

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

March 3, 2020

Sunday, March 8, 2020

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

9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School

9:50 a.m. ~ Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

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

Offertory Anthem: I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ
by J. S. Bach

Linda Coyne will be our guest organist.

Children's Choir and Youth Bells
will not meet.

Youth Group will not meet.

ELDERS GREETING AT WORSHIP

Caron DuRant, Dave McInnis

ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

Caron DuRant

ELDER VISITATION (March 8-14)

Caron DuRant

DEACON VISITATION (March 9-15)

Liza Cooper, Susan Brabham

TELLER & USHER

Sibbie McFaddin, Charlie White

YOUTH LITURGIST

Sarah Margaret Bilton

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

Nursery (Ages 0-2K) - Markita Gadson,
Lameshia Dennis, Samantha Haxton

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT MYRTLE BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT AT GRAND DUNES HOTEL

March 6 – 8, 2020

It won't be long before we head to Myrtle Beach! For the 42 families who signed up, please note you may begin checking-in at 2:00 p.m. and festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey.

NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 8

Due to the Congregational Retreat and the majority of our teachers and leaders attending, Children's Sunday school and Children in Worship will not be held on Sunday, March 8. Children 5 years and younger are invited to join Ms. Samantha and Ms. Markita in the nursery during worship.



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

If you haven't already picked up a Lenten devotional outside the church office, or have gone by and they were already taken, we are printing more! These devotionals will help you connect with God during our journey toward the cross.

Every week I will let you know of another opportunity to grow your faith throughout Lent. This week I want to introduce you to d365.org. D365 is a daily devotional geared toward youth and their families, but relevant to all ages. It is written by youth pastors, elders, and church volunteers all over the world. You can find the devotional online or in your phones app store. The devotions lead you in a 5 minute meditation. Everyone has five minutes. Use them with your family in the morning or evenings. Take a few moments at lunch to pause and let the Word of God wash over you. You not only owe it to God, you owe it to yourself. Don't let another day go by without spending a moment with the Lord.

Blessings,

Nick

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At the congregational meeting on Sunday, the following individuals were elected to serve First Presbyterian Church.

DEACON

Jim Alexander	Kimberly Land
Matthew Berger	Andrew McCord
Katherine Brogdon	Christie Stutz
Colin Davis	

ELDER

Missy Coulter	Dan Spencer
Ann Geddings	Debby Williams
Jack Osteen	

MARCH 15 IS GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 15, immediately following the worship service, Girl Scout Troop 2243 will be hosting a taco fundraiser luncheon. Donations will be accepted. Take out orders will also be accepted. If you would like to place an order ahead of time please call Robin Thames at 803-972-3207.

An Afternoon of Sacred Music

Sunday, March 15 ~ 3:00 p.m.

FPC Sanctuary
Sponsored by the
Woman's Afternoon Music Club



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:00 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting.....McLaurin Room
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts..... Scout Hut
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts.....Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 6:00 p.m. New Officer TrainingFellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers Session Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 1:00 p.m. Quilting Class West Building

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00 a.m. Care and PrayerParlor
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 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 Bells Session Room
- 3:00 p.m. Afternoon of Sacred Music..... Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Childrens’ Sunday Planning West Building



2020 CLARENDON, LEE AND SUMTER CLUSTER LENTEN LUNCHEONS 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- March 11 Friendship Presbyterian Tommy Cooper
10123 Black River Rd., New Zion
- March 18 First Presbyterian Carnell Hampton
9 W. Calhoun St.
- March 25 Melina Presbyterian Vikki Brogdon
3539 Black River Rd., Gable
- April 1 Swan Lake Pres. Franklin Colclough
912 Haynsworth St.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH present
A Night in Little Italy
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, March 28
5:30 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.
\$10 (5 and Under Free)



Childcare available upon request.
On March 28, the youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will help defray the cost of the Senior High and Middle School Montreat Youth conferences this summer. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to enjoy an elegant dinner while supporting the youth. **Please contact the church office by Sunday, March 22, to make reservations.**



PARENT’S NIGHT OUT

On, **Friday, April 3**, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., children, infant – 5th grade, are invited to enjoy pizza and snacks, as well as games, crafts, story time and a movie. The purpose of this event is to give parents a night to themselves. Don’t miss out on this

wonderful ministry! **Please contact the church office by March 27 to sign up. If you do not sign up by the deadline, your child(ren) will not be able to participate.**

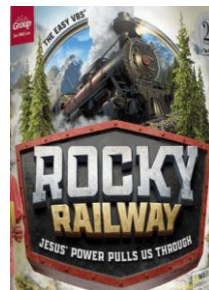
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Wonderful Wednesdays for the Young@Heart

On Wednesday, March 18, Wonderful Wednesdays will meet at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall as First Presbyterian Church will host the Lenten Luncheon for the Clarendon Lee Sumter Cluster. Rev. Carnell Hampton will be the guest minister.



2020 Vacation Bible School
June 22-26
Rising 5K-5th grade
(Rising 6th graders and older are welcome to volunteer!)
More information coming soon!

JOYS AND CONCERNS



Memorial Sloan Kettering (NYC):
Mayes DuBose

Home: David R. Brown, Charlie Hodgins, Charles King (Greg King’s Father)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain’s father)

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .
. . . Lisa Bratton on the death of her father, Roger Lane McCall, who died February 26;
. . . the family of Tommie Watts, who died February 27;
. . . the family of Suzanne Jackson, who died March 1.

FOCUS ON FINANCES
Week Beginning February 23, 2020

	Received		Budgeted
	This Week	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
* Contributions	\$ 9,554.	\$ 131,116.	Pending
**Other Sources	\$ 0.	\$ 1,032.	Session
	\$ 9,554.	\$ 132,148.	Approval

*Includes \$30,660 pledges prepaid in 2019; carried over to 2020 revenue
**Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.