

# FOCUS



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

September 25, 2018

## *Sunday, September 30, 2018*

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

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

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

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

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

The Chancel Choir will sing  
"Lord of the Small" by Dan Forrest  
as the offertory anthem.

*A special offering will be received this Sunday  
for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)  
for hurricane relief.*

*Your generosity is appreciated!*

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

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

12:10 p.m. ~ Children's Communion Class

### **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**

Scott Williams, Dan Spencer

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

Fred Brogdon

### **ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING (Sept. 30-Oct. 6)**

Fred Brogdon

### **WORSHIP AT HOME**

Kenny Jordan, Ike Jenkins

### **TELLER**

Catharine Frerichs, Sherri Redmond

### **USHER**

Susan Brabham, Denise Dunn

### **JUNIOR USHER**

Emma Grace Freeman, Cooper Hill

### **YOUTH LITURGIST**

Elizabeth Foley

### **CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE**

Nursery – Markita Gadson, Lameshia Dennis

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

John and Anna Moorman

### **CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CLASS**

**Sunday, September 30 ~ 12:10-2:00 p.m.**

This class is open to all elementary age children. Your children will learn the Reformed understanding of communion. During class our children will be making bread that will be used during worship. This is a hands on way for our children to learn about this holy meal. Please contact Pastor Ashley (704-604-1060 or [acheek@fpcsumter.org](mailto:acheek@fpcsumter.org)) with questions or to sign your children up.



*Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

This is Louie Piner. He lives in Davis, NC, a rural town on the far eastern tip of the North Carolina Coast. There are no major highways that travel towards Davis. It's not a Wilmington or a Myrtle Beach. You could say Davis is filled with salt of the earth folks. This photograph

speaks volumes. I came across it online, posted by a new friend of mine, named Michael. Michael grew up in Davis and knows Louie well. Michael wrote a beautiful post to go along with this photo. He writes, "I have thought so much about our little area of the world this week. This picture captured this past Sunday at a worship service held at the Baptist Church in Davis, North Carolina is a photograph of Mr. Louie Piner. I grew up with Mr. Louie's boys, playing ball and playing in band. He never missed an event, he was his boys' biggest fan, but he rooted for all of us. I never see this man when he doesn't ask about my parents and have a kind word to say. What is most moving about this photograph to me is that it could be any man anywhere at any time during this devastating storm. It is a man who has been beaten and battered, worked to salvage what he could for his family and neighbors and when he is weary and burdened he holds tight to his faith. Storms don't discriminate, storms don't recognize demographics, socioeconomics, education, tax base or political affiliation. This picture could have been hurricane Floyd or Matthew or any other name. This picture could be from Craven, Edgecombe, Lenoir, Onslow, New Hanover Counties or Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina or Texas. We are all children of God. We all need his grace and mercy. This is a story you will not see on Fox News or CNN. This is a story you will not read in the News and Observer or the Washington Post. This is Down East."

As we continue to reach out with prayer for our brothers and sisters on the coast, we will also be receiving a special offering this Sunday for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance that will go directly to hurricane relief.

Blessings,

*Nick*

### **MEN OF FAITH**

**OCTOBER 3 – NOVEMBER 7**  
**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!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**

10:00 a.m. Council of Presbyterian Women .....  
 .....McLaurin Room

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

Circles – Please see below for a full listing of meeting times and places!

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting .....Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

3:00 p.m. Circle #8 ..... Covenant Place  
 5:45 p.m. Joy Ringers .....Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir ..... Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4**

1:30 p.m. Quilting Class ..... West Building

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

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



The Council of Presbyterian Women will meet Monday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room.

The following Circles will meet Tuesday, October 2, as follows:

#1 - 12:30 p.m. in the McLaurin Room  
 Chair: Linda Brown; Hostesses:  
 Barbara Finley, Debbie Jackson,  
 Jean Riddle and Suzanne Wates

#4 - 10:00 a.m. in the McLaurin Room  
 Chair: Norma Abbott

#6 - 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Edwards,  
 123 Conyers Street  
 Chair: Ashley Blum; Hostess: Jennifer Edwards

#9 - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sibbie McFaddin,  
 422 Haynsworth  
 Chair: Pam George; Hostess: Marilyn Jenkins

Circle #8 will meet **Wednesday, October 3**, at 3:00 p.m. at Covenant Place. Co-Chairs are Winnie Gee and Fran Kay.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON**

**October 17 – 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

This month’s luncheon will feature members of the Sumter High Orchestra under the direction of Erik Hines. In his 13<sup>th</sup> year as the Orchestra Director, Erik Hines has helped the program grow from eleven to over one hundred students. They have received numerous superior ratings. Please make reservations no later than Thursday, October 11, by calling Suzanne Wates at 803-469-0509.



**FPC Youth Trip -- Join us for a Spooktacular Time on Saturday, October 6 !**

Meet at the church parking lot at 1:45 p.m.. The cost is \$50 (includes dinner and admission). We will return around 1:00 a.m. Please contact Christie Stutz at cgstutz@yahoo.com or 803-464-6747 to sign up or if you have questions. The deadline for reservations and payment is Wednesday, October 3. Late sign-ups will pay full price at the gate.

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



**Children’s Choir Upcoming Schedule**

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.



**YOUTH BELLS**

Youth bells will meet immediately after church Sunday, September 30, 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.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED OCTOBER 7**

Received in relation to World Communion Sunday, this offering recognizes the call to bring Christ’s peace to all creation. Your generosity is appreciated.

**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)

**Happy Birthday** to Dot Spencer, who will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 27!

**FOCUS ON FINANCES**

**Week Beginning September 16, 2018**

|                | Received  |             | Budgeted   |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
|                | Two Weeks | YTD         | YTD        |
| <b>Revenue</b> |           |             |            |
| Contributions  | \$ 0.     | \$ 500,582. | \$529,329. |
| *Other Sources | \$ 15.    | \$ 101,571. | \$120,157. |
|                | \$ 15.    | \$ 602,153. | \$649,485. |

\*Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.

Because services were canceled on September 16 due to the storm, there are no offering contributions to report this week.