

FOCUS



The weekly newsletter of
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sumter, South Carolina

July 13, 2021

Sunday, July 18

Rev. Frank Holsclaw will be preaching

Elders Assisting in Worship

Glenn Woodrum, John Moorman

Deacons Assisting in Worship

Chris Somheil, Gary Bratton

Children in Worship

Teacher: Bronwyn McElveen; Volunteer: Linda Hogon

Sunday, July 25

Rev. Franklin Fant will be preaching

Elders Assisting in Worship

Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter

Deacons Assisting in Worship

John Michael Osteen, Kimberly Land

Children in Worship

Teacher: Beth McCord; Volunteer: Sallie Stafford

Dear Church Family,

The other day I played a game with a couple of eleven-year-old children where I would say a word and they were to respond with the first word that popped in their mind. When I said, "Church", one of them responded, "God's house." Another one said, "love", while another said, "drama!" I must admit I was disheartened to hear an eleven-year-old think of the church as drama, but I also considered it could be coming from actions within their peers.



As I thought about the conversation, I began wondering about you. If I were to ask you, when you hear the word church, what word comes to mind? For some it could be a positive word for others it could be a negative word.

I know from my own experiences, I have loved the church, yet there have also been times when sadly, I did not want anything to do with the church. As with any relationship, there are always ups and downs.

Today, as I think about the word church, I think about family. I think about you and how grateful I am to be a part of this wonderful family. I also think about the word commitment. As a part of this family, our commitment should first and foremost be to Lord. *He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37*

As we continue to grow as a church family, loving the Lord with all our hearts, with all our soul and with all our mind, may we lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called as Christ's disciples, *"serving with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* Ephesians 4:2-3

May we strengthen our commitment to the Lord, seeking God's direction as we rebuild First Presbyterian Church and glorify God every step of the way.

Much love,

Kelly



GEAR UP FOR LEARNING

Sumter United Ministries has asked for our help with Gear Up For Learning. This is where First Presbyterian Church has volunteered, before Covid, to collect *college ruled spiral notebooks* for donation to Sumter School District. Presbyterian Women would like to encourage you to please donate these notebooks by August 2. You may leave them in the Fellowship Hall. We will be distributing them in August. Thank you so much for helping gather these school supplies for Sumter children.

*Help us collect 1800 college ruled
Spiral notebooks!*

SUMMER FUN

Schedule Change

On Tuesday, July 27th all rising 5K-5th grade children are invited to join Ms. Kelly and friends outside the West Building from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for a devotional, water games and ice cream. It will be our last gathering for the summer. Should you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Kelly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 18

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship..... Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 19

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry..... 505 W. Calhoun

TUESDAY, JULY 20

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Worship & Music..... Parlor
 4:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Executive Council Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 1:30 p.m. Discovery Class Zoom
 5:30 p.m. Deacon Training Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 25

- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship..... Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 26

- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 27

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting..... Chapel
 1:00 p.m. Treasured Tuesdays..... West Building
 4:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study..... Chapel



Summer Sunday school is in session! Many of the adult Sunday School classes are meeting on Sunday mornings

at 9:30 a.m. We hope you will come join us.

- The Bethany Class meets in the McLaurin Room, First Floor of the Education Building
- Children & Youth (3K – 12th grade) meet in the Fellowship Hall, First Floor of the Education Building
- The Discovery Class continues meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month via Zoom
- The Friendship Class meets in Room 203, Second Floor of the Education Building
- The Fraser Edmund Class meets in the Chapel, First Floor of the Education Building
- The Harmony Class meets in Room 210, Second Floor of the Education Building

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Hickey at khickey@fpcsumter.org.

The Property & Grounds Committee is in the process of cleaning the kitchen and the Fellowship Hall cabinets. If you are missing a platter, casserole dish, tupperware, etc., please come by the Fellowship Hall to see if it's there.

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July 27 ~ Middle School Fun Day
 July 29 ~ High School Fun Day

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Home: Suzanna Foley, Bill Scobee,
 Carol Reese, Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),
 Beth Byce (Sibbie McFaddin's Daughter),
 Tom Tindal (John Tindal's Brother),
 Jeffery Pepper (Marta Stage's Grandson)
Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Karen Ingram on the death of her mother, Virginia Elder, who died July 4.

FOCUS ON FINANCES

**Two Weeks Beginning
 June 27 & July 4, 2021**

	Received		2021 Budgeted
	Three Weeks	YTD	YTD
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 14,877.	\$327,097.	\$312,117.
*Other Sources	\$ 0.	\$ 71,981.	\$ 79,288.
	\$ 14,877.	\$399,078.	\$391,405.

*Includes \$67,000 from SBA PPP Loan Forgiveness 5/25/2021.