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March 2020

FROM THE PASTOR

As we move into the month of March, we also continue our Lenten journey. Recently, many have shared with me concerning difficulties, trials and hardships they or a loved one is facing. Indeed, we all encounter difficulty and pain, but along this journey, is the reminder that we travel with each other and also with Christ Jesus.

The author of Hebrews writes, "In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered." (Hebrews 2: 10)

Of course, the following is more word art than poem, and has always stirred my soul and encouraged my spirit. I pray during our journey, wounds, scars and the like, will one day be our injuries redeemed, and that the Scarred One, the Wounded One, will bring hope and healing to all.



Hast Thou No Scar

by Amy Carmichael

Hast thou no scar?
No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?
I hear thee sung as mighty in the land,
I hear them hail thy bright ascendant star,
Hast thou no scar?
Hast thou no wound?
Yet, I was wounded by the archers, spent.
Leaned me against the tree to die, and rent
By ravening beasts that compassed me, I swooned:
Hast thou no wound?
No wound? No scar?
Yet as the Master shall the servant be,
And pierced are the feet that follow Me;
But thine are whole. Can he have followed far
Who has no wound nor scar?



Grace for the journey,
Pastor Darren

FLOWERS BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY



The Sanctuary Flower Calendar has openings on March 15, May 17, May 31, June 28, October 25, and November 8. If you wish to place flowers in the church on one of those Sundays please contact Katherine Patterson (536-5340).

SPRING FLING GTF

Mark your calendars for Wednesday night church on March 18th. We are having a special Spring Fling event to honor our members who have joined First Presbyterian Church since August 2017.

Carol Cassone



Youth Handbell Practice will start Sunday, March 1, at 5:00 in the handbell room. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome!

Cheryl Smith

THANK YOU!

As continued improvements are being made to the buildings and grounds of our church, many thanks go out to all who have supported the work to beautify our church to the glory of God.

We extend a special appreciation to Shady Grove Nursery and all the Brailsford family for their generosity in providing many new plants for our church grounds. In addition, the Brailsford family has donated a beautiful Claudia Wannamaker magnolia which has been planted to the left of the sanctuary in front of the education building. The tree is in memory of Marjorie Brailsford Nickel, a longtime member of our congregation.

Others who have an interest in helping with further improvements to our church grounds may do so by contributing to the *Living Flower Fund*. Checks can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and designated to the *Living Flower Fund*.

Facilities Committee

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome Jim and Penny Stevens as new members of our church. They live on Pike Street and have 4 grown children. Jim is a project manager at Albemarle and Penny has already joined a Circle and is involved with community work.

Carol Cassone

GENERAL FUND - JANUARY 2020

For month ending January 31, 2020

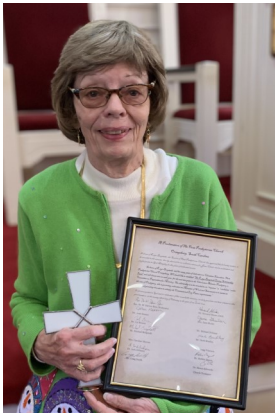
General Fund Income	\$65,241.97
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$36,626.34</u>
	\$28,615.63

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jimmy Smoak for being selected to serve on The Charleston/Atlantic Presbytery Committee on Preparation for ministers. We are proud to have him represent First Presbyterian Church.

Evangelism Unit

KAYE BORGSTEDT LIVING SCHOLARSHIP FUND



On Sunday, February 23, 2020, one of First Presbyterian's most faithful volunteers was presented with a special recognition. Kaye Borgstedt, our Christian Educator Coordinator, was surprised with a special proclamation approved by the Session. First Presbyterian is establishing the Kaye Borgstedt Living Scholarship Fund for the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's

Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The scholarship is to be awarded to an inquirer or candidate under care of Presbytery, who is pursuing ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. It may also be used to assist an individual pursuing education to satisfy the Commissioned Lay Pastor requirements.

We are thankful that Kaye uses her gifts to glorify God and to serve others.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Kayla Alexis Mims
and
Robert Evans Wall, II

February 22, 2020

A NEW CLASS BEGINS MARCH 1



If you are looking for a Sunday School Class to call home, a new class is being formed and will start on March 1. We will meet in the Centre Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. and will be studying, "The Call: The Life, Ministry and Message of the Apostle Paul" by Adam Hamilton. Facilitator is Craig Smith. All are welcomed!

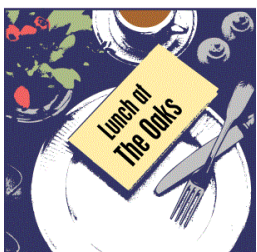
Kaye Borgstedt

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

At *THE OAKS*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 ♦ 11:30 A.M.

THE OAKS DINING ROOM



To minimize the disruption of residents and guests and insure adequate seating arrangements, reservations must be confirmed by noon on Tuesday, March 3. Call Norma Shaffer (516-6135) if you wish to come. Tickets may be purchased at the Reception Desk

in Woodard Commons.



Liz Codington is proud of her new car and is already transporting patients and visiting the sick! As previously reported, First Presbyterian was able to provide \$1350 for her car, almost half of the cost.

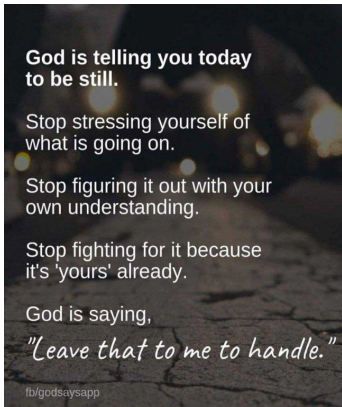


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

LIVING FAITHFULLY

LIVING LOVED AND LOVING



"So many things attempt to take priority in our lives. They each have their place. Only one stands at the heart of things. Follow the voice of this One, our Lord, calling you today." Byron Vance, D365

We entered another Lenten season on Feb. 26. How can you make this time of reflection different from others? Some folks give up something meaningful to them. Is giving something up all that is needed or does it need to be replaced with something such as prayer, Bible study, fasting, serving? Should whatever we do be as individuals, as a church or both?

For this year I am suggesting two approaches to enriching our personal spiritual lives and our witness as a congregation. One is to conduct a sin inventory. Some of the things on mine would be: not showing God's love toward those, shall we say, who are not my favorite people; not controlling my tongue or gossiping; making judgmental statements; and not recognizing the opportunities God gives me to witness each day. And the list goes on and on. Obviously these are things I need to give up and not just for Lent. My plan is to select the ones from my sin inventory with which I have the most trouble and concentrate, a week at a time, on giving them up and replacing with a good deed. Add correcting a new sin each week. It goes without saying, I cannot do this alone. With God's help and your prayers, I will succeed.

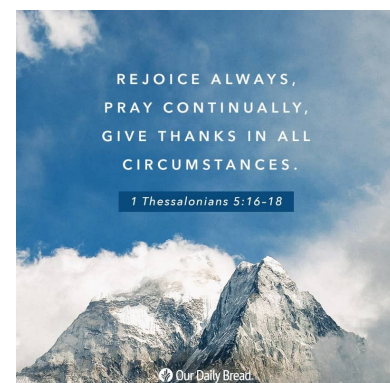
The second approach is continuing to develop an attitude of gratitude. Make a gratitude journal. Once again, each week of Lent, make a list of things for which you are grateful and thank God for them. You may also want to send folks on your list a note, text or call.

In his article, GRACE, GRATITUDE and FAITH, Jeff Bjorck wrote: "love and God's grace are what will get you through" each day. He was writing as a caregiver for his Mom who had Alzheimer's disease but his suggestions can be helpful to all of us no matter what the circumstances. His first point was Grow Gratitude or no matter what thank God. Look for even a small kernel of goodness in every situation which could just be learning a tough lesson or relying on God to get us thru a hard time. Research tells us of the positive psychological effects of gratitude so each day view life as a gift from God and find something for which to be thankful. 2. Make a lot out of a little. No matter what you have or don't have, you can always put the "scraps together to make a quilt" and if you have a lot, then help others make a quilt. 3. Stay involved. Who in your family or church family could benefit from some involvement from you....a card, a meal? A phone call, a visit, an offer for transportation, etc.? Now do it. And lastly, Have faith. Know what you believe and why. Jesus became one of us and lives with us. The whole world is a testament to God's presence. Whatever we are going thru, look at it as a phase in God's working and be grateful. Gratefully, Spread your faith in your world.

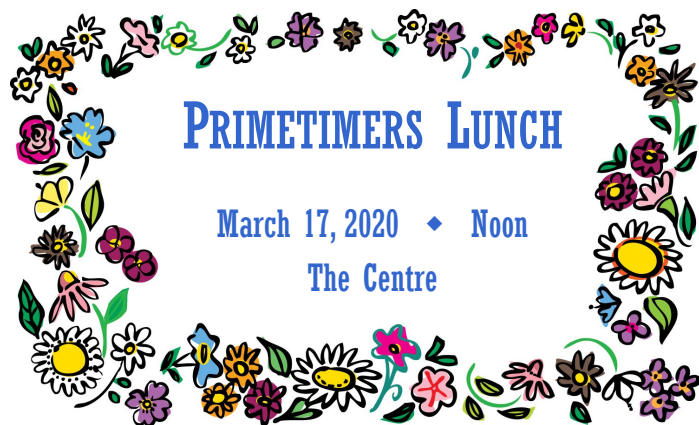
Thought: "Lent is really about thinning our lives in order to thicken our communion with God."

Alicia Britt Chole

Prayer



Serving together,
Kaye



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS-MARCH

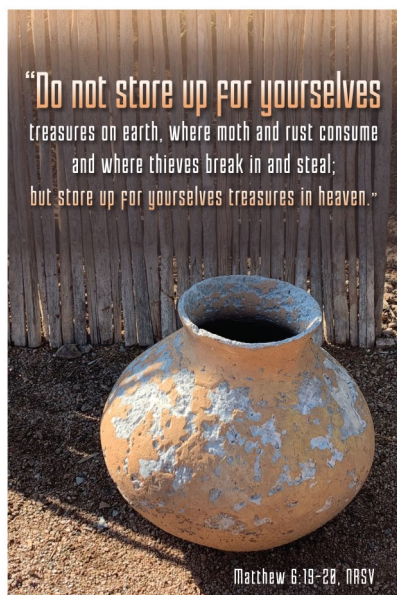
2-3 YEAR OLD CLASS: Leslie Lovelace

PRESCHOOL

March 1	Elsie and Ozzie Fogle
March 8	Elsie and Ozzie Fogle
March 15	Kaye Borgstedt
March 22	Kaye Borgstedt
March 29	Kaye Borgstedt

ELEMENTARY

March 1	Jane Holladay
March 8	Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
March 15	Catherine and Ava Cuttino
March 22	Kathryn and Josh Nexsen
March 29	Melissa and Tripp Plummer



MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 1:	Tuesday, March 10	11:30 a.m.
	Centre	
Circles 2 & 4:	Tuesday, March 10	10:30 a.m.
	Conference Room	
Circle 3:	Monday, March 9	6:00 p.m.



CIRCLES 2 AND 4

Circles 2 and 4 will meet at 10:30 on Tuesday, March 10, in the conference room in The Centre. We are continuing our Bible study using the book, Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-changing Stories for Women Today. There are numerous contributing authors and ALL are invited to join this study. For March, we are studying, "Mary, Mother of Jesus: Moving From Comfort To Courage" Some scripture references are: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:41-51; Matthew 1:18-25 and 2:11 and John 19:25.

Kaye Borgstedt

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/02	Campbell Delaney	3/18	Becky Smith
3/05	Mike Strong		Kelley Wannamaker
	Gregg Frierson	3/19	Sara Turner
	Brison Ardis		Kathy Wilkes
3/06	"M. C." Evans	3/20	JoAnn Kelley
3/07	Mark Hutto	3/22	Jane Holladay
3/08	Rocco Cassone	3/23	Julie Bruner
	Rachel Lorick	3/24	Jeb Brailsford
3/9	Dawn Strickland	3/27	Kelly Ridley
3/10	Renn Guthrie	3/28	Davis Turner
3/15	Ginger Weigle	3/29	Charlotte Dixon
3/16	Jimmy Smoak	3/30	Shane Burroughs
	T Riley		Mary Legare Delaney
3/17	Katherine Smith		

BETHELWOODS CAMP-IN-A-VAN

JULY 13-17



Bethelwoods Camp-In-A-Van will be July 13-17 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Monday - Thursday and 9:00 a.m. - noon on Friday).

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 28 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



WELCOME TO KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE!

Join First Presbyterian June 8-12 for Knights of North Castle VBS for a fun filled time of learning about Jesus! All children 3K (completed) through 5th grade (completed) are invited.

Please register online at

<https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/1stpresbyterian>

by June 1, as the registration website will be closed after that date.

The cost is \$15 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. This includes a T-shirt and one CD per family! Money can be turned in to the church office or mailed (536 Stanley Street, Orangeburg, 29115). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and include VBS in the memo line. Once you've paid, you can pick up your VBS CD, so your child can begin learning all of the fun, new songs! If you want to ensure that your child gets a certain shirt size, you need to register by May 15.

We also need youth and adult volunteers! If you'd like to help during VBS, please sign up at

<https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/1stpresbyterian/>.

Sarah Coggins

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Mr. A. J. Hutto, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Richardson, Sr.

GIVEN BY:

Frances Binnicker
J. D. and Martha Emily Shirer
Dr. and Mrs. Marion Caughman
Joe and Judy Sikes
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson
Mrs. Frances Lytch
Dr. and Mrs. David Gillespie
Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Irick

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt von Besser
Breta Rheney
Mr. and Mrs. H. Ben Davis, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell
Ms. Barbara Wiker
Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
Steve and Katherine Patterson
Mrs. Nancy Hudson

Danny and Debbie Mixon
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Eddie and Lyn Byrd
Pennie and Town Sifly
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Livingston
Breck and Caren Carmichael
Mr. M. Lewis Fogle
Mr. Danny L. Fogle



EASTER LILIES

Lilies will beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you wish to order a plant please use an envelope found in the pew racks. **Deadline is Sunday, March 22.** Lilies are \$13.50 each; make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Orders cannot be taken by telephone.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Groundbreaking for the latest Edisto Habitat for Humanity home was in January. Scheduled work days are Saturday, March 7, at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday, March 18, at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are always needed and more information can be received by contacting Melissa Camp, the Volunteer Coordinator (803-378-8277).

mjcampsc@gmail.com

www.edistohabitatforhumanity.org

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