

The PRESSbyterian

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November 2022

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20!

We extend a warm welcome to our new pastor, Reverend Clark Remsburg. He comes to us from Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church in Concord, North Carolina, where he served for 7 years.

Clark graduated from USC in finance and worked in the private sector for more than twenty years. He then felt the call to go into the ministry and graduated from Erskine Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity.

Clark and his wife Marilyn, who has worked as an elementary teacher, have four grown children. He is excited to start his new ministry in Orangeburg, and has already met the staff.

His first Sunday in the pulpit will be November 20th and we encourage everyone to attend this service of worship.

Please circle this date on your calendar and make plans now to join your church family in the Centre after worship for a covered dish "Thankful Advent Dinner" as we give thanks for our many blessings and kick off the Advent Season. In addition to the wonderful meal, there will be some activities for the entire family.

(NOTE: As usual, the church will provide chicken and macaroni and cheese.)



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

In gratitude to God for His many blessings, join with your church family for Commitment Sunday on November 20 during worship. You will receive a letter and commitment card soon.



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

THORNWELL OFFERING

Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, South Carolina, has cared for abused, abandoned, and neglected children since 1875. Our annual offering for this ministry will be received on **Sunday, November 27 (although you may contribute at any time)**. Through the generosity of countless individuals and churches, *Thornwell* has been and continues to be a place of hope and healing for thousands of children.

CHILDREN'S COATS NEEDED!



Our Father's Closet is still collecting children's coats for our mid-November coat distribution to Orangeburg area students in need. Please put coats in the marked totes in the Presbyterian Centre.

We especially need these sizes:

Girls and Boys : Youth sizes 6 through 12

Teen Boys: Adult Small and Medium

Last year alone your generous contributions benefitted 435 children and students and 20 adults. YOU helped us donate 455 coats ... our largest goal EVER! Your donations of gently used children's coats, new coats, and money make this outreach a blessing to many in our community.

Thank You for supporting *Our Father's Closet* !

Circle One Members



TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Advent Season, your order must be received by **Sunday, November 6**. Envelopes are in the pew racks or information may be mailed to the church office (536 Stanley Street, 29115). Poinsettias are \$18.00 each. (Please make checks payable to the church.) *Orders cannot be accepted by telephone.*



COME HELP US DECORATE!

The church sanctuary and grounds will be decorated for Advent and Christmas on Tuesday, November 29, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADVENT

Rev. Remsburg will facilitate an advent series for three Sundays - November 27, December 4 and December 11. ALL adults are invited. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for fellowship and lesson at 10:00. Come and bring a friend.

THANKSGIVING BOXES



We will provide Thanksgiving Boxes again this year to help those less fortunate in our community have a happy Thanksgiving.

We are once again asking you to donate the items to fill one or more boxes. Through your generosity, last year we were able to fill and distribute 163 boxes. Please find below the list of items for each box. Each box costs roughly \$50 to fill, depending on where you shop. The Evangelism Unit includes a gift certificate for \$20 in each box to be used to purchase a ham or a turkey.

We will continue to have them pick up their box here at the Centre.

In order for this to work properly, **we need all donations completed by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 9th**. Once we have all donations, we will know how many of the requests we can honor and start the process of notifying those recipients that they can pick up their box at the Centre on Saturday, November 19th, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.

We are asking for volunteers to help with the pick up on Saturday, November 19th.

As in the past, if you are unable to purchase the items for the boxes, the committee will do the shopping for you. Make your check payable to the church with a designation to the Thanksgiving Box Ministry. You can turn it in to the church or give it to one of the committee members. **Remember to have your donation in by Wednesday, NOVEMBER 9th.**

There will be copies of the list of items to purchase in the McLees Gallery and in the Centre. There will be forms in the Centre that you can use for tax purposes to show your donation.

Thank you once again for your support.

Evangelism Unit

Thanksgiving Box Ministry

Elise and Gerald Myers—Co Chairs

803-682-3721

- Meat – 1 can (beef stew, Vienna, etc.)
- Seafood – 2 cans (tuna, salmon, etc.)
- Vegetables – 2 cans (large)
- Pork & beans – 1 large can
- Dried beans – 1 package
- Soup – 1 large can
- Fruit – 2 cans
- Cranberry sauce – 1 can
- Cooking oil – liter or quart
- Dessert – Jell-O, pudding, brownie mix, cake mix
- Evaporated milk – 1 large can
- Cereal – 1 large box
- Grits – 2 lbs. (quick)
- Peanut butter – 1 jar (plastic)
- Jelly – 1 jar (plastic)
- Dessert cookies (Oreo, Choc Chip, etc.)
- Crackers – 1 box (saltines, Ritz, cheese)
- Spaghetti sauce – 1 jar (plastic or can)
- Dry macaroni noodles – 1 medium box
- Spaghetti noodles – 1 medium box
- Box meal (hamburger helper, etc.)
- Rice – 2 lbs. bag
- Stuffing – 1 box
- Sugar – 4 or 5 lbs.
- Flour – 5 lbs.
- Salt – 1 box
- Hot chocolate
- Jiffy cornbread mix – 2 boxes

Optional: a stuffed animal

Please have food items in The Centre by 6:00 p.m. on November 9th!!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 James Shepherd	11/19 Wayne Lorick
11/02 Emma Cuttino	11/20 Ramsey Albergotti
11/04 Kim Wolfe	11/21 Emily Shirer
11/07 Janet Brailsford	11/22 Billy Kelley
11/08 Vivian Hutto	Robert Wall
Lisa Boltin	11/23 Howard Shirer
Joni Thackston	Al Thomas Hughes
Tripp Wingard	11/25 Phyllis Wilson
11/11 Gale Riley	Kurt von Besser
11/13 Keith Byers	11/28 Lewis Lanier
Maggie Hughes	John Colston
11/14 Emmaline	Strickland
Dangerfield	11/29 George Ware
11/16 Annie Blair Davis	Evan Campbell
11/17 Aaron Bruner	Abby Thackston
11/18 Faye Bull	11/30 Catherine Cuttino
Carol Felder	
Andy Trimmier	

NOTES OF THANKS

◆ Dear Church Family,

Thank you, each of you. Please know how very grateful I am for your prayers, your cards, your visits, your phone calls, the rides, and all the delicious food you have blessed me with over the past several months! Your continual loving support has been a great source of encouragement in my experience with cancer. I praise God for your faithful ministry to me!

Melissa Camp

◆ First Presbyterian,

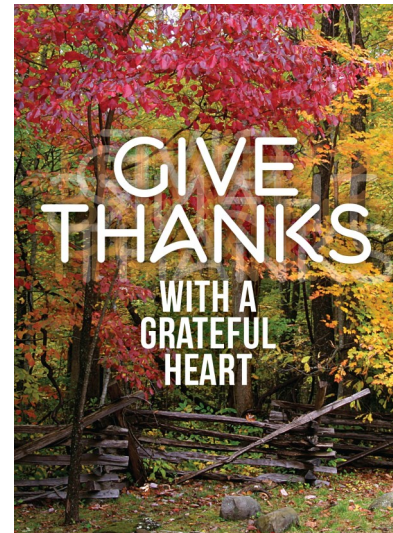
"Thank you" to our church family for your calls, notes, gifts and most of all your prayers. Losing three brothers in six months has been made bearable by you. Thank you to each of you. The Lewis Family has been blessed.

Our love,

Ozzie and Elsie "Lewis" Fogle

HOLY LAND TOUR

Our former Interim Pastor, Dr. Danny Massie, and Dr. Holton Siegling, current Senior Pastor at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC, will be leading a tour of the Holy Land next year, February 9-20, 2023. If anyone is interested or wishes more information please contact Dr. Massie at <danielwmassie@gmail.com> or 843-442-1226. Registration is limited and has just begun.



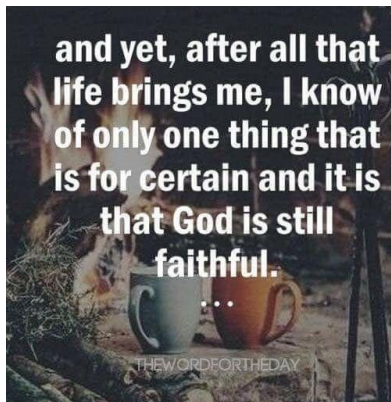
GENERAL FUND 2022

For month ending Sept. 30, 2022	Month	Year-to-Date
General Fund Income	\$27,861.99	\$317,824.62
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$41,667.35</u>	<u>\$300,948.23</u> *
	(\$13,805.36)	\$ 16,876.39

* Includes total Missions transfer of \$18,900.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FAITH IN GOD AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING



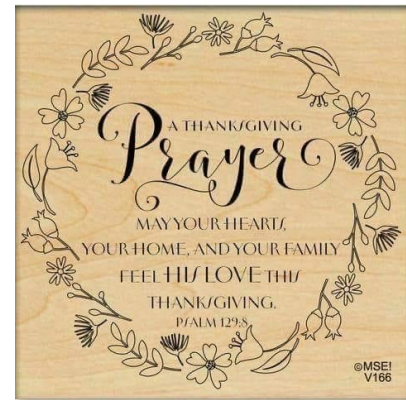
“The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it” 1 Thessalonians 5:24 and verse 18 “give thanks in everything for this is God’s will for you.”

What is faith? I read one definition that actually made me a little angry/upset. It said faith is a “strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual appreciation rather than proof.” It is incredible to me, how anyone can look around and not see “proof.” A much better definition is, “complete trust and the confidence in someone or something.” Faith certainly includes thought, reflection and leads to action. To me faith is the complete assurance and confidence that God created the world including me, He loves me, died and rose for me to have eternal life. What is your definition?

God’s faithful love for us is manifested in Jesus coming to earth and Jesus certainly had faith when He died on the cross. Hebrews 11 defines faith as “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” and goes on with “by faith” and gives examples of people who had faith in God. By faith Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah and tells what that enabled them to do. What words would you use to add your name to the list? By faith-----add your name and explanation.

In many instances it is easier said than done when someone says to you, “just have faith.” Opinions of faith may vary but most can agree that our faith in God is reflected by the way we live our lives and is demonstrated in what we say, do and how we behave. Faith is a gift from God that gives us a way of life.

Faith practices express what we hold valuable and truthful. It is life-giving and has a way of bringing to the surface our deepest hopes, for we know our God is THE God of hope, is merciful and just. His mercies are



new every morning. Remember “faith without works is dead” (James 2:26) and “faith can move mountains” 1 Cor. 13:2b.

Faith includes gratitude. How can we not be thankful? Research shows that thankful people are happier, more optimistic and even have fewer health issues than people who dwell on daily hassles. It is safe to say being thankful and giving thanks has a way of changing our lives. And the Bible instructs us to do so. Some verses are Psalm 100:5; Psalm 107: 8, 15, 21, and 31. And Paul in his letter to the Philippians linked thankful prayers to the peace of God. (4:7). Focusing on God and his goodness helps us to have less anxiety. Giving thanks guards our hearts and minds and changes the way we look at life. “A heart of gratitude nurtures a spirit of joy.”

Challenge: With faith and thanksgiving welcome our next minister, Rev. Clark Remsburg and his family. Join together in showing them FPCO hospitality. Be open to where and how God is using Rev. Remsburg to lead us.

Lord of life and love,
strengthen my faith when I
am weak.

Help me to practice faithful
living day by day.

Heal me of my brokenness
and make me whole in you.

For by faith and with faith, I
can do all things through you.

In Jesus' merciful name I pray,
amen.

With Christian Love,
Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator

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Return Service Requested



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MEMORIALS

Given in Memory of

Hugh Smith
Daniel Lewis

Dale Wood
Larry Jordan

Tom Lewis
Bobby Vaughn

Shirley Salley

Given By

Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley
Frances and Morgan Cooke
Ms. Katherine Zeigler
Dr. and Mrs. James Harvey
Shelby and Delle Bolen
Mrs. Cheryl Smith
Danny Fogle

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson
Gail and Gary Delaney
Mr. Gordon Huddleston
Vivian Bell
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shuler
Mr. Lewis Fogle
Bill and Marlene Welch

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shirer
Mrs. Marcia Wood
John and Jane Felder
William and Donna Brown
John and Jane Shuler
Mr. and Mrs. Jason Fogle
Mrs. Frances Lytch