

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

June 14, 2022

Sunday, June 19

Anthem: Chancel Choir will sing "The King of Love and Grace" by Chris Aspaas.

Elders: Bonnie Disney, Ann Geddings

Assisting in Worship: Ann Geddings

Deacons: Katherine Brogdon, Valerie James

Sunday, June 26

Anthem: Sean Hackett, alto sax soloist, will play "Down by the Riverside" arranged by Daniel Kallman.

Elders: Linda Hogon, John Jackson

Assisting in Worship: Linda Hogon

Deacons: Debbie Jackson, Kimberly Land

"WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS"

Continues Through June 29

5:30 – 7:15 p.m.



Continuing through June 29, we have "Wonderful Wednesdays," a four week long, Wednesday evening church wide program during the month of June. Dinners will be provided. Following dinner, there will be Bible classes led by Rev. Bob for the teens and adults as well as fun themed lessons and activities for the kids.

It is very important that we know how many to plan for; please make reservations by calling the church office (803-773-3814) no later than the Monday of the week you and your family plan to attend.

- Wednesday, June 15 - Music, Movement, and Moon Pies!
- Wednesday, June 22 - Growing in Grace and Garden Goody
- Wednesday, June 29 - Be Nice and Kona Ice



Please keep the following individuals in your prayers as they travel to Puerto Rico on a mission trip June 19-25:

Coles Dwight
Will Fort
Bill Richardson
Curt Spencer

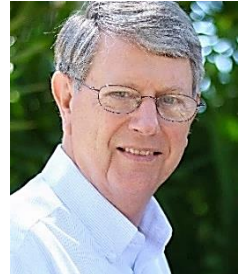
COLLEGE GRADUATES

In addition to celebrating our high school graduates, we would also like to celebrate those who have graduated from college or have obtained advanced degrees. Please call the church office (803-773-3814) or email Shirley (shirley@fpcsumter.org) with your name, degree, and institution where it was received.



From Bob's Desk . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,



I do not have much news from the church for you this time around because I am just arriving back in my pastor's study after two weeks with my grandchildren in Montreat, North Carolina. The first week we had all five of our grands with us for "cousin camp," and Mary Ann and I delighted in watching these children catch up on a year's worth of visiting in a single week! It was a hopeful and inspiring time for us because the children were kind to each other, they listened to each other, they shared with each other, and they encouraged each other to be their best selves. Were they perfect? No. But they were a good model of what we hope the church to be in sharing life and in caring for one another.

It was Robert Fulghum who wrote the book **All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten**. These are some of the things he learned in the sandpile at Sunday School:

"Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life – learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

Be aware of wonder."

Fulghum's words are a pretty good mission statement for the church of Jesus Christ, and they are good guidance to us in being the congregation that we want to be now and in the future. They are an encouragement for us to do the tough work of being self-critical so that we can be more available to God for the work of the Kingdom on this earth.

Mary Ann and I did enjoy being in Montreat Conference Center near Black Mountain, which is one of the very special places in our lives. We would be willing to lead a group to explore Montreat this coming fall if there are folks who would like to go. Just let us know, and we can plan the trip!

Love,
Bob

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Worship.....Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Worship.....Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

5:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays



CAMP FELLOWSHIP FUN!

Come join us for a special day of camp fun at Camp Fellowship, located in Waterloo, South Carolina on Wednesday, July 13th. This day trip is for children 4 years- 5th grade and middle school youth. The program will provide camp counselors and age-appropriate camp activities for each age group. Lunch is included. Reservations are required, so please let us know if your elementary and/or middle school kids would like to attend.

Register by texting Ashley Blum (803-847-4406) or call the church office (803-773-3814).



Pictured above (from left to right): Steve Stafford, Sallie Stafford, Susanne Dwight, Richard Dwight, Kay Smith, Bob Smith, Ashley Blum, Sherri Redmond

A special thank you to all our volunteers who prepared food and gathered at the Birnie Hope Center at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, to feed over 100 volunteers participating in the Summer Restore at United Ministries.



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Can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? Consider singing with the FPC SUMMER CHOIR! This multi-generational group meets at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to prepare a simple anthem for our 10:30 worship service. If you are new to the group, please come 15 minutes earlier, so that we can set you up with a robe and a folder.

Email Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call the church office (803-773-3814) for more information.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Covenant Place: Jennie Linn Duffie

Home: Chuck Fienning,
 Caroline Sigmon, Harold Gadson,

Bill Scobee, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Margaret (Somheil) and Eric Richey on the birth of a son, Samuel Allen Richey, born June 5 in Charleston. Proud grandparents are Marsha and Chris Somheil.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Cricket Edmunds on the death of his brother, Bentham Walker Edmunds, who died June 3.

New FPC car decals have arrived and are available in front of the Church Office. Pick yours up today!!!



FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning May 29 and June 5, 2022

	Received		2022 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
*Contributions	\$ 20,708.	\$ 377,391.	\$ 289,786.
Other Sources	\$ 0.	\$ 2,760.	\$ 28,469.
	\$ 20,708.	\$ 380,151.	\$ 318,255.