

We also, as a church, provide assistance to our **Presbyterian Church USA Mission Co-Workers**. The PCUSA is restructuring how it does foreign mission, so we will be looking at ways to support the new efforts.

If you would like to participate in any of these opportunities for service or want more information, contact me at Presbyeducator@gmail.com or 843-910-0818.

-Avery Dickson, Moderator, Mission Outreach Team