

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

May 16, 2017



Sunday, May 21, 2017 Baccalaureate Sunday

9:00 a.m. ~ Breakfast for Graduates
(Fellowship Hall)

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

9:15 a.m. ~ Youth Bells rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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

9:45 a.m. ~ Children's Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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

"There is Hope in You"

John 14:15-11 1 Peter 3:13-22

Prelude: *Classic Sonatina, III* and *Meditation in D Minor*
played by Katie Croft, piano.

Introit: *Festive Trumpet Tune* by David German
played by Jon Hopkins, trumpet.

Offertory Anthem: *Amazing Grace*
arranged by Sue Mitchell-Wallace
played by Jon Hopkins, flugelhorn.

Our guest organist will be Linda Coyne.



5:00 p.m. ~ Annual Summer Picnic Lawn of the West Center

Please bring a salad or dessert
to share.

Yummy food and good
fellowship

Waterslide for the children to
enjoy!

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Brian Frerichs, Mandy Blankenship

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Margy Carpenter

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (May 21-27)

Margy Carpenter

WORSHIP AT HOME

Susan D. Osteen, Kimberly White

TELLER DUTY

Denise Dunn, Sibbie McFaddin

USHERS

Matt Blankenship, Catharine Frerichs

JUNIOR USHERS

Richard Dwight, Sumter Cooper

YOUTH LITURGIST

Elise Osteen

SAFETY MONITOR

Glenn Woodrum

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

Committee Member – Missy Coulter

Nursery – Markita Gadson

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



MAKE SOME ROOM

*"In my Father's house are
many dwelling places"*
John 14:2

It's a hopeful word. There is room! In God's house all are welcome to belong. Jesus tells his disciples that there are many rooms in order to encourage and empower them.

In a world where people are fighting for their space in life while denying others a spot on the bus, we are called to be a light in the darkness. We are invited to remember that God's house has no fences, no boundary lines, no alarm systems and no ID verifications. No, all are welcome to have a seat at the table in order to be renewed, refreshed, forgiven and loved. The only verification you need is this – child of God. All around us there are children of God who feel pushed away and told that there is no more room. We are tasked with the work of sharing the gospel and inviting anyone and everyone to have a seat at the table.

This week I challenge you to look for those who may feel as though there is no more room and then do your best to help them know they have a spot in the seat of God's love.

See you soon,

Nick



Front Row, left to right: Cooper Hill, Anna Kate Coker,
Lydia Cheek, Annabelle Branham

Back Row: Reverend Ashley Cheek, Betty Brogdon

We are so thankful for our catechism students and especially for Mrs. Brogdon, who has faithfully taught generations of First Presbyterian's children!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 22

- 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, May 23

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Pastors' Lunch/Visitation ... Covenant Place

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28

- 9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer" Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

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VBS 2017

June 11-15

Dinner: 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

VBS: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Hero Central:

*Discover your strength
 in God!*



Register today! Don't miss out!!!

People Needed:

- Team Guides (Leads specific age group from one activity to the next)
- Plug-Ins (Volunteers that fit in wherever needed)
- Set Up Crews (Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10)
- Tear Down Crews (Monday, June 19)

Supplies Needed:

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

To sign up to volunteer, please contact Kimberly White (kimber2097@gmail.com or 803-468-7781).

Can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? Consider singing with the FPC Summer Choir! This multi-generational group meets at 9:30 Sunday mornings beginning this Sunday to prepare a simple anthem for our 10:30 worship service. If you are new to the group, please come 15 minutes earlier, so we can set you up with a robe and a folder. Email Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call the church (803-773-3814) for more information.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

MUSC: Bill Painter

National Healthcare:
 Mary Kay Hurt

At Home: Bob Stage, Judy Mey, Ray Wilcox

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.



END OF YEAR POOL PARTIES

Saturday, May 20

CHILDREN

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Kimberly and Chris White, 919 Shadow Trail. At least one parent from each family is encouraged to stay.

YOUTH

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

At the home of Susanne and Coles Dwight. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up at 4 Clematis Court.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! !

The youth would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution to their fundraiser. As of May 15, donations of \$5,561 has been received. We have extended the deadline to May 28, so if you have not yet made a contribution, please do so. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week beginning 05/7/2017

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$15,803.	\$276,772.	\$292,816.
*Other Sources	<u>\$1,925.</u>	<u>\$31,296.</u>	<u>\$32,311.</u>
	\$17,728.	\$308,068.	\$325,127.

Mother's Day Offering ~ \$ 1,075.05

**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*

SUMMER FOCUS SCHEDULE

Beginning in June the Focus will be published twice a month. Listed below are the dates of publication along with the deadline for that Focus.

- June 13 (Deadline June 12 at noon)
- June 27 (Deadline June 26 at noon)
- July 11 (Deadline July 10 at noon)
- July 25 (Deadline July 24 at noon)
- August 8 (Deadline August 7 at noon)
- August 22 (Deadline August 21 at noon)