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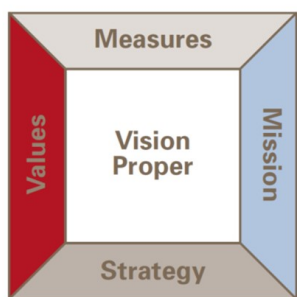
- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Wednesday Night Live
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- October 24—Ladies Luncheon at Sunrise Bistro
- October 27—Church Family Breakfast
- October 27—Trunk or Treat



Session Retreat

On September 14, Session “retreated” to Mepkin Abbey to focus on a variety of topics, which included discussion of our individual leadership styles, alignment of current activities with our mission statement, SPC’s historic

guiding principles, ministry values, areas in which to invest more (and less) energy, existing ministries on which we want to capitalize, and dreams we believe God has for SPC. It was a productive day, shaped by insights from Joshua 1:1-9, 3:1-17 and Acts 15:1-31.



Vision Frame

A tool we used and will continue to use was something called a “Vision Frame” as developed by Will Mancini in his book “The Church Unique.” The vision frame begins with a clarity about one’s mission and values which are used to develop a strategy that can yield measurable results.

SPC built the first part of the frame in 2022 when we developed a new mission statement. A church’s mission statement should answer the question: “What are we doing?” Session discerned that our mission was to “Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith.” Since that time, we have highlighted that mission through a sermon series, at Session and other ministry meetings and in SPC communications.

The next part of the vision frame is “values.” Though SPC has guiding principles that were used to determine our current ministry team structure (Worship, Spiritual Growth, Service, Fellowship, Finance, Property, and Nurture), one thing missing from our current literature is clearly articulated values. Values answer the question: “Why do we do what we do?” Values are intended to be shared convictions that guide all our actions and serve as filters for decision making. At the retreat, Elders were asked to discern SPC’s values using an assessment tool. Five bubbled to the top:

- Godly Servant Leadership
- Bible-Centered Preaching/Teaching
- Grace Orientation to Life
- Fellowship Community
- People Matter to God

Next month Session will further refine these values and communicate them to our ministry teams to use as filters for assessing current programs and planning.

Throughout the next year we will be working on an overarching strategy, ways to measure success and further seek to answer the vision question: “Where is God taking us?”

Stewardship 2025

I hope Session’s work at our retreat will aid our stewardship campaign efforts this fall. This is because I believe people give to a church for three reasons:

1. They are excited to be a part of the church’s ministry and mission that they see happening;
2. They trust that the church’s leadership is faithfully discerning God’s direction;
3. They understand that faithful stewardship is an expectation for a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The third point is supported by numerous Scriptures that talk about dedicating a portion of our finances to God, trusting that no one can “out give” the God who takes care of all our needs. The Scripture chosen for this year’s campaign articulates that well. Luke 6:38 says, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.” This verse is the inspiration for this year’s stewardship theme: “Measuring What Matters.” See the stewardship article on page 10 for more information. I look forward to sharing with you more this fall.

New Policies

The Personnel Committee and a small group appointed by Session have been hard at work to create policies in keeping with Book of Order requirements and SPC’s own practices. In our August and September meetings we adopted the following policies:

- Anti-racism
- Anti-harassment
- Background checks

Session Clerk Oden Semones talks about the anti-racism policy on page 11, and I want to briefly mention here the reasoning for a background check policy. The creation of a background check policy enables us to explain to volunteers why and how background

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WORSHIP

checks will be conducted. To that end, “this policy reflects SPC’s commitment to exercise diligence and oversight over the selection of its staff, employees, leaders and volunteers to prevent the abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults, and other abuses of authority.” Additionally, “the specific background checks conducted depend on the role or position of the individual at SPC and can include: criminal history, sexual offender registry, references and employment history. A check of motor vehicle records may be included for individuals transporting others on behalf of SPC using the SPC bus, rental vehicles or personal vehicles.”

Pastor Anita



Sermon Series

October 6 is World Communion Sunday, a day in which we recognize that as we partake of communion as Presbyterians, Christians of every stripe and in every language around the world are also celebrating the Lord’s Supper. This reminds us that we are bound together through faith in Jesus Christ, meaning we have much more in common than we often realize. That Sunday we will conclude our “The Way to Be” series with the command to “Be at Peace,” and we will also receive our Peace and Global Witness offering.

On October 13, we will begin a new series entitled “Shipshape,” a series on the important “ships” that steer our lives. We will have the opportunity to consider worship, discipleship, stewardship, workmanship, friendship, the times we experience shipwreck, and the championship of Christ on Christ the King Sunday, November 24.

On October 27 we will celebrate our Scottish Heritage as we do every year with the festive notes of the bagpipes. On November 3 we will dedicate our stewardship cards for 2025.

Date	Special Day	Series	Focus/Title	Scripture(s)
10/6/24	World Communion Sunday	The Way to Be (A Series on Values)	Be at Peace	Zechariah 8:9-13 Romans 12:14-21
10/13/24		Shipshape (The important “ships” that steer our lives)	Worship	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 John 4:19-26
10/20/24			Discipleship	John 8:31-38 Titus 2:11-14
10/27/24	Scottish Heritage Sunday		Stewardship: Measuring What Matters	Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Luke 6:37-38
11/3/24	Stewardship Dedication		Workmanship	Ephesians 2:8-10 James 2:14-18
11/10/24	Veterans Recognition		Friendship	Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 20:6, 27:6, 27:9 (NLT), 27:10 27:17 (NET)
11/17/24			Shipwreck	Acts 27 (excerpts)
11/24/24	Christ the King Thanksgiving		Championship	Romans 5:12-21



WORSHIP MUSIC



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our musical ensembles are back from summer break and working hard to prepare music for this fall.

The Chancel Choir recently got together with the Chancel Choir from Peace Presbyterian for a potluck dinner and listen-through of the Christmas cantata. This was a great opportunity for fellowship within our own choir and with our friends at Peace.

Handbells are working on music for the fall and looking ahead to Advent for other opportunities to ring in service. We are down three ringers and are looking for replacements. This means now is a great time to join the handbell ensemble. Now more than ever your presence is needed and would be an incredible addition to this ensemble. We plan to be ringing in service again soon.

We have worked with the nursery staff to begin offering childcare during our Wednesday evening rehearsals. This will allow some new members to join an ensemble and also be a benefit to young families.

We are looking forward to the bagpipes on October 27, Scottish Heritage Sunday, and on November 3 at the All Saints Day service at the Old White Church Cemetery. We are also looking forward to the cantata on December 15.

If you are interested in joining any of our ensembles, please email me at summervillepresmusic@gmail.com.

William Bennett
Director of Music



Music Ministry Opportunities

Handbells—Rehearse Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Chancel Choir—Rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
(7:30 pm during Wednesday Night Live)

Praise Team—Rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
(audition required)

Jewel Tones—Rehearse Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
(audition required)

Contemporary Music

Hello! Here's what's new with the praise team. Please keep Nick in your thoughts and prayers as he is still in the hospital with some health complications. We're eager to have him back and are praying for a quick recovery. We've been in communication with him, and he's very appreciative of all who've been praying for him.

We have a new addition to the band—Vito Compitello who's been playing electric guitar with us. He is awesome, so come check him out.

We'll be implementing new songs this month, such as "I Speak Jesus" by Charity Gayle and Steven Musso. The chorus is especially powerful and uplifting: "Your name is power. Your name is healing. Your name is light! Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows. Burn like a fire!" We hope you come join us and sing to the Lord!

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher
Co-Directors of Contemporary Music



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sunday School

Hello everyone!

We are starting our "Seasons" curriculum for K-4th. Please join us for Sunday School at 10:00 am.

"Seasons: 4-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum" will help kids navigate the ever-changing seasons of life with

never-changing wisdom from the Bible. In a world obsessed with now-now-now, "Seasons" teaches how to trust patiently in Jesus Christ.



Week 1: Seasons of Growing & Learning

The Boy Jesus in the Temple, Luke 2:41-52

Like Jesus, we can enjoy the times when we are growing and learning new things.

Week 2: Seasons of Action & Attention

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary, Luke 10:38-42

Sometimes we must focus on our tasks, like when Jesus visited Martha and Mary.

Week 3: Seasons of Harvest & Sharing

Feeding the Four Thousand, Mark 8:1-10

We can be grateful for the times when we have plenty of food and can share it with others, like when Jesus fed four thousand people.

Week 4: Seasons of Rest & Trust

Jesus Stills the Storm, Matthew 8:23-27

It is important to rest and trust God, even when things are hard, like when Jesus calmed the storm.



Mother's Morning Out Update

Happy October! We had a busy month of September. We had fall pictures, the Music Lady on Tuesdays, a walking field trip to the Timrod Library for story time and crafts, and a visit from the bookmobile. We learned about apples, forest animals, feelings, acorns and leaves. We have even more planned for October, including a book character parade. We will also be starting chapel this month!

A special thank-you to those who donated funds so that we could purchase our baby bus. The babies are so enjoying getting out and about! They're so cute. We are also so very thankful for the food donations. We currently have 58 children in our program, and your food donations have certainly been a blessing. Thank you so much.

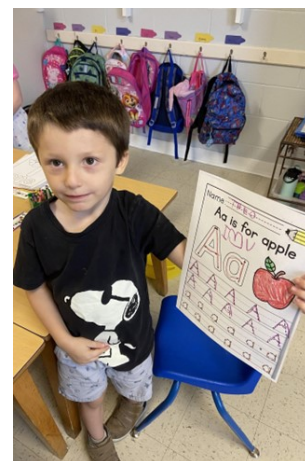
We have started our family projects. Please see upcoming projects displayed in the Education hallway; each month is a different theme.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings,

Rebecca Mills

Director of Children's Ministry and
Mother's Morning Out



Joy Kids are going strong with a new starting time at 4:30 pm on Sundays. We have been finding our talents, and now we are starting our "Mini Pumpkins" series: Little things are important to God! We encourage all students in kindergarten through 5th grade to join us.

We are looking forward to Trunk or Treat on the 27th! More announcements to come.





Jennifer Grainger

Director of
Spiritual
Growth &
Outreach



Youth Calendar Fall 2024

October

10/6: Blessing of the Animals at Ashley River Park; get an admission ticket from Jennifer

10/13: Last Night of Fall Series: Developing Spiritual Habits that will Change Your Life

10/19: Trip to West Corn Maze, time TBD

10/20: Imani Milele Concert- we will all attend together

10/27: Trunk or Treat

10/30: Last Wednesday Watch Party of the Fall



We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy. Please bring donations to Jennifer's office

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27, 4-6pm

Candy, games, bounce house, sno cones, trick or treating and MORE!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Adults:

*Seekers- Room 201

*Genesis- Room 101

*Under the Hill- Room 106

Children:

0-4 years old: Nurseries are available- Rooms 203 and 204

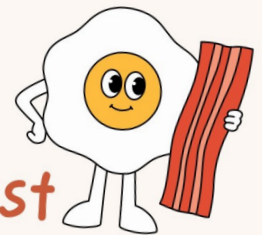
Kindergarten-4th Grade- Room 104

Tweens (5th-8th Grades) - Room 303

High School- We encourage our high school students to help in our Children's Ministry



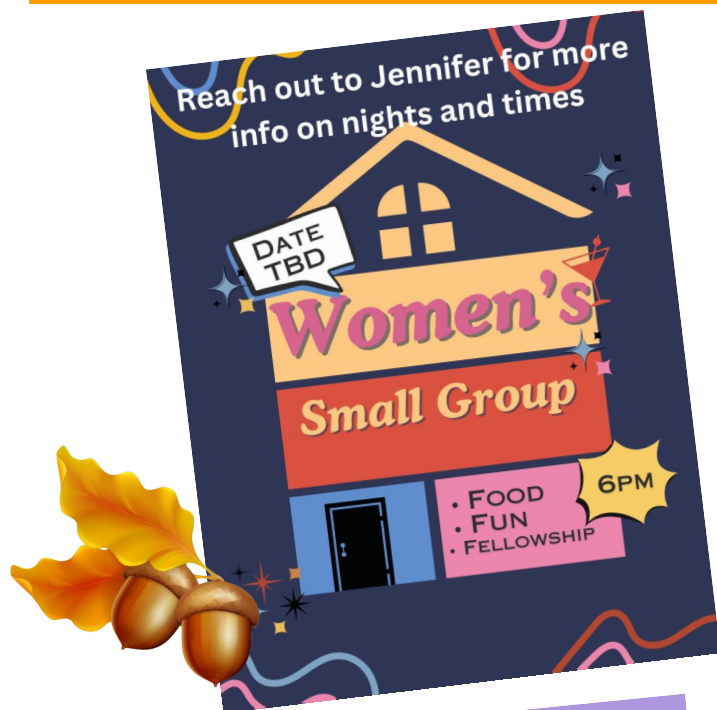
Church Family Breakfast



Sunday October 27, 7:30-8:30
am in the Gym
Make plans to join us!!!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & OUTREACH

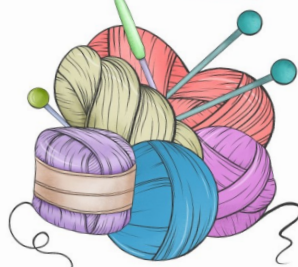


Knitting Small Group

2nd and 4th Thursdays
1pm

Home of Pat Tolbert

No prior knitting experience needed!
Pat is happy to teach anyone with a desire to learn



PW Circles

Miriam Circle meets
October 8 @ 1:00 pm
Lanneau Hall

Lydia Circle meets
October 8 @ 10:00 am
Melissa Myers home
500 Central Ave., Sum-

DIVORCE *Care* Tending His Distressed Sheep

For 13 weeks this summer, the Nurture Ministry Team facilitated SPC's fourth cycle of DivorceCare via Zoom. Each Thursday evening as many as 20 participants from Oregon to Florida met with us from the comfort of their own home—or at least as much comfort as is possible given their extenuating circumstances. Participants shared their stories of pain, fear and hope with courage, openness and empathy for each other. Together with the facilitators they considered professional and scripturally-based videos guiding them through their new realities of loneliness, financial and legal issues, and single parenting. As the weeks passed, they spoke with more confidence about how they were managing and about their small successes facing next steps.

Just before our last session, we asked members of the group to share some thoughts about this cycle of DivorceCare that would help us reach others in need of support. Some of those responses follow:

- “The experience was so helpful as I began navigating a major life change that I did not want nor see coming. I looked forward to the weekly meetings and always found something—a bit of information, encouragement or empathy that allowed me to keep moving forward and putting one foot in front of the other for another week.”
- “The facilitators were open and encouraging and did a good job of helping participants to open up and share. I appreciated their different stories and willingness to share their own experiences.”
- “It's no easy job to run a discussion group on Zoom, and [the facilitators] managed the format and technology like pros!”
- “I liked the workbook exercises between sessions. I particularly liked the ability to check in and measure how I was doing each week. Having that constant metric was a good way to see where I was making progress and where I may be getting stuck each week.”
- “As someone who is not well versed in scripture, I found the passages that the workbook highlighted to really be on point and encouraging.”
- “I'm so grateful that I went through this program this summer... God knew just what I needed.”

It is unrealistic to think that all the hurts and difficulties that come with divorce can be healed in just 13 weeks. Though this group has made good strides, many have expressed interest in continuing to meet as a group on a weekly basis. However, we are constrained by the small number of SPC facilitators available.

If you have been moved by the responses from the participants and feel called to this ministry, please contact Diane Dunham for more information. Our team would love to share with you the honor it has been to serve His sheep this summer through DivorceCare.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE! INTERESTED IN BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER?

We will be holding an Orientation Session on **Sunday, October 20**, for all those who are interested in or

would like more information about becoming a Stephen Minister. We will meet in Lanneau Hall at 1:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. **Please notify Liz Demerest at 845-588-0973 if you plan to join us.**



DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays

The blessings of the upcoming holidays can sometimes be heavily overshadowed for those who are facing those special days without a loved one. Whether that loss is due to the death of a family member or friend, or to a separation or divorce, the pain can be overwhelming.

This season, the Nurture Ministry Team is offering a virtual “Zoom” event on **Thursday, November 7, 7-9 pm**. If you or someone you know is facing what may be an especially difficult holiday season, the spiritual guidance and helpful strategies of this ministry can make a big difference.

For more information about this offering and **how to register**, please visit the SPC website and find **Surviving the Holidays: DivorceCare** listed under “Community Resources.”



THANK-YOUS & MILITARY PRAYER LIST



Dear SPC Family, Thank you for the love you shared upon the passing of my mom, Ellie Wickersham. The many cards I received would have made her proud, and the donations to Meals on Wheels are greatly appreciated as Mom was a volunteer for 30 years. A big thanks to Congregational Care for the flower arrangement, and I would also like to express my gratitude to those who attended the service on August 17th. The choir sang beautifully, and Jim played the organ with his unmatched talent. Thank you again for your support. Much love, **Pam Lanford**

I want to thank everyone for the cards and Suzanne for delivering the flowers. Tony is doing a great job as my nurse, chef, all-around good guy and great companion. We hope to see you soon! **Claudette Young**

Dear Church Family, Ed and I sincerely thank you for the prayers, good wishes, flowers, cards and calls, and especially the visits from Anita, Phil, Diane Dunham, Suzanne Chastain and Bo Hamilton. Connections to our church are important to us even if we are unable to attend. God bless you all. Sincerely, **Jo and Ed Owens**

Dear SPC family! We can't thank you enough for the prayers and loving thoughts sent our way since our daughter Lisa was diagnosed with AML (leukemia) in late July. She has been at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville all of August and is now an outpatient waiting for her bone marrow transplant. Thankfully, they found a donor. All of your cards, calls and prayer shawl sent were deeply appreciated. After three weeks of chemo she is now waiting to return to prepare for her transplant. It will be a long tough road ahead, so please continue praying for her and our entire family. Love, **Maggie and Pete Hoybach**

Dear Church Family, We would like to thank our church family for your support as Marcia heals from her surgery. The flowers arranged and delivered by Suzanne were lovely. The calls and texts from the deacons, members of Congregational Care, our Sunday School class and from other members of the church were bright spots as we wait for her ankle and foot to heal. Being surrounded by such an outpouring of love and prayers is a balm to our souls. Thank you so much!

Marcia and Jeff Todd

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, flowers and visits during my dad's stay in the hospital. I appreciate everything. I love my church family. Hugs from **Sheri Page and family**

SPC Friends and Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket and flowers that were given to us after Burns was born. It was so thoughtful and kind. We look forward to introducing Burns to everyone soon! Love, **Stephen, Anna, and Lucy Richardson**

Charlie and I send our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful church family at SPC. Your caring and loving outreach has helped us during some recent health issues and the loss of Dora's brother. Words cannot express the depth of our gratitude for your kind cards, text messages, calls, flowers and prayers. **Dora and Charlie Snow**



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE



Military Prayer List

- ◆ Michael Arnold, Army, Hunter Air Field, Savannah, GA (Nancy Piscatella's grandson)
- ◆ Cade Carpenter, USAF, Honolulu, HI; Zoë Carpenter, USAF, Scotts AFB, San Antonio, TX (Kathy Whittle's nephew and niece)
- ◆ Derek Craver (son of Don and Patricia) Navy, Jacksonville, FL
- ◆ Quincy D'Antonio (Linda Wigfield's grandson) Health Clinic, Navy Base, BHC Diego Garcia, Indian Ocean
- ◆ Jack Graves (Sally and Lionel Lawson's grandson), Army, Fairbanks, AK
- ◆ Elijah Kellar (Robert and Sue Wearn's nephew), US Navy, Long Beach, MS
- ◆ Trent Kern (Bill and Gail Hausler's grandson-in-law), Air Force, Charleston AFB, North Charleston, SC
- ◆ Matt Kitchen (Merrilyn Long's nephew) Coast Guard, Schererville, IN
- ◆ Andre Maurice Moncrief (son of Sherry Roberts), Army Reserve, Modesto, CA
- ◆ Lt. Parker Northrop (son-in-law of Hunter and Perry Harris) Navy, Sicily
- ◆ Sebastian Silvers (son-in-law of Chris and Rebecca Mills) Army Flight Engineer, Ain Al-Asad, Iraq
- ◆ Andrew Tuttle (Patty Taylor's great nephew) Army, Fort Wainwright, AK
- ◆ Capt. Charles Young, USNR, NAVWAR, CYBER EAST
- ◆ HM2 (FMF) Nathan Herrington, Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman School

Please let the church office know when changes occur. Thank you.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP



The offerings along with monies received for the use of facilities and the total expenses for the one month of August and Year to Date are as follows:

	Monthly	Year to Date
Receipts	\$ 49,890.00	\$605,262.00
Expenses	\$ 49,564.00	\$538,931.00
Excess (deficit)	\$ 326.00	\$ 66,331.00

Monthly Receipts and Expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2024 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$66,331. January, February and March revenues reflect numerous IRA contributions which is consistent with the prior year; the result is a large excess which is be used throughout the year.

Thank you,
The Finance Committee



STEWARDSHIP 2025

As we enter another Stewardship season at SPC, we are challenged to consider our blessings, which come from God and God alone. This is the time of year for us to reflect on these blessings and discern what gifts we can share to be good stewards of our church, our community, our world and God's Word.

First we must consider what stewardship means. Most of us think of financial commitment when we hear the term, but we are aware that it means more than that. The Presbyterian Foundation asserts that "Stewardship is how we live out our

calling as followers of Christ ... [It] is what we do after we say that we believe."

The Foundation further explains: "In our lives as stewards, the gifts we offer ... are holy gifts. They are symbols of love and signs of grace that are offered out of joy and devotion. These gifts are not dues to be paid or entrance fees to be offered ... [They] are symbols of our covenant of love with Jesus Christ, made in response to our understanding of Christ's great love, which was offered first for us."

Once we consider our role as stewards and the true meaning of our holy gifts, we must each decide what we as individuals and families can offer. How and what we give directly impacts our ability as a church to live out our calling and carry out our mission. Our programs, classes, outreach and partnerships within the congregation and the broader community require time and resources to execute, maintain, improve and grow.

This month Pastor Anita will share her "Measuring What Matters" sermon series. We will be challenged to measure what matters to each of us and how we can give our own good measure to share Christ, serve others and grow together in Faith.

What good measure will you contribute in the coming year?



Dedication Sunday is November 3. The QR code (at left) can be used to make your 2025 pledge.

2025 Stewardship Committee: Jim Bailey, Michael Browder, Luke Page, Stephen Richardson, Kathryn Tupper, Henk Van Der Meyden

CLARENCE'S CORNER & GUESS WHO

Session Update

Greetings! Below are several items of interest from recent Session activity:

- A 2022-2023 financial review was conducted by an independent CPA firm. The Finance Team covered this with Session, and the report indicated our internal control structure is strong.
- Session approved an Anti-Racism Policy which is required by the Book of Order. We have established commitments and action steps with the intent of further engagement with community groups and churches with diverse cultures.
- Several Session members attended the August Inquirers' Class, heard faith statements from prospective members, and approved three new members.
- Session approved three baptisms that will take place this fall.
- Elders Anna Winstead, Kristi Selander and Zach Storti will be attending the September Presbytery Meeting at St. James PC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see me or contact me at summervillepresclerk@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Oden Semones
Clerk of Session

Now taking nominations!

Seeking those whom God is calling to lead SPC as an Elder or Deacon for terms of three years commencing February 2025.

Please use the Nominating Committee brochure which can be found in the church office, vestibules and welcome centers. You may turn in your nomination form through the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Clarence's Corner

Happy October friends! Can you believe we are in the season of pumpkin spice and falling leaves? Pretty soon we will be seeing princesses and knights, ghosts and ghouls running around asking for candy! How fun is that? As the days get shorter and the weather turns cooler—hopefully, I wanted to share a few activities you can do at home with your little ghosts and ghouls that will help build a strong foundation of faith.

1. Set aside time each week to do a short devotion and read from your Bible. This is also a great time to let kids practice looking up books, chapters and verses in the Bible.
2. Serve together. Sign up for a service activity at SPC such as Rise Against Hunger or helping with the Hearts for Summerville Christmas party. Even our littlest members can contribute.
3. Ask children for "God sightings" during their day—places/times where they saw God at work in their lives or the world.
4. Play Christian music in the car or in your home.
5. Pray together.

If you have a spiritual growth tool that you use in your home successfully, would you please share it with my Mommy? She loves to help families build faith, and she is always looking for new ideas.

Peace in Christ,
Clarence
Congregational Care Dog



GUESS WHO?

**Who is the SPC teen
in this picture from 2001?**

*Hint: She is now a Certified Presbyterian
Christian Educator in North Carolina.*

**Answer from the September Guess Who was
Scott Wilson.
Our September winner was Ramona Jasso!**

**Submit guesses to
summervillepres@gmail.com.**

First correct answer receives a prize!



SERVICE & OUTREACH

2024 Costa Rica Mission Trip

Summerville Presbyterian is beginning to prepare for a mission trip to Costa Rica in conjunction with our partner church, CCI. We are looking for two or three more people to participate.

This year's trip is tentatively scheduled for December 12-17; final dates will be set by the traveling group. We plan to participate with CCI in the distribution of children's Christmas gifts in the little town of Arbolitos in the northeastern region of the country. We also plan to share God's love with children and families in this area. The group may perform light construction projects, assist with healthcare activities, and other activities based on the abilities and gifts of the participants.

If you are interested in participating or want more information, please contact Joseph Friday. (843-709-3579 or friday.joseph@gmail.com).

We will make plans in conjunction with CCI for a potential 2025 mission trip next summer.



HEARTS FOR SUMMERVILLE OPPORTUNITIES

We have lots of exciting opportunities coming up with Hearts for Summerville.

We continue to deliver groceries to our families every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 pm as well as serve up hot meals the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. We always welcome new volunteers! In October, we will be hosting trunks at several fall festivals around town. In November we will be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to all of our families. On December 14 we will hold our second annual Christmas party at SPC. We are already full speed ahead with planning and can't wait to offer a bigger, better version of last year's party! We will be looking for volunteers as well as gift donations beginning in a few short weeks. God bless, Heather Kemble



HOC is wrapping up inventory after a wonderful giveaway in August. We anticipate lost-and-found donations in the next month and will be needing help with washing,

sorting, counting and organizing. We are at a great starting point for next year's giveaway and will be asking for specific items over the next year. We are always looking for more people to join our team. Thank you for your continuous support of this wonderful ministry!



Financial contributions are a blessing and greatly appreciated.
843-900-4315
[www,keystochangesc.org](http://www.keystochangesc.org)

KEYS TO CHANGE

Anchor House Needs:

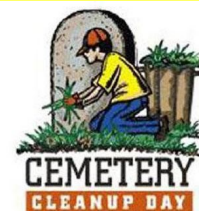
Prayer, paper towels, paper plates, plastic utensils, sugar, coffee, Pine-Sol, laundry detergent, dish soap

Light House Needs:

Prayer, paper towels, gas cards. twin-size comforters

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY IS OCTOBER 19 WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our next cemetery work day will be held Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 to 11:00 am. We will be doing lots of clean-up work, so please bring your trimmers and rakes. We will meet at the Old White House Meeting Cemetery on Dorchester Road. Contact Mary Von Dohlen for more information.



SERVICE & OUTREACH

THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT 2024

Help put the GIVE in Thanksgiving this year!

Join SPC and other area churches on November 22 and 23 to help provide Thanksgiving dinners to **250 families** in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our local community by donating funds, packing and delivering baskets. Mark your calendar for these events and be on the lookout for sign-up opportunities.

- **UNLOAD DRY GOODS & SET UP ASSEMBLY LINE**—Friday, November 22 at 5:30 pm at Murray UMC, 1216 Orangeburg Road.
- **UNLOAD TURKEYS**—Saturday, November 23 at 9:00 am at Murray UMC
- **ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICE**—10:00 am on Saturday morning at Murray UMC
- **PACK BASKETS**—Immediately following worship service at Murray UMC
- **DELIVER**—We are in need of drivers willing to deliver 4 to 6 baskets. We will provide the names and addresses of the recipients.
- **DONATE**—Each basket is \$50, and donations are needed. Please make your check payable to SPC marked “Thanksgiving Basket Project 2024.” Please submit your check by November 18.



Each basket includes enough food for a complete Thanksgiving dinner for one family. We appreciate being able to partner with these churches in this impactful mission opportunity: St. Luke's Lutheran, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville Baptist and Murray United Methodist. We hope you will join us to GIVE thanks in our community.

For questions, please contact the church office or Kristi Selander from the Service Ministry Team.

THINGS (AND PEOPLE) I REMEMBER

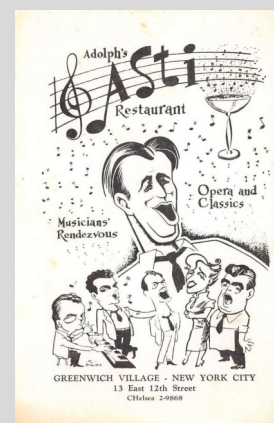
By Herb Boland

A Wonderful Evening at Asti's

Adolph's Asti was an Italian restaurant in New York City's Greenwich Village. It was unique in that many of the waiters were professional opera singers who routinely performed for the restaurant guests. Asti was started by Adolph Mariani (father of opera great Lorenzo Mariani) in 1924 and operated for more than 75 years before closing on New Year's Eve 1999.

The walls of Asti featured many framed, autographed photographs of opera singers including Enrico Caruso, Beniamino Gigli, Giovanni Martinelli, and Jerome Hines. In the center of the restaurant was a grand piano alongside a small stage-like platform with a microphone. During a typical evening at Asti, members of the waitstaff would spontaneously perform an aria or two onstage. A restaurant guest might be invited to sing as well.

In the mid-1960's I was working as a development chemist at the Charleston Rubber Company. We manufactured electrician gloves and sleeves and other types of rubber gloves. My boss, Dr. Jack Keilen, held a Ph.D. degree in chemical engineering. On this particular occasion he took me with him to New Your City for the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society.



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After the meeting, a representative of the DuPont company—from whom we bought lots of rubber and chemicals—told us he was taking us to Asti's for dinner. We had a wonderful meal and were enjoying the performances of the staff when suddenly the maître de announced that we were having the pleasure of a visit from Jerome Hines and a party of his friends. What a pleasant surprise!

Mr. Hines sang several well-known arias over the course of the evening. Suddenly he walked past our table. obviously on his way to the men's room. I grabbed a menu and followed him to ask if he would autograph the menu, which he willingly did. He signed it "Jerome Hines, Eph. 2:8-10." (It was also autographed by many of the restaurant staff.) I still have the menu—one of my prized possessions.

When we returned to our hotel, I took the Gideon Bible from the nightstand and looked up Ephesians 2:8-10. In King James it reads as follows: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

I concluded that if these verses were important enough for a famous man to remember and pass on to others, I certainly should do no less. And so I'm passing them on to you who are reading this. I encourage you to study them, remember them, and pass them along to friends and family.



FALL KICK-OFF

Salt Shakers will kick off for the fall on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 pm with dinner in Lanneau Hall. Please join us and bring a dish to share. Small groups will meet at local restaurants once a month in November, December and January.

Salt Shakers offers an easy way to get to know other church members! Whether you are a "seasoned" Salt Shaker or not, please consider joining us. Any questions, contact Merrilyn Long, merrilynrlong@gmail.com or 843-970-3264.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS			
Elizabeth Brown	1	Tracy Cassino	19
Jim Ferro	1	Stephen Richardson	19
Fran Harbeson	2	Whit Anderson	21
Cory Kemble	2	Jerry Moore	22
Kevin Smith	2	Amanda Sanchez	22
Rose Warrell	2	Suzanne Chastain	24
Marilyn Iverson	3	Baylee Kemble	24
Peggy McElhiney	4	Sarah McCallum	24
Chris Mills	4	Steve Robbins	25
Marie Lee	5	Phillip Fuller	28
Kathy Lorenz	5	Hugh Spearman	28
Alicia Macomber	5	Ethan Van Deventer	29
Anna Fuller	8	Dotty Wright	29
Sara Jones	9	Luke Dyson	30
Ana Hill	10	Shelley Keyes	30
Frieda Hughey	10	Makayla Lorenz	30
Bill Collins	11	Susie Fancher	31
Melissa Myers	15	Bonnie Walters	31
Suzie Ryan	15		



The October Ladies Luncheon will be held Thursday, October 24 at 11:30 am.

We will meet at **Sunrise Bistro**
110 Miles Jamison Rd. in Summerville.
Please contact Claudette Young
at 843-991-1057 or
claudettemariyoung@yahoo.com
to reserve your place.



FELLOWSHIP



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

October 2-27

Meals are \$12/person or \$30/family
5:30-6:30 pm—Dinner & Game

October 2

Italian Pasta Bar, House Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Game: P is for Pizza

October 9

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Vegetable Medley, Rice Pilaf,
House Salad, Bread, Caramel Cake

Game: 70's & 80's Music Bingo

October 16

Pot Roast, Roasted Potatoes, Peas, House Salad, Bread
Strawberry Shortcake

Icebreaker: Know Your Neighbor

October 23

Baked Pork Chop, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans
House Salad, Carrot Cake (nut-free)

Game: Blank Slate

October 30:

Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mac n' Cheese
House Salad, Bread, Cobbler

Game: Pop Culture Trivia



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER

6:00 PM PERFORMANCE IN THE SPC GYM

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 – 8:00 pm

in the SPC Gym

**Scan the QR code below or contact
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Please fill out a
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For Ages 30-54
Thursday, October 17
Dog & Duck Meet-Up
@ 6:00 pm and the
Escapology Escape Room
@ 7:50 pm

For Ages 55+
Friday, October 25 @ 7:30 pm
Dinner at the IceHouse
and "Arsenic and Old Lace"
at Flowertown Players

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