

FOCUS

ONE FAMILY



February 22, 2017

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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)
"Descending the Mountaintop"

Exodus 24:12-18 Matthew 17:1-9

Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing
Jubilate Deo by Peter Anglea.

Communion Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing
In the Silence of This Moment
arranged by Douglas Wagner

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

5:00 p.m. ~ Youth Bells (Fellowship Hall)



6:00 p.m. ~ Faithful Families

A time for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and growing together in the faith. Children, parents, adults and more are invited to journey together on a six-week series. Classes are geared so that you can miss one or two and still stay connected and informed. Dinner will be served every evening at no cost, and a nursery will be available for the little ones. We want everyone to have the chance to

participate.

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Dave McInnis, Jr., Dan Spencer

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Wayne Hogon

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING

(Feb. 26-March 4) Wayne Hogon

WORSHIP AT HOME

Catharine Frerichs, Sibbie McFaddin

TELLER DUTY Denise Dunn, Lauren Decker

USHERS Kimberly White, Meredith Partridge

JUNIOR USHERS

Ann Weathers Blankenship, Duncan James

YOUTH LITURGIST Kyle Decker

SAFETY MONITOR Max Goodson

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Bronwyn McElveen

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Sallie Stafford

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin Monday, February 27, for currently enrolled children, church members and grandchildren of church members. Classes are available for children 8 months-Kindergarten.



*What a fellowship,
What a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness,
What a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

A familiar hymn with a powerful message. When we make room for authentic fellowship interwoven with fun, meal sharing, recreation and learning, the body of Christ grows stronger. Our family certainly experienced joy divine, blessedness and peace this past weekend on the church retreat. I even got choked up during communion as I was overcome with how special this church family is. Friends, we don't have an average fellowship at First Presbyterian, we have something more. I do not say this to boast. Rather, I mention this so that we never take it for granted, but continue to grow our love for God, each other and neighbor along the journey ahead together. A big thank you to Anna Moorman and her team for planning a vibrant, organized and joyful weekend. See below for a word of thanks from Anna. Also, thank you to Susan Price for preaching and leading worship in my absence this past Sunday.

While going away for a weekend is a wonderful way to make room for authentic fellowship, we can also make room right here. We can make room in our worship, in our homes, in our Sunday school classes, in our outreach and in our continued love and care for one another. Authentic fellowship is something that the whole world is looking for. So, let us be the body of Christ that reaches out and invites those who need to experience this kind of joy to be a part of our ONEFAMILY.

See you Sunday,

Nick
Nick

Thank you to everyone who made the trip to Myrtle Beach for the 27th Annual Congregational Beach Retreat this past weekend. What an amazing congregation we have! We gathered with just over 100 adults and 39 children! Thank you to our retreat team -- Anne Abbott, Anne Goodson, Ashley Blum, Dee Dailey, and Scott Williams for all of your hard work and effort. Special thanks goes to Joni Brown and Patti Croft for providing music. A huge thank you to Ann Geddings for all the fun and laughter as she directed the games and skits. Thank you to Pastor Nick for bringing in Brandon Frick as our speaker. Brandon challenged us to think and dig deep through scripture as we explored creation. The children and youth were busy exploring their faith and had plenty of time for fun in the pool and sand. We are looking forward to gathering with our church family at the beach again next year!



Anna Moorman

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting Session Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86..... West Building
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86 Scout Hut

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 11:30 a.m. Minister’s Lunch/Visitation Covenant Place

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 ~ Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer BreakfastBaker’s Sweets
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten LuncheonFellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Circle #8..... Covenant Place
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers.....Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir..... Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- 12:00 p.m. Sunday School Committee.....Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Quilting Class..... West Building

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 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 BellsFellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Families

FPC FAMILY BASKETBALL GAME

Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.

YMCA Upper Gymnasium Cost is \$5 (includes t-shirt and participation). Two teams will be equally split to accommodate all ages. Please contact Kimberly White (803-468-7781 or kimber2097@gmail.com) for more information. Deadline to sign up is March 12. All ages are welcome.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT
Saturday, March 11
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
with lunch included



Ashley Cheek will be our guest speaker presenting **Come Experience the Table**, *Come to me and I will give you rest*, taken from Matthew 11:28

The book, *Bread & Wine . . . a love letter to life around the table* by Shauna Niequist, may be pre-ordered. Please contact Linda Hogon (lhogon03@yahoo.com or 803-775-4167) by March 3, to make reservations or reserve a copy of the book (\$15).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Church Women United will have their World Day of Prayer on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Grace Baptist Church (219 W Calhoun Street). The celebration starts at 4:30.

It would be wonderful to have a large group of women and men from First Presbyterian Church to attend. For details, please call Ollie James-803 481-0725.



2017 CLARENDON LEE SUMTER CLUSTER LENTEN LUNCHEONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
March 1	First Presbyterian	Carnell Hampton
March 8	Goodwill 295 N. Brick Church Rd., Mayesville	Ashley Cheek
March 15	Harmony 8883 Hwy. 301, Alcolu	Elijah Washington
March 22	Congruity 3750 Congruity Church Rd., Gable	Jim Burton
March 29	Fraser Memorial 1746 Hwy. 521 South	Delcia Baxter
April 5	Second Presbyterian 1125 Old Pocalla Rd.	Jody Foster

MISSION TRIP TO GREECE TO AID SYRIAN REFUGEES

New Harmony Presbytery is forming a mission team to travel to the island of Lesbos, Greece July 15-26 to work in a Syrian refugee camp. Since borders tightened in March, it is estimated nearly 60,000 refugees are stranded in camps across Greece. The trip is coordinated through Greater Europe Missions, which will provide guides and leaders for the New Harmony team throughout the trip. Cost depends on grant money received, but should not exceed \$2000 including flights to Athens and Lesbos and hotel accommodations. An informational meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at 6 p.m. at the Presbytery Office in Florence. Contact Susan D. Osteen sdosteen@me.com for more information.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lexington: Bill Painter
At Home: Ray Wilcox

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Marion Young, who died February 19.



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 02/05/2017

	Received		Budgeted
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Revenue			
**Contributions	\$16,560.00	\$106,246.80	\$136,393.84
*Other Sources	<u>\$1,760.00</u>	<u>\$9,829.00</u>	<u>\$18,995.01</u>
	\$18,320.00	\$116,075.80	\$155,388.85
Disbursements	\$16,738.67	\$125,957.03	\$160,276.56
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,581.33	(\$9,881.23)	(\$4,887.71)

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*