

# The PRESSbyterian

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## SUPPER CLUBS ARE.... BACK!!!!!!!

*"A church family that plays together  
and prays together, grows together."*

The Fellowship Committee is introducing Supper Clubs at First Presbyterian this spring.

The Committee invites **all** of our adult members for a candlelight sweetheart dinner on February 16 as a kick off for **five** Supper Club activities in the Spring of 2022. More information can be found in this newsletter (page 2).

**BUT we need hosts and hostesses from our church family to make all of this happen.** Here are some details:

- One or more couples can serve as hosts/hostesses for a supper club.
- The hosts/hostesses decide on the number of guests. (Numbers can vary from 10-50)
- The hosts/hostesses choose a date, theme, location, and time for the party. (Some ideas: Italian Night, Pool Party, Wild Game, BBQ, Mardi Gras, Men's Night, Ladies Night, Sunday Lunch)

Church members will sign up to attend a party of their choice at the Sweetheart Dinner on February 16. The committee is excited to watch our church family come together to build friendships and have fun!

If you and several of your church friends would like to host a Supper Club, please contact Janet Gilchrist at 803-378-3221 or [jsg138@hotmail.com](mailto:jsg138@hotmail.com) for more details.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

will be observed in the  
11:00 a.m.  
service of worship on  
**Sunday, February 6, 2022**  
and  
**Sunday, February 27, 2022.**



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The youth will be raising money for the Souper Bowl of Caring through a **soup lunch after church on Sunday, February 6;** the money received will benefit the Samaritan House. We raised \$2368 during our last Souper Bowl in 2020, and our goal this year is to exceed that amount!

We are also taking donations of nonperishable food items for CCMO. The collection will run through February 16, and food can be left in the grocery buggy in the Centre lobby. Please remember to check the expiration date of the items.

Sarah Coggins  
Youth and Children's Director

## GENERAL FUND 2021 - YEAR END

For month ending December 31, 2021	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$40,835.74	\$447,167.26 *
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$34,781.60</u>	<u>\$412,192.20</u>
	\$ 6,054.14	\$ 34,975.06

\* Includes PPP loan of \$23,800

## BENEFIT CONCERT A SUCCESS

Many grateful and heartfelt thanks to those who attended and participated in, and gave generously in support of, the "One Starry Night" Christmas benefit concert. Over \$3000 was raised to benefit our local homeless mission, The Samaritan House. What a wonderful Christian testimony to take our blessings and use them to bless others!

Bert Shuler

## SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

The sanctuary flower schedule has several Sundays available. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these days, please contact Jane Holladay (803-347-5977) or Denise Seymore in the church office (803-534-0088).

March 13	March 27	May 29	June 5
June 26	July 10	July 17	August 7
October 23			



You are invited

For

A Candlelight Dinner

First Presbyterian Centre

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

6 PM

RSVP: jsg138@hotmail.com

or

803-378-3221

by Saturday, February 12

Children's programs and pizza provided.



## MEMORIALS

### IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Steven Patterson

Mrs. Sara Turner

Mrs. Annji Salley

### GIVEN BY

Mr. and Mrs. Max Boyle  
John Knox Class  
Mark and Linda Murphy  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. Lewis Fogle  
Mr. Alan Efting  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilkes  
Mary Sims and Thomas Gué  
Mr. Eric Todd Myers  
Bill and Alice Bryan  
Dr. and Mrs. Birnie Johnson  
Dr. and Mrs. Arden Weathers

Curt and Tamra Campbell  
Anne and Bubba Campbell  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant, Jr.  
Johnny and Janet Brailsford  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe McComb  
Mary Jo Spiers  
Mr. and Mrs. David Biswell  
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson  
Dr. and Mrs. James Brunson, Jr.  
Freda Summers and Family  
Harry and Bettis Bryant

Dorothy Weston  
Fulton Campbell  
Harriett and Henry Tindall  
Betty Edmonds  
Mr. and Mrs. Drake Perrow  
Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler  
Mr. Gordon Huddleston  
Mand and L.C. Kissam  
Paul and Catherine Hund  
Lynda and Leonard Salley  
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Poole  
Anmed Health Medicus Surgery Ctr.

Mrs. Frances Lytch  
Steve Campbell  
James L. Wells, Jr.  
Mrs. Katherine Patterson  
Grace Livingston  
Mr. George Ware  
Marshall Rogers  
Family of Brian Gibbons  
Rosalind Carson  
Mr. Keith Byers  
Ms. Ruth Upton

# OUR FATHER'S CLOSET

Members of Circle One thank you for your extraordinary support of *Our Father's Closet* coat ministry. When it was obvious that our stock was not going to cover the multitude of requests from Orangeburg Consolidated School District, our church family truly came through!

- You posted about our mission on social media!
- You collected coats from friends and family!
- You encouraged donations from your workplace!
- You shopped for new and gently used children's coats all over the state!
- You made monetary donations (*above and beyond*) to help us complete all the requests!
- You EMBRACED this ministry in a selfless and generous way!

With the help of L&S Cleaners and the cooperation of the parent-liaison team of OCSD, Circle One is proud to say *Our Father's Closet* gave out 400 coats through 22 schools in the Orangeburg community before Christmas! **Because of you**, 400 children truly feel the warmth of Jesus' love through the kindness and caring of those who follow Him.

With our largest distribution behind us, Circle One continues donating coats during these cold months to those in need through many local charitable organizations including Samaritan House, Council on Aging, CASA, OCAB, and CCMO.

In the months ahead, we encourage you to look for clearance sales on coats in the stores! All donations of money, new coats or gently used coats will help replenish our diminished inventory of student coats.

In gratitude,  
*Circle One Members*



## *A couple thank you notes we have received:*

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Oh my! Your gift of winter coats is right on time. You put a lot of care and thought into blessing us in such a way. It is amazing how the children outgrow one garment from one season to the next. Fortunately, you've got us "cloaked".

Thank you,  
Brookland Campus Crew and Kids

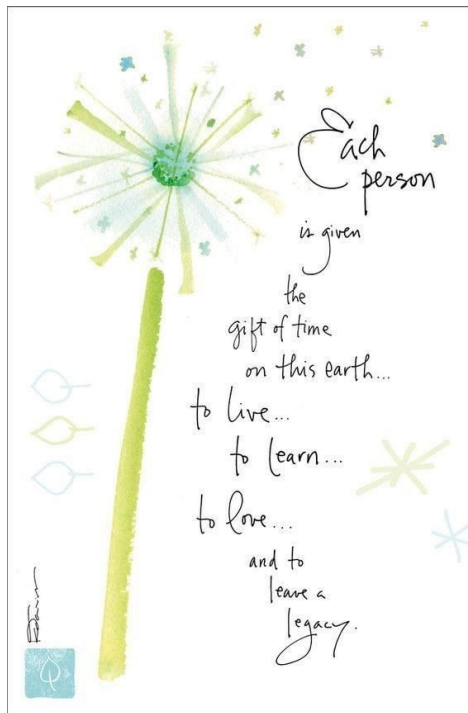
Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I see you working nonstop to help our students in need of winter coats. Thank you for caring, working hard, and doing the right thing. Thanks for all you do for Orangeburg County School District. You are the best!

Lake Marion High School  
Tracy Pelzer, Parent Liaison







How do you spend time with others? Are you fully present or do you watch the clock? Are you concentrating on the person or what is being said or are you thinking about other things or maybe even your response? We know when we are thinking about what we are going to say, we miss a lot of what is being said.

There is a definite difference in being present and making ourselves present. Do you demonstrate value and the importance of the person by the way you respond when with them? A frightening thought: What if God treated our time with Him as we treat our time with others?

Thankfully, God always makes time for us. Psalm 145 says "You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living creature...The Lord is near." (vs. 16 and

18) Psalm 16:8 "I know the Lord is always with me...." God loves us and wants to spend so much time with us that He died so we could spend eternity with Him.

How does your presence/availability to others demonstrate God's faithful love for them? All of us know when someone is truly present during our interactions and how valued that makes us feel. How can you follow the example set by Jesus by making time for others? What type of time legacy are you leaving?

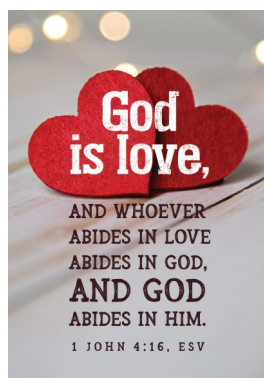
**CHALLENGE:** Be as available to others as God is to you and



**PRAYER:** Father, thank you for loving us and spending time with us. Amen.

Serving together.  
Kaye Borgstedt  
Christian Education Coordinator

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**February 2022**



First Presbyterian works with the Hands of Christ ministry in our presbytery to help meet the basic needs of children as they begin each school year, showing them Christ's love by providing clothing and school supplies. The Evangelism Unit is searching for someone to chair the Hands of Christ Team in 2022. Contact Robbie Myers, David Gillespie, or Chalmers Mikell. We are grateful to Laura Hewitt for leading this team in the past.

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2/01	Stuart Dudley	2/16	Jack Shaffer
2/02	Wallace Weaver		Ewart Irick
2/03	Danny Massie		Rick Leonard
	Margaret Barnwell		Laura Irick
2/06	Theresa Bramblett		Gee Gee Riley
	Matt Coggins	2/18	Craig Smith
	Moultrie Coggins	2/19	Emory Myers
2/08	Morgan Clark	2/20	Jack Dudley
2/09	Kristen Minnich		Jim Harvey
2/10	Jack Johnson		Rusty Wannamaker
2/12	Katalin Jordan	2/23	Lawton Salley
2/13	Ozzie Fogle	2/24	Tiffany Hunter
	Phillip Buie	2/26	John Strickland
2/14	Pam Clayton	2/27	Will Irick
2/15	Michael Borgstedt	2/28	Suzanna Crabb
			Jo Jo Wolfe