

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

October 9, 2018

Sunday, October 14, 2018

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

9:30 a.m. ~ Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

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

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

Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by John Ness Beck.
Linda Coyne will be our guest organist.

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

Youth Bells will not rehearse today.

5:00 p.m. ~ Faithful Families

5:00-6:30 p.m. ~ Middle School Youth Group

6:00-7:30 p.m. ~ High School Youth Group

6:00-6:30 p.m. ~ Dinner served for both groups

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Robbie Branham, Mandy Blankenship

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Dee Dailey

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (October 14-20)

Dee Dailey

WORSHIP AT HOME

Kenny Jordan, Kimberly White

TELLER

Sibbie McFaddin, Carol Reese

USHER

Gus Blum, Matt Blankenship

JUNIOR USHER

Nicholas White, Woods Blanding

YOUTH LITURGIST

Luxey Peyton

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

Nursery – Markita Gadson, Lameshia Dennis

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Samantha Haxton,

Greg & Jennifer Edwards

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON

October 17 – 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This month's luncheon will feature members of the Sumter High Orchestra under the direction of Erik Hines. In his 13th year as the Orchestra Director, Erik Hines has helped the program grow from eleven to over one hundred students. They have received numerous superior ratings. Please make reservations no later than Thursday, October 11, by calling Suzanne Wates at 803-469-0509.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**
Sunday, October 28
West Center Lawn
More details to follow!!!



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Many of you have participated in our Backpack program. We have now been named a Partner in Education with Wilder and with

Millwood, and have other opportunities to work more closely with the students in these schools and to help in other ways.

We hope soon to have a list from teachers and staff of various needs they have that you might want to fulfill. And we also hope to have some specific requests from teachers about the ways we might help in the classroom.

Right now, our suggestion is that if you like, you might write a note of appreciation to teachers or staff members. Our contact people at these schools tell us that, especially for cafeteria and custodial workers, who rarely get recognition, a "thank you" is a great gift (you could include a small gift card if you wish, but that is not necessary). Lists of faculty and staff at Wilder are on the Volunteer Table outside the Fellowship Hall. Please pick one up and write as many notes to as many teachers and other workers as you like. Send cards/notes addressed to the individual c/o the school:

Wilder Elementary School
975 S. Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150

IMPORTANT: While writing notes and/or purchasing needed supplies requires only a willing spirit and maybe some cash, going into the schools to work with students or teachers is more complicated. You will need to fill out a "Student Volunteer Application," obtain two references, and agree to a criminal record check. All the necessary forms for these are included in a Volunteer Application Packet. Contact Peggy Curlovic (dcurlovic@sc.rr.com or 803-773-6509) if you would like one of these packets.

Watch the Focus for more information!

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following individuals were elected to the Class of 2021 during the congregational meeting Sunday:

ELDER

John Dunn (J.D.)	Whit Shaw
Caron DuRant	Kay Smith
John Moorman	

DEACON

Elyn Croft	Macaulay Smith
Greg Edwards	Chris Somheil
Taylor Geddings	Charlie White
Meg Hill	

TRUSTEE

David Holler

MEN OF FAITH
Continues Wednesday
Mornings through November 7
West Youth Building ~ 6:00 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry505 West Calhoun

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
 11:30 a.m. Listening for God Conversations.....Parlor
 6:00 p.m. Executive Council.....Parlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00 a.m. Men of Faith West Building
 12:30 p.m. LuncheonFellowship Hall
 5:45 p.m. Joy RingersFellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:30 p.m. Quilting Class West Building

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer"Parlor
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for all ages)
 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
 11:40 a.m. Children's Choir Children's Music Room
 11:40 a.m. Youth BellsFellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Faithful Families
 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth..... West Building
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth West Building



As part of a continuing fundraising effort, the Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the development of a cookbook – our first in many years! But why, you ask, would we want a cookbook when every recipe in the world is available on the internet? Because you know that every recipe in a church cookbook will be the best! These are recipes not tested in a lab,

but in life! Sharing food is one of our most nurturing activities – when there is a death in the family, a birth, or a celebration of a special event. When you open this cookbook, you will literally have a piece of the congregation. You will have nurturing and love that can be tasted, as a testament to sharing our faith. We know that our members are some of the best cooks around – men and women! So please, use the forms available in the front of the church office to give us 3-5 of your family favorites! We would also like for you to include some Angel Whispers- recipes from your loved ones who are no longer with us, And please label any gluten-free recipes, also.

Please turn in all recipes to the church office no later than October 22!

Advance sales of the cookbook will be \$15; coupons for advance sales are available in your pews. Cookbooks ordered after printing will be \$20. And we expect them back in time to give as Christmas gifts!

The cookbook committee members who are graciously donating their time to this project are as follows:

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| Margaret Hutchens, Chair | Sue Fienning |
| Ashley Blum | Linda Hogan |
| Linda Brown | Beth Jackson |
| Caron DuRant | Marie Mills |
| Randa Edmunds | Aggie White |

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of First Presbyterian Church was established in January of 2018. Our gatherings are a time of fellowship, devotion and prayer in the midst of creating prayer shawls that are given as tangible symbols of empathy and support as well as a reminder of God's unending love and care. Baby blankets are also given to the parents of new babies with our prayer that God will watch over their precious gift. We meet on the third Monday of each month at the home of Jayne Fort, 505 West Calhoun, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn the craft, we invite you to join us.



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SEEKING PEACE WHEN LIFE IS IN PIECES

**Saturday, November 3
 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church

A day-long event for the Presbytery of New Harmony
 Workshops include:

- Did Peter Grieve?
- Hidden Grief: Discovery to Recovery
- God Gives Grief Goodness-Lament into Living
- The Importance of Self-Care
- Finding Peace: One Breath at a Time
- Always be Prepared
- It Ain't How It Used to be ... and maybe that's God's Doing

Registration forms are on the table outside the church office.

- Early Bird Pre-registration (Until October 16) \$20.
- Pre-registration (October 17-25) \$25
- No Pre-registration/Walk-ins (Oct 26-Nov.3) \$35.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Joe Kuhlmann,
 Betsy Lynch,
 Ernie McDowell,
 Michael Moore (Son of Julian
 and Lois Moore)



St. Jude's Children's Hospital:

Elizabeth Williams (Barney W. Williams' daughter)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .

- . . . Liza Griffin on the death of her grandfather, Dr. John Richard de Witt, who died September 30, 2018, in Columbia;
- . . . Sharon Young on the death of her father, Carl Boyd, who died October 6.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nancy Hayes and Ansel Owens on the birth of a son, Addison Pruitt Owens, born July 25, 2018. Nancy and Perron Cromer are the proud grandparents and Linda and Bert Montague are the proud great grandparents.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week Beginning September 30, 2018

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 8,852.	\$ 524,626.	\$557,094.
*Other Sources	\$ 0.	\$ 101,795.	\$121,236.
	\$ 8,952.	\$ 626,421.	\$678,329.

*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.