

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

September 20, 2022

Sunday, September 25

Offertory Anthem: Emmett Anglin, euphonium soloist, will play "Amazing Grace" arranged by Paul Haack.

Elders: Bonnie Disney, John Jackson

Assisting in Worship: Bonnie Disney

Deacons: Jim Alexander, Suzanne Wates

Youth Liturgist: Grayson Alexander

Jr. Usher: Richard Dwight, Connor Thames

Presbyterian Women's Awareness Sunday Is September 25

Special offering envelopes will be included in the bulletin. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to help PW. Your help is greatly appreciated!

ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS September 25 ~ October 23

Children, 3K-5th grade, are encouraged to join Ashley Blum and friends from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to learn more about the Armor of God.

Adults will meet in the Chapel for a Bible study with Reverend Brearley and focus on Luke, the faithful editor of Mark's gospel, and discover new questions to ask as we seek to follow Jesus. Everyone is welcome!

A light dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Following dinner, Reverend Brearley will be hosting "Listening Sessions" in the Chapel on September 25, October 2, 16, and 23 and invites everyone to come to one or more to share thoughts and hopes for First Presbyterian Church.

5:00 p.m. – High School Sunday School in the West Building



Sunday, October 2 World Communion Sunday

Offertory Anthem: Chancel Choir will sing "Praise the One Who Makes Us One" by Tom Trenney.

Elders: John James, Liza Cooper

Assisting in Worship: John James

Deacons: Gary Bratton, Virginia Hutchens

Youth Liturgist: Madison White

Jr. Usher: Lucas DuBose, Adelaide McElveen

World Communion Sunday is a celebration that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The Worship & Music Committee would like to display linens from around the world in the Sanctuary in honor of this worldwide service. Please bring any that you would like to share for this display to the Fellowship Hall on September 28 or 29. They will be available to pick up after the service on October 2. Please contact Linda Hogon at 803-840-7671 if you have any questions.

4:00 p.m. ~ On the Move for Jesus
Bible Study in the Chapel

5:00 p.m. ~ High School Sunday School in the West Bldg.

5:30 p.m. ~ Middle School and High School will meet to do
Backpack Blessings

From Bob's Desk . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have an invitation for you. Please come be with me for Sunday afternoon Bible studies on Luke at 4:00 pm and/or listening sessions about the future of our church at 6:00 pm. We will gather in the Chapel on **September 25, October 2, October 16, and October 23**. (I will be on the "Come See Montreat" trip on Oct. 9.) A light supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall between 5:00 and 6:00 pm on these four Sundays.

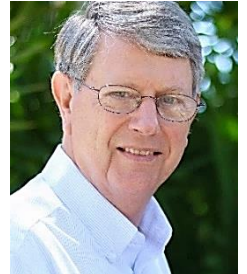
I am excited about being with you on both occasions each Sunday. During the Bible study I will share with you the modern study of the gospels, and it has been the most eye-opening and life-changing Bible study of my ministry and my life. It explores how the gospels came to be written as witnesses to Jesus Christ, and this approach to the gospels equips us with a whole new set of questions to ask as we study the very heart of the Bible.

After supper we will gather again in the Chapel at 6:00 pm for some listening sessions with the pastor. We will be given the opportunity to speak or to write down the hopes we have for our church as we call a new pastor and engage in ministry for Christ in this place. These questions will focus us: What do we need to do to get ourselves ready for a new pastor? What are the qualities we want in a pastor? What are the strengths of our church and what could we do better? What are we hoping for?

You are welcome every time we gather for Bible study or listening sessions. Please come when you can.

Love,

Bob



CRISIS CENTER MEALS AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

We are restarting our Sumter Crisis Center (formerly Samaritan House) Meals and Fellowship Ministry. Our first outing is Wednesday, September 28, starting at 5:30 pm and will last about an hour. If you can prepare a side dish or dessert and/or would like to join us as we interact with the residents, please contact Glenn Woodrum at 803-983-4897 or woodglenn@aol.com.

Join us for a Fall Clean-up on Saturday, October 15 from 9-12 am. Tasks will be assigned in your comfort zone. Sign up to help by October 10 at the Information Desk or by calling the church office and you will be contacted with more information. Your response will help determine the jobs on our "To-do list" that can be accomplished. There will be something for everyone!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:50 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus
Bible Study Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. High School Sunday School.....West Bldg.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting McLaurin Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers RehearsalSession Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir.....Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. WorshipSanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. On the Move for Jesus
Bible Study Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. High School Sunday School.....West Bldg
- 5:30 p.m. Middle/High SchoolMeet at West Bldg.
to do Backpack Blessings

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. Staff MeetingParlor
- 10:30 a.m. Circle #4 McLaurin Room
- 12:30 a.m. Circle #1 Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Circle #6 West Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Circle #
- 6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers RehearsalSession Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir RehearsalChoir Room

Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room.

Circles will meet as follows:

- #1 - Tuesday, October 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Linda Brown
- #4 - Tuesday, October 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the McLaurin Room. Contact: Norma Abbott
- #6 - Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building. Contact: Ashley Blum
- #8 - Wednesday, October 5, at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place. Contact: Pam George



SAVE THE DATE!
Kirkin' of the Tartans
October 30, 2022

Volunteers are needed to serve in our Nursery on Sunday mornings (9:00 – 11:30 a.m.) If you are interested, please contact Ashley Blum (doodlebugblum@yahoo.com or 803-847-4406) or Liza Cooper (tblandcooper@aol.com or 704-577-1498).



COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED

If you have a student in college, please call the church office (803-773-3814) and give us their mailing address and email address. It's important we keep in touch with our college students!

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CALENDARS!!**
October 30, 2022

If you would be interested in decorating a trunk, please contact Ashley Blum (doodlebugblum@yahoo.com or 803-847-4406) or Liza Cooper (tblandcooper@aol.com or 704-577-1498).

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Richland: Vern Disney

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams

(Daughter of Barney W. Williams)



Pocataligo River Health & Rehab (Manning): Wanda Casker

Home: Isabel Gist, Carolita Cantrell,

Milo Abbott (grandson of Norma Abbott),

Priscilla Dickey, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Beth (Staggs) and Conner Hodges on the birth of twin daughters, Mary Claire Hodges and Summer Elizabeth Hodges, born on May 12, 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama. Proud big brother is Hayes Hodges and proud grandparents are Chuck and Mary Staggs.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Isabel Gist on the death of her son, Nathaniel (Nat) Gist III, who died September 5, 2022 in Houston, Texas.

A memorial service for Ken McLeod, who passed away on April 28, 2022 in Richmond, Virginia, will be held at McLeod Chapel United Methodist Church in Rembert, South Carolina on Saturday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

**Two Weeks Beginning
September 4 & 11, 2022**

	Received		2022 Budgeted
	Two Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 23,139.	\$ 528,519.	\$ 460,809.
*Other Sources	<u>\$ 6,661.</u>	<u>\$ 54,457.</u>	<u>\$ 105,265.</u>
	\$ 29,800.	\$ 582,976.	\$ 566,074.

*Other Sources YTD includes \$51,558 from endowment funds distributions.