

# FOCUS

ONE FAMILY



January 18, 2017

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017**  
**Annual Kirking of the Tartans**



9:00 a.m. ~ "Care and Prayer" (Parlor)

*Those carrying tartans in this Sunday's service are asked to meet in the Session Room at 9:15 a.m.*

9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)

**10:30 a.m. ~ Worship (Sanctuary)**  
**"Clothed with Christ"**

**Romans 13:8-14 Galatians 3:23-29**

**Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing**  
**The King of Love My Savior Is.**

**Grey Holler, bagpipes, and Kenny Jordan, drums,**  
**will play during the procession of the tartans**  
**and on the final hymn.**

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

5:00 p.m. ~ Chili Cook-Off (Fellowship Hall)

This will be a wonderful time to break bread together 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! Please contact Robin Thames (803-972-3207 or nibor9902@aol.com) and let her know what you plan to bring.

#### **ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP**

Scott Williams, Glenn Woodrum

#### **ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS**

Mandy Blankenship

#### **WORSHIP AT HOME**

Gus Blum, Matt Blankenship

**TELLER DUTY** Julia Muldrow, Kimberly White

#### **ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING**

(January 22-28) Mandy Blankenship

**USHERS** Gloria Coker

#### **JUNIOR USHERS**

Sarah Margaret Branham, Annabelle Branham

**YOUTH LITURGIST** Taylor Heath

#### **CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE** **VOLUNTEERS**

**Committee Member** – Bronwyn McElveen

**Nursery** – Markita Gadson

**2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds** – Cary & Natalie Coker



Ashley and I believe intergenerational ministry is one of the foundational building blocks in empowering folks for "lifelong discipleship." You'll hear me use that phrase a lot. Lifelong discipleship is what we're working towards as faithful followers of Jesus – a faith that is rooted to last.

The Bible is filled with examples of Faithful Families who journey together through the ups, downs, twists and turns of life. They all shared a common thread - they did this faithful life thing TOGETHER! That's what we're about here at First Presbyterian. We're about doing life together.

On Sunday, February 26, we will launch a new intergenerational series called "Faithful Families." This series will incorporate much of what we think are the building blocks of lifelong discipleship. Faithful Families will include fellowship, the breaking of bread together, education and discussion. There will be something for all ages.

The theme of this series is "Rediscovering Prayer." Our little ones will learn about the Lord's Prayer, there will be a parenting class on "Prayerful Parenting," and another adult class focused on prayer. Our youth will continue to meet in the West Building for dinner and youth group.

We believe that our lives are indeed busy and every Sunday night can be a lot to ask. Therefore, the Faithful Family series will be six weeks long, from Sunday, February 26 to March 26. It will be just enough nights in order to be long enough, but not too long. On March 26, the final night of the series, we will celebrate together as One Family with communion. I hope you and your family will take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect and grow as we rediscover the practice of prayer. Invite a neighbor and invite a friend to grow with us!

Blessings,

Pastor Nick

#### **Congregational Meeting**



#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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

**FOCUS DEADLINE CHANGES**

In an effort to ensure everyone receives the newsletter in a more timely manner, beginning February 6, 2017, the Focus will be published on Tuesdays. Please submit all information to be included in that week's newsletter to Shirley Wood (swood@fpcsumter.org) no later than noon on Monday.



**REMINDER TO PARENTS**



Our children's safety is of the utmost importance at FPC. We are asking parents of elementary age children to accompany their child if they must leave the sanctuary for any reason during the worship service. Thank you in advance for partnering with us on this important matter.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

Please note that the Lectionary Lunch will not be held this week.

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast .....Baker's Sweets
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

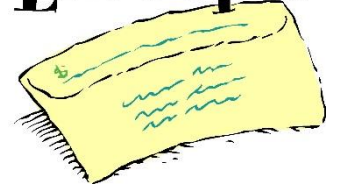
- 9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer" ..... Session Room
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship..... Sanctuary
- 11:40 a.m. Children's Choir..... Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Handbells.....Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group ..... West Building

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON**  
**February 15 ~ 12:30 p.m.**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**  
**featuring**  
**Lakewood Voices**  
**Under the direction of**  
**Herbert Johnson**

Limited reservations are available.  
 Please call 803-469-0509 today  
 to make reservations.

**PLEASE USE YOUR 2017 ENVELOPES**

**Offering Envelopes**



If you have not yet done so, please pick up your 2017 contribution envelopes from the table across from the kitchen. If you find that you were not assigned envelopes and you wish to use them, please call Neil Ross (803-773-3814). He will be happy to provide them! Please do not use your 2016 envelopes in 2017. Your envelope number has likely changed, which can cause your offering to be posted incorrectly.



**PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Children will sing during 10:30 worship on Sunday, February 12.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**



**At Home:** Janet Kuhlman,  
 Betty Crosby,  
 Charles Shaw,  
 Anne Bell (11 Holland East Ct,  
 Simpsonville, SC 29681)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Tod and Nan Williams on the birth of a daughter, Eloise Morris Williams, who was born January 5, in Charleston. Proud big sister is Rose Williams and proud grandparents are Ted and Debby Williams.



**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Will Fort on the death of his father, William (Billy) Thomas Fort, Jr., who died January 14 in Seneca.

*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 01/08/2017**

	Received	
	This Week	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions	\$12,927.00	\$19,034.00
*Other Sources	\$0.00	\$30.00
	\$12,927.00	\$19,064.00
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$19,965.80	\$25,685.78
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	(\$7,038.80)	(\$6,621.78)

*\*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*