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Did You Know? What is Presbytery?

In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), churches are connected to one another through regional bodies called **Presbyteries**.

A Presbytery is made up of:

- All pastors serving in the region
- Elected elders from each congregation

These pastors and elders gather together to make decisions, provide guidance, and support the ministries of the churches within the region.

Unlike some churches that operate independently, Presbyterian congregations are part of a connectional system. This means **our church is not alone — we are part of a larger family of churches working together in ministry.**

The Presbytery helps by:

- Supporting congregations during pastoral transitions
- Approving and installing pastors
- Providing guidance and accountability for church leadership
- Offering resources, training, and encouragement for ministry
- Helping churches collaborate in mission and outreach

During seasons of transition, the Presbytery walks closely with the congregation and Session to help guide the process of finding and calling a new pastor.

This connection ensures that churches are cared for, supported, and held accountable — while also reminding us that **we are part of something larger than our own congregation.**

Birthdays

- 4/3 Travis Huddleston
- 4/4 Jennifer Messer
- 4/5 Julia Hayes
- 4/7 Kate Cook
Valsa Lawrence
David Butler
- 4/10 Linda Price
- 4/13 Lindsey Griffin
- 4/19 Andrew Barker
Lisa Cook
Scott Hall
- 4/20 Sharon Turcot
Tanner Dorman
- 4/23 Connor Gehling
Hub Gehling
- 4/27 Vincent Bottjen



Elder on Call
Chip Burch



Wedding Anniversaries

Nancy & Bob Halpin
April 12



A Cheerful Reminder

As we move through this exciting season of transition, the heartbeat of our church remains strong. Our ministries, missions, and daily needs continue to make a meaningful impact. Your ongoing generosity is vital to the good work happening within our church community. Thank you for giving joyfully and helping us maintain momentum!

Elders

Session Class of 2026:

Drake Mitchell
Ellen Morton

Session Class of 2027:

Reece Craven
Chip Burch

Session Class of 2028:

Meghan Hadley
Diane Weeks

This Month's Highlights

- Every First Sunday, Pennies for Hunger, Communion
- Every 4th Sunday, Benevolence Basket passed,
- Every Tuesday evening, Boy Scout Troop 8 meets



Thursday, 4/2 ...Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
 Friday, 4/3 Good Friday
 Sunday, 4/5 Easter Sunday, Egg Hunt, 10 am;
 Worship, 11 am
 Sunday, 4/122nd Sunday of Easter
 Friday, 4/17 Food Drive at Food Lion, Jamestown
 Saturday, 4/18.. Pickleball at SCC
 Sunday, 4/193rd Sunday of Easter
 Monday, 4/20 .. Fellowship Hall used all week in prep for
 Friday, Saturday, 4/24 & 4/25 Tag Sale & Plant Sale
 Sunday, 4/264th Sunday of Easter

WORSHIP



ASSISTANTS

| | APR | Lay Reader | Usher (s) |
|--|-----|------------|-----------|
| | 5 | | Gehlings |
| | 12 | Ned | |
| | 19 | | |
| | 26 | | |



Prayer LIST

God calls us to be a praying people. Being in a faith community together, we join our hearts and voices to offer our prayers for one another. Continue to keep these people in your prayers.

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| Jernigan family | Scott Barker |
| Earl Nelson (Terri Craver's father) | Dee Dee Lewis (Sonya Charter's daughter) |
| Serena Drumgoole | Kasey Redfern |
| Kelsey Gills | Ned McMillian |
| Pete McMillan (Ned McMillan's brother) | Daniel Wilkerson (Tim Saunder's nephew) |
| Joan Ryan (Barbara Haynes's sister) | Lee Oliver |
| Sharon Ritter Eriksson (Scott's sister) | Classie Meredith |
| Debbie Jones (friend of Kym Stone) | Judy Spillers (sister of Teresa Caine) |
| Roger Montgomery | Glenda Neal (friend of Teresa Caine) |
| Jessica Mitchell | |
| Gordon Johnson | |

FAITH FORMATION



All children are welcome to join us for worship in the sanctuary.

After the **Time for Children**, they are invited to leave with their teacher for a special lesson and/or craft.



On Easter Sunday, there will be an **EASTER EGG HUNT** during the Sunday School time 10 am. There will be **NO** Sunday School classes meeting on that day. Please **ALL** join us for the Egg Hunt!

**ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE**



**SEDGEFIELD
PRESBYTERIAN
PRESCHOOL**



SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL!

March was a fun time with Dr. Seuss activities, looking for the leprechaun and going on an Easter egg hunt!



Consider linking your VIC card to code 3278. This way, each time you shop at **Harris Teeter** and purchase **Harris Teeter brand products**, a percentage of your purchase will go to Sedgefield

Fall enrollment is now open for the preschool. If you would like any information about the preschool please email sppreschool@hotmail.com.



**SPRING PLANT
& TAG SALE**

ECC Update... Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Annual Plant Sale to celebrate Earth Day 2026 will be **April 24th and 25th**. We would like to expand the sale to include plants and tag sale items. **We will begin accepting items immediately. Place them in the back hall as you have always done and we will take it from there. SEE MORE INFO ABOUT THE PLANT SALE ON PAGE 5 OF THIS NEWSLETTER!**

When you are out raking leaves, this fall consider dropping off some to our composting area out by the servant's garden. Ground up leaves are even better but not necessary.



CHURCH CONNECTION

Our congregation keeps up with our youth that are currently in college or starting life's journeys by sending cards one month and a "goodie" box or gift cards the other month.

We have 7 kids on our list this school year. Letting our young



people know that we care about them is one of the church's most important ministries. Please let Linda Price know if you'd like to help.



Volunteers needed



Congregational Care



The men's group meeting for April will be 4/22 at 5 PM at Jamestown Park Golf Course for 9 holes.

Anyone who wants to play should email/text me reececraven@gmail.com or

336-978-3234

so I can make tee times. Friends are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

WE'RE TRYING SOMETHING NEW!
OUR MONTHLY WOMEN'S DINNER IS BECOMING A CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER—OPEN TO ALL AGES AND STAGES!

3RD
1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6PM
LOCATION: BON-BON GRILL
(3605 GROOMETOWN ROAD)

Upcoming Plant/ Yard sale:

Friday April 24th 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday April 25th 7:00 a.m. to 12noon

We will accept:

- Donated plants, transplants, seedlings
- Garden items
- Garden magazines and books
- Yard sale items including slightly used clothing



Monies from the sale will go to support earthcare projects around the church. Past projects include:

- Greenhouse
- Water fountain with bottle filler
- Removal of dead trees near servants garden
- New lighting in bathrooms
- Bathroom light sensors
- Low flush toilet
- Burn blankets in kitchen and garden shed
- New courtyard pond liner
- Clean up of weeds near outdoor worship area
- Clean up around dumpster area
- Library chairs recovered
- Servant garden repairs
- Milkweed plants planted



Future Plans include replacing lighting in the library



As the cost of living has increased significantly this past year for so many in our community, state and country, most families are simply struggling to have enough food, pay rent, utilities, and gas if they are lucky enough to have a car. Many of the families we help through our emergency assistance fund have only one person with an income, usually the mom. Escalating costs will only increase the challenges they already have. About 20 years ago our Session approved receiving an offering for Benevolence/ emergency assistance ON the 4th Sunday of each month. These 4th Sunday contributions and additional gifts to the **Benevolence Fund** enable the Benevolence team to provide assistance when the requests come from our partner agencies.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE 4th SUNDAY BENEVOLENCE OFFERING. | ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME!

Food Collection for Area Families

Jamestown Presbyterian Church (JPC) has requested our assistance in providing rice and beans (dried or canned). These are needed for their **Easter food boxes**.



The spaghetti sauce given by our congregation and preschool helped fill more than 100 boxes for Thanksgiving.

In 2025 JPC gave 450 food boxes at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to families from Church World Service, New Arrivals, Hanes Inman School, Jamestown Elementary and Colfax Elementary.

Our Father Lutheran continues to need staple food for their food pantry!

Baskets are available outside the office and the sanctuary for your contributions.

Thank you for your help in providing food for the Jamestown Presbyterian Church and Our Father Lutheran food ministries!



We will be

collecting cans of tuna and chicken for local food pantries for the month of April. Please bring your donations to our donation box by the Sanctuary.



DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

~JOHN WESLEY

Thank you for all you do



Join us for the Spring Food Drive at Food Lion in Jamestown on April 17.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Ellen Morton 336-473-0375.

Finding Your Place in Our Church Family

As we continue growing together in faith, fellowship, and service, this is a wonderful moment to pause and reflect on how each of us is called to be part of the life of our church. Every gift matters. Every helping hand strengthens our ministry. And every voice adds something beautiful to our shared worship.

If you've ever wondered whether there's a place where your talents, interests, or passions could make a difference, the answer is yes. There are countless ways to get involved.

Maybe you feel a nudge to try something new. Maybe you've been waiting for the right moment to step in. Or maybe you're simply curious about what opportunities are available. Whatever the case, we'd love to help you explore where you might feel most at home.

If there's an area of church life you'd like to learn more about—or if you're sensing a desire to become more active—please reach out. Your presence and participation truly enrich our community.

We'll make it through



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Shout out to volunteers

Celebrating the Hands and Hearts That Keep Our Church Going

Every day, often quietly and without recognition, members of our church family contribute their time, energy, and resources to sustain our ministry. While the Sunday services, children's programs, and outreach events are visible to all, it is the volunteers and donors behind the scenes who bring these moments to life through their dedicated service.

Our volunteers commit themselves by arriving early, staying late, and stepping in wherever they are needed. They greet at the doors, assist in worship as lay readers, prepare meals, publish the Grapevine, visit the homebound, maintain grounds, clean the building, manage technology, and perform countless acts of kindness that make our church feel welcoming. We are also grateful for those who generously supply janitorial and office supplies. Their willingness to serve is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love.

The combined generosity of time, talent, and treasure forms the foundation of our church's mission. To all volunteers and donors: thank you. Your faithfulness strengthens our ministry and enables us to share God's love in meaningful ways every day.

May we continue to serve with joy, give with open hearts, and walk together in gratitude.





Calling All Parents and Grandparents of 2026 Graduates!

As graduation season approaches, our church family is eager to honor students who are reaching this significant milestone. Each year, we take time to recognize high school and college graduates, celebrating their dedication, achievements, and the promising futures ahead of them.

If you have a graduating senior in your family—whether from high school, college, or a technical program—we invite you to include them in our upcoming Graduate Recognition Sunday. This special event allows our congregation to pray for graduates, support them, and remind them that they are embraced by a caring community.

Please contact the church office at office@sedgefieldpresbyterian.org or reach out to Linda Price at 336-707-7792 to let us know who should be honored.



Pastor Dan takes evasive measures when another hugger returns to church.

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FREE **Shred & Share**

Saturday, April 11
9 am - noon
Greensboro Shrine Club
5010 High Point Rd

Free onsite secure PERSONAL document shredding services
Recycling of clean and dry Styrofoam materials
Accepting donations of shelf-stable foods

Monetary Donations Welcome!

Sponsored by Sedgefield Woman's Club

Benefiting:
David Wilson Food Pantry
Tiny House Community Development

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

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Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

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You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

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Session Snippets

Kate Huddelson filled our pulpit this past Sunday, performed the Installation for 3 Elders, Chip Burch, Diane Weeks and Meghan Hadley will be serving another term. Following we had our first session meeting of 2026. Session cannot meet without a moderator. Kate will be serving as our moderator until we have a transitional pastor approved.

Chip & Drake will research other uses for the part of a building we got from the Wyndham this past year. The remainder of the building was taken off the golf course and we did not get it. It would be cost prohibitive to build without the entire structure.

To cut costs and save money during this transition, we are going to cancel our cleaning crew and go back to doing it ourselves. Anyone is welcome to help. See Linda so we are not doing double work.

We will be having a meeting of the corporation to approve the budget in the near future, look for notice of that.

Geraldine will be giving up the Grapevine and we want to thank her so much for all her hours to make sure we are all informed and especially so our shut ins can still be a part of the life of SPC.

Summer hours for our Sunday service will start on June 7 with our services beginning at 10:00 AM.

Vacation Bible School is the week of July 13th, more to come out on that.

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