



August 2026

Tell Me Your Stories

Being a native Southerner living in the Midwest for the last 11 years, I've had fun pointing out some of the differences I noticed. One difference – Midwesterners give directions by direction (Go East 2 miles); Southerners give directions that may well include a story.

I'm asking you to tell me your stories, the stories of this church. Not only that, we are asking for your help in figuring out what the preachers are going to preach.

We are crafting a sermon series that seeks to tell this church's stories. We hope to begin that series on August 23 and continue that for 5-6 weeks. You can help the preachers do our planning and praying by letting us know your answers to a few questions. Please let us know the who or what and the why. You can do so by filling out the forms we will provide in the bulletin and in the church office. You can call or text Pastor Dave at (319) 883-1019 or by email at dkivett@communitypres.com.

Some questions to get you to think about your story ...

- Any bible stories you've heard and heard often, stories that have stuck with you?
- Any bible characters you identify with?
- Any common themes, phrases, expressions you've heard over the years?
- Any images or songs that come to mind?

Thank you so much for your warm and gracious welcome. I am grateful for the opportunity to travel this road with you. I'm thinking it is going to be both a pilgrimage and an adventure. I look forward to hearing your stories, looking for common themes, and circling back to share with you what I've heard you saying.

Like Abram and Sarai, may God bless you and bless others through you.

Grace, gratitude and peace,
Dave

CPC's Hospitality Ministry

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's service each month.

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.

Salt and Pepper Dinner Group is Back

If you would like to get to know the members of your church better, this may be for you.

First of all sign up. At that time I will place you in a group of four couples. Some have mentioned to me that they would prefer a group of three couples because of the space at their table. When you call, let me know which would suit you better. Please understand you do not have to be a "couple" to be a part of this group. Also, if you are a family, and have an interest in joining, we will have a group/s that will include your family.

Within the assigned group, there will be one couple that will kick off the first dinner at their home. They will select the entrée with the rest of the group bringing an appetizer, salad/vegetable and dessert. You will meet four times during the church year. Please bring your calendar to each dinner to plan the next dinner.

We also meet all together two times during the year. We meet in the fall and at Christmas. This is a gathering of everyone at someone's home for appetizers and beverages.

And If this is something you would like to do or if you have any questions, please call Pam Hylton at 295-2896 or email nhylton@nc.rr.com

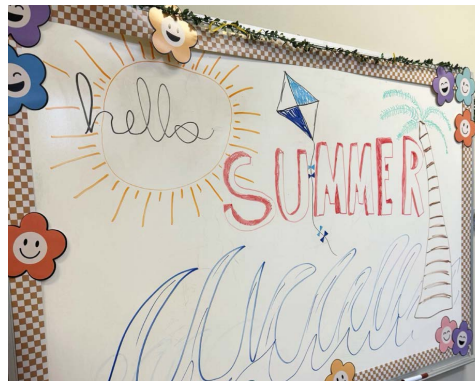
Pam Hylton and Shay Teese

Children's Church

July has been a wonderful month in Children's Church! Throughout the month, the children have been learning about the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. Each week we've explored how God helps us grow qualities like love,



joy, peace, patience, and self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness. Even with the summer heat bringing some very warm days, the kids have come with great attitudes and eager hearts, making every week a joy. Looking forward to the rest of the summer!



Massanetta 2026 Middle School Conference



CALL This Summer

VBS at Community Presbyterian welcomed 20 of our students to participate in vacation Bible school. Lots of learning, singing, dancing, games, Bible study and great fun was had by all. Thanks to Mary Beth Liles, all the station leaders, kitchen staff and many volunteers that made this an exciting time at Community.

In July we had 10 students attend STEAM camp at Sandhills Community College. Activities of coding, robotics, cooking, 3D copying and much more. CALL was blessed by receiving four scholarships for the students. Their learning was exciting and challenging.

August 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 we will have summer camp to get the students ready to go back to school. We begin each day with the activity of Boards and Cards. Our students will get the opportunity to play board games and card games from 8-8:30am. This is something they haven't experienced, and we want to begin the day with fun. Each day we will be on iPads with IXL and kids-A-Z. We will be in fellowship hall with games of 4 Square, corn toss, connect four, jump rope and whatever we can find to release some of their energy.

Because of your generosity, they will get their backpacks on the 19th and then go to their school that evening to meet their teachers.

If you have any time in the 6 days of camp, think about being with us for a few hours, one day of camp or more days if you can. CALL is fortunate to have such wonderful tutors and we need a few more. The reason we have students in four-year colleges is because of the tutors who make our students feel like they can succeed and help them set goals they can attain in their schools. If you would like to help, call (910) 639-1185 or email popeeelizabeth3868@gmail.com.

Gracias, EAP

There's Room for Everyone in the Choir!

The CPC Choir Family is looking for you! 🙋🙋 Yes, even if you have not sung a note since high school; yes, even if you have a crazy schedule and have to work out of town sometimes; yes, even if you are unsure about the robes (they grow on you); and yes, even if you have any other excuses not listed here. We don't just rehearse and sing in worship; we are a family that supports one another, laughs together, and shares fellowship through social events, retreats, and mission work.

The beginning of the church year is a perfect time to try us out – no strings attached – to see if the choir is the place for you! We have a retreat

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Nursery Corner

*"The Earth belongs to the Lord,
and so does everything in it".
Psalm 24:1*

Recently in the nursery we are learning about how God created the Earth in 7 days. We love our flannel board pieces that help us count the seven days and see what God created each day. We have made crafts like paper fish, beaded caterpillars, and day/night paper plates to experience what God was doing.

We are looking for a junior or senior high school student who would like to join us in the nursery this fall when Evie goes off to college. If you know of a student who might be interested in this position, please let us know in the church office. Thank you.



There's Room for Everyone in the Choir! *Continued from the previous page*

at CPC the weekend of August 28-30th to preview our Christmas music, and we rehearse every Thursday starting September 3rd from 5:45-7:15.

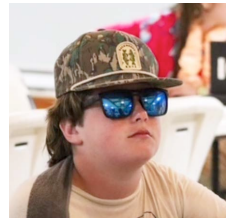
Joining the choir is about so much more than the music. "When you sing,

you pray twice" is a quote attributed to St. Augustine, and members of the choir can attest to the spiritual connection formed through music, the privilege of leading our congregation in worship, and the family we create along the way.

Please contact Kirsten Foyles if you have questions or have any interest in learning more about us!



Youth Camp Week at Camp Monroe



Fall Festival - Save the Date!

Last year's Fall Festival was a big hit. The delicious lunch was provided by Southern Q Barbecue and they will be with us again this year. The Chili Cookoff room was crowded with chili fans anxious to sample the different varieties and vote for their favorite. The winner for 2025 was Brian Kennedy. After the lunch, the children were kept busy jumping in the Bouncy House, having their faces painted, drawing on the sidewalk with chalk, and making a pottery bowl. The day was so much fun, let's do it again!

The CPC Membership Committee is asking for chili chefs to make a pot of chili and for volunteers to serve the chili. Nancy Oakley is in charge of the Annual Cookoff again this year and would love to sign you up. Give her a call, (910) 639-0056, or send her an email, nancy.oakley@me.com.

We will also need additional volunteers to help decorate, help with the children's activities and also help with clean up. If you can help, please contact Jane Garcia by emailing at ladyjane515@gmail.com or call (910) 295-1780.

So get out your calendars and mark Sunday, October 4, 2026 and come and make this Festival one of the best.



Reach for Success - Cooking Class - July 14th

Our first Reaching For Success cooking class was a great success! Each student learned new kitchen skills while preparing a pasta salad and a bag of trail mix to take home. Everyone left with helpful cooking tools to use with their families. Thanks to head chefs Char Popson and Lynn Delgarn, and volunteers, for planning and executing this amazing class!



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Friday

Church Office Closed

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Designing Women

Designing Women will study *Soul Feast* in the fall, beginning September 21st at 4pm in Everette House. We welcome newcomers as well as those who have been a part of this group of women. Books can be purchased on Amazon and we will discuss chapter 1. Questions email popeeelizabeth3868@gmail.com.

Soul Feast has equipped and inspired tens of thousands of readers to lead a spiritual life. Marjorie Thompson offers a framework for understanding the spiritual disciplines and provides instruction for developing and nurturing those practices. Many new additions, including a new chapter on keeping the sabbath, make this newly revised edition of *Soul Feast* a must-have for individual reflection and group study.

In “*Soul Feast*,” Thompson delves into the Christian tradition of spiritual growth, offering a framework for individuals seeking to enhance their faith life.

The book is structured around various spiritual practices, each serving as an invitation to experience God’s presence more fully:

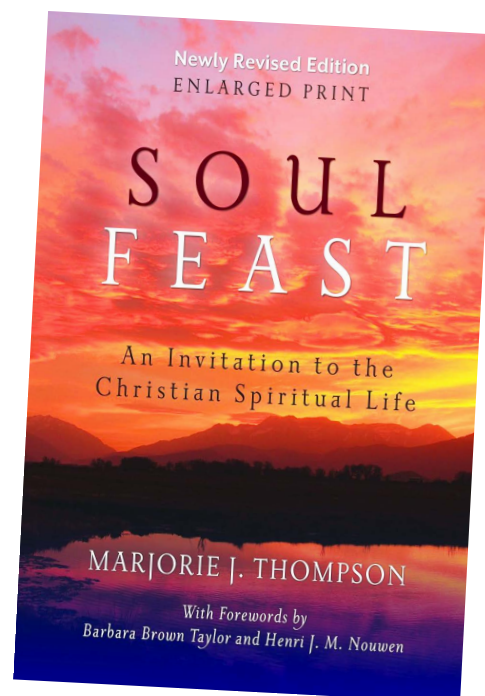
Prayer: Communicating with God, fostering a sense of closeness and personal conversation.

Meditation: Reflecting on scripture and spiritual truths, allowing for internalization and contemplation.

Fasting: Voluntarily abstaining from certain foods or activities to focus on spiritual matters.

Worship: Participating in communal acts of praise, thanksgiving, and adoration. Thompson’s work serves as a starting point for those new to spiritual disciplines, as well as a deepening resource for those already on their spiritual journey. “Embrace the trans-formative power of faith with ‘*Soul Feast*,’ a book that offers a meaningful path toward spiritual renewal and a closer walk with God.”

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