

FOCUS

ONE FAMILY



March 1, 2017

Sunday, March 5, 2017

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Youth Bells will practice in the Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School (Classes for all ages)

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship (Sanctuary)
"Our Father"

Youth Bells will provide prelude music and will also play the Introit this Sunday, *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* arranged by Erin MacGorman.

Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing *My Song in the Night* arranged by Mack Wilberg.

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

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

6:00 p.m. ~ Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Youth will eat in the Fellowship Hall and then come to the West Building for Youth Group from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. ~ Classes

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

John James, Margy Carpenter

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

John Jackson

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (March 5-11)

John Jackson

WORSHIP AT HOME

Bronwyn McElveen, Meredith Partridge

TELLER DUTY

Jimmy Ezell, Sibbie McFaddin

USHERS

Matt Blankenship, Julia Muldrow

JUNIOR USHERS

Richard Dwight, Sumter Cooper

YOUTH LITURGIST

Kyle Decker

SAFETY MONITOR

Richard Mey

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Anna Moorman

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Anna & John Moorman



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.



*"Rejoice in hope,
be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer"*
Romans 12:12

Lent begins this week. Traditionally, Lent is a season of recalibrating our spiritual barometer. We do this by either giving something up that hinders our walk with God or picking something up that strengthens it. This Lent, we are focusing on the practice of prayer.

Prayer is a wonderful gift that God has given us. It is also somewhat of a mystery. Sometimes we don't know why we pray or what to pray. As we journey towards the cross together, we will be diving into the prayer that Jesus taught us. We pray this prayer every single week, but at times we recite it while forgetting to think through the power of its meaning in our lives.

That's why I am personally excited to preach a sermon series called "Living The Lord's Prayer." Every Sunday through Lent we will focus on a different section as we walk the road to Calvary together. The complete schedule is listed below.

See you soon!

Nick

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LIVING THE LORD'S PRAYER SERMON SERIES

Our Father | March 5

Thy Kingdom Come | March 12

Daily Bread | March 19

Forgive | March 26

Lead Us | April 2

Thine is The Kingdom | April 9, Palm Sunday

NEW MEMBERSHIP

If you feel connected here and are interested in becoming an official part of the First Presbyterian Church Family, then this is for you! Join Pastor Nick, Pastor Ashley and other leaders of our church as we learn how to get planted in the faith here at FPCS. Class schedules are below. To sign up, contact Shirley at swood@fpcsumter.org

March 19, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

March 26, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

March 27, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner with Elders and Family

April 2, 10:30 a.m. Worship (Congregational Welcome)



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 6

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast..... Baker's Sweets
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Circle #33470 Millgrove Lane, Dalzell
- 10:00 a.m. Circle #4 McLaurin Room
- 12:30 p.m. Circle #1 McLaurin Room
- 6:30 p.m. Circle #6 11 Conyers
- 7:00 p.m. Circle #9422 Haynsworth

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast Baker's Sweets
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon Goodwill Presbyterian
- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Families--Supper .. Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group West Building

The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room.

The following Circles will meet Tuesday, March 7, as follows:

- #1 - 12:30 p.m. in the McLaurin Room
Chair: Linda Brown
Hostesses: Barbara Finley, Sue Fienning, Suzanne Wates
- #3 - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Klaphor, 3470 Millgrove Lane, Dalzell
Co-Chairs: Anne Haynie and Margaret Hunter
Hostess: Betty Klaphor
- #4 - 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room
Chair: Lois Moore; Hostesses: Peggy Curlovic, Ann Shreve and Sarah Tindal
- #6 - 6:30 p.m. at the home of Christie Stutz, 11 Conyers
Chair: Robin Thames; Hostess: Christie Stutz
- #9 - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sibbie McFaddin, 422 Haynsworth Street
Chair and Hostess: Pam George



PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The Presbyterian Men will meet Monday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. Julian Moore has arranged for Sammy Way to be our guest speaker. J.D. will be cooking. Please be sure to join us!

CLASS TO BEGIN NEW SERIES

The Discovery Sunday School Class will begin a six-week Lenten Study of Hymns, beginning this Sunday, March 5. The series, "Will You Come and Follow Me?" uses The Thoughtful Christian's printable study guides. Everyone is invited to attend.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER

April 30 – 6:00 p.m.
Watch the Focus for more details!!!

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2017 CLARENDON LEE SUMTER CLUSTER LENTEN LUNCHEONS

The Lenten luncheon on March 8 will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Goodwill Presbyterian Church, 295 North Brick Church Road, Mayesville. Reverend Ashley Cheek will be preaching.



Girl Scouts®

Sunday, March 12, is Girl Scout Sunday at FPC! Girl Scouts are celebrating their 105th birthday. Come and join us for a luncheon celebration following the worship service. Donations will be accepted. Reservations are required – please email Robin Thames (nibor9902@aol.com or call 803-972-3207)

The Woman's Afternoon Music Club
Presents

An Afternoon of Sacred Music
Sunday, March 12 – 3:00 p.m.
Church of the Holy Comforter
Admission is free.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lexington: Bill Painter
At Home: Ray Wilcox



CONGRATULATIONS to Mary White and Justin Finley, who were married in the Sanctuary on February 25, 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brad and Janie McElwee-Smith on the birth of twin sons, Lucien Frederic Smith and Arthur Bradford Smith, born February 25, 2017.

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 02/19/2017

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$17,966.00	\$124,212.80	\$150,075.54
*Other Sources	<u>\$263.37</u>	<u>\$10,092.37</u>	<u>\$23,249.79</u>
	\$18,229.37	\$134,305.17	\$173,325.33
Disbursements	\$9,718.00	\$135,675.03	\$169,002.96
Surplus (Deficit)	\$8,511.37	(\$1,369.86)	\$4,322.37

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*