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September 2020

WELCOME—INTERIM PASTOR

Please join the Session in welcoming Pastor Sherry Teves to our church family. Sherry has agreed to serve as the Interim Pastor for our church over the next 12 to 24 months.

Pastor Sherry is a gifted Pastor, Chaplain, musician and mother of two children. She holds both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Music as well as a Masters in Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Sherry has served in Pastoral and Chaplain roles during her career and is a dynamic speaker and vocalist. Her first official day is scheduled for September 2, 2020.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020—ONLINE WORSHIP



THE SC INN AT MONTREAT IS OPEN!

Are you looking for a fantastic fall getaway? The SC Inn at Montreat is a lovely place to stay in Montreat, NC, and the rates are great! Emily Cameron, our innkeeper, and her staff have made this facility very safe and sanitized! There are 8 apartments and the main house with private or family baths. Many of you may remember the fun retreats that our church had at the SC Inn! Hopefully we can do this again.

Call today and get more details.
703-409-0671

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13, 2020!

Recommended guidelines and safety protocols will be observed. A letter with additional details will be sent prior to the 13th.

WORSHIP TOGETHER ONLINE

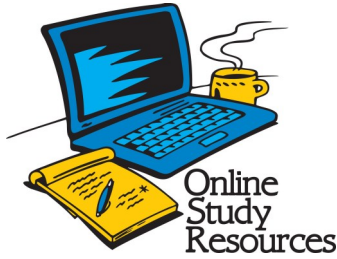
Stay in touch with your church family for Sunday services (if unable to attend in person), children's stories and devotions by fellow church members.

YouTube - First Presbyterian Orangeburg
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8_9jic-Qyc7m4cl0iiXQ

Facebook — First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg, SC

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Currently, there are two adult Zoom classes. They welcome new or returning members.



Saltshakers

Contact Nancy Nance

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Young Adult Class

Contact Craig Smith

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Josh Nexsen

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- The John Knox Class is not meeting virtually.

Children and Youth

- August 30: Bible story recorded in sanctuary
- Beginning in September**

Nursery and Preschool

teachers will record a Bible story which will be mailed, along with an activity sheet, to parents.

Elementary, middle

school and youth will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive Google Sunday School room.



We miss being together and pray for health/healing for all and for everyone to feel God's love surrounding you.

Kaye Borgstedt

Christian Education Coordinator



Giving

Online is available



To give online go to the following website.

<https://abundant.co/firstpresbyterian/give>

Then enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, choose your frequency and enter your email address. Click continue and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

If you create an account, you can log-in when prompted and use a saved payment method.

To give by text, text firstpresb and any amount to 73256. Click the link you receive in your text message response and follow the prompts to give. Text giving even saves your payment information so you can quickly give again.

Of course, you may continue to give by mailing your contributions (536 Stanley Street, 29115) or dropping them in the secure dropbox on the office door.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE



LIVING FAITHFULLY



LIVING LOVED

Last month, I wrote about responding to people empathically instead of being offending. But is there a time when we as Christians should be offended? Of course there is, but we should still respond with empathy. We should absolutely be offended by anything that prohibits UNITY IN CHRIST. We should respond with love, letting the light of Christ shine in us and thru us.

Have you ever thought of yourself as a missionary? Well, you are. We have been given a great commission. See Matthew 28:16-20. In verse 19, Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" As lay people, we don't generally baptize folks but that command TO GO was for all of us. Verse 19 tells us to teach all that Jesus taught and commanded of us and verse 20 assures us He will be with us always. So, we are all missionaries. Does thinking of yourself as a missionary change anything for you?

This great commission is based on the greatest commandment. Jesus, referencing the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:5) and responding to a question about the greatest commandment, said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Everything "hangs on these two commandments." See also Mark 12: 28-34 and Luke 10:27.

I read somewhere that, "The light of Christ inside His followers shines the brightest during a crisis." We can

be a source of hope. We can be a picture of compassion. We can be real and tangible kindness. Why are we alive during the coronavirus outbreak of 2020? Maybe because, "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

So my Challenge to you is: using what God has given you, be sure the Light of Christ is shining in you and thru you.



Prayer: God, help us live using the gifts and responsibilities you gave/give us to help all people. Thank you for loving us and help us love others. Amen.

With Christian Love,
Kaye Borgstedt
Christian Education Coordinator

GENERAL FUND 2020

For month ending July 31, 2020	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$22,293.86	\$277,751.91
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$11,960.36</u>	<u>\$219,267.50</u>
	\$10,333.50	\$ 58,484.41



Several of our local missions have made changes in their activities due to the corona virus. We continue to support all of our missions as they continue to carry out their activities in different ways.

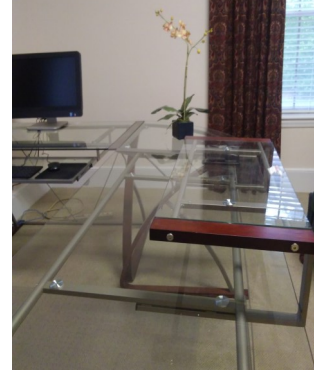
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity** is planning to begin a new home on Kings Road on September 30. Wells Fargo and C.F. Evans are the major sponsors of this house. Habitat for Humanity has also been giving out reusable masks, working with A Brush with Kindness to build ramps on homes in Orangeburg.
- ♦ Due to Covid-19, the **Midlands Reading Consortium** will offer virtual tutoring for the coming year. In an effort to support schools, volunteers will be assigned to entire classrooms to serve as weekly guest readers using the teacher's smartboards. Ruth and Jim Harvey are our liaisons for Rivelon Elementary reading activities.
- ♦ **Hands of Christ** is operating a different type of distribution in Charleston this year. Our head of Hands of Christ at First Presbyterian Church is Laura Hewitt. She and her daughter Paige have ordered and packed 24 bags for children at Rivelon and they will be delivered to the school. This year, Laura ordered our uniforms for Rivelon, since Charleston was unable to get all the needed clothing. Hopefully, our association with the Hands of Christ in Charleston can be resumed in the future. More information on how you can help will be announced as we get further requests.

Please continue to support all of our local, national, and international missions through your pledges and special contributions.

Jane Shuler,
Evangelism Unit

DESK FOR SALE

We are finalizing renovations/repairs in the church office and have furniture that is no longer needed. Modern, glass computer desk connected via a corner attachment to a tech desk with slide out keyboard tray; espresso/silver. Only \$250. This is perfect for a dorm room, study area, or home office. Call the church office (534-0088).



MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Mr. Harris Davis, Sr.
Mrs. Beverly Walkup

GIVEN BY:

Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler
John Knox Sunday School Class

NOTES OF THANKS

- Dear First Pres,

Thank you for remembering me for my High School Graduation. I will use these gifts and teachings of the church during college. I look forward to visiting when I come home from college. Thank you again for the gifts.

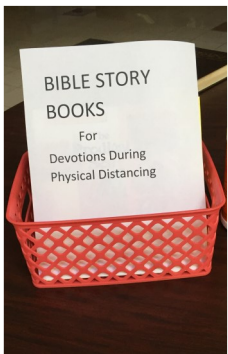
Respectfully,
Benjamin Davis

- First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the personalized Bible and very special cross. I know I will cherish them for a lifetime. Thank you for all your guidance, prayers and love over the years.

Love,
Walker [Whalen]

DEVOTIONS DURING PHYSICAL DISTANCING



You will notice I said physical distancing not social. Thank you to each and every one who has recorded a devotion and thank you, Sarah, for putting them on social media. FPC is blessed to have such loving folks who are willing to participate and the devotions have been great. We still cannot be physically present with each

other but we do want to stay in touch by continuing posting devotions recorded by YOU to be shared with each other. We want folks of ALL AGES to participate. Find your favorite Bible story or devotion, record it and email it to Sarah at Shbrails@hotmail.com. Drop-box if it is too long for regular email. Feel free to write a devotion if you prefer and you can submit more than one. Periodically Sarah will post to our Facebook and YouTube.

Also, we have a container of Bible story books on the table in the Centre. Everyone is welcome to get one, read, record, send to Sarah and then put the book in your library.

Kaye Borgstedt

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

BEAUTIFY THE GROUNDS

Our Living Flower Fund has been put to good use planting annuals and perennials on the church grounds. These improvements showcase our continued commitment to maintaining our house of worship, and to our participation in this community. Funds are running low and additional gifts are encouraged, perhaps in honor or memory of a loved one. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, designating the money for the Living Flower Fund.



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For I know
the plans I have
for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare
and not for evil,
to give you a future
and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11