

First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews



February, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

We have made it through January with its cold & snow followed by sunny and warm days. Unfortunately, the uncertain weather pattern is likely to continue into February stretching winter too far into the New Year for most of us.

I'm one who always searches for signs of spring but those clues are scarce. When I drive past garden centers I look closely for potted plants on the For Sale racks. None yet, drat it! But the day will come when we can load up with flowers and various garden plants. May it be soon!

One sign of the threshold of spring is the arrival of Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14 – also known as Valentine's Day. We will hold our Ash Wednesday service in the Session House this year. We hope you will be able to join us.

Tuesday, February 13, which our friends in Louisiana call Fat Tuesday, is known as Shrove Tuesday in the church. It is the last day of Shrovetide, the seventeen days before Lent when early Christians focused on self-examination to become ready to enter into solemn contemplation. Fat or Shrove, that Tuesday is still set aside for indulgences before the austere and penitential season of Lent begins. Fasting and prayer become the order soon afterwards.

The ways that many churches indulge themselves on Shrove Tuesday is to have a pancake supper, thus scouring their pantries of fat and flour and delicacies. FPC will hold its own Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry. The purpose of this meal is simple: to indulge ourselves together. In this way we will delay the self-denial of Lent as long as we can.

As we lead up to all this, be in prayer for the planners in the church as they craft a budget for the coming year – a budget that utilizes the gifts of members and friends for the benefit of our ministry in Cheraw.

Grace and peace be with you!

Alan Arnold



FUN PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FOR

FEBRUARY 2018

The kids in Fun Program will meet the month of February as follows:

Wednesday, February 7th 3:00 pm Refreshments: Heather and Phillip Tucker
Wednesday, February 14th 3:00 pm
Wednesday, February 21st 3:00 pm Refreshments: Calvin and Tracie Phillips
Wednesday, February 28th 3:00 pm

Please provide refreshments for 2 weeks - that would be extremely helpful and if there is a problem - please let Mac know!!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS TIMES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

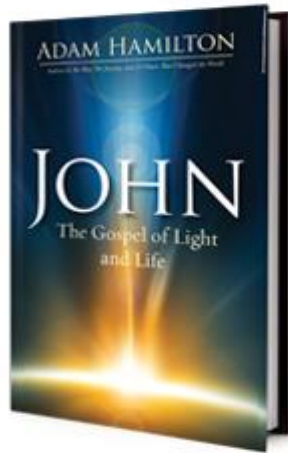
The youth will collect monetary gifts and food for Souper Bowl Sunday which is February 4th. Youth will be at all 4 doors with pots in hand to collect the gifts of money and food which will all go to the McArn Food Bank. Please mark your calendars with this important date.



The youth schedule for February is as follows:

Sunday, February 4 th	6:00 pm	Super Bowl Party at the home of the Becks Everyone needs to bring an appetizer to share. Please let Kelli know what you will bring so there is a nice variety. The party will last until half-time.
Sunday, February 11 th	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
Sunday, February 18 th	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
Sunday, February 25 th	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting

Just a reminder for all parents who have youth going to Montreat. Mac needs to start collecting your portion of the cost for the Montreat Youth Conference 2018. The cost is \$350.00 per person. Please let Mac know if there are any concerns.



**FELLOWSHIP CLASS
WILL BEGIN A LENTEN STUDY
ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

The Fellowship Class will begin their Lenten Study on John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. The study will consist of:

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| <i>Sunday, February 25th</i> | 1. <i>The Word Made Flesh</i> |
| <i>Sunday, March 4th</i> | 2. <i>The Miraculous Signs of Jesus</i> |
| <i>Sunday, March 11th</i> | 3. <i>The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus</i> |
| <i>Sunday, March 18th</i> | 4. <i>The Farewell Discourse</i> |
| <i>Sunday, March 25th</i> | 5. <i>The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King</i> |
| <i>Sunday, April 1st</i> | 6. <i>Eternal Life</i> |

Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Sunday mornings for this wonderful Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2018

February 4 th	Kelli Beck/Mary Jane Evans
February 11 th	Hadleigh Smith/Douglas Anderson
February 18 th	Karen Tillman/Sadie Smith
February 25 th	Heather Tucker/Tom Hammer



Fellowship Building Setup

Groups or committees that require a special set-up for activities in the Fellowship Building are asked to make their request through the church office.



Grief Share – First United Methodist Church began a Grief Share group on January 17, 2018. You can begin attending the group at any point. Each session is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence. This is a 13 week program at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday offering help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. For more information call 843-537-7002.

Older Adults Mark Your Calendar!

Treasured Tuesdays, an older adult ministry of Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center, will host **LIVING IN RETIREMENT: Making Your Money Last**, on Tuesday, February 20th beginning at 10:30 a.m. This presentation will be led by Mr. Andy Hall, an Edward Jones Financial Advisor in Cheraw, SC. A lunch consisting of Italian grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, tossed salad, rolls, and banana pudding will be served at 11:45 a.m. for a cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by calling Kelly Boone at (843) 479-3051.

At First Presbyterian Church

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 **Matheson-Bohannon-Poston Trust Fund** – the purpose of the trust is to provide educational loans to help members of the church seeking advanced education. Loans are to be repaid upon graduation.

Applications are available in the church office for these funds. Scholarship applications are also downloadable as pdf files from the Church’s website. The deadline for returning scholarship applications is March 1, 2018. **Please make sure your letter of Reference is placed in a sealed envelope and attached to your application.** Loan applications may be made at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Marion Anderson or the church office.



Prayer List

Members:

Gerry Rogers	Dee Pierce
Benny Moore	Tom Brewer
Bennie Moore	Bill Tillman
Pam Chapman	Kathie Cook

Relatives/Friends:

Rebie Harrison (Sue Cutchin's mother)
 Bhree Barrett (Louise Carpenter's great niece)
 Rose Via (Tammy Joyce's mother)
 Anna Schoderbek (daughter of Reba & Buddy Brooks)
 Cheryl Goldsberry (Shirley Brock's daughter)
 Nancy Ingram Walters (Sloan Baker's sister)
 Fred Goddard (Craig Goddard's father)
 Elsie Rainey (Shirley Brock's sister)
 Cathy Phillips (Calvin Phillips' mother)
 Sammy Boan (friend of Jean Page Watson)
 Evelyn Petros (Jean Page Watson's aunt)
 John Pruitt, (Libby Pierce's brother)

Community:

Chris Thrailkill

Nursing Home Residents (Away):

Residents at Presbyterian Communities:
 Ruth Leggett (Columbia)
 Artha Sompayrac (Summerville)
 B. J. Moore (Summerville)

Other:

Mid-East Conflict & Victim



Our Deepest Sympathy

The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Janie Taylor and her family upon the death of her husband, Col. Jim Taylor. Mr. Taylor died on January 1, 2018.

The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Louise Carpenter and her family upon the death of her brother, John Kent. Mr. Kent died on January 11, 2018.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Our Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, February 11th at 4:00 pm in the Youth Room. This will be a time for our youth to prepare to make their Profession of Faith in

Jesus Christ. The class will run each Sunday until March 18th. Then on Sunday, March 25th, they will make their public Profession of Faith during our

morning Worship Service. Those who will participate in the class are: Caden Cauthen, Eva Goddard, Maylen Harris, Elizabeth Hydrick, and Alice McLeod. Please be in prayer for all of these youth as they take a very important step in their faith.



Pray N Play Schedule for February, 2018



February 4 Hadleigh Smith and Emily Beck

February 11 Becky Childers and Andy Beck

February 18 Kelli Beck and youth

February 25 Christie and Alice McLeod

Pancake Meal

Tuesday, February 13, 2018



Join us on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building and enjoy a pancake meal together.

UPCOMING



The Session will meet on Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m.;

Deadline for the March Edition of the PresbyNews is Monday, February 26th, 2018.

Congratulations.....

The following students placed in the annual Christmas Card Contest sponsored by the Cheraw Recreation and Leisure Services Department and the Cheraw Arts Commission.

Kindergarten

1st - Blair Driggers

3rd - Kane Driggers

4th Grade-

Honorable Mention - Penelope Jean Angle

Grand Prize Winner - Grades 7th-12th - Elizabeth Hydrick

The Giving Ministry Team News

Donations can be made on-line through the use of Realm. It can be accessed through the new church website cherawfpc.org under Giving or onrealm.org.





February Birthdays

- 7-Helen Jeter
- 8-Pam Chapman
- 9-Jay Hughes
- 12-Sara Marie Jewart, Katelyn Evans
- 15-Barbara Dickson, Thomas Gulledege
- 16-Susan Malloy, Harold Watson
- 17-Michael Hammer
- 20-Laura K. Folger
- 23-Cam Beck
- 25-Tom Hammer, Malloy Evans
- 27-Bill Malloy



February Calendar of Events

4	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
5	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	5:30 p.m.	Deacons
6	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
	6:00 p.m.	CE
7	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
11	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
12	8:30 a.m.	MMO
13	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
	4:30 p.m.	Circle 2
	5:30 p.m.	Pancake Meal
14	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
15	5:30 p.m.	Session
18	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
19	8:30 a.m.	MMO
21	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
24		Presbytery Meeting
25	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
26	8:30 a.m.	MMO
28	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

The Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday will be on February 4th. The Youth of our church will be standing at all 4 doors on this particular Sunday to collect donations and/or food items to help feed those who are hungry. All monetary and food items will go the McArn Food Bank to help feed those in our communities who do not have as much as we have. We ask that you mark your calendars with this very important Mission Project for the Youth and will give generously. If you have any questions, please contact Mac.