

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

June 8, 2021

Sunday, June 13

Rev. Mary Ramirez will be preaching

Elders Assisting in Worship

Gus Blum, Linda Higon

Deacons Assisting in Worship

Chris Somheil, Kimberly Land

Sunday, June 20

Rev. Bobby Wilkes will be preaching

Elders Assisting in Worship

Caron DuRant, Ann Geddings

Deacons Assisting in Worship

Macaulay Smith, Andrew McCord

Sunday, June 27

Rev. Charles Elliot will be preaching

Elders Assisting in Worship

Liza Cooper, John Moorman

Deacons Assisting in Worship

Matthew Berger, Taylor Geddings



Summer Sunday school is in session! Many of the adult Sunday School classes are meeting on Sunday mornings, along with children and youth who will enjoy an interactive combined class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend a class even if it is not your regular class or if you have not attended one. We welcome everyone whether you can come once, twice or every Sunday. This is a great way for your whole family to be back in church and grow in your relationship with the Lord. Please note the classes below and prayerfully consider joining us.

- The Bethany Class will meet in the McLaurin Room, First Floor of the Education Building
- Children & Youth (3K – 12th grade) will meet in the Fellowship Hall, First Floor of the Education Building
- The Discovery Class will continue meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month via Zoom
- The Friendship Class will meet in Room 203, Second Floor of the Education Building
- The Fraser Edmund Class will meet in the Chapel, First Floor of the Education Building
- The Harmony Class will meet in Room 210, Second Floor of the Education Building

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Hickey at khickey@fpcsumter.org.



This summer an adult Bible study will be held each Tuesday in the Chapel from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. We will be studying *The Nehemiah Code: It's Never Too Late for a*

New Beginning by O. S. Hawkins. This study is based on the *Book of Nehemiah*. Nehemiah was a high official in the Persian court whose heart burned with passion for rebuilding Jerusalem. Nehemiah's message to us across the centuries is plain and powerful. If you are interested in joining this study, please contact Kelly Hickey.

Dear Church Family,

As the summer begins, along with ministry opportunities for children and youth, the following Bible verse comes to mind:

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14

We have a fun and exciting summer planned for children and youth which began this past week. Children 5K-2nd grade gather each Tuesday, while children 3rd – 5th grade gather each Wednesday. They will be learning the Bible stories many of us learned during our childhood.

The youth (6th – 12th grade) will gather every Wednesday for Bible study and other fun events.

We will also enjoy Vacation Bible School, Music and Arts Camp and field trips.

As we come together this summer, would you pray for us? Will you pray for these ministries, the leaders, the children and the youth? Will you pray for God's word to be planted in our hearts helping us grow in our love for God and for others?

I am truly thankful for the amazing opportunity we have been given to serve the Lord. I too am praying. Praying for the Lord to use us, mold us, and help us to live out the above scripture and more. Thanks be to God!

Much love,

Kelly



July 19-22, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Rising 3rd grade-8th grade
Cost: \$50.

Registration deadline is June 19, 2021

We are excited about this year's Music and Arts Camp. Since we are still following COVID guidelines, current plans include meeting Monday – Thursday with everyone bringing their own bag lunch. The church will provide drinks and snacks. This year children will be performing the drama *Mission Impossible: Sharing the Gospel by Our Love*. Registration is open. Please look on FPC's website (www.fpcsumter.org) for the registration form or stop by the church office. **We also hope you will consider volunteering to help make this week a success.** Teamwork makes dream work. For more information, please contact Kelly Hickey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

9:30 a.m. Summer ChoirSanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 a.m. Treasured Tuesdays - Edventure
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Chapel
 4:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 a.m. Wacky Wednesdays – Camp Fellowship

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

9:30 a.m. Summer ChoirSanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Chapel
 4:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

9:30 a.m. Summer ChoirSanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Chapel
 1:00 p.m. Treasured TuesdaysWest Building
 4:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

1:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays.....West Building

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS & WACKY WEDNESDAYS

On Tuesday, June 15, children (rising 5K – 5th grade) will be traveling to Edventure in Columbia. The cost for this trip is \$13 per participant.

On Wednesday, June 16, children (rising 5K – 5th grade) will be traveling to Camp Fellowship. The cost is \$20 per participant.

Anyone interested in participating in these trips should contact Kelly Hickey as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, June 29, children (rising 5K-2nd grade) and Wednesday, June 30, children (rising 3rd-5th grade) will meet at the West Building from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for Bible study, games, crafts and more.

On Tuesday, July 6, children (rising 5K – 5th grade) are invited to join Ms. Kelly and friends as we travel to the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston. The cost for each participant is \$17.50.

On Wednesday, July 7, children (rising 5K – 5th grade) are invited to go to Lynches River State Park to explore nature trails, the Environmental Discovery Center, the canopy walk, enjoy a picnic lunch and more. All participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided. There is no cost for this trip.

Anyone interested in participating in these trips should contact Kelly Hickey.

On Tuesday, July 13 & 27, children (rising 5K-2nd grade) and Wednesday, July 14 & 28, children (rising 3rd-5th grade) will meet at the West Building from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for Bible study, games, crafts and more. Please contact Kelly with any questions.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for FPC Children and Grandchildren

Monday, June 21 – Thursday, June 24
 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

It will not be long before we travel the Rocky Railway to learn how Jesus' power pulls us through. Please contact Kelly Hickey for more information.

JOYS AND CONCERNS



Home: Bill Scobee,
 Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),
 Beth Byce (Sibbie McFaddin's Daughter),
 Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother),
 Charles King (Greg King's Father),
 Jeffery Pepper (Marta Stage's Grandson)
Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .
 . . . the family of David R. Brown, who died June 3;
 . . . the friends and family of Lee Craig, who died May 25.



FOCUS ON FINANCES

Two Weeks Beginning May 23 and 30, 2021

	Received		2021 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 7,565.	\$269,517.	\$260,091.
*Other Sources	\$ 0.	\$ 4,969.	\$ 44,187.
	\$ 7,565.	\$274,486.	\$304,278.

**Includes Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.*