

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

September 18, 2018

Sunday, September 23, 2018

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Joy Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:30 a.m. ~ New Member Class (Session Room)

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

9:45 a.m. ~ Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

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

The Joy Ringers will play *Prelude on Holy Manna* arranged by Cathy Marker as the Offertory Anthem. Linda Coyne will be our guest organist.

11:40 a.m. ~ Children's Choir

Calling all singers, ages Kindergarten-5th Grade. Meet in the Children's Music Room on the third floor. We will be practicing to sing during worship on World Communion Sunday, October 7.

11:40 a.m. ~ Youth Bells (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. ~ Faithful Families

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

Robbie Branham

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (September 23-29)

Robbie Branham

WORSHIP AT HOME

Will Fort, Sherri Redmond

TELLER

Lauren Decker, Liza Cooper

USHER

Catharine Frerichs, Susanne Dwight

JUNIOR USHER

Nicholas Cheek, Richard Dwight

YOUTH LITURGIST

Ben Lucas

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE

Nursery – Markita Gadson, Lameshia Dennis

2, 3, 4 & 5 Yr. Olds – Samantha Haxton,
Sallie Stafford

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, IS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AWARENESS SUNDAY

Presbyterian Women Awareness Sunday brings attention to the work that the women of our church do. This Sunday, September 23, FPC will emphasize the mission projects and activities that PW supports throughout the year. Special offering envelopes will be in the bulletin. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to help PW fund its endeavors of benevolence.



**FAITHFUL FAMILIES
STARTS THIS SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23!!**

**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 (3rd 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 traditions. Food was an integral part of life in the Bible 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, call the church office (803-773-3814) or**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48afaa28a57-faithful1>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting Session Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor

11:30 a.m. Pastors' Lunch/Visitation Covenant Place

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:45 p.m. Joy RingersFellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Sanctuary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

1:30 p.m. Quilting Class West Building

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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 BellsFellowship 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

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Calling all singers, ages
Kindergarten-5th grade



Children's Choir Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 23 Rehearsal, 11:40-12:10
Sunday, Sept. 30 Rehearsal, 11:40-12:10
Sunday, Oct. 7 Rehearsal, 10:00 in the Sanctuary for World Communion Sunday. We will sing during worship.

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 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)

YOUTH BELLS



Youth bells will meet immediately after church this Sunday, September 23. Rehearsal will be from 11:40-12:10 in the Sanctuary. Middle and high school students are welcome to join. No experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Joni at jonibrown@fpcsumter.org or call 803-773-3814.

JOYS AND CONCERNS



Home: Joe Kuhlmann, Betsy Lynch, Ernie McDowell, Michael Moore (Son of Julian and Lois Moore)

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

MEN OF FAITH BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3



West Youth Building ~ 6:00 a.m.
Start the day off right with this early morning series led by Pastor Nick. The purpose of this group is to grow in our relationships with God and each other. Men of Faith is open to all men so if you know of other friends who might be interested, please invite them. Coffee is provided!

FOCUS ON FINANCES

Week Beginning September 9, 2018

	Received		Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$14,054.	\$ 500,582.	\$515,743.
*Other Sources	\$ 0.	\$ 101,555.	\$120,146.
	\$14,054.	\$ 602,138.	\$635,889.

*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.

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!

COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED

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