

First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews



April, 2018

Dear Friends,

The ultimate promise of Easter for Christ followers is that we will have eternal life. That is the great hope that we learn from the beginning of our walk with Christ, to be sure. But there is a more immediate assurance as well. We are assured that we are not irretrievably stuck in any of the messes that have resulted from circumstances or our bad decisions.

The Resurrection offers us new beginnings throughout our lives. It demonstrates once for all that God's will is the triumph of forgiveness, fresh beginnings, and new life.

My prayer is that, on Easter Sunday and following, we remember that we are an Easter People. The triumph of life over death on Resurrection Day is not a "one and done" event – it is always in place and offers renewal of our lives and spirits daily.

In our prayers, reading, and meditations let us be open to our Living God, trusting that all is being made new in Christ.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Alan Arnold

March Session Highlights

- Received a report from Mrs. Marion Anderson, Elder Commissioner, for the Ninety-First Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony held on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- Called a Session meeting to examine the Elders-elect and confirmands on Thursday, March 22, 2108 at 5:30 p.m.
- Elected Session Officers for 2018 as follows: Mrs. Christie McLeod-Clerk, Mr. Vernon White-Assistant Clerk, Mr. Avery Dickson-Vice Moderator, Mr. Bill Malloy-Treasurer, Mrs. Tracie Phillips-Assistant Treasurer, and Mr. Bill Tillman-Property Manager.
- Reverend Doctor Arnold thanked the Session Class of 2017, Mr. Cam Beck, Mr. Robby Bennett, Mrs. Mary Jane Evans and Mr. Bill Malloy, and commended them for their diligent service.
- Started plans for Elder ministry team assignments for the new unicameral Session.

Treasured Tuesdays, an older adult ministry of Camp Pee Dee. On Tuesday, April 17, we will meet at Mepkin Abbey (1098 Mepkin Abbey Road, Moncks Corner, SC) to tour the beautiful gardens and church.

Mepkin Abbey is a community of Roman Catholic monks. The Abbey was established in 1949 on the site of the historic Mepkin Plantation located on the Cooper River, north of Charleston, SC. The monks at Mepkin Abbey devote their lives to prayer, spiritual study, work and hospitality. Join us at 10:00 am to tour Nancy Bryan Luce Gardens and then enjoy a guided tour of the church. The cost is \$10 per person.

Reservations required no later than April 10. Contact Kelly Boone at (843) 479-3051. (See bulletin board for additional information).

TEACHING SCHEDULE FOR

APRIL 2018

April 1 st	Kelli Beck/Mary Jane Evans – Easter Sunday
April 8 th	Hadleigh Smith/Douglas Anderson
April 15 th	Karen Tillman/Sadie Smith
April 22 nd	Tom Hammer
April 29 th	Children/Youth Sunday



YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2018

The Youth will meet as follows for the month of April:

Sunday, April 1st **No Meeting – Easter**

Sunday, April 8th 6:00 pm – Youth Sunday Preparation

Sunday, April 15th 6:00 pm – Youth Sunday Preparation

Sunday, April 22nd 5:30 pm – Youth Sunday Practice

Sunday, April 29th 8:30 am – Final Rehearsal for Worship Service

Parents: Please mark your calendars for Youth Sunday which is Sunday, April 29th.

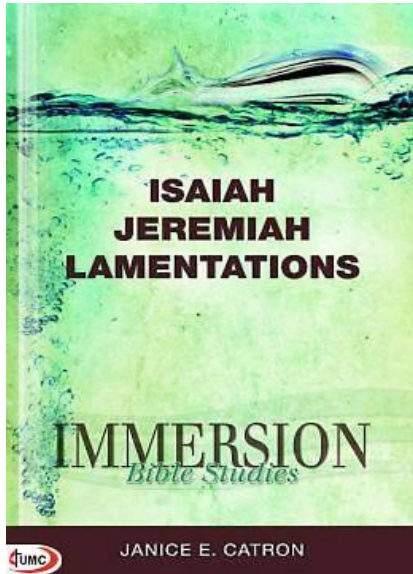


FUN PROGRAM SCHEDULE APRIL AND MAY 2018

The kids in Fun Program will meet the month of April and the first Wednesday in May 2018. Below is the schedule:

Wednesday, April 4 th	No meeting – Spring Break
Wednesday, April 11 th	3:00 pm – Regular Meeting – Youth Sunday Prep.
Wednesday, April 18 th	3:00 pm – Regular Meeting – Youth Sunday Prep.
Wednesday, April 25 th	3:00 pm – Regular Meeting – Youth Sunday Prep.
Sunday, April 29 th	9:15 am – Meet in Sanctuary for Rehearsal





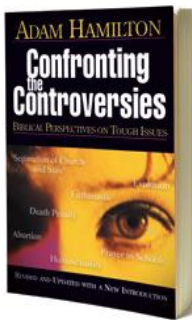
Fellowship Class to begin a new study on Sunday, April 8th entitled: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations

The Fellowship Class will begin an eight-week study on the Old Testament Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Lamentations the Sunday after Easter. This study will grapple with a variety of questions concerning suffering & loss, and how we can find hope in the midst of these times. From the Assyrian conquest of Israel and the threat to Judah during Isaiah's ministry to the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of its citizens during Jeremiah's ministry, God's covenant people suffered great losses. While in Lamentations a poet shows us how to mourn loss, and the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah express hope in God's ongoing love, mercy, justice, and restoration, a hope we can claim for

ourselves during our times of difficulty.

Plan to join us for this wonderful study beginning Sunday, April 8th.

Note to Facilitators: The Facilitator's sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Building for you to sign up a Sunday to teach. Please check your calendars and choose a Sunday to lead your class. There are 8 Facilitators and 8 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Mac.



The Parlor Class will begin a new study on Sunday, April 8th entitled: Confronting the Controversies: Biblical perspectives on Tough Issues by Adam Hamilton.

This is a seven-week course where the class will spend time listening, thinking, praying, and discussing very difficult issues of our day, and how we can have a better understanding of how the Christian faith relates to these critical issues in contemporary society.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, April 8th through Sunday, May 20th for this wonderful study!

Camp Pee Dee

Faith Fun and Friends

This Summer's Mission is for campers to ponder the BIG questions about God. Come join us as we unravel and begin to think and discuss these questions. Camps are open to children and young adults who have completed kindergarten (5K) through 12th grade in 2018. Each camp will provide a full week of Bible lessons, games, crafts, worship, canoeing, swimming, hiking, and many other indoor and outdoor activities.

Registration forms can be picked up from Mac in the office or you can go to the Camp Pee Dee website for them as well. This is a great opportunity for children and youth to spend time in learning about God and enjoying the gifts of nature that have been given to us!





Prayer List

Members:

Gerry Rogers Dee Pierce
 Benny Moore
 Pam Chapman Kathie Cook

Relatives/Friends:

Rebie Harrison (Sue Cutchin's mother)
 Bhree Barrett (Louise Carpenter's great niece)
 Rose Via (Tammy Joyce's mother)
 Anna Schoderbek (daughter of Reba & Buddy Brooks)
 Cheryl Goldsberry (Shirley Brock's daughter)
 Nancy Ingram Walters (Sloan Baker's sister)
 Fred Goddard (Craig Goddard's father)
 Elsie Rainey (Shirley Brock's sister)
 Sammy Boan (friend of Jean Page Watson)
 Evelyn Petros (Jean Page Watson's aunt)
 John Pruitt, (Libby Pierce's brother)
 Rosalind Brymer (Gina Goddard's mother)
 Robert Gantt (friend of Betty Davis)

Community:

Chris Thrailkill
 Malia and Paul Dunn

Nursing Home Residents (Away):

Residents at Presbyterian Communities:
 Ruth Leggett (Columbia)
 Artha Sompayrac (Summerville)
 B. J. Moore (Summerville)

Other:

Mid-East Conflict & Victims

2018 Mission Trip Calendar

Mission Trip Yard Sale on Saturday April 7, 2018 for an inside Yard Sale from 7:00 to 10:00 am. If you need help delivering your yard sale items to the Church, please call David Morgan at (843) 337-9231, or David Nagel at (843) 921-3607.

Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 am

After Church Mission Trip Luncheon Fundraiser on Sunday May 6, 2018.

Report Back to the Congregation and 2019 Mission Kickoff Luncheon on Sunday, October 7, 2018

Deadline for the May Edition of the PresbyNews is Monday, April 23rd, 2018.

Pray N Play Schedule for April, 2018



April 1	Christie & Alice McLeod
April 8	Kelli Beck
April 15	Hadleigh Smith
April 22	Becky Childers
April 29	Laura Folger



At Ease - April 3rd at 12:00

Change of Address

Ms. Anne Bryan has moved. Her new address:
200 Bristol Glen Dr. Box 276, Newton, NJ 07860

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jackson Goddard for being named to the President's List for USC and the Dean's List for the Arnold School of Public Health.

To Eva Goddard for being inducted into the National Junior Beta Club at Long Middle School.



Kenny and Sadie Smith would like to **announce the birth** of their granddaughter, Leila Harper Mimms, born on Friday, March 2, 2018 in Florence, SC weighing 7lbs. 11oz. Leila is the daughter of Parker and Jennifer Mimms.

Phillip & Heather Tucker would like to **announce the birth** of their son, Christopher Sterling Tucker, born on March 4th at McLeod's in Florence, SC. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Christopher Sterling is the grandson of John and Bron Long and the brother of Jackson.

The Giving Ministry Team News

Donations can be made on-line through the use of Realm. It can be accessed through the new church website cherawfpc.org under Giving or onrealm.org.





Birthdays

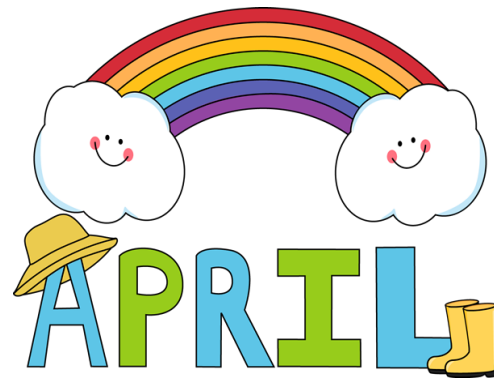
- 1-Alex Evans, Payton McCall
- 3-Bill Cauthen
- 6-Kathy Bradshaw, Frankie Hughes
- 8-Josh Evans
- 9-Buddy Brooks, Phillip Tucker
- 12-Mike Chapman, David Morgan
- 13-Louise Carpenter
- 14-Daniel Bradshaw
- 17-Douglas Anderson
- 18-Diane Hines
- 19-John McLaughlin
- 20-Charlene Tillman
- 21-Sue Cutchin
- 22-Betty Laney, Judy White
- 24-Debbie Jewart, David Nagel

Fellowship Building Setup

Groups or committees that require a special set-up for activities in the Fellowship Building are asked to make their request through the church office.

IN SYMPATHY

Please remember Libby Knight and her family upon the death of her brother, Steve Bilby. Mr. Bilby died on Sunday, March 25, 2018.



Calendar of Events

1	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
2		Office Closed
3	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
7		Yard Sale
8	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
9	8:30 a.m.	MMO
10	10:00 a.m.	Circle No. 1
	4:30 p.m.	Circle No. 2
	6:00 p.m.	CE
11	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
15	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
16	8:30 a.m.	MMO
18	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
19	5:30 p.m.	Session
21		Pancake Fundraiser
22	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
23	8:30 a.m.	MMO
25	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
29	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
30	8:30 a.m.	MMO