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Catherine of Siena (March 25, 1347 – April 29, 1380) was an Italian mystic, layperson, theologian, diplomat, and a highly influential figure in Roman Catholicism. She was the twenty-third of twenty-five children born to Lapa Piagenti and Jacopo di Benincasa, a cloth dyer in the city of Siena in Tuscany. According to tradition, Catherine was six years old when she had her first vision of Christ, and at the age of seven, she dedicated her life to God.

When Catherine was sixteen, her oldest sister died in childbirth and the family expected her to marry the widower, but she resisted, cutting off her hair and refusing to eat. Her parents eventually relented, and Catherine was allowed to devote her life to prayer and solitude. Even though she refused to be married, she also refused to enter a convent, eventually joining the *mantellates*, a charitable society of widows closely associated with the Dominican order, who taught her to read and write.

At the age of 21, Catherine experienced another vision described as a “mystical marriage” to Jesus Christ. According to her biographer, Raymond of Capua, Christ then commanded her to end her solitude and enter public life. Catherine began actively serving the poor and sick in the community, amassing a large following. Her influence was such that she became heavily engaged in Italian politics that were dominated by several powerful city-states. In 1375, she reportedly received the *stigmata* during a diplomatic trip to Pisa (scars on the hands signifying Christ’s suffering – though only visible to herself). In 1376, Catherine was sent with a delegation from Florence to Avignon, France to meet Pope Gregory XI. She was influential in the pope’s decision to return the papacy to Rome after seventy years.

Catherine returned to Florence to continue her charitable work. Though she was illiterate for most of her life, she wrote *The Dialogue of Divine Providence* in 1378, a story that assumes the form of a soul’s conversation with God. Many of her letters to other major political and religious figures of the day have been preserved. She also wrote a compilation of twenty-six prayers composed during the latter months of her life.

Catherine’s rigorous fasting eventually took a toll on her health, and she died of a stroke at the age of thirty-three. Her body was interred in the Santa Maria sopra Minerva basilica in Rome, though her head was smuggled back to Siena to be placed in a chapel of the Basilica of San Domenico, where it remains on display to this day. Catherine would be canonized a saint on June 29, 1461 by Pope Pius II, and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970 – a title reserved for those who have made major contributions to church theology and doctrine. She was declared a Patron Saint of Rome by Pope Pius IX in 1866, and a Patron Saint of Europe by Pope John Paul II in 1999.

“Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God.” – Ruth 1:16

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship



Wednesday, 12:00pm

March 4, 2026

Pastor Matt Farrabow of Seaside

Methodist

Lenten Lunch

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship



4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship



We will begin monthly collections again in March for Operation Christmas Child

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

For March, we are collecting: toy cars and stuffed animals.

Shallotte Presbyterian Church Rev. George Chapman III, Pastor

The Session (Elders)

Class of 2026

John Cardwell
Kim Smithwick
Steve Wingfield
Lynne Young

Class of 2027

Patsy Calhoun
Mike Clawson
Eric Lehmann
Mac Warner

Class of 2028

Sandy Lacy
Mac McCall
Jeanne McLeod
Laura Thompson

Jenny Meekins, Clerk of Session

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Leslie Claiborne
Tobin Henry
Susan Lehmann

Class of 2027

Linda Black
Sarah Braddock
Sarah Cook
Bart Norwood

Class of 2028

Paul Marlow
Tim Owens
Joanne Prettyman
Tom Tart

Tobin Henry, Moderator Susan Lehmann, Clerk



Sunday Worship Services

8:30am

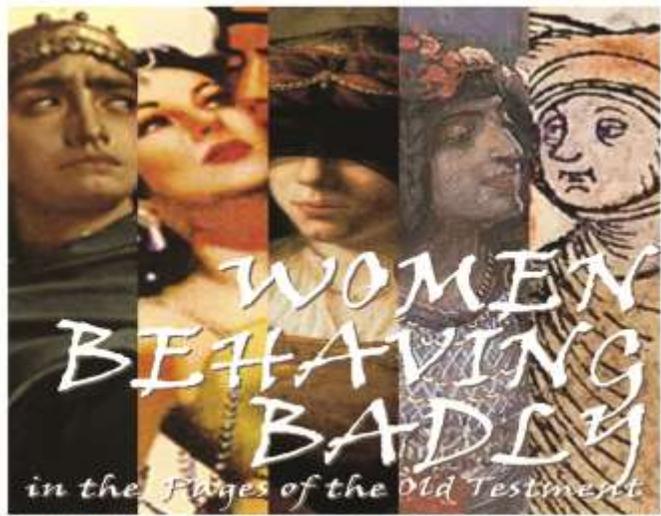
11:00am

The 11am service is streamed live on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel.

The Nursery is available during the 11am service.

Vicki A. Blount Scholarship Challenge 3/8/26

Adult/Children/Tween Sunday School is offered from 9:45 - 10:30.



NEW STUDY BEGINS
MARCH 3 6:00PM
 SPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Women occupy a curious space in the pages of the Old Testament as wives, queens, daughters, and mothers, but also temptresses, heroines and *femmes fatales*. At the same time, they are among the most misunderstood characters in scripture, as people and churches tend to project their own social values and prejudices upon them. For our next Bible Study, we will dissect the layers of how women are portrayed in the pages of the Old Testament to reexamine our traditional interpretation of their stories. This is not a study of how women in the Bible conduct themselves poorly, but how they challenge the social conventions of their own time by breaking the rules and roles designed to keep them in their place! The fun begins March 3 @ 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



Adult/Children/Tween
Sunday School is offered
 from 9:45 - 10:30.

SPC Volunteers March 2026

Date	Ushers	Greeter	Welcome	Acolyte	Liturgists	Camera	Nursery
3/1	Patsy Calhoun Donna Trest	Cynthia Scramlin-Walrath Sally Gunn	Linda Stackhouse	AJ Pendergrass	Ruth Owens	Freeman	Linda Stackhouse
3/4	Bart Norwood Eric Lehmann	Janet Norwood		Pre-lit			
3/8	Leslie Claiborne Lynne Young	Sarah Cook	Eric Lehmann	Steven Vattimo	John Cardwell	Wingfield	Ruth Owens
3/15	Mac Warner Mac McCall	Joanne Prettyman	Bart Norwood	Seamus Smithwick	Leslie Claiborne	Cook	Judy Holden
3/22	Kim Smithwick Mike Clawson	Tim Owens	Mac Warner	Declan Smithwick	Helen Odum	Miller	Audrey Lee
3/29	Joanne Prettyman Leslie Claiborne Tom Tart Bart Norwood	Tim Owens	Patsy Calhoun	Mary Grace Carter	Myra Chapman	Cook	Debbie/Mac McCall Easter Egg HUNT



HOLY WEEK



March 29 Palm Sunday
 8:30 & 11:00 with palms



Easter Egg Hunt
 after 11:00 worship service
byob: bring your own basket



April 2 Maundy Thursday
 7:00pm Communion



April 5 Easter Sunday
 8:30 Beach Service OIB
 11:00 Sanctuary Communion





Celebration Circle – February Meeting

Our February SPC Celebration Circle meeting was attended by 37 ladies and was hosted by Linda Black and Barbara Montague. Our Mission of the month was the Vicki Blount Scholarship. Ruth Owens led the Bible Study on the lesson, “Finding Our Joy in Christ: ‘I Will Say It Again, Rejoice’” from Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Ruth reminded us that Christian joy emerges from a deep belief that God is good and God reigns forever. Ruth and Molly Frederick led us in joyful singing of “I’ve got peace like a river.”

We are still searching for a Vice Moderator and an Historian Helper for the PW Coordinating Team. If you are interested in serving, please contact Gail Thomas, Deb Claxton or Margaret Causey. We completed planning for the Gifts of Women service with communion on Sunday, March 1st. Looking forward to that 11:00 AM service we encouraged everyone to wear PINK! Finally, we hope to see YOU at our next Celebration Circle on Wednesday, March 11th at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Worship Services in Sanctuary at 8:30am and 11:00am.
Sunday School Classes 9:45-10:30. Nursery available 9:30-12:00.
The 11:00am Worship Service is streamed live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

SPC is well into the season of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday service was the start of the Lent season February 18th. The 40 days of Lent (not including Sundays) is a time of repentance and to move closer to God by making time to praise and worship Him. We do this through praying, worship services & classes, Christian Education events, almsgiving, and fasting as we prepare our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter. Please join us for any and all of our services and activities during Lent:

March 1 11am Service only Gifts Of Women with Communion in Sanctuary.

March 4 12:00pm Lenten Lunch Service by GSMA with bag lunch after service. Lead Pastor Matt Farrabow of Seaside Methodist will be our worship leader.

March 8, 15, 22 8:30 & 11:00 in Sanctuary per schedule as listed above.

March 29 8:30 & 11:00 Palm Sunday palm branches will be provided to commemorate the triumphal arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem.

April 2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday with Communion.

April 5 Easter Sunday Christ Is Risen!

8:30am Beach Service at Ocean Isle Beach Driftwood Access

11:00am Sanctuary Communion Service



Founded in 1891, Children's Hope Alliance is the result of several nonprofit mergers over the last twenty years – the most significant included Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children – each over 130 years old. CHA is known for high quality services, positive outcomes, and effective practice models – all essential to providing hope, health, and healing for generations.

CHA has grown to serve over 7,000 children across NC through in-home and community-based care. Last year, 1,744 children and families received services. They are dedicated to supporting individuals of all backgrounds, identities, and family structures through a wide range of compassionate services. Their comprehensive programs are designed to give hope to North Carolina's children and families by providing a safe home, healing their hurt, and encouraging a healthy start toward a bright future.

With a family-centered focus, Children's Hope Alliance is committed to quality, innovation, strong relationships, and integrated technology to amplify impact through meaningful community partnerships. Their vision is a future where healing is accessible, hope is restored, and generations are transformed through integrated, person-centered care.

Thank you to our congregation for continuing to faithfully support this worthy cause through our Missions and Benevolences funding.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH
Location: Silver Coast Winery
6680 Barbeque Road
Ocean Isle Beach, NC
Time: 2:00 – 6:00 pm
DOORS OPEN AT 2:00 PM
Tickets available at the door

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:
www.BrunswickFamily.org/45th-Anniversary-Celebrations



Questions: CALL MORGAN
(910) 754-4766



Scholarship Challenge
Sunday- March 8, 2026
(In memory of Vicki Ann Blount)
Please come prepared to donate to the scholarship fund in person or by mail as our challenger will match all donations received up to \$2000.

Please support our youth as they pursue their educational dreams!



Food Pantry Sunday is **March 8th**. We are collecting Cookie Mix for Easter baskets and pancake syrup.

PORCH COLLECTION DATES-
3610 Express Dr.
March 11th & 12th from 12-4pm. You can drop food off anytime throughout the month in the church office for **PORCH**.

THE LORDS FOOD PANTRY STATS FOR
February 2026
Number of People Served
(Includes TEFAP)

Children	785
Adults	1,299
Seniors	625
Total	2,709





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



Please Pray for the Individuals Below and Their Families:

Farah Abosapa, Pat Bell, Bill Coggins, Pat Dobbins, Shaundra Durham, Terry Gavin, Geoff Goetz, Bob Gorman, Diane Bonds Haley, Robert Hasting, Peggy Hughes, Wray King, Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Bob Mayhew, Chip & Jackie Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Carol Partridge, Colin Prettyman, Nessa Rouff, Harry & Suzanne Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Cindy Wilson, Linda Wortman & Bill Young, Lou Zimmerman

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 1 month ended January 31, 2026 with comparative amounts for 2025 and 2024

	<u>2026</u> <u>Actual</u>	2025 Actual	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	\$ <u>56,553.71</u>	\$ <u>28,961.53</u>	\$ <u>36,019.71</u>
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	17,869.74	17,002.12	15,218.30
Local Program Ministry	2,109.19	655.66	822.15
Property and Grounds	10,351.00	6,890.25	8,453.47
Administration	1,813.66	1,890.03	1,412.58
General / Sessional	219.54	363.24	0.00
Missions and Benevolences	<u>5,261.00</u>	<u>5,211.00</u>	<u>5,161.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>37,624.13</u>	<u>32,012.30</u>	<u>31,067.50</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ <u>18,929.58</u>	\$ <u>(3,050.77)</u>	\$ <u>4,952.21</u>

A thought to consider....

“Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field”
Deuteronomy 14.22

Reminder:

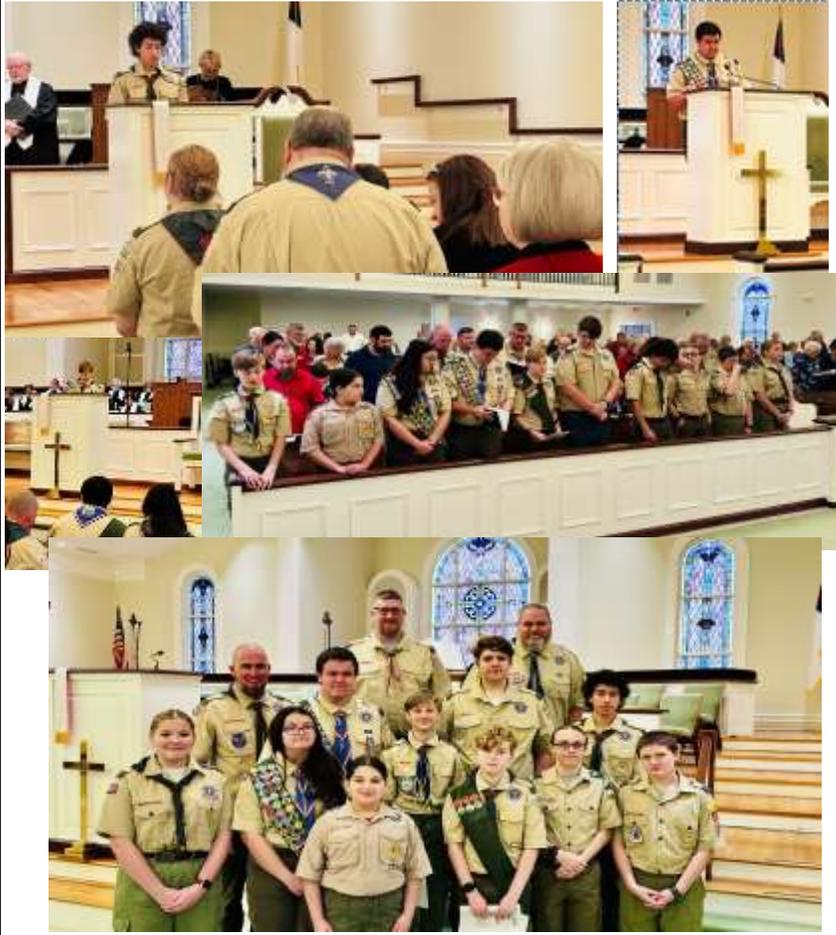
When making a contribution to a specific fund or purpose, please make your check payable to Shallotte Presbyterian Church and indicate on the memo line which fund you are contributing to. By doing this you will enable us to credit the contribution to the proper fund and insure you get credit for your 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.

Thank you,
The Finance Committee



Sunday, February 15th Shallotte Presbyterian was honored to celebrate Scout Sunday with Troops 262 & 1262 assisting us with worship. We are very grateful to the leaders, families and the scouts themselves who show dedication to our facility and the community. We are so proud to be your "home church".



January 2026
 Dear Wondrous Church Family ~
 What a meaningful celebration Jan 25th was for us and our guests. The sanctuary flowers were truly beautiful and the Reception was a treat for all in attendance.
 Our thanks to Pastor George and Eric Lehmann and his hard working committee. We are blessed to still be in your midst.
 Remember the Church in your Will.
 John Causey
 Pastor Emeritus



Thank you to all those who attended our Souper Bowl Luncheon. \$1,052.00 was raised for the SouperBowl of Caring Fund!



Important dates you don't want to miss!

- Sunday, March 1st- One Service at 11:00am Gifts of Women
- Tuesday, March 3rd, 10th, 17th- Bible Study, 6:00pm, FH
- Wednesday, March 4th- PWCT, 1:00pm, CR
- Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th SPC YOUTH, FH
- Sunday, March 8th- Scholarship Sunday
- Wednesday, March 11th- Celebration Circle, 10:30am, FH
- Tuesday, March 24th-Session, 6:30pm, FH



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Memorial Day — Labor Day
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Greater Shallotte
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Wednesday's,
12 Noon

The Hosting Church will provide a bagged lunch

**March 4; Shallotte Presbyterian Church;
Matt Farabow**

March 11; Camp United; Joe Needham

**March 18; Seaside United Methodist;
Katherine Moore**

March 25; St. Luke; Fran Salone-Pelletier