

FOCUS

The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

October 12, 2016

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

**Introit: Youth Bells will play
Danza by Tielman Susato.**

**Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing
O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long by Allen Pote.**

11:40 a.m. ~ Children's Choir in the Choir Room

Youth Bells will not meet this afternoon!

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

Debby Williams

WORSHIP AT HOME John Leasure, Ollie James

TELLER DUTY Ollie James, Becky Owens

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (October 16-22)

Debby Williams

USHERS John Leasure, Kay Smith

Junior Ushers: Evan Stewart, Cooper Hill

YOUTH READER Madison White

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Bronwyn McElveen

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Thomas and Bronwyn McElveen

Congregational Meeting



A **Called Meeting of the Congregation** is scheduled after worship on Sunday, October 23, 2016. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect church officers for the Class of 2019.



PRESBYTERY MEETING RESCHEDULED

**Tuesday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.
Presbyterian Church at Manning**

The Eighty-Seventh Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 9:30 a.m., at The Presbyterian Church at Manning. The church is located at 233 N. Brook Street in Manning.

FROM PASTOR NICK

Sunday's Sermon: "Do Not Worry"

Philippians 4:4-9

Matthew 6:25-34

Picking up the Pieces



In the wake of the storm, millions of people are picking up the pieces – trees, power lines, homes. In times like these, we are awakened to what is outside of ourselves and the neatly put together world that we strive to craft around us. Haiti's death toll has risen above 1000. Infrastructure in many communities is completely wiped out, including 100% of crops for farming. Haiti's President has described their present situation as apocalyptic. Power outages compared to an apocalypse certainly puts things in perspective for us. In the midst of aftermath of the storm, as we are picking up limbs in our backyard, let us also turn our attention to those who are picking up their lives.

Prayer: Thank you God for today. As we are grateful for your provision and grace, help us reach out to those who need your light even more desperately than we do. Thank you for giving us the means to pray for and reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

To find out how to pray for and donate to Haiti's recovery:
<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-matthew-response/>

Nick



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 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.

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, there's still time to do so! 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 ~ Preschool Closed

6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut
6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer BreakfastBaker's Sweets
9:30 a.m. Presbytery Meeting
..... Presbyterian Church at Manning
10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
11:30 a.m. Book DiscussionParlor
6:00 p.m. Executive CouncilParlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast Chick Fil-A
12:00 p.m. Lectionary Lunch with Pastor Nick
.....McLaurin Room
12:15 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting.... West Building
5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

3:00 p.m. Youth Trip to Scarowinds

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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 MinistryParlor
5:00 p.m. Youth Bells Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Youth Group..... West Building

YOUTH CANNED FOOD DRIVE

October 2-30



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!

YOUTH TRIP

Scarowinds

Join us for a spooktacular time!

October 22 – meet at the church parking lot at 3:00 p.m.; we will return around midnight. Late sign ups will pay full price at the gate. Please contact Christie Stutz (cgstutz@yahoo.com or 803-464-6747).



FPC'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 30 ~ 5:00 p.m.

West Center Lawn

For all God's Children ~ Young and Not so Young!

Hot Dogs, Carnival games, costume contests, music and fellowship!

Trunk or Treat ~ 6:30 p.m.

Decorate your trunk for our children to enjoy.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Covenant Place Rehab:

Charles Shaw

Brookdale: Marion Young



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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .

- . . .the family of Joe Sublette who died October 9;
- . . .Ben Abbott, Julian Abbott and Mary Staggs on the death of their aunt, Claire Richards, who died October 7;
- . . .the family of Bill Stevenson, who died October 12.

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.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week Beginning 10/2/2016

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$13,507.00	\$537,530.07	\$572,710.07
*Other Sources	<u>\$1,365.00</u>	<u>\$107,059.85</u>	<u>\$124,018.02</u>
	\$14,872.00	\$644,589.92	\$696,728.09
Disbursements	\$11,560.29	\$637,395.79	\$688,674.67
Surplus	\$3,311.71	\$7,194.13	\$8,053.42

*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.

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.