

# First Presbyterian Church

## PresbyNews



**May, 2019**

Dear Friends,

A generation ago, the late Scottish preacher, James Stewart, wrote a book entitled, A Faith to Proclaim. I was given a copy of that book by someone in my home church in Darlington when it was known that I was going to pursue the ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church. About this time of year, just after Easter, I remember a certain marvelous quote from Stewart's book. It helps us to remember that the Easter message of our Lord's resurrection is central to all that we say and do as God's people throughout the year. Read aloud and think about what Stewart wrote:

*"This is our Gospel. For this is what Christianity essentially is – a religion of Resurrection. This is what every worshipping congregation is intended in the purpose of God to be – a community of the Resurrection. This is the basic character of every act of public worship – a proclamation of the Resurrection. And this is what the Gospel offers to our dark and ruined chaos of a world, where [people] peering into the future are daunted by the well-nigh impossible task of creating order out of confusion and life out of death: the power of the Resurrection."*

The resurrection of Jesus is not just something we celebrate one Sunday of the year. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith. It is God's insistence on life instead of death, hope instead of despair, and faith instead of futility. It is the constant reminder that God and his good purpose do eventually win in the end, despite the present pain and struggle we may face.

The resurrection of Jesus is also our incentive to do God's mission in this world. Every act of kindness and generosity demonstrates God at work in the world, for God is not shut up in an ancient tomb but alive and working in us and through us in the Cheraw community and around God's world. Our gifts to "One Great Hour of Sharing" and the special offering for the Presbyterian Communities and the Food Bank, plus an annual mission trip to Massanetta, Virginia, demonstrate our confidence in the resurrected Lord who can and will "make all things new" [II Corinthians 5.17].

The resurrection of Christ also re-orientes our lives from past failures to future accomplishments. We are not chained to past mistakes, for which we are forgiven. Instead, we look ahead to what God will yet do through us in mission and worship and the call of our church's next pastor. God will be present with our youth at Montreat this summer and will guide our young people through the tough decisions ahead of them on career and lifestyle choices.

Thanks to the resurrection of Christ, God is with us and ahead of us! What a joy to anticipate what God has next for us!

Your interim pastor, Dr. Dan Sansbury



The congregation will share in the sacrament of communion during the worship service on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and their baptized children, are invited to partake in the sacrament with us.

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#### Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work on the assessment of our Church, its current missions and ministries, and hopes and dreams for our next installed pastor. The Committee invites your continued prayers for God's wisdom and guidance.

Committee members are Bill Malloy, Christie McLeod, Dan Tillman, Cathy Chapman and Marian Anderson.

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#### Highlights from April 11, 2019 Session Meeting

- The community garden has been tilled and is ready to plant. Planting will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please come and help.
- Graduation Sunday will be May 19<sup>th</sup> with a reception in the Fellowship Building.
- Welcome Packets and coffee mugs are available for new members. Greeters will welcome new visitors and give them a Welcome Packet before Worship.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> is Youth Sunday and the youth will lead us in worship.
- The Fellowship Committee will provide a barbeque lunch with all of the fixings following worship on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Christie McLeod provided an update from the PNC to Session on the work that has been done to date.



**Scholarship Recipients for 2019-2020 school year:**

**The William Manning Malloy Scholarship Fund**

Emily Arnold - Wofford University

Alayna Carabo - University of South Carolina

**The Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Emily Beck - Clemson University

Heavenly Ford - Winthrop University

Molly O'Neal - University of South Carolina

**The McArn Fund Scholarship Fund**

Jacob Goddard - Clemson University

Hailey Bryant - Clemson University

**The D.W. Moore, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Chrissa Murray - Coker College



## TEAM NEWS

**Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser** on Saturday, May 18, 2019 in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

**2019 Mission Trip - June 9–15 - Massanetta Spring in VA.**

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Building Families News.....



Are you stressing about how to keep your child busy and negative behaviors at a minimum during the summer?? If your stress level has already increased, with the anticipation of school being out for the summer, we may be able to help!!! Carisa Gerald, Thornwell/First Presbyterian-Cheraw's Family Specialist, will be conducting a Summer Toolkit Drop-In on May 22, 2019 in the Fellowship Building, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Please spread the word!!! RSVP by May 13, 2019, by calling Carisa @ 843-501-1599.

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### *Fellowship Class Studies For May and June, 2019*

The Fellowship Class will continue their study by John Ortberg entitled: All The Places To Go during the month of May. The study helps us to see all the wonderful doors that God can open for us if we just look for them.

The Facilitators for the month of May are:

May 5<sup>th</sup> Cathy Chapman

May 12<sup>th</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup> David Morgan

May 26<sup>th</sup>



Then in June, July, and August, the Fellowship Class will meet in the Parlor and will be studying the Nooma Series which are individual lessons on various topics. Those facilitating the class during the month of June are:

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Brown

June 9<sup>th</sup> Vernon White

June 16<sup>th</sup> Cathy Chapman

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup> Avery Dickson

Please plan to join the class during the month of May and through the summer months for these wonderful studies.

*Graduation Sunday Celebration  
May 19, 2019*



*On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring our 2019 Graduates during our morning Worship Service at 11:00 am.*

*This year we only have 3 High School Graduates. They are Emily Beck, Jacob Goddard, and Hadley Moore. Emily and Jacob will be attending Clemson University in the fall, and Hadley will be attending University of South Carolina.*

*Immediately following our Worship Service, the Christian Education Ministry Team will be having a reception in the Fellowship Building for the congregation as we honor our Graduates and their families. We hope that everyone will make every effort to attend this very important day as we celebrate these Young Adults and their accomplishments.*

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**Sunday School Teaching Schedule for May, 2019**

**Preschool/Elementary**

May 5<sup>th</sup> Kelli Beck/Jean Page Watson  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Laura Katherine Folger/Charlene Tillman  
May 19<sup>th</sup> Sadie Smith/Karen Tillman  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Tom Hammer/Heather Tucker



**Youth**

May, 2019 Lindsay Bennett

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**FUN PROGRAM**

Fun Program will meet 2 times during the month of May. The children will be participating in Children/Youth Sunday on May 5<sup>th</sup>. All children need to be here at the church on Sunday morning, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to practice. Immediately following practice, the children will go to Sunday School. Then about 10:45 a.m. the children are to meet Mac downstairs to get ready for Worship. Here is the schedule for Fun Program and we ask that parents please mark their calendars with these times and dates.

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 3:00 pm Preparation for Children and Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Meeting in the Sanctuary for practice

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> **NO FUN PROGRAM**

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 3:00 - 5:00 pm This will be the last Fun Program for the year, and we will be going to the Phillips farm for fun and ice cream. We plan to be back at the church by 5:00 pm.

Please note: Parents are welcomed to attend but it is not necessary. If you have any questions about this outing, please contact Mac

## *Prayer List*

### **Members:**

Dee Pierce                      Anne Bryan  
Carole Kennedy                Gerry Rogers  
Jack Baker                      Larry Gaddy  
Louise Carpenter              Robby Ashworth  
Shenell Malloy  
Charles Watson

### **Relatives/Friends:**

Rebie Harrison (Sue Cutchin's mother)  
Bhree Barrett (Louise Carpenter's great niece)  
Rose Via (Tammy Joyce's mother )  
Cheryl Goldsberry (Shirley Brock's daughter)  
Gracyn Sprouse (Shirley Brock's niece)  
Nancy Ingram Walters (Sloan Baker's sister)  
Fred Goddard (Craig Goddard's father)  
Evelyn Petros (Jean Page Watson's aunt)  
John Pruitt (Libby Pierce's brother)  
Gene Brymer (Gina Goddard's father)  
Robert Gantt (friend of Betty Davis)  
Hope Griggs (friend of Tracie Phillips)  
Vern Winburn (Randy Jewart's friend)  
David Perdue (Jennifer Tillman's father)  
Wayne Dickson (Louise Carpenter's son-in-law)  
Welbourne White (son of Betty Davis)  
Peggy Hick (friend of Darice Gomez)  
Doug Madill (cousin to Brother Davis)

### **Community:**

Chris Thrailkill

### **Nursing Home Residents (Away):**

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

### **Other:**

Mid-East Conflict & Victims



Family of Mrs. Mary Lou Jacobs. Mrs. Jacobs died March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sue Cutchin and her family upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Peggy Thompson.

## *Congratulations*

*Miller and Gail Ingram are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Tillar Glenn Budney, at the end of last month. Tillar's parents are Blake and Ruth Budney, who live in Asheville, NC.*

### **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](http://cherawfpc.org) under Giving or [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org).



**May 5    Laura Folger**

**May 12**

**May 19    Sadie Smith**

**May 26    Jean Page Watson**

## 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.

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*AT EASE*

*May 6, 2019 - 12:00*

*June 4, 2019 - 12:00*

**HAND AND FOOT 9:30 a.m.**

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](mailto: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!

**Happy  
BIRTHDAY** *May*

1-Chip Ingram  
8-Josh Evans  
10-Sallie McLeod  
11-Edwin "Brother" Davis  
13-Andy 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

**happy  
birthday!**

*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



1-Mary Anderson  
2-Sally Bryant  
3-Susie Pace  
5-George McKinney  
14-Libby Knight  
15- Kenny Smith  
16-Lisa Hewitt  
19-Cathy Chapman  
23-Meredith Hydrick  
24-Harvey Anderson  
28-Bobby Smith  
29-Heather Tucker  
30-Liston Anderson  
31-Anne Bryan

# Looking ahead to



## Calendar of Events

1	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
5	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Spring Bar-b-que
6	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education
7	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	1:00 p.m.	At Ease Committee
	4:30 p.m.	PWCT
	5:30 p.m.	Called Session Meeting
8	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
12	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
13	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team
14	6:00 p.m.	PW Spring Gathering
15	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
16	5:30 p.m.	Session
18	8:00 a.m.	Mission Pancake Sale
19	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
20	8:30 a.m.	MMO
22	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	11:30 a.m.	Membership Team Mtg.
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
26	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
27		Office Closed
29	8:30 a.m.	MMO

3	5:30 p.m.	Mission Outreach
9-15		Mission Massanetta
20	5:30 p.m.	Session Meeting

### Mother's Day Offering

On May 12 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.

**WE WILL NOT PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY, 2019.**

### Looking Ahead to JULY

July 7 – July 13 Montreat Youth Conference

July 15 – 20 – Triennium – Perdue University