

# First Presbyterian Church

## PresbyNews



**March, 2019**

Dear Friends,

If I could adapt the U. S. Army recruitment poster, the one that shows Uncle Sam saying, "I Want You!" I would do so for our March 17 event. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) consists of Bill Malloy (chair), Marion Anderson, Cathy Chapman, Christie McLeod and Dan Tillman. The Committee has gotten off to a great start in its discernment process. Now, the PNC is saying, "We want you!"

The Pastor Nominating Committee wants all the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to join them on Sunday evening, March 17. We will join together for supper at 5:30. Then, at 6:00, we will have discussions in small groups at our tables about who we are as a Church, what are our hopes and dreams, and what qualities are most desirable in our next installed pastor. The youth are especially invited, as they will have their own table group. (There will be an activity time for our younger children, and a nursery for our little ones.) We will begin wrapping up our evening discussions around 7:00 p.m. As it will also be St. Patrick's Day, you are invited to wear your green that evening!

These discussions on March 17 are a hugely important step in the work of our Pastor Nominating Committee! Our Presbytery leadership expects us to do a thorough assessment of our Church and its mission, and then to report what we discover. This is a big first step before we can write our Church's resume (called a Mission Information Form). When all of this is done and approved, then our PNC can receive applications and contact candidates for the permanent pastor position.

Your PNC wants you to (1) attend our March 17 evening event, (2) bring your insights and suggestions, and (3) remember their work in your daily prayers. Together, with God's Spirit at work among us, we will find and welcome the next pastor for this congregation.

This is a great time to be a part of the First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw!

Your interim pastor,

Dr. Dan Sansbury



### **ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE**

We will have an Ash Wednesday evening service on March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our hymns, prayers and Scripture readings will help us all to begin the season of Lent, a time for a more serious discipleship with our Lord. There will also be the imposition of ashes, a sign both of our frailty, and our dependence on Christ. The service will last 30-40 minutes, and choir rehearsal will follow.

Remember: for Presbyterians, Lent is not so much the season to stop doing something as it is to start doing something in service to Christ and one another.



### **COMMUNION MARCH 3**

The congregation will share in the sacrament of communion during the worship service this Sunday, March 3. All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and their baptized children, are invited to partake in the sacrament with us.

**PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY TEACHING SCHEDULE  
FOR MARCH, 2019**

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kelli Beck/Jean Page Watson
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Katherine Folger/Charlene Tillman
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sadie Smith/Karen Tillman
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Hammer/Heather Tucker
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Douglas Anderson/Mary Jane Evans



The month of March includes a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in which Douglas Anderson and Mary Jane Evans will cover. Please take note!

**TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL  
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**



March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Book of Jonah	John Folger
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Book of Jonah	John Folger
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Book of Jonah	John Folger
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book of Jonah	John Folger
March 31 <sup>st</sup>		Mac McCall

**FUN PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR  
THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2019**

Here is the Fun Program Schedule for the month of March and the Refreshment Schedule

Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm	Refreshments - Beck Blackwell
Wednesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm	Refreshments - Taylen Hurst
Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm	Refreshments - Durham Preston
Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm	Refreshments - Warren Wetternek



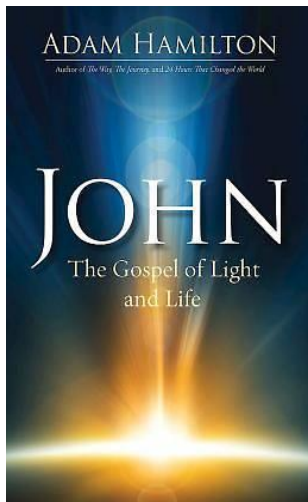
Parents please plan refreshments for 12 children. If there are any problems, please let Mac know!  
Thanks so much!



## SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2019

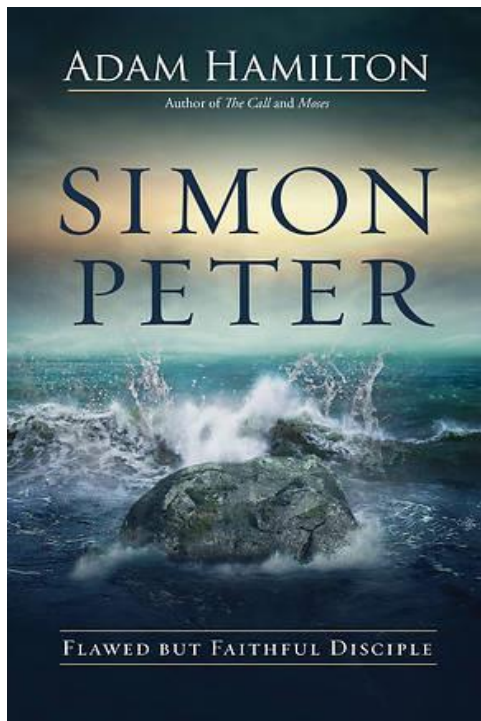
Sunday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm Youth Sunday Preparation
Sunday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	TBA Bowling and Pizza – An email will be sent regarding this activity
Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm <i>Congregational Gathering with the PNC to gather information on our next Pastor. PNC would like all youth to attend to give their input. There will also be a meal with this gathering.</i>
Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm Youth Sunday Preparation
Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm Youth Sunday Preparation

### Lenten Study for the Parlor Class John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton



The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.” The class will follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

Join the Parlor Class beginning Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for this wonderful study of John.



*Fellowship Class will Begin Lenten Study  
Entitled  
Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple  
By Adam Hamilton*

*Plan to join the Fellowship Class beginning Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for their Lenten Study on Simon Peter.*

*Simon Peter - an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter.*

*Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man.*

*And that's the point of Simon Peter. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.*

*Chapters Include:*

- 1. The Call of the Fisherman*
- 2. Walking with Jesus in the Storm*
- 3. Bedrock or Stumbling Block?*
- 4. "I Will Not Deny You"*
- 5. From Cowardice to Courage*
- 6. The Rest of the Story*

*Plan to join the Fellowship Class for this inspirational study!*



## TEAM NEWS

A Love Offering will be taken for the Mission Team on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Mission Team will sponsor a Chicken Luncheon on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission Trip Inside Yard Sale** on Saturday April 6, 2019 from 7:00 to 10:00 am. We will begin taking items from the Congregation the first of March. Place items on the right side of stage behind white wooden blinds. If you need help delivering your yard sale items to the Church, please call David Morgan at (843) 337-9231, or David Nagel at (843) 921-3607.

**Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser** on Saturday, May 18, 2019 in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

**2019 Mission Trip - June 9-15 - Massanetta Spring in VA.**

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*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to*

*Lindsay Bennett and her family upon the death of her mother, Gladys G. Daniel;*

*And the Family of Chris Hydrick*



## *Prayer List*

### **Members:**

Gerry Rogers  
Jack Baker  
Anne Bryan  
Dee Pierce  
Carole Kennedy  
Larry Gaddy  
Louise Carpenter

### **Relatives/Friends:**

Robby Ashworth  
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)  
Gracyn Sprouse (Shirley Brock's niece)  
Nancy Ingram Walters (Sloan Baker's sister)  
Fred Goddard (Craig Goddard's father)  
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)  
Vern Winburn (Randy Jewart's friend)  
David Perdue (Jennifer Tillman's father)  
Wayne Dickson (Louise Carpenter's son-in-law)  
Welbourne White (son of Betty Davis)  
Peggy Hick (friend of Darice Gomez)

### **Community:**

Chris Thrailkill

### **Nursing Home Residents (Away):**

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

### **Other:**

Mid-East Conflict & Victims

## 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**.



March 3	Shelley Morgan
March 10	Christie McLeod family
March 17	Sadie Smith
March 24	Beck family
March 31	Open

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## 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.

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## AT EASE

March 5, 2019 - 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!



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**First Friday Concert Series** - 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, S.C. Friday, March 1, Jacob Will, bass-baritone - concerts are free and open to the public.

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*Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 10, 2019. Remember to run clocks forward one hour.*

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3-Bayley Hydrick  
4-Kim Cauthen  
8-DebbieWatson  
10-Cathy Martin, Robert Moffat  
11-Richard Pierce  
15-Marion Murphy  
18-Mary Jane Evans  
19-David Brabham, Jr.  
21-Robbi Gilpin  
22-Andy Beck  
23-Reba Brooks  
25-Craig Goddard

*Your JOURNEY  
from Mourning to JOY*

*Grief Recovery Support Group begins Monday, March 4, 2019 at First United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. This is a 13 week session meeting each Monday.*



# MARCH

## Calendar of Events

3	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
4	8:30 a.m.	MMO
5	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
	5:30 p.m.	CE
6	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service Adult Choir
10	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
11	8:30 a.m.	MMO
12	10:00 a.m.	Circle 1
13	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	4:00 p.m.	Circle 2
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
17	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	“Special Event” Meal
18	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team
20	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
21	5:30 p.m.	Session
24	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
25	8:30 a.m.	MMO
27	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

### Highlights from February 21, 2019 Session Meeting

- The budget for 2019 was approved.
- The Membership Committee continues to work on updating the Realm directory.
- Building Families has completed its first year working in partnership with First Presbyterian Church. During 2018, a total of 7 families representing 33 individuals participated in the in-home intervention.
- Worship Service will be held at Camp Pee Dee on August 25, 2019.
- A Love Offering for Camp Pee Dee will be taken up during Worship on August 25, 2019.



*Begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>*