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WWJD

He would love first!

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FROM THE PASTOR



Worship

As of this writing, I am anticipating Holy Week and its many special worship opportunities. As of your reading, I pray that you have joined us for many of them and have found your relationship with Jesus Christ enriched and deepened through those experiences.

The month of April finds us in between sermon series; nevertheless, I encourage you to join us for a variety of meaningful worship services.

Date	Special Day	Focus/Title	Scripture(s)	Themes		
4/7/24	2 nd Sunday of	Let Love Rise:	Luke 24:13-35	Walk to Emmaus – "He became known to		
	Easter	Celebrating		them in the breaking of the bread."		
4/14/24	3 rd Sunday of	What's Next?	Luke 24:36-48	Jesus commissions the disciples.		
	Easter					
4/21/24	Youth Sunday: What Would Jesus Do?					
4/28/24	Guest Preacher	Abide In Me	John 15:1-8	Christ's presence in life, and our abiding in		
	Achim Daffin			Christ, is such that life, true life takes shape.		

Who We Are

Every year, Presbyterian churches are required to submit statistical reports to the denomination. We are asked a variety of questions about our membership, and you may be interested in some of that information, too.

In 2023, SPC grew from 521 to 545 active members. According to our database, our membership is distributed in the age ranges listed below. Children are not reflected in these numbers unless they have become active members through the confirmation process. In some cases, the age designations are a best guess if we have not been given birthdates:

Ages 17 & Under - 8	Ages 18-25 - 42	Ages 26-40 - 56
Ages 41-55 - 67	Ages 56-70 - 111	Over Age 70 - 261

One takeaway from this data is the importance of our congregational care ministries, which fall under the Nurture Ministry umbrella. Many of those ministries are regularly highlighted in this newsletter, such as the two on page six. Brief overviews of several of those ministries are listed below:

Deacons - Assigned to every member and keep in touch through cards, calls or visits

Congregational Care – Regularly respond to members' immediate needs with cards, calls, visits and meals; also sponsor receptions for funerals

- **Stephen Ministry** Listening ministry involving one trained caregiver paired with one care receiver for weekly meetings over a period of time
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Knit or crochet prayer shawls that are delivered to members going through difficult times

Made-by-Hand Fellowship – New ministry that knits or crochets blankets for new babies Follow the Carpenter – Ministry that does basic home projects for older members of the congregation Rides Ministry – Ministry that gives rides to members for appointments or other needs GriefShare – Curriculum-based grief support group that meets once or twice a year for a 13-week cycle DivorceCare – Curriculum-based divorce support group that meets once a year for a 13-week cycle

All of these ministries re here to serve you. Additionally, they may provide you with an opportunity to serve. Please reach out to Nurture Elders Colin Martin and Charlie Harris for more information about how to get involved.



Pastor Anita Herbert

WORSHIP



Brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Christ is risen! Alleluia!" From shouts of "Hosanna" to the "Last Supper" and the Garden of Gethsemane, to shouts of "Crucify him!" and finally to the cross and resurrection, we have commemo-

rated the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Jewel Tones added their voices for Maundy Thursday, and the Chancel Choir presented the Good Friday Lenten Cantata on March 29. We enjoyed the brass players for Easter, and the Flute Ensemble will play on April 7 for the first time since the COVID pandemic began in 2020.

The Handbell Ensemble will ring again this month with one new youth member. We are still looking for at least one bass ringer, so please reach out if you are interested.

Preparations are underway for Music and Drama Camp which will be held July 15-19. We will be presenting "Down by the Creek Bank," which is a reprise of the first ever Music and Drama Camp held at SPC. Registration is open, and in June we will be holding auditions for the show.

Finally, we are in talks with the world renowned composer Dan Forrest, a South Carolina native who lives in Greenville, to schedule a weekend to "Meet the Composer." The weekend would include a workshop and rehearsals on a set of his music, collaborations with area choirs, Sunday worship services and time to meet and greet him between services. The weekend would conclude with a concert of his music at SPC with the Chancel Choir, Jewel Tones and some area church choirs. We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to sharing more information as it comes.

We hope that Spring brings with it a time of renewal and hope for the future. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

William Bennett Director of Music



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



Happy April. He is risen!

We are very excited that Easter allows us to provide music that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. One of the songs we'll be doing is "Hosanna" by Hillsong United. The bridge of this song says:

> Heal my heart and make it clean Open up my eyes to the things unseen Show me how to love like you have loved me Break my heart for what breaks yours Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause As I walk from earth into eternity





The entire song has such specific meaning as it welcomes and praises Jesus Christ as the Messiah. The bridge specifically resonates because it emphasizes how we should want to be close to Jesus and live like him throughout our lives. Overall, the song is very powerful and celebrates Jesus' resurrection and power.

We have been delighted to have Dave Wright coming to practices and playing guitar with us during a service soon. Please continue to pray for Nick Couch and a quick recovery from his upcoming hand surgery.

Come sing with us and share the love of Christ. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28:6)

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher

Co-Directors of Contemporary Music

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & OUTREACH



Jennifer Grainger Director of Spiritual Growth & Outreach





Parking Lot to be Used for Mother's Morning Out Fundraiser

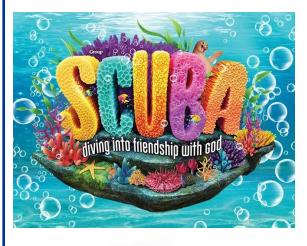
If you need a place to park for the Flowertown Festival, look no further than our own parking lot. This year, Mother's Morning Out (MMO) will be hosting the parking lot fundraiser from noon on Friday to Sunday afternoon. The lot will be blocked off for worship-only parking from 8 am to noon on Sunday. Cost for parking is \$10 per car, and all proceeds will go directly to MMO.



Calling all Joy Kids!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 21, when we will be planting our own spring gardens and talking about the Parable of the Sower. Join us from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, and come in clothes you don't mind getting dirty!





VBS Sign-Up to Go Live Our VBS registration link will go live on April 1. Look for the link at www.summervillepres.org. Dates for VBS are June 10 -14, and all children age 3 to completed 5th graders are welcome.

We Need VBS Volunteers We are looking for women, men and teenagers who are willing to help with VBS June 10-14 from 9:00 am to noon daily. Opportunities to volunteer include group leaders, activities leaders, kitchen helpers and more. If you are willing to donate your time and talent, please email Jennifer (jenniferg.spc@gmail.com), call her at the office (843-971-0280) or sign up on the back of your Connection Card. To properly run VBS, it takes at least 30 volunteers, so please help if you can!

We need donations of the following items for VBS:

- * rectangular plastic tablecloths in any shade of blue
- Swimming pool noodles (any color, used or new)
- white laundry baskets
- * streamers in all colors
- * individual bottles of bubbles
- * packs of glow bracelets (any color)
- plastic cups (colored punch cups that come packed in a sleeve; available at Walmart or grocery stores)





CHILDREN&YOUTHMINISTRY



Allison Bond Director of Youth & College Ministries

SPC Youth Present ...

Youth Sunday 2024

When: April 21 at 8:45 and 11 am services Where: SPC Sanctuary

What: Youth Sunday is a long-standing tradition at SPC where our grades 6 through 12 Youth plan, create and present the entire worship service. Year after year, this proves to be a fantastic service full of inspiration from our young people. Please plan to join us this year as we explore the theme:

WWJD He would love first!

Join us as we explore a common question, "What Would Jesus Do?" with the answer "He would love first!" You will find this is much easier to do than we even realize!



MOTHER'S MORNING OUT UPDATES

March was a fun month at MMO. We've been celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday, and we had our very first Spring picture day. It's been very busy, a little messy, and lots of fun!



We would like to say a special thank-you for all of the donations of snacks. You have been so generous, and I can't express to you just how much we appreciate it.

We have started registration for Fall and have spots available, so please spread the word. Also, we have spots available for this current year in several classes. Reach out to me if you have any questions: summervillepresmmo@gmail.com or 843-471-2726.

As always, I appreciate your prayers and encouragement as we move forward. I can't always see everyone on Sunday mornings with the different service times, but please pop by and see me any time you are here during the week. I enjoy having you visit!

Blessings,

Reflecca Mills Director of Mother's Morning Out

Expanded Mother's Morning Out Program for 2024-2025

We are excited to announce that Mother's Morning Out will have a three-day option next year. The two-day schedule will be Tues/Thurs, and the three-day schedule will be Tues/Wed/Thurs, from 9:00 am to noon. Contact Rebecca for specific information.



Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Sunday School 10:00 am Classes Nursery (Room 204) Toddlers (Room 203) Children K-4th (Room 104) Middle School (Room 304) Under the Hill (Room 106) Seekers (Room 201) Genesis (Room 101)

First Wednesdays in the Word 4/3 @ 12:00 pm (Lanneau Hall)

Women's Ministry Ladies' Small Group Mondays @ 5:00 pm (Bible Basics)

Lydia Circle 4/9 @ 10:00 am (Claudette Young's home)

> Miriam Circle 4/9 @ 1:00 pm (Lanneau Hall)

Knitting Small Group 2nd & 4th Thursdays 1:00 pm (Pat Tolbert's home)

<u>Men's Ministry</u> Men's Small Group Wednesdays @ 6:30 am (Zoom) Men's Small Group

Saturdays @ 8:30 am (Room 101)

Children's & Youth Ministry Joy Kids April 14 @ 4:00 pm (Lanneau Hall)

Youth Group Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm (SPC Gym)

NURTURE



Shepherds Welcome New Members

Would you like to offer a personal, warm and friendly welcome to a new member? Then we is my shepherd, invite you to become an SPC Shepherd. I shall not want. Shepherds are matched to new members as

closely as possible based on age group, family make-up, occupation and interests. A Shepherd may be matched with a new member once or twice a year after the Inquirer's Class is held. You would then be among the first to get to know a new member and assist them as they become faithfully and actively involved in worship, fellowship and service at SPC.

It's a short-term commitment: You will deliver a welcome bag and be available to answer a new member's questions and/or concerns as they get to know our church and community. Shepherds are also invited to attend the annual Welcome Dinner/Reception with their new member.

Interested? Please contact Barb Grube (843-814-7745 or bgramy99@gmail.com).



New Zoom Cycle: May 23-August 22

Divorce is one of the most painful experiences anyone can face. So many emotions. So many challenges. But no one has to go through it alone!

DivorceCare is a 13-week support group that helps individuals heal from the pain of separation or divorce. It includes topics such as emotional healing from deep hurt, anger, grief, loneliness and anxiety; overcoming relationship struggles with family and friends following divorce; and finally, handling practical challenges like single living, and financial and legal issues.

If you or someone you know, whether local or across the country, is struggling and could use help with any of the topics above, DivorceCare may be the next important step to healing.

SPC will be holding its next DivorceCare cycle via Zoom from 7:00-9:00 pm each Thursday beginning May 23 and running through August 22 (except July 4). Participants may join at any time from anywhere during the cycle.

For more information, please contact Diane Dunham or call the church office (843-871-0280).

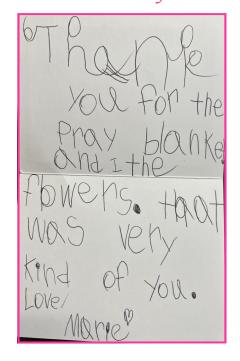


Dear Friends of Mariola Hammill and the Congregational Care and Prayer Shawl Fellowship, We are so grateful for your love and prayers for our Mom. We are blessed by the loving hands who knitted the prayer shawls presented to each of Mariola's children. I have my beautiful mauve shawl ready to receive and comfort me in my special chair for Bible study and meditation. It's like a warm hug from Heaven. Thank you for coming to mother's celebration of life. She was a special angel among us. Blessings, The Hammill Family

Thank you for the flowers that Suzanne brought and the card to follow. This meant so much to me as I pray for my daughter-in-law, Kathleen Pratt. She will be at MUSC another month through February. She is the caregiver of her husband and four-year-old daughter and three-year-old son. Prayers are bringing hope for her recovery. Thank you again, Candace Pratt

To The Church Family, You do so many things for so many people ... I'm grateful to be one of them. Thank you! Sincerely, **Reesie Glover** (Community member who was assisted with Blessing Bags)

A special card was written by 7-year old Marie Hawks who has had some health challenges. Parents are Bob and Lynn Hawks.



THE CHURCH MOUSE & MILITARY PRAYERS



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

"Like all red-blooded American males, even though I am a rodent, I love cars!

I love to see our church parking lot full on Sunday mornings. I don't care if the car is extra special or a beat-up truck, it means that the church and Sunday Schools are full of my friends.

On Sunday evenings the cars tell me that the Little People and Young People are enjoying their evenings together.

During the week I see cars from people meeting to study the Bible, gathering to help people of our congregation, or just there for "fun, food and fellowship."

During the evening, the cars are there for WNL, choir practice, bells practice, Jewel Tones practice and different committees. On special occasions, cars are there for a barbeque, "Trunk or Treat," and even community events like Hands of Christ distribution.

I feel sorry for churches that seem to have empty parking lots except on Sundays.

The last car to pull out of our lot is usually Mary or Raymond Von Dohlan who have checked to be sure that SPC is secure for the night.

After that, it is just Mary and me in the church. We hear the creaks of an old building settling down for the night. It may be just in our imagination, but we think we can still hear the running feet and laughter of children, the faint strains of music, the greetings called between friends. It is as if the church does not want to relinquish its life's blood even overnight.

Mary and I then settle down for the night knowing that early in the morning the first car will once again drive into the parking lot for another busy day at SPC.



Military Prayer List

- Cade Carpenter, AF, Honolulu, HI; Zoë Carpenter, AF, 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
- 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 Northrup (son-in-law of Hunter and Perry Harris) Navy, Sicily
- Sebastian Silvers (son-in-law of Chris and Rebecca Mills) Army Flight Engineer, Fort Drum, NY
- Andrew Tuttle (Patty Taylor's great nephew) Army, Fort Wainwright, AK

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



SERVICE



The **Hands of Christ** team wants to express our sincere appreciation for your generous donations during Sock Drop and Undie Sunday months. Because of you, we are at a great place in preparation for this year's giveaway!

Mark your calendars for the 1st Monday in August. Our giveaway will be Monday, August 5, and we will need all hands on deck to make this another successful year. We will start promoting early in the summer and will soon be releasing more specific needs as we finish inventory of what we have on hand.

In coming months, we will gratefully turn our focus to school supplies such as scissors, pens, Expo markers, wide-ruled notebook paper and notebooks, binders, backpacks and glue sticks.

Thank you for your continued support of Hands of Christ. Together, we have served more than 2,500 children in Summerville! For more information, please reach out to Ellen Burns or Heather Kemble.



Our Hearts for Summerville family would like to invite our friends at Summerville Presbyterian Church to a celebratory picnic on April 14 from 3:00-6:00 pm. We have so much to celebrate and welcome you as our guests—one of the best gifts! We are so grateful for your support and encouragement.

Think back to March 22, 2020 ... We as a community watched COVID spread

from across the ocean to our nation's bigger cities and then to Summerville. On March 13 students left school for the weekend only to learn 24 hours later that they would not be returning to school for an undetermined amount of time. There was confusion, speculation and fear. Toilet paper was more valuable than gold, and grocery stores had limited supply and purchasing limits. It was a time of uncertainty. And yet in the chaos, God built a beautiful thing by bringing a community together to rally around some 50-plus children in need. And from that, the day-to-day ministry of Hearts for Summerville formed. Four years later we are actively serving almost 700 children and youth and have watched babies grow into toddlers, children turn into teenagers, and teens become adults. We have read countless books and distributed more pounds of food than I can count. We have loved and laughed and cried and prayed. And four years later we are still growing thanks to God and thanks to a community that stands behind us. Because of this we celebrate!

We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, fun and fellowship at Ashley River Park on Sunday, April 14 ,beginning at 3:00 pm. We would love for you to come join us, meet some of our families, laugh with our kids and celebrate being part of something that brings us all together. For planning purposes, please let Heather Kemble know you are attending (heatherkemble@gmail.com).



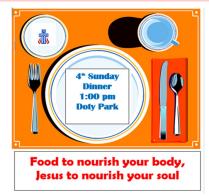
Home of Hope Needs: Prayer Pillows Paper Towels, Paper Plates Bicycles

Hope's House Needs: Prayer Laundry Detergent Lysol Spray

If you would like to bring a meal, please sign up at: https://takethemameal.com/ meals.php?t=HEHJ9055

Thanks to those of you who have supported DCCO.

OUTREACH & CLARENCE'S CORNER



SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT DOTY PARK

SPC provides lunch for those in need on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm. Please contact Vicky or Matt Methot 757-737-0290 or 757-392-6384 for more information.

THANK YOU to Vicky Methot and her team who served Easter dinner to the folks at Doty Park. Chocolate crosses, Daily Bread devotional books and a delicious ham dinner was served.

Also, another big **THANK YOU** to the Doty Park ministry for donating chips, drinks and other items for our Blessing Bags!





OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Our "Blessing Bag" ministry is here to help the community. It has been such a blessing to those in need.

Ongoing Needs: Disposable backpacks (Amazon), rain ponchos, umbrellas, new or gently used jackets and blankets

Grooming Items: Small packets of wipes, toothpaste and hand sanitizer

Food Items (small packets): Tuna fish, prepared meals such as potted meats/stew, soup in an easy-open can, small bottles of water

Snacks: Chips, cookies, granola bars, Fruit Roll-Ups

If you would like to donate, please bring your items to the church office. Thank you so much for all your donations!



Clarence's Corner

Hello friends!

Did you know that dogs are good for your mental and physical health? According to the Mayo Clinic, dogs help by:

Reducing work-related stress. Two out of three employees say work stresses them out, and 40% say their job gets in the way of their health. Pets in the workplace—even at home—reduce stress and improve employee satisfaction.

Managing anxiety. More people are struggling with mental health. Pets can provide companionship and support.

Increasing activity. Dogs give you a reason to go outside, breathe in fresh air and get some physical activity.

Combating loneliness. The bond with pets or ministry dogs helps people feel less alone. Owners and friends of the dog can touch, see, hear or talk to their companion animals, which brings happiness, connection and physical contact.

If you don't have a dog of your own, but would like to spend some time with one, my mommy says you are welcome to take me for a walk around the church or downtown Summerville any time.



I'm here to love you and help make your day a little brighter!

FINANCE



The offerings, along with monies received for the use of facilities, and the total expenses for the month of February and year to date are as follows:

Receipts Expenses Excess (deficit)

Monthly 65,243.00 \$ 108,847.00 \$ (43,604.00) Year to Date \$256,136.00 \$176.187.00 \$ 79.949.00

Monthly receipts and expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2024 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$79,949. January and February 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. The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for financially supporting our church.

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Ray Doughty	2	Renay Haton	16
Sydney Heslop	2	Reagan Haton	18
Frances Stonum	2	Beverly Brunswig	19
Jeff Todd	2	Hilda Forbes	20
Modena DeBrosse	3	Lynn Finucan	23
Joyce Bell	4	John Stoudenmire	26
Eileen Gregory	5	Kathi Ward	26
Jim Pelletier	7	Margaret Collins	27
Bentley Kemble	8	Anita Herbert	28
Gail Hausler	12	Hailey Selander	28
Sybil Collins	14	Margaret Browder	29
Tom Finucan	14	Mark Stonum	29
Kim Collins	15	Bill Demerest	30
Paul Hromoga	15	Karen Fuller	30



Ruby Jeanelle Wilson Born Saturday, March 2 7 lbs 15 oz Her proud parents are John and Sheila Wilson and her big sister is Mina!

Calhoun Hampton Morgan Born Monday, March 18 6 lbs 15 oz, 21.5 inches long His proud parents are Walt and Emily Morgan and his big brother is Buck!

GUESS WHO?

Hint: This picture is from the past. It's the Men's Breakfast Cooking Group. Can you name them all?





Answer from March:

Bill, Wilson and Matt Wylie Parents are Jim and Carol Wylie.

March Winner: Mary Bowers

Submit guesses to summervillepres@gmail.com. First correct answer received will win a prize!



FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP SAVE THE DATES



Annual Church Picnic Sunday, May 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Fellowship will provide the meat and asks that you please bring a dish to share.



Lemonade on the Lawn Sunday, August 18 during coffee fellowship Fellowship asks that you bring in a dish to share.

Fellowship Ministry's Fundraiser for "Mother's Morning Out"



Sweet Vidalia Onions Sale 10 lb Bags for \$10 During the month of April

Place your order Sundays in April from 9-11 am in Lanneau Hall and during the week in the church office *Pickup Beginning of May*





Our April Ladies' Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 25 at 11:30 am.

We will meet at **Toast** 717 Old Trolley Road in Summerville.

Please contact Claudette Young to reserve your place. (843-991-1057 or claudettemarieyoung@yahoo.com)

Please respond by Tuesday, April 23.



Our annual **PW Birthday Celebration** will take place on May 14. This year we will be having a Tea in lieu of our traditional luncheon.

The Tea will be held in Lanneau Hall beginning at 2:00 pm and will feature a variety of teas to sample along with light refreshments.

All PW members are invited and asked to bring a food item to share. As the date approaches, there will be a sign-up sheet so we can get an idea of how many to expect. Stay tuned for details.



S T A F F

Rev. Dr. Anita Herbert—Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert—Discipleship Pastor Jennifer Grainger—Director of Spiritual Growth & Outreach Allison Bond—Director of Youth & College Ministries William Bennett—Director of Music Jim Moore—Organist Joe Swisher and Julia Miller—Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship Cecelia Bond—Finance Manager Julie McCormick—Administrative Office and Communications Coordinator Shirley Gay—Sexton Bob Hirsch—Sexton

SESSION

Fellowship— Sheri Page (Chair), Zachary Storti Nurture—Colin Martin (Chair), Charlie Harris Service— Kristi Selander (Chair), Kelli Kemmerer Spiritual Growth— Anna Winstead (Chair), Ana Hill Property—Lauch Blue (Chair), Ed Lindsay Finance— Henk van der Meyden (Chair), Jeff Bowers Personnel—Henk van der Meyden (Chair) Worship— Walt Morgan, Alicia Macomber (Co-Chairs) Clerk of Session— Oden Semones

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