



The Spire

First Presbyterian Church

October 2024

Greenwood, SC

A Message From Our Pastor...

October may be our busiest month for special services. This year, we add a contemporary flare to the 9 o'clock service. We will celebrate World Communion, Kirkin', Children's Sabbath, Reformation Sunday, and some of our men will have a "Mantreat in Montreat." It is certainly a month to be present with your church family.

This year, we have invited Colonel Mark C. Lee to join us on World Communion Sunday. Colonel Lee is Dean of the Graduate School U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership at Ft. Jackson, SC. He is a close friend and classmate of mine. Colonel Lee is of Korean descent, grew up in Hawaii, and graduated from the "other" USC. I asked Colonel Lee to join us to bring a word on the practice of faith across the globe and within the armed services.



During the service on October 6th, we will display national flags from around the world and celebrate how we are united to Christian communities everywhere. Be sure to join us for this special occasion and keep coming back through October.

Blessings,

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

Pastor Kyle

SPECIAL SERVICES



KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS SERVICE

OCTOBER 13, 2024

11:00
Rehearsal for participants at 9:00

9:00 Service in Chapel



CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, October 27, 2024



Sundays@10

Children K3 (potty-trained) - 5th grade

Meet in the Gathering Room in the *Root Cellar*
10:00 – 10:45 A. M.

October 6	04 - Abraham & Sarah and Isaac - God fulfills his promises	Drama
October 13	05 - Isaac and Rebecca - God provides	Media
October 20	06 - Jacob and Esau - trickster and consequences	Recreation
October 27	Children's Sabbath & SHinE Choir 07 - Jacob and Leah and Rachel - consequences and turnabout	Drama



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Sundays during 11:00 sermon



October 6	God to the rescue! (84)	Cindy Leary	Linsey Anderson
October 13	God makes a way (92)	Luke Penney	Liza Evans Justesen
October 20	Ten ways to be perfect (100)	Sarah Pinson	Jamie & Ruby Ortiz
October 27	Children's Sabbath & SHinE Choir		



Wednesdays
5:15 - 7:00
For children K3
(potty-trained) - 5th

**Wednesday evenings are for church family!
God equips us for life when we grow deep roots as children!**

Date	Lesson	Volunteer
Oct. 2	Intercession	
Oct. 9	Intercession	
Oct. 16	09 – Andrew and Peter and James and John (the first followers of Jesus)	LaForge
Oct. 23	10 - Water into Wine (the first miracle)	Penney
Oct. 30	Fall Festival	

SHinE Choir

During October, we will not have SHinE Choir on October 2 or 9. On October 16 and 23, we will continue our curriculum, but we will also be preparing for Children's Sabbath which will take place on Sunday, October 27.

Anthem- *The Holy Book, Christmas Lullaby and He Is Born*

Hymn- *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Praise Song- *Give Thanks, with a Grateful Heart*

Bible Story Songs- *Books of the Old Testament* and songs about Moses, Daniel, Jonah, David and Noah

Worship Time!

Mark your calendars for October 27 (11 AM) December 15 (7 PM) and December 24 (5:30 PM).

Each time we sing in worship, we will meet in the children's choir room 30 minutes before the worship service.



**Tamara McLeod is a Table Parent and our volunteer
for our K3 – K5 tiny SHinE group.**

Tamara is a behind the scenes workhorse with a generous and willing heart as well as amazing skills in all kinds of areas! She is a mom extraordinaire to her two adult sons and she is a fan favorite with our FPC little ones! She is willing to serve when asked and sometimes she just offers when you haven't asked – what a gift!!!! Tamara is a church treasure.

Believe it or not -

Tamara doesn't feel like she does as good a job as possible with our little bitties and would love to have someone help her on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00.





We're looking for volunteers to be on the VBS Team to help with planning, recruiting, marketing, and implementing!

If you would like to be a part of the team or if you know someone who would be great, please contact Elise Collins, Michelle Barksdale, or Janice May.

If you can volunteer, let us know if you prefer morning or evening VBS.

We want to hear from you!







Wednesday, October 30th

5:30 - 7:00

First Presbyterian Church
108 East Cambridge Avenue

FACE PAINTING * FALL CRAFTS
***INFLATABLES**
TRUNK-R-TREAT * GAMES * CAKE WALK
AND MORE

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs and
Snow Cones available

Questions?
Call 864-229-5814



YOUTH



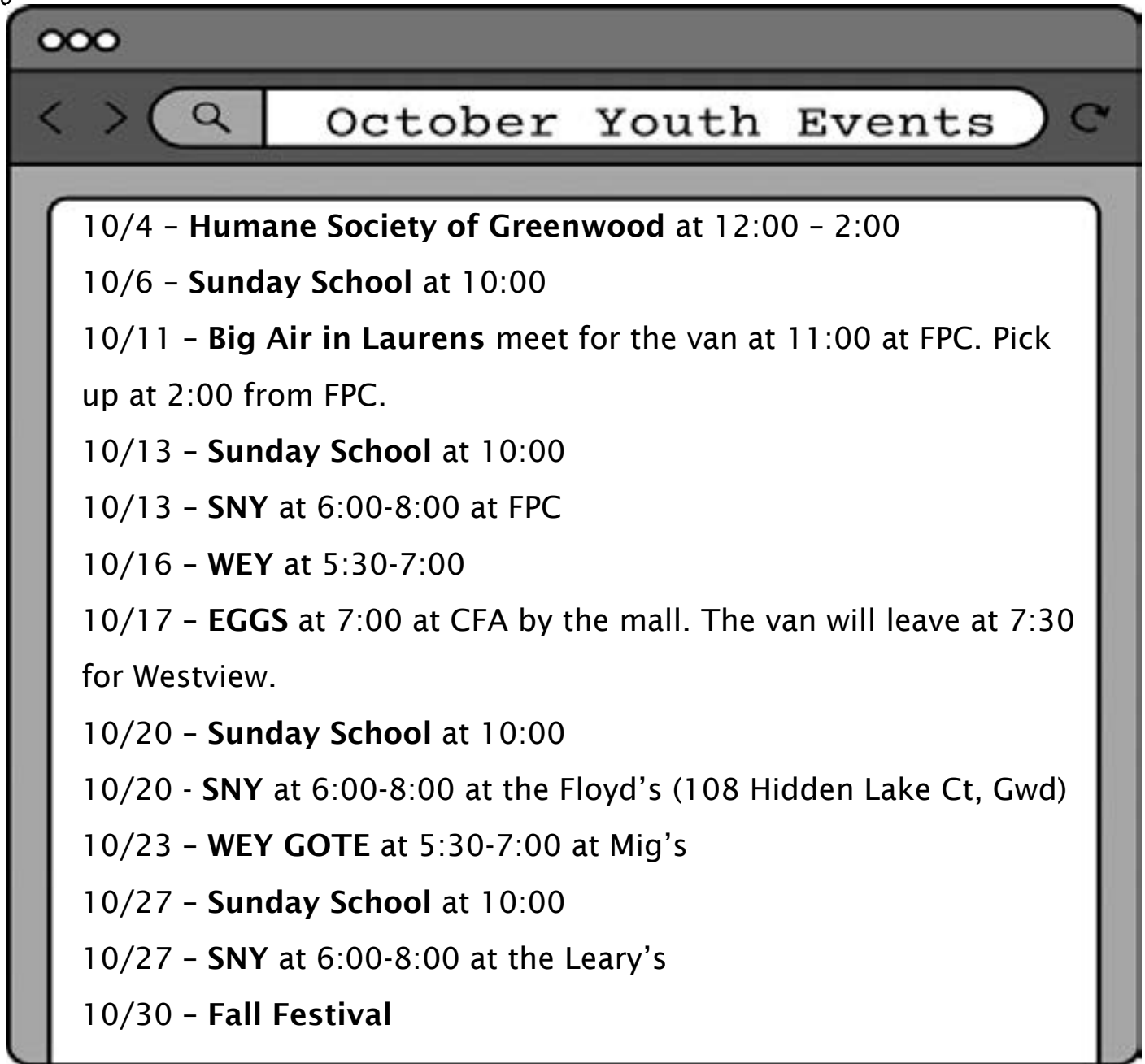


YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT



Wednesday Evening
Youth went to see
The Forge at the theater!
This is a great movie that
focuses on discipleship
and mentorship.





Big Air in Laurens

on Friday, October 11th

from 11:00 - 2:00

RSVP by paying \$22 on Realm or to Nan. Meet for drop off at 11:00 at FPC and pick up at 2:00 at FPC.

Waiver is required-

Laurens - Home (bigairusa.com)





We will meet on October 17th!



Swamp Rabbits Hockey Game

Saturday, November 16th at Bon Secours
Wellness Arena in Greenville. Puck drops at
4:05 pm and after the game we are invited to
a faith-based concert in the plaza! Tickets are
\$19 per person. RSVP by October 31st by
paying on Realm or to Nan.



We are making a sweet surprise for
Kirkin' Sunday on October 20th.
Please meet at the tables after
the 11am service to give the sweet surprise
to our congregation.



Young Adults



We attended Communiversy at Lander University. There was a great turnout, and we are excited to invite all of the young adults to our church! A big thank you to our members who made such delicious cookies for the event!

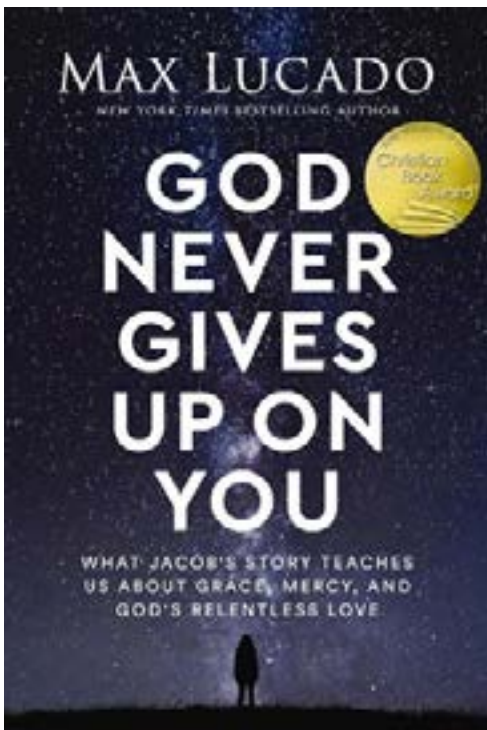


Sundays@10 for Adults!

10:00

Sojourners - Henry Reynolds (Room 110)

Oct. 6	Max Lucado: <i>God Never Gives Up On You #2</i>	Philip Bell
Oct. 13	Max Lucado: <i>God Never Gives Up On You #3</i>	Bob Roddey
Oct. 20	Max Lucado: <i>God Never Gives Up On You #4</i>	Lelion Elledge
Oct. 27	Max Lucado: <i>God Never Gives Up On You #5</i>	Jukie Leary



2024 ECPA Christian Living Book of the Year Winner

Ever wonder if you've stumbled one too many times for God to use someone like you? Could you benefit from an encounter with God's unending, unbending, unswerving love and devotion?

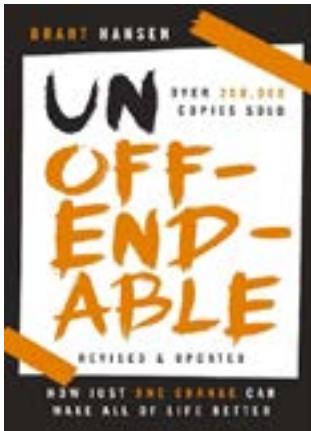
If your answer is yes, it's time for you to see how God's grace transformed Jacob's life. And if you feel undeserving of God's grace, this book will serve as a refresher course on God's perfect plan to use imperfect people to do great things.

God Never Gives Up On You is for the strugglers among us and the fumbler within us. For those of us who are part saint, part scoundrel; we mean well, but we don't always do well. We have breakthroughs and breakdowns, often in the same hour. We need no reminder of our failures. But where can we find examples of God's steadfast grace?

No one is more suited to help assure you of God's grace than Jacob. He was less a prodigy and more a prodigal. Strong on savvy. Weak on conscience. Jacob took advantage of his famished brother and pulled the wool over the eyes of his dying father, yet God never turned his back on Jacob. And he won't turn his back on you. If you are ready to start counting on God's grace and believe he never gives up on you, this book is for you.

FISH (Fellowship in Serving Him) – room 205

Oct. 6	Brant Hansen: <i>Unoffendable</i> #4	Purcell
Oct. 13	Brant Hansen: <i>Unoffendable</i> #5	Collins
Oct. 20	Brant Hansen: <i>Unoffendable</i> #6	Gardner
Oct. 27	Kyle Idleman: <i>John: Life In His Name</i> #1	Sherrer



***Unoffendable*, now revised and updated with two new chapters, gives you a concrete, practical way to live life with less stress. In our easily offended, cancel-culture society, learn how to replace perpetual frustration and anger with refreshing humility and gratitude.**

It turns out giving up your "right" to be offended can be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things you can do. It's a radical, provocative idea: We're not entitled to get offended or stay angry. The idea of our own "righteous anger" is a myth. It is the number one problem in our societies today and, as Dallas Willard says, Christians have not been taught out of it. But what if Christians were the most unoffendable people on the planet?

In *Unoffendable* you will find concrete, practical ways to live life with less stress, including:

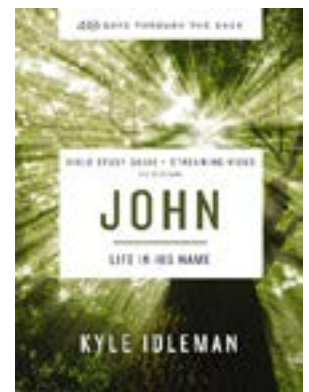
- Adjusting your expectations to fit human nature
- Replacing perpetual anger with refreshing humility and gratitude
- Embracing forgiveness and beginning to love others in unexpected ways

Newly revised with two brand-new chapters on forgiveness and what Hansen has learned since writing his original book, this updated edition of the bestselling book is a must-read for every Christian. With short chapters, this book is easy to slip into a daily routine or commute to spend time deepening in God's Word. In a humorous and conversational style, *Unoffendable* seeks to lift religious burdens from our backs and allow us to experience the joy of gratitude, perhaps for the first time, every single day of our lives—flourishing the way God intended.

WHERE DO YOU PUT YOUR TRUST?

We all believe in something. We all put our faith in what we trust will sustain us and help us move ahead. For some of us, that might be a relationship or a job. For others, it could be an education, a financial portfolio, or a political platform. But the disciple John, in his Gospel, invites us to put our belief in something much more secure. As he states, "These things [in my Gospel] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).

In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Kyle Idleman reveals that John didn't write his Gospel just to tell us about a profound teacher or a powerful miracle worker. Rather, his purpose was to tell us about the very Son of God who came to this earth so that we "may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). John challenges us to trust in Christ—and to demonstrate our faith in him through the way we live and love others.



The 40 Days Through the Book series helps you actively engage with God's Word. Each study encourages you to read through a book of the Bible at least once during the course of the study. As you do, you will gain an understanding of the background and culture of the book, insights into key passages that you might have overlooked before, and clear takeaways that you can apply today to your life.

2025 Women's Retreat at Montreat January 24-26



Our lives are full of sunshine and rain! It's easy to feel like dancing in the sunshine.
How can we choose to dance in the rain, too?

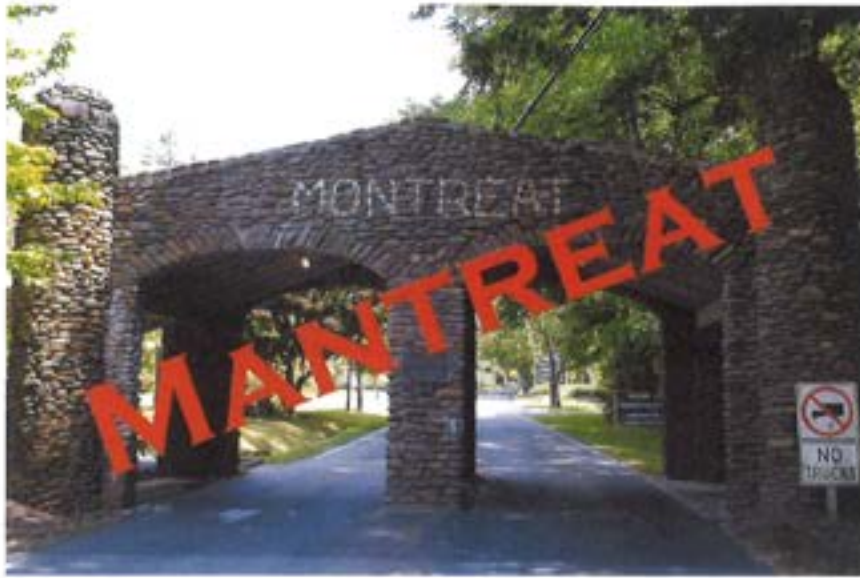
Join us for our annual women's retreat at Montreat!

Sessions:

The Line Dances of Life with Job and Martha - Season and Communicating with God
Doing the Hustle with Paul and Ruth - Really Seeing and Accepting
Shagging the Night Away with David and Esther - Hope and Being Uninhibited
Waltzing Through Worship with Daniel and Deborah - Trust and Relax

Register here:





OCT 25-27 MANTREAT AT MONTREAT

Join the guys for a weekend at the William Black Lodge as you enjoy the outdoors, projects, faith, and fellowship all in one. Approximate cost for the weekend is \$300 for 2 nights lodging and 4 meals (Sat/Sun breakfasts and Fri/Sat dinners). To register or if you have any questions, please contact Christopher Collins at (864) 377-0943 or Elise Collins at the church. Deadline to register is October 1.



**Ain't No Mountain
High Enough;**

**Ain't No Valley
Low Enough**

**Psalm 34 & Psalm
121**

Guy Talk

Stress & Faith

Theology on Tap

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

108 E Cambridge Ave
Greenwood, SC 29646

(864)229-5814

firstgreenwood.com

Register here



Registration due by October 1st



Wednesday Night Fellowship

5:15 – Gather - Children on the playground;
adults and youth in AH

5:30 – Dinner for adults and youth (\$10)
RSVP by Monday or request to be added to the weekly list.

5:40 – Dinner for children (pay \$5 weekly or by semester/year)

5:55 – Prayer for everyone

6:00 programming Women in the Conference Room (206), Men in the FISH class (205), and Pastor's Bible study in the Henry Reynolds room (110); Children (The Root Cellar); Youth (the Loft)

Menus:

October 2: Country Fried Steak, sweet potatoes, corn casserole, cornbread

October 9: Beef stew over rice, pineapple casserole, biscuits

October 16: Cheese ravioli with meat sauce, italian green beans

October 23: Fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, lima beans

October 30: FALL FESTIVAL!: Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available



MISSIONS/OUTREACH

MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT Kenya Faith Missions

Kenya Faith Missions (KFM) is a nonprofit tax-exempt organization established in 2017 to support First Presbyterian's Kenya Mission to share the Gospel Message in the rural areas of Kenya. This mission has been accomplished through the ministries of Bishop Manasseh Mankuleiyo and his wife, Mrs. Njango Mankuleiyo, who make Greenwood their permanent home. Bishop Manasseh travels to Kenya for 6-7 months each year, and Mrs. Mankuleiyo goes to Kenya for 3-4 weeks each year when she can get time off from her full-time work at the Greenwood Regional Rehabilitation Hospital.



This past year, Bishop Manasseh spent 7 months in Kenya where he led the Annual Ecumenical Conference with all protestant churches being represented, and he was the main speaker at 3 other conferences and 2 crusades. He ordained 25 new pastors, with about half of them establishing new churches. With limited funds he distributed as many Maasai Bibles as possible, and he preached weekly in churches throughout Maasailand.

Mrs. Mankuleiyo traveled to Kenya last winter. She spoke to women's groups and supervised the successful completion of the well project. In August she was the featured speaker at a women's conference, and she counseled women on issues of birth control, polygamy, and the value of educating rather than marrying off their young teenage girls.



How to Help Provide Bibles for the Maasai People of Kenya



There was a shortage of funds for the Maasai Bible distribution last year. This fall, KFM is seeking additional funds for the purchase of Bibles for distribution in 2025. The Maasai language Bibles cost \$14 each, and donations for Bibles can be made by check made out to the church and designate it "Kenya Faith Missions", or send a check directly to KFM, P.O. Box 63, Greenwood, SC 29646.

MISSIONS/OUTREACH cont.



It is time to lovingly fill some empty shoe boxes with personal and fun items to be sent to children around the world. Make the gathering of items a “family affair”...what a teachable moment for children and grandchildren to learn to share with other children who are not as fortunate!

Our church goal this year is 75 boxes. The collection day will be Sunday, November 10th. Please bring your box(es) to the church on or before that date so we may send them on their way with a blessing for the children receiving them. If you choose to

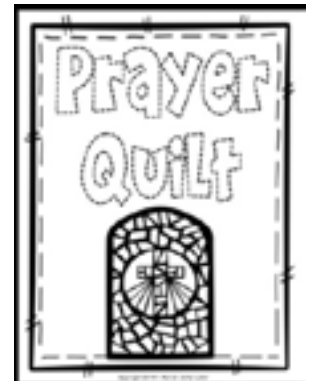
order your box online at SamaritansPurse.org, please let the church office know so we are aware of how many boxes to bless.

Label your box “Boy” or “Girl” and the age intended (2-4 year, 5-8 years, or 10-14). Labels are available in the church lobby. There is a \$10.00 cost to send each box. If you wish to pay by check, make it out to First Presbyterian Church. Don't let the cost deter you from the joy of participating in this mission outreach..... we will see that your box gets on its way!

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The rack for displaying these quilts when requested for an individual is finished and sitting in the back hallway. But it remains unused because we do not yet have a sufficient supply of finished quilts to start offering them for people who seek the comfort of prayer represented by these quilts. A small cadre of ladies has been making quilts over the past couple of months, but summertime is a busy time for everyone and so our supply is still quite small.

Sunni Bond who is the temporary chair of this activity needs assistance with this vital ministry. Please contact Sunni at 864-227-7428, or text her at 864-500-6958, or email her at sunnibond@mywesleycommons.org if you are interested in making these simple whole cloth quilts or willing to help in coordinating this ministry.



Do you have a special veteran that you would like remembered during the holidays. Purchase a wreath for \$17 thru the Mount Ariel Chapter of the DAR and they will place your wreath on your veterans grave. You can also make a donation to honor those who may be otherwise forgotten. Use the QR code below to order your wreath. You can also contact evans.4706@gmail.com.



Church History for the Month: Completion of the Sunday School Building

by Andrew Goforth

Last month, our article covered the ministry of Rev. Dr. John A. MacLean Jr., who served as the sixth pastor of our church from 1922 until 1926. While Rev. MacLean's pastorate only lasted three full years, many major changes came to our church during his ministry that significantly shaped the direction of our congregation for the next century. This month, we highlight the dedication of our Sunday School building, which was completed in October of 1924, one hundred years ago this month.¹

By the early 1920s, our church Sunday School program had grown significantly since the 1899 construction of our former sanctuary (now Alexander Hall). That building, which originally featured a large Sunday School Hall (the current kitchen) and at least three adjoining classrooms



opening into the large hall, were designed so that they could be opened into the Alexander Hall sanctuary as overflow space or closed off to provide separate Sunday School rooms. While useful, that design was now unable to contain our booming Sunday School program that desperately needed more classrooms. After successfully replacing the church boiler in November of 1923, progress towards expanding the church building could move forward.² Construction on the new building began in March according to plans rendered by local architect James C. Hemphill.³ Designed to architecturally match the existing structure, this new building contained three

stories of classrooms and increased our Sunday School capacity to seven hundred. This new building, complete with heating and plumbing, cost our church \$31,000, and made our Sunday School program one of the most well attended in the city.

⁴On Sunday morning, October 26, 1924, the children of our church entered the classrooms of the new Sunday School building for the very first time.⁵ At the basement level, there were classrooms for the Beginner Department and Primary Department, as well as a brand-new nursery room. A new kitchen connected to the old Fellowship Hall, the large room in our current basement. Shortly after the construction of the current sanctuary in 1958, the basement level was converted into space for our church's Middle and High School students. However, in 2020, this floor returned to its original purpose as the Sunday School area for the children of our church.

¹ "Sunday School Building Ready." *The Index-Journal*, October 5, 1924.

² "No Presbyterian Church Services." *The Index-Journal*, November 17, 1923.

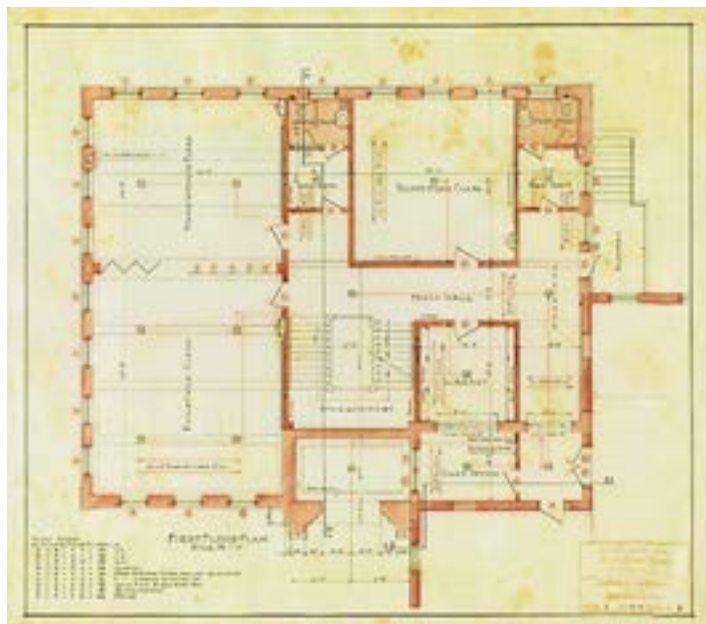
³ "Contractors Begin Work Annex to Sunday School." *The Index-Journal*, March 30, 1924.

⁴ Images: "West Elevation & Section on Line B-B," "First Floor Plan," and "Second Floor Plan," February 1924, Archive Drawer 01, Folder 05, Item 05, Greenwood County Library, Genealogy Archives. Accessed via the South Carolina Digital Collections Library.

⁵ "Dr. R. G. McLees in a Meeting Here." *The Index-Journal*, October 26, 1924.

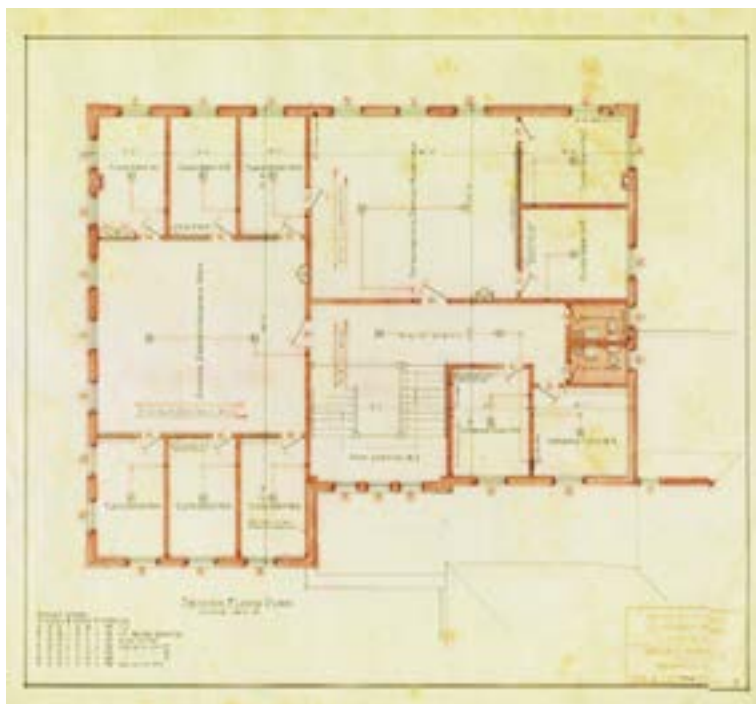
The middle level, connecting to the main floor of the former sanctuary, had a large auditorium that could be divided into separate classrooms for the Philathea Class and the Young Women's Class. Currently, this auditorium is permanently divided into two separate classrooms by the hall that connects this building to the rest of our church via the staircase and newly installed lift. A classroom for the Young Men's Class stood opposite the main hall from the library and office of Sunday School Superintendent, Dr. Sam Hodges.

Perhaps the most altered portion of this building now is the third floor. Originally, the Junior Department had a large assembly hall, flanked by six smaller surrounding classrooms that could open into the assembly hall. Now, this assembly hall and adjoining classrooms are consolidated into two large classrooms



used by our Youth. The Intermediate Department had its own assembly hall and two adjoining classrooms. These two adjoining classrooms now make up the current Youth Director's office.

One hundred years ago this month, our church built a new Sunday School building, trusting that its construction would enrich, encourage, and enable the spiritual development of our church. As we continue to utilize this building a hundred years later, let us continue to ensure that it does just that—that we become better disciples of Jesus Christ within its walls, so that we could shed Christ's light on the world that lies outside its walls.



Presbyterian Women News

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



We had a productive Coordinating Team planning meeting for the upcoming 2024-2025 Circles and activities for our church women. We hope you will visit some of our circles. The more women the better. Dates and Times are on the following page.

Meet a few of our Coordinating Team members



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ~ October 6: World Communion Sunday
- ~ Kirkin' of the Tartans Service (11:00 am) Service

PW COORDINATING TEAM MEETING
Monday, October 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 am ~ Henry Reynolds Room

If you have any questions about our Presbyterian Woman activities, please reach out to me or any other women you know that are involved in our Circles.

Lisa Yarbrough
CT Moderator

*“Nothing is more beautiful than a woman
who is brave strong and emboldened because of who Christ in in her.”
~Project Inspired~*

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at 10:30 am, at Wesley Commons.
Contact Jean Mabe 941-7817.

Circle 3 will meet Monday, October 14th, at 10:30 am, in the Henry Reynolds Room.
Contact Rebecca Wise 554-6993 or Gigi Smith 554-8177

Circle 4 will meet Monday, October 7th, at 11:00 am, at The Alcoves.
Contact Marilyn Towne 229-6990

Circle 5 will meet Tuesday, October 8th, at 12:30 pm, in Alexander Hall
and includes lunch & childcare.
Contact Meg Stevens 993-7536 & Tara Gibson, 773-991-3374

Circle 6 will meet Monday, October 7th, at 7:00 pm in the Barksdale Room (122).
Contact Jessica Willard (jesswillard81@gmail.com, 993-5980) or
Nickie Murphy (famurphy01@aol.com, 205-317-5347)

Circle 7 will Tuesday, October 1st, at 10:30 am, at the home of Janice May.
Contact Becky Bryson 223-2998 & Jill Koczwarra (570) 344-3192.

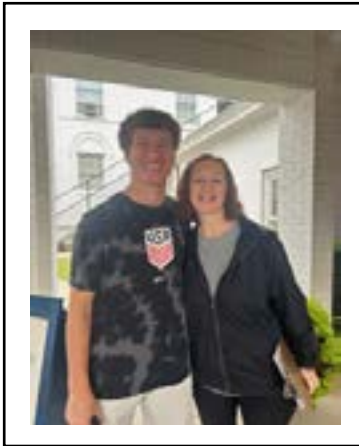
Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, October 1st, at 11:30 am, at The Oaks.
Contact Betty Williams 993-0466.



**The most
difficult thing
is the decision
to act, the
rest is merely
tenacity.**

AMELIA EARHART,
AVIATION PIONEER AND AUTHOR

Noah's Ark News




When one door closes, another door opens. God is GOOD, ALL THE TIME! We are sad to officially say goodbye to "Mimi". We are glad God led her to Ark five years ago. We are excited to add Mr. Jacob to our team on Fridays for Creative Movement. Children will learn how to follow rules, wait their turn, be a team player, and practice their Gross Motor skills during their enrichment time with him. We will also be adding a new office assistant to take Mimi's place. We are happy to have Mrs. Connie Cook back on our team at the Ark beginning October 14, when we return to from Fall Break.

We are getting into the busy season here at the Ark. So many fun things happening in our halls. Teachers are wrapping up units on Five Senses and The Farm. We enjoyed a visit from one of the Eichelberger's cows and got to pet Mrs. Grae's pet chicken, Cocky. The children also got to climb on some farm equipment brought in by the Gillespie family. We are thankful for all our family involvement to help make hands on connections for our children here at the Ark! We will be switching gears and will begin learning about Fire Safety for the month of October. Our three- and four-year-old classrooms will take a field trip to the local fire station and a fire truck will come to Noah's Ark for our younger groups. We will also be hosting a Noah's Ark Pumpkin Patch again this year for our babies, ones, and twos. Our three- and four-year-old children will continue the tradition of their trip to the St. Mark Pumpkin Patch. So many special opportunities for our littles before Fall Break, which runs from September 30th - October 11th.



Our Fruit of the Spirit for October is **KINDNESS**. The children will hear the story of baby Moses from the Bible and discuss ways to show kindness to others. We will also review The Ten Commandments in Chapel this month.





notes

Introducing our Music Associates

Taylor Baxley has sung with the Chancel Choir for 2 years, and is also a Music Teacher in the Laurens School District. A Lander Voice Performance/Education graduate, she is also involved theater productions, both as a performer and director.



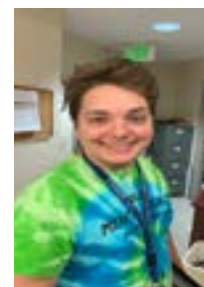
Abi Johnson is a Greenwood native and graduate of Lander University with a degree in Music Education. Abi's father, Joseph Johnson, is well known as a Pastor, Author, and teacher. Abi also assists Amy Fennell with Palmetto Girls Sing!

Very Honourable Mention: **Joey McClain**, a former "Soli Deo Gloria" singer during his college years, continues to sing, ring handbells, and play trombone at First Presbyterian. Joey teaches music at Lakeview Elementary, and is a frequent (and popular) performer with the Greenwood Community Theater. He joined our membership last year and will be a Deacon beginning next year.



Andrea Shepherd grew up in Greenwood, and has returned after many years in Las Vegas. She has a private studio as a voice coach/teacher (especially for theater performers) and sings in the Greenwood Festival Chorale.

Silas Sciera is a cello major at Lander, is also a founding member of the "Barbercats" Barber Shop Quartet.



Sophie Watterson has been faithfully singing with us for 4 years. She received her musical training at Greenwood HS, and has a degree in Exercise Science from Lander University.



Stephan Botchie is originally from Delaware but moved to South Carolina in 2008 after completing his music education degree from Anderson University. Stephan's musical adventures include: composing, teaching lessons, being a church musician, gigging, and performing in local theatres; either on stage or in the pit. Stephan lives in Greenwood with his lovely wife Shelley and 3 kids: Eli, Evelyn, and Micah. They also have their one-eyed cat Winky and dog Daisy. Stephan is our newest associate. He is helping in worship during the early service.

How proficient at music reading must I be to sing with the Chancel Choir?

Along with the two "P's" (have a pulse, match a pitch), music reading is very helpful in learning the anthems and hymns the choir leads each week. The ability to 1) orient one's music with the top up, 2) turn a page, and 3) use a pencil are the minimum proficiencies required. Anything beyond that is "frosting on the cake." Being able to distinguish between a waltz and the bossa-nova is also helpful.

While most choirs struggle to find enough male voices, our challenge is finding more female (soprano or alto) voices. Of course, ALL voices are welcome!

IMPORTANT!!—the "average" voice is most welcome to sing! Whilst remarkable vocal ability is appreciated, the average "sing along with the radio" voices are crucial to a cohesive and beautiful choral sound. If you think your vocal abilities are average, YOU are welcome to join the Chancel Choir!



Mission Statement of Palmetto Girls Sing

Palmetto Girls Sing is a girls' choir that serves girls in grades 4-12 in Greenwood, SC and its surrounding areas. Palmetto Girls Sing seeks to enrich the lives of girls through diverse and high quality choral music. An emphasis is placed on the joy of

singing and its importance in our world. Palmetto Girls Sing offers girls opportunities for personal, social, spiritual, and artistic growth as the girls learn vocal technique, vocal health, music reading, and performance skills. Palmetto Girls Sing presents its music, both sacred and secular, to the glory of God. As an outreach of First Presbyterian Church, Palmetto Girls Sing is a non-profit organization.

We have an official Palmetto Girls Sing website!
Visit us at www.palmettogirlssinggreenwood.com!

Looking Back at September!

In September, Palmetto Girls Sing began working on Christmas music. Yes, it is that time of year for choirs around our nation. We also began our season of celebrations with a late summer social event at The Train Museum. One of our parents grilled burgers, and another made ice cream! The girls enjoyed tours of the train, along with dancing, cornhole, parachute, and lots of other fun activities.

In October, we will continue to rehearse, even during the Greenwood School District 50 Intersession weeks. The girls are making great progress on their music.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our Winter Concert is Monday, December 16. Please join us! Tickets will be on sale for \$10 each, starting in mid-November.

Would you like to donate to Palmetto Girls Sing? Any amount is so helpful! You may donate to a scholarship for a particular girl, or make a donation to benefit all of the girls.

Name _____

Gift Amount _____ Date _____

I would like my gift to help provide a scholarship. _____



2024-2025 SEASON

Sunday, October 6,
4:00 PM

The Carolina Baroque Trumpet Ensemble

The Carolina Baroque Trumpet Ensemble is composed of trumpet performers and scholars from across the Carolinas who specialize in performance on historic natural trumpets, known today as “Baroque Trumpets” because of the instrument’s celebrated usage during the Baroque period (c. 1600-1750). Joined by leading Baroque trumpeter and international performing and recording artist Kathryn Aducci, the CBTE will present a concert of fanfares and processions from the 17th and 18th Centuries on replica period instruments.

Sunday, December 15
7:00 PM

Christmas @ First Pres

Presented by the music ministries of First Presbyterian Church, Sing Noel is performed by choirs, handbells, and congregation. Anthems and carols engage the audience with melodies of the season. Join us for music that will bring joy to all this holiday!

Sunday, February 23
4:00 PM

A Pageant of Keyboards

Be our guest for a collaboration of local keyboardists! Stanley Colbert, Steven Skinner, and Tim Walters utilize five keyboards to create a rhapsodic collage.

Sunday, March 16
4:00 PM

Modern Choral Classics

In its annual concert honoring the diverse heritage of recent composers, the Greenwood Festival Chorale presents modern choral standards. Director Mr. Steven Skinner leads the chorale in its musical offerings to the community throughout the year. For auditions, contact steve@first-greenwood.com or see the Greenwood Festival Chorale website at www.gwdfestivalchorale.com.

MY GIFT TO SUPPORT THE 2024-2025 FESTIVA ARTS SERIES

FRIEND: \$50-\$99 \$ _____; **SPONSOR:** \$100-\$599 \$ _____; **PATRON:** \$500-\$999 \$ _____; **ANGEL:** \$1,000 + \$ _____

Name: _____
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or leave it in the church office. Your check payable to
FPC is tax deductible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please keep in mind that these events/happenings/places are not set in stone. Keep watch in the bulletin, next month's *Spire*, and the Pastor's Update for more current information.

Sunday, October 6	World Communion Sunday Worship Service with Communion (9:00 and 11:00) The Rev. Dr. Mark Lee preaching New Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room) Festiva (4:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Sunday, October 13	Worship Service (9:00 am, Chapel) Rehearsal for Kirkin' participants (9:00 am, Sanctuary) Kirkin' of the Tartans Service (11:00 am, Sanctuary) New Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Sunday, October 20	New Officer Training (3:00 pm, Henry Reynolds Room) Stated Meeting of the Session (5:00 pm, Sanctuary) Stated Meeting of the Diaconate (5:30 pm, Henry Reynolds Room)
Friday-Sunday October 25-27	Mantreat at Montreat
Sunday, October 27	Children's Sabbath Sunday
Wednesday, October 30	Fall Festival (5:30-7:00) We need candy, baked goods, & trunks!
Saturday, November 2	Change Clocks
Sunday, November 3	Communion during both services All Saints Recognition Recognition of children who have participated in communion class
Sunday, November 10	Veterans Recognition Accepting Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
Sunday, November 17	Stewardship Sunday Imani Milele Children's Choir Concert (4:00, Sanctuary)
Tuesday, November 19	Trinity Presbytery meeting (9:30 am, Westminster, Columbia)
Sunday, November 24	Christ the King Sunday Accepting Thornwell Children's Home special offering Joint Officer Meeting (Time TBD, Alexander Hall)
Monday, November 25	Community Thanksgiving Service (7:00 pm, Sanctuary)
Wednesday, November 27	Church offices close at noon
Thursday-Friday November 28-29	Church offices closed

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:

(Home unless noted)

Julie Cooner -- Ashley Square

Ann Heironimus -- Her Sister's

NEW INCOMING OFFICERS

Officer Training Meetings

Sundays, October 6th, 13th, and 20th at 3:00 pm,
in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

Faith Statements to the Session

Sunday, October 20th, at 5:00 pm,
in the Sanctuary



Would you like someone to come to you and
serve you communion in your own home?
If so, please contact the front office
229-5814, or JoEtta Shick, 993-0249.

TEAM MEETINGS

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

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

Committed Prayers will meet Monday, October 28th, at 4:30 pm, in the Chapel.

The **Diaconate** will meet Sunday, October 20th, at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **FOC** will meet Wednesday, October 16th, at 12:00 noon, in Alexander Hall.

The **Men of the Church** will meet Monday, October 1st, at 5:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Missions/Outreach Committee** will meet Sunday, October 13th, at 4:30 pm, in the Henry Reynolds Room (Room 110).

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will be Friday, October 4th, at 9:03 am, in the Library.

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

The **Session** will meet Sunday, **October 20th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** Please note change of information. This will be an action items only meeting as the new officers will give their faith statements.

Stephen Ministry will meet Wednesday, October 9th, at 4:30 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

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

The **Worship Committee** will meet Tuesday, October 15th, at 5:30 pm, in the Barksdale Room (Room 122).

The **Youth Committee** will meet Sunday, October 6th, at 12:15 pm, at Panera.

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

Other Items of Interest

We will celebrate the **Lord's Supper** during both services on **October 6, 2024.**

Deadline for the November issue of *The Spire* is Monday, October 14, 2024.


GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION cont.

Fundamentally, stewardship is about exercising our God-given dominion over His creation, reflecting the image of our creator God in His care, responsibility, maintenance, protection, and beautification of His creation.

ELEVATOR OPERATORS NEEDED!

Our lift is ready but we are in need of operators for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Please contact the front office if you are interested in volunteering.

If you plan on using the lift after hours, please let the church office know, as it does require a key for operation, 229-5814 or office@firstgreenwood.com



ARE YOU FRAZZLED?

Have you or someone you know been sick or hospitalized?
Are you or someone you know homebound?
Are you or someone you know completely frazzled?

Please let the church office know so that we can visit with you, offer home communion, pray for with you, or set you up with a Stephen Minister. We are here for you.

Feel free to contact the front office or one of our ministers.



EMERGENCY SUPPLIES CABINET

Located in the front desk cabinet in the front lobby, we have several baskets containing emergency supplies. One basket contains a first aid kit, Lifevac (for choking), narcain (for drug overdose), and a wrist blood pressure cuff. A separate basket contains supplies for a diabetic emergency.



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