

Sisters in Christ

- *Join us on Saturday, April 18th, 3:00 p.m.* for Game Day! Everyone is asked to bring a snack or drink to share. If you would like to donate a bingo prize, please place it on the designated table in the FH by April 12th.
- *On Tuesday, May 5th, at 10:00 a.m.,* we will be having a Tea Party with the lady residents at Bradford Village on West Piney Grove Road. Please be there by 9:30 a.m. If you would like to help provide finger foods, please drop them off in the kitchen the day before, or bring them with you if you plan to attend. If anyone has hats they would like to donate, there will be a donation box in the FH. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule.

Senior Moments Luncheon

The Senior Moments group will not be having their normal luncheon in April. Instead, they will be going to Hamrick's on April 21st, followed by a meal out. If you would like to carpool, please be at the church by 8:30 a.m.

Church-Wide Yard Sale:

We will be having a Church-Wide Yard Sale in September featuring baked goods, crafts, breakfast biscuits, and hot dogs for lunch. Please start cleaning out your closets, basements, and storage areas and donate any saleable items. Outside donations are also welcome! Donations can be placed in the Youth Room in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go to the church fund for the Drive-Thru awning.

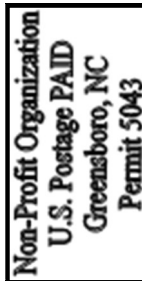
Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

April 5 th	Susan Hilton
April 12 th	Julie Striplin
April 19 th	Marianne Casas
April 26 th	Cindy Clark



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| 4/4 | Randy Honeycutt |
| 4/8 | Jill Sutphin |
| 4/12 | Cameron Casas |
| 4/18 | Katie Weavil |
| 4/20 | Katie Phillips Clare |
| 4/26 | Scott Clark |
| 4/30 | Bettie Spencer |



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Return Service Requested

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| Dr. Adam Woods
Mrs. Gayle Smith
Rev. Marty Daniels
Mrs. Angie Weavil
Mrs. Sara VonCannon
Mrs. Teresa Tucker | Pastor
Music Director
Minister of Education
Organist
Pianist
Office Administrator |
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Thursday, April 2nd
 Maundy Thursday Service at Duke Chapel
 Leaving the Church at 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3rd
 Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5th
 Easter Service at 11:00 a.m.
 Bring a Fresh Flower for the Living Cross

A Word from the Pastor

A couple of months ago, Al Rogulski was on a boating and snorkeling trip sponsored by a distributor of his heating and air-conditioning business. Owners and employees from several heating and air firms were there; it's the kind of trip that companies award to their best customers. One afternoon, everyone went snorkeling, but Rogulski chose to stay on the boat; the water was a little too rough for him. Within just a few minutes, several snorkelers began having trouble, including one man in particular: Rogulski could see him floating unconscious, bumping against the boat.

Rogulski helped pull the man to safety, and when no one else could administer CPR, Rogulski took over. It took about 15 minutes to revive the man, but he finally spit out about a half-gallon of water and began to breathe. Rogulski had saved his life. It's already a pretty good story, but here's the twist. The name of the unconscious man is Don Bertrand. He's the founder of Brick Heating and Cooling, located in Rogulski's hometown. In other words, they're competitors. Enemies, you might say, in a business sense. Normally, they fight each other for customers, but this day, Rogulski was fighting for Bertrand. And he saved his life. The fact that they're competitors was never an issue for Rogulski. He said, "I just felt like I had to do what I had to do."

When Jesus said, "Love your enemies," he was talking about this kind of thing — and a little less. Here's what I mean: I doubt any of us would bypass a chance to save the life of someone, even someone we might consider an enemy. But what if it wasn't about saving their life, but, instead, just giving them a helping hand in a small matter? Could we show them this kind of love as well?

Could you give a ride to someone you know who doesn't like you? Or visit the hospital room of someone who has criticized you? Or offer a word of encouragement to someone who would rather discourage you his is the little less that loving your enemies sometimes calls for. This kind of love doesn't make you a hero, but it does make you more like your Father.

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:44-45)

Grace and Peace,
Adam



Roger Burnett (Lisa Young's father), Marianne Casas' father, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Jr. Clodfelter, Marty & Judy Daniels, Gage Doss, Trish Durham, Ann Huth, Laura Boers (friend of Kathy Mills), Ritchie & Stoney Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Ron & Doris Pinyan, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), Dylan Ward, and unspoken prayers.

Financial Summary

	March 1, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts		\$4,172.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 674.50
Total Offering		\$4,846.50
	March 8, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts		\$1,420.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 250.00
Total Offering		\$1,670.00
	March 15, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts		\$3,316.25
Designated Gifts		\$ 308.50
Total Offering		\$3,624.75

General Fund

February General Fund Receipts	\$ 19,300.00
February General Fund Expenses	-\$ 14,403.68
February General Fund Net	\$ 4,896.32
February Fund Balance	\$112,272.60

Church Council will meet on April 19th at 4:00 p.m. to plan for the months of May, June, and July. If you have suggestions for events or would simply like to join us, feel free to attend.



MARCH, 2026 WOM ACTIVITIES:

Hospice Ministry Note: Donations continued to both WS & HP Hospice Home locations.

Inward Meals: No meals from WOM were prepared during the month.

March Mission Projects & Outreach—Members voted & approved the following:

- \$150 - \$175 to purchase additional warm clothing for the Appalachian Backpacks. However, after donations were made by WOM members, no WOM funds were needed.
- \$200 to purchase 48 backpacks for the Appalachian Ministry.
- \$850 to the Baptist Children's Home specifically for their Annual Food Roundup.
- Voted to open a congregation-wide collection of cereal, mac and cheese, paper products, and soap for the Children's Home.
- \$350 for purchase of baby & nursery items for the Room at the Inn ministry, which provides a faith-based environment for expectant mothers and their babies in crisis situations. In addition, WOM members voted to personally purchase and donate baby items from the wish list, and the collection basket was overflowing with generous contributions!
- The aroma of cookies, brownies, cakes, banana bread & pies baking filled the air the week of March 23rd - 27th as several WOM ladies baked for the Union Cross School annual spring fling cake walk. A minimum of 25 desserts had been requested to coincide with our partnership with this school.

A special thank you to every lady who participated in the Baptist Women's Day service on March 8th & to those who helped with the International Supper that night, especially to Jill for sharing about her recent personal interview with a missionary from Honduras. There were approximately 28 in attendance.

Future Event

- May 17th - Ladies Fellowship Event @ 2:00 p.m.

It is such a blessing for UCBC WOM to be able to assist so many people, agencies & ministries through donations & commitment. A special thank you to everyone who makes this possible. The above listing of our March projects is just another example of how **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**

--Jane Sutphin