

FOCUS

ONE FAMILY



January 11, 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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)

Offertory Anthem: Special music by
Lauren Decker, violin.

11:40 a.m. ~ Children's Choir (Choir Room)

*Youth Group will not meet on Sunday
because of the ski trip.*

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Scott Williams, Glenn Woodrum

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Anne Abbott

WORSHIP AT HOME

Robin Thames, Dee Dailey

TELLER DUTY

Becky Owens, Bronwyn McElveen

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (January 15-21)

Anne Abbott

USHERS

Bronwyn McElveen, Denise Dunn

JUNIOR USHERS

Nan Partridge, Cooper Hill

YOUTH LITURGIST

Brice Leasure

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Missy Coulter

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Mayes and Randa Carole DuBose

Congregational Meeting



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, January 22, during the morning worship service for the purpose of electing Catharine Frerichs a Deacon to the class of 2019.



CALLING ALL CHILI MAKERS!

Please join us at 5:00 p.m. on January 22 in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Chili Cook-Off; a

wonderful time to break bread together as our church family and see who truly has the best chili making skills. If chili is not your thing, have no fear – we are in need of soups, cornbread and yummy sweets, as well! We will also have trivia and crafts for the kids! For more information information contact Robin Thames or Pastor Ashley.



Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:37-40)

Today I got a call from a social worker who was looking for help. A family she had been working with lived in a trailer and had an HVAC system that recently met its maker. I don't know about you, but it's been cold, especially for Sumter. After calling many area ministries for financial assistance, she found herself stuck. She was looking for space heaters to warm this family's home. I didn't know the details or the ages of the individuals inside, but it was at least a family of five. Here's the thing: I knew what to do. I texted three folks from our One Family who I thought could help. Within an hour I received a response, "I'm on it."

Jesus calls those who are in need, part of his family. When we reach out to those who are in need, the scripture above reminds us that we are reaching out to the brothers and sisters of Christ – our family.

Nick

Pastor Nick

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

REGISTER FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

February 17-19, 2017

Doubletree Resort (formerly Springmaid Beach Resort) Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Registration deadline is January 18, 2017!



LECTIONARY LUNCH WITH PASTOR NICK Wednesdays in the McLaurin Room 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch and enjoy a discussion of the lectionary reading for the following Sunday. All ages are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Church Office & Preschool Closed

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 11:30 a.m. Book DiscussionParlor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

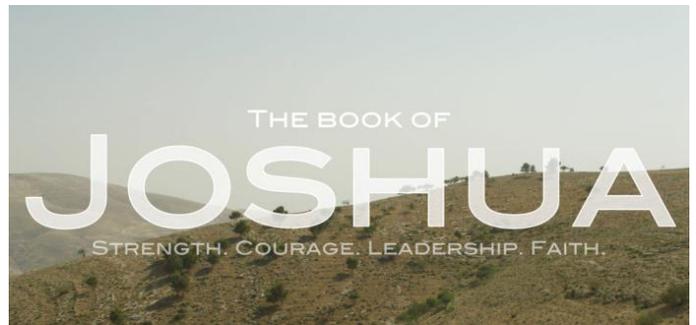
- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 12:00 p.m. Lectionary LunchMcLaurin Room
- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting..Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Class..... West Building

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9:00 a.m. “Care and Prayer Session Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship..... Sanctuary
- 11:40 a.m. Children’s Choir..... Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-OffFellowship Hall



HARMONY CLASS TO BEGIN NEW STUDY

The Harmony Class will begin a new study this Sunday, January 15, on the book of Joshua. Joshua succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites who finally lead them into the Promised Land. It is a book with many lessons for us today, including learning to trust God in the work he has called us to do and allowing Him to lead us into a fuller life than the one we know.

The study will cover eight weeks. Please call Karen Ingram at 803-983-6299 if you are interested in joining us, and she will send you the link to sign up online for the needed materials. There is no cost.



Upcoming Children’s Choir Schedule

We welcome all singers, Grades K-5!

- Sunday, January 15: Rehearsal, 11:40-12:10
- Sunday, January 22: Rehearsal, 11:40-12:10
- Sunday, January 29: Rehearsal, 11:40-12:10
- Sunday, February 5: Rehearsal, 11:40-12:10
- Sunday, February 12: Sing in 10:30 Worship Service**

Upcoming Youth Bells Schedule



- Sundays:
- January 15: No rehearsal
- January 22: No rehearsal
- January 29: Rehearsal, 5:00-5:45, Fellowship Hall
- February 5: Rehearsal, 5:00-5:45, Fellowship Hall
- February 12: Rehearsal, 5:00-5:45, Fellowship Hall
- February 19: Rehearsal, 5:00-5:45, Fellowship Hall
- February 26: Ring in 10:30 Worship Service**

FOCUS ON FINANCES

	Week Beginning 1/1/2017	Year Ending 12/31/2016	
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>
Revenue			
Contributions	\$6,107.00	\$755,124.31	\$742,328.00
*Other Sources	\$30.00	\$133,839.54	\$155,565.00
	\$6,137.00	\$888,963.85	\$897,893.00
Disbursements	\$5,719.98	\$855,174.82	\$895,694.30
Surplus	\$417.02	\$33,789.03	\$2,198.70

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*



FROM ASHLEY’S DESK . . .

I will never forget being six-years old and sitting in the fellowship hall of a small church in Florida, feeling like I was home. Even at this young age, I knew sitting in this small fellowship hall learning Bible stories was exactly where I wanted to be.

It was here that my faith formation began. It was here, in this small church, I began to understand the amazing love of God – a love that redeems, restores, and claims us. It has been many years since I sat in that small fellowship hall, and yet that feeling remains the same.

I am incredibly excited to serve as your Pastor for Family Life, because I believe that the church is truly God’s conduit in the world, transforming people by the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is my belief that family ministry is essential for a healthy church. It is what the church is called to be – brothers and sisters in Christ. It is in the church that we discover God’s call and claim on our lives – marked as God’s own. It is the church that empowers its families to radically love the world, serve the community and proclaim the gospel in real and tangible ways.

The church is also called to strengthen its families, both new families and mature families. It with this in mind, I am excited to journey with you, to explore new ways to deepen our faith together, and to discover where God is leading us at this time and in this place. I am honored to be a part of your church family!

Pastor Ashley

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Janet Kuhlmann

At Home: Betty Crosby,
Charles Shaw, Linda Montague,
Anne Bell (11 Holland East Ct,
Simpsonville, SC 29681)



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.