

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

March 15, 2017

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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

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

9:30 a.m. ~ New Member Class (Session Room)

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship (Sanctuary)

"Living the Lord's Prayer: Daily Bread"

The Joy Ringers will offer special
Lenten selections this Sunday.

Introit: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*
By Tammy Waldrop.

Offertory Anthem: *I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger*
Featuring Sean Hackett, Alto Saxophone

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

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

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

Dave McInnis

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (March 19-25)

Dave McInnis

WORSHIP AT HOME

Susan D. Osteen, Kimberly White

TELLER DUTY

Bronwyn McElveen, Matt Blankenship

USHERS

Julia Muldrow, Gus Blum

JUNIOR USHERS

Madison White, William Cooper

YOUTH LITURGIST

Langston Cooper

SAFETY MONITOR

Chris White

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Committee Member – Missy Coulter

Nursery – Markita Gadson

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Missy & Billy Coulter

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)



THY KINGDOM COME

It is the prayer that has the power to change the world, as long as we are ready and willing to let it change us first.

Where do you want to see Thy Kingdom Come in the world around you? In what situations or circumstances is your heart hurting?

Follow your heart and ask God to use you in order to help Thy Kingdom Come in that particular situation. Pray it, believe it, and then walk it.

May that be our challenge this week, to let the Kingdom in to our everyday. I would love to hear your experience with this prayer and how you let it make its way into your life this week. Let me know in person, over the phone or through email. Remember, you are held in the arms of "Our Father" and called to live out the mission and purpose of Thy Kingdom Come. Go out and change the world this week!

See you Sunday.

Nick
Nick

CINDERELLA PROJECT

It's almost prom season! We are now collecting current style prom dresses, shoes, evening bags, jewelry, and monetary donations for the Cinderella Project. If you have items to donate, you can drop them off at the church office any time before Thursday, March 30.

If you know any girls in need of a dress, please invite them to come shop! We will open our doors the weekend of March 31- April 2 for any area high school girls in need to come shop free of charge. Thanks so much! Please contact Anna Moorman (803-720-2078) with any questions.

Anna Moorman & Ashley Blum



STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE

Stephen Ministers receive special training to provide one-on-one Christian care to people in our congregation experiencing challenges in life – grief, loneliness, divorce, disability, job loss and many other life difficulties.

To receive care from a Stephen Minister, or to learn how to become a Stephen Minister, please contact a Stephen leader: John James, III (803-491-4131), Marie Mills (803-468-7839) or Mary Staggs (803-983-5282).

2017 CLARENDON LEE SUMTER CLUSTER LENTEN LUNCHEONS

The Lenten luncheon on March 22 will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Congruity Presbyterian Church, 3750 Congruity Church Road, Gable. Rev. Jim Burton will be preaching.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 20

- 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Min. Team ... McLaurin Room
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 86 West Building
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 86 Scout Hut

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Book Discussion Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Executive Council..... Parlor

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 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

VBS 2017

June 11-15

Hero Central:

Discover your strength in God!



Registration will begin April 23!

People Needed:

- Team Guides (Leads specific age group from one activity to the next)
- Assistant Team Guides (Perfect for youth)
- Activity Center Leaders (Leads Craft/Science, Recreation and Music Centers)
- Activity Center Assistants (Perfect for youth)
- Plug-Ins (Volunteers that fit in wherever needed)
- Cooking/Kitchen Crew (nightly meals)
- Set Up Crews (Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10)
- Tear Down Crews (Monday, June 19)

Supplies Needed:

- Cardboard Boxes (all sizes)
- Paint Brushes (all sizes)
- Acrylic Paint – Black, Red, Yellow & Blue

If you have questions or need clarification, please contact Kimberly White (kimber2097@gmail.com or 803-468-7781).

IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER LILIES

We will once again place Easter lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with a lily, please complete the form below and return it with \$12.50/lily to the Church Office no later than Sunday, April 2.

I would like to purchase _____ Easter Lilies

For \$12.50/each = Total \$_____.

Please print names below exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by: _____

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UPCOMING CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

- Sunday, 3/19 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in the Choir Room
- Sunday, 3/26 No Children's Choir
- Sunday, 4/2 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in the Choir Room
- Sunday, 4/9 Palm Sunday – Children's Choir in Worship (No rehearsal after church.)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

The PW Retreat on March 11 was a special time of spiritual growth and fellowship while experiencing the tables that we gather around at church and home with family and friends. We especially thank our speaker, Rev. Ashley Cheek, for her thoughtful and inspirational message. Also, many thanks are extended to the church staff, the Retreat Committee members – Suzanne Wates, Linda Brown, Marie Mills and Ollie James – and others who served in many ways to help make the retreat such a success.

Linda Hogon, PW Moderator

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Jim McIntosh, Judy Mey

McLeod Health (Manning):
Bill Painter



At Home: Jim Gee, Barbara Sansom, Carol Reese, Jim Young, Ray Wilcox

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Carol Reese on the death of her sister-in-law, Mamie Earlyne Reese, who died March 11.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Mary Mims Joyce Dumont, daughter of Ashley (Mims) and Guillaume Dumont last Sunday during the worship service.

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 03/05/2017

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$15,938.00	\$150,530.80	\$178,693.58
*Other Sources	<u>\$625.00</u>	<u>\$10,742.37</u>	<u>\$18,082.35</u>
	\$16,563.00	\$161,273.17	\$196,775.93

*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.