

# FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sumter, South Carolina

September 11, 2018

## **Sunday, September 16, 2018**

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

9:15 a.m. ~ Processional practice with tartans

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

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

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



### **Kirkin' o' the Tartans**

Special music: Processional and recessional music will be played by Grey Holler, Bagpipes and Kenny Jordan, Field Drum

Offertory Anthem: The Chancel Choir will sing  
*The King of Love My Savior Is*  
Arranged by John Ness Beck.

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

11:40 a.m. ~ Youth Bells (Fellowship Hall)

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**

Brian Frerichs, Anne Abbott

### **ELDER LEADING SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS**

Mandy Blankenship

### **ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (September 16-22)**

Mandy Blankenship

### **WORSHIP AT HOME**

Susanne Dwight, Matt Blankenship

### **TELLER**

Julia Muldrow, Will Fort

### **USHER**

Ollie James, Sherri Redmond

### **JUNIOR USHER**

Madelynn Davis, Lydia Cheek

### **YOUTH LITURGIST**

Annabelle Branham

### **CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE**

Nursery – Markita Gadson, Lameshia Dennis

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



### **WELCOME BARRY GHOLSON!**

We are pleased to welcome a new face to our campus staff. Barry Gholson has been hired as a new custodian to work alongside our long-time custodian, Harold Gadson. Barry comes to us from Bi-Lo where he held a supervisory position as night shift manager. He is married to T'wayna Gholson and they have two children. Barry enjoys time with his family and teaching martial arts (he is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt). Please take the opportunity to welcome Barry to our staff.



### **FAITHFUL FAMILIES September 23 – October 21**

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

*(Nursery provided at no cost.)*

Dinner from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

*(Provided at no cost.)*

Here at FPC we believe intergenerational ministry to be one of the ways we empower people for "lifelong discipleship." The Bible

is filled with examples of faithful communities who journey together through the ups, downs, twists and turns of life.

All are invited, so invite a friend to join us.

**Classes (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)**

#### **CHILDREN**

**The I AM Statement of Jesus** (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Education Wing)  
Children will learn the different I AM statements located in John's gospel and how they teach us more about the character of Jesus Christ.

#### **ADULTS**

**Cooking Through the Bible** (McLaurin Room)

Teacher: Josie Holler *Limit: 20 people*

Have you ever noticed how many passages in the Bible refer to food? There are feast for celebrations, rituals and spiritual life. We will take a journey through the Bible looking at stories that express the spiritual significance of food. And for fun we will cook, sample and explore these stories using our taste buds as well! (High School youth are welcome)

**Parenting Children for Lifelong Discipleship** (Fell. Hall)

Teacher: Nick Cheek *Limit: 40 people*

Parenting isn't easy. Therefore, it is healthy for parents to prayerfully discuss the joys and struggles together. Through a compelling blend of real-life stories and interviews with parents, this class drops you into the latest national family research, and into the hearts of parents discussing their own challenges, successes, and ideas that have shaped lasting faith in their own families. Join Pastor Nick and other parents with children of all ages as we learn and grow together. This class is especially formatted for parents with children, teens and young adults.

**Intriguing Figures in the New Testament** (Chapel)

Teacher: Max Goodson *Limit: 50 people*

"Who was Priscilla?" you ask. She was one of the first missionaries mentioned in the Book of Acts. In this class we will focus our lens on characters in the New Testament that may not receive as much stage time as the other well-known figures. We will encounter Peter, Mary and Martha, James (The brother of Jesus), Priscilla, Lazarus, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. What can we learn about these individuals and their relationship to the story? Join us to find out.

*Class size is limited!*

*Don't miss out!!! Sign up now!*

*Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the Fellowship Hall or call the church office (803-773-3814)!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry ..... 505 W. Calhoun

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

7:00 a.m. MSY Prayer Breakfast.....Baker's Sweets  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting .....Parlor  
 6:00 p.m. Executive Council .....Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers .....Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. HSY Girl's Bible Study..... 129 Church St.  
 7:00 p.m. HSY Boy's Bible Study..... 507 Mimosa

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

9:00 a.m. "Care and Prayer" .....Parlor  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for all ages)  
 9:30 a.m. New Member Class ..... Session Room  
 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.....Fellowship 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



**NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

If you feel connected and are interested in becoming an official part of the First Presbyterian Church Family, this is for you!

Join Pastor Nick, Pastor Ashley and other leaders of our church as we learn how to get planted in the faith here at FPC. Class schedules are below. To sign up, please contact Christie Stutz at [cstutz@fpcsumter.org](mailto:cstutz@fpcsumter.org) or call 803-464-6747.

- September 23, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- September 30, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- October 7, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- October 8, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner with Elders and Family
- October 14, 10:30 a.m., Worship (Congregational Welcome)

**PRESCHOOL PARENTS' CLUB FUNDRAISER**



The Parents' Club of FPC Kindergarten and Preschool is taking orders for Krispy Kreme Donuts (\$8.00/dozen) and bags of coffee (\$10.00) from Tuesday, September 11- Friday, September 21. Gift certificates will also be available. Orders will be delivered on Tuesday, September 25. Please call the preschool office at 803-773-9027 to place your order! Thank you for supporting this amazing preschool!



**GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scout Troop 2243 is currently accepting girls entering kindergarten through second grade and sixth through twelfth grade. We meet twice a month, starting September 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Robin Thames (803-972-3207) or Jennifer Edwards (803-883-8377) if you have questions or have a daughter interested in joining Girl Scouts.

**COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED**

We are gathering addresses for our college students. Please contact the church office with your college student's address!

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**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
**Calling all singers, ages**  
**Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade**



Children's Choir will meet immediately after church Sunday, September 16. Rehearsal will be from 11:40-12:10 in the Children's Music Room on the third floor.



**YOUTH BELLS**

Youth bells will meet immediately after church Sunday, September 16. Rehearsal will be from 11:40-12:10 in the Fellowship Hall. Middle and high school students are welcome to join. No experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Joni at [jonibrown@fpcsumter.org](mailto:jonibrown@fpcsumter.org) or call 803-773-3814.

The Church Women United Salad Luncheon will be Saturday, September 22, at St. James Lutheran Church (1137 Alice Drive). It will start at 11:30 a.m. for anyone wishing to dine at the church and at 12:00 for those who want to get takeout plates. A \$5.00 donation is requested for each ticket. Since this is the only CWU fundraiser, each Circle is asked to provide at least two salads. All proceeds go to local charities. If you are donating a salad, need tickets, or if you need help in getting your salad to the luncheon, please contact Ollie James ([olliejames@sc.rr.com](mailto:olliejames@sc.rr.com) or 803-481-0715).



**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Home:** Joe Kuhlmann,  
 Betsy Lynch, Ernie McDowell

**St. Jude's Children's Hospital:**  
 Elizabeth Williams (Barney W. Williams' daughter)

**FOCUS ON FINANCES**  
**Week Beginning September 2, 2018**

	Received		Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions	\$10,835.	\$ 486,528.	\$502,157.
*Other Sources	<u>\$20,125.</u>	<u>\$ 101,556.</u>	<u>\$120,135.</u>
	\$30,960.	\$ 588,084.	\$622,292.

\*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.