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Upon gaining power in 1933, Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party moved aggressively to consolidate control over the institutional life of the German people, outlawing opposition parties, purging courts and universities, and abolishing labor unions as well as freedom of the press. The church presented a unique obstacle to this effort, since the moral teaching of Christ frequently contradicted the Nazi party's social and political objectives. At the time, the main body of German Protestants was a loose federation of Lutheran, Reformed, and United traditions organized by region. Protestant leaders soon found themselves increasingly under siege by members of the German Christian Movement – an attempt to infuse Nazi ideology into church practice and belief. These “German Christians” emphasized Martin Luther's antisemitic writings, vouched for the removal of anything “Jewish” from the Bible (including the whole Old Testament), promoted the ethno-nationalist beliefs of the Nazi regime, advocated for unquestioned obedience to state authority, and supported defrocking German clergy with Jewish ancestry or who were married to “non-Arians”.

The first step to achieving these goals was the formation of the German Evangelical Church (*Reichskirche*). The consolidation of the churches would allow the state to exercise greater institutional control. After some initial setbacks, the Nazis were able to use propaganda and intimidation to elect Hitler's religious advisor as bishop of the newly formed body. Alarmed by the encroachment of the Reich into the affairs of the church, in May of 1934, 139 Protestant leaders, pastors, and theologians convened a Synod in Wuppertal-Barmen to respond to the crisis. The gathering produced *The Theological Declaration of Barmen* – a written confession of faith that strongly rejected the tenants of the German Christian Movement, while reaffirming Jesus Christ (not the Führer) as head of the church and sovereign Lord over all matters of life, stating: “*We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well...as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.*” [8.23, 27]

Hitler and the Nazis responded to this act of defiance by systematically persecuting the Confessing Church movement, removing leaders from their posts, while arresting, imprisoning, and assassinating others. The organizer of the Barmen Synod, Martin Niemöller, was arrested and sent to the concentration camps (though he survived) along with many of his colleagues. Theologian Karl Barth, the principal author of the confession, was forced to return to Switzerland. Another participant, theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was taken into custody and hanged at the Flossenbürg concentration camp shortly before its liberation by Allied forces in April of 1945. Other survivors would join underground resistance movements to save Jews from deportation and extermination. While at the time, some criticized the confession for not going far enough in condemning the atrocities of the Nazi regime, the confession nevertheless serves as a powerful statement for the freedom of Christian conscience in light of tyranny. For this reason, the *Barmen Declaration* would be adopted as an authoritative confession of faith by the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1967, becoming part of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s *Book of Confessions* with the reunification of the denomination in 1983.

“Peter and John answered (the council), ‘Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.’” – Acts 4:18-20

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship

5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025



8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

8:30 am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday

School

11:00am Worship

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 23:1-49



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025



7:00pm Worship

Ex. 12:1-4(5-10)11-14 John 13:1-17

Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Day

April 20, 2025

8:30am Beach Worship



11:00am Worship

Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 24:1-12



2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-31



There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to leave your donations.

For **April**, we are collecting: combs, brushes, hair accessories, and small dinosaurs

Shallotte Presbyterian Church
Rev. George Chapman III, Pastor

The Session (Elders)

Class of 2025

Kitty Green

Sarah Henry

Rusty Russ

Linda Stackhouse

Class of 2026

John Cardwell

Kim Smithwick

Steve Wingfield

Lynne Young

Class of 2027

Patsy Calhoun

Mike Clawson

Eric Lehmann

Mac Warner

Kitty Green, Clerk of Session

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2025

Barbara English

Carol Kauffman

Brenda Lewis

Rosalee Rockafellow

Class of 2026

Lurae Albert

Leslie Claiborne

Tobin Henry

Susan Lehmann

Class of 2027

Linda Black

Sarah Braddock

Sarah Cook

Bart Norwood

Tobin Henry, Moderator Susan Lehmann, Clerk of Deacons



Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Services at the church are held at 8:30am and 11:00am

The 11:00am service is streamed live on our Facebook page and on our YouTube Channel.

Adult/Children Sunday School
9:45am — 10:30am

Nursery Available during Sunday School and 11am Service.

April 20 Easter Services
8:30am Beach Service
Ocean Isle Beach, Driftwood Access
No Sunday School this day
11:00am Communion Service
in Church Sanctuary.



New members Classes will recommence **April 13 & 27th**. There is no obligation to join the church should you decide to participate, nor are these classes required for membership. They merely present an opportunity to learn more about this church, the history of Presbyterianism, and the theological beliefs that distinguish us from other Christian denominations. Classes will take place following 11:00 worship and lunch will be provided, so if you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Christina no later than **April 10** at church@atmc.net

GSMA Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays, 12:00 Noon



April 2: St. Luke Lutheran - Katherine Moore

April 9: Embracing Christ Fellowship - Fran Salone-Pelletier

Your Christian Education Committee has been hard at work in planning opportunities for the young and young at heart! Lenten small group devotions will continue through Holy Week (Monday at 11:30 at the church or Tuesday at 1:00 at the Odom's home). This study using Jill Duffield's book ***Lent in Plain Sight*** is a wonderful opportunity to pause and ponder in the midst of our "busyness" as we prepare our hearts and minds during this Lenten journey.

Confirmation Classes began March 19 under Pastor George's leadership with 5 of our young people participating.

Our nursery continues to grow and we give thanks to the many volunteers who help make this ministry possible!

The adult Tuesday night Bible Study on the book of Joshua led by Pastor George continues to be well-attended and thought provoking. If you have not attended, you don't know what you are missing!



**Thursday, April 17th
7:00pm**



April 13 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service

April 17– Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm

April 21– Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00-5:30pm

May 3– Memorial for Mrs. Anita Payne 1:00pm.

June 11 – Kicking off *Wonderful Wednesdays* with an Ice Cream social in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited!

June 16- Carolina National Golf Course, Charity Golf Tournament

Wonderful Wednesdays will continue every other Wednesday throughout the summer

(**June 25, July 9, 23, August 6, 20**) with a light supper at 5:30 followed by fun for all ages!



Greeters, Ushers, Liturgist & Welcome Table - April 2025 -



Date	Ushers	Liturgist	Greeters	Welcome Table	Acolyte
4/6	Kim Smithwick & Leslie Claiborne	Mike Claxton	Jeanne McLeod	Linda Stackhouse	Steven Vattimo
4/13	Dave Green & Kim Smithwick	Ryan Smithwick	Tobin Henry	Eric Lehmann	Seamus Smithwick
4/17	Lynne Young & Eric Lehmann	Martha Warner	Helen Odum	Susan Lehmann	Pre-lit
4/20	Linda Stackhouse & Tobin Henry	Sue Andersen	Mac McCall	Debbie McCall	Declan Smithwick
4/27	Lynne Young & Mike Clawson	Carol Kauffman	Brenda Lewis	Bart Norwood	Mary Grace Carter



Celebration Circle Update

Celebration Circle met on Wednesday, March 12. Jeanne Curry and Lynn Auman served as hostesses for the 29 members in attendance. Debbie Wingfield welcomed the group with a prayer and the lighting of the Christ candle.

Carol Partridge led Lesson 7, Economic Climate Justice, from Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation, by Patricia K. Tull. "The Bible's economic wisdom never promises to eradicate poverty; You always have the poor with you."

A brief business meeting followed the Bible study lesson. Members learned that the circle raised \$464 for the Vicki Blount Scholarship Fund during the February meeting. March donations will go to The Rose House Christian Recovery Center in Calabash. In April the mission focus will be Lower Cape Fear Hospice.



The big news for the month of March was the "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" service held on March 16th. Debbie Wingfield used her artistic talent to create a beautiful bulletin cover. Our thanks to Christina Watts for getting the bulletin ready. Suzanne Simpson called on her work as a minister to craft the liturgy. The sanctuary was awash in all shades of pink, from the vibrant pink and purples in the altar flowers to the delicate hues worn by many ladies in attendance. Even the guys got into the act with their pink shirts and ties.



Janet Norwood welcomed visitors to the service, while Barbara Martin and Donna Trest greeted those in attendance. Patsy Calhoun and Elizabeth Lewis were the ushers for the service. Worship commenced as Tanya Allston sounded the prelude on the organ and Mary Grace Carter lit the candles. Sarah Henry and Carol Kauffman were liturgists for the service.

An "all girl" bell choir played "Morning Has Broken" as the introit. The ladies choir was joined by several women from the congregation to sing a beautiful anthem, "For the Beauty of the Earth," by John Rutter. Bell choir: Sarah Cook, Deb Claxton,

Carol Partridge, Alberta Gisel, Jenny Meekins, Molly Frederick, Lynn Auman, Mindy Cardwell, Gail Thomas, Linda Preston, Lynne Young. Ladies choir: Molly Frederick, Mindy Cardwell, Susan Alley, Susan Lehmann, Betty Dattler, Bonnie Treadway, Margaret Causey, Lynne Young, Lynn Auman, Jenny Meekins, Gail Thomas, Kim Smithwick, Sue Andersen, Janie King, Linda Preston, Carol Partridge, Alberta Gisel. Thanks to Debra Freeman in the sound booth and to Paul Freeman, music director for leading the ladies choir.

And last, but certainly not least, our very own Myra Chapman brought the message for Sunday, March 16th. Her sermon, titled "Plan A," because when you have Jesus Christ, you don't need a backup plan!





MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE: SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

Brunswick Family Assistance



Brunswick Family Assistance is a transformative, forward-looking and collaborative organization that helps low-income people in Brunswick County to live a higher quality of life. We envision a community where all people have access to an adequate and nutritious supply of food and sufficient resources to sustain themselves. BFA shall continue to be a leader in partnering with other organizations to help solve community problems. The SPC Missions and Benevolences (M&B) Committee commits a portion of the M&B budget to support BFA. Thank you for your support of this budget and BFA. If you have questions or would like to personally support BFA, you may ask Deb Claxton, Wayne Tillman or Myra Chapman who are all BFA Board of Directors members.

An upcoming fundraiser for BFA is a concert in the afternoon of Saturday, April 26th in Leland's WWAY Event Center. Come out and enjoy the music while supporting a good cause! Tickets are available now at: brunswickfamily.org/bfa-brunswick-bash



**BFA'S
BRUNSWICK
BASH**

A fundraiser for Brunswick Family Assistance

Saturday,
April 26th
3pm - 6pm

WWAY Event Center
1224 Magnolia Village Way
Leland, NC 28451





Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Missions, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Dearest Ladies,

I am still completely overwhelmed that you chose me for the life membership. The women of SPC are all remarkable and have been an inspiration to and for me since we've joined you.

Thank you for the honor. I'm trying to get our two daughters here during the first part of April so they can join us at the service. And I'm working on getting stronger every day. I love you.

More importantly, God loves all of you.

Nancy Gorman



It's our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Hop on over to the Fellowship Hall at the close of the 11:00 worship service on April 13. Snacks and craft materials will be provided.

And, of course, Easter Eggs will be hidden!

Please have children bring their own baskets and join in on the fun!



SPC would like to Congratulate
Dave & Denise Cypher who were
joined in marriage on Friday
March 21st by Pastor George .

The flower signup calendar in the Narthex is a wonderful way to adorn our Sanctuary. A flower arrangement can be given in honor or in memory of loved ones or for any special occasion. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two this year.





Please Pray for the Individuals Below and Their Families

Pat Bell, Bella Black, Mike Black, Pat Dobbins, Kimmie Durham, Nancy Elwell, Frances Farmer, Bob & Nancy Gorman, Charles Greene, Michelle & Charles Griffin, Charlotte Guker, Rosemary Hall, Richard Hilton, Christian Huffman, Mary Mac Holcombe, Peggy Lackey, Josh Long, Bob Mayhew, Ann & Bill McPhaul, Chip & Jackie Montague, George & Barbara Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Laura Morrison, Sharon Nault, Pat O'Neil, Chuck Partridge, Harry Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Donna Sullivan, Cindy Wilson, Lou Zimmerman.

If you have placed a name on the list above and it needs to be removed,
please call or email the Church Office, 910-754-6929, church@atmc.net

A Note from the Stewardship/Finance Committee

The following is a brief summary of our giving and related expenditures of the Operating Fund for the 2 months ended February 28, 2025 with comparative amounts for 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	\$ 67,653.35	\$ 66,920.75	\$ 68,431.54
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	34,004.24	32,176.63	32,022.96
Local Program Ministry	3,388.47	3,392.91	1,921.20
Property and Grounds	24,592.80	20,220.32	19,186.60
Administration	3,207.74	2,966.31	2,510.48
General / Sessional	436.24	102.06	0.00
Missions and Benevolences	<u>9,710.00</u>	<u>9160.00</u>	<u>8,824.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>75,339.49</u>	<u>68,018.23</u>	<u>64,465.24</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ <u>(7,686.14)</u>	\$ <u>(1,097.48)</u>	\$ <u>3,966.30</u>

A thought to consider....

“The only time we waste is the time we spend thinking we are alone for God is always with us.”
from Inspiring Quotes

Reminder:

When making a contribution to a specific fund or purpose, please make your check payable to Shallotte Presbyterian Church and indicate on the memo line which fund you are contributing to. By doing this you will enable us to credit the contribution to the proper fund and insure you get credit for your contribution on your giving statement. We are unable to deposit checks that aren't made payable to Shallotte Presbyterian Church. Also, the bank has requested checks be written in dark blue or black ink, as the electronic check scanners have difficulty reading other colors correctly.

Thank you from the Finance Committee, especially Linda Rowell, Treasurer.



Dear friends,

We wish to thank the Rev. Chapman, our deacon Mabel Winslow, and the congregation for the prayers for us, and especially for our son, Joe, after his accident last fall. He is doing well. He loves to paint, and we were afraid he would not be able to paint anymore after he had to have a plate inserted. We are thanking God for the healing power that made it possible for him to paint again. The Shallotte Presbyterian Church congregation means so much to us because of your ministry to the church and community. God has been so good to us.

Love,

Harry, Suzanne, and Joe (and the rest of the Simpson family)



To the congregation of Shallotte Presbyterian Church:

My family & I would like to thank everyone for the words of sympathy after Shirley's passing, and for the visits & food brought to us while she was in hospice. We will never forget your kindness.

We would especially like to thank Rev. George Chapman III & Rev. John Causey for their comforting words during Shirley's memorial service. Thank you to Paul Freeman, Randy Warner, Lynn Auman & Chad Hammer for the beautiful music during the service as well. Our family is thankful to Steve Wingfield for recording the service for us, we received many compliments about how beautiful the whole service was. We also want to thank the Presbyterian Women for their assistance in providing a very nice luncheon afterwards.

Lastly, thanks to Christina in the office for helping to arrange the program.

-Lou Zimmerman & family



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Scholarship Challenge Sunday March 2, 2025



THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

WOW! YOU met the challenge with your generous donation of \$2,654.00 on Sunday March 2nd and I am happy to say that both challengers will have to cough up \$2500.00. No money was left on the table.

Special Thanks to the Celebration Circle for their donation of \$464.00, and to a new challenger with a donation of \$500, and to one member of our congregation who donated \$1000.00.

On behalf of the Stewardship and Finance committee,

Thank you so much,

Erskine Blount, Project Chair

BLOOD DRIVE at Shallotte Presbyterian Church



MONDAY
April 21, 2025
1-5:30PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Please call the Church Office for more
information on scheduling your blood donation*
910-754-6929

Monday, June 16 2025
Carolina National Golf Course
8:30am start time



SHALLOTTE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Golf Tournament

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