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E-GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE.

You can now give to the church online or via text.

To give online go to the following website.

<https://abundant.co/firstpresbyterian/give>



Then enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, choose your frequency and enter your email address. Click continue and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

If you create an account, you can log-in when prompted and use a saved payment method.

To give by text, text firstpresb and any amount to 73256. Click the link you receive in your text message response and follow the prompts to give. Text giving even saves your payment information so you can quickly give again.

Of course, you may continue to give by mailing your contributions (536 Stanley Street, 29115) or dropping them in the secure dropbox on the office door.

WE ARE ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK!

We have two great ways to stay in touch with the church for Sunday services, children's stories and devotions read by fellow church members.

YouTube - First Presbyterian Orangeburg

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8_9jic_Qyc7m4cl0iiXQ

Facebook -

First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg, SC

UPDATE ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Vacation Bible School

We will not be having VBS the week of June 8-12 and are setting July 27-31 as our backup date. We know that modifications will likely be necessary and that the date is subject to cancellation. Check the church's website and Facebook page for current information.



Camp-in-a-Van



Bethelwoods Camp-In-A-Van will be July 13-17 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - noon on Friday). At this point Bethelwoods is still planning on holding day camps, and we will let you all know if the plans change.

All children 5K (completed) – 5th grade (completed) are invited to join us for an exciting day camp at the Centre. The camp will be led by counselors from Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center and will include games, Bible stories, songs, crafts, and fun!

There are only 20 spaces available, so register soon! Registration forms are available on the church website, and you can drop off registration forms at the church office or email them to Sarah at scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org. The cost is \$25 per child, and this includes lunch each day.

You can make checks payable to First Presbyterian and put "Bethelwoods" and your child's name on the memo line.

Sarah Coggins

GREETINGS FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

The move from Charlotte has taken place, the boxes are being unpacked and some finishing work is being done on the house. Duke, my four-year-old beagle, loves his big new yard and the folks over in the office. We have tried many walking routes but he seems to like the Sunnyside graveyard the best and I too found it most interesting. I have felt very welcomed by everyone I have met, at a safe distance of course.

The welcome to FPC parade was awesome and fun. I could feel the warmth and the excitement of the congregation as my two sisters from Charleston and I stood in the front yard and waved to the people. The gifts are amazing and much appreciated. I was glad to discover that we have really fine bakers in the church, the pound cake, the coffee cake, the sweets and the breads – what a treat. I loved the plants, the paper products, the Cokes, and the gift cards—no going hungry here. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you on a deep and personal level as we musically and spiritually journey together here at First Presbyterian.

In Christ,
Raymond Tucker

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SC



Because of the changes in our worship services in May, we were not able to take up the annual Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities of SC. I want to remind you how vital this offering is to those who are served by it. There are over 900 residents, some of whom outlive their resources, through no fault of their own. Let's continue this offering by going to the website at www.prescommunities.org and click on "Mother's Day Offering." All gifts will be greatly appreciated!

Marcia Wood
Ambassador to Presbyterian Communities of SC

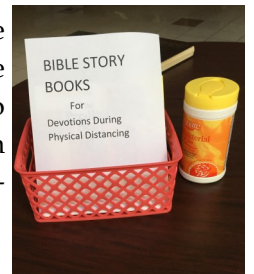
DEVOTIONS DURING PHYSICAL DISTANCING



You will notice I said physical distancing not social. Thank you to each and every one who has recorded a devotion and thank you, Sarah, for putting them on social media. FPC is blessed to have such loving folks who are willing to participate and the devotions have been great. We still cannot be physically present with each other but we do want to stay in touch by continuing posting devotions recorded by YOU to be shared with each other. We want folks of ALL AGES to participate. Find your favorite Bible story or devotion, record it and email it to Sarah at Shbrails@hotmail.com. Dropbox if it is too long for regular email. Feel free to write a devotion if you prefer and you can submit more than one. Periodically Sarah will post to our Facebook and YouTube.

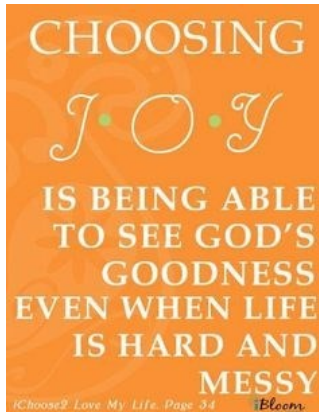
Also, we have a container of Bible story books on the table in the Centre. Everyone is welcome to get one, read, record, send to Sarah and then put the book in your library.

Kaye Borgstedt



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Anyone wishing to join the Saltshaker Class by Zoom, please contact Howard Shirer for details.



What has changed for you during this Covid 19 Season? I am not referring to all the changes at FPC but to changes in your life and the life of your family. Have you added something to your day that will help you grow closer to God? If not, my challenge to you is to add something daily, every other day or even once a week that would deepen your relationship to God. Also add something that would draw your family closer together and closer to God.

Now as to changes at FPC. Change can be scary but we can turn to the Bible for guidance. Psalm 27 talks about feelings of fear when there is upheaval and about the hope that is in God if we trust Him and pray continuously. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.....Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Have you ever thought about being a church set on a hill? What kind of light are we shining to the world? Does the world see a church in turmoil or one whose members love the Lord and each other? Are we as individuals and as a church providing spiritual direction to each other and to our community? We are God's light because Jesus lives in us. Is this what others see? If, as believers in Christ we work in unity, our fellowship of faith and trust will provide spiritual light for each other and light the darkness for all. Together we will become a strong force for God demonstrating His love not only at FPC but to others. During this physical distancing, we can still shine the Light of Christ into our homes and communities. We can text, email, snail mail and use social media to stay in touch and encourage others.

Another change is that we are facing this time of Covid 19 without a full time pastor. WHO IS IN CHARGE? This is a question I have heard a lot lately in reference to FPC. We all know God is in control and head of The Church. But the question was in reference to the daily operations of the church. According to our Book of Order, (G.3.021) "The session has the responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love and witness." We have Session who is working for God and for us. Let us pray for them continually.

In Hebrews 1:9, reference is made to Jesus being "anointed with the oil JOY" and in Hebrews 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who for the JOY set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." If Jesus faced all He did and endured all He did with JOY can we do less? Let's face our situations with God's JOY.



PRAYER: Lord God, teach us to trust you and your timing even when we feel far away. Help us realize that we have moved, not You. Remind us that You are always with us and will help us not let the world control us. Help us recognize your voice and to listen for it as we move thru our busy lives. Help us stop getting ahead of you but wait for you to lead so we can follow with JOY. In Your Holy Name. Amen.

THOUGHT: Whether we can see it or not God is at work.

With Christian Love,
Kaye Borgstedt

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01	Hugh Smith	6/18	Darren Bess
	Will Hutto	6/19	Shawn Boltin
6/02	Ren Albergotti	6/21	Cal Bruner
6/03	Lillian Whalen		Anne Griffin Tafel
6/05	Shelby Bolen	6/22	Jay Nexsen
	Martin Gilchrist	6/23	Herb Bradley
	Lyn Byrd		Penny Stevens
	Kaden Kell	6/25	Gail Tourville
6/07	Vivienne Hutto	6/27	Karen Johnson
6/13	Delaney Ridley		Vicky Ware
6/14	Reuben Ridgeway		Clay Price
6/15	Pat Bartholomew	6/29	Melissa Camp
	Morgan Gué		



During this time, I hope everyone is safe and well. We are still ironing out the details of our distribution for this year. With the shortage of goods and supplies we will be acquiring our own uniforms. If you are looking for ways to help the community while still social distancing, it is not too late to consider a monetary donation to help purchase these uniforms. You can simply mail a check payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark "Hands of Christ" in the memo section. Continue to stay well and thank you for support of Hands of Christ.

Laura Hewitt

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thank you each for praying on the National Day of Prayer this year. Some prayed at home and some prayed in the sanctuary. Once again, thanks to you we have some praying from midnight to midnight.

Kaye Borgstedt



Benjamin Davis
Harrison Miller
Bowen Turner
Walker Whalen
Jo Jo Wolfe

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Did you graduate from college this spring or during the last few months? Please let us know by June 10 so that we can recognize your accomplishment in the next newsletter (dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org).

GENERAL FUND 2020

For month ending April 30, 2020	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$25,306.56	\$170,931.83
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$40,718.36</u>	<u>\$148,923.91</u>
	< \$15,411.80 >	\$ 22,007.92

MEDICAL MISSIONS INC.

Medical Missions Inc. - Mission is to address the medical, spiritual, vocational and educational needs of people who live in very remote and impoverished areas of the world.

First Presbyterian Church has been involved with Medical Missions for decades. Mission groups from our church traveled on many occasions to Africa and Peru with Dr. Francis Burriss and this organization to be a part of sharing God's message in all regions of the world. Mark 16:15.

Todd Garrett is the current President of Medical Missions. Todd took the lead in 2013 after Dr. Burroughs retired as active President. (Dr. Francis Burriss is still involved with the mission on an informal basis.) Todd and his wife Jessica, who reside in Charleston, SC, have taken an active role in Medical Missions since its beginning, including serving as missionaries for a year in Iquitos, Peru.

Some of the future and current projects:

Malawi - plan to assess the water supply, wastewater treatment, power supply and buildings the hospital needs to provide excellent service and training for the next 15 years.

Peru – (24th year) – Special Children of the Amazon (SCOTA) update-

Iquitos – 170 kids; 70% mental disabilities; 30% deaf; 25 teachers.

Nauta – 40 students

Tamshiyacu – 30 students

Chiapas, Mexico – Dr. Salvador & Irma de la Torre have been supported by our church as they have worked throughout the world. They are now back home in Chiapas, Mexico serving with Medical Missions meeting the needs of the churches in their region.

Dr. David Gillespie and Chalmers Mikell both serve on the Medical Missions Board of Directors as representatives of our church. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to reach out to them.

Medical Missions, Inc.
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West Columbia, SC 29171
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Email: info@medicalmissions.net
<http://medicalmissions.net/>

OUR FATHER'S CLOSET



Our Father's Closet collects gently used coats throughout the year. If you have any coats you wish to donate, please drop them in the red bucket outside the church office door. A Coat Collection tub will be available there during regular church office hours (9:00-5:00 M-Th, noon on Fri.) while church activities are suspended. You may also connect with a Circle One member to arrange pick up from your home if you are unable to drop off at the Church. We will take care of cleaning them and distributing them to children and adults who really appreciate the warmth and care. Please also keep in mind that coats are on extreme clearance during this spring season, and brand new coats are a real plus! If purchasing new coats, XLg – XXXLg are always in demand for teens and adults. Boys and Girls: Med- XXLg.

Sincerely with the Grace of God,
Members of Circle One

To arrange home pick up or answer questions, please leave a message.

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PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering supports church-wide ministries which nurture the faith of those who are the church to come: children, youth, and young adults. Pentecost Sunday was May 31, but contributions may be made at any time. Mark your check "Pentecost Offering" and make it payable to First Presbyterian; each congregation keeps 40 percent of this offering to use locally.

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AROUND THE CHURCH



MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Mrs. Nancy W. Hudson
Rev. Dr. Barry Van Deventer

GIVEN BY:

Freddy and Carol Riley
Jamie Wood and Sarah Paige Bozardt
Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Smoak
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson