



April 2026

Dear First Pres Friends,

What a wonderful season this has been for our church! As we close out this Lenten journey with Easter, we have so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead! The Board of Deacons will soon begin their ministry once again, we have two more baptisms on the horizon, Youth Sunday is just a few weeks away, and so much more!

First, right around the corner are a few special services in the life of our church. This month, we will have our Maundy Thursday *service on April 2nd at 5:30 PM*. Leigh Montague will be coming back to lend us her services and help provide some special music for this very special service, so make sure to mark your calendars! Also, we will have our Good Friday service on April 3rd at 12:00 PM, so if you would like to have a time of prayer and reflection as we hear aloud the story of Jesus' final earthly moments, make sure to come on our for that. Lastly, Easter will be on April 5th this year!

Also, while registration for our Summer Mission Trip to Asheville is closed, if you or someone you know is interested in going, I can reach out and see if they would let us add another. Also, Montreat is right around the corner! If you have a rising ninth grader or a graduating Senior, you are invited to join our group at Montreat! Early registration is closed, but if your Youth would like to go on the trip, they are more than welcome to do so! Forms have been emailed out to parents, but additional copies are available in the church office. Montreat is from July 12th through the 19th and is always such a special trip for our Youth! They will meet other Youth from across the country, learn more about God, and have a great time in worship with over 1200 people!

Lastly, while this is a special time in the life of our church, let us also remember those on our prayer list as it continues to grow. This season can be difficult for many of us, so if you ever need anything, please feel free to reach out to me! My door is always open, and I am more than happy to talk with you!

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels



Sunday School Classes

Parlor Class

This month the Parlor Class will study the 5-week series, *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*, by William Willimon. This study invites consideration to the Gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be "Other" or outside mainstream Christian culture. This study helps small groups understand why some people in their communities are considered to be 'other' and how to regard these others from the perspective of God's call to love in Jesus.

Fellowship Class

Join the Fellowship class in April as they continue studying *Feasting on the Word*. Adults will discover the empty tomb, how to make the resurrection known to others, explore Christ's call to mission today, express how they experience Jesus to others, and how to dwell in God. The Fellowship Class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. It is a relaxed class with lots of discussion. Please think about joining us for coffee & fellowship!

Youth Class

Our Youth Class will continue studying *Feasting on the Word*. This month, they will consider the fear & great joy of the women at the empty tomb, what it means to believe without seeing, and find that well-being comes through entrusting their lives to God. Join us! All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

Children's Class

Our Children's class, ages K-5th grade, will continue studying *Feasting on the Word*. They will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and respond with wonder, learn about the Emmaus walk, and consider what God's guidance means. The children's class meets upstairs and has lots of fun!

Preschool Class—(ages 3-4)

Meets downstairs in the Louise Carpenter room and will also be studying *Feasting on the Word*. Children will celebrate Easter, learn to extend blessings & peace to others, tell the good news of the Easter story, and discover Psalm 23.

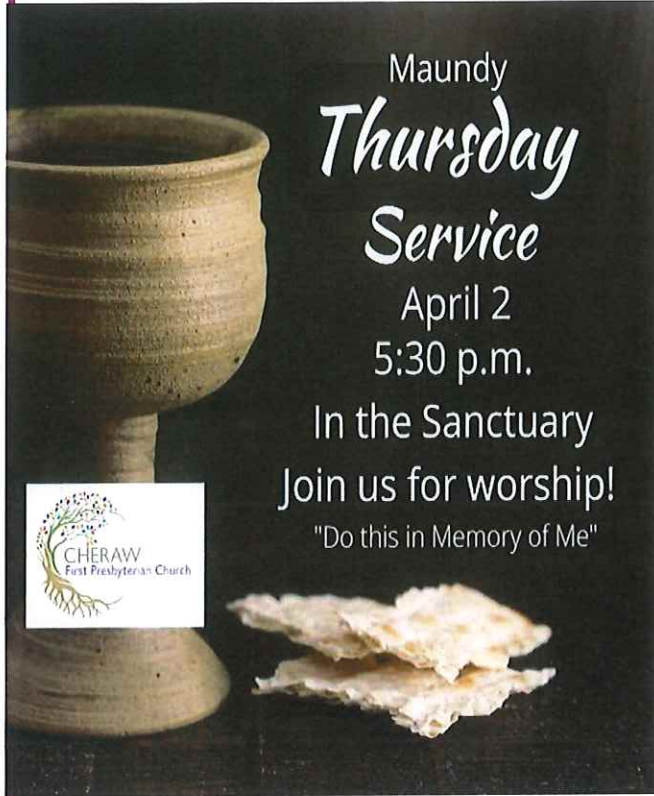
Nursery always available (downstairs)



Christian Education & Music Ministry Schedule

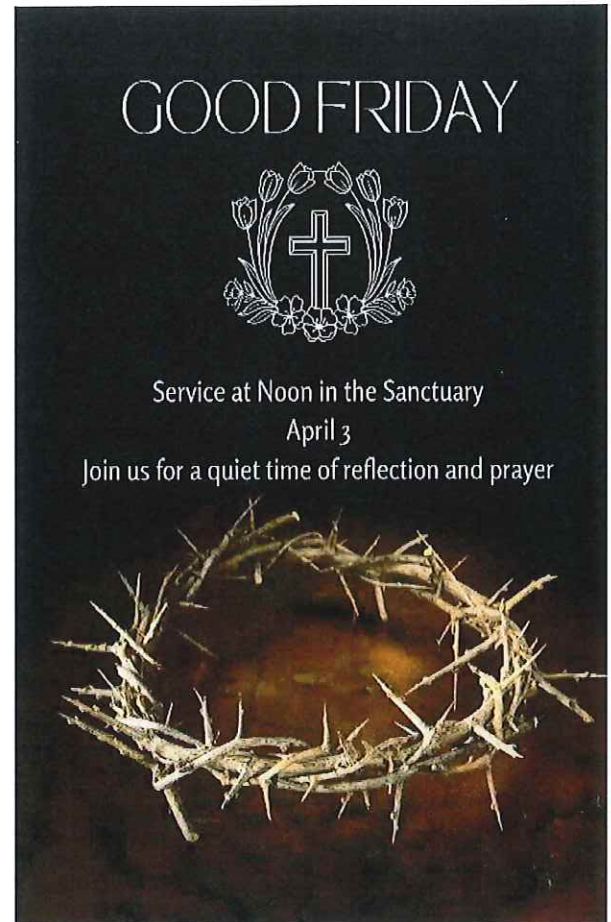
April 2

Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with communion accompanied by the Chancel Choir & Leigh Montague, cellist. This is my favorite service of the year as we commemorate The Last Supper.



April 3

Good Friday Service at 12 p.m. in the sanctuary. This brief yet powerful service is a quiet, contemplative occasion to commemorate the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus.



Christian Education & Music Ministry Schedule Cont.

April 5-Easter Service at 11 a.m. Let's fill the sanctuary with our voices singing triumphant alleluias! Guest singers, alongside our Chancel Choir, will sing the "Hallelujah" from Beethoven's *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Op. 85. It is the triumphant final movement of his 1803 oratorio, depicting the victorious affirmation of Jesus' divine mission to redeem humanity and celebrates the resurrection! I also plan to play Toccata in F, BWV 540, for the prelude, and Widor's Toccata for the postlude.

I invite you to join me in worship with such glorious organ music that morning.



Our Chancel Choir is in the process of getting new choir robes. This may take a few months as we will each get measured and carefully select the appropriate robe, sure to improve the look and comfortability of our choir!

April 8—Spring Break! No Fun Program or Chancel Choir
(I will be gone this week but I'm just a call away)

April 19—VBS Meeting at 5 p.m.! Our first meeting of the year!
So exciting! Join me!



May 3—Children & Youth Sunday at 11 a.m.
This very meaningful service is led entirely by our children & youth.

Join us for this incredibly special time!

**YOUTH &
CHILDREN'S**

SUNDAY

MAY 3

11:00 A.M.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

May 10—Mother's Day! I would like to invite you and your children to sing a simple, meaningful song together at the front of the church. I will record the song and send it to the congregation for you to learn! Celebration with photo booth & props in downstairs hallway for you and your families to enjoy on your own!



May 17—Graduation Sunday

May 31—VBS Meeting at 5 p.m. (2nd meeting)



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VBS Rainforest Falls June 9-11
Save the Date!



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Presbyterian Women News

Duties:

Communion

April 2– Maundy Thursday– Mary Jane Evans

April 5– Tammy and John Joyce

May 3– Mary and Douglas Anderson

Youth Supper

April 19– Karen Tillman, Tammy Joyce and Kathy Bradshaw

May 17– Mary Jane and David Evans

Circle Meeting

April 1- Regular Meeting in the Parlor at 10:00am.

May 6– Birthday Offering Salad Lunch at 11:00 am.

Salads and desserts will be provided by the PW Officers.

This will be our last meeting until September.

If you haven't been able to come to Circle in the past but have the time now.

Please join us!



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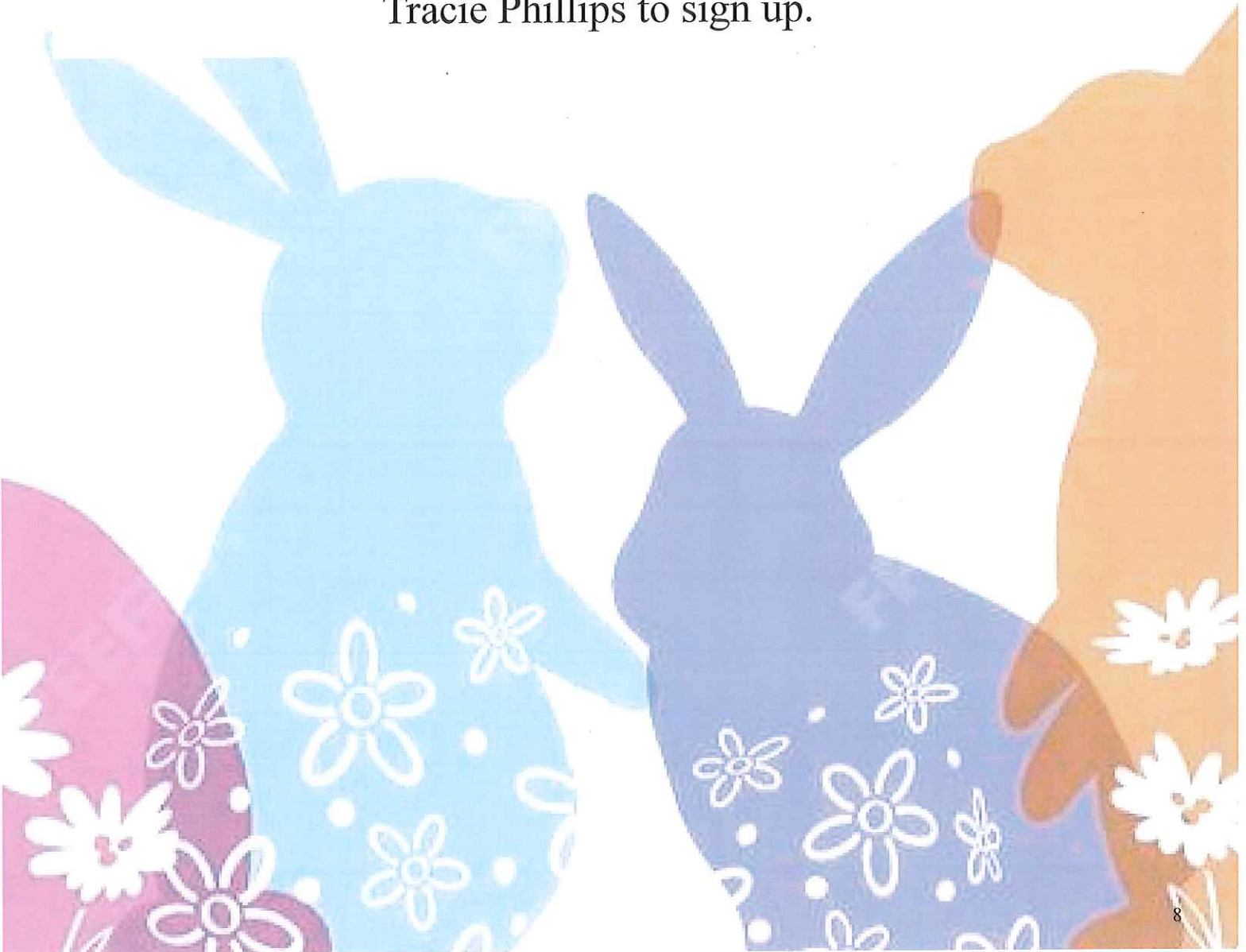
Women's Community Bible Study

The Women's Community Bible Study will begin a new series on April 14th (6pm) and 15th(9am), running 6 weeks.

Pick either time slot each week.

The study: Karen Ehman's, Keep it Shut

The study will challenge you to dig deep into what the Bible says about the ways we use our words. See Caroline Streater or Tracie Phillips to sign up.



McArn Food Bank Backpack Ministry

McArn Food Bank Partners with Cheraw Primary school, to provide weekend food for 35 of their students most in need. Each week during the school year, nutritious food items are bagged and placed in children's backpacks for them to carry home for the weekend.

Food items may include (No peanut butter or nuts):

- *Ravioli cups
- *Mac-n-cheese cups
- *Ramen noodles cup
- *Pudding cups
- *Jello cups
- *Fruit cups,
- *Applesauce cups
- *Vegetable cups
- *Pop Tarts
- *Granola bars
- *Individual cereal bowls
- *Instant grits
- *Instant oatmeal
- *Lance sandwich crackers

If you would like to contribute any of these items to this ministry, please place them in the designated box outside the church office door or the little red wagon in the Narthex.



Prayer Changes Things

Gerry Rogers

Benny Moore

For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

B.J. Moore

Louise Carpenter

Shirley Brock

Edward Tinsley

Ruth Jackson

Marion Murphy

Nadia Harris

Clytie Roddy

Stasa Petros

Rebecca Harris Ott

Lesley Jean Watson

Wyatt Smith

April Quick

Summer Cathey

Tommy Gulledge

Lynn Smith

Patti Rollings



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 1 | 8:30 am | MMO | 15 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| | 10:00 am | Circle Meeting | | 9:00 am | CW Bible Study |
| | 3:15 pm | Fun Program | | 3:15 pm | Fun Program |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir | | 5:30 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | | | | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 2 | 5:30 pm | Maundy Thursday | 19 | 10:00 am | Sunday School |
| | | | | 11:00 am | Worship |
| | | | | 5:00 pm | VBS Meeting |
| 3 | 12:00 pm | Good Friday Service | 20 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| 5 | 10:00 am | Sunday School | 21 | 6:00 pm | CW Bible Study |
| | 11:00 am | Worship- Easter Service | 22 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| 6 | Easter Monday | | | 9:00 am | CW Bible Study |
| 7 | 12:00 pm | At Ease | | 3:15 pm | Fun Program |
| | | | | 5:30 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| 8 | 5:30 pm | Prayer Meeting | | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| <i>SPRING BREAK APRIL 6-10TH</i> | | | 26 | 10:00 am | Sunday School |
| <i>No MMO, Fun Program, or</i> | | | | 11:00 am | Worship |
| <i>Chancel Choir</i> | | | 27 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| 12 | 10:00 am | Sunday School | 28 | 6:00 pm | CW Bible Study |
| | 11:00 am | Worship | | | |
| 13 | 8:30 am | MMO | | | |
| 14 | 6:00 pm | CW Bible Study | | | |





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

21-Sue Cutchin

26-Maggie Barton

28-Kathie Cook

30-Maylen Harris



**happy
May
Birthdays**

1- Chip Ingram

10-Sallie McLeod

11-Edwin “Brother” Davis

14-Cody Barton

15-Sam Baker, Andy Ingram

17-Andrew McLeod

19-Sadie Smith, Trey Cauthen

20-Lindsay Bennett, Mari Burch

21- Adeline Barton

26-Caden Cauthen, Shelley Morgan

27-Elizabeth Cox

**28-Benny Moore, Penelope Angle,
Nicole Wetternek**

29-Ben Tillman, Cooper Tillman

30-Glenn Anderson