

*We exist not for ourselves but to love
God and make God's love known.*

Trumpet



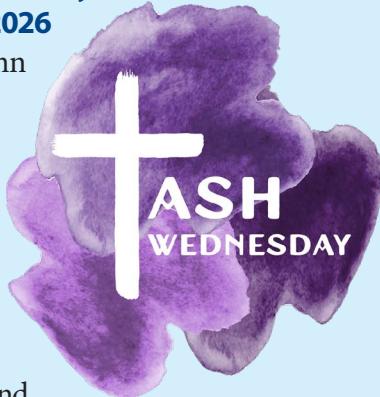
February 2026

Ash Wednesday Service

You are invited to gather for an **Ash Wednesday Service** on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** in our sanctuary. This solemn day marks the beginning of Lent—a 40-day journey of drawing close to God as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is a "doorway" into a season of spiritual renewal. It is a time for us to be honest about our human frailty and our need for God's grace. The service centers on the imposition of ashes, where a cross is traced on the forehead using ashes.



Why We Receive Ashes

- **A Sign of Mortality:** The imposition of ashes remind us that "you are dust and to dust you will return". (Genesis 3:19) This is not meant to be morbid, rather it reminds us of the human condition that we all share.
- **A Call to Repentance:** The ashes are an outward symbol of an inward desire to turn back toward God.
- **A Mark of Belonging:** The cross on our brow identifies us as followers of Christ, united in our need for His mercy.

All are encouraged to be part of this worship service as we begin the season of Lent. If you are not able to attend this evening service Pastor Meg will be in the Chapel adjacent to the Parlor for the imposition of ashes and private prayer between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Ushers and Greeters

For each worship service and other special events, we rely on Greeters and Ushers to welcome members and visitors as well as to help with the service.

Serving as an Usher or Greeter is a terrific way to meet members of our congregation and to help visitors experience CPC's hospitality.

We are currently looking for individuals, couples or families to join our 20 or so active Ushers and Greeters. Ushers and Greeters typically are assigned one Sunday service each month.

We all have commitments that take us away from the Sunday service now and then, so we have about 10 experienced individuals who serve as substitutes in the event you are away or unavailable on your assigned Sunday.

To discuss this further, please contact either minister or Joe Franklin, Chair Membership Committee – (703) 244-4792, call or text; franklin.joe.t@gmail.com e-mail.

Thank you.

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2026 CPC Scholarships

The following scholarships will soon be available for qualifying CPC members to apply.

The Community Presbyterian Church Scholarship is created for college bound students or adults who have actively participated in the life of our church. The applicant may attend a four-year or community college, vocational or trade school of their choice. The recipients will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

The Joyce G. and Roger W. Johnson Scholarship is open to any CPC member who has applied and been accepted (or awaiting acceptance) to a four-year or community college, vocational or trade school. The course of study is up to the recipient's choice. The selected student will be awarded \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester) paid directly to their school and with the possibility of a second-year scholarship based upon performance.

The Virginia Wessinger Memorial Scholarship provides a \$2,500 scholarship to a college bound CPC student who is pursuing a degree in early childhood development or fine arts or nursing or teaching in any of these fields.

Applications for 2026 scholarships will be available soon for CPC graduating high school students and current college students. Watch for further details in the March Trumpet.

Nursery Corner

In the nursery this month we met Daniel and his friends from the Old Testament. Daniel knew all about our verse for this month, "Our help comes from the Lord". (Psalm 121:2) We made lion masks and learned how Daniel's faith saved him from the lions. His friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were strong and not afraid, and God protected them in the fiery furnace. We each got a turn to tell the story with our flannel board before we made fiery furnaces with tissue paper. We practiced making good choices like Daniel and his friends did when they chose to eat healthy food when they were servants to the king and stayed healthy. We are learning to be kind and help others, just like God helps us.





Join Troop 7B, Troop 7G, and Pack 7 in celebrating 100 years of Scouting in Pinehurst!

Sunday, February 15, 2026 • 12:00 – 3:00pm
The Fair Barn, Pinehurst



BBQ Plates: \$15 each

For more than a century, C.P.C. has sponsored a scouting program in our community. Scouting in Pinehurst has played a vital role in shaping the lives of young people—teaching leadership, character, and the importance of making responsible moral and ethical decisions. In 2026, they proudly celebrate **100 years of Scouting in Pinehurst**. You are invited to part of this historic occasion.

On **Sunday, February 15, 2026**, Pinehurst Troop 7 and Pack 7 will be participating in our worship service. Following the service a **Centennial Celebration** will be held at **The Fair Barn** in Pinehurst, NC. This community-wide event will honor the legacy of Scouting while engaging families, alumni, and supporters with:

- **Interactive displays** highlighting Scouting's 100-year history in Pinehurst
- A chance for guests of all ages to race Pinewood Derby cars down Pack 7's electronic track
- **BBQ plates catered by White Rabbit Catering**, available for advance purchase at \$15.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorships will help continue the success of scouting in Pinehurst. All sponsor names will appear on signage at the Fair Barn and on Troop 7's website. For more information contact Don Mckenzie at mcfoto@pinehurst.net.

Sponsorships		# Plates Included	# Plates, if less	Pick up Time 12:15 – 2:00
Eagle*	\$5000	Up to 64		
Life	\$2500	Up to 32		
Star	\$1000	Up to 16		
First Class	\$500	Up to 8		
Scout	\$250	4		
Cub	\$100	2		

*Eagle Sponsorship includes reserved table for 10 people.

Youth Fellowship

This January was a great month. The youth got to learn more about each other and grow as a community by trading stories of where they went for the holidays and what they received for Christmas. For February, we are very excited to announce that we will now have Youth Group weekly, starting on the 8th which means more time spent together, in the Church, and in God's Word. Another thing to look forward to in February is Winter Jam, which is a massive Christian concert that tours the United States, where we will listen to many Christian artists.

Children's Church

2026 has been very good so far for the children of CPC! For starters, the floor of the Silver Screen Room has been repaired so we are free to use the space for more engaging games! This is very exciting news to me and the children. We have spent the last few weeks talking about the beginning of Jesus' life and the things he did to gain trust and faithful followers. As we glide through the remaining weeks of winter, I will continue to keep lessons simple and clear, and games fun! As we all know, time flies and the lent season is approaching. I am very excited for the coming months and all of the exciting lessons to teach our CPC children!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

You donated to the 2025 Sandhills Crop Walk boot fundraiser, and Theology on Tap won! This winter, cozy up with your beverage of choice and join fellow CPC members for conversations on Faith and the Christian Life.

ALL SESSIONS 5:30-6:45PM



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

“I Doubt It”- Faith & Doubt in the Christian Life

Gather at Pinehurst Pizza, Arrive 5:15 if purchasing drinks



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

“Worthy of the Call” - Exploring Vocation in the Christian Life

Gather at Pinehurst Pizza, Arrive 5:15 if purchasing drinks

**PASTOR MEG WILL FACILITATE EACH SESSION WITH
OPENING COMMENTS & FOCUSED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS.**

RSVP VIA SIGN-UP OR EMAIL TO MEG:

BY MONDAY, FEB. 9TH FOR FEB. 11TH

BY MONDAY, FEB 23RD FOR FEB. 25TH

THEOLOGY ON TAP: January 2026 Gathering

“Forgiveness and the Christian Life”

Pastor Meg and a group of thirty-one CPC members gathered at Pinehurst Pizza on Wednesday, January 21st to explore the role of forgiveness in the Christian life over pizza, beer, wine, and appetizers! This is the first of three in a Theology on Tap series, with the next two gatherings taking place on Wednesday, February 11th and Wednesday, February 25th. Theology on Tap was the initiative that received the greatest donations during the 2025 Sandhills Crop Walk Jar Fundraiser at CPC. The sessions will include discussion points, small group conversation, and individual reflection.



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Sandhills
CROP HUNGER WALK

MARCH 29, 2026

MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Walk with Us!

Check-In: 2pm | Walk Begins: 3pm

Join the CPC Team:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/community-presbyterian-church-pinehurst-2>



**Donate to the CPC Team Crop Jar Fundraiser!
Stuff the boots with cash and checks Mar. 1st - April 5th**

CPC Team Goal: \$2,000

75% of funds go to Church World Service and 25% of funds go to the Coalition

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Worship With Us!

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