



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rocky Mount

First Pres News

April 2024

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The CAT



No, I'm not talking about a feline! But, rather about the long-promised Congregational Assessment Tool. I've talked for several weeks about the CAT and we're finally about to begin. It will be an intriguing journey for each of us. The survey is designed to solicit your thoughts categorized across wide areas. Things like personal beliefs about FPCRM, your ideas about the church's direction and goals, participation in church life, your family's demographics, your thoughts about this transition, and finally what characteristics you feel the new pastor should have. There's even a category for supplemental questions the survey company feels will help round out FPC's profile.

Timing is a key factor. We hope to start the process on **Monday, April 8th**. If we all respond quickly, we can be "done" in three weeks time. And there's no reason to delay—the sooner we get the process started the quicker we will be able to call folks to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Each person will be able to fill out the form on line and it will be uploaded from there. And yes, there's a paper option! Of course you'll have lots of questions, and we're gearing up as this is written to provide a CAT Response Team who will see that things run smoothly, answer your questions, and sends reminders and updates through the campaign!

You'll hear more in the next several days as we head to our launch date. This will be an exciting time in the church as we all will have the opportunity to make our thoughts and ideas heard. This is a necessary first step in becoming the vibrant church we all want FPCRM to become! I look forward to continuing to work with you on this exciting journey!

Grace and peace,

John



Transitional Pastor: John Winings, CRE, ACC

Church Ministry Coordinator: Dionne Seale

Financial Secretary: Jeanne T. Shannon

Director of Music: Jim Smith

Organist: Virginia Vance

Sexton: Michael Smith

Assistant Sexton & Nursery Attendant: Charity Lodge

Nursery Attendant: Mary Hilliard

Youth Director: Zac Phelps



Bingo Prizes Collection!

The Presbyterian Women's April Circle Project will benefit Covenant Homes.

Suggested items include snacks, small bottles of lotion, or paper products and items may be brought to the next Circle meeting or anytime to the volunteer office.

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Greetings! Spring is here!

Please review the below church income and expense data for the month shown. The prior month is not available as of the newsletter print date. Please call or email Jeanne Shannon in the church office with any questions.

Pledges and Loose Offering through February 2024

Month – to – date	\$ 47,833.00
Year – to – date	\$ 192,010.01



Expenses through February 2024

Month – to – date	\$ 59,863.44
Year – to – date	\$ 95,613.39

Church office phone	252.446.9121
Jeanne's email	jeanne.shannon@fpcrm.org

Jeanne's office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8:30-2:30 PM.

April Officer Meetings

Now meeting on Mondays!

April
8
2024

Deacons Retreat/Meeting
5:30-7:30pm

Session Meeting - 5:30pm

April
15
2024

All meetings held in the Session Room.



Serving our neighbors ...



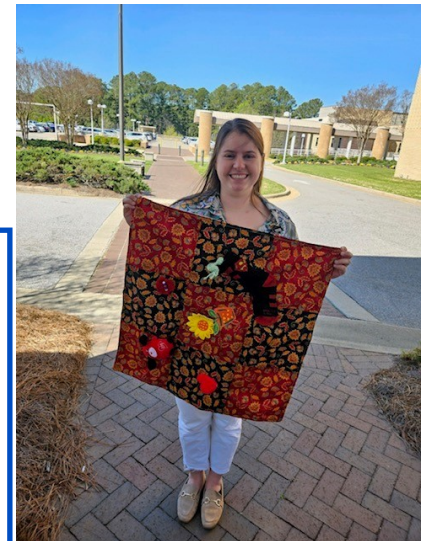
Be sure to check out the latest Community Partners news on the bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall!



Covenant Homes Breakfast with a cop!



April 13th will be a clean up/work day at Peacemakers. Helpers are needed from 9 am to 1 pm. Sign up details will be shared as this event gets closer.



Nash Healthcare received 12 fidget quilts from our Handcraft Ministry on March 21st!



Community Partners will host a graduation meal for International Student graduates on April 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM here at FPC.



Cleaning supplies have been collected by the PW and multiple deliveries have been made to United Community Ministries!

and each other!

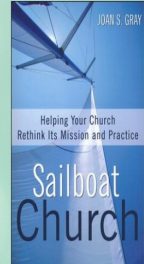
Sip & Chat

April 18, 2024

5:30PM

Home of Kate Honey

Contact Emily Watson at emilybellwatson@gmail.com
if you want to be added to the email list!



Join us on Wednesday nights for a covered dish meal at 6PM in the fellowship hall followed by a program at 6:45PM in the Session room.

We are discussing the book, Sailboat Church by Joan Gray, former moderator of the PCUSA.

Handbells rehearse at 6:40pm
Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30pm



Bible Studies

- Brown Bag Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon in the FPC Session Room with David Drumel
- Our friends at West Haven Presbyterian would like to invite you to a Lenten Bible Study they will have on the remaining dates: March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3rd. Plan to gather on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the gym conference room (the building farthest away from their sanctuary) at 1001 West Haven Blvd.

Tuesdays@2

Join us at 2:00pm via Zoom
for a time of Christian reflection, mindfulness and meditation.

Contact Dionne Seale if interested in being added to the email list.

Presbyterian Women Update

Spring is finally here. Cheers to this bright and colorful season and to all the blooms and long days that await. Nothing ever seems impossible in spring. Perhaps that is why the Presbyterian Women are busier than ever. Just take a look at our upcoming events! Not only is the PW working towards a strong finish to the calendar year, they are also prepping and planning for next year's agenda. Hopefully we can all keep up and their energy will put a little spring in your step.

Circle: The women continue to offer congregational care and assist with outreach programs. The April project for circle is to bring items for bingo prizes at Covenant Homes. Suggested items include snacks, small bottles of lotion, or paper products.

Upcoming events:

- * Honorary Life Member Presentation April 7th
- * PWP of New Hope Spring Gathering April 20th at West Haven Presbyterian
- * Birthday Offering & Cake Presentation May 14th (Circle Meeting)
- * Birthday Offering Presentation to Congregation May 19th

PWCT meets Monday, April 8th at 10:30 AM; History Room ** note date
Circle of Joyful Friends meets Tuesday, April 9th at 10:30 AM; Session Room - Lesson 8

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM 2023-24

Nancy Richardson, Co-Moderator

Stephanie Hayworth, Co-Moderator

Gaye Moore, *Secretary*

Sarah Gooding, *Historian*

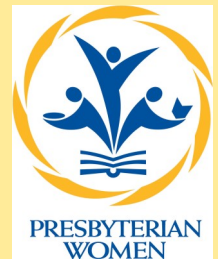
Laura Dudley, *Together in Service*

Julia Brown, *Treasurer*

Laura Durham, *Spiritual Nurture*

Linda Amerson, *Circle of Joyful Friends, Co-Leader*

Myra Richardson, *Circle of Joyful Friends, Co-Leader*



Make plans to join us for the PW of New Hope *All Area Spring Gathering*



Date: Saturday, April 20th

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: West Haven Presbyterian Church

1001 W Haven Blvd., Rocky Mount

Keynote: Brenda Brown - "When Life Gives You Lemons"

Blessings to share ...



At left, the Cherub Choir sang joyfully on Palm Sunday! Thank you to Mrs. Crocker for directing them!

Below, our youth stuffed Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 17th.



A fun time was had by all at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23! Thank you to Emily Watson and Anne Mosley for assisting!



Circle of Joyful Friends on March 12, 2024!



WORSHIP HELPERS

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

Date	Ushers	Liturgist
April 7, 2024 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	Lige Daughtridge, Chris Watson, Dee Whitley, John Turnage	Bill Buchanan
April 14, 2024 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Sally Adams, Randy Adams, Vince Durham, John Etheredge	Partha Daughtridge
April 21, 2024 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Zac Phelps will preach</i>	Julia Brown, Joe Brown, Stephen Chesnutt, Bobbie Lambeth	John Winings
April 28, 2024 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Russell Proctor, Nancy Proctor, Valerie Roberson, Ben Roberson	Anne Mosley



We are grateful for the dedication and contributions of our choirs at FPC!



Kiddos in the Kirk

A time for kids 5th grade and younger to gather at the church, enjoy a snack, music with Mrs. Crocker, a Bible Story, and FUN!

Contact Dionne Seale if any questions.

April 8, 2024 | 3:30-5PM

Pat Mauldin - helper

April 22, 2024 | 3:30-5PM

Winnie Gaynor - helper



April 7, 2024

No Youth Group due to Spring Break schedules; Zac will let youth know if alternate plan is made.

April 21, 2024 | 5:30-7PM

Youth Group at the church - volunteers needed to either chaperone or provide meal - contact Zac if able to assist!

Keeping in touch...

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US!

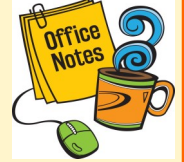


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Contact Information Updates: Kindly notify Dionne Seale in the church office at 252-446-9121, ext. 21 or dionne.seale@fpcrm.org of any email, address, or phone number changes so we can keep our database up to date. Church office hours are 9:00-4:00 PM Monday-Thursday.



On behalf of the Reeves Family, we wish to extend our most sincere appreciation for all of your thoughts, prayers and condolences that we have received after Edie's passing, beloved wife and mother. Surrounded by loved ones, she went home to be with our Lord on Wednesday, February 14th.

Thank you to The First Presbyterian Church, her family in faith, and all who knew and loved Edie. She will be truly missed.

*Sincerely,
Ron, Robin and Daryl Reeves*

More Easter Egg Hunt fun!



Communications

Deadlines

- We publish the "First Pres" newsletter monthly. The newsletter is either emailed or a hard copy can be mailed to those without email. The deadline to submit information is the third Thursday of each month.
- The **weekly email update** is sent out via Constant Contact on Wednesday afternoons. The weekly email deadline is noon on Wednesday.





THE 2024 SANCTUARY FLOWER
CALENDAR IS NOW AVAILABLE IF YOU
WANT TO EITHER SIGN UP WITH DIONNE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR VIA THE
WEBSITE FOR A SUNDAY TO
HONOR/REMEMBER SOMEONE AND
SUPPORT THE FLOWER MINISTRY OF FPC.



- *David and Mary Ann Drumel upon the death of David's brother-in-law, Roger Meyer of Columbus, Ohio on February 20, 2024.*
- *Trish Maxwell upon the death of her sister, Joanne "Jo" Conyers Heidenreich, of Goldsboro, NC on March 5, 2024.*



*our thoughts and
prayers are with...*

CARDINAL AT NORTH HILLS—Raleigh

- ▶ Dick Fountain

ROCKY MOUNT REHABILITATION CENTER

- ▶ Phyllis Goodwin

BREKENRIDGE—Rocky Mount

- ▶ Genevieve Batchelor

BROOKDALE—Rocky Mount

- ▶ Betsy Boddie
- ▶ Cora Lee Gold

THE LANDING—Wilson

- ▶ Mary Watson

HARMONY OF FALLS RUN— Fredricksburg, VA

- ▶ Sue Jackson

ADDITIONAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Logan Barnes
LM Barnes
Tucker Carrier (U.S. Army)
Earl Goodwin
Jeong Jin
Sandra Luther
Georgia Mixon
Phyllis Parker
Jack Perry
John Perry
Evelyn Reese
Maida Sessoms
Judy & Preston Smith
Bobbi Weeks



May 5, 2024
at 11:00 AM

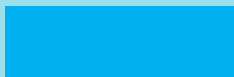
Youth Sunday



In-Betweens Fellowship DINNER

Friday, May 17, 2024
5:00PM

Home of
Tempie Fuller



Please RSVP to Marie Kem (call or text :
Meat provided, please bring an appetizer, side dish
or dessert to share.

*Looking
ahead!*

May 5, 2024
at 4:00 PM

Rocky Mount Chamber Choir Spring Concert



May 19, 2024
at 3:00 PM

at First
Presbyterian
Rocky Mount

Presbytery of New Hope Outstanding Older Adult Award Service

