

## First Presbyterian Church

# PresbyNews



**February 2020**

Dear Friends,

I did not know that thirteen months could pass by so quickly, but they certainly have rushed along! I began my time with you as interim pastor on January 16, 2019. I conclude my time with you on February 2, 2020. During our thirteen months together, we have worshiped, shared the sacraments, studied the Bible, had meetings for all kinds of committees and work teams, gone on mission trips, taken a lot of meals together, celebrated the major seasons of the year, like Lent and Easter, Advent and Christmas; done our mission assessment work for the Pastor Nominating Committee as well as introduced more missions like Rev. Lauren Scharstein's work in Kenya. Along the way, we have prayed, sung and visited together. Also, much more of the parking lot was paved and the manse renovated. New members were welcomed, and new elders elected, trained and installed. Also, we have struggled with loved ones during their illnesses and surgeries and recoveries. We have even gathered at the cemetery to say our good-byes to loved ones, while comforted by the great news of Jesus' resurrection and promise of eternal life.

Throughout our thirteen months together, I have experienced you as a loving, caring, faithful and generous people. You enjoy each other, and you enjoy being together. You enjoy laughter as well as hard work. You serve Christ and each other with a willing and kind spirit. All these qualities will benefit your relationship with your new pastor, Dr. Steve Fitzgerald (he begins his ministry with you on February 17).

For Joye, this was a return to her hometown and the church in which she grew up. For me, it was a year of ministry in a church I visited several times as a teenager, and then as a summer counselor at Camp Pee Dee. We were married in this church in December of 1977. So, this has been a great "welcome home!" for us as well as a new venture in interim ministry.

My official time with you is nearly over. I will apply for similar interim ministry positions in South or North Carolina in the coming months. I plan to spend another 12-18 months as an interim minister somewhere. Retirement for me is not here yet but is also not too far away. Even then, I will surely visit you in Cheraw, and may be a summer or vacation substitute preacher. You will always remain in my thoughts and prayers for God's guidance and inspiration. I hope you will pray the same for Joye and me. Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for our time with you!

Your interim pastor,

Dr. Dan Sansbury



## Fill the Red Wagon for McArn Food Bank

A monthly featured item is now being requested for donations in the Red Wagon for the McArn Food Bank.

The food bank is currently most in need of food for the Backpack Program, which sends food home with needy children from school every Friday.

February Featured Item: **Instant Grits**

*Additional canned food donations are encouraged!*

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### First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, South Carolina

#### First Friday Concert Series

**All Concerts at 12-12:30 in the Sanctuary. All Concerts free and open to public!**

February 7-Whitney Davis, soprano; Ronda McElveen, piano

March 6-FPC Chancel Choir & Celebration Ringers

April 3-Christopher Moore, tenor; Ronda McElveen, piano

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The congregation will share in the **sacrament of communion** during the worship service on Sunday, February 2, 2020. All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and their baptized children, are invited to partake in the sacrament with us.

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Dr. Steve Fitzgerald, who has been called to be our church's newest pastor, begins his service with us on February 17.

**Preschool/Elementary Sunday School Teaching Schedule  
For February 2020**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlene Tillman/Laura Katherine Folger  
 9<sup>th</sup> Jean Page Watson/Becky Childers  
 16<sup>th</sup> Karen Tillman/ Sadie Smith  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Heather Tucker/ Sara Marie Jewart



**Middle School/High School Sunday School Teaching Schedule  
For February 2020**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Anderson  
 9<sup>th</sup> Larry Zimmerman  
 16<sup>th</sup> Robby Ashworth  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Tom Hammer

**FUN PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm  
 Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 am -  
 Children will ring during Worship  
 Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm



Parents please note: We are planning on the Children ringing during our morning Worship Service on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will practice on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> so we hope all the children will be there on that day as we prepare for Worship. Barbara Dickson will be gone on that day but that will help us as we prepare the children to ring. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. Thanks so much! Mac



## MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

- Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday** – All Youth need to attend worship for the Mission Project
- 6:00 pm **Super Bowl Party in Youth Room** – all youth are to bring an appetizer to share. Parents can pick up youth at half time!
- Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>      6:00 pm Regular Meeting
- Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>      6:00 pm Regular Meeting
- Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Possible Youth Retreat – Details to follow soon.



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| Feb. 2  | Marietta Burch                   |
| Feb. 9  | Kristen Miller                   |
| Feb. 16 | Sadie Smith                      |
| Feb. 23 | Maylen Harris and/or Eva Goddard |

## February

# Calendar of Events

2	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Reception
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
3	8:30 a.m.	MMO
4	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	1:00 p.m.	PWCT
	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education
5	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
10	8:30 a.m.	MMO
11	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
12	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	4:00 p.m.	Circle 2
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
16	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
17	8:30 a.m.	MMO
19	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
20	5:30 p.m.	Session
22	9:30 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting- Pawley's Island
23	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
24	8:30 a.m.	MMO
25	11:00 a.m.	Membership Meeting
26	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

## PRAYER LIST



### Members:

Dee Pierce	Anne Bryan
Carole Kennedy	Jack Baker
Larry Gaddy	Bennie Moore
Robby Ashworth	Janie Taylor

### Relatives/Friends:

Shenell Malloy (Bill & Susan Malloy's daughter-in-law)

Rebie Harrison (Sue Cutchin's mother)  
 Bhree Barrett (Louise Carpenter's great niece)  
 Rose Via (Tammy Joyce's mother )  
 Cheryl Goldsberry (Shirley Brock's daughter)  
 Nancy Ingram Walters (Sloan Baker's sister)  
 Evelyn Petros (Jean Page Watson's aunt)  
 John Pruitt (Libby Pierce's brother)  
 Gene Brymer (Gina Goddard's father)  
 Robert Gantt (friend of Betty Davis)  
 Hope Griggs (friend of Tracie Phillips)  
 David Perdue (Jennifer Tillman's father)  
 Welbourne White (son of Betty Davis)  
 Peggy Hick (friend of Darice Gomez)  
 Charles Watson (Laura K. Folger's father)  
 Pam Cook (Cathy Chapman's daughter-in law's mother)  
 Mia Lang (Shirley Brock's granddaughter)  
 Fred Craft  
 Dola Roberts (friend of David Nagel)

**Residents at Presbyterian Communities:**  
 Artha Sompayrac (Summerville)  
 B. J. Moore (Summerville)

### Other:

Mid-East Conflict & Victims

## Thornwell Building Families News...

I am excited to share information on our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graduates of the FPC/BF-Cheraw program.

BF Cheraw discharged its 6<sup>th</sup> graduate to Aftercare services on 7/25/19 after providing 29 hours of intensive services over a period of 15 weeks. The Grandmother shared that the program has been beneficial to the family. The Grandmother was able to reinforce a contingent motivational system and routine for the child. Grandmother further shared that the child's attention span has improved. She is doing better about completing her chores without having to be told repeatedly. The family is participating in aftercare follow-up services. FS has been told by the Grandmother, that the child is doing much better in school. Her transition from the Intermediate School to the Middle School was not as difficult as expected.

BF Cheraw discharged its 7<sup>th</sup> graduate on 10/23/19 after providing 29.5 hours of intensive services over a 15 week period. According to the Great-Grandparents (Guardians), the target child is now presenting less behavior problems, tantrums/anger outbursts, at home. He is less aggressive with his younger sister. The Great-Grandparents are able to co-regulate the child when he becomes upset. FS was also able to help with the younger sibling's behavior issues in the home. The family is participating in aftercare services. FS has been told that the target child continues to exhibit improvement in his behavior in the home.

I will be celebrating graduate #8 on next week!

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Building Families program.

**Carisa M. Gerald, MA, LPC-A**

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The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to:

the families of Joye & Dan Sansbury and Mike & Cathy Chapman upon the death of their aunt, Mrs. Carolyn Huggins Chapman;

Michael and Melanie Flynn in the death of their nephew, Chase Compton;

the family of Miss Sybil F. Ingram;

Susie and Andy Ingram upon the death of Susie's mother, Sara Wicker.

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We **welcome** J. D. and Jill Wentz as new members of FPC.

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The **congratulations** of the congregation are extended to Mark & Rachel Ingram in the birth of their daughter, June Helen Ingram, born 12/10/19.

She is the granddaughter of Gail and Miller Ingram and the great granddaughter of Ruth Ingram.



## AT EASE

*February 4, 2020 - 12:00*

**HAND AND FOOT 9:30 a.m.**

If you are not on the calling or e-mail list for At Ease and would like to be notified of our meetings, please call Beth Witherspoon 843-537-5354 or

e-mail: [bethandjoewitherspoon@gmail.com](mailto:bethandjoewitherspoon@gmail.com).

If you are interested in learning to play Hand and Foot, a card game (easy but lots of fun) let Beth know and come on. No preparation needed.

Come and bring a friend but be sure to sign up!



## February

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

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### 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, 2020. **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 Kim Brabham or the church office.

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