## In Touch





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First Presbyterian Church seeks to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ by expressing our love for Him and our neighbors through worship, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, congregational care, and mission. RAPIDS NC ROANOKE CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

Witness Committee News

The Witness Committee would like to keep you up-to-date on our activities this spring as we get ready to continue to witness in the name of Christ to our community. We are supporting local law-enforcement efforts with a donation for a healthy and safe summer for our youth in educational programs that law-enforcement are providing in Roanoke, Rapids and Halifax County. As these events occur, we will keep you posted.

We are pursuing with Frontier Fellowship possibility of an autumnal visit an update to our church. Will keep you posted on this also.

We had a very successful Pentecost offering in May. Approximately \$1410 was collected. WOW! That means \$564 will stay in our local area for children and youth at risk.

We will have our pennies for hunger semi annual collection on June 2, 2024. Bring your pennies as they add up. We are the beneficiary of a Presbyterian grant that is partially funded by pennies for hunger for our book buddies program.

One more request of this general congregation will be our fifth Sunday gift card collection. We have exhausted our gift cards, giving eight of the remaining gift cards to Springs at the end of the year.

Book buddies has been very successful with our final delivery occurring the last week of May.

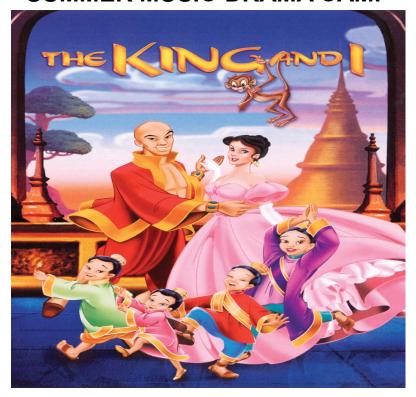
We greatly appreciate any and all contributions of time effort and of course, money to the witness endeavors of First Presbyterian Church, especially book bag, buddies, and the food pantry.

We are entertaining any suggestions that the congregation may as to how we can keep our pantry filled. It is filled up and depleted very quickly.

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Thank you all for your support and endeavors to glorify God and "feeding the hungry" and doing for the least of these.

#### **SUMMER MUSIC-DRAMA CAMP**



#### YOUTH EDITION

FREE Camp for all youth having finished first grade

July 15-July 19,1:00-4:00

Performances-July 19 & 20, 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Loy Building

## A Message from the Finance Committee - May 2024

The year is really flying by and for the first three months of the year pledges came flying in to support the work of our church.

Several of our members pay their year's pledge in a lump sum early in the year and because of that pledge income through March was \$83,115 – a monthly average of \$27,705. With a budgeted monthly income of \$12,693, it is expected that our remaining monthly income will be well below the average of the first three months. And that is what happened in April with a pledge income of \$3,265. We will continue to update the congregation on our income and, remember, meeting or exceeding your yearly pledge commitment allows the church to accomplish our mission.

As you may recall, earlier this year we noted that initially our budgeted income was \$4,025 short of our budgeted expenses so we added a Faith Offering of that amount – income above the pledge commitment. We have already received \$2,500 of this faith offering! Thank You. We continue to be a very generous congregation.

Your generosity is also manifested in the Special Offerings that are made. The Witness Committee identifies those offerings in their newsletter articles. But for your information we have already received over \$4,200 in special offerings this year.

And talking about our church's generosity, there are so many good works being made by the women of our church – much of it without fanfare. So a big "Thank You" to the women of our church and to all those members of our church (men and women) who make our church a force in our community.



### Prayers for Healing of Friends & Families of the Church

Cindy Sherrel

Glenn & Gayle Garner, @ Meals on Wheels

Sandy Sandoval B.T. Brown Nancy Elias Grace Fishel Sheryl O'Neil

Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Debbie Allen

Bill Graham WORLD CONCERNS

Doug Hayes Victims of the war in Ukraine/Israel/Palestine

Linda Ray The Homeless

Ellie Parker Victims of senseless gun violence Margaret Biggs Those effected by natural disasters

Tony Martin, Jr. Soldiers serving our country

Roger Fuester Lee Cranford Bev Hummel Kenny Phipps, Jr.

Matt Savage
Michael Shelby

Vonnie & Bill Kiger

The Covington Family Clinton Kiger
Carolyn Crawford Martha McCracken

Carol Crawford David Dean
James Spragins Danny Phipps
Bob and Lisa Patterson Betty Keyes

Jeanie White

Ken and Carol Whetzel

Matt Savage Stephanie Rivers Robin Gupton Clay Janet & Simmie Isles Maddie Stauffer Marie Anderson Vickie Small Villani

Billy Small

Elliott Boles & mother, Donna Marie

Our Christian sympathy is extend to the family of Charles Harris upon his death in May. A memorial service will be held on June 8, 2:00 pm at Whitaker's Chapel in Enfield, NC by Rev. Joe Sandoval.

If you have someone that needs to be on the prayer list or someone that needs to come off, please contact Susan Gaylor at sdgaylor@outlook.com or call 678-4228.

#### JOIN US FOR LUNCH BUNCH!!!

Join us each month at 12:30 pm (on a Wednesday) at a different restaurant in town to dine and have fellowship together. Everyone is welcome to join us for this "Dutch" affair.

#### **CARINI'S June 12th**



#### **THE MILL July 10th**





#### **MOVIE**

#### **NIGHTS**

#### **ARE HERE!**

Join us for Movie Night on Fridays at 7:00 pm in the Loy Building. Popcorn and drinks provided!

So grab a friend and join us at the movies!

#### **Showing June 21st**



#### **Showing July 12th**



#### **FLOWERS**

Flowers arrangements are needed for the Sanctuary on Sundays.

Dates available are:
August 4, 11, 18 & 25
A silk arrangement is provided for June and July by Jim Allen, however if anyone wishes to do a fresh flower arrangement any Sunday during these months you may do so by contacting Mary Small.



Please contact Mary Small at movingmom@charter.net or 541-1265.

Please include your name, date of placing flowers and your phone number. If you would like them in honor or memory of someone, please let Tammy know by the Tuesday before your Sunday at firstpresbyterianchurchrr@gmail.com or 537-4018.

# HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Hayes—9th Katherine Anderson—13th Bobbie Scott—16th Nancy Crowe—17th Helen Wingfield—17th Bonnie Hummel—24th



# HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS



Linda Brewer—3rd Mike Knudson—13th Grace Fishel—14th Kay Norwood -23rd

#### **JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Worship (Pennies for Hunger)

> TUESDAY, JUNE 4 12:30 pm Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 7:00 pm Choir

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Worship

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
12:30 pm Lunch Bunch @ CARINI'S
1:30 pm Witness Committee @ Loy Building
7:00 pm Choir

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 6:00 pm Finance & Personnel

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Session



#### **JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 7:00 pm Choir

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 7:00 pm Movie Night

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee
11:00 am Worship with COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 7:00 pm Choir

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee
11:00 Worship with Lay Pastor
Wally Spragins and
Offering for 5th Sunday Food
Lion Gift Cards



# URVIVAL TIP

#### Join the sing-along

One study compared the effects of choir singing with simply listening to music. Those who sang showed higher levels of immunoglobulin A, an antibody that lowers the risk of cancer.

#### **JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

TUESDAY, JULY 2 12:30 pm Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 7:00 pm Choir

THURSDAY, JULY 4



SUNDAY, JULY 7 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Worship

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10
12:30 pm Lunch Bunch @ THE MILL
1:30 pm Witness Committee @ Loy Building
7:00 pm Choir

THURSDAY, JULY 11 6:00 pm Finance & Personnel

FRIDAY, JULY 12 7:00 pm Movie Night

SUNDAY, JULY 14 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Worship

#### **JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 15-19 1:00-4:00 pm Music-Drama Camp



WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 7:00 pm Choir

FRIDAY, JULY 19 7:00 pm *The King and I Musical* 

SATURDAY, JULY 20 7:00 pm *The King and I Musical* 



SUNDAY, JULY 21
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee
11:00 am Worship with COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 7:00 pm Choir

SUNDAY, JULY 28 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee 11:00 Worship

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 7:00 pm Choir

