

Trumpet

October 2025

Now More Than Ever

Yes, the leaves are turning colors, and the weather is getting cooler—both signs of a glorious fall season ahead. This is also the time of year when we traditionally kick off our Stewardship Campaign.

Raising money each year for our many projects, missions, and operation of the church is crucial to our ability TO thrive. By working together, we make God's love known here at CPC and throughout our community. This year our Stewardship Campaign is perhaps more important than ever. As many of you know, our dear Pastor Rod is retiring. As we prepare to welcome new leadership, it is vital that we ensure our church is in the best possible financial shape. It is up TO this congregation to maintain and continue our many projects, missions, AND worship experiences through this transition of leadership. This is a pivotal, exciting time for our congregation, even as we face some unknowns. There is much we can't control; however we can take steps to secure our finances as we move forward.

We invite you to be an essential part of this exciting Stewardship Campaign beginning October 19th, culminating on Commitment Sunday, November 16th. During those four weeks, we will explore four different kinds of givers. We hope that you will find yourself in one-or two of these descriptions. How we give is as important as what we give! Together let us embrace this season of change with unity, hope and generosity for the future of our wonderful church and wider community.

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Angel Tree Mission Project

One of the traditions of Community Presbyterian Church has been the sponsorship of the "Angel Tree" program. The Mission Committee is partnering with three (3) missions in Moore County to provide clothing and books to 150+ children in need at Christmas time.



- **CALL program (Community Assisting Language Learners)**, is an afterschool tutoring/mentoring program helping children to become proficient in English.
- **Northern Moore Family Resource Center (NMFRC)**, provides education to children and a helping hand all year round to families in need living in the Robbins area of our county.
- **Brookside** is a program in which we minister to the children of this area through bible study, camp, games, arts & crafts, and quality time spent building connections and sharing the Word of God.

All our partners represent children at risk who need our sponsorship for Christmas.

The "Angel Tree" kickoff for 2025 is Sunday, October 26th. The Angel Tree will be displayed at the entrance of either the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, depending on where services are held that week.

Here's how it works:

Gold Angels – CALL

Red Angels – Monetary Donations for Brookside parent shopping

Green Angels – Northern Moore Family Resource Center

Members of the church take an angel, and either purchase items for the child listed on that angel or provide a monetary donation. If you are buying, include all the items requested on the angel.

For purchased gifts:

1. **Securely attach the Angel to the large gift bag.**
2. **Place UNWRAPPED gifts in a large gift bag and return them to the church office.**

For monetary donations:

1. **If you took an angel, attach the angel to your check and return to the church office.**
2. **If you did not take an angel, send a check with a notation for "Angel Tree".**

The deadline for gifts or monetary donations is Sunday, November 23rd!

Members of the Mission Committee then deliver the gifts to CALL and Northern Moore Family Resource Center, and will coordinate a "shopping" day with the Brookside parent(s) with Walmart gift cards.

Questions? Would you like to volunteer?

Contact Michelle Gray at (910) 639-9480 or Stephanie Jenkins at (910) 315-4133, Angel Tree Mission Chairs.

A festive orange background with Halloween-themed illustrations. At the top, a spider hangs from a thread, a bat flies, and a witch in an orange hat and broom stands next to a ghost holding a jack-o'-lantern. Purple and white striped candy corns are scattered around. The text 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is prominently displayed in the center.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Community Presbyterian Church invites
you to join us in our Trunk or Treat
event!



OCTOBER 28TH

125 Everette Rd, Pinehurst NC

Dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30

Trunk or Treat begins at 6

Sign up to **decorate a trunk**: Email Meg
Vail at Mvail@communitypres.com

Sign up to **participate in this event**:
Email or Call Sally in the front office of CPC

CPC Contact Information

Church Office

(910) 295-6848

Website

www.communitypres.com

Office Hours

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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125 Everette Road

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We Are Thankful **SOUP LUNCHEON**

A RELAXED SOCIAL GATHERING
FOR OUR NEIGHBORS LIVING WITH
DEMENTIA & THEIR CARE PARTNERS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5
11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

Community Presbyterian Church
125 Everette Road | Pinehurst

No Cost to Attend
Please RSVP By Oct. 31 to 910-295-6848

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The Village Chapel



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FirstHealth

We Are Thankful Luncheon for Persons Living with Dementia and Their Care Partner

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall, Community Presbyterian Church

Please join us for a “souper day” of enjoying a variety of homemade soups, music and, most of all, a relaxing social time. This festive seasonal event is open to church members and residents of Moore County who are living with dementia and their care partners. This event is sponsored by Community Presbyterian Church, The Village Chapel,

The Engaged Brains Project and The Foundation of FirstHealth. There is no cost to participate, but please RSVP to Sally in the church office (910) 295-6848 no later than Friday, October 31st. For further information, please contact Rebecca Ainslie, (910) 690-7579, ra.sunnybrook@yahoo.com.



COMING IN OCTOBER 2025

A New Kind of Engaged Brain

Still, Us

FINDING OURSELVES
IN EACH OTHER

A Monthly Community Circle

Join us once a month on Thursdays

Community Presbyterian Church | 125 Everette Rd, Pinehurst | 2:30-4 P.M.

Presented by Dr. Karen D. Sullivan & Special Guests

OCTOBER 30

LETTING GO

Releasing grief, expectations, and control: Naming and releasing the weight of grief, unrealistic hopes and the illusion of control in the dementia journey.

FEBRUARY 26

LETTING IN

Receiving support, love and wisdom: Opening to care from others, breaking isolation and letting ourselves be held.

NOVEMBER 20

LETTING OUT

Expressing emotions: Creating a safe space to release grief, anger and sadness that otherwise stays hidden and heavy.

MARCH 26

LETTING US ATTUNE

Practicing deep listening and co-regulation: Building connection through presence, mirroring and emotional alignment with those experiencing brain change.

DECEMBER 18

LETTING BE

Practicing acceptance and mindfulness: Learning to sit with dementia as it is, without trying to fix or deny it, and cultivating mindful presence.

APRIL 30

LETTING IN LOVE

Nurturing compassion for self and others: Deepening empathy, reframing dementia care as mutual humanity and seeing love as the center of the journey.

JANUARY 29, 2026

LETTING DOWN

Allowing vulnerability and rest: Removing the mask of strength, honoring exhaustion and practicing permission to ask for help.

MAY 28

LETTING IN LIGHT

Opening to hope, spirituality, and community: Closing the circle with renewal, meaning, and connection to something larger than dementia.

THE FOUNDATION
FirstHealth

All are welcome!
910.420.8041 | DrSullivan@PinehurstMemory.com

**COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

September Children's Church

This past month in Children's Church, the kids learned all about the life of David and his incredible journey to becoming king.

The kids enjoyed discovering how God was with David every step of the way. I'm so thankful for our volunteers who help bring these lessons to life each week. While I was away one Sunday, Laura and Jeannine graciously stepped in and led with such care and joy—I'm very grateful for their willingness to serve! As we move into the coming months, I'm excited to begin planning our holiday lessons. It will be a special season of celebrating God's greatest gift, and I look forward to sharing those moments with the children.



The Golf Capital Chorus Annual Fundraising Concert



The Golf Capital Chorus is a barbershop style four-part harmony men's chorus that sings for fun and to raise money for local charities. And guess what? Four of the chorus members are also members of CPC . . . Dave Gibbons, Bob Boone, Bob Tilton and John Liles. The group has been singing in the Sandhills area since 1981 and they are having their 44th annual fundraising concert on Saturday November 8th at 7 p.m. This year the concert will be held at the beautiful Bradshaw Performing Arts Center (BPAC) at Sandhills Community College. Note: This is a new venue for the concert.

It is a fun filled event and the net proceeds go to support several local charities. The concert theme this year is: Rock 'n' Roll Classics. There will be a great lineup of songs sung by the full chorus or their various quartets. The concert will also feature a special guest, the International top ten quartet – Secret Best Friends!

The prices for the tickets are the same as last year; \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and free for active military.

You can obtain tickets from Dave, Bob B., Bob T. or John Liles. Tickets are also available via golfcapitalchorus.org, ticketmesandhills.com or at the door

Hope you can make it!



The Roaring 20's

Step back in time for a glamorous night out at our 1920s-themed fundraising event where jazz music fills the air, flapper fashion takes center stage, and the fun never stops!

Come dressed to impress for our costume contest, try your luck at the silent auction and wine pull, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and join in on storytelling, trivia, games, and prizes. It's the perfect excuse to dress up, let loose, and support a great cause!

We've got champagne dreams for a concrete foundation! Proceeds from the 1925 event will benefit a new transitional home for youth in Moore County - because everyone deserves a roaring good beginning!

Mission: to provide a haven for homeless youth.

October 25, 2025 | 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway

Historic Event Train in Pinehurst

Tickets: \$78 per person

Venue Location: Parked near the Pinehurst clubhouse off of Beulah Hill Road before Morganton Rd

**For tickets go to Tambraplace
www.tambraplace.org/1925**



Wooden Biscuit Bowl

Growing up, I remember my Grandmama Doris mixing Crisco, flour, and salt into a dough by hand and patting them into rounds to make delicious homemade biscuits. She always created these biscuits in a large wooden bowl with an unexplained notch cut out of one side. My grandmama passed away at the age of 99 on April 9th (she would have been 100 on July 12th.) The only item I wanted from her farmhouse after she passed was the wooden biscuit bowl. Since she was not able to cook during her last few years, the bowl was put in storage and an unidentified creature chewed a hole in the bottom. My uncle suggested that I find a woodworker to possibly fix it so the bowl could continue to be used for making biscuits. I immediately thought about consulting Vern Pherson since he has a talent for woodworking and built a beautiful Prayer Wall for Children's Ministry during my time as co-director. After describing the bowl at church, Vern instantly replied that he would be happy to help. When Juna and I dropped off the bowl, he described how he would fix it, but still keep the bowl's character. He gave us a tour of his workshop, gave Juna a spinning fidget that he designed, and gave us a baby rattle he made with popcorn kernels in the rattle to make the noise to give to my cousin who just had a baby. He informed me that he had a couple of other projects to finish before working on the bowl because he was in the middle of repairing furniture for his neighbors. After a few days, the bowl was complete. Vern had sanded, polished, and oiled the bowl and fixed the hole with a beautiful turquoise epoxy. He even provided instructions for care and extra oil to apply following washes. Because of Vern, the bowl has been restored with new life, ready to carry on the biscuit-making tradition from my grandmama that will hopefully continue with my kids.

Ginny Hobgood

Youth Corner

September kicked off our 2025/2026 youth program.



I am happy to report we have had an average of 15 Youth participating in our activities. In addition to the semi-monthly gatherings on Sunday evening, we enjoyed a fun outing to the Southern Pines Rec Room, where we challenged and cheered one another on in our quest for ultimate victory at the arcade games. The day was topped off with ice cream. I look forward to seeing the youth and their friends again at the Fall Festival on October 5 and youth group October 19. Our special Saturday outing will be October 25 from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. (come to youth group to learn the secret destination!). I look forward to the future of this ministry, hoping to grow in numbers and most importantly in our relationship with God.

CPC Sixth through Tenth Graders are gathering the first and third Sunday evenings each month from 5:30 – 7:30 for fellowship, food, fun and biblical reflection.

We would be most appreciative of anyone who would provide a meal for this group of 15 – 20 kids. Dates available are: November 16th, December 7th, December 21st.

To sign up for dinner, or for more information, please email Youth Director Kaleb Joiner at kjoiner@communitypres.com.

The Youth and I would like to say thank you to everybody who have already signed up as well as thanking the many members who regularly support the Youth Group.

Blessings, Kaleb

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Worship With Us!
10:30 a.m.



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