



# THE UPDATE

February 2026

Rooted In Christ, Growing In Faith, Loving Our Neighbor

# FEBRUARY

## Women's Circle News For February

Circle #1 will meet on **Monday, February 2nd at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Circle #2 will meet on **Tuesday, February 10th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Circle #3 will meet on **Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm at Sarah Kivett's home at 465 Summitt Ave in Statesville.**

If anyone would like to join a Circle, please contact Jill Dotson at **704-608-6324.**



## Our Music Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of the church's music ministry please speak with Sarah Rogers Griffith, Brad Rashley, or any choir member. We work hard in rehearsals but have fun doing so. May the Lord be glorified in our music. Amen!

### **February Children's Message**

February 1 - Phil Lail

February 8 -Doug Griffith

February 15 - DeNeil Suarez

February 22 - Scott Jeffreys

### **February Children's Church**

February 1 -Matt Tomlin

February 8 -Alexis and Parker Jeffreys

February 15 - Caroline and Kyle Wigley

February 22 - Jan Gantt

### **February Elder Duty**

February 1 - David Lackey and Phil Lail

February 8 - Jim Staples and Deena Chambers

February 15 - Deborah Chipman and Rob Crawford

February 22 - JD Dotson and John Downs

### **February Nursery Schedule**

February 1 - Jessica Tomlin

February 8 - Jan Gantt and Rachel Guin

February 15 - Landrea Rhyne and Amanda Chipman

February 22 - DeNeil Suarez and Azariah Peet



### **Happy February Birthday to You!**

3. Price Kennerly
4. Fran Tharpe
8. DeNeil Suarez
9. Kimberly Johns McHenry
11. Sally Andrews
13. Debby Sipe
16. Susan Ervin
22. Eloise Tomlin
24. John Downs
26. Mary George
28. Parks Thompson



## Events to come:

**Wednesday Communion** - Every Wednesday at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary

**Ash Wednesday Service and Fellowship Dinner** - Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. CARE TEAM 1 will facilitate the dinner

**JOY Lunch** - No Joy Lunch for February - Next Joy Lunch is March 18th at noon - Fellowship Hall - Potluck Meal - Bring your favorite dish or sides

**Session Meeting** - Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Prayer Group Wednesday** - Please join us for a time of fellowship, learning, and prayer, **Wednesdays at 11 am in the Parlor**. Our small group is growing and knows that as we come together to pray, God is with us and those we lift in prayer! Contact Laurel Andrews at 704-880-3406 if you have any questions.



## Future Fellowship Dinners

**NO Fellowship Dinner in March**

**JOY Lunch** - Wednesday, March 18th at noon in the Fellowship Hall

**Maundy Thursday Service and Fellowship Dinner** - Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. CARE TEAM 2 will facilitate the dinner

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner** - April 29th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. CARE TEAM 3 will facilitate the dinner

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner** - May 27th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. CARE TEAM 4 will facilitate the dinner

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner** - June 24th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. CARE TEAM 5 will facilitate the dinner

# FPPC 2025 Income Statement Summary

Tithes and Offerings	\$ 311,509.73
Pass through Income	\$ 14,714.00
Other Income	\$ 4,317.14
Operating Income	\$ 330,540.87
Operating Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 108,986.41
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 17,134.70
Property Expense	
Utilities	\$ 16,681.75
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 104,665.83
Insurance	\$ 17,397.00
Program Expense	\$ 14,497.56
Missions, CERF & Scholarship	\$ 23,491.26
Love gift, Mwandi and Pass Throughs	\$ 14,714.00
Total Expenses	\$ 317,568.51
Net Operating Income	\$ 12,972.36
Income from sale of easement	\$ 80,000.00
Total Net Income	\$ 92,972.36

## **Congregational Emergency Relief Fund (CERF)**

This service was formed to financially help FPPC members who have unexpected needs arise. Only FPPC members are eligible to receive help from CERF. Requests for aid must be reviewed and approved by the CERF committee. The CERF committee consists of two Forest Park members who were approved by the session. Current committee members are Doug Griffith (704 785 6953) and Deena Chambers (704 437 0901). All requests and gifts are to be strictly confidential. Persons who need financial help must go directly to one of the committee members. The minister of Forest Park, members, and/or officers of the church should not be approached.

The funds from CERF come from one or two fundraisers as needed and from monetary donations; many of which are given in honor or memory of loved ones. There are times when individuals who have received help from CERF find themselves in a position to repay the gift. We are grateful for this. We encourage those who are feeling especially blessed to donate to this fund.

# Joy Lunch



## January 2026 – Joy Lunch

On January 21<sup>st</sup> at noon, 20 joyful people came together and enjoyed delicious homemade chicken noodle soup and muffins lovingly made by Kathy Hoover. Steve Black brought a homemade scrumptious pound cake for our dessert. We plan to meet again in March. Join us!



## Operation Christmas Child

God's provision and your faithful service made it possible to celebrate another record-breaking collection of shoebox gifts. In 2025, 12,205,900 Gospel opportunities were lovingly packed and sent out across the world. Out of those, 10,906,661 were collected right here in the U.S. Praise God! Thank you, Forest Park, for your volunteering, your in-person shoeboxes, and your online build-a-boxes! - Doug Griffith



Forest Park Congregation,

I just want to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns, and blessings during my recent health scare. We are so thankful to be a part of a great church family.

Love, Missy Peet

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Circle 1 – 6:15 pm Fellowship Hall	2 Circle 1 – 6:15 pm Fellowship Hall	3 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 7:00 pm Choir Practice	4 10:00 Women's Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship	9 Circle 2 – 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall Circle 3 – 6:00 pm at Sarah Kivett's home	10 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 7:00 pm Choir Practice	11 10:00 Women's Bible Study	12 Girl Scouts Valentine Sleepover - Fellowship Hall	13 Girl Scouts Valentine Celebration – F Hall	14
15 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship	16 17 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 6:00 pm Ash Wed Service & Dinner 7:15 pm Choir Practice	18 10:00 Women's Bible Study	19	20	21	
22 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship First Sunday of Lent	23 24 11:00 am Prayer Group 12:15 Communion Service 7:00 pm Choir Practice	25 10:00 Women's Bible Study	26	27	28	