

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

March 2, 2021



OUTDOOR WORSHIP BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 7 11:00 A.M. (Please note the change in worship time.)

Green space across from the playground. Please bring a chair or blanket and practice social distancing. Chairs will be provided, if needed. Everyone age 4 and above is asked to wear a face mask. Online worship will also continue.

WORSHIP MUSIC

March 7

The Joy Ringers Quartet will play “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” and “Lord, I Want to be a Christian.” Bella Land will lead hymns.

March 14

Alex Beaton, tenor soloist, will sing “Wayfaring Stranger” arranged by John Jacob Niles.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, March 7, for the purpose of electing the Church Officer Nominating Committee for 2021.

NURSERY NEWS

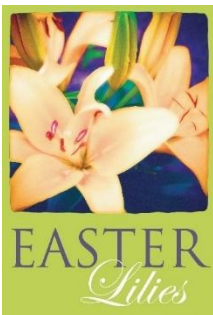
Beginning this Sunday, March 7, our nursery staff will provide a nursery for children 2-years-old and younger during outdoor worship. The nursery will be in the West Building. We will be following strong Covid 19 guidelines in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. Ms. Kelly will be contacting families the week of March 1 to explain the procedures so everyone understands how the nursery will function as we move forward.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are excited to announce this Sunday, March 7, Children in Worship will start back! Children 3-years-old through 2nd grade are invited to join Ms. Kelly for Children in Worship immediately following Children’s Time. Parents should pick up their children from the green space outside the West Building right after worship. Please note we will be following strong Covid 19 guidelines in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. Ms. Kelly will be contacting families the week of March 1 to explain the procedures so everyone understands how Children in Worship will function as we move forward.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS BEING RECEIVED

Recommendations for the office of Elder and Deacon are now being received from the congregation by the Officer Nominating Committee. Please submit your recommendations by Tuesday, March 9, by using the form found in the last Focus or by contacting Kay Smith (kwsmith0925@yahoo.com) or Missy Coulter (coultervm@aol.com).



We will once again place Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 4. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with a lily, please complete the form below and return it with \$10.00 per lily to the Church Office no later than Monday, March 22.

(Please Note: No phone orders will be accepted.)

I would like to purchase _____ Easter lilies
at \$10.00/each = Total \$_____.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Basics (6th Grade)
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus (3K-5th Grade)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Worship & Sacraments (Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers QuartetSanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast..... Mary Ann's Deli
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Zoom)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Bible Basics (6th Grade)
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus (3K-5th Grade)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth

MONDAY, MARCH 15 ~ Preschool Closed

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers QuartetSanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

- 7:00 a.m. HSY Prayer Breakfast Mary Ann's Deli
- 1:30 p.m. Discovery Class (Zoom)
- 6:30 p.m. International Missions
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Zoom)



Beginning Sunday, March 7, youth group will meet in person. Middle school will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Senior High will meet 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor.

ATTENTION 6TH GRADERS!

Bible Basics

Come join Taylor and Ms. Kelly and all their shenanigans as we dive into the basics of the Bible. We will meet immediately following worship from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm at the West Building. We hope you will make plans to join us! Please contact Taylor or Kelly with any questions. We will meet:

- Sunday, March 7
- Sunday, March 14
- Sunday, March 21
- Sunday, March 28

“ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS”

A New Preschool and Elementary Ministry

During the month of March, preschool and elementary children (3K-5th grade) are invited to join Ms. Kelly and friends each Sunday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. During our time together we will enjoy fun and laughter as we learn more and more about Jesus and the Bible. We will meet:

- **Sunday, March 7**
- **Sunday, March 14**
- **Sunday, March 21**
- **Sunday, March 28 is FPC's Easter Egg Hunt (3:00-4:00 p.m.)**

We will be practicing Covid guidelines as we meet in the Chapel, the Fellowship Hall and/or the green space outdoors across from the playground. Kelly will be reaching out to each family the week of March 1 to discuss the guidelines making sure everyone understands how we are moving forward. We are super excited about this opportunity and can't wait to be together again!

FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Open registration began Monday, March 1. Please contact the preschool/kindergarten office (803-773-9027) for additional information.

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Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 14!

Please remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour on Saturday night,
March 13!!!



PALM SUNDAY

All children are invited to participate in the Procession of Palms on Sunday, March 28. We will meet in front of the West Building at 10:50 am. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kelly.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, March 28

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

As we start preparing for this fun event, we need your help with Easter eggs. We need about 400 eggs filled with individually wrapped candy or stickers. (Please no chocolate, it melts, or peanuts due to peanut allergies.) All donations are needed in the church office by Sunday, March 21. Any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Richland: Darryl Peyton

Home: John Safford, Bill Scobee,

Marilyn Jenkins, David R. Brown,

Tiny Owens, Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),

Charles King (Greg King's Father)

West Chester, NY: Rhodes Danner (Pam George's Nephew)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)



CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah (Dickey) and Blake Schumacher on the birth of a daughter, Elvie Evans Schumacher, born January 13 in Columbia. Proud grandparents are John and Priscilla Dickey.

The Bethany Class has emptied its treasury and donated it to Sumter United Ministries, with the hope it helps meet the many needs here in Sumter.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning February 14 and 21, 2021

	Received		2021 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 19,557.	\$110,642.	Budget
*Other Sources	\$ <u>152.</u>	\$ <u>308.</u>	Approval
	\$ 19,709	\$110,950	Pending

*YTD includes \$28,433 revenue from 2021 pledges prepaid in 2020

**Includes Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.

Souper Bowl of Caring Gifts totaled \$1,255.00