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Weekly Sunday Worship

9:00 Worship Service 9:00 Facebook Live 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Upcoming Events Friday, Nov. I

Habitat Golf Tournament

Sunday, Nov. 3

One Service at 10:00 All Saints Day Pledge Dedication Sunday Fellowship Lunch

Monday, Nov. 4

1:00 Wildcat Bible Study 1:00 Prayers & Squares 1:00 Prayers & Granny Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry

Tuesday, Nov. 5

8:00 Home School 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 6 3:00 LOGOS

6:00 Youth

Friday, Nov. 8

7:30 BHS Football Breakfast Healing Farms at FPC 2:00 Worship Ministry

Monday, Nov. 11

10:00 Ladies Bible Study at FPC 4:00 Circle 2 at Pam Coffey's

Tuesday, Nov. 12

8:00 Home School 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen 5:30 SPF Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 13 3:00 LOGOS

6:00 Youth

Friday, Nov. 15

7:30 BHS Football Breakfast 11:30 Spiritual Formation 5:00 The Journey

Saturday, Nov. 16

10:00 Griefshare Surviving the Holidays

Monday, Nov. 18

1:00 Wildcat Bible Study 1:00 Prayers & Squares 1:00 Prayers & Granny Squares 5:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 19

8:00 Home School 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting

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Sending Aide to Western North Carolina By Taylor Hood

As we all know, Hurricane Helene devastated many communities in Western North Carolina (WNC). One of those communities happened to be near and dear to my heart and crucial to my overall growth, especially spiritually. My name is Ty Hood, and I graduated from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., just last year. Many people I know saw and were affected by the horrors of Helene. I had planned to go up to Boone to visit friends the same weekend as Helene, but instead, I had to watch helplessly while the news of the storm's destruction rolled in. Friends' apartments and cars were flooded and many lost their

jobs. When I happened to have a day off the weekend after the storm, I knew I was being handed an opportunity to finally do something to help the community that has given so much to me already.

So, my mom (Jane Campbell) and I, put together a plan. Once we knew for certain that it was safe for me to make the drive up to Boone, we sent an urgent message to Sally to reach out to the church to get together all kinds of supplies the community needed. Two days later, when I showed up Friday morning, I



was completely astounded to find a carload of supplies ready for transport! We had everything from food and gallons of water to first aid and hygiene supplies. We even got together a monetary fund of a whopping \$375! After praying and toiling the entire drive up, I decided to give all of the donations to the Hospitality House of Boone. They are an absolute institution in Boone and all of WNC, and have been giving support to the community for many years. I am incredibly proud to be able to call First Presbyterian my home church, and incredibly proud of how immediate and thorough the response was. I encourage you all to





continue to donate what you can to this organization as well as others working in WNC. Winter can be harsh in WNC, and there are still people suffering the loss of homes, as well as those who won't have heat or electricity without aid.

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Wednesday, Nov. 20 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Thursday, Nov. 21 11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday, Nov. 26 8:00 Home School I I:00 Prayer Ministry Healing Farms at FPC I:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Nov. 27 6:00 Youth

Thursday, Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 29 Office Closed

The Holemans in Roatan, Honduras

What a busy and heartwarming stay we had in Roatan, Honduras! Praise to all those who contributed over the counter meds, baby items and monetary gifts helping to make it a very successful trip! The need is so great and they are a very appreciative people. Since our last trip in February 2024,

the poor man's hospital sadly burned down. Therefore, Clinica Esperanza is seeing an average of 500 or more patients per month. This has strained their supplies! So, once again thank you, thank you for being the wonderful congregation you are!



A special shout out to the sewing circle who made washable pads for the young ladies, the Pearle Leland Sunday School Class who's donation helped us get an

extra suitcase across the border and lastly Jimbo High for helping us with prescription and non prescription medications and supplies!

As John and I were sitting in church Sunday listening to all the classes, events, and services that this church provides, it makes us very proud to be a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner.

John and Teresa Holeman

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, October 21 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion led Elder Ed Stehmeyer
- Approved minutes from the September Session meeting and the October Congregational meeting
- Discussed the "Olympia Overture" from General Assembly that is coming before Presbyteries for vote this winter, and the Session decided to host a church-wide information meeting in November
- Received news that we will be hosting the community-wide Thanksgiving Worship Service
- Voted to establish an Organizational Endowment with Costal Community Foundation
- Received Ministry Team reports
- Received Pastors' reports
 - o Pastor Bo's Wildcat Bible Study is bridging the Cane Bay community with FPC
 - o Dr. Scoonover has been elected President of the Fellowship Community
 - o Dr. Scoonover is exploring the possibility of a pulpit swap with Rev. Keith Mack from St. John's and Newton Church in Dalkeith Scotland for 5 or 6 weeks in Summer of 2025
- Closed with prayer

The next regular Session meeting will be Monday, November 18 at 5 p.m.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2024	\$495,184.00
Budget Offering Weekly Budget Requirements	Oct. 27 \$ 10,769.34 \$ 11,081.37	<u>Year to Date</u> \$ 454,741.67 \$ 476,508.88

Things You Need to Know

- Apprenticeship 2025 —We gave out Apprenticeship Journals on Sunday, Oct. 27. If you did not get one, pick one up in the atrium. We will be using them throughout November to reflect on how God is present with us and how God sends us into the world. Also fill out a Time and Talent Survey (you can leave it on Sally's desk).
- Food Pantry For the month of November, please bring rice and oatmeal.
- Monday, November I I—Women's Bible Study at 10 a.m. at the church. We are studying How to Live According to Jesus by David Jeremiah. Come join us if you have any questions, contact Mickey Smith at 843-899-6420.
- Monday, November I I—Ladies Circle 2 at 4 p.m. at the home of Pam Coffey. Give Pam a call
 for directions and more information at 843-607-0568.
- Sunday, November 17—Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Shoeboxes are available in the hallway by the church office.
- Sunday, November 17—Community Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at 4 p.m.
- Thursday, November 21—Ladies Fellowship Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. All ladies of the church are invited. Bring your lunch and we'll provide the dessert. Come and meet a new friend.
- Sunday, November 24—Combined Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. The session is inviting the entire church to an information meeting about the PC(USA) General Assembly and the overtures coming to our presbytery for vote this winter. Pastor Timothy and several other elders will lead an information meeting in the Fellowship Hall to keep you aware of what is happening in our denomination. Please plan to attend this important event.
- Wednesday, December 4—Movie, The Star, on the lawn at 4 p.m. for Advent. This is an event for the whole family. There will be popcorn and all kind of goodies.

Text YES to 87447

The federal government is trying to regulate the amount of unwanted text messages you receive. They also want to cut down on spam texts out there. Since the church uses a third party vendor (Breeze) to send mass texts, this is an added step for your benefit. We cannot send you a text unless you enroll in our text program that you are OK receiving text messages from us.

Thank you, Sally, Church Secretary

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Prayer Quilts - Wrapping Others in God's Love Pastor Bo Hamilton

One of my greatest joys is visiting you in your homes, or at hospitals or rehabilitation centers. There is something spiritual about getting to know folks on a more personal level in these special times and settings. Our conversations and celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper blesses me, humbles me, and warms my heart. Another beautiful part of my ministry is when I get to deliver prayer quilts when I visit. Each quilt is prayerfully chosen for the person who receives it. The quilts are lovingly crafted and dedicated in one of our worship services. The knots tied in the yarn strips woven throughout the quilt represent personal prayers. The quilts are a physical representation of God's love and our congregation's love for the person receiving it. Our prayer is that the quilt warms the heart spiritually as it warms the body physically.

I recently delivered quilts to two very special members of our congregation, Mrs. Margie Roberts and Mrs. Ellen Berry. These two lovely ladies hold the distinction as our oldest living members and just to sit in their presence and listen to their stories is fascinating. They both light up when they share memories of their times in the church, the families they raised, and the people they have known, worshipped with, and served with over the years. Whenever I visit them, I hear two main things: first, they love their church and its people, and second, they miss us and wish they were able to attend.

As I handed each of them their new quilt, I told them that these quilts were their church family's way of wrapping them in our love, of letting them know how much we love them, respect them, and miss them. I told them how much we have appreciated their different ministries in the church and their friendship over the years. As you might expect, they both just smiled. It was the kind of smile that said enthusiastically "To God be the glory" and "Amen".



Hurricane Relief with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

PRAY—All of us can pray.

ACT—Mike Nelms is leading our first trip to Western NC on November 11-15. There are a few spots left. Contact Mike to participate at 252-903-6994.

GIVE—Immediate donations can be made online by scanning the QR code with your mobile device, calling (800) 728-7228, ext. 5885 or mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.







Believe in Possibilities — Our Very Own Maya Valdovinos Story Board

Healing Farms celebrated their 25th anniversary at this years event. It's a significant milestone in their journey towards changing the future for young adults with disabilities. Thank you to all of our table hosts, guests, and sponsors for giving generously. We loved celebrating ABILITY!



Tables of FPC supporters with smiles all around.

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We extend Christian sympathy to the family of former member Joree Newell Burroughs. Joree passed away on Thursday, October 24.

Dear Church Members,

I want to thank the Committee who made my beautiful quilt. I am so fortunate to receive it, and I want to say how lovely it is and how much I appreciate your thinking of me.

Fortunately, I am not sick, but as a long standing member of the church, I do appreciate your thoughts and prayers as you tied the knots hanging from it and you remembered me.

God bless all of you.

Your friend, Ellen Berry

Dear Church,

Bill and I want to thank you all for the nice cards. Of course, we love the quilt! It's on the large chair next to Bill's bed.

Gratefully, Betsie Behrmann

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

Dear church family,

The words above seem so insufficient for saying how blessed we are or for expressing our deepest gratitude for your loving kindness. From weekly lunches to the surprises delivered or left on our desks, you have shared God's love with us, and we know that we are truly appreciated. Your thoughtful cards, letters, calls, sweet treats, and delicious food nourished us both spiritually and physically.

Best of all, though, are your ongoing prayers of encouragement and support. They remain among the greatest blessings you bestow upon us. We are humbled and honored to be a part of such a loving church family. May God continue to bless our fellowship of disciples and may we all strive to be a source of support and love for one another.

With all our love and gratitude, Pastor Timothy, Pastor Bo, Angeline, Sally, Lisa, Mark and Marie



- I Clair Britt Roberts
- 3 Margie Roberts
- 7 Ann Williams
- 9 Claudia Keller
- 9 Jason Rucker
- 10 Thomas Gooch
- 10 Rae Paczynski
- 11 Ireland Cusic
- 13 Roy Brown
- 16 Cleo Still
- 16 Ed Stehmeyer
- 17 Steve Nettles
- 18 Blair Still
- 20 Marie Bowles
- 20 Craig Watson Mims
- 20 Bette Wood
- 22 Jack Crowell
- 24 William Peagler
- 24 Larry Propst
- 25 loyce Mitchell
- 26 Ronald Coleman
- 27 Mary Witt Cannon
- 27 Nancy Baker
- 29 Eric Gladman
- 30 David Berry
- 30 Blaine Fairman



Saturday, November 16 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

The holiday season can be especially painful. This might be the first holiday after your loved one's death, or maybe it's the second, third, or beyond. This is a seminar that will help you navigate the holidays and discover reasons to enjoy them again. It's not just for those who have been attending our GriefShare workshops. It's open to anyone that would like to attend. You will receive tools that will enable you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance. For more information, contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249 or chatkins 17@yahoo.com. If you know someone who is grieving, tell them about this seminar.

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