

# FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter of  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Sumter, South Carolina

October 5, 2016

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

9:00 a.m. ~ "Care and Prayer" (Session Room)  
9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)  
10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

**Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing  
"Jubilate Deo" by Peter Anglea.  
This, a joyous setting of Psalm 100, was one of  
our favorites at Montreat Worship and  
Music Conference last summer.**

*No Children's Choir Rehearsal Today*

5:00 p.m. ~ Youth Bells in the Sanctuary  
All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

6:00 p.m. ~ Youth Group in the West Building  
(Dinner will be served.)

### ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

John Moorman, John James III

### ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Scott Williams

### WORSHIP AT HOME

Susan D. Osteen, Matt Blankenship

**TELLER DUTY** Denise Dunn, Ben Abbott

**ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING** (October 9-15)

Scott Williams

**USHERS** Jimmy Ezell, Ben Abbott

Junior Ushers: Cameron Coulter, Ansley Blanding

**YOUTH READER** William Cooper

### CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

**Committee Member** – Missy Coulter

**Nursery** – Markita Gadson

**2, 3, 4 and 5 Yr. Olds** – Mayes & Randa Carole DuBose

## HURRICANE MATTHEW

In the abundance of caution, we are providing contingency plans for church operations and services while there is any possibility of disruption or damages from Hurricane Matthew.



- Your staff is assessing local storm conditions on a continuing basis and will notify the congregation of church closing/cancellations and reopening as necessary.
- Congregation is encouraged to go to the church website [www.fpcsumter.org](http://www.fpcsumter.org) for information, and to local radio and TV for updates. We report closings/cancellations to WIS-TV. Weather-related reports can be viewed there or online at [www.wistv.com](http://www.wistv.com).
- Everyone is encouraged to exercise caution and good judgment in assessing your own situation.

Although we can't predict the course this storm may take at this time, we do urge you to take necessary precautions to protect life and property in the event of adverse local conditions resulting from the storm.

## FROM PASTOR NICK

Sunday's Sermon: "Do Not Worry"

*Philippians 4:4-9*      *Matthew 6:25-34*

### Braving The Storm

Here we go again! As the storm approaches this weekend, it is normal to feel anxious. We worry about our homes, our family members on the coast and more. At times our worry can take a hold of us, making us forget who is really in charge. Philippians 4:6-7 is the first passage I ever memorized. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This passage invites us to give our worries to God, not in a magical way as though God will zap them from our minds or our lives. Rather, we give our worries to God as an act of trust. When we give our anxieties to God through prayer and thanksgiving we are reminded that God is with us always, even in the storms of our lives. This weekend, do not worry, for God has you. No matter what storm may come, God will hold you through it.



See you Sunday!

*Nick*

Nick



### NICK BY DAY – NICK AT NIGHT

If you have not yet signed up for one of the small group gatherings the church officers have planned, please make a special effort to do so. Lunches, afternoon tea, evening socials and dinners are all in the works. Nick wants to meet with you to hear what First Presbyterian means to you, as well as your hopes and dreams for this church you call "home." Sign-up sheets to attend one of these events are outside the Fellowship Hall or call the church office (803-773-3814) and we'll be glad to add your name.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Richland:** Joe Sublette

**Tuomey:** Claire Richards

**Covenant Place Rehab:**  
Charles Shaw

**Brookdale:** Marion Young



**At Home:** Terry Hill, Margaret Hunter, Linda Montague,  
Helen Brookes-Futrell, Gordon Rettke

*Names added to this list will be removed after three weeks unless there is a continued need or a request to remain on the list.*



## EMBRACE AUTUMN

For those eager to be the hands and feet of Christ as our seasons change, here are three opportunities for you to serve. All involve **food!**

- 1. Samaritan House suppers.** Volunteers are needed for the following dates: October 17, October 27, and November 30. A sign up sheet is on the Volunteer Table outside the Fellowship Hall or contact Becky Owens at 803-775-0017.
- 2. Sumter United Ministries 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday suppers.** You have been faithful in this ministry. October 25 is still open. We start again in 2017. See the Volunteer Table to sign up.
- 3. Shaw dinner for families of deployed personnel.** Prepared by our men. Other FPC members can furnish **desserts.** To volunteer, contact Mary Ellen Blanding ([mlbsrmeb@ftc-i.net](mailto:mlbsrmeb@ftc-i.net) or 803-773-7176) or watch for further details as we get a head count.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting .....McLaurin Room
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast .....Baker's Sweets
- 9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting .....
- ..... Manning Presbyterian Church
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting .....Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Worship and Music .....Parlor

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast ..... Chick Fil-A
- 12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch with Pastor Nick .....
- .....McLaurin Room
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Missions ..... 5 Swan Lake Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 1:30 p.m. Shepherd's Center Quilting Class .....
- ..... West Building

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 9:00 a.m. Care and Prayer ..... Session Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ Classes for All Ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship..... Sanctuary
- 11:40 a.m. Children's Choir..... Choir Room
- 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry .....Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bells ..... Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group..... West Building

### FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week Beginning 9/25/2016

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions	\$16,060.00	\$524,023.07	\$556,746.03
*Other Sources	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$105,694.85</u>	<u>\$121,048.87</u>
	\$16,060.00	\$629,717.92	\$677,794.90
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$24,276.13	\$625,835.50	\$669,472.80
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	(\$8,216.13)	\$3,882.42	\$8,322.10

\*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.



**Children's Choir is off to a great start!**  
Join the fun as we prepare to help lead worship on Stewardship Sunday.

### Children's Choir Schedule

Sunday, October 9	No rehearsal
Sunday, October 16	Children's Choir 11:40-12:10
Sunday, October 23	Children's Choir 11:40-12:10
Sunday, October 30	Children's Choir 11:40-12:10
Sunday, November 6	Children's Choir 11:40-12:10
Sunday, November 13	Stewardship Sunday: Children's Choir in Worship. No rehearsal after Church.



### Scarewinds October 22

Join us for a spooktacular time! Meet at the church parking lot at 3:00 p.m.; we will return around midnight. Cost is \$50 (includes dinner and admission). **Deadline for payment is this Sunday, October 9!** Late sign ups will pay full price at the gate. Please contact Christie Stutz ([cgstutz@yahoo.com](mailto:cgstutz@yahoo.com) or 803-464-6747).

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE October 2 - October 30

The youth of FPC are once again sponsoring the "School Challenge" canned food drive. Let's see which fans can donate the most food and non-perishable items for Sumter United Ministries. There are bins in the hallway of the Parlor with school colors. Your help is greatly appreciated!



### SKI TRIP January 13-16, 2017



The annual youth ski trip is scheduled January 13-16, 2017 to Beech Mountain, NC. A **deposit is required** for each attending youth **by November 6, 2016**, with the remaining **balance due January 8, 2017**. After this date a \$50 late fee per youth will be charged.

The total cost for the trip is \$199 which includes VIP condo accommodations, ski lift tickets and rentals, snow tubing, meals and transportation. Optional ski lessons (\$15) and ski bib rentals (\$14) can be paid upon arrival at the resort.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Just a quick reminder that Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes) is just around the corner. Now's the time to start picking up items to fill shoeboxes for God's children worldwide. The Friendship Class will have 300 shoeboxes available to pack starting Sunday, October 30. The filled shoeboxes will be officially collected on Sunday, November 20. Watch the Focus for more info to follow!

