

# FOCUS

The weekly newsletter of  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sumter, South Carolina

October 19, 2016

## 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**

Special  
MUSIC

Our guest cellist,  
**Michael Baier**, will play  
"Arioso" by J. S. Bach  
as the offertory anthem.

No Children's Choir this Sunday!

Youth Bells will not meet this Sunday!

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

Margy Carpenter

### WORSHIP AT HOME

Gloria Coker, Kyle Osteen

### TELLER DUTY

Ike Jenkins, Beth Jackson

### ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (October 16-22)

Margy Carpenter

### USHERS

Beth Jackson, Ike Jenkins

Junior Ushers: Annabelle and Sarah Margaret  
Branham

### YOUTH READER

Taylor Heath

### CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

### VOLUNTEERS

**Committee Member** – Nancy Spivey

**Nursery** – Markita Gadson

**2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds** – Cooper and Meg Hill

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.

## Congregational Meeting



### DEPLOYED SPOUSES DINNER

Over 700 Team Shaw  
personnel deployed  
in 22 locations  
around the world.

**Needed:** Desserts for 225-250 people. Please use disposable containers. Cakes and pies should be sliced. Desserts should be delivered to the church by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24. Please

contact Mary Ellen Blanding (mlbsrmeb@fc-i.net or 803-773-7176) if you can furnish a dessert.

### FROM PASTOR NICK

Sunday's Sermon: "One Family: Youth"

Matthew 13:31-32

1 Timothy 4:11-16

### "ONE FAMILY"



Ephesians 4:4-6 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

The Cheek family is happy to say that we're "home" again. We have found a welcoming place at your table and consider ourselves the newest members of the First Presbyterian Family. Spending time with a family can give you an inside look as to who they are and what they are about. We've been given that inside look from being in your presence and here is what I see. I see one family that cares for each other. You are brothers and sisters in the faith who support, encourage and extend healing and grace towards one another on a daily basis. Taking care of the flock is a priority for First Presbyterian Church. I also see one family that believes our young people are not just the church of tomorrow, but the church of today. You are focused on growing the children and youth of our family into lifelong disciples. That's good news! You are also one family that has deep roots in service to the community outside of those big beautiful church doors – Roots that helped start United Ministries and Habitat for Humanity right here in Sumter. Your devotion to local ministries as well as our sister church, Iglesia Cristiana Vida Nueva in Costa Rica, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (just to name a few) speaks volumes to the family you want to be – one that shines and reaches out to those who need to hear and experience the love of God.

Our salvation history as a people of God began with one family. Open up the first few pages of the Bible and you will read the story of Adam and Eve. From this point on, the Bible is a continuation of this one family and their relationship to God and each other. It is the story of a family that grew into a nation and in to a people of God. From the beginning, this one family walked together through struggles and challenges, joys and concerns, storms as well as blue and cloudless skies. It was one family that cared for and encouraged each other. It was a people that sought to reach out to those in need; inviting friends, neighbors and strangers to be a part of the family. Thousands of years later, we are still a part of that one family.

In the next few weeks we will celebrate together our One Family. We will do this by answering the question, "What does First Presbyterian mean to me?" Church, we have much to be grateful for. I'm continually proud and blessed to be your Pastor. Thanks for welcoming the Cheek family into yours. See you Sunday!

Nick

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**

- 5:00 p.m. Deployed Spouses Dinner .....Shaw AFB
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting ..... Session Room
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast .....Baker’s Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting .....Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Pastor’s Lunch/Visitation Covenant Place

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast ..... Chick Fil-A

**Please note: Because Pastor Nick will be out of town, there will be no Lectionary Lunch this Wednesday, October 26.**

- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Fall Festival ..... West Center Lawn**

**FPC'S ANNUAL  
Fall Festival**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 5:00 P.M.**

**WHO: GOD'S CHILDREN ~ YOUNG AND OLD  
WHERE: WEST CENTER LAWN**

**HOT DOGS, CARNIVAL GAMES,  
COSTUME CONTESTS, MUSIC, & FELLOWSHIP!**



**DECORATE YOUR TRUNK SPOOKY OR AMUSING  
FOR OUR CHILDREN TO ENJOY!**

**TRUNK OR TREATING AT 6:30 P.M. IN DESIGNATED PARKING LOT**

**FOCUS ON FINANCES  
Week Beginning 10/9/2016**

|                          | Received            |              | Budgeted     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          | This Week           | YTD          | YTD          |
| <b>Revenue</b>           |                     |              |              |
| Contributions            | \$7,580.00          | \$545,110.07 | \$586,678.61 |
| *Other Sources           | \$50.00             | \$107,109.85 | \$126,616.02 |
|                          | \$7,630.00          | \$652,219.92 | \$713,294.63 |
| <b>Disbursements</b>     | \$13,477.27         | \$650,873.06 | \$705,476.30 |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b> | <b>(\$5,847.27)</b> | \$1,346.86   | \$7,818.33   |

\*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.

**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.



**YOUTH CANNED FOOD DRIVE  
October 2-30, 2016**



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!



**Children's Choir Schedule**

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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Covenant Place Rehab:**  
Charles Shaw

**Brookdale:** Marion Young

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



**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to . . .  
 David Holler on the death of his mother, Jean Stewart Holler, who died in Blythewood, South Carolina on October 12;  
 Sue Fienning on the death of her mother, Ruth Snyder, who died October 14.

*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.*

*You are invited to the  
Service of Ordination  
of  
Anna Owens Sweeney*

**2:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**9 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina**

**Reception to follow in the West Building.**

## CLASS OF 2019 NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER

**MANDY BLANKENSHIP** – Mandy is a teacher at Sumter High School. She has served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Personnel, Officer Nominating and Pastor Nominating committees. Mandy and her husband, Matt, have a son, Matthew, and a daughter, Ann Weathers.

**CARY COKER** – Cary is the President of Nu-Idea School Supply Company. He has previously served as a Deacon, taught middle school Sunday School and served on the committee that selected members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Cary and his wife, Natalie, have four daughters – Gracyn, Anna Kate, Ellis and Riley.

**WAYNE HOGON** – Wayne is retired from NBSC. He grew up in First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. He has served as Deacon and Elder. Wayne and his wife, Linda, have two grown daughters and five grandchildren.

**DAVE McINNIS, JR.** – Dave is an agent with Jeff Bryan Transport. He has served as Deacon, youth advisor, member of the Officer Nominating Committee and President of Presbyterian Men. Dave and his wife, Catherine, have four children.

**GLENN WOODRUM** – Glenn is President and CEO of Restaurant Management of S.C., Inc., operators of Captain D's and Shoney's area wide. He has previously served as Deacon. He is a member of the Sunday Hospitality Committee, group member of Long Range Disaster Recovery, and helps with the Samaritan Crisis Center Support.

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**GUS BLUM** – Gus is retired from the U.S. Army. He has volunteered with youth group and has traveled to Peru and Costa Rica on mission trips. He is currently serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 86 and is a member of the Joy Rings. Gus and his wife, Ashley, have one son, Alexander.

**LIZA COOPER** – Liza is a full-time caregiver to her children. She has served as a youth advisor, teaches 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School and serves on the Mary and Martha Committee. Liza and her husband, Bland, have three boys – Langston, William and Sumter.

**SIBBIE McFADDIN** – Sibbie is employed by Color Fi. She has previously served as Secretary and Moderator of the Diaconate, President of the Bethany Sunday School Class and Treasurer of Circle #9. Sibbie has a grown son and daughter.

**JULIA MULDROW** – Julia is a high school math teacher at Wilson Hall. She has previously served as a Deacon, volunteer and Director of Vacation Bible School, and leader for the women's Sunday School Class. Julia has two sons – Daniel and Patrick.

**MEREDITH PARTRIDGE** – Meredith is a kindergarten teacher at Millwood Elementary School. She is a Chair of the Mary and Martha Committee, helps with Samaritan House and has served as Vacation Bible School volunteer and Director. Meredith has one daughter – Nan.

**CAROL REESE** – Carol is retired from Sumter Machinery Company. She has worked to a great extent with Presbyterian Women, serving as Treasurer and Vice Moderator, Circle leader and Circle treasurer. She has received Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership and is also Treasurer of PW at the Presbytery level. She is past President of the Bethany Sunday School Class. Carol has two grown children and five grandchildren.

**MATT STUTZ** – Matt has worked for Sherwin Williams for 17 years where he is an outside sales representative. He is a Sunday School teacher for middle and high school youth and is a leader for our youth group. Matt and his wife, Christie, have one son, Victor, and two daughters, Ellie and Gracie.