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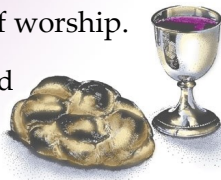
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April 2022

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

will be observed on
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022,
in the 11:00 a.m. service of worship.

Traditional elements will be used
and pre-packaged elements
will also be available.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The annual PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 17. This offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Hunger Program as they help communities recover from natural or human caused disasters, hunger alleviation, oppression, poverty and injustice.

FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE

On Sunday, April 3, we will return to our normal worship practices. Offering plates and Friendship Pads will be passed. Communion will be served with traditional elements; pre-packaged elements will be available for those who prefer them. Thank you for your cooperation throughout the pandemic.

AUDIO/VIDEO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are searching for women and men interested in learning to operate our sound system in the sanctuary and livestream on Sunday mornings. Training is available for anyone willing to volunteer in this valuable ministry; contact Raymond Tucker, Michael Borgstedt, or Bert Shuler.



Our sanctuary will be open from noon until one o'clock for anyone who would like to come and pray. Good Friday devotional thought and scriptures will be available.





FOOD TRUCK PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join First Presbyterian June 13-17 for Food Truck Party VBS for a fun filled time of learning about Jesus! Children 4 years old - 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 May 31, 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 VBS T-shirt. 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. If you want to ensure that your child gets a certain shirt size, you need to register by May 15.

Sarah Coggins
Youth and Children's Director

THINKING ABOUT SPRING CLEANING? CALLING ALL COATS!

As the weather gets warmer and you begin to clean out your closets, please remember Circle 1's community outreach, *Our Father's Closet*. We collect gently used coats *throughout* the year. If you would like to donate coats and warm jackets, please place them in the big red container located in the hall leading to the restrooms in the Centre. Our circle ladies, along with L & S Dry Cleaners, will clean all coats and distribute them during winter months to children and adults who need them.

Monetary donations throughout the year are always appreciated, as we continually look for coats on sale. Spring is a great time to find bargains on winter coats! We are especially in need of coats for school-aged children, Boys and Girls sizes 5 -14.

Being part of this ministry brings great satisfaction and joy. We encourage anyone interested in assisting with collecting, organizing or distributing coats for *Our Father's Closet* to contact a member of Circle 1. Our hearts are humbled and warmed each year through the cooperative work of our church and community with *Our Father's Closet*. This past school year we distributed 350 coats to children in Orangeburg County School District—what a blessing!

First Presbyterian is a loving, giving church, and we appreciate your support of our coat ministry!

Thank you from the ladies of Circle 1.



THANK YOU FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What a generous church we have! Not only did we get one television in response to our request but we got three. All needed and appreciated. Thank you to the Loricks, the Shirers and Blake Bruner.

Kaye Borgstedt

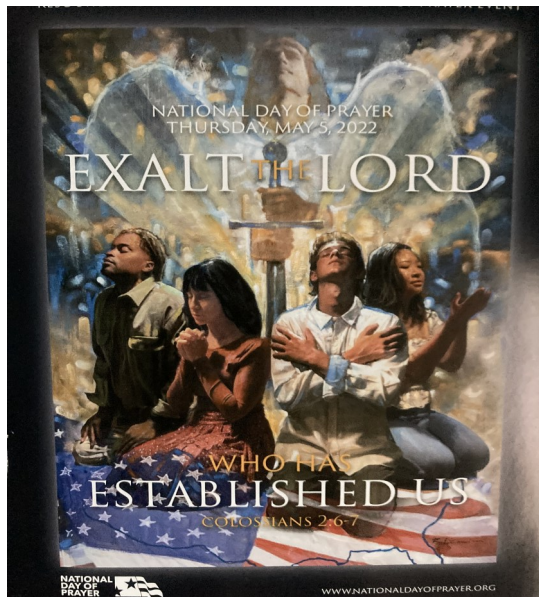
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie (Laura) Adicks
Will, Cameron, and Sidney

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fitzhugh
Ginny and Sally

Mrs. Kay Stroman

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Once again, our sanctuary will be open from midnight to midnight on May 5, 2022, for the National Day of Prayer. The scripture reference this year is Colossians 2:6-7, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Stay tuned for sign up procedure. In the meantime, as close to noon as possible, each day please pray the day will end in revival in your heart, the hearts of each person in our church, and will spread to the community, state, country and the world. Psalm 67 is a good Psalm to use for this prayer.

Kaye Borgstedt

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01	Abigail Sterling	4/25	Laura Fogle
4/02	Bari Cuttino	4/26	Jean Davis
	Augustus Burroughs		Dryden Smith
4/06	Laura Adicks	4/28	Janet Branan
4/10	Ben Davis		John Hutto
4/12	Charles House		Courtney Sterling
4/15	Robert Richardson		Rylee Wofford
4/17	Jim Fowler		Maddie Shaw
	Drew Shuler		Charley Sterling
4/22	Emily Shepherd	4/29	Leslie Lovelace
	Carson Gué	4/30	Walt Turner
4/24	Dodd Buie		

NOTES OF THANKS

- We are one of the stories of your prayers answered. Jim suffered several years with an old injury to his knee. Finally, he went for surgery. Unfortunately, complications from that surgery created far more pain than his old injury. Your prayers, calls, visits and delicious treats kept our spirits up and our faith strong as we sought help. And we found the perfect surgeon to repair the knee. At the end of February, Jim had the 2nd surgery and within one week he could tell he was better. Within two weeks, he was completely free of pain. We are told this just doesn't happen...fast, complete recovery and no pain. His physical therapist says he is a Super Star. But no, we know the Super Star and we are so grateful for His healing and your prayers. Thank you.

Candace and Jim Fowler

- First Presbyterian Church Youth Group,

It is with gratitude that I acknowledge the generous gift of food donation on March 4, 2022. Your support allows us to continue to offer assistance to our neighbors.

CCMO has served our community for 33 years. The organization responds to requests for assistance with emergency needs. With the disruption in people's lives during the Covid-19 pandemic the demand for aid has increased. Your donation will help us help our neighbors.

On behalf of the CCMO volunteers, I thank you again for your contribution and support of our ministry of serving neighbors in our community.

Barbara Troy, Executive Dir.

- Dear First Presbyterian Church

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your facilities for our 2022 Cinderella Project! The space was beautiful, well cared for, and perfect for our racks of prom dresses. Over thirty girls are now able to attend prom after finding dresses at the project on February 19, 2022.

The project is truly a blessing to our community and could never happen without the generous donations and use of your gymnasium!

Thanks again,

Taylor Wise

Orangeburg Cinderella Project Coordinator

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2022!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring! Because of your generosity, we were able to donate \$2305 to the Samaritan House and 179 non-perishable food items to CCMO.

Sarah Brailsford
Youth and Children's Director





Craft An Easter Cross

Members of the congregation are invited to join Lisa Boltin as she instructs us in crafting an Easter Cross. Two sessions will be held in the Centre:

- ◆ Monday, April 4, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm; or
- ◆ Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

To make sure we have supplies for everyone, we ask that you call the church office (803-534-0088) to register for the session that best fits your schedule.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



"Before they call I will answer: while they are still speaking I will hear." Isaiah 62:24

The Bible tells us that God made everything and knows everything. He isn't simply aware of events in our lives. He is compassionate and He knows how these events affect us. He understands that "little things" can seem like big things depending on our age, past wounds, resources, etc. We pray, not always getting the answer we want when we want or think we need it. Looking back later we see God's plan and know His plan is always better.

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

The Bible has many stories of interrupted plans. One is Paul. When on his second missionary journey, Paul planned to go one way but God sent him another direction. In a dream one night, God let Paul know that Macedonia needed him more than where Paul originally planned to go. Turns out this is when Paul planted the first church in Europe. How many other Biblical characters can you name that had the same experience? When have you had a similar experience?

Yes, it is sensible to make plans. We have heard, "Fail to plan and you plan to fail." But God has plans and may disrupt our plans with His own. Our challenge and re-

sponsibility is to listen and obey, knowing we can trust God completely. When we submit to His will, we will find ourselves fitting into His purpose for our lives. Looking back, we can see why God changed our plans. He had a bigger plan for us.

So, as we continue to make plans, let's add a new twist: Plan to listen. Plan to listen to God's plan.

The questions are: How can we submit our plans to God as we begin each day? And how can you listen to His Plan?

"Open your eyes today to the light of God surrounding you

Open your eyes today to the light of God within you

Open your eyes today to the light of God in each person you meet." Rev. Andre Keller

CHALLENGE: Let go of the life you planned to have and experience the life God has waiting for you.

PRAYER: God, give us the faith to listen to You when our plans are disrupted. Help us remember that you have a greater purpose for our lives and the witness of FPC.

'We don't pray to inform God we pray to involve God.'

God already knows what's going on in your life. He is waiting for you to ask for His help.

-Matthew 6:8

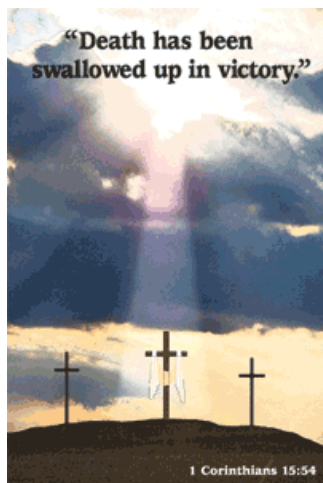
Serving together.
Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator



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GENERAL FUND

For month ending February 28, 2022

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$50,902.13	\$76,973.95
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$30,615.30</u>	<u>\$54,755.59</u>
	\$20,286.83	\$22,218.36

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Charles "Buddy" Barnwell, Jr.
Hugh Smith

Sara Turner
Mary Margaret Dempsey

AnnJi Salley

GIVEN BY:

Katherine Zeigler
Annette Kyzer

Laura Skelton Shirazi
Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Smoak

Mrs. Carol Farnum
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson

Mr. David Baker