



The Spire

First Presbyterian Church

October 2019

Greenwood, SC

A Message From Our Pastor....

We have been looking at several types of relationships in our lives over the past few weeks in worship. In every relationship, God calls us to love beyond measure. We express that love in our words, our hearts, and our actions. Unfortunately, sometimes we don't go beyond the first two. We say good things and we care in our hearts, but we never show it. We can show our love for people in lots of ways. One powerful way to show our love is by serving and helping someone.

We often speak of our love for people in our community. Our heart is saddened by the difficult struggles our neighbors face. Now we finally have a chance to act upon our love. We are sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity build this fall. A

few weeks ago, we broke ground. Now we are blessed with a chance to work alongside a family in our community who needs our help. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays we can lend a hand to the effort. Regardless of your skill level, there is work you can do. Make an effort to turn love into a verb and be the hands God created us to be.

To register to volunteer, go to <https://greenwoodhabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Calendar/1034> or call the Habitat office at 223-9399 to have yourself or a group added to the schedule. Please ask for Stephen Baggett or Toya Wright, their Volunteer Coordinator.



Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kyle'.

Pastor Kyle

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Ina Putnam upon her passing on August 27, 2019; and to Betty Jo Dorn and her family upon the passing of her husband, Gerald Dorn, on September 14, 2019. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.



Thank you to all who participated in the new pictorial directory. A special thank you to all the volunteers and members of the Congregational Care Team who made it possible.

Not able to attend Sunday mornings? You can look at the bulletin and listen to the sermon online. Just go to www.firstgreenwood.com. Another option is to call the church office and request you be added to the list to receive a CD and/or bulletin in the mail.

Do you receive Kyle's Pastor update each week by email? If not, call the church office (229-5814) or send us an email to office@firstgreenwood.com.

The **Youth Team** will meet Sunday, October 20th, at 9:00 am, in the Conference Room (105).

Please note that the time and date of these meetings are subject to change.

TEAM MEETINGS

The **Admin. Committee** will meet Thursday, October 10th, at 10:00 am, in the Conference Room (105).

The **Buildings & Grounds Team** will meet Monday, October 14th, at 5:15 pm, in the Barksdale Room (122).

The **Christian Education Team** will meet Sunday, October 13th, at 6:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (122).

The **Committed Prayers Group** will meet Monday, October 28th, at 5:30 pm, in the Barksdale Room (122).

The **Financial Oversight Committee** will meet Wednesday, October 9th, at 12:00 noon, in the Barksdale Room (122).

The **Men of the Church Board** will meet Monday, October 14th, at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room (105).

The **Missions/Outreach Team** will meet Sunday, October 13th, at 5:00 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (110).

The **Music Team** will meet Sunday, October 13th, at 6:00 pm, in the Choir Room (124).

Noah's Ark Board will meet Monday, October 14th, at 5:30 pm, in the Conference Room (105).

The **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, October 28th, at 10:00 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room (110).

The Session will hold a **Called meeting** on Sunday, October 6th, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to receive new members.

The **Session** will hold its Stated meeting on Sunday, October 27th, at **12:15 pm**, in the Henry Reynolds Room (110). We changed the time of the Stated meeting so as not to interfere with the Fall Block Party.

Stephen Ministry will meet Tuesdays, October 8th and 22nd, at 6:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (122).

The **Visitation Team** will meet Thursday, October 10th, at 11:00 am, in the Barksdale Room (122).

The **Worship Team** will meet Monday, October 14th, at 3:00 pm, in the Barksdale Room (122).

Elders for Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019

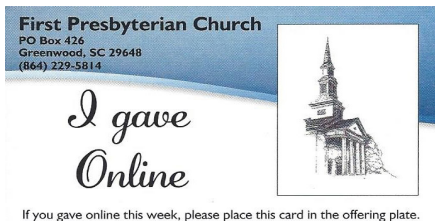
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1 John Sutton 543-3980
2 Luke Penney 941-1425
3 Aimee Clark 275-8083
4 Wayne Carstens 980-9399
5 Jon Scott 992-0404
6 Eric Gardner 377-9875

Other Items of Interest

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during both **worship services on Sunday, October 6.**

Deadline for the November issue of *The Spire* is Monday, October 21st.



ONLINE GIVING

If you are giving online, it may seem strange to not place something in the offering plate. To continue this physical ritual, we have cards (as seen above) that you can pick up and place in the offering plate when it comes around. You will find these cards in the church lobby, or you can get your own from Nan Smith.

If you still need to setup your recurring draft, you can do so on our church website, www.firstgreenwood.com. Look for the Member Login link at the top of the page or the Giving button on the lower right. Call the church office and speak with Nan Smith if you have any questions. You may contact her at 864-229-5814 or finance@firstgreenwood.com.

**Sunday, October 6
4:00 pm**

The Dozier Winds
The Woodwind Quintet Music
Performance Team of
the 282nd Army Band
at Fort Jackson, SC.

BIG CALENDAR

When you have your dates planned for the fall and are ready for them to go on the big calendar, please email them to office@firstgreenwood.com. Please include any dates when you will not be meeting (holidays, etc.). This includes (but not limited to) team meetings, committees, Bible studies, and small groups. If you have any questions, contact Lea Jones at 864-229-5814.





FPC Family Ministry



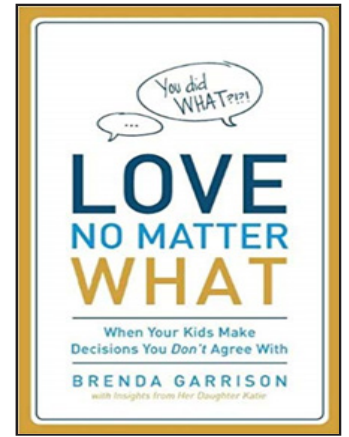
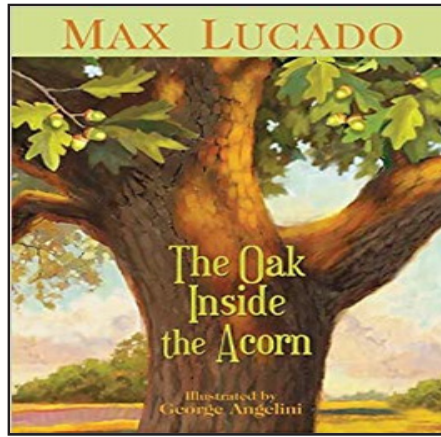
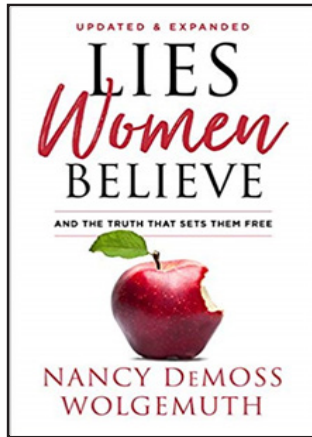
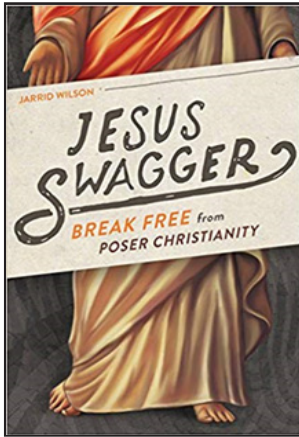
Check out the Realm Connect app on your phone!

Mark Your Calendars

Date	Event
October 6	World Communion Sunday
October 13	Kirkin' o' the Tartan
October 20	Children's Sabbath with Noah's Ark
October 27	Fall Festival Block Party



What's new in the library?



Come check us out!!!

Have suggestions or book donations? Let Elise know.

Library News

Ann Hare and Bob Roddey have been working hard in our library.

They have cataloged and processed 62 new books this year,
and they work hard to keep the library neat and the books shelved.

Also, did you know we have 2,438 books available just for you in our church library?

And we are getting new books each month. These are featured in *The Spire*.

Got a recommendation or request? Let Elise know.

Want to be a library helper? Let Elise know.

Coming soon to the library: Christian Education curriculum for adult classes.

Thank you to Tina Corley for spearheading this effort.



Children's Communion Class

These sweet children participated
in the First Communion Class on
Thursday, September 21st.

Margaret Fleming, Harrison Friel,
Wells Friel, Kate Justesen,
Daniel Ortiz, Jamie Ortiz,
Ruby Ortiz, Sophia Ortiz, and
Beau Pinson. They will be welcomed
to the table on Sunday, October 6th,
(World Communion Sunday).



Coming in the Fall:

Would you like to be part of a small-group of peers who don't have it all together? Would you like to have a safe place to share what's going on in your life while staying upbeat and encouraging? Contact Kyle.

"Look Up"



Peggy Hammett (and some helpers) met with our first graders twice in September to go over what we do in worship. They had a great time together. Thank you, Peggy!

Just for Teen Girls!

Sunday, October 20

Noon

We'll leave from church together.
Bring money for lunch at McAlisters.

Questions? Contact Elise.



Safe Place Policy and Volunteer Training

FPC is so glad to have a Safe Place Team that is working hard for the safety of our church family. They have already implemented many physical improvements like radios, maps, and more.

Now, the Safe Place Team is developing a policy for the safety of our children and youth. We have reviewed other church policies and have asked for input from parents and church groups that work with children and youth. The policy draft was presented at the volunteer training held August 28th. If you missed it and want to work with children or youth this year, please contact Elise. Also, if you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please let someone on the Safe Place Team know: Carson Penney (chairman), Adam Baccot, Brian Clark, Amanda Dunlap, Chris Hammett, Robin Stone, and Donna Thompson.

CAMP FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS





The Marriage Enrichment Team is working hard to support and encourage our church family. Got ideas or thoughts? Contact Elise.



Let the
Shopping
Begin!



We love the merriment of the holidays.
But, do you ever feel as if our focus isn't quite where it should be?



In our Christmas in June Kaleidoscope 2019, we experienced Advent Conspiracy, which showed us how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing the following 4 steps:

- Worship Fully - because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus.
- Spend Less - and free your resources for things which truly matter.
- Give More - of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart.
- Love All - the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick, in ways that make a difference.

FPC will be issuing a challenge to our members to spend less this Christmas. With what we save, we can then give to an impactful project. Be on the lookout for more information. Be in prayer about how God would like you to participate in this endeavor.



Cambridge & Main Fall Block Party

(Street between FPC
and Main Street UMC will be closed off.)

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church
and Main Street United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 27th, 2019
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun, family-friendly, fall festival.
Carnival games, inflatables, costume contest for all ages
(church appropriate costumes please) cake walks, fall trail,
pizza dinner (\$3 per person), trick or treat stations,
face painting, popcorn, good fellowship, and more.

We need volunteers for trick or treat stations – we won't have trunks this year,
but we can offer you a table or you can bring a tent and get creative!

YOUTH NEWS



Sunday Night Youth (SNY):

5:00 to 7:00 each Sunday! All youth grades 6-12

5:00 to 5:45 – Music

5:45 to 7:00 – Dinner, lesson & small-group time, games, fellowship

CPR:

7:00 to 7:30 each Sunday for **high school students grades 9-12**

Join us for an in-depth conversations after SNY as we discuss topics relevant to Christian life in high school. This is going to be a time for us to grow in relationship with each other and Christ.

EGGS/GRITS:

Breakfast ministry meeting
on the first Wednesday of each month!
Join at Chick-Fil-A by the mall
on October 2nd for some chicken
and ice cream, plus a devotion to start
the day. Middle school (EGGS) meets
from 7:00 to 7:30 and high school (GRITS)
from 7:30 to 8:00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Will Buchanan (13th),
Hannah Carter (21st),
Sudie Clem (27th),
and Rilee James (28th)!

Wednesday Afternoon Youth (WAY):

A time for youth fellowship on Wednesdays – regular youth group meets at 5:30 p.m. in Alexander Hall.

Pay \$36 for the fall semester and \$40 for the summer in advance. Meal cost in advance for the whole year is \$76. You can register and pay through REALM or the money folks in Alexander Hall. GOTE weeks are not included in the amount paid. If a meal is missed after pre-paying, see Nan in the finance office for reimbursement.

Schedule is:

5:30-6:00: Dinner and fellowship in Alexander Hall

6:00-6:45: Devotion, games, and fellowship in the Youth Room

6:45-7:00: Closing taize service in Alexander Hall

- If dropped off between 5:15-5:30, youth are expected to help with LOGOS/Legoz. Please see Elise or Preston for assignment.

GOTE:

A WAY fellowship opportunity, the youth group will Go Out To Eat at a local restaurant on the third Wednesday of each month. Meet in the youth room at 5:30 and we will return by 7:00 for pick-up. Join us on October 16th for GOTE! Remember to bring money for dinner.

TWIG 2020:

Together We Impact Greenwood is a one week mission trip for youth.
We will work on homes in the Greenwood area by day, worship and fellowship by night.
Lodging will be at Greenwood High School. Dates are July 12-19.
TWIG is open to rising 9th grade through completed 12th grade.
All FPC high school youth are encouraged to attend!
Estimated cost is \$450, a \$100 deposit is due by 12/1.



First Pres Youth
is now on Instagram!
Follow the youth's
adventures at
[@fpc_gwd_youth](https://www.instagram.com/fpc_gwd_youth)



OCTOBER ACOLYTES:

Please be robed and in the narthex by 10:50 am on your assigned Sunday. No gum, flip flops or shorts, please. If you can't serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement, and let Lea in the front office know

who it will be. Thank you for your service!

October 6 – Emma and Lily Collins
October 13 – Aubrey and Amelia Scott
October 20 – Michael Gardner and Maddox Lee
October 27 – Laura Margaret and Charlie Fennell



Be on the lookout for fundraising opportunities for summer trips!

Let's start with.....

Helping with the pizza dinner fundraiser for the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 27



BigStuf 2020:

A high-energy worship camp in Panama City Beach, FL.
Tentative date for BigStuf is June 8-12
- Cost for BigStuf: \$450, \$100 deposit due Oct. 15 and balance due May 7.

Confirmation 2020

If your child is in the 8th grade, then it's confirmation time!

In the Presbyterian Church, we traditionally baptize babies.

Confirmation is a time when our youth can confirm the statements made for them at their baptism. They learn more about God and our church.

It can be a very meaningful time in their faith journey.

If your youth would like to participate, please contact Elise by October 15th, so we can order materials.

Confirmands will meet every Sunday from January 5 – March 15 from 9:30 – 10:45 a. m. They will also have a retreat March 20-21, and faith statements will be presented to the Session March 22.

Confirmation Sunday will be celebrated March 29.

Got questions? Contact Elise: dce@firstgreenwood.com or 229-5814

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The **Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class**

studies a wide variety of topics including Bible studies and theological topics as well as studies of topics of spiritual disciplines such as prayer.

We welcome visitors.

Our class is located across the hall from the church library on the first floor of the Sunday School wing (Room 110).

We are very excited to have The John Knox class combine with us. We look forward to a wonderful opportunity to enrich each other's lives through Christ.



Oct. 6 - Philip Bell, Hamilton's *Simon Peter*, Lesson 4
Oct. 13 - Bob Roddey, Hamilton's *Simon Peter*, Lesson 5
Oct. 20 - Lelion Elledge, Hamilton's *Simon Peter*, Lesson 6
Oct. 27 - Jukie Leary, TBA

FISH (Fellowship In Service to Him)

Join us on the third floor (Room 302)

Sunday mornings at 10:00 am for Keurig beverages, good fellowship, and insightful discussions.

We are single and married; parents of little kids, big kids, and no kids.



For the fall

Max Lucado's *You'll Get Through This*
Andy Stanley's *In the Meantime*

Sign up for our class email by signing up for Realm and searching the FISH class.



Oct 5 – 8-12 a. m. - FISH Habitat Day. Sign up for childcare by 9/29.

Looking for something meaningful to do on Wednesdays?

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our children:

teach a class on Wednesday nights,

eat dinner with a table of children,

help with recreation,

help with crafts.

Are you interested?

Let Elise know.



2019 FALL ADULT RETREAT

“SAY WHAT?!”



RECLAIMING THE PROPHETIC VOICE:

from 8th century prophets to the church of today

DATE

October 25 - 26, 2019

KEYNOTE

REV. CHAD WRIGHT-PITTMAN



Chad grew up in Knoxville, TN. He received his BM in Music Education from MTSU, and then served two years with the Young Adult Volunteer program

of the PC(USA) in Denver and New Orleans where he gained experience in social work and chaplaincy. An MDiv graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, he served as the director of DOOR Atlanta for three years helping young folks to “See the Face of God in the City” and to reflect on God’s call to love and serve the least of these. He and his wife Lauren now live in Anderson, SC where he serves as Associate Pastor for Care and Outreach at FPC Anderson.

WORSHIP LEADER

REV. DR. ELLA F. BUSBY



Ella received her Master of Divinity degree and the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, Atlanta,

Georgia. She earned her Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. She has served on all levels of the Presbyterian Church USA, having served twice as Moderator of the Presbytery of New Harmony and twice as Commissioner to the General Assembly. She is honorably retired and currently serving Second Presbyterian Church, Sumter. For rest and relaxation, she enjoys spending time with her family.

LOCATION

457 Camp Fellowship Rd.
Waterloo, SC 29384

REGISTRATION

You can find more information and registration forms by stopping by the front office of First Presbyterian Church or going to www.campfellowship.org.



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MISSIONS/OUTREACH



The men in the photo with their faces covered are men who are attending their first KAIROS Ministry weekend at Perry Correctional Institute (PCI). The others in the photo are the volunteers who have faithfully given of their time and Christian love to those incarcerated. Jesus said: ***"I was in prison and you came to visit me"***. (Matthew 25:36).



The ministry these men are facing is prevalent and daunting as they are not sure what they are facing but just a bunch of old men sitting around in a room wanting to spend their time with men in a prison giving of their time and love. In times past, the men in the yard did not know what was ahead because there was little advance information. But now with KAIROS Ministry involvement in their prison system, they have a little idea of the coming events namely: good food, song, and reports of life changing experiences so the apprehension level diminishes somewhat.

Once they have experienced a weekend, they are eligible to attend the monthly reunion that occurs in the second Saturday of each month. These ongoing reunions enable the men to truly integrate the changes they have experienced and are learning to pray together frequently. When I first attended the reunions at Allendale CI there were fewer than seventy men attending these gatherings, but now there are over one hundred fifty who attend.

The motto of the volunteers is ***"love, love, listen, listen."*** Not many of the incarcerated men have experienced this love.

So how can you support this mission? By praying at specific times for these men during the weekend of October 10-13, and baking cookies. The names of the people praying are displayed on a chart and they KNOW that their fellow Christians care and the cookie consumption is self-evident. ***THE GUIDELINES: The three types of cookies need are chocolate chip, peanut butter, and/or oatmeal. PLEASE: No brownies, icings or raisins. Cookies should be 2-3 inches in size and firm. Place one dozen cookies in each zip lock bag. Then place each bag into a cardboard box or preferably a pizza type box for safe and unbroken transportation to the prison. NOT IN FOIL PLEASE!!!***

If any of you want more information or are interested in learning about the KAIROS Ministry volunteer program, please feel free to give me a call: Dave Post (864) 344-8388.

ENDOWMENT NEWS

The Endowment Committee met Monday, September 9. The Treasurer's report revealed that the Endowment balance is now \$3,018,739. Taylor Stokes with Stokes Capital Advisors, LLC presented the semiannual report to the Committee. Taylor reviewed the investment results year to date and discussed current economic conditions along with market forecasts. The Committee reviewed funding requests from Greenwood Place from Fred Murphy, Kenya Missions from Rich Goodwin, Palmetto Girls Sing from Amy Fennell, and Kairos Prison Ministry from David Post. All requests were recommended by the Music Committee or the Missions/Outreach Committee. All 9 members of the Endowment approved funding for the Kenya Missions, Palmetto Girls Sing, and Kairos. Upon additional information from Greenwood Place, the Endowment Committee will review for approval of funds at our December 9 meeting.



The Endowment Committee of First Presbyterian Church contributed \$25,000 for the construction of a home sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Pictured in the ground breaking ceremony is The Rev. Dr. Kyle Hite, Stephen Baggett (Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity), Steve White (Chair of The Endowment), and Glenda Davis (Chair of the Missions/Outreach Committee).

COMMITTEE INFORMATION



Now that summer has ended, we look forward to the last quarter of the year.

There are two things important for the church:

1. Review your pledge and try to bring it up to date.
2. Look forward to next year and begin praying regarding your next pledge.

You will be hearing more about pledging in weeks to come.

STEWARDSHIP DAY is November 10, 2019.

APNC Update

Since the decision to expand our search to include looking for a non-ordained Youth Director, we have advertised that position on appropriate websites and have gotten several responses. We also would like to enlist the help of you, our congregation, for any leads that may be of benefit to us. If you should know of anyone who might be a possible candidate for the position of Youth Director, please let one of our committee know, or refer them to our job posting on Indeed. The link is: www.indeedjobs.com/first-presbyterian-church-greenwood-sc. It will give them all the information about the position.

It's been a long journey, and we appreciate your patience and support. Please continue your prayers for us to be led to the right person for our youth and our church.

Thank you!

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee members are: Nancy Booth, Doug Feldmaier, Dwight Fleming, Preston Goforth, Kathryn LaForge, Lou Noel, and Andrea Scott.

SESSION UPDATE

Below are some of the highlights from the September stated meeting of the Session:

- Approval of the baptism of Margaret Timms Davis, the daughter of Celia (Steifle) and Clement Davis
- Fall Festival Block Party with Main Street Methodist will be held on October 27th from 4:30-7:00 pm. The Youth will be selling food as a fund raiser.
- Columbarium information approved to add to Administrative Manual.
- Turner House demolition delayed due to equipment issues
- Plan to move and renovate Byrd Garden referred to Building and Grounds Committee
- Fund raisers for Palmetto Girls Sing were approved

SPECIAL SERVICES

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:00 AM SERVICE

No 9:00 service

Kirkin' Service Rehearsal will be held
at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday October 6th, 11:00 am

Make plans to attend this powerful service.
Flags from all over the world will be displayed.
Mexico mission trip participants will lead the service,
and a group of young children will partake
of their first communion.

Children's Sabbath/Noah's Ark Sunday

We are looking forward to having our children
lead worship on **October 21**.

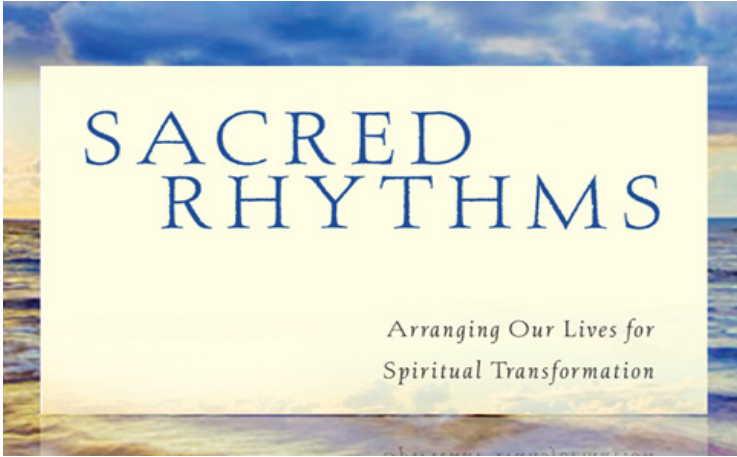
Bring your inner child and prepare to be delighted.



We will also be kicking off Operation Christmas Child.

Shoebboxes should be brought in on or before the 11:00 service
on Sunday, November 17th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP AND PROGRAMMING



IN ALEXANDER HALL



IN THE HENRY REYNOLDS ROOM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS HAS BEGUN. WE START AT 5:30 PM.

Be sure to make a reservation for dinner. You can do this by filling out a yellow card in the pew rack on Sunday mornings and placing it in the offering plate, by placing your name on the list at the desk in the front lobby, or by calling the front office. You can also add your name to the permanent list.

As always, all meals include bread, salad, dessert, and drink. We will also have a vegetarian option available each week. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions, allergies, or special diet.

Due to rising food costs, and the fact that we have not had an increase in meals for the past several years, the following increases will take effect to help get our fellowship budget back in the black. The cost is \$8 per adult, \$4 for kids, and children under 3 eat free with a family cap of \$25.

Menus:

October 2nd: Pork, sweet potato dumplings, seasonal vegetables

October 9th: Country Ham, potatoes, English pea casserole

October 16th: Lasagna, garlic salad, fruit

October 23rd: Shrimp & grits (chicken also available) slaw

October 30th: Beef stew over rice, pineapple casserole, biscuits



aGAPE

aGAPE will hear about the native American perspective when The Rev. Cheryl Toothe gives a talk on Trail of Hope. She organized the Native American Pilgrimage. She will include information on the culture and efforts of Native Americans in South Carolina. This is a subject we don't hear about very much, so the program should be interesting. aGAPE will meet Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Be sure to put the date on your calendar and make a reservation.

Schedule of programs for AGAPE 2019-2020

September 17th: Beverly Thomas: "A Voice for Children", Ad Litem Program

October 15th: The Rev. Cheryl Toothe: "Trail of Hope", Native American Perspective

November 19th: Bill Davies: "The Lost Colony", History Unknown

December 17th: Ben Bagwell and Beverly Psomas: "Music for the Holidays"

January 21st: Kelly McWhorter: "Greenwood's Participation in AMERICA IN BLOOM",

A Program of the Greenwood Visitors Center

February 18th: Greenwood High School Show Choir

March 17th: Anthony Price: "What's New and Exciting at Pathway House"

April 21st: The Rev. Valerie Mirev: "The Way of the Cross"

May 19th: First Baptist Praise Choir

EVERYONE IS INVITED. aGAPE welcomes people of any age and from any church. aGAPE promotes and encourages fellowship among members of various churches. We always have a good time.

As usual, the meeting will include a delicious lunch, an interesting program, and fellowship. Fellowship begins with people beginning to arrive after 11:30 AM and lunch served at noon. The cost is only \$8 and includes lunch. Reservations are required. You should get a telephone call or an email to confirm your reservation. If you are not contacted and want to make a reservation, call Melvyn Davis (229-9282) by Monday, October 4, 2019. Correct change is appreciated, or you can write a check payable to First Presbyterian Church with aGAPE on the subject line. Because of a limited budget, any unpaid reservation should be paid the next month.

Our menu for October is fried chicken, brown rice, glazed carrots. All meals served with salad, dessert, and tea. Vegetarian meals are available. You can also request smaller portions by informing the server at the pick-up window.

We look forward to seeing you.

We are having a repeat of one of our most enjoyable trips. We are going to Edgefield to the National Wild Turkey Federation Museum and then lunch at Edgefield Grill. We will leave the church around 10:00 am on Thursday, October 24th. We still have some seats available. Contact Dave or Joyce Hyde if interested, 223-1160.

Presbyterian Women News

Circles had their first meeting in September and plans are being made for many projects throughout the year. If you were unable to attend the first lesson, please try to join us for the second lesson on “Don’t Trivialize My Name.” The purpose of this lesson is to understand the power of God’s name and our call to use it rightly. Come join us for the Bible study and fellowship with one another.



Our Historian, Linda Stevens, has assembled a beautiful photo book from last year’s PW meetings and other activities. Please check it out in the front lobby.

Thank you to Circles 3, 4, and 5 for furnishing a light meal to the volunteers at the Thursday night medical clinic at Greenwood United Ministry.

Dates to remember: CT meeting: Monday, October 28, 2019 at 10:00.

Day of Prayer for the World at Wesley Commons:

Friday, November 1, 2019 at 12:15

Theme: “Suicide Prevention”

All are invited

Alice Jo Dickey, Moderator

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at 10:30 am, at Wesley Commons.
Contact Jean Mabe 223-6413.

Circle 2 will meet on Sunday, October 20th, at noon. We will go out to eat at McAlister’s.
Contact Elise Collins 377-1408 or Amy Fennell 341-3244

Circle 3 will meet Monday, October 14th, at 10:30 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room (110).
Contact Julie Cooner 229-5011, Nancy Booth 859-227-7523, or Susie Goodwin 223-0645

Circle 4 will meet Monday, October 7th, at 11:00 am, in Alexander Hall.
Contact Peggy Hammett 993-2466 or Martha Ann Davis 993-8569.

Circle 5 will meet Tuesday, October 1st, at 12:30 pm, in Alexander Hall
and includes lunch & childcare.
Contact Margie Biondo 847-924-7907 or Melissa Maughon 483-2168

Circle 6 will meet Monday, October 7th, at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room (105).
Contact Jessica Willard (jesswillard81@gmail.com, 993-5980)
or Nickie Murphy (famurphy01@aol.com, 205-317-5347).

Circle 7 will meet Tuesday, October 1st, at 10:30 am at the home of Jill Koczvara.
Contact Jill Koczvara 570-344-3192 or Becky Bryson 223-2998.

Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at 11:30 am, in the Barksdale Room (122).
Contact Elinor Miller 229-5409 or Betty Williams 993-0466.

Men of the Church “Food & Football”

Join the Men of the Church for a casual dinner and a time of fellowship at The Main Event (located by Sports Break) on Thursday, October 10th. We will have the Thursday night football games playing and a buffet style dinner. We have the entire venue reserved from 7-10pm. Cost will be \$15/ person and guests are permitted. These Men of the Church events provide a great opportunity to interact with other members of the church.

MEN'S MINISTRY



For more information please contact Will Munnerlyn at wmunner@yahoo.com. **Please sign up using the sign-up sheet in the lobby or by contacting the church office** at 229-5814 or office@firstgreenwood.com.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS!!!

Courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Boo!

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
Always **WALK** and don't run from house to house.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.



Together Against Violence

News from Noah's Ark

WOW! Our Noah's Ark classrooms have been bustling with excitement and learning! Our babies and one year olds have settled in and LOVE taking strolls and playing outside. The two year olds have had fun learning the names of their friends, singing new songs, discovering their favorite apples, and making apple prints.

Our three year olds have started art activities for each alphabet letter, learning that "God Made the Animals" and the story of Noah's Ark. Our Three and Four Year old classes have implemented a new activity based curriculum. For the past two weeks, they have been learning all about apples and the letter "A." They have sorted, counted, tasted and experimented with apples. Our four year old classes focused on the story of Adam and Eve and eating from the Tree of Knowledge. All of our children enjoy our weekly Spanish, Creative Movement, and Music classes. Our three and four year olds enjoy our weekly Chapel and visits to the County Library. Everyone is looking forward to many activities with fall leaves and pumpkins. Our three and four year olds will also have their annual visit to the Pumpkin Patch, and are looking forward to their visit to the Fire Department as we also observe Fire Safety Month.

October - Fruit of the Spirit - Joy Bible Thought - "Help One Another"

Teachers, parents, and children gathered in the Sanctuary to begin our year with a "Blessing for the New School Year." Trey Taulbee (Jackson's Dad) led us with music and a special prayer. The children received a special Book Bag Tag as they left that day. Please continue to remember our students, families, and teachers in prayer.



Up Coming Events:

October 20th - Children's Sabbath/
Noah's Ark Sunday

We will celebrate Noah's Ark
40 years of Ministry 1979-2019

October 22nd – Fall Program and
Open House

We will celebrate the 40 year Birth-
day of Noah's Ark with cupcakes

October 22nd - Spirit Night Chick-
fil-A @ BOTH locations 5:00-8:00pm

October 31st – Halloween Parade/
Halloween Parties



STEPHEN MOMENT...

October, 2019

"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8

Change is certain for everyone. Changes can be good and exciting or bad and hard to handle. We all want to know what to expect when changes occur. That is rarely possible. Of course, we can make multiple preparations for predicted changes such as moving, new babies, health, family issues and problems, grief, marriage, and innumerable other things. The facts are clear that we cannot be prepared for everything, but God walks with us and gives us grace to make things easier.

Here are two testimonials from individuals being helped (care receivers) by Stephen Ministers. These were taken from the Stephen Ministry website (<https://www.stephenministries.org>):

"I'm so glad I accepted my pastor's offer to match me with a Stephen Minister. I was reluctant at first, but my pastor was right: Having someone I could regularly meet with and talk to really did make a difference." -Tony

"Life is so chaotic right now that I don't know much for certain. But I do know that my Stephen Minister is there for me and praying for me. And I've also come to realize that (even though I don't always feel it) God is there, too, and really is at work in my life." —Earl

Let us pray. *God, thank you for your many blessings. Help us to draw nearer to you in prayer. Be with those in need. Please use us for your will in helping others. Guide us daily. We know you are always near to us. Amen*

Sandra Cobb
Stephen Minister/Leader
(sandcgor@gmail.com)

If you are burdened and would like someone to share the load, please ask for a Stephen Minister. Contact Brad Christie (nbc@erskine.edu) or Kyle Hite (kyle@firstgreenwood.com) at the church. ALL Stephen Ministry is conducted in strictest **confidentiality**.

Regular Stephen Ministry supervision and continuing education meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month at 6:00 pm. This month's meetings are October 8th and 22nd.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, September 27	Church Photo Sessions (12-7 pm, Classes behind Alexander Hall, 205 & 206)
Saturday, September 28	Church Photo Sessions (10-5 pm, Classes behind Alexander Hall, 205 & 206)
Sunday, September 29	New Members Class (10:00 am, Barksdale Room, 122) Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room, 110)
Sunday, October 6	Communion during both services World Communion Sunday New Members Class (10:00 am, Barksdale Room, 122) Called Session Meeting (10:30 am, Sanctuary) Receive New Members (11:00 service) Officer Training (3:00, Henry Reynolds Room, 110)
Wednesday, October 9	Cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry Due
Sunday, October 13	No 9:00 Service Kirkin' Rehearsal (9:00, Sanctuary) Kirkin' o' the Tartans Service (11:00) Officer Training (3:00, Henry Reynolds Room, 110)
Tuesday, October 15	aGAPE (11:30 am, Alexander Hall)
Sunday, October 20	Children's Sabbath/Noah's Ark Sunday Operation Christmas Child Kick-off Officer Training (3:00, Henry Reynolds Room, 110)
Sunday, October 27	Reformation Sunday Stated Meeting of the Session (12:15 pm, Henry Reynolds Room, 110) Fall Block Party (4:30-7:00 pm)
Friday, November 1	Presbyterian Women Day of Prayer for the World (12:15 pm, Wesley Commons)
Sunday, November 3	Communion during both services
Sunday, November 10	Stewardship Sunday
Tuesday, November 12	Trinity Presbytery Meeting (9:30 am, Seven Oaks Pres., Columbia)



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Songs on Sunday!

Each week in the Pastor's Thursday e-mail, there are links to the coming Sunday's songs. Check and see if we might be singing your favorite, or if it might become a favorite! Comments and suggestions regarding our music are always considered seriously. My email is steve@first-greenwood.com.



CALLING ALL CHOIRS!

Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, and LOGOS Choirs will sing October 20 for "Children's Sabbath." We will all meet in the Choir Room (#124) at 10:30 am (robed and ready to go!)

Combined Anthem: *We Thank You God, for Teachers*

Youth Choir

No rehearsal on Oct 6

Regular rehearsals on Oct 13, 20, 27 @ 5



Christmas at First Pres – A FESTIVA Event

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Stations of the Nativity (starting 5:30 p.m.)

Observe the familiar scenes of the Christmas Story throughout the vestibule, hallways, and courtyard.

Lessons and Carols (starting with handbell prelude at 6:00 p.m.)

Mark in Holy Scripture (read by children, youth, and adult leaders) the prophecies and fulfillment of God's Redemption through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Seasonal carols sung by choirs and congregation relating to the Lessons. Closing with "See Amid the Winter's Snow"



2019-2020 SEASON

**Sunday
September 8**

Music of the Bard

Tenor, Chandler Johnson, appears with soprano, Ashley Fabian, in a program exploring texts from eight of Shakespeare's plays. Greenwood musician, Rodney Cleveland, accompanies.

**Sunday
October 6**

The Dozier Winds

The Woodwind Quintet Music Performance Team of the 282nd Army Band at Fort Jackson, SC.

**Sunday
December 15**

Stations of the Nativity/Lessons and Carols

The choral and handbell choirs of First Presbyterian Church will offer musical commentary and lead the congregation in song. Artistic stations positioned throughout the church grounds will offer guests a visual journey through the Christmas narrative.

**Sunday
March 8**

South Carolina Bach Choir

This premier choir, along with instrumentalists from the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra, highlights music that would have been heard during Bach's tenure in Leipzig.

**Monday-Friday
April 6-10**

The Way of the Cross

The creative talents of local artists will awaken your senses and stir your emotions with their unique portrayal of the Scriptures.

**Sunday
May 3**

Americana

Greenwood Festival Chorale presents a celebration of music by American composers, Greenwood's own community chorale presents works by Bernstein, Lauridsen, Schuman, and Thompson.

MY GIFT TO SUPPORT THE 2019-2020 FESTIVA ARTS SERIES

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5th Season Has Begin!

We have gotten off to a great start with a kick off party and two rehearsals in August! We have 40 fabulous girls. Pray for each of them to grow during this 5th season of Palmetto Girls Sing.

San Francisco Bound

Palmetto Girls Sing members will travel to San Francisco in June 2020 to take part in a youth choir series led by Dr. Susan McMane. The festival will end with a concert in the beautiful Grace Cathedral. You can help our girls achieve this goal by becoming a patron, participating in fund raisers or sponsoring an individual girl!

Upcoming Events

- Community Thanksgiving Service- November 25
- Christmas Concert with the Greenwood Festival Chorale- December 9
- Christmas Concert with the Augusta Choral Society- December 14

How Can You Help?

- Pray for our girls as they develop spiritually, socially, and musically!
- Attend concerts.
- Support fundraising efforts.
- Sponsor a girl who may not be able to afford the trip to San Francisco.

DADS & DAUGHTERS PGS CARWASH FUNDRAISER

The morning of Saturday, October 26
Parking lot by the Chapel
Will benefit the PGS trip to San Francisco

Become a Patron of Palmetto Girls Sing!

If you would like to become a patron of Palmetto Girls Sing!, please return this form to our church office. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church with Palmetto Girls Sing! in the "For" line.

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Name (as you would like it listed in our program)_____

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