



July/August 2025

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Message from the Pastor

As some of you may know, I have been growing vegetables in a garden for the past 6 months or so. This is the first time I have tried to do something like this before, and it has been an extremely enlightening experience so far. I have always felt that the natural world has a great deal of wisdom to share with us, and watching plants grow and bear fruit has taught me several lessons that I thought I might pass along to you all. I think the first lesson I would like to share with you all is that it is okay just to try new things. I started this project with no real training or expertise and yet I was able to grow around 10lbs of cucumbers, 5 quarts of cherry tomatoes, several watermelons, and numerous peppers and onions. Sometimes we can psych ourselves out and think something is too complicated or that we are not good enough to try, and the reality is when we just put ourselves out there and try things, even though we might not do them perfectly, we do a lot better than we think. The second lesson I would like to share is the natural world is much more resilient than perhaps we like to give it credit. One week I went away for a retreat, and although it had been watered some, it was clear that because of a drought in the area, my plants had needed more water than they had received. I feared when I saw them that they might be too far gone, but I watered them anyway, and in a day or two of work and effort, they recovered and continued to produce even though they had appeared near death. The natural world around us that we are charged to be good stewards of appears to be in bad shape, but it can recover. God has made this world strong and resilient; we just have to be willing to take small steps to care for it and help it recover. It's not too late. The final lesson I would like to share is on the idea of abundance. As I mentioned before, I have been blessed with a large harvest that, in many ways, I won't be able to consume on my own. I have pickled some of the cucumbers, frozen many of the tomatoes, and given away much to different friends and family, and yet I still have a lot left over. I have taken much of my surplus with me to the 5 n 2 food pantry, to help those with food insecurity in the area. Many of us are blessed in many ways in this church and have abundance in our lives. We should take care of ourselves and our family, storing what we need to survive, but even then, many of us still have abundance left over. How do we use that abundance? Do we continue to hold onto it for ourselves even though we have enough, or do we use the gifts God gives us to serve others? In the future I am hoping to expand my garden and make space for members of the community to come and join me in learning from and working in nature. I hope to have some of you join me in this work soon.

Your Pastor,
Rev. Chance Snell

Events/ Activities

July 6: Communion 11:00 AM

July 13: Pickle Ball 2:00 PM

July 15: Food Pantry 10:00 AM

July 19: Church Yard Sale

*August 10: Youth Committee after
worship. Pickleball 2pm*

*August 11: Christian Education
Committee 5:30pm*

*August 11: Worship Committee
5:30pm*

August 12: Diaconate 6:30pm

August 18: Fun/Fellowship 6pm

August 19: Food Pantry 10am

August 20: Youth Group 6:30pm

*August 27: Choir Begins/Resumes
September 14: Presbyterian
Women Meeting*

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

July 17, 2025

Treasurer Report June 2025

June Income:	\$ 11,504.00	YTD Income	\$ 74,313.40
June Expense	\$ 23,565.28	YTD Expenses:	\$ 91,923.39
June Income	\$ -12,061.28	YTD Net:	\$ -17,609.99

Approved: Vacation request for Rev. Snell for September 1-7. Information being gathered on Food to Go Organization. Request congregation to donate school supplies for students back to school.

Committee Reports: Barbecue has Talent on May 17th has been delayed until we have more participants. More information to come at a later date. Christian Education, Cindy Holland proposed Cory Morris as VBS leader and working on bible studies.

Presbytery: October the 4th will be the Full Meeting of Presbytery at Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church.

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry needs the following items to support members of our local community: Crackers, Pasta sauce, Ramen noodles, Canned soups, Jelly, Peanut butter. Every donation makes a difference—thank you for your support!

TALENT SHOW

Postponed to a later date to gather some more talented individuals. When we do the talent show a stage is brought into the Fellowship Hall and we want to have plenty of folks to showcase. More information to come!



Food Pantry

*The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates the generosity of our congregation in supporting the Food Pantry ministry. There is a collection basket in the narthex to receive any food donations, such as "dry" good foods (i.e. canned foods, cereals, pasta). Food bags are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our congregation in supporting this program. Our next distribution will be August 19th and September 16th **@ 10AM**. Come early and help with distribution!*



Harvest Festival Information

The men of the church will be taking donations for the purchase of meat for the harvest sale. Donations can be given to Greg Street.

Remember our Harvest Festival is on Saturday, September 27th. We can use everyone's help to make this a wonderful day and fundraiser. We hope that you are thinking about items to donate to our auction. Homemade crafts are especially welcomed. Also, each woman is asked to donate three desserts this year. We hope that you save the day and can help with some of the many tasks that need to be done. I appreciate any help you can provide.



Do you enjoy tech, sound, or just want to serve behind the scenes? The Media Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help out on Sunday mornings—and we'd love to have you join us! No experience? No problem! We'll teach you everything you need to know in just a couple of Sundays. Whether it's managing sound or helping with livestream, you can be part of what makes Sunday morning happen. Stop by the media booth after service or talk to Heather Simpkins to sign up.

****This is an excellent opportunity for high school students: Earn Volunteer Hours – Perfect for school or college applications. Learn New Skills – Hands-on experience with sound, livestreaming, and cameras—real tech skills that look great on a résumé. Build Confidence – Learn responsibility, teamwork, and leadership in a supportive environment. Be Part of Something Bigger – Help create a meaningful worship experience for the whole church. Have Fun! – Connect with a creative team, make new friends, and enjoy being part of Sunday morning energy.****

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Congregational Family

Connie Ahlvers, Glenda Cameron, Pamela Cameron,
Shelia Funderburk, Billie Hickox, Peggy Howard,
Larry Howard, Joe Keith, Janice Pace, Richard Porter,
Richard Roller, Jim and Hetty Schaefer, Carolyn Self,
John Wells, and Don Warcup

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Erin Jane Allen, Abena Ampofo and her son Kaison,
Jarrett Blockwell and Family, Don Cseh, Nathan Davis Clifton,
Marlys Daugherty, Will Dixon, Faye Ellis, Valarie Fields,
Family of Delores Fuzzell, Jackie Gore, Mary Alice Holmes,
Anna Howsden, Fran and Roger Ivy, Glenda Johnston,
Caid Long, Jerrod Lowry, Randall McCormick, Anne McDonald,
Belinda McGugan, James McLean, Tim McNeill, Judy McNeill,
Ted McNeill, Jane Morrison, Ladoris Riley, Pat Ruis,
Christian Cameron Seeley, Skip Stratton, Vivian Street,
Robbin Taylor, Robin Thompson, Paul Tysinger,
Marlene Watson, Betty Lou White, DeEtta Wood,
Cristian Wood, Jon Woods, and Jim and Teresa Wood

Missionaries

Titus and Kathy Gall



Youth Sunday

We will have our first youth Sunday on August 31st 2025. These meetings will be held on the last Sunday of every month. Please join us!



JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL

2ND SUNDAY'S

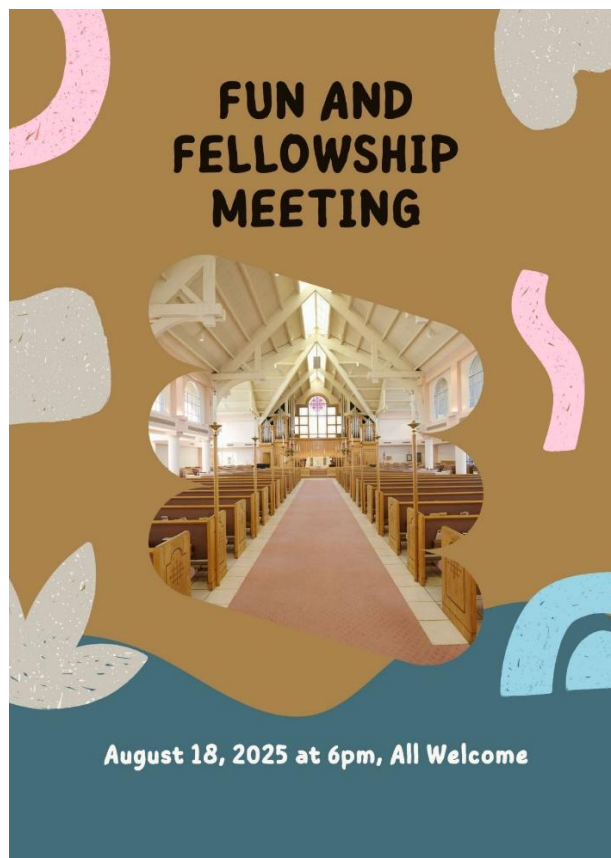
BARBECUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ON THE TENNIS COURTS AT 2 PM

AN INVITATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Members of the Diaconate acknowledging their responsibility of "...sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress." (G-2.0201, *Book of Order*) invite you to inform them of people who because of physical and/or financial limitations...cannot do their own yard or housework; need transportation to and from the doctor's office and/or the grocery store; need food and/or clothing. The deacon who is head usher in a given month will act as the contact person for the Board of Deacons. During the month of August and September if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, Ellen Phillips 614-444-7000 or Gwen McCormick 919-708-3169.

July/August Birthdays

<i>July 1</i>	<i>Noah Woodbury</i>
<i>July 2</i>	<i>Greg Lloyd</i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Janet Robarge</i>
<i>July 6</i>	<i>Deborah King</i>
<i>July 13</i>	<i>Dee Fishwick</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>Trey Ridenhour</i>
<i>July 18</i>	<i>Kyleigh Ridenhour</i>
<i>July 19</i>	<i>Jim King, Peggy Thomas</i>
<i>July 23</i>	<i>Cynthia Holland</i>
<i>July 24</i>	<i>Rita Donner</i>
<i>July 25</i>	<i>Kendell Hinkle</i>
<i>July 26</i>	<i>Betty Pace</i>
<i>July 27</i>	<i>Pat Cameron</i>
<i>July 31</i>	<i>Teresa Sheets</i>
<i>August 1</i>	<i>Paul Moses</i>
<i>August 3</i>	<i>Bella Mae Cameron, Chris Howsden</i>
<i>August 4</i>	<i>Jane Sullivan</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>Pam Ridenhour</i>
<i>August 9</i>	<i>Cameron Yarborough</i>
<i>August 12</i>	<i>Sammy Brafford</i>
<i>August 17</i>	<i>Cameron Thomas</i>
<i>August 18</i>	<i>Justin Pace</i>
<i>August 19</i>	<i>Missy Cameron</i>
<i>August 22</i>	<i>Betty Ruth Thomas, Drew Rimbach</i>
<i>August 25</i>	<i>Denise Johnson, Gayle Weaver</i>
<i>August 28</i>	<i>Tiffany Burnette</i>



Sanctuary Flowers

Dates Available!

*The 2025 **Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Sunday School Office. If you wish to give flowers on a particular date, please sign your name and the name of the person you wish to honor or remember.*

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Check out our website:

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