



SUMMERVILLE Presbyterian Church

Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith

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**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 24**

**8:45, 10 & 11 AM
SERVICES**

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Sharing Christ

Hopefully, regular attendees of SPC know our mission statement—Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith—eight words separated into three “prongs” describing what we understand as our purpose.

Adopted in 2022, this tagline was meant to be both memorable and motivational. It is our desire that it be something individual members embrace and evaluate themselves on regularly.

Assessment questions to ask oneself could be: How and where am I serving God, in the church and in the community? What am I doing to grow in my faith with other believers? How am I sharing Christ? The first two questions are perhaps a little easier to answer and do, I suspect, because one can point to a specific ministry we are involved in (e.g., serving as an usher or as a VBS volunteer), and something we are doing to grow in our faith (e.g., attend Sunday School or take the New Testament Challenge).

The third question (How am I sharing Christ?), which is actually the first and foundational part of our mission statement, might be harder to answer for some, depending on how we define sharing Christ. If we define sharing Christ broadly, since we bear Christ’s name wherever we go, we might say we are always “sharing Christ.”

But I would argue for defining “sharing Christ” more narrowly, less it be neutered of its motivational conviction. To that end, you could ask yourself questions, such as the following: Do I talk about Jesus to my family and friends? Say something to a co-worker to indicate I’m his follower? Do something that would mark me specifically as a Christian? If we answer these questions honestly, we might recognize how little we talk about Jesus, or how hesitant we are to invite someone to a worship service or church activity, or worse, how our lives often don’t align with what we say we believe.

To help with ideas of how you can be more intentional in sharing Christ, I have added a “Share Christ” section to the announcements in the bulletin. Each week I offer an idea—often based on that Sunday’s sermon topic, for something you can say or do that clearly exhibits your faith. Because talking about our faith has always been an expectation of disciples of Jesus, from the Great Commission Jesus gives us in Matthew 28:18-20, to Paul’s haunting words from Romans 10:14-15:

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

While many of us may be uncomfortable with certain styles of evangelism, I have always been an advocate for what is sometimes called “friendship evangelism.” This involves building genuine relationships with people, living a life that reflects your beliefs, and listening more than speaking. All of these practices will allow you to build authentic relationships that could open the door for talking about your faith.

Another important practice we can do every day is to pray for opportunities. “Lord, please help me be alert to opportunities today to share my faith with others.” One opportunity we regularly encounter might be listening to a friend share things going on in their lives and then telling them you will pray for them (or better yet—a real faith stretcher—offer to pray with them right then!).

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Anita Herbert

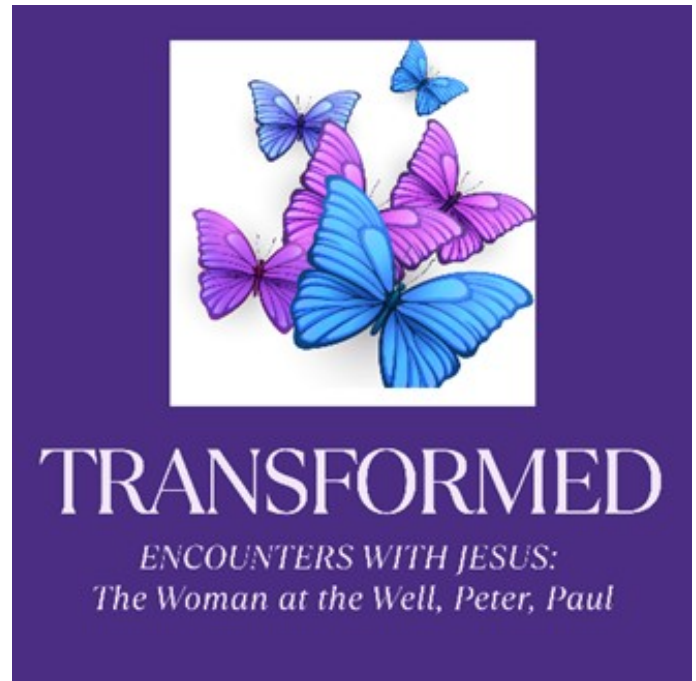


WORSHIP

May Sermon Series

The month of May will give us a couple of glimpses of others who are “transformed” by their encounters with Christ. We will see how Paul is transformed by a New Mission, examining excerpts from his Road to Damascus experience in Acts 9. On May 24 we celebrate Pentecost, when we will talk about how we are transformed by the Holy Spirit. We’ll begin with the description of the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-4, to which we’ll add Jesus’ description of the role of the Holy Spirit in John 16.

On May 31 our youth will again lead us in worship for Youth Sunday. We will have only one worship service that day at 11:00 am, and will join together in a Church Family Picnic following the service.



Date	Focus/Title	OT Scripture(s)	NT Scripture(s)	Overview
May 3	Paul is transformed by a New Mission.		Acts 9:1-9, 17-22	Paul is transformed from the one persecuting the church to its most powerful advocate.
May 10	Transformed for a Purpose	Genesis 50:20	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	In Christ, we have been made into new creations.
May 17	The Test	Deuteronomy 10:12-20	Luke 10:25-37	The Good Samaritan
May 25	Pentecost: We are transformed by the Holy Spirit.		Acts 2:1-4, John 16:4b-15	The Spirit comes at Pentecost; Jesus explains the role of the Holy Spirit.
May 31	Youth Sunday: Faith Does Not Make Things Easy; Faith Makes Things Possible.			



Week 19 (May 2-8) Acts 2-6

Week 20 (May 9-15) Acts 7-11

Week 21 (May 16-22) Acts 12-16

Week 22 (May 23-29) - Acts 17-21

Week 23 (May 30-June 5) - Acts 22-26



**There will be no
Wednesday in the Word
meeting for May.
Please join Pastor Ralph when
we resume on June 3 at 1:00 pm
in Lanneau Hall.**

WORSHIP MUSIC



Traditional Worship

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

The Jewel Tones are busy preparing for our concert on Sunday, May 3, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This concert will also feature singers from the Vox Bellator from Cane Bay High School. Come out and enjoy a great afternoon of music!

Handbells will ring for the 11:00 am service on May 3 and again on June 7 for both services. We plan to send the bells out to Malmark for refurbishment this summer at a cost of about \$2,000, including shipping. This cost is partially offset by a \$1,000 donation given to the church for this service. We are thankful for this generous donation, and if you would like to contribute to the handbell refurbishment, please contact Cecilia in the church office.

We have been in discussions with Pastor Anita about a concert of patriotic music for of July 12 to honor our country for the 250-year anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This concert will include the Chancel Choir, Jewel Tones and Rocks of Ages. Other plans include the upcoming Montreat Music and Worship Conference, and we will have a full house for this week of music and worship!

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

William Bennett
Director of Music



Jewel Tones

CONCERT
MAY 3 at 4 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

Contemporary Worship

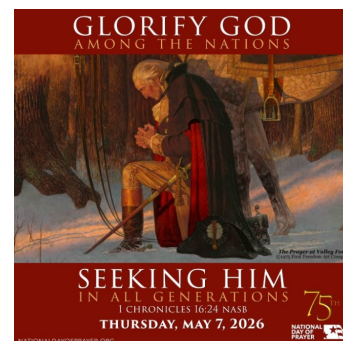
Hello, church family!

As we continue through this season, we're especially grateful for the way music brings us together in worship each week. The Praise Team has loved leading and growing alongside you, and it's been a joy to see how worship through song creates space for connection, reflection and joy. Whether it's a new song or a familiar favorite, each moment is an opportunity to center our hearts and lift our voices together.

We would love for you to come worship with us and be part of what God is doing in our community. There's a place for you here, and we hope to see you!

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 96:1

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher
Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship



National Day of Prayer Breakfast You are invited to the fourth annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 7. Hosted by the Summerville YMCA and Bethany United Methodist Church, the breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Bethany located at 118

West 3rd South St. The \$10 ticket price will include a delicious breakfast starting at 7:00 am with the program concluding at 8:30 am.

WORSHIP & PW LUNCHEON



“COME HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE”

This hymn, No. 279 in our hymnal, is a classic hymn written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), a English Congregational minister. He was one of the most influential hymn writers in Christian history. Composed in 1707, this hymn is a fervent prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to come and fill the hearts of believers, bringing comfort, guidance and renewal.

The text expresses a deep longing for the presence of the Holy Spirit to sanctify and strengthen the church and the individual Christian. Watts uses the image of the “heavenly dove,” a biblical symbol of the Spirit’s purity and peace, to appeal for divine inspiration and power.

Often sung to various tunes, we sing it to the well-known melody St. Agnes by John Baccus Dykes. The hymn’s enduring message has made it a staple in worship services, especially during Pentecost and times focused on spiritual revival.

Some other hymns by Isaac Watts
in our hymnal:

- “Joy to the World”
- “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
- “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”
- “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
- “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”
- “My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need”



SAVE THE DATE
YOUTH SUNDAY – MAY 31

**ONE SERVICE AT 11:00 AM IN THE
SANCTUARY
FOLLOWED BY THE CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC
AT NOON IN THE GYM.**



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**ATTENTION, PW AND ALL LADIES OF
THE CHURCH. YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
ANNUAL PW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON.**

On Tuesday, May 12, PW Circles will host our annual Birthday Lunch beginning at 1:00 pm in Lanneau Hall. This year’s theme is “Eating to Protect Your Brain and Heart.” Jean Muller will be giving a presentation on better food choices to help us live healthier lifestyles.

We extend the invitation to all ladies in SPC to join us as this topic should be of interest to everyone. So mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun and informative gathering. And as always, please bring a dish to share.

If you are not currently a member of a PW Circle but would like to join us, you are most welcome. However, I would ask you **to contact me by May 4** so I can get a firm headcount for set-up purposes, My contact information is 443-812-2673 or semones535@gmail.com.

Reminder: Please enter Lanneau Hall directly from the breezeway as MMO will be in session. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,
Marylou Semones
PW Moderator

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Happy May, SPC Family!

Well, they say “April showers bring May flowers...” If we haven’t received enough of the showers, do you think we’ll still see those flowers? Praying it rains soon so we can end this drought, that’s for sure! As we head into the summer months, I want to revisit something close to the heart of our church—**supporting our children and youth.**

Our Sunday School program has been such a gift this past year, thanks to a small but incredibly dedicated group of volunteers who have shown up week after week since last summer. Their consistency and care have made a lasting impact. As we move into a new season, many of these teachers are in need of a well-deserved break, and we are looking for others who might feel called to step in—whether that’s once a month, twice a month, or for a short season. If you’ve ever considered getting involved, this is a meaningful and manageable way to do so.

And with summer comes one of the most joyful and important weeks in the life of our church—Vacation Bible School! We are excitedly preparing for another wonderful VBS and are hoping to welcome a large group of children again this year. But to make that possible, we need more helping hands. VBS is truly a team effort, and it simply cannot happen without enough volunteers to support each part of the experience.

If you’re hesitant, here are a few things to keep in mind: You won’t be doing this alone.

Volunteers are paired together, all lessons and materials are fully prepared ahead of time, and I provide training so you feel confident going into the week. VBS runs for just three days—June 15–17, with children attending from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers arrive slightly earlier and wrap up shortly after. There are two VBS training days to choose from: May 17 & 24. Each of those days has two time slots to choose from: 10-11 am and 12-1 pm.

There are many ways to be involved depending on your interests and comfort level—working directly with a grade-level group, helping lead games or music, preparing snacks or lunch, assisting with mission activities, or simply serving as an extra set of hands where needed.

Volunteering with VBS is more than just helping an event run smoothly. **It’s an opportunity to build relationships across generations, to nurture faith in our youngest members, and to be part of something that has a lasting impact. We truly cannot do this without you.**

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please reach out or use the QR code in the flyer. I would love to help you find the right fit.

Thank you for your continued support of our children and youth. I hope you’ll consider being part of this special season.

In Christ,

Sara KaczmarSKI



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

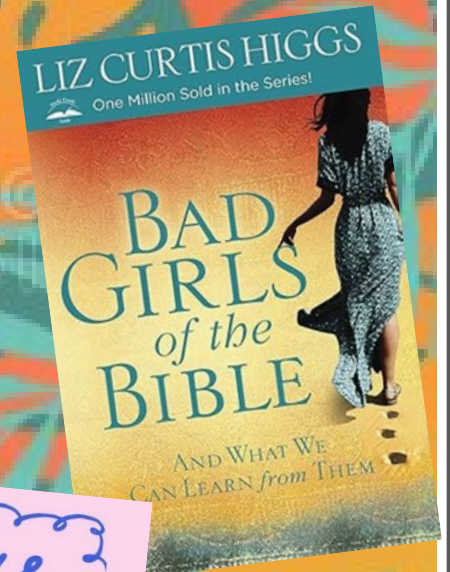


Vacation Bible School
June 15-17, 2026
9 am - 1 pm
Kindergarten - 5th grade
Pre-K open to SPC MMO

SUMMERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 COMING JUNE 2026

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN.



VBS DONATIONS NEEDED

- Green, plastic, disposable tablecloths in various shades of green
- Empty boxes
- Colored tissue paper
- Goldfish crackers
- Animal crackers
- Swedish Fish
- Granola (loose, not bars)
- M&Ms
- Sunbutter (PB alternative)
- Pretzels
- Crackers

LADIES' BOOK STUDY & BRUNCH

STARVED
 by Amy Seiffert
Why we need a spiritual diet change to move us from tired, anxious, & overwhelmed to fulfilled, whole, & free.

Join any time!
 No prep required!

SATURDAYS BI-MONTHLY
 Home of Amy Price
 151 Ashley Bluffs Rd
KICKOFF: APRIL 25
CHILDREN WELCOME
 10:30-11:30 AM
 AMY PRICE 843-496-0702

Women's Bible Study: Bad Girls of the Bible
 (Liz Curtis Higgs)
 Five weeks
 Thursdays, May 4- June 7
 10:00 am
 Dorchester Room

MOTHERS MORNING OUT



Hello, SPC!

We are in our last month at MMO for this school year. This May we will focus on all things Pond, Family and Summer Beach Fun. The last day of school is May 21, and we will wrap up the academic year by celebrating our 4-year-old graduates with a graduation ceremony and celebration in their honor. We also want to say thank you to those who have supported us with prayers, food donations, time, encouragement and gratitude throughout the last year.

Sheila Wilson



The wrapping up of the school year also wraps up our interim co-director positions. We are sad that Lauren won't be returning next year, but we are excited to announce that the reason she won't be returning is because she is expecting a child in September!

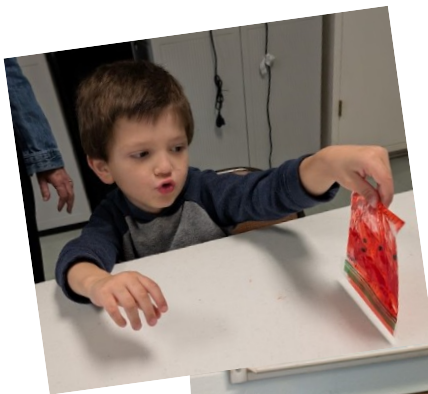
In other news, after reviewing more than 80 applicants, the Mothers Morning Out Ministry Team selected Sheila as the new MMO Director. She can't wait to continue to share God's love with both the returning and new families next year. We are so excited that we are only a few spots away from full capacity for our student enrollment for next year.



Lauren Sanders

Sheila Wilson & Lauren Sanders

MMO Co-Directors



MMO Needs for Next School Year...

With the school year wrapping up, we do not need donations of snacks at this time as they will just sit over the summer. If you are looking for ways to help, we need washable paint, colored construction paper, glue sticks, and pre-school-age scissors. As always, we thank you for your support!

FELLOWSHIP



Church Family Picnic – May 31

Join us for our Annual Church Family Picnic on **Saturday, May 31, at 12:00 PM** in the Gym!

This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, food and fun as we gather together as a church family. The Fellowship Ministry Team will provide **fried chicken and drinks**, and we invite everyone to help make the meal complete by bringing a dish to share:

- **Last names A–M:** Please bring a *side dish*
- **Last names N–Z:** Please bring a *dessert*

Please note: You are welcome to bring whatever you feel comfortable contributing.

We look forward to spending time together, enjoying great food, playing some fun games and strengthening our church community. We hope to see you there!



*Reliable, Flavorful
& Fresh
Sweet Onions*



*You may begin
picking up
onions starting May 4
in the church office
during office hours.*



Thursday, May 28 @ 11:30 am
Logan's Roadhouse
211 Azalea Blvd., Summerville

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



If you are interested in volunteering during the Coffee Fellowship time on Sundays please contact the church office or email us at summervillepres.fellowship@gmail.com.

Don't forget about



Muffins for Mom



Come join us on Mother's Day, May 10,
for "Muffins for Mom"
during the Coffee Fellowship time!
Sponsored by the SPC PW Circles



Stephen Ministry: Walking Together Through Life's Seasons

In every congregation, there are quiet stories—stories of loss, transition, illness, loneliness and healing. Through Stephen Ministry, we are blessed to walk alongside one another in those tender spaces, offering Christ-centered care, one-to-one.

Stephen Ministers are trained members of our church who provide confidential, compassionate listening and support to those going through difficult times. Whether someone is grieving, facing a health challenge, navigating change, or simply feeling overwhelmed, they don't have to walk alone.

Sometimes, it's not about having answers—it's about having someone who truly listens.

A Testimonial of Hope and Healing

"In 2020, my husband Carl died. This was the most devastating thing that had ever happened to me. I had experienced many tragedies in my life—a divorce, my daughter being diagnosed with a brain tumor, and the loss of my son to pancreatic cancer—but none of those compared to losing my beloved husband.

"Carl was the love of my life. In the last years of his life, we did everything together. When he passed, I was heartbroken. I cried for months. Because it was during COVID, I was also very alone.

"Then in 2021, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. At that point, I felt ready to give up. I thought, I don't care anymore—I just want to be with Carl.

"But then I heard about Stephen Ministry at church.

"I was matched with a Stephen Minister, and everything began to change. She was kind, compassionate and deeply caring. Week after week she listened to me, prayed with me, and simply stayed present with me in my grief.

"We met for years, and we still meet occasionally. Through that relationship, something slowly shifted in my heart. She helped me want to live again.

"Today, I don't just see her as my Stephen Minister—I love her and call her my sister. I am so grateful for Stephen Ministry and the care it provides." — Pat Tolbert

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
Psalm 34:18

Stephen Ministry is a quiet but powerful reminder that no one has to walk through life's hardest moments alone. Through compassionate, one-to-one care, healing and hope can begin again.

For more information or to receive care, please contact Liz Demerest at 845-588-0973.



SPC's Stephen Ministers

Front row: Sue Harris, Penny Perkins, Jane Stevens and Liz Demerest (leader), Middle row: Tony Young, Walt Frizzell, Kim Robbins
 Back row: Bob Quinn, Charlie Harris, Jim Ferro and Barbara Grube, Not pictured: Elaine Segelken and Cindy Van Horn.

THANK YOU NOTES & MILITARY LIST



We celebrated National Volunteer Week in April and the incredible hearts that serve our church so faithfully.

To our office volunteers and ministry teams, thank you for being the hands and feet that keep everything running smoothly. Whether you're greeting with a smile, organizing behind the scenes, supporting ministries, or stepping in wherever needed, your time and dedication make a lasting impact on every life that walks through our doors. You live out our mission every day—to Share Christ, Serve Others, and Grow Together in Faith. Because of you, our church is not just a place—it's a community filled with love, care, and purpose. We are deeply grateful for each of you and the unique ways you serve. **Pastor Anita and Julie McCormick**

THANK YOU

Dear SPC, Thank you so much for putting me in your thoughts and prayers! It brings me great comfort knowing that I have someone looking out for me through faith. I can feel God's voice through the card you sent. I want to say special thanks to my deacon, for

you and the church hold a special spot in my heart. Sending my love from the boro! **Helen Hamilton**



**Young at Heart
Lunch & Learn
12 noon on
Friday, May 15
in Lanneau Hall**

Bring a covered dish and join us for a South Carolina history lesson from Harl Porter who will give us an illustrated talk on the June 28, 1776, Battle of Fort Sullivan, including the heroic action depicted on the 2016 South Carolina quarter and the heralding of the South Carolina state flag. June 28 is known as Carolina Day!

Military Prayer List

- ◆ Michael Arnold (Nancy Piscatella's grandson) Army, Hunter Air Field, Savannah, GA
- ◆ Cade Carpenter, USAF, Italy, and 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, (Matt and Vicky Methot's grandson) Marines, Okinawa, Japan
- ◆ 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
Set-up (12-2 pm)
Distribution (3-5:30 pm)

Hello, SPC Families!

Our Underwear Drop is underway! We're in need of new children's underwear sizes 2T through 16/18. Drop-off boxes are located throughout the church campus.

If you have some time to spare on May 22, we could use your help counting all the donations that have come in. Please reach out to us or the church office with your availability, and we will get you plugged in to help.

As always, we are accepting donations of new school supplies, and these can be brought to the church office or any other drop-off location on campus.



Heather Kemble & Sheila Wilson



Summerville Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Friday May 8th, 2026
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gym
407 S Laurel St.
Summerville SC 29483

Come to give blood May 1-17 and get a \$20 eGift Card, thanks to Amazon!
See: rcblood.org/Amazon

Schedule your appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org

Blood Donor App | Sponsor Code: Summervillepres

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Mother's Day Offering

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING - SUNDAY, MAY 10

On Sunday, May 10, at all worship services, we will be receiving the annual Mother's Day offering. Please look for Giving envelopes and information in the vestibules and welcome centers.

Presbyterian churches throughout South Carolina will receive the Mother's Day Offering in support of the charitable care ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC). Since the first Mother's Day Offering in 1954, your generosity has enabled PCSC to provide care for residents who, after years of living in a Presbyterian community, and through no fault of their own, have outlived their life's savings and need support to continue meeting their monthly obligations. This commitment, made more than 70 years ago, required tremendous faith, courage and vision. Over the last decade, your generosity has allowed PCSC to provide an average of more than \$1 million in charitable care each year. Your gift, whether large or small, is vital for the success of this ministry. By honoring our mothers and fathers in this way, you help ensure that those with need can continue to call Presbyterian Communities "home." Gifts may be made by check through your congregation, or online at giving.prescommunities.org. A video with more information about this ministry is online at www.prescommunities.org/mother-s-day-offering. Thank you for your prayers, your trust and your support.

SERVICE & OUTREACH



HEARTS FOR SUMMERVILLE

This past month, Hearts for Summerville celebrated being in service for six years! Over that time we have served more than 1,800 children in more than 500 families. We have laughed, cried, prayed and delivered over 10,000 pounds of groceries. We have purchased 1,200 new pairs of shoes, delivered countless beds and, unfortunately, said goodbye to three of our own.

We have grown so much over the past six years but still remain faithful to fostering relationships between volunteers, families, our community and Christ. SPC has been a faithful partner from the beginning, and we thank you for all that you have allowed us to do through your financial contributions, volunteer hours and use of our beautiful campus. We are who we are in no small part because of you!



Formerly Doty Park Ministry

**OUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL
WILL BE HELD ON
MAY 24, 1:00–2:00 PM
IN THE SPC GYM**

*Please contact Vicky Methot at
vickymethotrealtor@gmail.com
or the church office with any questions.*



NEEDS FOR ANCHOR HOUSE & LIGHT HOUSE

- Pillows
- Twin-size comforters
- Paper towels and plates
- Plastic utensils, disposable cups and bowls
- Aluminum foil and aluminum pans
- Sugar
- Toilet paper
- Black large 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.



BLESSING BAG NEEDS:
Chips, Sandwich Crackers and Cookies
Small Bottles of Gatorade and Water
Thank you for all your donations!

FINANCE & SESSION UPDATES



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

	Monthly	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$ 129,334.00	\$ 375,806.00
Expenses	\$ 85,618.00	\$ 223,108.00
Excess (deficit)	\$ 43,716.00	\$ 152,698.00

Monthly receipts and expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2026 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$152,698.00. The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for financially supporting our church.



Greetings!

Below are several items of interest of recent Session activity:

- As required by the Book of Order, a financial review (either external or internal) is required every year. SPC alternates each year, with an external review of our 2024-2025 books recently conducted by a CPA firm. Their report was reviewed with Session and indicated no issues and all to be in proper order.
- Session approved the 2026 Stewardship Committee. Members are Diana Barth, Ellen Burns, Ashley Heslop, Ana Hill, Robert Pratt, Jeff Queen and Daniel Selander.
- Session approved MMO Ministry Team members who usually serve two-year terms beginning in June. Zachary Storti (Session liaison), Heather Gatch (MMO parent), and Jim Hamilton (MMO Treasurer) are current members and will be joined by new members Charlotte Fulmer, Sandy Lindsay, Suzie Ryan and Ellen Carney. Many thanks for the dedication of those who will be rotating off the team: Robin Legare, Perry Harris, Shawn Blunt and ML Hyatt.

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 her polar bear stuffie? Clue: She is all grown up and has children of her own.

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



The answer to April's Guess Who? was **Nancy Channel**.

No one guessed correctly. Better luck next time!

Mother's Day is MAY 10!



SPC wishes a very happy mother's day to all of our SPC Mom's!

BIRTHDAYS & THE CHURCH MOUSE



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

May is a month to say “thank you” before the lazy days of summer take over.
 So:

Barbara	Hauschild	3
Caitlin	Christmas	4
Beverly	Shaver	4
Gary	Skinner	4
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Carol	Mayberry	5
Paul	Nelson	5
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John	Dumas	13
Brenna	Heslop	13
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Elizabeth	Jones	14
Rosanne	Fetters	15
Colin	Martin	16
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David	Martin	20
Ingrid	Don	21
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Sue	Harris	22
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Now, pause for a moment and think of what it would be like if everyone was just a “pew-sitter”... there would be no Summerville Presbyterian Church, and I would be just another little field mouse!



**Seekers
 Sunday School
 class members
 enjoy dinner in
 Hendersonville,
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 recent weekend
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