

FOCUS

The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

November 9, 2016

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016



ONE FAMILY

Stewardship Sunday

9:00 a.m. ~ “Care and Prayer” (Session Room)
9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
10:00 a.m. ~ Children’s Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
and will sing in worship.

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

Introit: *I Will Give My Heart to the Lord* and
Do To Others by the Children’s Choir.

Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing *God Has Called Us* by Robert A. Hobby, accompanied by Jon Hopkins on trumpet. The text for this piece was written by Susan Palo Cherwien, one of our liturgists at Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Please feel free to use her words in your devotional time this week:

God has called us:

*And how can we but raise our voices,
echoing God’s praise?*

God has called us: And let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us:

*And how can we but live as servants of the Spirit’s gift?
God has changed us: And let us worship with our lives.*

God has charged us:

*And how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?
God has charged us: And let us labor with our lives.*

There will be no children’s Choir rehearsal after church.

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION LUNCHEON Immediately following Worship

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

5:45 p.m. ~ Youth Progressive Dinner
(Meet at the West Building)

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP -

Brian Frerichs, Scott Williams

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

John Dunn

WORSHIP AT HOME Robin Thames, Dee Dailey

TELLER DUTY Jimmy Ezell, Denise Dunn

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING

(November 13-19) John Dunn

USHERS Robin Thames, Denise Dunn

Junior Ushers: Mikayla Jenkins, Ellie Stutz

YOUTH READER Ansley Blanding

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Bronwyn McElveen

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Michael & Nancyhunter Blanding

FROM PASTOR NICK

Sunday’s Sermon: “One Family: Outreach”
Micah 6:6-8 *Luke 4:16-21*



I am writing this note on the afternoon of November 8, a day when our nation exercised the right and freedom to vote. I have no inclination at this point in the day who is projected to win. However, no matter who wins, I do know this; I know that my hope does not lie in a leader of this kingdom. My hope remains in the leader of a Kingdom that will have no end, a Kingdom based on love and grace. My faith is in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. He is the one who lives and reigns among us even now and will for eternity. “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” (Psalm 20:7). As we continue to pray for our leaders and support them the best we know how, let us remember where our hope rests. It rests in the providence of God. See you Sunday!

Nick

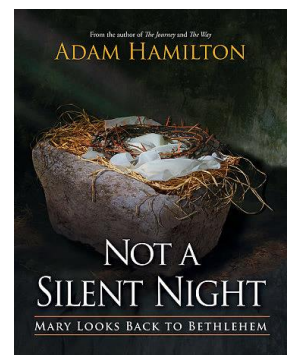
Nick

THIS SUNDAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Please remember to bring your completed Pledge Card with you Sunday morning. Everyone’s gifts are needed to make the positive impact needed in 2017.

ADVENT CLASS

Beginning this Sunday, November 13, we begin a 5-week study of Adam Hamilton’s book, *Not a Silent Night*. This book is about the story of Jesus as seen through Mary’s eyes. The class will include film clips from the author and will be a meaningful way to begin the Advent season. The class will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the McLaurin classroom and will be led by Max Goodson.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help with our AV/Sound system, please call the church office (803-773-3814).

PLEASE NOTE . . .

The Wednesday Lectionary Lunch with Nick will not meet November 16 or November 23.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast..... Baker's Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Book Discussion..... Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Council..... Parlor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer BreakfastChick Fil-A
- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Luncheon..... Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 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

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE WEST BUILDING

November 12, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. (please bring \$5.00 to chip in for food)



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

November 13, 5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We will start at the West Building and end at Natalie and Cary Coker's house. Parents are asked to please pick your child up at 8:00 p.m. at 3045 Lowfalls Lane.



**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 doodlebugblum@yahoo.com).

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

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. Please take a covered dish to share at the luncheon after the celebration.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories around the world through Operation Christmas Child.



First Presbyterian Church has averaged filling over 200 boxes annually for this mission, headed by the Friendship Sunday School Class. Empty shoeboxes are available from the table outside the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your boxes and fill with toys (no war related or military items), non-liquid hygiene items, school items, socks, shirts, soap, toothbrushes, candy (no chocolate please) and prayers. Chocolate, money and liquids are not to be included in any shoeboxes. A list of acceptable gift ideas is available online at samaritanspurse.org/occ. Donors also have the opportunity to print off barcodes to track their gifts to their final destination.

The final date for returning filled shoeboxes is November 20, 2016. There will be a dedication ceremony during worship on November 20.



CHRISTMAS PIANISTS

It's time to plan for our young pianists to share their Christmas pieces with the congregation! Please email the title and composer of the piece that your child will play with your choices

of dates! Contact Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call 803-773-3814. **The available dates are:**

- December 18, 10:30 a.m.
- December 24, 4:00 p.m.
- December 24, 6:00 p.m.

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

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 10/30/2016

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$11,934.00	\$577,021.17	\$628,916.81
*Other Sources	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$108,796.54</u>	<u>\$134,471.87</u>
	\$11,934.00	\$685,817.71	\$763,388.68
Disbursements	\$19,481.57	\$716,395.97	\$756,281.25
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$7,547.57)	(\$30,578.26)	\$7,107.43

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*