

First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews



May / June, 2018

Dear Friends,

Our youth hosted a wonderful worship service on Youth Sunday that focused on “Change.” I particularly liked their suggestion that change can be an invitation to intimacy with God – especially in conversations with God, a practice that involves sitting with no other purpose than being open to God’s word.

God seeks to reveal to us more of the Trinity in order to stretch us. Being stretched is to be open to the Way that Jesus invited us into – a space of God’s truth and love. Becoming ever more devoted disciples will be the result of being open to God’s guidance and Way.

Enveloping the transforming power of the Spirit will lead us to have our eyes opened to God’s plan for us, as well. Consider the youths’ paths – they are faced with change everywhere they look! I pray they will remain open to God’s plan for them throughout their journeys.

Change is ahead for all of us all the time. Penny and I have heard God’s plans for us through the voices of our children who are calling for more of our time. I had a conversation with the session about this at the most recent session meeting. As you know, my call to FPC has been a temporary one that has stretched out nearly four years now. It has been evident to Penny and me that we need flexibility to be with our children and grandchildren. To that end we plan to take the month of August off as vacation and attend a family reunion and spend quality time with all the kids.

I also proposed to the session a ministry pattern that will have Penny and me at our home in Chapin for three days a week – Thursday through Saturday. This will allow us to accomplish some home renovations as well as to be present to Emily and her girls.

It is possible that the session will decide to form a Pastor Nominating Committee that would begin a search for the next pastor for FPC, a change that blesses the future of FPC. I am confident that God’s will is coming forth and will guide us all to what God intends to happen. For this, I am greatly thankful.

Grace and peace,

Alan Arnold

Mother's Day Offering

On May 13 we will again receive the Mother's Day Offering which benefits those residents at Presbyterian Communities whose financial resources have been exhausted. Our gifts make it possible for these residents who can no longer provide for themselves to remain in their "home." This peace of mind is a great gift. Please consider supporting the Mother's Day Offering on Mother's Day.

"Out of Office Hours"

Rev. Arnold will be keeping Out of Office Hours at One-Fifty Ate Bakery (at 158 Second St.) on some week-day mornings beginning this month. On Monday, May 7, he will be available at the bakery for conversation over coffee from 7 to 9 a.m. You are encouraged to drop in for a chat about whatever is on your mind. Please watch the calendar in the worship bulletin for future hours.

May 27 Worship Service

While it is not a Fifth Sunday, the worship service on May 27 will be held in the Fellowship Building and provide us one of our "casual services" for the year. The Memorial Day weekend being the unofficial first day of summer gives us every reason to relax and look forward to the joys of summer as well as recall the traditions of the day. Join us there!

The Building Families Program at First Presbyterian Church Cheraw

As you have heard by now, the partnership with Thornwell's Building Families Program is now moving forward with the hiring of Carisa Gerald as the Family Specialist. This new mission of First Presbyterian Church and Thornwell has great potential to affect change in the community. By working with individual families, the Family Specialist has the potential to intercede with families before they get in the DSS system and children are removed from the family. It also has the potential to improve family relationships throughout the community through individual work, classes to be taught, and interaction with community leaders.

Our church covers a portion of the expenses for this program but the major portion is covered by Thornwell. You have the opportunity to help support this program by making a one-time donation; or a one, two or three-year commitment. **All payments are to be made to First Presbyterian Church.**

A commitment card is included here for your consideration.



First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw has entered into a covenant agreement with Thornwell to provide the Thornwell Building Families Program to promote a healthy family environment, and delivering hope and healing to families in need. Together, we will be **“Building Tomorrow’s Families Today.”**

In seeking to serve the needs of children and families in their homes, I/we make this commitment to the ministry of Thornwell's Building Families Program partnering with First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw to provide this program in our community.

My/our commitment (2018) is \$ _____ per month, or
\$ _____ per year for _____ years*

Name _____

*I understand that I may adjust this estimate of giving at any time by contacting the FPC finance secretary.

MAY AND JUNE 2018

Children's Sunday School Teaching Schedule for May, 2018

May 6 th	Kelli Beck/Mary Jane Evans
May 13 th	Hadleigh Smith/Douglas Anderson
May 20 th	Karen Tillman/Sadie Smith
May 27 th	Tom Hammer – Memorial Day Weekend



This will be the last month for teaching for the summer. I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year! We hope that all of you have a safe and relaxing summer!

YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR MAY, 2018

The youth will meet as follows for the month of May.



- Sunday, May 6th 6:00 pm Meeting at the Church
- Sunday, May 13th No Youth - Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 20th Graduation Sunday - Reception for all of our Graduates after Worship
- TBA: The youth have been invited by First Baptist Church to State Park for a gathering with other Youth Groups within the area. At this time - we are not sure of the arrangements so watch emails and facebook for details.
- Sunday, May 27th No Youth - Memorial Day Weekend

Please Note: During the first part of June, Mac will be preparing for the Montreat Youth Conference. Permission Forms and Medical Forms will be forthcoming and will need to be turned in prior to heading for Montreat in July. So

watch you emails for all details!

Sunday School for June, July, and August, 2018

*The Session approved at their last meeting to cancel Sunday for everyone **except** the Fellowship Class. We will resume Sunday School for children through the Parlor Class beginning with Rally Day which will be August 26, 2018. Please note: the month of June will be Mission Month. We will be having guest speakers to come and help us to focus on the different Missions that we are a part of as a church. If you want to attend and need a nursery for your young children - please let Mac know so he can make arrangements for childcare.*



The Fellowship Class will spend the **month of June** focusing on Missions. Three of the four weeks, we will have speakers talk about various Missions the we support as a congregation. The first Sunday in June – Preston Huntley will kick-off the month with a lesson about God’s call to Mission and Service. We would like to encourage everyone who is able to attend. Below is the schedule for the month of June.

Sunday, June 3 rd	Preston Huntley – God’s call for Mission and Service
Sunday, June 10 th	Mike Reese from Habitat for Humanity
Sunday, June 17 th	Sharon Hendrix from McArn Food Bank
Sunday, June 24 th	Kelly Sloan from Camp Pee Dee

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients for 2018-2019

The Scholarship Committee members are pleased to present the following recipients for the school year, 2018-2019:

THE WILLIAM MANNING MALLOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Miss Lauren Howle – Presbyterian College

Miss Molly O’Neal – The University of South Carolina

THE EDWIN MALLOY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP/THE J. G. MAYNARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Miss Lindsay Carver – The Citadel

Miss Ariel Brooke McCormick – Lander College

Miss Sara Marie Jewart – NETC or Lander College

THE D. W. MOORE, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Mr. Michael Hammer – Clemson University or The University of Florida

Mr. Jack McLeod – Clemson University



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:
Artha Sompayrac (Summerville)
B. J. Moore (Summerville)

Other:

Mid-East Conflict & Victims

2018 Mission Trip Calendar

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

Pray N Play Schedule for May, 2018



May 6 Emily Beck

May 13 Christie and Alice McLeod

May 20 Hadleigh Smith

May 27 Andy Beck



At Ease - May 1 at 12:00

At Ease - June 5 at 12:00



- Congratulations to Harvey Anderson, Emily Beck and Jacob Goddard for being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at Cheraw High School in March!

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.



BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Chip Ingram
- 6-Chris Hydrick
- 8-Josh Evans
- 10-Sallie McLeod
- 11-Edwin "Brother" Davis
- 13-Andy Ingram
- 14-Teresa Ingram
- 17-Andrew McLeod
- 19-Trey Cauthen, Sadie Smith
- 20-Lindsay Bennett
- 21-Randy Jewart
- 26-Caden Cauthen, Shelley Morgan
- 27-Elizabeth Cox
- 28-Benny Moore, Penny Angle
- 30-Glenn Anderson



June

- 3-Kim Brabham
- 4-Claudia Brown
- 6-Gerry Rogers
- 12-Louis Anderson
- 13-Miller Ingram
- 15-Jacob Evans
- 16-Kelli Beck, Nadia Harris
- 18-Fred Craft
- 21-Robby Bennett, Harriet Conn
- 23-Jackson Goddard
- 24-Larry Gaddy
- 26-John Evans
- 27-Jack McLeod

MAY

CALENDAR of Events

1	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
2	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
6	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Mission Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
7	8:30 a.m.	MMO
8	10:00 a.m.	Circle No. 1
	4:30 p.m.	Circle No. 2
	6:00 p.m.	CE
9	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
13	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
14	8:30 a.m.	MMO
16	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
17	5:30 p.m.	Session
20	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
21	8:30 a.m.	MMO
23	8:30 a.m.	MMO
27	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
30		Office Closed

JUNE

Calendar of Events

3	11:00 a.m.	Worship
5	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
10	11:00 a.m.	Worship
17	11:00 a.m.	Worship
21	5:30 p.m.	Session
24	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Looking Ahead to JULY

July 8 – July 14 Montreat Youth Conference



The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Becky Childers and her family on the death of her brother, Dan Robinson, on Sunday, April 22. Dan lived in Sarasota, Florida.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Ruth Leggett. Ms. Leggett died April 14, at the Presbyterian Communities in Lexington, SC.

**WE WILL NOT PUBLISH A
NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF
JULY, 2018.**