

First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews



August, 2018

Dear Friends,

The session has called for a congregational meeting to take place on August 12 at the beginning of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act upon a report from the Officer Nominating Committee which will present a slate of names of persons who have agreed to serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). This committee will begin the process of seeking out the next installed pastor that God has chosen for ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. The five persons who have agreed to serve are: Marion Anderson, Cathy Chapman, Bill Malloy, Christie McLeod, and Dan Tillman.

As a matter of process, the moderator of the congregational meeting (Avery Dickson, the current moderator of the Presbytery of New Harmony) will ask the Officer Nominating Committee to present its slate and then ask if there are nominations from the floor. Please note that each of the five nominees have been informed of the tasks and responsibilities of the PNC. Anyone nominated to take a place on the PNC needs to be willing to commit the time necessary to fulfill the undertaking.

The PNC will compose a Church Information Form (CIF) which describes the special ministry of FPC as well as the community of Cheraw. This CIF will be posted on the denomination's website for all interested pastors to read. In time, some pastors will send their dossiers to the committee for consideration. These will be reviewed, references checked, and interviews conducted. Eventually, one person will emerge as the one who is the best fit for ministry in this place at this time.

This is a time of reflection and renewal for the congregation as it will consider what the special mission of FPC will be for the next season of ministry. There are many committed and talented pastors who, when they become aware of the gifts of this congregation and the charm of living in Cheraw, will volunteer themselves for consideration. The congregation's prayers for the PNC will be a crucial part of the entire process. So, in a sense, everyone at FPC will be involved in this search.

We all know what a blessing FPC is to the town of Cheraw and in the world. God continues to approve the efforts of the disciples who assemble to worship and to carry out the mission of the church. We can count on God to approve the work of the PNC in the coming months as it searches for that special person who will help maintain the strong tradition of sharing Christ's love with all.

Grace and peace,

Alan Arnold

Report from Thornwell Board of Trustees meeting July 19-20, 2018

Nelson Mandela said: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” On July 19-20, 2018 I was privileged to attend the summer Board of Trustees meeting at Thornwell. The most exciting news to report is that Thornwell will open a Public Charter School in the fall of 2019. It will begin with 5K-5th grades the first year with plans to add grade levels until reaching grade 12. This is great news for the children who live on the Thornwell campus. Currently these children, who typically are many grades behind in reading and math, attend public school and then return to campus for tutoring, adding an extra 2-3 hours in their school day. The Charter School will provide a comprehensive personalized academic plan, an individualized health and wellness program and a life skills program. It will initially serve 120 students and potentially as many as 240 students.

The school will be located on Thornwell’s beautiful 350-acre campus and farm using the school building, performing arts center, gymnasium, athletic center, dining hall and swimming pool. Many of these facilities have either been dormant or need extensive renovations to meet the standards and codes required. Applications for grants are already underway, but the renovations are substantial and we need your help! Please prayerfully consider your gifts as Thornwell undertakes the Capital Needs Project for the school which can positively impact so many children in need. You can learn more at: www.thornwellcharterschool.org

Our church, partnering with Thornwell, now has a Building Families Specialist, Carisa Gerald housed in our church and working with families in our community. The program is an in-home service that offers practical tools to improve a child’s behavior and reduce stress as a parent. Some skills children are taught include: showing respect, managing anger, and accepting “no” for an answer and parents develop skills like: teaching self-control, correcting misbehavior and giving effective consequences. You can reach Carisa directly at: Carisa.Gerald@thornwell.org or (843)501-1599.

Through changing times, Thornwell continues to grow in seeking to serve children and families and bringing hope, healing and wholeness to those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Malloy

Trustee

Thornwell



Congratulations to our scholarship recipients for the school year 2018-2019.

The William Manning Malloy Scholarship:

Miss Lauren Howle – Presbyterian College

Miss Molly O’Neal – University of South Carolina

The Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarship/J. G. Maynard Scholarship

Miss Lindsay Carver – The Citadel

Miss Ariel-Brooke McCormick – NETC

Miss Sara Marie Jewart – Lander College or NETC

D. W. Moore Scholarship:

Mr. Michael Hammer – University of South Carolina

Mr. Jack McLeod – Clemson University

Sunday School

*On Sunday, September 2nd, we **will not** have Sunday School for anyone (children – Fellowship Class) due to the fact, Worship has been changed from 11:00 am to 10:00 am for this Sunday only.*

Therefore, we will resume Sunday School for children through the Fellowship Class beginning Sunday, September 9, 2018. Please mark your calendars with this very important change!

CONGREGATION FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION

GATHERING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

5:30 PM

Make plans now to attend our Congregational Gathering on Sunday, August 26th at 5:30 pm. Beginning at 5:30 pm, we will be putting together school supply bags for Long Middle School and for Cheraw High School to help these schools who have students who cannot afford all the school supplies they need to start off the year.

At 6:15 pm, we will have a cookout with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and all the trimmings and fixings, intergenerational games for those who would like to show off their skills in sports, or just sit and have conversations with others who we do not get to see very often; especially, after a summer of vacations and so many of us being gone.

This wonderful event is being sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry Team, the Fellowship Ministry Team, and the Mission/Outreach Ministry Team.

Bring your lawn chairs as we will be in the back yard behind the Fellowship Building and make plans to attend this gathering of friends as we celebrate the beginning of a new program year here at First Presbyterian!



RALLY DAY SUNDAY
AUGUST 26, 2018 BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM
In FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

Please plan to join us as we kick-off the new program year with our Rally Day Celebration. The Christian Education Ministry Team will be providing a Continental Breakfast

beginning at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Building.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we gather after the summer months of being away. This will be a great time for fellowship and reconnecting with our Church Family!



The Outreach and Mission Ministry Team will be collecting school supplies for Long Middle School and Cheraw High School during the month of August. Below is the supply list for Long Middle School. We will send out Cheraw High School information as soon as we receive it.

Long Middle School

2018-2019 Supply Lists for Grades 6-8

6th Grade Supply List

Three (1 ½ Inch Binders)
Subject dividers
Highlighters
Pencils
Colored pencils
Paper (Loose leaf preferably wide ruled)
Two Packs of subject dividers
5 Marble Top Notebooks
Glue sticks
Scissors
Post It Notes
Pencil Pouch
Two (2) Pocket folders
Erasers
Markers

7th Grade

(2) 2 in binder
3 pocket folders with prongs
4 Marble composition notebooks
1 2G (or higher) flash drive
Dividers
Loose leaf paper (wide rule is preferred)
Pencils
Compositions notebook
Calculator
Colored pencils

8th Grade Supply List

(6) Marble Composition Books
(2) Poly-vinyl 3-prong with pockets folder
1 2G (or higher) flash drive
Loose Leaf Paper (wide rule is preferred)
Graph Paper
Pencils
Eraser Toppers
Highlighters
Colored Pencils
Glue Sticks
Notecards: Large 6 x 9 and Small 3 x 5
Ruler
Scissors
Scientific Calculator
➤ Algebra I students are required to have a graphing calculator. Texas Instruments TI-84 or 84 Plus is recommended

The Mission of Long Middle School is to Educate ALL Students to Become Successful Adults.



Prayer List

Members:

Gerry Rogers Dee Pierce
Pam Chapman Benny Moore

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)
Hope Griggs (friend of Tracie Phillips)
Vern Winburn (Randy Jewart's friend)
Bill Funderburk (Jim Funderburk's brother)

Community:

Chris Thrailkill
Malia and Paul Dunn

Nursing Home Residents (Away):

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

Other:

Mid-East Conflict & Victims



August 5 - Sadie Smith

August 19 - Shelley Morgan

August 26 - Christie McLeod

Grief Share - First United Methodist Church - beginning on August 8th from 10:30 until 12:00. For more information, please contact Sara Sanderson at 843-910-7987 or call FUMC at 843-537-7002.



August 7th - AT EASE

12:00 NOON

HAND AND FOOT 9:30 a.m.

At Ease meal will be from Country Kitchen - BBQ chicken, macaroni and cheese, broccoli salad, biscuits and dessert. Cost \$7:00. If you are not on the calling or e-mail list for At Ease and would like to be notified of our meetings, please call Beth Witherspoon 843-537-5354 or e-mail: bethandjoewitherspoon@gmail.com.

If you are interested in learning to play Hand and Foot, a card game (easy but lots of fun) let Beth know and come on. No preparation needed.

Come and bring a friend, but be sure to sign up!

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.

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.



2-Gavin McCall, Joe Newsom
5-Bill Tillman, Peggy Stewart
6-Mac McCall
8-Lee Tillman
11-Rachel Marsh, Rebecca Marsh,
Vernon White
13-Laura Brabham, Tony Griggs
15-Grayson Cauthen
16-Jim Funderburk
24-Billie Polson
25-Shirley Brock
26-Philip Dickson, Bron Long,
Calvin Phillips



Wednesday, August 8th

6:00 p.m.

All choir members are asked to mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 8th to begin Choir Practice. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

August

CALENDAR

of Events



Mother's Morning Out Open House
August 22 - 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Feel free to bring any interested parents that you may know. At this time, you may fill out any necessary paperwork and you will receive your handbook. Please bring an updated immunization form when you come. Our first day back for MMO will be Monday, August 27th. Please contact Kim Brabham if you have questions.

5	11:00 a.m.	Worship
7	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	6:00 p.m.	CE
8	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Resumes
12	11:00 a.m.	Worship
15	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
16	5:30 p.m.	Session
19	11:00 a.m.	Worship
22	10-11 a.m.	MMO Open House
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
26	9:30 a.m.	Rally Day
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Congregational Fellowship Mission Gathering
27	8:30 a.m.	MMO
29	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

Thank YOU

Alan and I want to express our thanks and appreciation for your prayers, cards and food during my surgeries and convalescence. You are a wonderful, generous congregation and your love is a treasure to us.

Blessings,
Penny