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The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

January 5, 2021

GIFT OF THE HEART KITS

During the month of January through February 7, FPC we will be collecting items for Gift of the Heart Kits: a mission of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These kits are an excellent hands-on project for youth groups, Presbyterian Women, individuals, families, and others who want a tangible way to be involved in domestic and international mission. Below is a list of the three kits we would like to assemble:

Clean Up Bucket (Value \$75):

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| 1 - 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid* | |
| 4 - scouring pads | 7 - sponges, assorted sizes |
| 1 - scrub brush | 5 - dust masks |
| 1 pair - work gloves | 1 - 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50 |
| 1 - pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®) | |
| 1 - 50 oz. or 2 - 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent | |
| 1 - liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®) 12 oz | |
| 1 - bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®) 24-28 oz | |
| 1 - Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft. | |
| 2 pair - heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical) | |
| 1 - 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon) | |
| 1 - bottle insect repellant (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol) 6-9 oz. | |

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles.

*Some local fast-food restaurants are willing to give pickle buckets (or other 5-gallon buckets with re-sealable lids) or offer them for a small fee. These can be washed out and used for the cleanup buckets.

Hygiene Kit (Value \$15)

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| 1 - hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels) | |
| 1 - washcloth | 1 - wide-tooth comb |
| 1 - nail clipper | 1 - bar of soap (bath size in wrapper) |
| 1 - toothbrush (in original packaging) | 10 - Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips |

School Kit (Value \$15)

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| 3 - 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10 1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200 – 210 sheets of ruled paper. | |
| 1 - pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip) | 1 - box of 24 crayons |
| 1 - 30-centimeter ruler (12") | 1 - hand-held pencil sharpener |
| 6 - new pencils with erasers | 1 - large eraser |
| 1 - cloth bag, 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles | |

The Mission Team in partnership with the Faith Formation Team would like to encourage everyone to participate. Our goal is to assemble and deliver 20 Clean Up Buckets, 20 Hygiene Kits and 20 School Kits. A value of \$2100.

All donations should be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, February 7.

Gift of the Heart kits will then be assembled and presented during worship on Sunday, February 14, Valentine's Day for prayer.

Please note if would like to make a monetary donation, please be sure to include a note with your donation indicating it is for Gift of the Heart Kits and send to Neil Ross no later than February 7.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Hickey.

WORSHIP MUSIC

January 10

Bella Land, soprano soloist, will sing *Down to the River to Pray*

January 17

Special music will be provided by Hamilton Stoddard, organ soloist.

Please note . . .

***The Church Office will be closed
Monday, January 18, 2021,
in observance of
Martin Luther King Day.***

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

10:30 a.m. Worship (Online)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Joy Ringers Ensemble Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Zoom)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

10:30 a.m. Worship (Online)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Martin Luther King Day ~ Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

12:30 p.m. Preschool Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Discovery Class (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Zoom)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Valentine Treats for FPC Children

Sunday, February 14

Children and families are invited to drive under the awning at the FPC Preschool entrance to come by and pick-up Valentines treats from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We Need Your Help!

As the Faith Formation Team plans Valentines Treats for the children of FPC, would you be willing to donate a bag of Valentine candy, valentine cards or small trinkets to help with this ministry? **Donations will need to be delivered to the church by Sunday, February 7.** Please be sure all candy is **NUT FREE**. Should you have any questions please contact Kelly Hickey.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesdays Together by the Fountain Children and Families of FPC

Tuesday, March 2

Tuesday, March 9

Tuesday, March 16

Tuesday, March 23

Tuesday, March 30

We will meet each week from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(weather permitting)

More information coming soon.



SUMMER TIME, SUMMER TIME, SUM, SUM, SUMMER TIME!!

We are extremely hopeful we will be back together this Summer.

SAVE THE DATES!

Vacation Bible School

June 21 – 25, 2021

Music and Arts Camp

July 19-23, 2021

More information available soon.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

MUSC: Laura Woodrum Horn
(Glenn Woodrum's daughter)



Home: John Dickey, David McInnis, Sr., David R. Brown,
Bill Scobee, Max Goodson, Tiny Owens,
Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),
Rick Parker (Lisa Bratton's Stepfather),
Charles King (Greg King's Father),
Ken Brown (Hope Alexander's Father)

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams

West Chester, NY: Rhodes Danner
(Pam George's Nephew)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to . . .

- . . . Barbara Finley on the death of her sister-in-law,
Suzanne Holl, who died December 9, in Dallas, Texas.
- . . . Charlie White, on the death of his sister, Patricia White
Hartley, who died December 19.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

**Three Weeks Beginning
December 13, 20 and 27, 2020**

	Received		Budgeted
	Three Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$142,622.	\$ 811,710.	\$ 846,500.
*Other Sources	\$ 32.	\$ 75,592.	\$ 147,300.
	\$142,654.	\$ 887,302.	\$ 993,800.

*YTD includes Endowments, Church Event Fees, etc.

2021 PLEDGE UPDATE

We have had a good initial response to our 2021 stewardship campaign. So far, 103 of our church body have pledged nearly \$420,000 to the operating budget of FPC for the new year. That represents about 60% of our projected budget need from pledged giving.

If you have not yet done so, would you prayerfully consider what you can do in the new year and pledge a portion of your financial resources to the ministry? You can make your pledge by either 1) dropping off or mailing a completed pledge card to the church office; or 2) entering your pledge online from our website www.fpcsumter.org/serve/pledge2021. Contact the church office if you need a pledge card or have questions (803-773-3814 or neilross@fpcsumter.org).