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- September 4— First Wednesday in the Word
- September 8—Rally Day
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- September 10—PW Circles Meet
- September 10 & 24—Prayer Gathering Services
- September 14—Session Retreat
- September 18—Wednesday Night Live Begins
- September 27-29—Women's Retreat

FROM THE PASTOR



Fall Kick-Off

Fall brings with it lots of opportunities to “Share Christ, Serve Others, and Grow Together in Faith.” Fellowship opportunities, Sunday School and Wednesday night classes,

Presbyterian Women’s Circles and small groups resume after a summer break. Children and youth begin meeting for Joy Kids and Youth Group. Musical ensembles are busily preparing music for Sunday and other special worship services. Come on **Rally Day, September 8**, to learn more about these and more opportunities to grow in faith with your brothers and sisters at SPC.

All our ministry teams welcome new members, and descriptions of those ministry teams are on the bulletin board in the hallway of the upper education wing. This month, I’d like to highlight a few that I know could benefit from your participation:

- Worship (meets first Tuesdays, 6:30 pm) – Supports worship services with administrative tasks such as scheduling communion preparers, servers and ushers;
- Fellowship (meets first Mondays, 6:00 pm) – Offers Wednesday Night Live dinners on a semester basis, coffee fellowship every Sunday, and other special events throughout the year;
- Service (meets first Tuesdays, 5:30 pm) – Supports local missions and international missionaries in both financial and hands-on ways;
- Property (meets second Thursdays, 6:00 pm) – Helps identify needs in order to maintain church campus; organizes work parties to do regular maintenance on buildings and grounds.

Contemporary Music

Hello everyone! Here’s an update from the praise team...

Nick is still in recovery from his operation, so please keep him in your prayers! Joe also had to have unexpected surgery, but he is recovering well.

Over the past couple of months, we’ve noticed a rise in attendance for our service and we couldn’t be more thrilled! Many young families have been coming frequently and getting to know the church community. We, as a band, have been making an effort to welcome these new people and encourage them to come back!

We hope to see you, too! Come sing and worship the Lord with us!

“Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.” Isaiah 12:5

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher
Co-Directors of Contemporary Music

We are always seeking to be both externally focused and inwardly strong, which is represented by the varying foci of each of our ministry teams. Some things I am looking forward to seeing happen this fall are the strengthening of our children’s and youth ministries, maintaining better connections with our college students, and facilitating more relationships among our young adults and young families.



In terms of ways we can increase our external focus, several possibilities come to mind:

- Building our relationship with our Mother’s Morning Out families, which as of this writing has 58 children enrolled, over 90% of whom are from the community;
- Expanding support for Hearts for Summerville (ministry to under-resourced families in our community) and Keys to Change (local homeless shelters for men and women);
- Making a greater connection with MacKay Presbyterian Mission, a presbytery-sponsored Hispanic ministry that meets in our gym Friday nights.

What’s on your heart? Feel free to email me at pastoranitaherbert@gmail.com. Session will have a retreat on Sept. 14 to evaluate how we are fulfilling our mission and to discern where God might be leading us next. We welcome your input into our discernment of where God is calling us to focus more energy, intelligence, imagination and love!


Pastor Anita



WORSHIP

Sermon Series

On September 8, I'll begin a five-week sermon series "The Way to Be," reflecting on values needed for our shared life together and our witness of our faith to the world. Thanks to Maggie Hoybach who will again be creating bulletin artwork for that series around the theme of bumble-BEEs.

Date	Special Day	Series	Focus/Title	Scripture(s)	Themes/Ideas
9/1/24	Labor Day		Don't Labor in Vain	Psalm 127:1-2 Matthew 7:24-27	Building on the rock instead of the sand
9/8/24	Rally Day	The Way to Be (A Series on Values) 	Be the Body of Christ	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Paul's body metaphor; SPC mission statement
9/15/24			Be Courageous	Joshua 1:1-9	God's encouraging words to Joshua
9/22/24			Be Forgiving	Matthew 18:21-35	How often should we forgive?
9/29/24			Be Loving	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for enemies
10/6/24	World Communion Sunday		Be at Peace	Zechariah 8:9-13 Romans 12:14-21	Live peaceably with all



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our musical ensembles are all back from summer now, but it is still a great time to join! Handbells held a "polishing day" to clean and maintain our bells, and we have reworked the

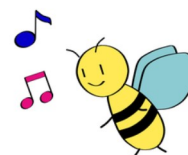
layout of the handbell room to allow us more space for rehearsals. If you are interested in joining handbells, please reach out ASAP! We are going to be down 2 ringers this fall and will be looking for replacement ringers.

We also worked to present two offerings by our TTBB ensemble and we are going to work to keep this going in the future as well. We have not come up with a name for that group yet, but there are ideas being discussed. Also we have worked with the nursery staff to begin offering child care during our Wednesday evening rehearsals. This will allow some new members to join the ensemble and support our young families who could benefit from this as well. If you have been contemplating joining our ensembles, but childcare is needed, please reach out!

We had members from SPC Chancel Choir participate in the First Annual Lowcountry Sacred Music Retreat at Bethany UMC on July 27th. We collaborated with other area church musicians from 10 different churches to present a concert of music that evening at Bethany. This

was led by Peace Presbyterian's Holly Slice and me, and we had a great day of music making! The Chancel Choir and Peace Presbyterian Chancel Choir are once again collaborating on our annual Christmas Cantata. We look forward to bringing this music to life and proclaiming the good news of Christ's birth once again this December!

Jewel Tones have begun our regular rehearsals and we look forward to singing in worship soon.



Once again, now is a great time to get involved in one of our musical ensembles. Please reach out to William at summervillepresmusic@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining us.

William Bennett

Director of Music

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 your nominations in through the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & OUTREACH



Jennifer Grainger
Director of Spiritual Growth & Outreach



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW WITH ALL THESE FUN FALL DATES FOR YOUTH!



SAVE THE DATES

Confirmation Classes will kick off later this Fall and will be held on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour.

Dates are:

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

****Tentative date for Confirmation Retreat is February 7-9, 2025**

****Tentative Dessert Bar and Project Presentation February 19**

****Tentative Confirmation Sunday and Breakfast February 23**

9/1	It's a paint party! Come help give the youth room some new life with a new coat of paint!
9/8	Start of our Fall series: Developing Spiritual Habits that will Change Your Life
9/18	Fist Wednesday Night Live and first youth Wednesday Watch Party; dinner at 5:30 pm, lesson from 6:30-7:30 pm
9/22	Snack Supper with Joy Kids
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
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
11/10	First Confirmation class during Sunday School Hour
11/17	No Youth
11/24	No Youth

Making Time for God

WOMEN'S BEACH

ESTD 2024

HOUSE RETREAT

September 27-29th

Cost: \$100

- *2 night retreat
- *3 learning sessions
- *free time on the beach
- *worship
- *all meals included

Sign up by contacting Jennifer at jenniferg.spc@gmail.com

Wednesday Watch Parties for Youth

Join us as we watch 30 minute shows and find Jesus in our everyday TV viewing

During WNL from 6:30-7:30pm

Join Jennifer for dinner before at 5:30pm

Have some downtime mid week.

Find Jesus in the everyday

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MOTHER'S MORNING OUT UPDATE



Hello, everyone! I am so excited MMO started back on August 13 for teachers and August 20 for students. We had a huge turnout for our Parent meeting on August 1. A special thank you to those who helped me make the night a success: Julie, Cecelia, Anita and Alexandra were there checking parents in! Zach was there to run the sound and the power point for the meeting. Also, Dotti Wright, who has helped me gather information and set me up on the computer to have a successful and organized year!



There were enough donations and fundraising money earned for the purchase of the new quad stroller. If you are one that donated, I cannot thank you enough. This will be a blessing to our program for years to come. My heart is so full of thankfulness for the love and support of our church family.

We have had several of our MMO families joining us in our worship services. Thanks be to God for these new families!

We are ready for a fantastic year with lots of upcoming activities! You may see the hallways start to fill up with precious artwork, and we plan to have a display for a special walk through for parents in the upcoming months.

I have a new office! I am located in the previous Bible Basics classroom. My previous office is being used as a classroom for our fours! Yes, we grew so much we needed another classroom. We have 58 students registered for our program and have doubled in size. Please pray for our program, families, teachers, staff and children as we go forward through this school year. As always, pop by and see me anytime.



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 Wednesday in the Word

9/4 @ 12:00 pm
(Lanneau Hall)

Women's Ministry **SHARE + WORD + PRAY** **Ladies' Small Group**

9/9 @ 5:00 pm

PW Circles

Miriam Circle meets
9/10 @ 1:00 pm

Lydia Circle meets
9/10 @ 10:00 am
117 Guilford Dr.
Summerville

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

Men's Ministry
Men's Small Group
Wednesdays
@ 6:30 am via Zoom
Men's Small Group
Saturdays @ 8:30 am
(Room 101)

Children's Ministry
Joy Kids
Meets Sundays
@ 5:00 pm

Youth Ministry
Youth Meets Sundays
@ 5:00 pm

JOY KIDS

We are so pleased that Joy Kids started back on August 18th. Our first seven weeks will be learning about our unique talents. I am so excited about Gathering with Joy kids and really having a great time of sharing and fellowship! We will be having some extra activities throughout the months ahead including a fun



"give back" activity that will be announced! Stay tuned.

Blessings,
Rebecca Mills



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Children's Sunday School last month, we embarked on a journey with the Holy Spirit. We learned: Just what is the Holy Spirit? What are the Holy Spirit's roles? The Holy Spirit works in our hearts to help us grow and change to be more like Jesus. Why are the fruits of the Spirit important? And how the spirit leads us into truth? Please have your child join us for 10:00 am Sunday School!

NURTURE THANK-YOUS



The Blessings of Being Called to Stephen Ministry

In these tumultuous times, it is often difficult to give voice to hurts, disappointments and fears we may face. Yet facing them is part of the healing process.

Through Stephen Ministry, individuals can share their innermost pain and sorrow with someone who listens with open ears and a non-judgmental heart. It is a ministry born in God's Empathy and Love and is open to all His children...an opportunity to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way. Truly a blessing to both care receivers and care givers.

Since Stephen Ministry was launched at SPC in 2021, our team has grown to 10 Stephen Ministers with each assigned to only one care receiver at a time. Those caring relationships can last for as long as the need is present—providing a valuable emotional and spiritual presence to the care receiver. They also allow for laypeople (trained to be Stephen Ministers) to use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.

While we have served many individuals, we find that there is still more need, including for Stephen Ministers. On Sunday, October 20, we will be holding an Orientation session for all those who are feeling called to this ministry or would simply like more information. We will meet in Lanneau Hall at 1:00 pm to share information and testimonies, and answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up on your Sunday connection card or call Liz Demerest at 845-558-0973.

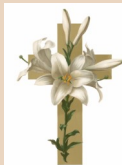
THANK YOU!

Because of Congregational Care Committee, I have the joy and privilege of thanking you for the cheery red, white, and

blue flowers you brought me from "Friends of SPC". What a special surprise to receive them for the 4th of July and to see and visit with Rose. Thank You! Thank you for your ministry of sharing the Christian love of our SPC family. Peace, **Louise Guy**

Please extend my sincere appreciation for the prayer shawl to all. My daughter, Sheila, brought it to me and we read the prayer message together. This is a wonderful way to express your love and prayers. My faith and trust in God will carry me through this time of concern. Thank you, **Gayle Compton**

Thank you so very much for your prayers. I am doing very well now. **Fran Harbeson**



Columbarium Update

For those of you who have recently joined Summerville Presbyterian Church, you may not be familiar with the columbarium which was installed

last year in the courtyard between the education building and the gym. A columbarium is a final resting place of the faithfully departed. It's a structure with individual niches or compartments each of which holds the cremated remains of up to two individuals.

Our columbarium holds 32 niches, of which 23 have been sold to our church members and families. The cost of each niche is \$1000 and includes the engraving on each niche door.

Landscaping around the columbarium will begin September 5th with Liriope plants, Camelia bushes and pavers to provide a place designed with taste and dignity, where families and friends can meditate and reflect, remembering their loved ones.

If you have any questions or want to buy a niche, please contact Sharon Klein and bring your payment for the niche to Cecelia Bond in the church office.

Thank you Church Family for all the prayers and love you sent us during Mark's surgery and continued treatment for his cancer. I really appreciate the visits from Pastor Anita, Bill & Fran Harbeson, Diane & Phil Dunham, Ingrid Don, Sharon Klein, Barbara Thornton and Suzanne Chastain for all the beautiful flowers that brightened our days. God bless you all, **Mark and Fran Stonum**

Congregational Care, I received beautiful flowers and a nice visit from Suzanne this week. It is nice to be thought of and a blessing to be part of a loving church family. Thanks for all that you do. Love, **Hilda Forbes**

Dear Friends, What a wonderful surprise to come home to a beautiful bouquet of church flowers! I was only at my next door neighbor's, but neither of us saw Suzanne's car arrive or her come and go! Sorry to miss her company. I had been trying to catch the neighbor for a week – new to the Village and to me: Dee and Mike Lessco from Dorchester Church who will now make their home with us. I am still enjoying the blooms and appreciate you thinking of me. Sincerely, **"Snookie" Trippe**

CLARENCE'S CORNER & MILITARY INFO

Clarence's Corner

Happy Fall Y'all!!! I can't believe summer is over and we are headed into Pumpkin Spice Season! I don't know if you know this, but your canine friends love all things pumpkin too! I want to share a favorite and easy recipe with you to make your furry friends some homemade treats. And if you don't have a dog at home, my friends at Dorchester Paws love treats too!

Pumpkin Spice Dog Cookies

Ingredients

- ½ can 100% pumpkin puree (pumpkin should be the only ingredient)
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tbsp freshly grated ginger
- 1 tbsp blackstrap molasses
- 1½ cups Oat flour, plus some extra to work with (you can grind Rolled Oats in a blender to create your own oat flour, but make sure to grind it very finely)

Instructions

Pre-heat oven to 350 °F

Combine the pumpkin, molasses, cinnamon, and ginger until thoroughly mixed. Slowly add in oat flour and mix with a spoon or your hands to form a dough. Once dough is formed, let it rest for about 10 minutes to come together. Sprinkle more oat flour on the dough if there are super sticky spots. Roll out the dough on a floured surface until its ⅛–¼ inch thick. Work in batches if needed, and use parchment paper to prevent your roller from sticking. NOTE: the thinner you can roll the dough, the crunchier the cookies will be. Use a cookie cutter to cut out cookies. Keep the size of your dog in mind when choosing a cutter. Bake treats on a baking sheet for 20-25 minutes, then turn your oven off and let them sit IN THE OVEN for another 45 minutes to an hour to dry out. You can also let them sit overnight!

As always, I LOVE it when you stop by to see me! I am in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Also, I am working on my visiting skills. If you know someone who I could bring a little love to that wouldn't mind that I still have some puppy habits, please let my Mommy know and we will set something up.

Love You All,

Clarence

Congregational Care Dog



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE



Military Prayer List

- ◆ 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

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

GUESS WHO?

Who is this dapper fellow?

Answer from August Guess Who:
Robert and Candace Pratt,
Jim & Ross Hamilton
Winner was Mary Von Dohlen

Submit guesses to
summervillepres@gmail.com.



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 in this trip.

This year's trip is scheduled for December 12th to December 17th (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 will make plans in conjunction with CCI for the potential 2025 mission trip in the summer of 2025.

We also plan to share God's love with the children and families in this area. The group could perform light construction of projects needed, assist with healthcare activities, and other activities based on the gifts of those willing to travel.

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



THANK YOU!

As we wrap up our Hearts summer, we cannot help but be overcome with gratitude for everyone who has supported our ministry and

our Hearts kids. We have continued to run routes and visit our families all summer and have held several events in partnership with Katie's Krops and Expanding the Table where we have brought a hot lunch to a neighborhood and fed our kids. We have been able to provide frozen lunches to kids each week so they can heat up a hot meal thanks to the Lowcountry Food Bank. Forty-one of our Hearts kids attended Hands of Christ and were able to get clothing and school supplies and much needed backpacks. And we were able to take over 200 of our school-aged kids shopping for brand new shoes thanks to your donations and the support of the Shoe Carnival at Azalea Square. We also provided rent and utility assistance to six families in need.

As we gear up for the next semester, we will continue to focus on building relationships with our Hearts families and the community and connecting our families with much needed resources. We also are looking to expand our volunteer pool and are searching for a leader or two who may be willing to lead a volunteer crew on deliveries or even a small group that may want to focus on one of our neighborhoods and help us better serve those families by maintaining contact and delivering groceries regularly. Please reach out to Heather Kemble if you are interested in serving in any way. Our possibilities and ideas are endless - we need volunteers to make it happen!

Save the date for **December 14**. We will be holding our 2nd Annual Hearts Family Christmas party. Details will be forthcoming, but we need at least 100 volunteers to make it happen! We need gift donations, cookie bakers, people to escort children to pick their presents, people to man gift tables and cookie stations, and more! If you would like to join us in planning the event, please reach out to Heather and she will gladly include you!!

We are so very thankful for the love and generosity you show to our Hearts kids. It truly does take a village and we are thankful you are a part of ours! — Heather Kemble



Anchor House Needs:

Prayers
Paper towels, Paper plates
Solo cups, Floor cleaner,
Masking tape

Light House Needs:

Prayers
Aluminum foil, Antibacterial wipes,
Hand soap, Trash bags (13 gallon),
Laundry soap

SERVICE & OUTREACH



From Heather Kemble

Thank you to the many volunteers that came despite the pouring rain and uncertain weather to lend their hearts and hands to our annual Hands of Christ distribution. We are so grateful that everyone came early, and just jumped in where needed to allow us to serve our first families at 2:45 pm rather than the advertised start of 4 pm. There is no way that we could have pulled this off without everyone's prayers, support and flexibility!

We could not be happier with the turnout this year. In all honesty, we were worried we may not even reach 100 children, but we served 94 families and gave away 185 bags of school supplies. This count does not include four high schoolers that did not receive school supply bags, but did get some clothing, hoodies and extras. This number also does not include any additional families that have been or will be served after the event. We had 119 elementary students from DD2, representing every elementary school except River Oaks Elementary School. We served five middle schoolers from three different DD2 schools. Twenty-six children came to us from Berkeley County and nine from Charleston County. The remaining 26 students were from private 4K preschool programs (4 children), homeschool (4 children), and the remainder from unlisted/unknown schools.



For the first time in HOC history, every guest was able to choose from a variety of backpacks and we have several left over to serve any requests that come in during the year. Over the coming months, we will be inventorying items, revamping what we collect based on updated school supply lists and starting to seek out what we need to set ourselves up for success in 2025. We are always grateful to anyone who would like to volunteer in any capacity and are hoping to update our "call list" for picking up lost and found items, washing clothes and helping sort and inventory. Even if you have volunteered in the past, please email heatherkemble@gmail.com with your current contact information and willingness to serve so that we can call on you. We did not bring in as many items last year in an effort to cull supplies and use what we have had so will be needing you as we re-establish our inventory.

On a bittersweet note, we ask you to join us in offering a huge thank you to Ellen Burns, and by extension, Claude Burns. Ellen has faithfully been the glue behind Hands of Christ for a number of years. Rarely a week goes by that she has not been doing something to better Hands of Christ - cleaning, sorting, inventorying, setting up shelves, shopping...we would be in a hot mess if it were left up to me (Heather). Rarely will Ellen take credit, but she is the powerhouse behind HOC and she and Claude do so much more than we could ever truly thank them for. Ellen is stepping down from her current role, but has found the perfect person to step up and take charge. Please welcome Sheila Wilson to the HOC leadership crew. Sheila brings a special kind of energy and grace, as well as organizational skills and creative ideas that will help us further the reach of Hands of Christ. We are so blessed to have had Ellen's leadership and already have her signed up as a shopper for next year!



NEEDS LIST:

- Disposable backpacks (Amazon), rain ponchos, umbrellas, new or gently-used jackets and blankets
- Grooming items such as packets of wipes, toothpaste and hand sanitizer
- Food in small packets: tuna, prepared meals such as potted meats/stew, soup in easy-open cans, small bottles of water, 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!

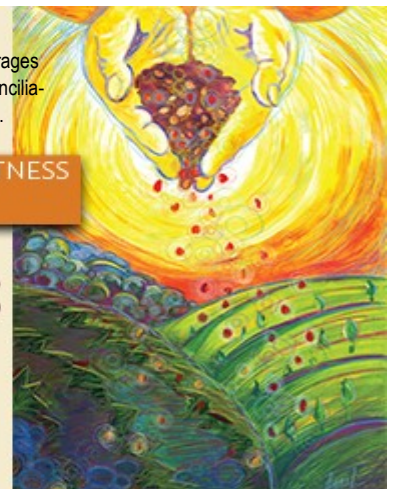
September 8 - October 6, 2024

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world.



SOWING THE SEEDS OF PEACE.

ZECHARIAH 8:12



FINANCE & BIRTHDAYS



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

	Monthly	Year to Date
Receipts	\$ 58,000.00	\$555,372.00
Expenses	\$ 78,664.00	\$489,367.00
Excess (deficit)	\$ (20,664.00)	\$ 66,005.00

Monthly Receipts and Expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2024 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$66,005. 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. The finance committee would like to thank everyone for financially supporting our Church.

Session Updates

I am pleased to begin providing a monthly Session update. In addition to receiving monthly reports from Staff and the Ministry Teams, here are several items of interest from June and July:

- Session approved a Columbarium Policy, including a contract for the sale of niches. A committee is being established to manage this under the Nurture Team.
- The June storms caused significant issues with our fire alarm system. Session has approved and we are in the process of installing a new state of the art system (meeting all code requirements and upgraded surge protection) across the campus.
- Elder Ed Lindsay (Class of 2025) has recently resigned from Session, but he continues to be an active member of the church and remains on several committees. We are grateful for his service. The Nominating Committee will recommend someone to fill his remaining term.
- Session is planning a one day Retreat mid-September.

More to come on this with my next update!

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

Blessings,
Oden Semones, Clerk of Session

September Birthdays



Denise Otts	1	Michael Browder	16
Phil Dwyer	2	Anna Coffey	16
Eleanor Woodbury	2	Bill Spearman	16
Lynn Davis	3	Kenneth Cesca	17
Charlie Peacock	3	Cori Mintz	17
Sally Carlin	4	Patsy Rose	20
Jim Hamilton	4	Annette Meachum	21
Ronald Kier	6	Cookie Bragg	22
Carol Swisher	6	Robert Wearn	22
Emma Edwards	8	Jean Davenport	25
Jo Anna Eason	9	Joseph Friday	27
Bess Lawton	9	Mildred Kwist	28
Annee Wade	9	Pam Lanford	28
Ruth Owens	10	Barbara Simmons	29
Sheila Hasenstab	15	Christy Glymph	30
Patrick Scally	15	Helen Hamilton	30
Shawn Blunt	16	Robert Higgins	30

STEWARDSHIP
2024

**MEASURING
WHAT MATTERS**

Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap.
Luke 6:38

Share Christ + Serve others + Grow together in faith



The September
Ladies Luncheon
will be held
Thurs, Sept 26
at 11:30 am.

We will meet at **Five Loaves**
214 Cedar Street, Summerville.
Please contact **Claudette Young**
at 843-991-1057 or email
claudettemariyoung@yahoo.com
to reserve your place.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE September 18-October 27

Meals are \$12/person or \$25/family
5:30-6:30 pm—Dinner & Game

September 18:
Pot Luck Dinner (No charge)
Fellowship will provide the meat.
Icebreaker: Most Likely To...

September 25:
Pork Loin, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans
House Salad, Bread, Hershey Bar Pie
Game: Bible Crosswords

6:30-7:30 pm—Two Class Options

Romans Bible Study

The letter to the Romans is the New Testament's most systematic and comprehensive interpretation of the Christian message. It emphasizes the universal effects of God work in Christ, interpreting the gospel as a message addressed to all people and offering hope to all of God's creation. The letter has had an immense impact on later generations of ordinary believers as well as on revolutionary Christian thinkers like Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Karl Barth. Calvin wrote that anyone who understand Romans has a key to understanding "all the most hidden treasures of Scripture."

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert and Colin Martin (Room 101).

Vanishing Grace (Phillip Yancey)

"Why does the church stir up such negative feelings?" In a twenty-year span starting in the mid-nineties, research shows that favorable opinions of Christianity have plummeted drastically—and opinions of Evangelicals have taken even deeper dives. Yet while the opinions about Christianity are dropping, interest in spirituality is rising. Why the disconnect? Why are so many asking, "What's so good about the Good News?"? People inside and outside the church still thirst for grace. What the church lacked in its heyday is now exactly what it needs to recover, and to thrive. Grace can bring together Christianity and our post-Christian culture, inviting outsiders as well as insiders to take a deep second look at why our faith matters.

Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert and Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilkins
(Lanneau Hall)



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PM IN THE SPC GYM**

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AGAINST HUNGER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 – 8:00 pm

**SPC Meal Packaging Event
In the SPC Gym**

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