

# F O C U S

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

October 26, 2016

## 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**

**The Joy Ringers will play**  
*This Is My Father's World*

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

*Youth Bells will not meet this Sunday*



### 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!

#### Cake Walk

Start thinking now of your favorite cake or cupcakes to  
donate!

**Trunk or Treat ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
Decorate your trunk for our  
children to enjoy.



#### ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

John Moorman, John James III

#### ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Debby Williams

#### WORSHIP AT HOME

Bronwyn McElveen, Denise Dunn

#### TELLER DUTY

Ollie James, Kimberly White

#### ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (October 30-Nov. 5)

Debby Williams

#### USHERS

Robbie Branham, Ollie James

Junior Ushers: Amy Spivey, Caroline Moorman

#### YOUTH READER

Carlie Fort

#### CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

#### VOLUNTEERS

**Committee Member** – Anna Moorman

**Nursery** – Markita Gadson

**2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds** – John and Anna Moorman

### THIS IS FIFTH SUNDAY!



All adult Sunday School Classes are invited to gather in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, October 30. We will be learning more about our mission in Costa Rica. Margaret Ezell and others from the most recent trip to Costa Rica will provide a presentation about their mission and our Sister Church, Iglesia Vida Nueva Church in the community of Poas, Costa Rica.

### SESSION ACTION SUMMARY

#### Stated Meeting of October 24, 2016

The October stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Sumter, South Carolina was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Session Room by the guest Moderator, Elder and Pastor Chuck Staggs. Ten Ruling Elders were present, and five Ruling Elders were excused. Also present were Treasurer, Henry McFaddin, Moderator of the Diaconate, Kay Smith, and Business Manager, Neil Ross.

The Moderator opened the meeting. Elder John James III gave a devotional and opening prayer. The agenda was approved. Minutes of the stated meeting of September 26, 2016 were approved. New members were examined and received. They are: Iris and Bill Painter; Marsha and Chris Somheil, and Matt Stutz. The new members will be recognized during worship on October 30, 2016.

The Clerk presented correspondence received in October. The Treasurer presented financial statements for September that showed marked improvement over the same period in 2015. Moderator of the Diaconate, Kay Smith, made brief remarks about the positive response to the small group meetings that have taken place to introduce members of the congregation to Nick and Ashley Cheek. Business Manager Neil Ross reported that the fellowship hall should be available for a stewardship celebration luncheon on November 13.

The Session then approved nine special offerings to be taken in 2017, the same number as have been taken in 2016. Elder Jim McQuage was approved to become the Church Treasurer on January 1, 2017 succeeding Elder Henry McFaddin who has served faithfully since January 1, 2015. Membership transfers were approved for three FPC members: Jason Stockbridge to Central Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, OK, and Mary and Randy Davis to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC.

Clerk of Session, Chuck Fienning, thanked Pastor Chuck Staggs for substituting as Moderator for Pastor Nick Cheek. Pastor Staggs closed the meeting with prayer at 6:50 p.m.

### ORDINATION SERVICE

You are invited to attend the Ordination Services for:

... Anna Owens on Saturday,  
October 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the  
Sanctuary. A reception will  
follow in the West Building.

... Vikki Brogon on Sunday,

October 30, at 3:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church at  
Manning. A reception will follow in the Fellowship  
Hall.



### YMCA CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



Registration for Church League Basketball ends November 3. Please register at the the front desk of the Y. Cost is \$50 members/\$75 potential member per child. If you have any questions, please call Matt Stutz at 803-464-8180.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Council.....  
 ..... McLaurin room  
 6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut  
 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast ..... Baker's Sweets  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting ..... Parlor  
 10:00 a.m. Circle #3..... 2310 Clematis Trail  
 10:00 a.m. Circle #4..... McLaurin Room  
 12:30 p.m. Circle #1..... McLaurin Room  
 6:30 p.m. Circle #6..... 12 Frank Clarke  
 7:00 p.m. Circle #9..... 422 Haynsworth

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast ..... Chick Fil-A  
 3:00 p.m. Circle #8..... Covenant Place  
 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 1:30 p.m. Shepherd's Center Quilting Class .....  
 ..... West Building  
 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Min. Team .McLaurin Room

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 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. Youth Bells ..... Sanctuary  
 6:00 p.m. Youth..... West Building

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN NOVEMBER

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, October 31, at 10:00 in the McLaurin Room.

Circles will meet Tuesday, November 1, as follows:

- #1 12:30 p.m. in the McLaurin Room  
 Chair: Linda Brown  
 Hostesses: Randa Edmunds,  
 Mary Brown White, Debby Williams
- #3 10:00 a.m. at the home of Wanda Casker,  
 2310 Clematis Trail  
 Co-Chairs: Anne Haynie and Margaret Hunter  
 Hostess: Wanda Casker
- #4 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room  
 Chair: Lois Moore  
 Hostesses: Marilyn Jenkins, Sherri Redmond
- #6 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bronwyn McElveen,  
 12 Frank Clarke  
 Chair: Robin Thames  
 Hostess: Bronwyn McElveen
- #9 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sibbie McFaddin,  
 422 Haynsworth Street  
 Chair: Pam George  
 Hostess: Sibbie McFaddin



Circle #8 will meet Wednesday, November 2, at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place.

## YOUTH CANNED FOOD DRIVE

October 2-30, 2016

Don't forget the "School Challenge" canned food drive. Especially needed are canned meats, peanut butter, soups, pasta, beans (kidney, navy, lima, chili with beans), jelly, tomato sauce and canned tomatoes. Let's see which fans can donate the most food and non-perishable items for Sumter United Ministries. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week Beginning 10/9/2016

### 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.

## NICK BY DAY – NICK AT NIGHT

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." There's still time to sign up for one of the small group gatherings. Sign-up sheets 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

**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 Coles Dwight on the death of his mother, Claire Moise, who died October 23, 2016.

*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

	Received		Budgeted
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions	\$9,671.10	\$554,781.17	\$600,647.15
*Other Sources	<u>\$1,586.69</u>	<u>\$108,696.54</u>	<u>\$129,214.01</u>
	\$11,257.79	\$663,477.71	\$729,861.16
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$22,665.61	\$673,538.67	\$722,277.94
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$11,407.82)</b>	<b>(\$10,060.96)</b>	\$7,583.22

*\*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.