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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As of this writing, we are close to finishing our study of Philip Yancey's book, *Vanishing Grace*. Yancey's intent is to help Christians consider how our actions and rhetoric can obscure

the good news of the gospel, urging us instead to focus more energy on being "grace dispensers."

One of the topics of our discussion was about the uneasy relationship between Christians and politics. Yancey believes there is a correlation between some of the ways Christians engage in the political sphere with the growing animosity many feel toward Christians. Yancey makes five suggestions for how Christians should interact in a world where many don't share our views. These suggestions navigate between the desires some have to just focus on personal morality and leave public morality to secular politicians, and that of those who seek to guide the broader culture while still communicating grace.

Clashes between Christ and culture are unavoidable.

Both Jesus and early Christians regularly confronted injustices in society. Today's Christians must always discern which injustices merit a fight, but complete withdrawal is bad for both church and state (think of the silence of the church in Germany to the injustices of the Nazi government). Working within a democracy, Yancey asserts, involves tiresome work and tricky compromises. "Modern democracy, which grew out of Christian soil, compels us to recognize others' rights even when we deeply disagree with their positions. We seek to persuade but not coerce."

Christians must choose their battles wisely. Founders of our country emphasized the separation of church and state, not wanting the state to interfere in matters of faith. But they also did not envision a country where the church had no influence. In John Adams' words, "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." Citing the example of the Prohibition era, however, Yancey says "the more Christians focus on tangential issues, the less we will be heard on matters of moral significance."

Christians should fight their battles shrewdly.

To that end, Christians should recognize that what and how we communicate matters. Yancey worries: "I fear that our clumsy pronouncements, our name-calling, our stridency—in short, our lack of grace—has proved so damaging that society will no longer look to us for the guidance that it needs."

In engaging with culture, Christians should distinguish between *immoral* and *illegal*.

Only two of the Ten Commandments (thou shalt not murder and thou shalt not steal) can or have been codified into law. "Although Christians have an obligation to obey God's commands, it does not necessarily follow that we should enact those moral commands into laws."

The church must use caution in its dealings

with the state. Again, Yancey cites Nazi Germany as the example, which at one point required all pastors to take a loyalty oath to Hitler and his government. "The church works best as a separate force, a conscience to society that keeps itself at arm's length from the state. The closer it gets, the less effectively it can challenge the surrounding culture and the more perilously it risks losing its central message. Jesus left his followers the command to make disciples of all nations. We have no charge to 'Christianize' the United States or any other country—an impossible goal in any case.

I have appreciated Yancey's insights as we continue to try to navigate the deep divide in our politics which is often mirrored in the church. It is worth thinking deeply about some of the questions Yancey's observations raise: What issues should Christians speak out about, and can we have a unified voice in doing so? Are the things we raise a fuss about the most important things? It has long been recognized that you can't legislate morality—how can we live and speak in such a way that people are drawn to Jesus, trusting the Spirit to do the sanctifying work that only God can do?

Pastor Anita

WORSHIP

Our November worship services carry forward the sermon series “SHIPshape.” We’ll be looking at an eclectic variety of “ships” to finish the series: workmanship, friendship and championship. We’ll also consider what happens when we experience our own personal “shipwreck,” which can come from a variety of sources, and sometimes can even cause us to doubt or struggle with our faith.

November 3 is “Dedication Sunday,” when the congregation is invited to come forward to dedicate their pledges to financially support the work of SPC in 2025. You may recall this year’s Stewardship Committee set a pledge goal of \$750,000 for the congregation. Session is still finalizing this year’s budget, but an early draft has us around \$849,000, about a \$10,000 increase from 2024. One of the different ways Session looked at the budget this year was to associate the staff with the ministries they support. This yielded the following percentages:

- Worship and Music: 17.8%
- Outreach (includes Fellowship, Nurture, Presbytery, Service): 17.7%
- Spiritual Growth: 16.5%
- Administration: 20..8%
- Property: 27.2%

My portion of the budget was split into thirds among Administration, Outreach and Worship. As Administration and Property both support the other activities, I believe this budget is well-balanced and will help us facilitate our mission to Share Christ, Serve Others and Grow Together in Faith.

I hope you are prayerfully “Measuring What Matters” this year, trusting God’s promise that if you give it will be given to you: “A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”



Date	Special Day	Focus/Title	Scripture(s)	Themes/Ideas
11/3/24	<i>Stewardship Dedication</i>	Workmanship	Ephesians 2:8-10 James 2:14-18	We are God’s workmanship, created to do good works.
11/10/24	<i>Veterans’ Recognition</i>	Friendship	Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 20:6, 27:6, 27:9 (NLT), 27:10 27:17 (NET); Mark 2:1-12	Wise words about the importance of having friends.
11/17/24		Shipwreck	Acts 27 (excerpts) 1 Timothy 1:17-18	What do we do when life falls apart?
11/24/24	<i>Christ the King Thanksgiving</i>	Championship	Romans 5:12-21	Because Jesus conquered death and reigns forever, we can live in victory.

Contemporary Music

Here’s what’s new with the Praise Team. We are so happy to have had Nick back and playing with us recently, however he is now back in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers—the band is not the same without him! We’ve been delighted to have Vito Compitello continue playing with us. He is an amazing addition to the band, and we’re excited for what’s to come! The Trunk or Treat event was tons of fun, and we always enjoy playing for church events. We even had Zach Storti sing a couple songs with us! This month’s song highlight is “Praise You Anywhere” by Brandon Lake. This song shows us that God is worthy of praise not only when things are going well in our lives. God is worthy of our praise anytime, anywhere, in any season. Brandon sings about praising God in the fire, in the valley, in the lion’s den, in the prison, etc.

Please join the Contemporary Service at 10:00 am in the gym and sing along! We look forward to seeing you.

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher

Co-Directors of Contemporary Music



WORSHIP MUSIC



Brothers and Sisters,

When I was studying music at the College of Charleston and LSU (GEAUX TIGERS!), three different areas of my life converged to give me a life lesson in the liturgy of the church.

First was history class. We learned a lot about Christianity in world history. I especially remember studying Henry VIII and the start of the Anglican Church when he broke from the Catholic Church, Luther's 95 Theses, and the rise of Calvinism in Scotland.

Second was music history class where we studied the early forms of music from the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Classical eras. Churches did a great job of keeping materials (Thank you church librarians!) so most of what survived from those time periods is sacred music. It wasn't until the late Renaissance (1400-1600) and early Baroque (1600-1750) periods that secular music began to be recorded and kept. Because of this, we learned a great deal about liturgy, especially as we looked at choral music from those periods.

The third was my experiences singing in numerous church choirs. My primary experience was singing in the chancel choir at St. James Episcopal Church, but I would moonlight where needed. When I moved to Baton Rouge, I sang at a myriad of different churches, including the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches, and even spent a year in the Cathedral where I was immersed in high liturgy for a full year. What an amazing education!

Out of those experiences, I got to see how our church service was formed, molded, and continues to evolve today.

Many of you have probably sung the Kyrie and Gloria for years, and we can all recite the Apostles' Creed by heart. We have a Benediction in every service, but did you know that all of these elements actually come from the Catholic Mass? As the early church formed, the leaders decided upon the best format for the worship services. There were different services that would take place every day and only involved the monks and nuns, but once a week they would hold "Mass." This service is where the congregation was invited into the Cathedral to take part in the service. So the form of the Mass evolved where certain parts would be set to music in between the Scripture readings and the homily (sermon).

Here are the sections that were included in every worship service (in order):

1. Kyrie (the only part of the Mass in Greek)
2. Gloria
3. Credo (Creed)
4. Sanctus and Benedictus
5. Agnus Dei



When the Protestant churches broke away, they kept these parts of the Catholic service in their own worship services. We no longer sing the Creed, but rather recite it, and the Agnus Dei has been replaced by the choral Benediction response. The Sanctus is sometimes included in Protestant services as a part of communion, but by and large has been removed.

So the next time we sing the Kyrie or the Gloria, or you say the Creed or hear a Benediction, just remember, these parts of the service are our connection to the early church and part of the Christian tradition that connects us to all of those worshipers who came before us.

William Bennett
Director of Music

November 16th

Organ CRAWL

10:00am
St. John the Beloved

11:00am
Summerville Presbyterian

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm
St. Luke's Lutheran

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Mother's Morning Out Update

Happy fall, everyone! We had a wonderful start to fall at MMO. In October we had lots of fun activities including a field trip to the Timrod Library for story time, All Things Bats, Pumpkins and Leaves, fall break, new chapel lessons, music with Lynne, marble painting (see photo of Theo Meyer), Halloween book character parade, parties, an art walk, new MMO Bible study and the bookmobile. We had our first "Scarecrow on the Square" at Hutchison Square in Summerville. All in all, we had the best October ever!

We hosted a family with two children as they were escaping the effects of Hurricane Helene. We were so honored to have these two children join us at MMO for several weeks. This mother and her two children were staying nearby with extended family until they could get a temporary rental home; their house is currently being rebuilt. A special thank-you and shout out to Perry Harris and Sheila Wilson, who when I told them about this family, sprang into action helping to make these children's lives easier with new items of clothing, toys and bookbags. Also, a special thank-you to M.L. and Gail Hyatt who donated stuffed koalas for the children who enjoyed the comfort they brought.

Looking ahead, we are excited for all the November activities. We hope to give back this season with a Feed the Turkey event! I will report back next month on our progress.

We are especially thankful for all of you who encourage us in so many different ways. MMO is thriving because of the support and love this church family extends. Thank you for your continued prayers.



News about Joy Kids!

We have finished our small group lessons on mini-pumpkins. We learned the parable of the pumpkin and how to shine our light for Jesus. We have now started our season of thankfulness.

Please bring your kindergartner-5th grader join us! We are currently practicing to sing something special in the Christmas Cantata on December 15. It will be a beautiful time of worship, and we would love to have your child participate. Joy Kids is held Sundays from 4:30-5:45 pm.

Blessings,
Rebecca Mills
Director of Children's Ministry and
Mother's Morning Out



It's Book Fair Time!

**COMING IN
DECEMBER:**

**MMO
BOOK FAIR
DEC. 13-20**



SPIRITUAL GROWTH & OUTREACH



Jennifer Grainger
Director of Spiritual
Growth & Outreach

Wednesday in the Word

This Bible study, led by Pastor Ralph, meets in Lanneau Hall at noon on the first Wednesday of the month. Bring a bag lunch and your Bible.

Next meeting is **November 6.**



JOY KIDS AND YOUTH
ARE INVITED TO

Friendsgiving

DINNER PARTY
AT 5PM
SUNDAY NOVEMBER
10TH
LANNEAU HALL

*JOY KIDS ARE ASKED
TO BRING A SIDE TO
SHARE

*YOUTH ARE ASKED TO
BRING A DESSERT TO
SHARE



Youth Calendar Fall 2024

- 11/3:** Acts of Kindness Night: We will visit a local laundromat and bring pizza to feed people and quarters to pay for their laundry; meet at the church at 4:30pm. We will return by 6pm
- 11/10:** First Confirmation class during Sunday School Hour
- 11/10:** Friendsgiving Feast
- 11/17:** No Youth
- 11/24:** No Youth



SAVE THE DATES

Confirmation Classes will kick off November 10 on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour.

- November 10, 17, 24
- December 1, 8, 15
- January 5, 12, 19, 26
- February 2, 16

Confirmation Retreat
**February 7-9

Dessert Bar and Project Presentation
**February 19

Confirmation Sunday and Breakfast
**February 23

***Tentative Dates*

Sock and Blanket Drive

The Youth Group, in conjunction with the Service Ministry Team, will be collecting new blankets and socks for the residents of Western North Carolina. Please bring your donations to the office, vestibules or Lanneau Hall by November 20th.



PW Circles

Miriam Circle meets
November 12 @ 1:00 pm
Lanneau Hall

Lydia Circle meets
November 12 @ 11:00 am
Gail Hausler's home
1184 Out of Bounds Drive
Summerville



CHILI COOK-OFF AND TALENT SHOW

DON'T FORGET!

SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 16,
2025



TOY SHIP REGATTA

Calling ALL Kids and Youth! Get ready for our SHIP regatta! Just stop by Lanneau Hall beginning this Sunday and pick up a ship kit. Take it home, decorate it, and put it together. Bring it back on November 3rd to race in our SPC Regatta! Prizes will be given for all who enter!

November 3rd,
following the
8:45 service, in
Lanneau Hall





COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

With the recent sale of another niche, the SPC Columbarium has only a few spaces remaining. When we embarked on the columbarium project, the committee was confident that our members would respond well to it, but we could not have imagined just how strong that response would be. Of the total of 32 niches, only seven remain to be sold.

A beautiful stone patio now enhances the front of the columbarium, where people may view the names of those whose cremains are within. Plants have been placed around and near the columbarium along with two attractive benches. When the remainder of the niches are sold, the committee will begin to explore the possibility of adding a second columbarium.

Thank you, session, staff and members of SPC for your enthusiastic support of this worthwhile project.



THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Anita and Congregation,
Thank you for the outpouring of kind words and prayers following my car accident. The beautiful bouquet and well wishes helped me through my recovery. Thanks be to God, everyone walked away. Please know that you all lifted my spirits when I needed it most. I am happy to be back in action! Love,
Deb Wilson

Dear SPC Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts and prayers during my recent hospital stay and recovery at home. Thanks to Rose for delivering flowers as well. Hugh has been a great nurse. Thank you so much, **Susan Spearman**

Dear Miriam Circle,
My words cannot express all my thanks to you for all your encouragement and love through my last three hospital stays. I cannot thank Betty enough for jumping right in and taking over. God has blessed us with so many special people in the Miriam Circle. Merrillyn stopped by yesterday with the beautiful orchid you all sent from the Circle. It will remind me of all the special friends and Circle members who I am so grateful to. The church, the staff and members, as well as our Circle, are in my prayers every night. You cannot imagine how much you all mean to me! I love you all as family. I can't wait to see you again. God bless, **Carol Ploth**

Sharon and the Congregational Care Committee,
Thank you so much for the prayer shawl. This shawl shall serve as a constant reminder of my mom. Blessings to all,
John Dumas

Thank you to Congregational Care and the church for the cards and flowers. **Catherine Kemmerer**



DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays

The blessings of the upcoming holidays can sometimes be heavily over-shadowed 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 event via Zoom 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."

CLARENCE'S CORNER & MILITARY PRAYERS

Clarence's Corner

Happy Turkey Month, friends!

We are fully into fall now, and I would love to tell you that I have been enjoying the changing colors of the leaves and the cool fall air, but let's be real! We live in South Carolina, and so far the only fall leaves I've seen were on the bandana my favorite groomer tied on me! I am looking forward to cooler days and nights and the turkey Mommy has promised me for Thanksgiving!



As we move into the holiday season, my Mommy tells me that not everyone is happy during this time of year. I have a few tips for you that are easy to do and might just help someone through the holiday season.

1. Notice you haven't seen someone in church in a while? Send them a note or a text, or give them a call and let them know they've been missed. Don't know how to contact them? Call the church office and someone will help get you that information.
2. Take a plate of cookies—store-bought will do just fine—to that older neighbor whose family lives far away.
3. If someone you know is struggling with a health issue, don't wait for them to ask for help. Let them know a day and time you can come over with a hot meal, or to help with their decorations, or clean up their yard. Remember, sometimes it is hard for people to ask for help.
4. Donate, donate, donate! It doesn't matter where. Pick your favorite charity or charities and help them help others.
5. Sign up to help with outreach at SPC. We have lots of ways you can get involved and spread holiday cheer!

As Pastor Anita has been teaching us in her SHIPshape series, we are all in relationSHIP with one another because of our love of Christ. Please reach out and extend the love of Christ to others all year long, but especially during this holiday season.

With Puppy Kisses,

Clarence



SPC will be recognizing Veterans' Day and honoring our veterans with a listing in the bulletin insert on November 13. Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

A special thanks to Jon Rockstad for his help with the insert.

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 (Tony and Claudette Young's son) USNR, NAVWAR, CYBER EAST Seattle, WA
- ◆ HM2 (FMF) Nathan Herrington (Tony and Claudette Young's grandson) Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman School, San Diego, CA

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 September and year-to-date are as follows:

	Monthly	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$ 47,278.00	\$652,540.00
Expenses	\$ 61,894.00	\$600,825.00
Excess (deficit)	(\$14,616.00)	\$ 51,715.00

Monthly Receipts and Expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2024 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$51,715. 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 for supporting our church.

The Finance Committee



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shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap. Luke 6:38



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STEWARDSHIP 2025

Dedication Sunday is November 3. Use the QR code below to make your 2025 pledge.

2025 Stewardship Committee:

Jim Bailey, Michael Browder, Luke Page, Stephen Richardson, Kathryn Tupper, Henk Van Der Meyden



GUESS WHO?



This young man made his confirmation at SPC in May 1999. Who is he?

**Answer from the October Guess Who?
Rebecca Guzman**

Our October winner was Robin Legare!

Submit your guess to summervillepres@gmail.com.

First correct answer receives a prize!



CREATE YOUR LEGACY

"You Are Blessed to Be a Blessing"
Genesis 12:1-3

Contact Us:

To explore the options and benefits offered through Legacy Giving and to send a message of love and hope to future generations, pick up a "Legacy" flyer in the church office and set up a conversation with Cecilia Bond, SPC Finance Manager. All discussions are confidential and without obligation.

SESSION UPDATE & THE CHURCH MOUSE



Greetings!

Below are several items of interest of recent Session activity:

Session approved a Disaster Plan with input from the Worship, Property and Nurture Ministry Teams and Mother's Morning Out. This plan addresses protection of our physical property, paper/electronic files, and any on-site personnel during an event, then caring for these and our congregation/community after an event (hurricane, fire, earthquake, intruder, etc.). One important resource for your review is the laminated Pew Emergency Plan/Action Plan you can find in the sanctuary pews.

Session approved:

- A new icemaker for the kitchen.
- Three baptisms that will take place this fall.

We are reading "Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers" and taking turns leading a devotion from this each month. It is driving us to grow our spiritual faith and discern where God is leading and enabling us to seek and do the will of Christ.

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

Blessings,
Oden Semones
Clerk of Session



By Ezekiel W. Mouse, Esq.
Special to
3rd Chronicles

"Well, Mary, we are now in the 'Holiday Season.' We just had Halloween, now Thanksgiving is coming, then Christmas, then New Years."

"I have heard, Ezekiel, that Thanksgiving is the most-traveled holiday for families to get together."

"Yes, I think it is the favorite holiday for many families and friends. You can gather for a joyful feast without all the many extras of Christmas. No buying and wrapping of presents, no sending out of cards, no hosting of big parties, no preparation of special music events—all enjoyable but often stressful."

"This holiday, as well as others, can be very depressing for people who cannot be with family members because there are none close by, or they are not speaking, or they have lost contact, or may have died. These people often envision the Hallmark version of the holiday that they are missing out on. It would be nice if people could recognize these individuals and invite them to their table."

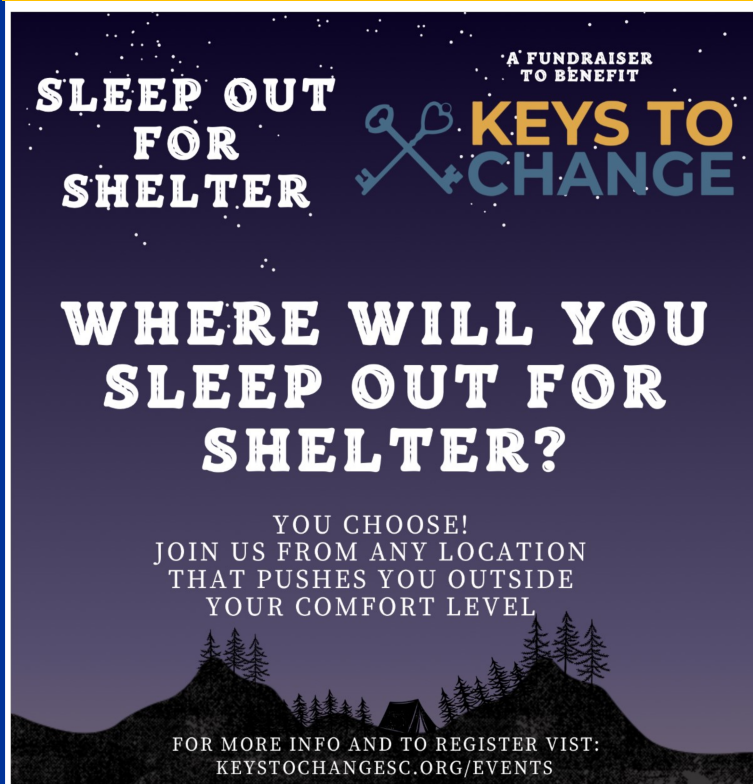
"One tradition that I have heard some families observe is to go around the dinner table and ask each person to share what they are thankful for. That is the true meaning of this holiday: to give thanks for the many blessings we have received."

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if this Thanksgiving someone gave thanks for your presence in their life!"

There's still time to make 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.





SLEEP OUT FOR SHELTER

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT **KEYS TO CHANGE**

WHERE WILL YOU SLEEP OUT FOR SHELTER?

YOU CHOOSE!
JOIN US FROM ANY LOCATION THAT PUSHES YOU OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT LEVEL

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER VISIT:
KEYSTOCHANGESC.ORG/EVENTS



NEEDS FOR ANCHOR HOUSE: PRAYERS

Floor cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner
all-purpose cleaning spray, sponges
bicycle locks and lights
jeans or khaki pants in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38

NEEDS FOR LIGHT HOUSE: PRAYERS

mop & bucket
non-slip shower mat (for inside the shower)
bath towels
painter's tape (for labeling)



THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT TO HELP 250 FAMILIES.

Help put the GIVE in Thanksgiving this year!

Join SPC and other area churches on November 22 and 23 to provide Thanksgiving dinners to **250 families** in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our 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 AND SET UP ASSEMBLY LINE**—Friday, November 22 at 5:30 pm at Murray United Methodist Church, 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 the 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 and 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 four churches in this impactful mission opportunity: St. Luke's Lutheran, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville Baptist and Murray UMS. We hope you will join us to GIVE thanks in our community.

Questions? Please contact the church office or Kristi Selander from the Service Ministry Team or look for the bulletin insert to sign up as a volunteer.



SERVICE & OUTREACH



Counting Down to Christmas

On December 14 we will transform the SPC campus into a winter wonderland as we open our church home to the children and families served by Hearts for Summerville.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved and to see face to face where your support goes. We will need: volunteers to be in charge of gift tables, escort children to choose their gifts, set up and clean up; bakers to provide sugar cookies for our cookie decorating station; and donors to provide gifts for boys and girls of all ages. Our gift wish list can be found by going to the link below. The list is filled with items our kids have mentioned hoping for this year.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1QXL1XPW55TEJ?ref_=wl_share



Volunteer sign-up forms with more specific details will be in the bulletin beginning in November. Please feel free to reach out to Heather Kemble if you have questions or want to be more involved.

Thank you for helping to make this once again “the best day ever” as we heard last year from our friend Gabe!

Costa Rica Mission Trip Just Weeks Away

Summerville Presbyterian is preparing 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.

The trip is scheduled for December 12-17. We plan to distribute 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 mission trip next summer.



Current needs for Blessing Bags:

- Small bottles of laundry detergent (available at “dollar” stores)
- Snack chips
- Razors
- Gatorade-type beverages

If you would like to donate, please bring your items to the church office. Thank you in advance for your help!



Our recent **Rise AGAINST HUNGER** event was a great success! Kelli, Pete, William and Colin (pictured at right) and many other volunteers packed items for more than 25,000 meals. This annual event provides a fun, educational way for SPC to literally lend a hand to people facing hunger across the globe. Thank you to all who participated.



BIRTHDAYS & FELLOWSHIP



BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Rudolph	2	Wayne Mayberry	15
Jason Kaczmarek	3	Julie McCormick	15
Anna Richardson	3	Sheri Page	15
Bruce Bryson	4	Lawrence Brobst	16
George Croft	4	Sonny Kay	17
Ellis Lybrand	5	Carol A Scally	19
Dan Peyton	5	Lisa Spires	21
Abby Simpson	5	Ray Hodges	22
Cole Fuller	6	Catherine Kemmerer	24
Luke Page	11	Carol Wilkins	24
Taylor Summers	12	Janessa Ficklin	25
Gerald Davis	13	Emily Morgan	25
Nancy Hoevenaar	13	Carol Sawyer	26
Raymond (Skip) Fetters	14	Betsy Porter	28
Sarah Hanson	14	Rachel Altman	30
Elaine Segelken	14	Katie Ryan	30
Rachel Harley	15	Samantha Smith	30



The Fellowship Ministry Team is looking for members to join in the new year. We also have a need for volunteers to help with the Sunday Coffee Fellowship and set-up for food-related events.

Please contact Elder Zachary Storti if you would like to help.



The Imani Milele Choir, a talented group of children from Uganda, Africa, that tour the U.S. each year to raise awareness of the plight of orphaned and vulnerable children, presented a special performance of "The Light of Hope" on Sunday, October 20 in the SPC gym. It was an awesome night of music and fellowship!

FELLOWSHIP



LET'S HONOR PASTORS ANITA & RALPH HERBERT!

Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be held
Sunday, November 17.

There will be a cake and punch reception
at 9:45 am in Lanneau Hall.

Cards may be turned into the church office
or brought to the reception.



Our Ladies Luncheon
(due to the Thanksgiving holiday)
will be held the third Thursday in November.

November 21, 11:30 am
Palmetto Flats

975 Bacons Bridge Road, Summerville

Please contact Claudette Young by email at
claudettemariyoung@yahoo.com or
phone at (843) 991-1057
to confirm your attendance.



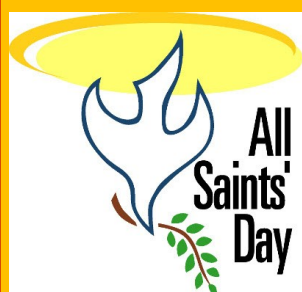
Thank you to everyone
who has participated
in the new FunTimers groups!
The reboot went great.

Here's what's up for
November ...

For Ages 30-54
November Date and Time TBA
Talluci's Bakery and
a Flowertown Theatre production of "Annie"

For Ages 55+
November 13
Wednesday @ 7:30 pm
"Name That Tune" at
Montreaux Bar and Grill

**Please fill out a Connection Card or call the
church office to RSVP!**



All Saints' Day Service

Sunday
November 3
at 3:30 pm

Old White Meeting House Cemetery
10548 Dorchester Road
Summerville



Summerville Presbyterian Church wishes you and your family
a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving! Please note, the
church office will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, No-
vember 28 and Friday, November 29. The office will reo-
pen Monday, December 2.

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Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert—Discipleship Pastor
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Rebecca Mills—Director of Children’s Ministry/
Director of Mother’s Morning Out
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