



March 2026

## Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, is the day Christians commemorate the last supper Jesus ate with his disciples. “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum”, meaning mandate or command. In John 13:34-35, the Apostle records that at this last meal, Jesus gave his disciples the following mandate, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciple, if you have love for one another.”

This year our Maundy Thursday Service will include a soup dinner to add to the experience of commemorating Christ’s Last Supper with his apostles. As such, the service will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** In order to properly prepare for this unique experience we must know in advance how many people will attend.

If you plan to attend this year’s Maundy Thursday Service, **please RSVP no later than Monday, March 30th** by calling the office at (910) 295-6848, email Sally Raynor at [sraynor@communitypres.com](mailto:sraynor@communitypres.com) or fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send/take it to the church office. You may also sign up on the sheet provided in the entry room to fellowship hall. The nursery will not be available for this service.

**I/we will attend Maundy Thursday services on April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People attending \_\_\_\_\_

## Easter Schedule

**Palm Sunday**

**March 29, 2026**

Worship in the Fellowship Hall

**Maundy Thursday**

**April 2 at 6:00 p.m.**

Service with a soup dinner in the Fellowship Hall

**Easter Sunday**

**April 5**

Worship in the Fellowship Hall



## Youth Corner

This February, we started having Youth Group every Sunday night. In honor of Valentine's Day, we learned about different forms of Love in the Bible. Agape (unconditional love) and how incomprehensible God's love is for us. Eros (romantic love) and how the Bible shows and tells us what a healthy and Biblical relationship looks like. Last we learned about Philia (brotherly love) and how important it is to surround yourself with people to build you up. This month, we also had our Lock-in where we stayed up late, and some of us stayed up all night playing games like trivia, card games, and a much more. But the favorite of the night was the Nerf war where we ran around shooting and playing. You might find a few bullets we missed on clean up. For the Lock-in, we had a total of 17 Youth. Next Month we look forward to the Crop Walk and all that God has in store for us.

## The Meaning of Our Logo

In 2012 a new logo for our church was created. Now it is so commonly associated with our church that we may not give it much attention. So, here is a refresher on the meaning of our logo. It makes an important statement about who we are.

This came out of the desire to have a logo that would communicate our mission statement "*We exist not for ourselves, but to love God and make God's love known.*" As you can

see, the cross is at the center of this logo.

This is right and appropriate because the cross captures



the central core of the Christian gospel and the heart of our faith – "For God so love the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). Through Jesus Christ life, death and resurrection, the cross symbolizes God's love for us. It is by way of the cross that we find forgiveness and redemption for our lives.

The cross also reminds us not only of God's love in Christ but our call to discipleship. The cross calls us to a life of sacrifice and self-surrender. As Jesus declares in Mark 8, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." We are summoned to follow Christ by surrendering ourselves and our own desires in obedience to God's call "

You will notice in the logo that there are people centered around the cross. This acknowledges that our life, individually and together centers around God's love for us as found in Jesus Christ. It is God's love that binds us to another as a community. As First John emphasizes, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." (1 John 4:7-12)

As you study the logo you will notice the people are reaching out. Our call as Christians is to always reach out to the world with the love of God. "We exist not for ourselves ..." as our mission statement begins. As faithful followers of Christ we are called to point beyond ourselves through what we say and do to proclaim the good news of God's transforming grace in Jesus Christ.

Whenever you see our logo may it remind you of our call to "Love God and Serve Others".

# CALL

## **CALL students will attend STEAM Camp at Sandhills Community**

**College** which allows campers to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering, visual arts, culinary arts, and math through fun, engaging activities. Campers rotate through five sessions each day, creating their own video games, completing engineering challenges using math and science concepts, learning creative tricks in the culinary arts kitchen, coding robots, and using problem-solving skills to tackle real-world challenges. There are two weeks to choose between in July, and the costs is \$275. CALL could have 12 or more attend this summer. If you would like to help with these costs, memo your check CALL STEAM.

**End of Grade Testing** is important for Moore County Students. CALL uses EOG practice worksheets to help our students understand the directions, test themselves in math and reading, ready themselves for the tests, and improve their skills. We began February 14th and will end in April. Each Tuesday the students practice for the first thirty minutes.

EOGs practice test and sample questions include standards-aligned questions that closely mirror North Carolina End-of-Grade items, ensuring our student are well-prepared for the upcoming North Carolina State assessment. Say a prayer in the month of May when the students will be tested.

**CALL Scholarship Committee** last year CALL awarded 6 scholarships for the school year 2025-2026. Applications for this year will be sent out and interviews will be held after Easter. Most of the scholarships were for SCC but CALL had one student at UNC-G in the honors nursing.

**Gracias to two CALL angels.** Because of the ice and snow, so many of our parents were not able to go to work and their children could not attend school. Money was short and they needed to purchase food for the family. We had 2 angels drop off food for our families and they were so appreciative. The angels put food on the table for CALL's families who are low income. For these blessings and all your support and prayers, we are so grateful because so many of you give your support to CALL. Gracias!!

**CALL is continuing to grow**, right now we need three more tutors so everyone has one on one with the students. If you have an hour and a half (1½) every Tuesday from 3-4:30 p.m., please consider joining us. The tutor volunteers are the heart of the CALL program. They not only provide academic mentorship; they help to connect students and parents to our community of faith.

We will tell you they positively impact the lives of the students they tutor. They will tell you the students have a positive impact on them. We meet in Everette House with students who you would love to share your time with them.

## Molly's Gift

As many of you know, Molly Towers (former Children's Ministry staff member) is expecting her third child—her first baby boy! Since she now lives in Virginia, we'd love to bless her from afar with something special from her Pinehurst church family.

**There are two simple ways to participate (you can do one or both):**

### **Option 1:**

Prepare a handwritten note to be included in a keepsake book for Molly. Please give your letters to Emma Lassiter or Julie Taylor or leave them in Emma's office by April 5th.

Ideas of what to write: A prayer or blessing, encouragement for motherhood, advice for raising a boy, your favorite Bible verse, or a special memory or note of love. Please be sure to sign your name!

### **Option 2:**

We are also collecting \$5-\$10 donations to purchase a larger gift or gift card for the family.

Cash or check by April 5th. Payable to Community Presbyterian Church, add "Molly Towers" to the memo line!

**If you are planning to participate, please have your letters/donations sent to us by Sunday April 5th.**

Our hope is that this gift reminds Molly how loved and remembered she is by her church family. Thank you for helping us bless her during this special time.

With gratitude,  
Emma Lassiter and Julie Taylor

# Children's Ministry

Our theme for this month is “Bubbles” and our verse from I John 4:16 reminds us that God sees us and our needs clearly, like we can see through a bubble. *“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love”*. We met Zacchaeus, a little man who climbed a tree to see Jesus, and Jesus told him to “Come down, I am going to your house today!” (Did you learn that song when you were young?) We learned about how Jesus fed 5,000 people one day with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes. We played a fishing game, then learned about how many people 5,000 is by playing with bubbles from a bubble gun. God knows what we need, even before we know it!



# Children's Church

February may have been a short month between only having 28 days and the snow causing us to miss an extra Sunday, but it was a great month with the kids! We got to hang out with PAWS and the scouts on 2/15 and celebrate valentines day with festive treats and crafts and lots of games. February 22nd will begin our first lesson on lent in a 7 week curriculum. I am very excited to begin this with the children. Easter is such an exciting time! As always, thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help each Sunday with the children's church! Your help and commitment is what makes this such a great opportunity for the children!



# Sandhills Habitat Apostles Build 2026

*Build with CPC!*

**April 30th - May 2nd**



**No prior experience necessary! We have six volunteer spots on each of the dates listed. Email Pastor Meg to sign up online or join us after worship on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for assistance with volunteer registration. Contact Char Popson with questions!**



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# CPC Contact Information

## Church Office

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(910) 295-6848

## Website

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www.communitypres.com

## Office Hours

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### Monday – Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Friday

Church Office Closed

**If you need a pastor after hours, the following can be reached:**

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### Rod Stone

*Pastor*

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### Meghan Vail

*Associate Pastor*

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## Mailing Address

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# 2026 CPC Scholarships Applications Are Now Available

The 2026 scholarship applications are now available for any CPC member to request. Simply contact Mrs. Sally Raynor via email or phone and request a scholarship application packet. If you are calling to make the request, please call (910) 295-6848 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you would prefer to have the packet emailed to you reach out to her at sraynor@communitypres.com. The deadline for returning the completed application and associated documents is April 9th at 12 noon.

**The following scholarships are available for the 2026 school year:**

### Community Presbyterian Church Scholarship

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 university, community college, vocational or trade school of their choice. The recipients will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

### Joyce G. and Roger W. Johnson 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 university, 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 with the possibility of a second-year scholarship based upon performance.

### The Virginia Wessinger Memorial Scholarship

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, fine arts, nursing or teaching in any of these fields.

# CPC Membership Directories

In the fall of 2023, we updated our Membership Directory with new photos and contact information for most members.

Our objective was to have adequate copies so current and future members could have a copy.

Over the months, we have used all of the Directories and are preparing to order more copies.

**If you/your family does not have a Directory and you would like one, please let Sally in the office know by calling (910) 295-6848 or emailing sraynor@communitypres.com or you can email Joe Franklin at franklin.joe.t@gmail.com.**

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Worship With Us!  
10:30 a.m.

