

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

March 12, 2026

A Vision for Beginning a Stephen Ministry for Our Congregation

Dear Church Family,

Recently your session voted to enroll in Stephen Ministry. What is Stephen Ministry?

The ministry is named after Stephen, (Acts 6:1-7) who was one of the first seven laypeople (often called deacons or *diakanoi*) chosen by the apostles to care for neglected widows in the early church. This established a biblical model for laypeople to share in pastoral care responsibilities.

Today, more than 12,000 congregations and other organizations have enrolled in the ministry. They represent more than 170 Christian denominations and come from all 50 United States, 10 Canadian provinces, and 29 other countries. Since 1975, more than 70,000 pastors, other staff, and lay leaders have been trained as Stephen Leaders. They, in turn, have trained more than 600,000 laypersons as Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers have provided one-to-one Christian care and support to more than a million care receivers in Stephen Ministry caring relationships—and ministered to millions more in less formal ways.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Who are these care receivers?

- People grieving the loss of a loved one
- People who are experiencing a medical crisis
- People facing a terminally ill diagnosis
- People who are experiencing divorce (before or after)
- Parents who have children leaving home for the military, college, marriage, or work to another geographical area
- Parents and families with children who have disabilities
- People experiencing significant job-related stress
- People experiencing a spiritual crisis

These are just a few of the many needs that Stephen Ministers can meet.

I am very excited that Elder Joan White has accepted the charge to be one of our first Stephen Leaders. My wife, Cathy and I, have embraced the Stephen Ministry motto since 2009, and we believe it reflects our call to serve those experiencing the difficulties of life. *“Christ Caring for People through People.”*

Please pray for our church, as we embark on this care-giving journey.



Rick

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

501 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768 Email us at firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5 and Friday 9-4

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.

Announcements

Monday, March 16 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study)
Monday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting
Tuesday, March 17 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY
Tuesday, March 17 at 5:15 p.m. Session
Friday, March 20 from 5-7 p.m. CHURCH GAME NIGHT
Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. Cornerstones "Swamp Gravy" trip
Tuesday, March 24 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY
Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER
Thursday, March 26 at 8:30 a.m. Cornerstones Callaway trip
Sunday, March 29 from 4-6 p.m. EGGVENT: food, crafts, games for all ages
Tuesday, March 31 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY (end of study)

EGGVENT & COVERED DISH SUPPER MARCH 29th

Palm Sunday, March 29th, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., we will be hosting a time of food, fun games and crafts for all ages. The church will provide fried chicken, slaw and baked beans. Members are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the chicken. Please RSVP to Austin at dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com.



Metal for Meds

We are collecting **aluminum cans and toothbrushes** to raise money & supplies for an annual medical clinic in the Dominican Republic. The toothbrushes will be given out with medicines in plastic bags to the people who come to the clinic.

All of our sister congregations are collecting recyclable aluminum cans at \$1/lb. And we will continue the collection throughout 2026. You'll see the collection bin in the fellowship hall by the kitchen. The tooth brush collection box will also be in the fellowship hall.

In 2025, this mission partnership with our sister churches raised \$1000 to purchase pre-natal vitamins, vitamins for women & children as well as medicine to treat the abundant parasite problems in the Dominican Republic.

Help meet the medical & dentistry needs of these people who come to the annual clinic!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE TO CELEBRATE HERO HOUSE

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026
RIBBON CUTTING AT 10AM
OPEN HOUSE 10AM-2PM

617 1ST STREET SE
MOULTRIE, GA 31768

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EGGVENT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
TIME 4:00-6 P.M.

FOOD, GAMES, AND CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES
A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO HELP WITH FOOD

501 FIRST STREET SE, MOULTRIE, GA, 31768
PLEASE RSVP BY CONTACTING AUSTIN POUNDS
AT DCEFIRSTPRESMOULTRIE@GMAIL.COM




FLINT RIVER AND SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Disaster Relief Trip to Western North Carolina:
April 26 - May 2, 2026

The mission trip begins Sunday evening, April 26 at Canton Presbyterian Church. We'll be staying there (\$20 per person per night) until departure at the end of the week. We will be providing our own meals throughout the week and may have group transportation costs so there may be additional individual cost for this trip.

How You Can Help

✓ **Donate**

Donations to assist with trip expenses can be made at on our online giving link at www.flintriverpresbytery.org. Please note that your donation is for disaster relief and note in the memo that this is for the April NC mission trip.

✓ **Volunteer**

Looking for 20 volunteers to help with a variety of services, from group support and transportation to clean-up, repairs and new construction under local guidance.

For more info or to sign up contact dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

Together, We Can Rebuild!

MFPC TREASURER'S REPORT

	FOR THE MONTH: FEB 2026			YTD: JAN-FEB 2026		
	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$	VARIANCE \$	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$	VARIANCE \$
Income	34,281	34,050	231	111,413	68,100	43,313
Expenses	38,326	44,849	-6,522	103,162	95,827	7,335
Net	-4,045	-10,799	6,753	8,251	-27,727	35,978




CHURCH GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH, 5-7 PM

CARD GAMES
BOARD GAMES
FOOD

HOPE HOUSE MOMMY MALL

This quarter, we are collecting baby goods for the Hope House Mommy Mall. Not only does Hope House do pregnancy testing/limited ultrasounds (read by a local **obstetrician**) and counselling, but they offer online parenting classes from prenatal through the child's first birthday where parents can earn points to redeem for new baby items at the Mommy Mall by attending classes, prenatal visits, and attending church. Parents can continue online lessons without earning points from ages 1-3. Some in-person classes are starting back. **Items most needed:** Newborn up to 2T boys clothes, breastfeeding supplies (breast pumps both manual & electric, bags for breast milk, nursing pads); Dr. Brown or Philips Avent bottles and bottle brushes, play mats, mesh or plastic baby tubs, tummy time pillows, thermometers/healthcare kits, diaper bags, bouncers, baby carriers for carrying baby close to mom, baby shampoo, diaper bags and size 5-7 diapers. See the board above the Helping Hands box for other needs. Hope House also needs volunteers to work with women in online parenting classes.



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W.A.T.C.H. SUPPER

Wednesday Nights at the Church

5:30 P.M.

*In March, we will be featuring recipes from "PASS THE PLATE,"
and we have copies of the cookbook in the office that you can purchase for \$25.*

WATCH MENU March 18:

Regular & Children: Hamburger Stroganoff (Recipe by Laura Hall, page 203) with Garlic Knots,
Peas & Carrots, Salad Bar

Diet: Baked Chicken & Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Dessert: Pistachio Cake or Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream

Make your reservation: Email firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com