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May 2021

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

will be observed on
Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021,
in the 11:00 a.m. service of worship.

Pre-packaged elements will be used.

FLOWERS BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY



The Sanctuary Flower Calendar has openings on **June 27, July 18, and November 7.** If you wish to place flowers in the church on one of these Sundays please contact Katherine Patterson (katcalpat@aol.com or 533-8340) or Denise Seymore in the church office (534-0088).

SANCTUARY SOUND AND VIDEO FUND



Goal	\$30,000
Received/pledged	<u>\$18,850</u>
Needed	\$11,150

Improvements in our sound and video capabilities were recently approved by the Session and hopefully the installation will begin very soon. Pledges already made are greatly appreciated and we will accept additional funds, if you wish to increase your contribution!

We are still working toward our \$30,000 goal and look forward to new donations/pledges. Prayerfully consider a gift to this fund. If you are so led, call Susanne in the Church Office (534-0088) and let her know what amount you wish to give to the "Sanctuary Sound and Video Fund."

GENERAL FUND

For month ending March 31, 2021

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	* \$71,112.67	\$116,826.16
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$32,088.82</u>	<u>\$ 91,572.84</u>
	\$39,023.85	\$ 25,253.32

* Includes PPP Loan of \$23,800.00



KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join First Presbyterian **July 19-23** for Knights of North Castle VBS for a fun filled time of learning about Jesus! Children 3K (completed) through 5th grade (completed) are invited. We only have space for 50 children, and you must register in advance.

Register online at

<https://first-presbyterian-church.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

by June 30, 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 31.

Sarah Coggins
Youth and Children's Director

TO REQUEST PRAYER ...

Prayer request by phone: 803-534-0088 ext. 108
Confidential request by phone (Kaye Borgstedt)
803-534-0088 ext. 107
Via email prayer.request@1stpresbyterian.org

BETHELWOODS DAY CAMP

Bethelwoods Day Camp (Camp-In-A-Van) will be at First Presbyterian Church from **July 5-9** (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 24 spaces available, so register soon! The registration form is available on the church website (link on homepage), and you can drop off completed forms at the church office or email them to Sarah at scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org. The cost is \$20 per child, and this includes a snack each day. Campers will need to bring a bagged lunch.

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

Sarah Coggins
Youth and Children's Director

Adult Sunday School



May 2, 9, *16 and 23
Rev. Raymond Tucker will be teaching from the book of Philippians. **(Read the first chapter for class on May 2.)** We meet in the

Centre gym with a welcome at 9:55 and class begins at 10:00. * PLEASE NOTE on May 16, you will need to enter the Centre using the side door closest to the bathrooms because we will be honoring our high school seniors with a breakfast which will be in the foyer.

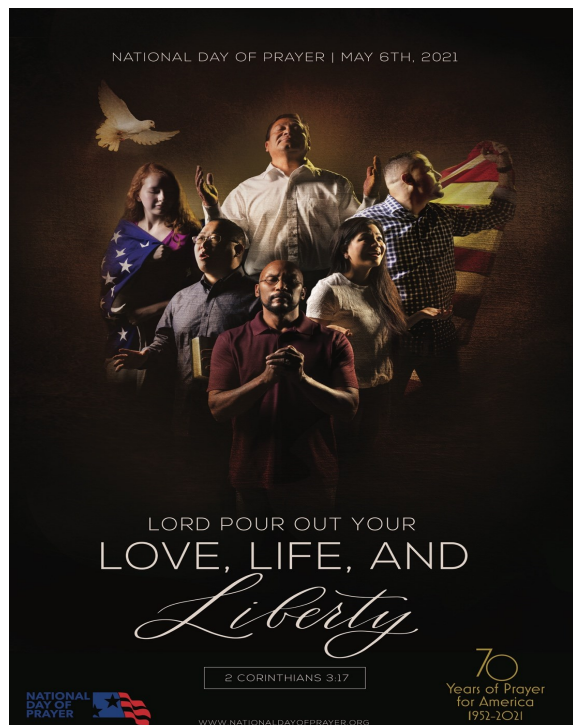
May 30 class will be taught by John Shuler.

In JUNE we will separate into our three classes. Stay tuned for more information.

Kaye Borgstedt
CE Coordinator

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 6, 2021



Thankfully this year once again, our sanctuary will be open from midnight to midnight for silent prayer and prayer guides are available. We are only using the parlor side door and following covid protocols. There will be a brief musical interlude and devotion at noon.

If you would like to sign up for a specific time, sign-up sheets are in the foyer in the Centre or email Suzanna Crabb, suzannacrabb@gmail.com. However, you are welcome at any time for any length of time.

We also ask that each day you pray, as close to noon as possible, that the prayer vigil will end in a revival in your heart, the hearts of each person in our church and will spread into the community, county, state and world.

Kaye Borgstedt

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

MAY 9, 2021

Our annual offering received on Mother's Day is for residents of Presbyterian Communities who have out-lived their resources through no fault of their own. This offering is used solely to provide charitable care for residents.

PENTECOST OFFERING

MAY 23, 2021

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. This year Pentecost Sunday is May 23.

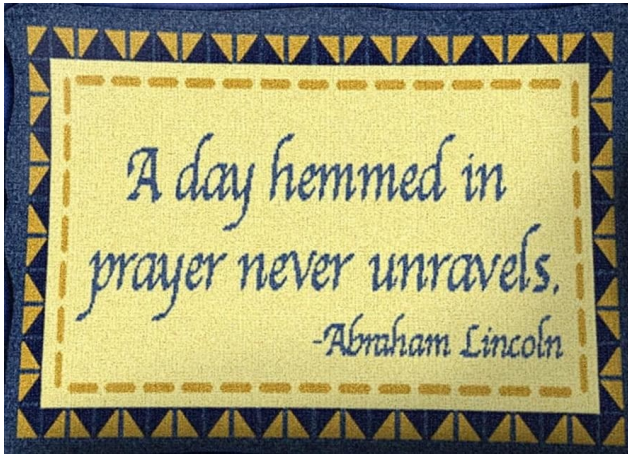
We mark this celebration by receiving the Pentecost Offering in support of church-wide ministries which nurture the faith of those who are the church to come: children, youth, and young adults.

If you wish to give, please make your check payable to the church and mark it for "Pentecost Offering."

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/01	Dee Anne Miller	5/15	Joe Belcher
	Gordon Weigle, III		Gordon Weigle, II
5/02	McGill Hutto		Libby Ridgeway
5/04	McCrary Johnstone		Jay Hutto
5/05	Randy Smoak		Andrew Dudley
	Retta Guthrie		Benjamin Davis
	Paul Trimmier	5/16	Jackson Strickland
5/06	Ruth Harvey	5/17	Michael Delaney
	Janet Gilchrist		Abby Lee
5/08	Betsy Davis	5/20	Aaron Strickland
	Jacob Fogle	5/22	Danny Fogle
	Sarah Beth Fogle	5/23	Grayson Smith
5/09	Webbie Davis	5/25	Maggie Robertson
	Caroline Marcus	5/26	Ruth McCormick
	Susan Shirer		Sue Thomas
5/10	Sarah Coggins		Susan Smoak
5/12	Lessie Gayle Dickson	5/27	Megan Dangerfield
5/13	Norma Shaffer	5/28	Jason Fogle
	Barbara Shirer		Erin Carter
	Thomas Gué, Jr.	5/30	Ann Ji Salley
5/14	Lee Hendren		Larry Jordan
	Porter Weigle		Karen Davis
			Jim Riley
		5/31	Yuri Davis

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Are we a praying church?

How many answered, yes, and how many, no? First, let's all stop and spend a moment in silent prayer, praying for our church and the church universal.

Isaiah 24-27 tells us that God is working, even behind the scenes, in all our lives. If we listen and get out of His way he will give us the courage to do what He has given us the ability to do. One of the things we all have the ability to do is pray. Other Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and Matthew 21:13

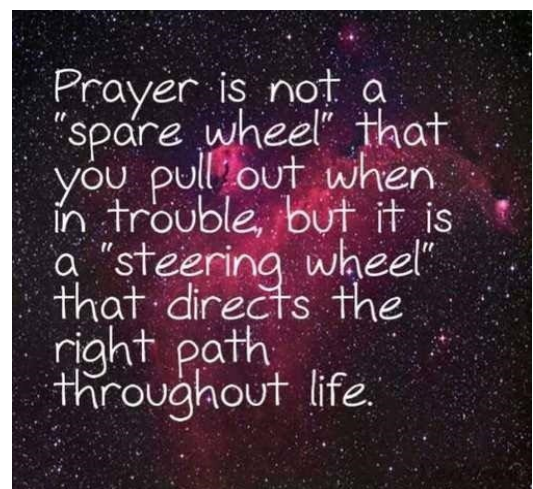
What is prayer? One definition is prayer is a conversation, a conversation implies talking but also listening. Another is prayer is a general word for ALL communication with God.

"The Praying Church" by Dr. Richard J Krejci talks about why churches have successful ministries. He and many others, including Jim Cymbala in "Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire," maintain that prayer as a primary church focus is the key to doing God's will. They are not talking about just praying in worship, meetings and activities, which are crucial, but they maintain that we should be operating within an organized prayer base.

Do we have an organized prayer operating base? Is our church really a praying church? Yes, we pray during worship meetings. Yes, we have prayers in meetings and activities. Yes, intercessors, prayer chains and our congregational care list. We, as a church, do a really good job of praying for and taking care of our congregation.

As necessary as all the above mentioned prayers are, do they make us a praying church? Not if you use the definition of operating from a prayer base. Where is our specific set aside time for corporate prayer? Do we meet to pray for worship, for spiritual leaders, for staff, for our music program, for our Sunday school and teachers, for our children and children's programs, for our youth and youth programs, for our adults, for our more life experienced members, for missions and evangelism, for revival, for the church universal, for our congregation, for our community, for our leaders, local-national, for families, for schools, for law enforcement? Do we have a specific time and people set aside for these prayers? One of our intercessory groups was designed to pray for our church, for our members as a worshipping body, for our staff and for our officers. This started in the sanctuary and had ten or so members. Now we have four.

Please don't get me wrong. I appreciate what we are doing and all those involved but I think we are responsible to do more. Some form of prayer is mentioned in the Bible 375 times. Jesus was continually in prayer, alone, in public, before meals, before important decisions, before and after healing and for help doing the Father's will. In the four gospels, Jesus talked about the importance of prayer at least 12 times while demonstrating His need for prayer and there are 38 scriptural references to his praying. It has been said, Prayer is not preparation for the great work. It is the great work.



Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator

First Presbyterian Church

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Dean Flansburg

Jewell Booth

Frank Tourville, Sr.

GIVEN BY:

Mr. and Mrs. William Covington

Dr. and Mrs. Steven Patterson

Lynn and Wayne Axson

Mr. Keith Byers

John and Jane Shuler

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Our high school graduates will be honored with a breakfast and during worship on Sunday, May 16.

Sidney Adicks

Brisson Ardis

Evelynn Myers

Abigail Thackston

Olivia Strickland

COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you are graduating from college this semester please contact the church office (534-0088 or dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org) so that we may acknowledge this accomplishment in an upcoming newsletter.