

Holy Week

Palm Sunday
March 29

9:00am Palm Sunday in the Park

Join the community for Palm Sunday at J. Frank Wilson Park. We will not have early service at First Church.

11:00am Palm Sunday

Featuring a favorite song of the congregation—*The Palms*.

Maundy Thursday
April 2 at 6pm

A communion and Tenebrae service

Easter Sunday
April 5

7:30am Sunrise Service

commencing on the lawn outside the chapel and moving into the chapel. (No 8:30am service.) Coffee, fruit and pastries will be provided after service.

11:00am Worship Service

We are excited to welcome Amy Honore, cellist, who will join us Easter morning.

Update on Pastor Faith

First of all, thank you to all who have brought meals, sent cards, and lifted up prayers! All are very much appreciated!

My shoulder surgery was a success and I will begin therapy the first week of March. I have lined up some wonderful speakers in the interim—Jennifer Coffey, Stan Wright, Bob Edwards, and Jamie. My plan is to return to the pulpit March 22.

Thank you to Steve who is leading our Lenten Bible study and being a great nurse.

Once again, thank you for the love you have shown!

Blessings,

Pastor Faith

Community Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches will be held on Thursdays from 12-1pm at the following locations:

March 5 - First Baptist East Church - 1043 East Church St.

March 12 - First Presbyterian Church - 1901 Patrick Henry Ave.

March 19 - Starling Avenue Baptist Church - 932 Starling Ave.

March 26 - Chatham Heights Baptist Church - 1235 Chatham Heights Road



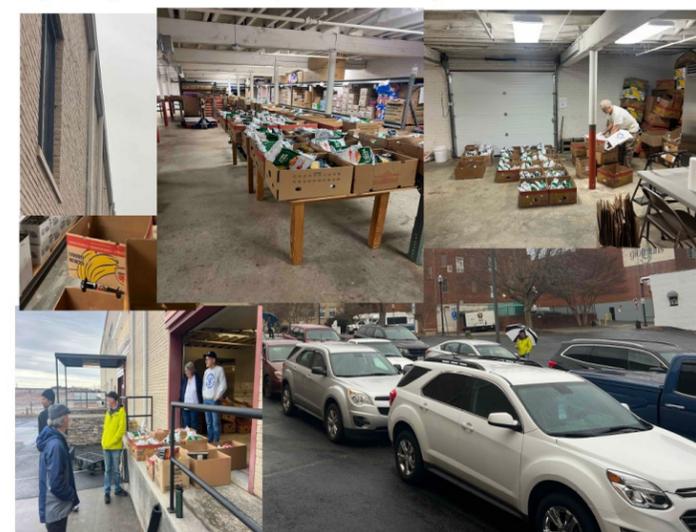
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Food Bank and Clothes Closet
February 21, 2026

	Food Bank <i>(Received a Food Box)</i> This year / Last Year	Clothes Closet <i>(Shopped for Clothes)</i> This Year / Last Year
Households/Families	163/140	72/58
Boxes Packed	228/207	
People Served	481/410	272/195

Weather: 50 to 57 Degrees and slight rain, 4 Intake, started at 8am

Report: Light traffic all Intake period to 11am stop.



Ministry Report
February 21, 2026



Join our children on Sunday, March 22, for puppet performance and sharing of songs!



March Calendar of Events

Sunday	9:30am	Sunday School (Parlor)
Monday	10:00am	Adult Puppet Team
	3:30pm	Children's Choir
Tuesday	8:00am	Showers Ministry (Ministry Center)
	11:00am	Lunch Bunch (Ministry Center)
	12:15pm	Two or More Prayer Group (Conference Room)
	1:00pm	Lenten Bible study (Conference Room)
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday	12:00pm	Lenten Lunches
March 8	12:15pm	Pack Feed the Children bags (Ministry Center)
March 10	6:00pm	Mission Committee (Parlor)
March 18	12:00pm	Seniors Unlimited (Fellowship Hall)
March 29	9:00am	Palm Sunday in the Park
	11:00am	Palm Sunday (Sanctuary)
April 2	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Teri Nichols	3/16	Ginny McLendon	3/31
Will Vaughn	3/4	Matthew Withers	3/17
Duke Easley	3/4	Emily Wade	3/17
Hayes Bassett	3/5	Robin Robertson	3/18
Hudson Bell	3/5	Mary Kate Dillon	3/19
Bucky Falls	3/6	Taylor Cobb	3/20
Sloane Nelson	3/6	Callie Ferguson	3/20
Bill Curlee	3/11	Casey Ferguson	3/20
Frank Gravely	3/14	Amber Gerlach	3/24
Jamie Eggleston	3/15	Win Bassett	3/24
Edward Morgan	3/16	Doris Harrison	3/24
		Kevin & Laura Rogers	3/8
		John & Karen Pratt	3/18

Mark Your Calendars—Da Capo Virginia in Concert April 12 at 4pm in our Sanctuary

INSPIRE in Harmony is Da Capo Virginia's full inclusion performance ensemble that showcases the transformational impact of music instruction and experiences for students of all ability levels! Comprised of both neurotypical and neurodivergent students, **INSPIRE in Harmony** provides audiences a picture of meaningful and purposeful inclusion through the arts, where all students are valued as contributors, performers and leaders. Da Capo VA uses beautiful music to make beautiful people...through song, dance, drama, artwork, instrumentation, sign language and so much more.



Showers Ministry

The snow and ice didn't prevent us from having Showers Ministry.

And our guests were helpful in shoveling the snow and ice from our walkway at the Ministry Center.

Lately we have been having 35-40 guests! What a blessing!

