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September 2022

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, September 25, following the service of worship. Purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and present a candidate for an installed pastor.



FALL KICKOFF

HOSTED BY THE DEACONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

4:00-6:00 P.M.

water slide
inside games
picnic style dinner

REHEARSALS RESUMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18



Youth Handbell Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.

Crusader and Carol Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

BEREAVEMENT TEAMS IN SEARCH OF NEW MEMBERS

The Bereavement Teams at First Presbyterian are composed of volunteer church members who are divided into four teams to provide food for reception or meals when a death occurs in a member's immediate family. Because of a variety of reasons such as relocations, health issues, bereavements, etc., some of our members are unable to continue serving. We would like to increase the number of members on our four teams and would love to have anyone who would like to help us provide this service to our church family!

Our teams rotate preparing the food which consists mainly of homemade or bought sweets, finger sandwiches, and something to drink. Generally, each team will only have to provide food two or three times a year at the most. If you are already on a team, Thank You! If you would like to join a team, please contact me. I hope to hear from you soon! Thanks!



OFFICERS RECENTLY INSTALLED

ELDERS

Kaye Borgstedt
Bob Crane
Thomas Gué
Jane Holladay

DEACONS

Matt Coggins
Kathy Fitzhugh
Karen Johnson (class of 2023)
Bonnie Jordan
Dee Anne Miller
Cheryl Smith

Kathy Bradley
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OUTGOING OFFICERS

A huge thank you to outgoing elders, Gregg Frierson, Jim Harvey, Robbie Myers and Craig Smith; and deacons, Theresa Bramblett, Leslie Lovelace, Kathryn Nexsen, Katherine Smith and Stacey Walter. We appreciate you and the way you used your gifts and talent to serve God and our church. Thank you for your dedication and faithfulness.

God bless you,
The Christian Education Team



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

PIANO PLACED IN CHOIR LOFT



The Steinway piano in the choir loft is given in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth F. Smoak, mother and grandmother of Dr. Randolph Smoak and his daughters. Saundra, Randy, and their girls have been long time members of First Presbyterian Church and wish to honor "Nonie" as she was a lifetime lover of music and taught piano lessons to a great many in Bamberg. With this gift of her piano, the Smoak family wishes to continue to share her love of music.

The Smoak Family

Note of Thanks

July 27, 2022
First Presbyterian Vacation Bible School

Dear Sarah and all VBS helpers and children,

The senior citizens of Orangeburg County will most sincerely appreciate the home delivered meal service made possible by the recent contribution of \$500.14 from your collected efforts through Vacation Bible School this year to the Orangeburg County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program. OCCOA sincerely thanks you for your kind support. Not only did you provide almost 100 meals for needy seniors but their hearts were truly touched by the precious goody bags! The words of encouragement really meant so much to these sweet recipients!

We at Council on Aging appreciate your generosity in giving this gift that will truly benefit our county's homebound seniors. You guys ROCK!

Sincerely,
Dee Anne Miller
Executive Director

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ALONE OR TOGETHER



Jesus gave each of us many gifts and talents. He intended for us to use them to witness, serve and further His kingdom. Our congregation have a multitude of talents and gifts which have been used to, with God's help, keep this church viable. Sometimes I wonder if we are so busy doing our part that we forget others have the same goals.

How many times in scripture was Jesus working or serving alone? Yes, He withdrew to pray (Matt.14:3; Luke 3:21 and 5:16; Mark 1:35, 14:23, 6:46 and John 6:15). There are instances where he was alone: in the desert (Matt. 4:1-11) and to grieve (John 14:1-13). By example, Jesus was alone and/or praying to focus on major tasks (Luke 4:1-2); to recharge (Mark 6:30-32); work thru grief (Luke 6:12); times of distress (Luke 22:39-44); and certainly prayer undergirded every instance. However, He was not really alone as He was focusing on God. And He emerged to serve and witness. What is the first thing He did when He began His ministry? He called the twelve disciples.

What about a church? At baptism, others agree to be present for the person being baptized. Same when youth are confirmed into the church. We have elders and deacons and we have committees and teams all working/serving to complete tasks as they witness.

Scripture tells us that members of a church are a team designed to work together and watch out for each other. Paul says that God cares about how we interact with each other because the action of one can impact the whole community (Col. 3:13-14). When we embrace opportunities to serve each other, fully devoted to unity and peace, the church flourishes (v. 15). "So, we though many, are one body in Christ" Romans 12:5. Using our gifts together (even while we carry out our individual tasks), praying for discernment, obeying and praising God with gratitude, protecting and inspiring one another through open, loving and honest relationships, and open communication, we will thrive as a church. Remember, the church is you and me!

CHALLENGE: While using our individual gifts and talents, let's strive to be a united church working to witness and serve God.

PRAYER: Father God, guide us and keep us accountable and focused on your will.

Just keep praying — just keep
PRAYING!

Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator

GENERAL FUND

For month ending July 31, 2022

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$34,877.67	\$242,340.49
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	\$26,110.47	\$223,107.64 *
	\$ 8,767.20	\$ 19,232.85

* Includes \$9,450 transfer to Missions

MALAWI MISSION AND MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION

Patrick Coughlin with Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) was one of our guest preachers in July. In his message, he shared with our congregation that First Presbyterian has been involved with MBF in many ways for over 40 years! We are a Mission Minded Church indeed!! Patrick talked about an upcoming Virtual Malawi Mission Trip and it is now a reality. Please take a look at the MBF information below and join in if you can.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

We have a very exciting opportunity to visit with medical mission partners in Malawi and you are invited.

The visit is virtual (over Zoom). But importantly, it is **live and interactive**. The trip will include Nkhoma Mission Hospital, Nkhoma College of Nursing and Midwifery and Mbwatalika Health Center.

Over two days, for two hours each morning, we will have the privilege to see the work the Lord is doing in these locations and visit with the people who are ful-

filling His plan for the people of Malawi through medical mission. The early morning hours here in the USA will correspond with afternoon hours in the locations we'll be visiting.

Please mark your calendars for:

September 14 and 15, 2022

Starting: 8am EDT / 7am CDT

Duration: 2 hours 15 minutes

Our partners in Malawi are eager to show us how they work and how your partnership is making a difference. This is a wonderful chance to get to know each other across the miles and grow closer as we work together in medical mission for God's glory.

Following the trip, a time of reflection and prayer will happen over Zoom on September 22 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. EDT.

Go to [Virtual Mission Trip Malawi \(mbf.org\)](https://mbf.org) to register. A gift of \$49 per participant helps to offset the costs of the event.

You can contact us at hello@mbf.net or call us at (281) 201-2043. We will be sending details about the agenda soon.

If you have any questions or comments please contact anyone on the Evangelism Unit.

Jane Holladay, David Gillespie, Chalmers Mikell



NEWS FROM RON AND BETSY

The Manilas are in the process of transitioning this fall from Kyrgyzstan to Durham, N.C., where they will be involved in ministry with students. Also, they are adopting another child whose English name is Joseph. The adoption will cost about \$55,000. They are requesting prayer for a smooth transition back to the States and for the adoption process to be sped up. If you want more information and feel led to help with the adoption finances, here is a link:

<https://mystory.lifefororphans.org>.

Please be careful how you share this news so as not to put the adoption in jeopardy.

Evangelism Unit

CIRCLE 3

Circle 3 will meet at Jane Shuler's home, 250 Keitt Street, on September 12 at 11:00 a.m. Please join us if you are interested in an exciting Bible study, lunch, and fun discussions!

Jane Shuler



DAZZ is a local organization that First Presbyterian has supported for several years. Their mission is "To provide life-affirming reproductive health and family services in a compassionate Christian environment. We believe in the sanctity and value of every human life."

To help them raise necessary funds, the Orangeburg Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Edisto Memorial Gardens. There will be food, fun, prizes, and more! The goal is to raise \$30,000 to help those facing unplanned pregnancies in our community.

Go to their website to register and learn more.

www.orangeburgforlife.com/events

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Ruth Horger
Willie Owens

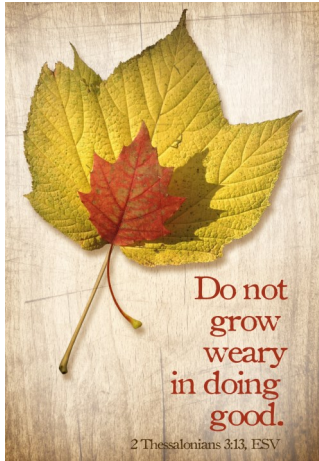
Martha Garrick
Tom Lewis

GIVEN BY:

Mrs. Katherine Patterson
Janet and Johnny Brailsford
Bert and Julianne Shuler
Mrs. Frances Lytch

Mrs. Margaret Barnwell
Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Frierson
John Knox Class

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