

February 27, 2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANFORD

First Word

“To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope.”

From the Desk,

This past Wednesday, as well as Wednesdays in the past, I had the fortune to be able to step in for Brad and help David with Chapel in our FPCDC. This has to be one of my all time favorite things to do. There is nothing like looking into the eyes of a child when you're telling them a Bible story you hope they can relate to, and they smile and you just know they got it!!! What a pleasure from God it is to have that experience. Then David accompanies your lesson with a song relating to the same message. Having the children sing and dance and enjoy their time with you. What a true gift from God.

The same can be said for my morning hugs and conversations with our Walking Track patrons. I'm telling you, I can be in the worst mood in the world, or just be tired and worn down, but seeing their faces and feeling their warm embraces lightens my heart. They even call me when I'm not here to check on me and make sure I'm okay. Am I truly blessed, or what!?!

When you can see the light the Lord is placing in your life, the place where you belong, the path you were meant to take...Isn't that what we're all here for, what we're all seeking? To know the Lord is working in us and through us for his Glory. I'm telling you, my friends, it's the absolute best feeling in the whole world.

As you read this today, take the time to really look and see where your light is. Where is God leading you?

Much love to you,

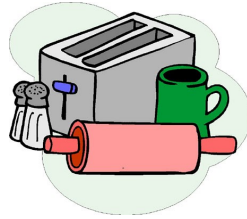
Michele





2/27: Allison Burrus
 2/28: James Baker, Dean Wilkinson
 3/1: Jane Baker, Edwin Patterson,
 Matthew Phillips
 3/3: Katie Berliner
 3/4: Phyllis Brewer, Susan Tickle

The Outreach Committee is holding a donation collection during the month of February for Family Promise. You still have a few more days to drop off your donations! Thank You, The Outreach Committee



Bible Study Update

Our Bible Study group has concluded a study of Ephesians and will begin meeting again on **Tuesday, March 7**. Plan to join us for this time together with family and friends. Peace, Brad

WALKING TRACK SCHEDULE

This week's walking track volunteers:

- 2/27-Joan Bland
- 2/28-Jim and Laurie Lee
- 3/1-Carol Varga
- 3/2-Jim and Laurie Lee
- 3/3-Don Wazenegger



Laurie Lee will be behind the Harper Center on Thursday, March 2nd to collect food for CUOC from 10am—12pm.

This Weeks Calendar

Monday 2/27:

- 9AM-12PM:** Walking Track
- 5:30 PM:** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM:** Traditional Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15PM:** Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 2/28:

- 9AM-12PM:** Walking Track

Wednesday 3/1:

- 9AM-12PM:** Walking Track
- 10AM:** CDC Devotion
- 6PM:** Yoga
- 7PM:** Prayer Group

Thursday 3/2:

- 9AM-12PM:** Walking Track
- 10AM-12PM:** Stuff the Trunk

Friday 3/3:

- 9AM-12PM:** Walking Track

Saturday 3/4:

- 9AM:** Presbytery Meeting at Wallace Presbyterian

Sunday 3/5:

- 9AM:** Contemporary Service
- 11AM:** Traditional Service
- 5-6:30PM:** Youth Supper at The Johnson's House

OUR PRAYER LIST

Parkview: Rexine Lloyd, Maxine Auman, Ann Barkley

Universal Healthcare/Lillington: Betty Lou Bristow

Home or with family: Jean Perry; Cathy Johnson; Don Suddarth; Bruce Benton

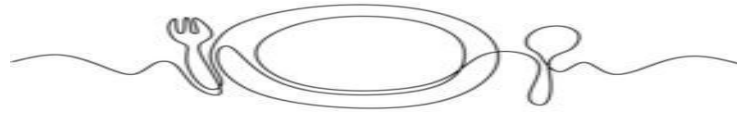
Our Friends & Family: Tiffany Scott Heron (Donna McClune's niece); Michael McClune (Donna McClune's son); James Cox; Billy Boaz; Jamey Allen (Harold James' sister); Phyllis Moore; Carolyn Herring (Bunny Paderick's niece); Greg Horrell (Bunny Paderick's brother-in-law); Richard Angel (Pat Angel's husband); Marci Hudzik; Dennis Parnell (friend of David Vann); Emily Heeseman (Samantha Morgan's friend and college roommate); Carla Bailey; Joanna Dempsey; Michelle Hendley Leonhardt (Daughter of Mike and Peggy Hendley); Flora Harrington; George Honeycutt at St. Joseph's of the Pines (neighbor of Dean and Jana Wilkinson); Rhonda Titus (a dear friend of Michele Bullard's)

Offering Counters Schedule - February/March 2023

Week 1 (2/5) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon, Week 2 (2/12) David and Rhonda Miller, Week 3 (2/19) John Garris and Daryl Perry, Week 4 (2/26) Samantha Jeffries and Don Wazenegger, Week 1 (3/5) Joan Bland and Julie Lemon
 The Lay Readers for February for the 9am service are Pat and Emalee McCracken, and for the 11am service is John Breidenstine.

FPC Youth News

There is a Youth Supper Sign-Up Sheet on the table in the Colonnade for March and April. Available dates to supply a meal are listed below. As always, we appreciate so much your continued generosity in providing meals for our Youth Meetings!



Thank you to everyone who supported our FPC Youth by coming out for our Shrove Pancake Supper on Tuesday! As always, we are so grateful for you!!!

2023 Youth Calendar Meals for 2023

March

March 5th—Supper at Katrina Johnson's House
627 Palmer Drive, Sanford, NC 27330

March 12th—Fairview Dairy Bar

March 19th—

March 26th—Jeff and Lisa's Brickhouse Grill after the 9am Service

April

April 2nd—

April 9th—no Youth meeting

April 16th—Ichiban

April 23—Nancy Wazenegger

April 30th—San Felipe on Jefferson Davis Highway



As natural disasters become more prevalent, and poverty increases at alarming rates all over the world and United States, and so many people are suffering, Presbyterian Mission gives us a tool to help. One Great Hour of Sharing. You may ask yourself if the need is so great, how can my small gift help? If we all do a little it adds up to a lot. Remember that Matthew 25 teaches us that, in every time and season the Church finds itself and its Savior through relationships with those in need.

Your gift will provide relief from these natural disasters, provide food for the hungry, and support the poor and oppressed. Please consider giving to this worthy mission today. Thank you for your support.

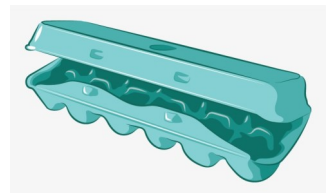
One Call is our Information Sharing Database we use to relay special events, births, deaths, etc. to the Congregation. I am trying to update the system and would like to know if you want to be added or deleted from the program. Please call, come by the church office, or email me to let me know or if you have any questions. Thank you, Michele



Presbyterian Women

PW News: We need two volunteers to work as a team for the Breadbasket four times a year; the second Tuesday of March, June, September, and December. All that is needed is a group of six or seven people to prepare and serve lunch at the Breadbasket on the days listed above from 8:30am-12:30pm. Please contact Bunny Paderick at (919)770-3961 if you are willing to serve in this most rewarding way. Thank you!

The Breadbasket needs your empty egg cartons! Feel free to drop them off at the church office and Lynn Knight will make sure Susan gets them. Thank you so much for helping!!!



Are you a good s-p-e-l-l-e-r?

First Presbyterian Church has a chance to promote reading, our community, and have some fun with other community groups at a Community Spelling Bee. It would be great if our church formed a team of four strong spellers for this event. It will take place March 20th at the Dennis A Wicker Civic Center from 6:00 to 9:00pm (registration 6:00 to 7:00; competition 7:00). The team of spellers would work together on each word. This event is sponsored by the local chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society (Women Educators). There is a \$200 per team entry fee that could possibly be funded through donations (small or large) of church members. The proceeds provide a copy of GOODNIGHT MOON for every baby born at Central Carolina Hospital. If interested in being a team member or providing funds for the entry fee, please contact Wanda Wazenegger at (919)-774-3775 or Michele in the church office at (919)775-5216. The contribution is tax deductible.

The Outreach Committee delivered Chick-fil-a lunches to the teachers and staff of Bragg St Academy and our own Child Development Center on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Both locations were so appreciative of the generosity of First Presbyterian Church!! Here's just one of the emails we received from an employee at Bragg Street Academy.

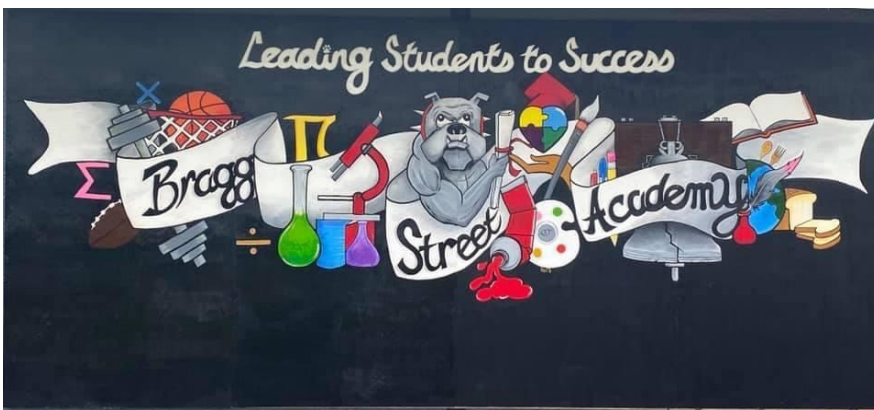
Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the kind, thoughtful and delicious meal provided to us today. As soon as the special lunch notice was placed on our calendar, we began to look forward to this day. I wish you could have seen the smiles all around!!

In this sometimes tough world we find ourselves in, your act of kindness is SO appreciated.

Thank you all and have a blessed weekend!

June Wicker



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



There is a sign up sheet in the Colonnade for Family Promise Meals. We are providing meals March 15-March 18, 2023. Nancy Wazenegger can be contacted with any questions.

Lent and Easter

Sunday, February 26
Sunday, March 5
Sunday, March 12
Sunday, March 19
Sunday, March 26
Sunday, April 2
Thursday, April 6
Friday, April 7
Sunday, April 9

Repentance, Remembrance, and Renewal!

First Sunday of Lent *9:00 and 11:00 AM*
Second Sunday of Lent *9:00 and 11:00 AM*
Third Sunday of Lent *9:00 and 11:00 AM*
Fourth Sunday of Lent *9:00 and 11:00 AM*
Fifth Sunday of Lent *9:00 and 11:00 AM*
Palm Sunday *9:00 and 11:00 AM*
Maundy Thursday *7:00 PM—Sanctuary*
Good Friday (Tenebrae) *7:00 PM—Sanctuary*
Easter *10:00 AM—Sanctuary*

Other Special Activities

Wednesday Evening Lenten Devotions—7:00 PM in the Chapel

