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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Sanctuary Open for Prayer 1:00-3:00 pm—April 3
- Good Friday Cantata 7:30 pm—April 3
- Easter Egg Hunt—April 4
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- Grace Table Ministry Community Meal—April 26

FROM THE PASTOR



Adapted from “What’s Nesting In Your Open Hand?” The Ministry Collaborative, Posted on March 12, 2026 in Blog, Digging A Deeper Well by Elizabeth Lynn, Mark Ramsey

At a recent gathering for faith leaders, the host said: “We know we are living in challenging times.” The room nodded. Of course we are.

But on what day, from today forward, will we ever say that these are *not* challenging times? If the answer is never, then “challenging times” isn’t a specific description of any moment. It is a vague gesture, at once comforting and distancing positioning us as observers of our moment rather than active participants in it. We acknowledge all the difficulty, gesture toward it — and in the gesture, we pull our hand back.

Seamus Heaney’s poem “St Kevin and the Blackbird” tells a spare, strange story.

St Kevin and the Blackbird
by Seamus Heaney

*And then there was St Kevin and the blackbird.
The saint is kneeling, arms stretched out, inside
His cell, but the cell is narrow, so*

*One turned-up palm is out the window, stiff
As a crossbeam, when a blackbird lands
And lays in it and settles down to nest.*

*Kevin feels the warm eggs, the small breast, the tucked
Neat head and claws and, finding himself linked
Into the network of eternal life,*

*Is moved to pity: now he must hold his hand
Like a branch out in the sun and rain for weeks
Until the young are hatched and fledged and flown.*

*And since the whole thing’s imagined anyhow,
Imagine being Kevin. Which is he?
Self-forgetful or in agony all the time*

*From the neck on out down through his hurting forearms?
Are his fingers sleeping? Does he still feel his knees?
Or has the shut-eyed blank of underearth*

*Crept up through him? Is there distance in his head?
Alone and mirrored clear in love’s deep river,
‘To labour and not to seek reward,’ he prays,*

*A prayer his body makes entirely
For he has forgotten self, forgotten bird
And on the riverbank forgotten the river’s name.*

Kevin is kneeling in his narrow cell in prayer, one arm extended out the window. A blackbird lands in his open palm, settles, and begins to nest. Kevin feels the warmth of the eggs, the small breast, the tucked head — and in that moment finds himself “linked into the network of eternal life.”

So Kevin holds his hand out. Not for a moment — for weeks. Through sun and rain, through the hatching and fledging and eventual flight of the young birds. He holds his hand out until he has forgotten himself, forgotten the bird, and “on the riverbank forgotten the river’s name.”

Kevin doesn’t observe the blackbird from a safe distance. He doesn’t convene a task force on the bird. His open palm — already extended in prayer — simply becomes the place where something alive and vulnerable lands.

Heaney doesn’t romanticize Kevin’s experience. The poem’s second half is unflinching. “Are his fingers sleeping? Does he still feel his knees?” Is Kevin in a state of transcendent grace, or is he simply in pain — arm aching, knees numb, body becoming a kind of raw instrument of faithfulness?

Heaney’s answer: both. In Romans, Paul writes:

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:22-25)

The apostle Paul and the poet Heaney, centuries apart, are describing the same condition. The groaning is real. The labor is real. But labor pains are not the same as defeat — they are the form that birth takes.

The alternative to “challenging times” is the harder, more honest invitation to ask: what is being born in this holding? What new thing is nesting in the very difficulty we keep naming? That reframe — from burden to birthplace — doesn’t deny the weight. It asks whether we’ve been so busy feeling burdened by our moment that we’ve missed what is quietly alive within it, waiting for an open hand.

Kevin didn’t plan for the blackbird. He was already in a posture of prayer when it arrived. That may be the most important leadership insight of all: availability precedes opportunity. The open hand is not a strategy. It is a way of being.

We are, all of us, living in the time we have been given. The question is not whether it is challenging. The question is what we are holding — and whether we will hold it long enough to see what hatches.

WORSHIP

April Sermon Series

The beginning of April marks the most significant week in the liturgical year, aptly named Holy Week. We follow Jesus in the triumphal entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, go to the Upper Room for the foot washing and Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, spend time at the cross on Good Friday, and finally, experience the joy of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

On April 12, Ralph will revisit a story of four guys bringing a friend to Jesus, and encourage us to think of all the ways we, too, can bring our friends to Jesus.

Beginning April 19 we'll have a three-week series titled "Transformed" to learn how encounters with Jesus changed the lives of the woman at the well, Peter and Paul.



TRANSFORMED

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS:
The Woman at the Well, Peter, Paul

Date	Special Day	Series	Focus/Title	NT Scripture(s)
March 29	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Tell Me Something Good	Inspiring us to act	Mark 11:1-11
April 2	<i>Maun Thursday</i>		Even Judas gets his feet	John 13:1-35
April 3	<i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 noon		Revealed through nonviolence	Luke 22:47-53; 23:33-38, 44-46
April 5	<i>Easter</i>		Alive in the World	Matthew 28:1-10
April 12			Four Guys	Mark 2:1-12
April 19		Transformed	The woman at the well is	John 4:7-18, 25-30
April 26			Peter is transformed by Forgiveness	John 21:15-17 Acts 2:14a, 22-24, 32-41
May 3			Paul is transformed by	Acts 9:1-9, 17-22



Wednesday in the Word

Bring your lunch and join Pastor Ralph for Wednesday in The Word April 1 at 1:00 pm in Lanneau Hall.



South Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage Weekend

April 23-26
Camp St. Christopher on beautiful Seabrook Island

\$100 per participant for the entire weekend

Please call 843-640-1569 if you have questions.

WORSHIP MUSIC



Traditional Worship

Here is what is happening in the world of music at SPC!

We had a wonderful time at the Talent Show on March 22 and we hope to have even more acts participate next year! Thank you to

Sara Kaczmarek for her help with the event! We know it was fun for all involved. Thank you as well to Joe Friday and Joe Swisher for helping out with some of the technical needs for the night.

Looking ahead, we hope to see you all at our upcoming Holy Week Services. Holy week is one of the most dramatic times of the calendar year. The Chancel Choir will be waving palms and leading us on Palm Sunday, then the Jewel Tones will sing for Maundy Thursday. Colin Martin and Kelli Kemmerer will narrate for the Good Friday Cantata and we will have a full compliment of instrumentalists this year. We will be presenting "The Weeping Tree" by Joseph Martin on Good Friday. This interactive work presents the items of the crucifixion through a "Stations of the cross format" that is both moving and profound. Make sure you make your mark on the fabric as you enter the sanctuary as well. This will be used in the cantata. Finally, the sanctuary will ring with beautiful sounds of bells and brass as we arrive on Easter Sunday. We encourage you, again, to take the full journey this Easter from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, into Good Friday, keep vigil on Saturday and you will see that Easter is even more triumphant and glorious!

As always, please reach out to William at summervillepresmusic@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved in the music ministry at SPC!

William Bennett
Director of Music



New Testament Challenge 260 in 365 days

Week 14
(March 28-April 3)
Luke 22-John 2

Week 15 (April 4-10)
John 3-7

Week 16 (April 11-17)
John 8-12

Week 17 (April 18-24) - John 13-17

Week 18 (April 25-May 1) - John 18-Acts 1

Contemporary Worship

Hello, church family!

It has been such a joy to welcome Paul Nelson back to play with us on bass alongside Dave Wright. We are thankful for the gifts both he and Dave bring to our worship each week. We are especially grateful to be part of the Maundy Thursday service. It is a meaningful time of worship and reflection, and we are honored to share in the service through music.

As we move through April and celebrate Easter, we are reminded of the incredible hope and joy we have because of the resurrection of Jesus. What a wonderful season to come together and worship and lift our voices in praise for all that Christ has done. Easter is such a powerful reminder that hope is alive and Christ is risen! We hope you will join us in celebrating the good news on Easter Sunday at our 10:00 am Contemporary Worship Service in the Gym.

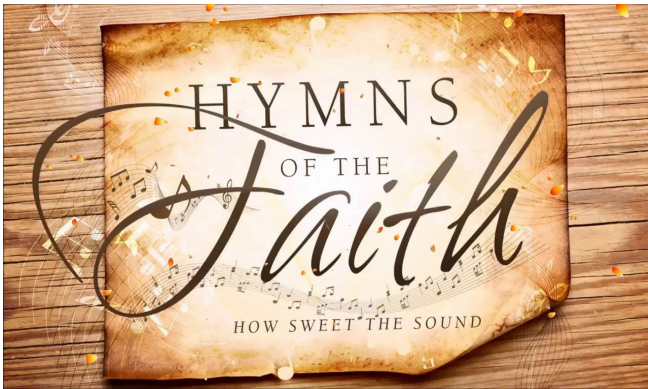
We will be debuting a new song titled, "Sunday Is Coming" by Phil Wickham, which captures the hope of Easter morning.

"Now Jesus reigns upon the throne. All Heaven sings to Him alone. We watch and wait like a bride for a groom. Oh, church arise, He's coming soon."
("Sunday Is Coming" by Phil Wickham)

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher
Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship



WORSHIP



IN THE BUD THERE IS A FLOWER

This hymn is also known by another title, "Hymn of Promise." Both the words and music were written by Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992), an organist, in February 1985. Originally it was written as an anthem, but later adapted as a hymn. Sleeth wrote that she was:

".... pondering the death of a friend (life and death, death and resurrection), pondering winter and spring (seeming opposites), and a T. S. Eliot poem which had the phrase, 'In the end is our beginning.' These seemingly contradictory pairs led to the thesis of the song and the hopeful message of the song that out of one comes the other when God chooses to bring that about."

Sleeth's husband, Dr. Ronald Sleeth, was so impressed by the message in the hymn that as he was dying, he requested that it be sung at his funeral which occurred two months after the hymn was composed.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm - Soup Supper

7:00 pm - Communion Service (Gym)

Friday, April 3, Good Friday

12:00 pm - Good Friday Service

1:00-3:00 pm - Sanctuary Open for Prayer

7:30 pm - Cantata

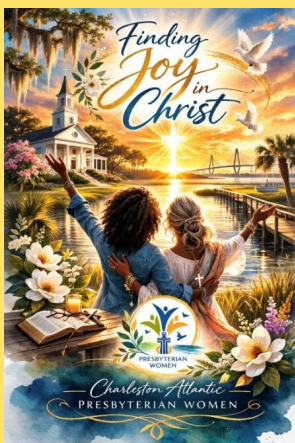
Saturday, April 4

10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, Easter

8:45 am & 11:00 am - Traditional Services

10:00 am - Contemporary Service



CAP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING

"Finding Our Joy in Christ" — Philippians 4:1-23

Please make plans to join us for this wonderful event!

Saturday, April 11, 8:30 am

Zion Olivet PCUSA

3347 Rivers Ave., North Charleston

For questions and to register, please contact Julie McCormick
at jmccormick@capresbytery.org.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Happy April, SPC Family!

I can hardly believe how 2026 is flying by! In the upcoming months we have some exciting events and opportunities for you to get involved.



Before digging in, I'd like to draw your attention to the new format of the Spiritual Growth e-blast that comes out on Thursdays. If you haven't yet read through it, please do so. Each week I will be writing to let you know about fast-approaching events and opportunities.

First, **Calling All Dads!** As a **Mother's Day** gift to the mothers who teach Sunday School each week, I am looking for four to six dads to teach Sunday School with me on Mother's Day, May 10. I am more than happy to facilitate and work as a large group, as I have some fun ideas in mind for the children and youth. Please let me know if you're interested in helping me give the other moms a day off!



Speaking of **Sunday School**, I am also searching for a few volunteers who would like to teach Sunday School once or twice a month for the summer and/or fall semesters. Our current teachers have been faithfully teaching since last summer, and some are in need of a respite. I ask for your prayerful consideration to help support our children and youth in this way. Please reach out with any questions you may have about making this commitment.

And now, drumroll... Our biggest event of the summer is right around the corner in June: **Vacation Bible School!** As of now, **only seven volunteers have signed up**. In order to support the same number of children who attended last year (75-80), **we need a lot more teachers**. As an adult volunteer, you are not required to create anything or facilitate on your own.

Allow me to set the scene:

- Every volunteer is paired with another volunteer.
- Lessons/content are created and planned for you ahead of time.
- Training before VBS is when you will receive materials and prepare for the week ahead.
- VBS is only three days, June 15-17. Children attend from 9:00 am-1:00 pm; adults from 8:15/8:30 am-1:15 pm.
- Some of the roles we need to fill: grade-level teachers, game facilitators, lunch and snack preparers, music teachers, mission leaders, floaters, decoration, set-up and clean-up.
- We absolutely cannot host VBS without YOU!
- Please email me at spcspiritualgrowth@gmail.com or scan the QR code in the flyer to sign up.



Supporting our children and youth by volunteering with VBS is an incredible way to help them grow within our church, grow in faith, form intergenerational relationships, and **practice your own faith and commitment**. I can't wait to see you there!

Faithfully,

Sara Kaczmarški



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SPC YOUTH GROUP

Youth FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAYS 4-5:30 SPC GYM

Bring a friend or two!

Ready to dive deeper into your faith?

FELLOWSHIP SERVICE FUN

"Real life. Real faith."

Email Sara Kaczmariski for more info: SPCSPIRITUALGROWTH@GMAIL.COM



SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW

Share Your Knowledge. Grow Together.

We're inviting adults in our community to come to JoyKids/Youth and teach our kids something new!

Do you enjoy:

- Painting or crafting?
- Sewing or quilting?
- Building or woodworking?
- Gardening or cooking?
- Another language?
- Music, art, or storytelling?
- A trade or professional skill?

Reach out to Amy Price amelia.king.p



Joy Kids

Grades K-5

Join us for Joy Kids on Sundays from 4-5:30, in Lanneau Hall!

Bible Stories
Fellowship
Friendship
Crafts
Games
Fun!

Bring a friend or two!



SUMMERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
COMING JUNE 2026

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN.



MOTHERS MORNING OUT



We are gearing up for some fun themes this month at MMO. In April we will focus on all things Easter, the ocean and bugs, and will wrap up the month by celebrating Earth Day.



We are thankful to everyone who supported us by volunteering or parking at the church during our Flowertown Festival fundraiser.

We also say thank you to those who have continued supporting us with prayers, food donations, time, encouragement and gratitude this past month.

We are pleased to say that we are well on our way to being at capacity for student enrollment for next year.

We can't wait to continue to share God's love with both the returning and new families next year.

Lauren Sanders & Sheila Wilson
MMO Co-Directors



Snack Donations Needed for MMO!

If you would like to donate snack items such as applesauce pouches, Goldfish crackers, pretzels, vanilla wafers, cereal bars, veggie straws, fruit bars, fresh fruit, or any dairy-free or nut-free snack, please drop them off at the church office.



We have been having so much Spring Fun at MMO!



FELLOWSHIP



Ladies Luncheon

Thursday, April 23 @11:30 am

Dog and Duck

1580-J Old Trolley Road

Summerville

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

Fellowship Ministry's Fundraiser for "Grace Table Ministry"

Formerly Doty Park Ministry



Sweet Vidalia Onions Sale

10 lb Bags for \$10

Now through the month of April

**Place your order in the church office now or
one of these three Sundays (4/12, 4/19, 4/26)
in April from 9-11 am in Lanneau Hall**

Pickup's will start the beginning of May



The Salt Shakers



SALT SHAKERS SPRING KICK-OFF!

Salt Shakers will kick off the next session on April 15 with a covered-dish dinner in Lanneau Hall at 6:00 pm. Think about joining us, especially you new members. Our small groups will get together at local restaurants in May, June and July. Questions? Contact Merrilyn Long by phone at 843-970-3264 or email at merrilynlong@gmail.com.



Columbarium Dedication

Please join us for the dedication of the columbaria in our newly landscaped courtyard immediately following the 11:00 am service on April 12.

A columbarium is a resting place for the ashes of a loved one, and like a cemetery, it is a sacred space where we honor and remember those we have given into God's eternal care and love. Our columbaria have a spiritual purpose beyond being a final resting place for a loved one's ashes. The beautiful garden area with benches surrounding the columbaria is a special place of memory, prayer, meditation and silence in the midst of the services and activities of our church. There you can sit and remember your loved one and pray to our Lord in his or her memory.



I would like to thank Congregational Care and my fellow church members for the flowers, the telephone calls and the cards with respect to Sandy's recent health issues. The love, care and support from our church family has been deeply appreciated.
John Dumas

Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our church family for the love and support you showed during Don's illness and following his passing. Your prayers, encouragement and presence at the service meant so much to us. Don's faith was an important part of his life, and this church community meant a great deal to him. Seeing so many of you there to honor and remember him was deeply meaningful to our family. The meal you so thoughtfully organized and prepared after the service was a tremendous gift and allowed our family time to be together and share memories while being surrounded by such kindness. We are deeply thankful to belong to such a caring and faithful community. Your support has carried us through a very difficult time. With sincere appreciation,
The Powell Family - Barb, Dave, Dottie and Donna

Dear SPC Family and Congregational Care, Thank you for the beautiful flowers, visits, cards and prayers. The prayer shawl is comforting and means so much. Your warm kindness is a testament of God's love and grace.
Sincerely, **Jim Altman**

I want to thank the Congregational Care committee for the beautiful flowers they brought me while I was in the hospital. They cheered me up! And thank you also to the intrepid Suzanne Chastain who delivered flowers after I came home, in the midst of a huge rainstorm! I enjoyed each and every one of the loving cards from you all. Thank you so much for your care and concern.
Sally Lawson

Thank you so much for the nice cards and phone calls from church members while I have been recovering from surgery on my right side. I had a stroke on September 29. I have been at my older son, Peter, and his wife's house up in Little River, SC, for over four months. I had an RN, physical therapist and occupational therapist every day. Thank you for all of your prayers that I am sure helped and still need. God Bless all of you now. **Nancy J. Fleury**

Thank you so much for the wonderful prayer blanket. I had it with me the entire time at the hospital. The flowers are a beautiful view while I'm in bed. Thank you so much. **Carol Lee Brewer**

Thank you to my church family for all your prayers and support. **MaryEllen Budd**

GRIEF SHARE, THANK YOU, MILITARY LIST



FOLLOW THE CARPENTER AND TRANSPORTATION MINISTRIES

If we can assist you with either of these services, you may call Doug Hess (carpentry) at 843-452-5975 or Charlie Harris (transportation) at 571-492-2407. Please give as much advance notice as possible to allow coordination of the volunteers who will be providing the service for you.

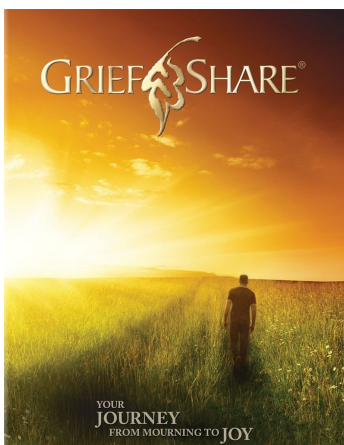
If you are calling between March 30 and April 14 to schedule a driver, please contact Vera Devito at 803-215-1535.



Prayer Chain Update

Our prayer chain is coming together. Several have expressed interest in being notified when we receive news of someone or something that needs immediate prayer. We are pursuing two avenues of contact based on personal preference: group texts

and phone calls. This is a ministry that requires confidentiality and accessibility. Should you be interested in learning more or being added to the chain, please contact Patty Taylor at 843-991-5687.



NEW CYCLE OF GRIEF SHARE BEGINS APRIL 2

Thursdays through June 25
6:30-8:00 pm
Dorchester Room

For more info, please contact the church office or GriefShare co-leaders:
Bill Demerest, 843-704-7130, billdemerest@gmail.com,
or Ken Cesca, 203-980-4628, kcesca@homesc.com

Military Prayer List

- ◆ Michael Arnold, Army, Hunter Air Field, Savannah, GA (Nancy Piscatella's grandson)
- ◆ Cade Carpenter, USAF, Italy; Zoë Carpenter, USAF, Joint Base Charleston, SC (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
- ◆ Elijah Kellar (Robert and Sue Wearn's nephew), US Navy, Long Beach, MS
- ◆ Matt Kitchen (Merrilyn Long's nephew) Coast Guard, Schererville, IN
- ◆ Andre Maurice Moncrief (son of Sherry Roberts), Army Reserve, Modesto, CA
- ◆ Lt. Commander Parker Northrop (son-in-law of Hunter and Perry Harris) Navy, Baltimore, MD
- ◆ Sebastian Silvers (son-in-law of Chris and Rebecca Mills) Army Flight Engineer, Fort Riley, KS
- ◆ Wyatt Stahel, Marines, Okinawa, Japan (Matt and Vicky Methot's grandson)
- ◆ Capt. Charles Young, USNR, NAVWAR, CYBER EAST, Fort Orchard, WA (Tony and Claudette Young's son)
- ◆ HM1 (FMF) Nathan Herrington, Seabee Unit, Port Hueneme, CA (Tony and Claudette Young's grandson)

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



SERVICE & OUTREACH



**SAVE THE DATE!
HANDS OF CHRIST
DISTRIBUTION DAY
Sunday, August 2**

Hello, SPC Families! We are gearing up for our Sock Drop and Undie Drop Sundays, which are this month and next month. This is for collecting new underwear and socks sized 2T through large. Please keep an eye out for the drop-off locations by the welcome centers and in the church office.

If you have some time to share later next month, we could use your help counting all the donations that have come in. Please reach out to either of us or the church office with your availability, and we will get you plugged in to help.

As always, we are also accepting donations of new school supplies, collecting new and used clothing in sizes 3T- 18/20 (boys and girls) and new backpacks. These items can be brought to the church office.

Hands of Christ is slowly moving toward the distribution date on August 2. Please save the date and plan to help us outfit local school children with needed items.

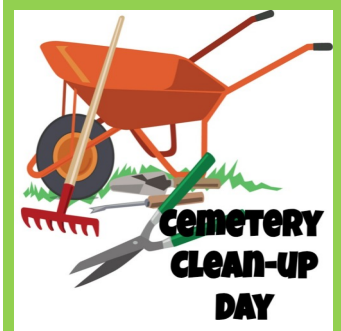
Heather Kemble & Sheila Wilson



Formerly Doty Park Ministry

Grace Table Ministry is the new name and outreach opportunity for the Doty Park Ministry. Grace Table is dedicated to sharing Christ's love through fellowship, Hospitality and a warm meal. Our renewed vision and name better reflect the heart of our mission: Inviting everyone to the table. The name Grace Table reminds us that God's grace is freely given and that there is always room for one more at the table. Through this ministry we hope to create a welcoming space where members of our community can gather, enjoy a hot meal, and experience kindness, respect and connection.

We are excited to host the first **Grace Table Community Lunch on April 26 from 1:00–2:00 pm in the church Gym**. This monthly gathering will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month and is open to anyone in the community. More information is coming at a Minute for Mission on April 12. We will need volunteers and donations to sustain the ministry going forward. If interested, please contact Vicky Methot, vickymethotrealtor@gmail.com, or the church office for more information.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 18
8:00-11:00 am**

**CEMETERY
CLEAN-UP DAY
AT THE OLD WHITE
MEETING HOUSE
CEMETERY**

**Donuts will
be provided!**

SERVICE & OUTREACH



Hearts for Summerville is seeking volunteers to help us utilize our new space. If you are interested in hosting a Bible study, class or just a get-together for our kids, please let us know. We would love to begin offering some extra opportunities for our kids to grow and connect with the local community.

We are turning 6! We will be holding our birthday party on Sunday, April 12, from 3:00-6:00 pm at the new Pine Trace Park. Join us for hot dogs, games and fellowship as we celebrate as a giant Hearts Family! Admission to the park is \$2, but passes will be available that day should you need one.

KEYS TO CHANGE
UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES

(843) 900-4315
www.keystochangesc.org

NEEDS FOR ANCHOR HOUSE & LIGHT HOUSE

- Coffee, creamer, sugar
- Mouthwash
- Paper towels
- Plastic spoons, paper plates
- Floor cleaner (No lavender scents, please.)
- Permanent markers
- 30-gallon trash bags

Also needed: Bicycles for Anchor House (new or gently-used in working order)

MEAL DELIVERY

Please sign up to provide meals for our residents. Home-cooked meals, pizza, sandwiches and other options are welcome. Call Anchor House (843-469-8858) or Light House (843-771-2094) to schedule your delivery.

VOLUNTEERING

If you or your group are interested in volunteering, please email us at info@keystochangesc.org to learn more about how to get involved.

REMINDER: ANCHOR HOUSE HAS MOVED!
9924 Jamison Road Ladson, SC 29456

One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering

Serving the most vulnerable around the world, offering aid to people lacking access to life's basic necessities.

Look for a giving envelope and insert in the bulletin on Sunday, April 5.

FINANCE & SESSION UPDATES



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

	Monthly	Year to Date
Receipts	\$ 106,987.00	\$246,472.00
Expenses	\$ 89,960.00	\$137,490.00
Excess (deficit)	\$ 17,027.00	\$108,982.00

Monthly Receipts and Expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2026 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$108,982.00. The finance committee would like to thank everyone for financially supporting our Church.



Greetings!

Below are several items of interest of recent Session activity:

- Session approvals included previous month's meeting minutes and Presbytery Commissioners for the May meeting.
- There was significant discussion on the Grace Table Ministry (formerly Doty Park Ministry). We are no longer able to serve meals at Doty Park, and as a result, we plan to host meals here at the church on the last Sunday of each month beginning in April. Meals will be served in the Gym from 1:00-2:00 pm, with appropriate security measures taken. There will be an informational Minute for Mission and a love offering to support this ministry on April 12.
- Session members are currently working an interesting exercise with their ministry teams. Each team is identifying their various activities (e.g. ushering, Rise Against Hunger, etc.), how these activities support the SPC Mission Statement, and how other ministry teams are connected. The end result will be a component of developing the strategy that aligns with our mission and core values.

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

Oden Semones
Clerk of Session

GUESS WHO?



Who is this darling little girl with a cute expression?

She is one who has served with a faithful heart and required no recognition.

Submit your guess to summervillepres@gmail.com. First correct answer receives a gift card prize!



The answer to March's Guess Who? is **Merrilyn Long!**

Shawn Blunt guessed correctly and won a \$10 gift card!

BIRTHDAYS, THE MOUSE



Ray	Doughty	2
Sydney	Heslop	2
Frances	Stonum	2
Jeff	Todd	2
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As Mary and I were decorating for Easter, we started wondering where the symbols of Easter come from. There is certainly no Easter Bunny in the Bible!

The hare/rabbit was the favorite animal of the spring goddess, Eastre. The hare was known for its prolific procreation and therefore became the ancient symbol of fertility and new life. In the 1700s, German immigrants brought to Pennsylvania their tradition of egg-laying hares. Children would make nests to receive the decorated eggs. These nests evolved into baskets where candy and toys eventually joined the eggs.

Eggs were the ancient symbol of new life celebrated at pagan festivals in the spring. Christians adopted the egg as a symbol of Jesus emerging from the tomb and resurrection.

Decorating eggs began in the 13th century. Eggs were a forbidden food during Lent, so they were decorated to mark the end of penance and fasting. The White House Easter Egg Roll began in 1878 when President Hayes was in office. It was supposed to represent the rolling of the stone away from the tomb.

The butterfly is also a symbol. Its caterpillar phase represents earthly life; the cocoon, death; the emerging butterfly, life.

The lamb refers to Jesus as “The Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.”

The most important symbol of Easter is always in our Sanctuary—the cross. It is not a crucifix with the crucified Lord, but the empty cross of His resurrection. That is why we are referred to as the “Easter People.”



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