

FOCUS

ONE FAMILY



February 1, 2017

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. ~ "Care and Prayer" (Parlor)
9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)

10:30 a.m. ~ **Worship (Sanctuary)**
"Keep the Light On"
Matthew 5:13-20

The Joy Ringers will provide special music Sunday.

Introit: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arranged by Jason Krug

Offertory Anthem: Abide with Me by Cathy Moglebust. The Joy Ringers will be accompanied by Barbara Rearden, Flute.

Linda Coyne will be our guest organist.

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

5:00 p.m. ~ Youth Bells (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. ~ Youth Super Bowl Party (West Building)

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Dave McInnis, Jr., Dan Spencer

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Cary Coker

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (February 5-11)

Cary Coker

WORSHIP AT HOME

Gloria Coker, Beth Jackson

TELLER DUTY

Ike Jenkins, Matt Blankenship

USHERS Catharine Frerichs, Bronwyn McElveen

JUNIOR USHERS Carlie Fort, Katie Croft

YOUTH LITURGIST Kathryn Blanding

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Anna Moorman

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Macaulay and Murrell Smith

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. Our youth will be receiving both canned food/nonperishable items as well as monetary donations in soup pots following worship this Sunday. All proceeds and donations will go to benefit

United Ministries of Sumter County.

The annual Super Bowl party will be held on Sunday evening from 6:00-9:00 in the West Youth Building. Youth are encouraged to bring a friend!



"God With Us In The Chaos"

Ashley and I spent last week in Denver, with over 600 other pastors and Christian educators from all over the globe. We were there to learn, grow and pray together for our world.

The theme for the week was "God in the Chaos." Perfect timing. Things have not necessarily been peachy for our nation over the past few months, weeks and now days. It is a strange time. In the midst of protests, executive orders and swift change, it is normal to feel an uncertainty in our hearts.

Spending time with other church leaders last week, we could feel the anxiety in them as they expressed their struggles in searching for the right words to say from the pulpit or in the Sunday School classes they were teaching. The message from the conference was clear and reassuring. God is in the chaos. God is in it with us – not separate, distant or far off. God is near. God is beside us, with us, close and present.

We all experience chaos at times, even in our own lives. Whether it's uncertainty in a job, a diagnosis, or a relationship – we are invited to know that God is in it with us. Sometimes we get too consumed with the chaos and forget that reassuring truth. Jesus said, "I am with you always, even unto the very end of the age." Today, this week and in the weeks to come, let us remember that. Let us remember that God is with us, God is with you even in the chaos.

See you soon.

Pastor Nick

STAY INFORMED!

The Session Action Summary for the Session meeting that took place January 30, is on the table outside the Church office.



RESBYTERIAN MEN

Join us 6:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 7**, in the Fellowship Hall, for our Men of the Church Valentine's dinner. Cricket Edmunds is in charge of this month's event. Kipper Ackerman will entertain us with her harp. It is sure to be a beautiful performance and evening. There are very few things more romantic than the harp.

Gentlemen, make sure you have someone on your arm when you join us for February's Men of the Church Valentine's dinner.



EXTENDED CARE

We are excited to announce that we have hired Kayln Stuckey, to head up our extended care program. Kayln is a Sumter native, has two beautiful children and tutors throughout the week. We are excited she has decided to join our team. Her focus will be extended care and transforming that time into something like a children’s church. She will be using the curriculum “Godly Play” and will help to bring God’s story to life for our youngest members.

Along with this hire, we are implementing a few changes to our extended care program. In order to be in line with our child and youth protection policy (which is being examined to make sure it is up-to-date), we are requiring that two people help with extended care. Our policy requires that there must always be two adults with children at all times. One person will help Markita in the nursery, while the other will assist Kayln in extended care. If we do not have two people, then we will not be able to offer extended care that particular Sunday.

Thank you for helping us make Kaylin feel welcomed, as well as assisting us with these new changes. These changes have highlighted the fact that we need more volunteers. We would love for you to come and join us as we nurture and grow the youngest disciples in our midst! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Pastor Ashley or anyone on the Extended Care Committee –Bronwyn, Anna, Missy and Robin. We are blessed to partner with you in this exciting change!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – Preschool Closed

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- Circles – See Schedule Below
- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 6:00 p.m. Presbyterian MenFellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 12:30 p.m. Lectionary LunchMcLaurin Room
- 5:00 p.m. Engage Ministry TeamParlor
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 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

JUNIOR USHER TRAINING

On Sunday, February 12, there will be training for all children in grades 1-7 who wish to serve as Junior Ushers. It will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend, but are interested, please contact Pastor Ashley to arrange a time to meet with her.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room. Circles will meet Tuesday, February 7, as follows:



- #1 - 12:30 p.m. in the McLaurin Room
Chair: Linda Brown; Hostesses Nancy Leaird, Margaret Moses and Jean Riddle
- #3 - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jane Tisdale
520 W. Hampton Street
Co-chairs: Anne Haynie and Margaret Hunter
Hostess: Jane Tisdale
- #4 - 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room
Chair: Lois Moore
Hostesses: Suzanne Begley and Margy Carpenter
- #9 - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sibbie McFaddin
422 Haynsworth Street
Chair: Pam George; Hostess: Kay Stockbridge

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPIRITUALITY RETREAT
Saturday, February 4 – 9:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Bennettsville
130 Broad Street, Bennettsville, SC**



PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Children will sing during 10:30 worship on Sunday, February 12.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

February 15 ~ 12:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall



Featuring the
**Lakewood Voices under the
direction of Herbert Johnson**

Limited reservations are available.

Please call Suzanne Wates at 803-469-0509 by February 9 to make reservations.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

At Home: Janet Kuhlmann,
Charles Shaw

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY...

... is extended to Steve Sheffer on the death of his mother, Patricia Welch Sheffer, who died January 28.

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 01/22/2017

	Received	
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Revenue		
Contributions	\$8,244.00	\$36,977.00
*Other Sources	<u>\$930.00</u>	<u>\$1,580.00</u>
	\$9,174.00	\$38,557.00
Disbursements	\$26,802.20	\$67,072.67
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$17,628.20)	(\$28,515.67)

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*