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September 2021



WE'RE CONTINUING OUR KICKOFF!

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR CAROL AND CRUSADER CHOIRS September 12

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Carol and Crusader Choirs
(in choir room)
singing, handbells and orff

In September our **Carol Choir (grades 1-3)** and **Crusader Choir (grades 4-5)** will meet on Sundays (beginning September 12) at 6:00 p.m. with me, then at 6:30 p.m. they will either go to orff class with Cheryl Smith and Julianne Shuler or to handbells with me.

The **Youth Handbell Choir (grades 6-12)** will rehearse on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. beginning on September 12.



I ask for your prayers for the music ministry as we get back to making music and will be looking for many new faces in all of the choirs.

Raymond Tucker
Minister of Music

CHERUB CHOIR Wednesday, September 15

Cherub Choir will resume choir activities with "Miss" Trudy and the choir helpers on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning September 15, 2021. We again welcome ages **3 years through 5-K** to join in the fun of singing praise, playing instruments, and creating art-work together! Mark your calendars now and invite any young friends to join us in our choir room across from the Nursery.

Trudy Frierson

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR Wednesday, September 15

Adult Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesdays, beginning September 15, at 6:00 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Rehearsals resumed in August.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2021

CLASSES

for All Ages

Preschool and elementary classes are continuing the *Holy Moly* series from Spark House. They are studying the teachings and stories of Jesus.

Preschool teachers: Leslie Lovelace, Kaye Borgstedt, Maggie Robertson

Elementary teachers: Tracy and Robbie Myers, Kathryn and Josh Nexsen, Jane Holladay, Melissa and Tripp Plummer, Catherine and Ava Cuttino, Geni and David Gillespie, Joni and Lawrence Thackston

Middle school (5th-8th grades) is continuing with *Connect*, which studies the Bible from Genesis to Revelation with life applications. Teacher: Sarah Coggins

Youth are doing an in-depth study of some of the major stories in the Bible and are being taught by Katherine Smith.

Explorers are meeting in the Centre Conference Room studying, "Mark, the Humanity of Christ" by John MacArthur; taught by Craig Smith.

John Knox Class is meeting in the John Knox classroom using David C. Cook, "Celebrating God" using Exodus chapter 2, Samuel, Psalms, Mark, Acts and Revelation. Teacher: John Shuler

Saltshaker Class will meet in the Howard Dickson room (across from John Knox classroom) beginning September 19 and will begin a six weeks study on the Lord's Prayer by Dr. Ellsworth J. Kalas.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Whether you teach once a year or more regularly, you are invited to join your church family on September 12 in the Centre. You will be recognized during the gathering which begins at 9:45 a.m. and commissioned during the worship service. Looking forward to rejoicing with you on the 12th.

Kaye Borgstedt

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

YOU are invited to come and bring your family and friends to a Church-wide Gathering on September 12, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. in the Centre.

- ◆ Our second and third graders will receive their study Bibles.
- ◆ Our missionaries, Ron and Betsy Manila and their daughter, Joy, will bring greetings.
- ◆ You will hear about opportunities and activities available at FPC.

Kaye Borgstedt



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mark your calendars for September 12 for the First Presbyterian Youth Kickoff!! We'll meet at the church at 2:00 and will go to the Guthries' pond house. We'll return to the church by 5:00, just in time for youth handbells. Bring your bathing suits and towels. You can also bring fishing gear! We'll have ice cream at the pond, so make sure to eat lunch before you arrive. Friends in grades 6 – 12 are invited!

Sarah Coggins
Director of Youth and Children

SANCTUARY PRAYER

Our sanctuary is open on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for silent prayer for our church and the church universal. Prayer guides are available. Come anytime and stay for any amount of time.

Kaye Borgstedt

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

September 5, 2021

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship

Pre-packaged elements
will be utilized.



FLOWERS BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY



The Sanctuary Flower Calendar has an opening on **October 24**. If you wish to place flowers in the church on that Sunday please contact Katherine Patterson (katcalpat@aol.com; 533-8340) or Denise Seymore in the office (dseymore@1stpresbyterian.org; 534-0088).

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Morning Fellowship is for ALL ages and begins at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to "catch up" with the happenings in your church family and to learn who has a birthday, an anniversary, or cares and concerns. This is a great opportunity which concludes in time for Sunday School.

Kaye Borgstedt

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Steven Patterson
Carl Furman Mutch

Virgil Simpson

Helen W. Culler
Carl Furman Mutch, Jr.

GIVEN BY:

Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Smoak
Sandy Agee and Walt Bailey
Mary E. Parrott and L. Wayne Bryan
Shelby and Delle Bolen
Mrs. Frances Lytch
Carolyn Mutch-Blair
Fred Blair

Julianne and Bert Shuler
Danny and Becky Smith
Ronny and Mary Burkett
Tim and Jamie Wood
John Knox Class
Anna M. and Rick Bolen and Jacob and Anna Grace

Dr. and Mrs. James Harvey
Rocco and Carol Cassone
Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
Jimmy and Retta Guthrie
Mrs. Katherine Patterson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TRADITIONS

What are traditions? According to Wikipedia and theologically speaking, Tradition with a capital T “is understood as the fullness of divine truth proclaimed in the scriptures.” One source said there are 100 Biblical references to tradition while another claimed 51. Listed first in both is 2 Thessalonians 2:15, ESV, “So, then brother, stand firm and hold onto the traditions you were taught by us...” and 1 Corinthians 11:2 ESV, “Now I commend you for remembering me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I deliver them to you.” Jesus told us to love, to go and to do and He gave us Baptism and The Lord’s Supper while demonstrating the need for prayer and worshiping together as a body of believers. Commandments or Traditions? Does the terminology matter as long as we obey?

Now as to traditions with a small “t.” These are ideas or beliefs passed down from one generation to another or “any activity you purposefully repeat together that strengthens the bond, offers comfort and security and teaches values.” These are positive traditions but sometimes traditions become ineffective and don’t work as hoped. We all have traditions in our lives, some so engrained that we don’t even think about them much less evaluate them to see if change is needed.

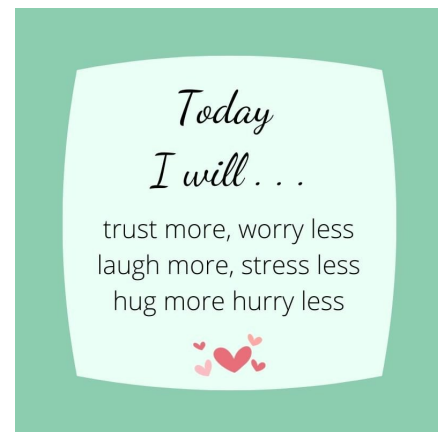
What are the traditions of our church? Obviously, the ones listed above that start with a capital T but what about our small t traditions? Some have more meaning for some of us than others. How many FPC traditions can you name? Some are: Worship at 11:00 on Sunday, hanging Lenten curtains, Chrismon trees in our sanctuary during Advent and all our choirs. These are definitely positive and meeting the needs for which they were designed and passed down. Now, is Sunday School at 10:00 on Sunday meeting the needs of all our congregation? For those attending, the answer is yes.

However, is there a different time, a different day or organization that will better meet the needs of more of our congregation? What other traditions may need changing?

All of you know by now that we have a mission study team to help us look at ourselves as a church. Are we open to looking at ourselves and responding accordingly? If change is indicated in some areas, are we amenable? Please respond to their request to complete the questionnaire which will be dispersed on September 8. You have a voice in the outcome so please express your opinions and ideas about current and future “traditions.” Let’s look forward to this with joy! Remember, change can be positive.

PRAYER: Father, we are asking for your guidance for our mission study team and for us. We pray that You will guide us into strengthening what we are doing that is working, help us change what needs changing, and add what we need to strengthen our witness for You.

CHALLENGE



Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator

GENERAL FUND

For month ending July 31, 2021

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$33,616.93	\$256,619.36 *
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$23,766.49</u>	<u>\$221,482.38</u>
	\$ 9,850.44	\$ 35,136.98

* Includes PPP Loan of \$23,800.00



OUR ALL-CHURCH BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

has been postponed to a later date.

All activities are continually reviewed and appropriate decisions made to safeguard our church family to the best of our ability.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/01 Warren Hewett	9/18 Bill Welch
Jane Jeffords	Stuart Marcus
Audrey Rose	Kate Edwards
9/02 Elaine Strong	9/19 Michelé Crane
9/04 Marty Bramblett	9/20 Becky Covington
9/05 Janet Whitaker	Grace Weigle
Sallie Covington	Lauren Bramblett
9/07 Copeland Reed	Walter Mims
9/09 Eddie Byrd	9/21 Dwight Frierson
9/10 Montgomery Richardson	9/23 Divyya Selvam
9/11 Taylor Riley	9/24 Bobby Vaughn
9/12 Jamie Wood	9/25 Jackson Miller
Kathryn Nexsen	Isabella Reed
Sarah Frierson	9/26 Annabelle Hunter
9/14 Sarah Paige Bozardt	9/28 Will Frierson
9/15 Earl Whalen	Harrison Miller
9/17 Bob Crane	9/29 Kathy Bradley
Benjamin Ridgeway	Fred Riley
	9/30 Trudy Frierson
	Suzanne Wingard



NOTES OF THANKS

▪ A Big Thank You:

Jack and I want to thank everyone who has checked on us for so long. We have received phone calls, visits, food and cards—all of which have meant so much to us. Our church family has certainly shepherded us well. Thank you again for your love and support during these difficult times.

Sincerely,
Jack and Dot Dudley

▪ Dear First Presbyterian Family,

Martin and I want to express our sincere appreciation to you for the love and support you showed to Virgil Simpson. He came to Orangeburg willingly to allow us to help care for Mamma. However, he came to love this church, GTF, and Bible Study so much. He looked forward to Wednesday of every week.

We are going to miss him, but we know that God's plan is bigger and better than ours.

After his fall, the FPC family rallied behind his recovery with visits, cards, and little treats. He treasured the friends he made. Thank you for sharing your Christian love.

Sincerely,
Janet and Martin [Gilchrist]

▪ Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the Bible. I've already dove headfirst in it! Also, thank you for guiding and leading me closer to God; as well as the endless love and support!

Love,
Evelynn Myers

▪ First Presbyterian Church family,

Thank you for being so kind to me while I was in the hospital and rehab for 40 long days. Your calls, texts, cards, visits, meals and most of all, your prayers, were much appreciated. I am blessed and humbled by your generosity. Thank you for showing God's love through your many acts of kindness to me.

Thanks,
Becky [Smith]

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Several activities will resume on September 12th. Articles are included in this newsletter about the Christian Education Celebration, youth fellowship, and choir rehearsals.

9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Celebration (in The Centre)
11:00 a.m.	Worship
2:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship Kickoff
5:00 –6:00 p.m.	Youth Handbells
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Carol and Crusader Choirs (in choir room) singing, handbells and orff

