

FOCUS

The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina



November 2, 2016

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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 Chancel Choir will sing
O God Beyond All Praise arranged by Dan Forrest.**

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

5:00 p.m. ~ Youth Bells in the Sanctuary

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Brian Frerichs, Scott Williams

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Peggy Curlovic

WORSHIP AT HOME

Robbie Branham, Kimberly White

TELLER DUTY

Dee Dailey, Matt Blankenship

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (November 6-12)

Peggy Curlovic

USHERS

Bronwyn McElveen, Matt Blankenship

Junior Ushers: Carlie Fort, Katie Croft

YOUTH READER

Elise Osteen

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Missy Coulter

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Furman and Robin Thames

WELCOME!

We welcome the following who were received into membership during the worship service Sunday:



Iris and Bill Painter enjoy the tradition, music, and all the service opportunities FPC provides. They are retired. Bill enjoys golfing, reading and fishing and Iris enjoys reading and gardening.

Chris and Marsha Somheil enjoy the traditional services at FPC. Marsha is a special needs teacher at Sumter High School and Chris is a banker. Marsha enjoys being with friends, the beach, watching basketball and cooking for others. Chris enjoys yard work and working around the house.



We are happy to have them as part of our **ONE FAMILY!**

FROM PASTOR NICK

Sunday's Sermon: "*One Family: Legacy*"
Deuteronomy 34:1-8, 10 Matthew 6:16-18



This past Sunday I was overcome with emotion as you presented me with the "shepherd" stole. It was yet another affirmation of God calling us together as one family. Not only is it beautiful, it is also spiritually meaningful. Written on the back are the names of our church family. As I placed it on my shoulders, I was reminded of an age old Hebrew tradition in which the High Priest would wear on his robe the names of all the tribes of Israel. It was meant to be a constant reminder of not only the great responsibility of his calling, but also to symbolize the faithful connection to the flock under his care. Though I am far from being a High Priest, I still share a similar feeling. I am continually honored to be your pastor. If you have not had a chance to sign the back of it, come by the office sometime next week and find a spot! Church, I look forward with anticipation and joy at the journey ahead of us – one that we are called to walk forward on together. Thank you for graciously welcoming me and my family into your flock. See you Sunday, as we will thank God for the saints who have gone before us.

Gratefully,

Nick

Your Pastor



ONE FAMILY

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCHEON
Sunday, November 13
Immediately following Worship

Please make your reservation by contacting the church office (803-773-3814 or swood@fpcsumter.org) or by filling out a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Reservations are needed by Thursday, November 10. This is a catered event, so reservations are important.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS**

Don't forget to set your clocks back this Saturday, November 5, to ensure you will be on time for church!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Men Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86..... Scout Hut
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ~ Preschool Closed

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer BreakfastBaker's Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 1:30 p.m. Worship and MusicParlor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast Chick Fil-A
- 12:00 p.m. Lectionary LunchMcLaurin Room
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 ~ Preschool Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 ~ Stewardship Sunday

- 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
- 11:45 a.m. Stewardship Celebration Luncheon
.....Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Bells Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth..... West Building

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

This month Wayne Hogon has a great program planned for the FPC Men of the Church. Meet in the Chapel Monday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. Dan Barber, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church will be our Guest Speaker. Curt Spencer is preparing the meal, so you know it will be special.

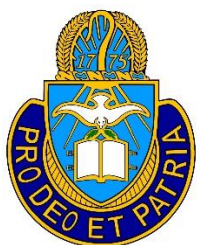


WORLD COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATION

The Church Women United 2016 World Community Day Celebration will be Saturday, November 12 at Goodwill Presbyterian Church, 295 North Brick Church Road in Mayesville. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please take a covered dish to share at the luncheon after the celebration.



**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON
November 16 ~ 12:30 p.m.**



Please join us Wednesday, November 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a soup and salad lunch. Cost is \$5/person. Our guest speaker will be Chaplain (Colonel) Peter R. Sniffin Commandant, U.S Army Chaplain Center and School. He will discuss the Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, military chaplains and their worldwide missions.

Please make reservations by Monday, November 14, by contacting Ashley Blum (call 803-607-9039 or email doodleblum@yahoo.com).

THANK YOU!



A big "thank you" to two groups for the Shaw "Families of Deployed" dinner on October 24. First, to the men who bought, prepared, transported, and served the dinner to over 200 individuals. Remarks were heard about "the great Southern cooking" as well as about Cricket Edmunds' accent, which seemed to fascinate many of those present.

A big hit also was the dessert table, which was visited several times by many there. Cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and pies were all enthusiastically received. Thank you, First Pres family, for reaching out with your sweet offerings to our brothers and sisters at Shaw. You helped those missing their deployed loved ones feel a little less lonely.



Children's Choir Schedule

- Sunday, November 6 Children's Choir 11:40-12:10
- Sunday, November 13 **Stewardship Sunday:**
Children's Choir in Worship.
No rehearsal after Church.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Tuomey:** Marion Young
- McLeod:** Billy Freeman
- Covenant Place Rehab:**
Charles Shaw



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

- CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to . . .
- . . . Aggie White on the death of her brother, William W. White, who died October 31 in Charlotte.
- . . . Janie McElwee-Smith on the death of her mother, Jane McElwee, who died October 23.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

YOUTH SKI TRIP
January 13-16, 2017

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT
February 17-19, 2017
Springmaid Beach

FOCUS ON FINANCES
Week Beginning 10/23/2016

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$10,306.00	\$565,087.17	\$614,615.69
*Other Sources	\$100.00	\$108,796.54	\$131,812.01
	\$10,406.00	\$673,883.71	\$746,427.70
Disbursements	\$23,375.73	\$696,914.40	\$739,079.57
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$12,969.73)	(\$23,030.69)	\$7,348.13

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*