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- Ice Cream Sundae Reception—July 12
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- Red Cross Blood Drive—July 31

FROM THE PASTOR



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have walked portions of what is known as the Way of St. James in Portugal and Spain two times now—75 miles four years ago, and 80 miles in May. There are many routes upon which pilgrims make their way to the Cathedral of Santiago de

Campostella. Four years ago, Ralph and I walked along the French Way, but this year we walked along the Portuguese Way, though the point at which we began was already in Spain. These pilgrimage journeys have physical, communal, sometimes emotional and, of course, spiritual components.

Our 2022 and 2026 experiences had many similarities. Each time we fell into a daily routine of getting up and getting ready, repacking our bags for transport, eating breakfast and then heading out sometime between 7:30 and 8:30 am every morning. We encountered many other pilgrims along the way, from all over the world, exchanging the greeting, “Buen Camino” (good walk). We walked 11-16 miles each day, arriving in the next village in the early afternoon. We would check into our hotel, then find a café to enjoy a meal and a cerveza. This was followed by a shower and a nap, then dinner and bed. Then do it all over again the next day!

The most obvious component is the physicality of the walk. Some of the terrain was challenging, and we all dealt with aches and pains that accompanied us along the way, too: toenails, feet, knees, hips and backs all let us know they weren’t used to such activity! But there was also the feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction we felt upon completing each stage of the journey.

But a close second is the communal component. Both times we chose to go with friends with whom we shared faith, and so that led to conversations about the Lord and the churches of which we were a part. We talked about our families and our lives, and I was reminded of the irreplaceable value of historical friendships. There are also all the people you meet along the way, the snippets of conversation exchanged, the joy of recognizing familiar faces each day. It was actually moving to arrive at the large square in front of the Cathedral in Santiago de Campostella which was filled with hundreds of pilgrims to hear, “Hi, Anita!” and to see Renita, a woman from Colorado who had walked the entire route by herself who we had encountered several times along the way.

Because of the prevalence of the physical and communal components, you have to dig a bit deeper to find the spiritual components. We were unable to time our arrival and departure from Santiago with the attendance of a mass at the cathedral, so we didn’t have the moving experience of seeing the swinging censer called the “Botafumerio” again, nor did

we attend a pilgrim’s mass in one of the towns along the way, or see groups of pilgrims traveling together with one of them carrying a cross, as we had along the French Way.

But of course, there is spirituality to be found in community and the common purpose we shared of walking to reach the Cathedral. Even though we walk for different reasons and with different motivations, that one aspect of the Camino is shared by all. Ralph and I did debrief about our experience upon arriving back home, and I found my catch-up reading in the Bible to be a sweeter time with the Lord, which I attribute to my Camino experience.

Perhaps the Camino will beckon us one more time. Perhaps we can walk a little further. Perhaps we can achieve a better balance of the physical, communal and spiritual aspects of the experience. Each time we have walked there have been gifts to be received—gifts of friendship and laughter, shared purpose and a shared faith. I will treasure them always.

Pastor Anita Herbert




Summer Sermon Series

I'm excited about the sermon series I will be doing throughout the summer. It is entitled "3 Kings" and will give us a look at the beginnings of Israel's monarchy as we examine events from the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon (in August). I've identified a theme in each story with an accompanying New Testament text. If you want to get a jump on the whole story, or read along as we go, check out 1 Samuel 9-31, 2 Samuel, and 1 Kings 1-11. We'll be looking at both familiar and lesser-known stories and will see how God continues to work despite the flaws of his anointed. Watch for the times the Holy Spirit shows up, as well as the importance of prayer and obedience in each man's reign.



Date	Focus/Title	OT Scripture(s)	Overview	NT Scripture	Accompanying Theme
June 7	Saul: Impulsiveness	1 Samuel 13:5-14	Saul makes an offering without Samuel	James 1:19-21	Be quick to listen, slow to speak
June 14	Saul: Compromise	1 Samuel 15	Saul keeps some people/offering for himself	James 4:1-4	Friendship with the world is enmity with God
June 21	David: Courage	1 Samuel 17	David faces Goliath	2 Timothy 1:6-7	
June 28	Saul: Jealousy	1 Samuel 18, 20	Saul is jealous of David	James 3:13-16	The dangers of envy and selfish ambition
July 5	David: Leadership	1 Samuel 16:6-13	David is anointed as king	1 Timothy 4:12-16	Characteristics of a leader
July 12	David and Jonathan: Friends	1 Samuel 20	David and Jonathan	John 15:12-13	Greater love has no man than this ...
July 19	David and Saul: Enemies	1 Samuel 24:1-7 Psalm 11, 59	Saul hunts for David, but David spares Saul's life	Matthew 5:43-45	Love your enemies
July 26	David: Covenant	2 Samuel 7:4-17, 27-29	God tells David he will not build God a house, but God will build a kingdom through David	Acts 2:22-32	Jesus is the Son of David



Week 24 (June 6-12) - Acts 28 - Romans 3

Week 25 (June 13-19) - Romans 4-8

Week 26 (June 20-26) - Romans 9-13

Week 27 (June 27-July 3) - Romans 14 - 1 Cor 2

Week 28 (July 4-10) - 1 Corinthians 3-7

Week 29 (July 11-17) - 1 Corinthians 8-12

Week 30 (July 18-24) - 1 Corinthians 13 - 2 Corinthians 1

Week 31 (July 25-31) - 2 Corinthians 2-6

New Testament Challenge 260 in 365 days



Wednesday in the Word

Please join Pastor Ralph
on June 3 and July 8
at 1:00 pm
in Lanneau Hall.

WORSHIP MUSIC



Traditional Worship

May was a very busy month for us. The Jewel Tones were featured on the first Sunday of the month, and we gave a concert of wonderful music featuring Vox Bellator from

Cane Bay High School. We hope to make this an annual tradition. We celebrated Mother's Day on the second Sunday, honored the fallen and celebrated Pentecost on Memorial Day weekend, and finished the month with Youth Sunday on May 31. The Handbell Ensemble will ring again on June 7, and then we will send the bells out for refurbishment.

Jewel Tones and the Chancel Choir are preparing for a July 12 concert of patriotic music to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday before taking some time off for the summer.

A group of us will be representing SPC at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Annual Music and Worship Conference from June 21-26 in Montreat, NC. This is a great week of music and worship, and we would love for you to join us for this next summer!

Looking ahead to the summer, we will be teaming up with Bethany UMC for Music and Drama Camp. Campers will be presenting "Oh Jonah!" This fun musical about—you guessed it—Jonah and the whale includes great music and a fun re-telling of a familiar story. Camp will be held July 20-24 with the musical at noon. on Friday, July 24 at Bethany.

As we move into fall we hope you will consider getting involved with the music ministry at SPC!



Contemporary Worship

Hello, church family! June is here, and with summer come new routines, opportunities to connect, and time to slow down and enjoy being together.

We're grateful for the start to the season. The church picnic was a huge success and such a fun time of fellowship and community.

As summer continues, we invite you to join us for our Contemporary Worship service at 10:00 am each Sunday in the SPC Gym. We hope to see you there!

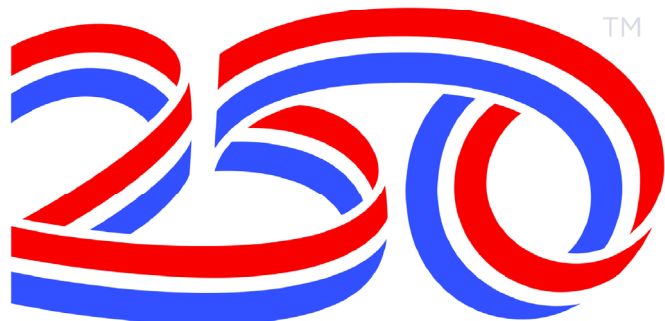
"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher
Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship



Come celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic concert on July 12 at 4:00 pm in the SPC Sanctuary. Reception to follow in Lanneau Hall.

AMERICA



THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF COLONIAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN THE FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE

By Bill Underwood July 2026

On July 4, 2026, America celebrates its 250th anniversary of freedom and independence from British rule. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry are a few of the well-known Patriots who played major roles in advocating and fighting for American Independence. Behind these well-known dissenters were a number of unheralded Colonial pastors and their churches which exercised an enormous influence on Patriot efforts to gain independence, especially religious freedom.

One of the early highly influential ministers and preachers was Rev. George Whitefield, aka Whitfield (1714-1770). He was a gifted orator who mesmerized audiences. Although an Anglican cleric, Whitefield's loud, dynamic sermons calling for self-determination against British imperialism drew tens of thousands of colonists to hear him speak (primarily in Presbyterian churches). He became a close friend of Benjamin Franklin. Whitefield's influence on Franklin can best be summarized by Franklin coming to believe that God had a special place for America, that "We were a people chosen by God for a specific purpose."

The Black Robe Regiment was the name the British placed on the Patriotic American clergy. The British recognized the power of pastors in shaping public

resolve against tyranny and the commitment for freedom. One of its members was Rev. Jonathan Mayhew (1720-1766), a Congregational minister in Boston. Harvard educated, Mayhew is noted as being "the Father of Civil and Religious Liberty in Massachusetts." John Adams called Mayhew "the morning gun of the Revolution." Another early member was Rev. Francis Makemie (1658-1708), recognized as the father of American Presbyterianism.

Presbyterian ministers were some of the first to make statements supporting the American Revolution. Rev. John Witherspoon (1723-1794), a Scottish-American Presbyterian minister, was one of our Founding Fathers. He was the only clergy to sign the Declaration of Independence. (Twelve of the 56 signers were Presbyterians.) The British referred to him as the "Preacher of Sedition."

Rev. James Caldwell was a Presbyterian minister known as the "fighting parson." A staunch supporter of the Patriot cause, he served as Chaplain in the Continental Army from 1776-1781. The British named him the "Rebel Priest." Note: In the Battle of Yorktown, all but one of the colonels serving in the Colonial Army were Elders in the Presbyterian Church.

Of all the 13 colonies, the greatest number of Presbyterians lived in South Carolina. Such a large and influential number of Presbyterians fighting for independence gained recognition by King George III who called the Revolutionary War "A Presbyterian Rebellion."

As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, let's give thanks to all the Presbyterians of that Colonial era for their outspoken support for independence, fight for religious freedom, and influence on formulating the fundamental foundations of our government.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Happy summer, SPC!

Wow, the summer sure has snuck up on us, hasn't it? I can't believe the year is halfway through already!

By the time you're reading this, we'll be right at the finish line for VBS!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time, energy and resources to help make it a successful week! As this is my first year planning, organizing and facilitating, I may be looking forward to it almost as much as the kids are. Even so, it takes a village, and we wouldn't be able to provide this opportunity to our children if it weren't for you. Thank you!

A few weeks ago, I stood in front of the congregation to tell everyone I wasn't sure if we would be able to provide Sunday School for our children and youth over the summer months. As much as it pained me to speak those words, I am happy and pleased to announce we WILL be continuing Sunday School. More importantly, we don't need to take any time off at all, although some weeks we may combine classes due to teacher coverage. Nearly every teacher during the summer session is new to teaching Sunday School, and I truly applaud their bravery and commitment to helping our children grow in their faith. If you aren't able to volunteer this summer but will consider teaching during the school year, please sign up early using the QR Code so we can plan ahead.

This summer, we will be planning monthly outings or get-togethers for our Joy Kids and Youth, since we don't meet weekly again until September. Be on the lookout for those dates and details; email me if you want to make sure you're on the list to be notified. spcspiritualgrowth@gmail.com

From July 12-18, we will have several youth and advisors traveling to the Montreat Youth Conference. It is an unforgettable week of worship, community, music, recreation and spiritual growth where high school students from across the country come together to explore faith and build lifelong friendships. We are so excited for them to have this opportunity!

I hope this newsletter finds you having a wonderful summer and enjoying the sun!

In Christ, **Sara**



VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM 2026-2027

Interested in volunteering with children and youth during the next school year? Sign up below to show interest; Sara will be in touch as we get closer about specific opportunities and trainings.

spcspiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Share | Word | Pray
— LADIES —
SMALL CHURCH GROUP
Monday at 5pm

The ladies of the **Share, Word, Pray** group will meet monthly during the summer for dinner and an activity only. Their regular meetings on campus are on summer hiatus.

Monday, 6/22 – Wild Ginger Asian Bistro
Monday, 7/20 – Palmetto Flats
Monday, 8/17 – Agaves Cantina

BINGO Night

Friday, July 10, 5:15 pm, Beacon Bingo
121 College Park Road, Summerville
Meet there. Snack bar with good food!

If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Julie McCormick in the church office.

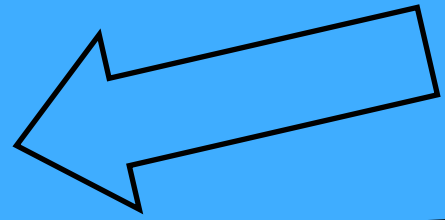
SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Discovery on Adventure ISLAND
QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
IS STILL OPEN!
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE
IN THE POSTER TO THE
LEFT!



OTHER SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Women of Worth
2nd Thursday of the Month
6:00 pm

Knitting Group
2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm
Pat Tolbert's Home

29486 Small Group
2nd & 4th Mondays at 11:30 am
Cane Bay Library

Contemporary Worship Small Group
Following the 10:00 am Service
Classroom 304



PARENTS OF 2026 GRADUATES:
Do you have a senior in high school or college that you would like to be recognized on Senior Sunday, June 7?
Please contact the church office to give us their information, and we will include them in the bulletin and during the service that day.

SPC CHURCH MERCH

Place your order, today!

ADULT AND YOUTH SIZING

- Ships directly to you
- Hoodies, t-shirts, Crewnecks, Long sleeve tees
- <https://styleyourteellc.myshopify.com/>



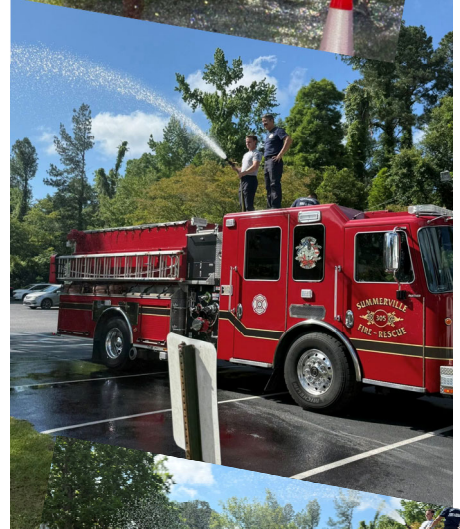
MOTHERS MORNING OUT



Sheila Wilson



School is out for summer! We wrapped up our year with so many fun activities. We had a Water Day that included a fire truck, our last visit from the Bookmobile, walking field trips to Azalea Park and the Timrod Library, and preschool graduation for our four-year-olds.



Lauren Sanders

We are going to miss all the students over the summer, but saying goodbye to the 4s knowing we won't see their smiling faces and hear their voices drifting through the hallways was even harder. It will be the last time for a while that we are greeted as "Mina's Mom" or "Cooper's Mom" as opposed to Mrs. Sheila or Mrs. Lauren. Luckily we will still have the pleasure of teaching some of their siblings, so we will get to know how they are doing next year and beyond.

We are excited for our break but already looking forward to next year.

We are excited to say that we will be serving even more families next year and continuing to fill the growing need in our community. We are thankful for the opportunity to reach more families and share the love of Jesus.

Donations Needed:

With school out for summer, we are not in need of donations of snacks at this time as they will potentially spoil before school begins in the fall. If you are looking to help, we need washable paint, colored construction paper and cardstock, gluesticks, preschool-age scissors, and fun stickers. As always, we thank you for your support!

Looking ahead to next year, we are compiling a list of teachers for Thursday morning chapel lessons. You may choose a theme you'd like to teach on, or a rotating calendar slot. For more information or to sign up, please reach out to Sheila.

Sheila Wilson & Lauren Sanders
MMO Co-Directors



FELLOWSHIP



SPC WISHES ALL THE DADS A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

TO HONOR DADS, WE WILL HAVE DONUTS DURING THE COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, IN LANNEAU HALL. SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS.



Thursday, June 25, 11:30 am

Five Loaves

214 N. Cedar Street, Summerville

July 23 Sangaree

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



SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Our deacons are dedicated to serving our church body behind the scenes, offering support and care for our congregation. We invite you to a "Meet Your Deacon" event on Sunday, June 21, during the Coffee Fellowship time in Lanneau Hall 9:30-10:00 am. Then at the conclusion of the 11:00 am service the Deacons will be up in front of the pulpit area of the Sanctuary to meet you, as well.

Come enjoy coffee and refreshments while meeting the deacons who serve in this vital ministry.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share needs, and learn how the deacon team can better serve you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

In Christ's Service,
Rachel Altman
Deacon Moderator



Sign-up to Serve for Coffee Fellowship

If you would like to help the Fellowship Team once a month set up and breakdown the Coffee Fellowship hour, please contact Elders Vicky Methot or Zachary Storti or the church office. Thank you!

SUMMER FUN SAVE THE DATES!



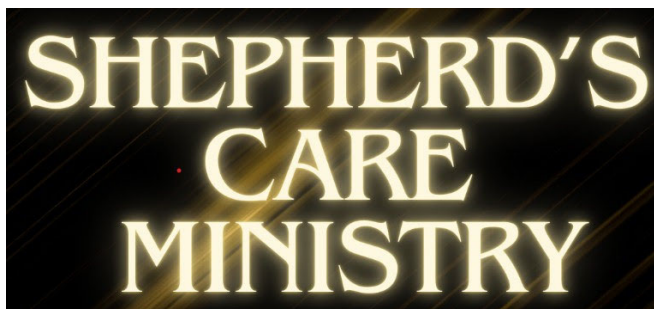
July 12

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic concert at 4:00 pm in the SPC Sanctuary and enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae afterwards in Lanneau Hall.

August 2

Come and enjoy Snow Cones on the lawn after church on Backpack Sunday!





Shepherds Needed for SPC Nurture Ministry

What is a SPC Shepherd? So glad you asked!

A SPC Shepherd is a member who:

- Contacts a new member to offer a warm personal welcome and delivers a welcome bag containing our church directory, delicious fresh baked goods and a few other surprises
- Offers support and encouragement as a new member gets to know our church family and community
- Is invited to accompany a new member to the annual Newcomer’s Dinner

That’s it—a short-term, rewarding commitment that will make a difference as we grow our SPC family.

Are you interested or have questions? Barb Grube looks forward to talking with you. Please call her at 843-814-7745. Thank you!



Congregational Care Committee,
Thank you for my lovely flowers!
They truly brightened my day and
lifted my spirits. I enjoyed looking
at them every day in my den.
Thank you again, **Joyce Bell**

Dear SPC, Thanks for the cards,
texts and happy birthday wishes that I received for my
90th birthday. Suzanne Chastain brought a pretty bouquet
of flowers from Congregational Care, and my deacon,
Marilynn Shaugnessey, brought me some delicious
muffins. It is nice to be part of such a loving, caring church
family. Love, **Hilda Forbes**

A message from Deacon Moderator Rachel Altman

Dear Church Family,

As the 2026 Deacon Moderator, I am proud to serve alongside Assistant Moderator Skip Feters, and I want to recognize our team of 15 deacons for their outstanding service.

The Board of Deacons is called to a ministry of compassion, witness and service. They serve as the caring arm of the church, making certain that the love of Jesus Christ is felt by every church member.

Deacons are ordained to show God’s love in action, particularly to those who are sick, lonely, friendless or in distress. The deacon’s primary purpose is to take care of their flock.

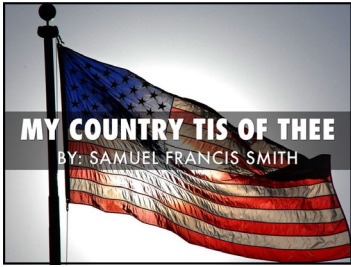
A deacon often gets asked, “What do deacons actually do?” It’s a fair question, as much of what our deacons do is quiet and behind the scenes.

Here’s what we do:

1. **Pastoral Care and Visitation:** Deacons make calls and visits and send cards to members who are homebound, grieving or hospitalized.
2. **Liturgy Homebound Communion:** Deacons assist in delivering communion to homebound members.
3. **Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias:** Deacons deliver lilies and poinsettias to our homebound members and those experiencing grief, making sure they remain part of our worship experience.
4. **Assisting the Pastor:** Our goal is to help with the practical burdens of the church so that our pastor can focus on her ministry of Word and Sacrament, prayer, and pastoral care.
5. **Communion Server Training:** To prepare us for assisting with the Communion Service.
6. **Sunday Hospitality:** You often see us serving as greeters and ushers, and helping to facilitate the Lord’s Supper.
7. **Hurricane Preparedness:** Ensuring our members are safe and prepared before disaster strikes.
8. **Meet the Deacon: Sunday, July 21,** is an opportunity to ask questions, share needs, and develop a personal connection with a deacon.

As we look forward to the coming months, we encourage you to reach out to a deacon if you or someone you know is in need of support. We as deacons are blessed to serve the congregation.

HYMN OF FAITH & MILITARY LIST



"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" was written in 1831 by Samuel Francis Smith, a student at Andover Theological Seminary. Also known as "America," it was the de facto national anthem until "The Star-Spangled Banner" was adopted as the official national anthem in 1931. The melody

was derived from "God Save the King," the British national anthem. It is ironic that the symbol of British monarchy was re-worked to express American democratic ideals.

This song has been a significant part of patriotic expression, often performed at national events and celebrations, symbolizing liberty and national pride. There are four notable events where this song was used:

- ◇ On April 19, 1939, 75,000 people gathered to hear Marion Anderson, who was the first African-American to sing at the Metropolitan Opera, sing at the Lincoln Memorial. She had been forbidden to sing in the DAR Constitution Hall because of its whites-only policy. This caused a national outcry. With the help of Eleanor Roosevelt, Ms. Anderson sang on the steps of the memorial, not only to the gathered audience, but to millions over the radio.
- ◇ On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as part of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. During his speech he quoted the first verse of the song, emphasizing themes of freedom and equality.
- ◇ On January 20, 2009, Aretha Franklin sang this song at the first inauguration of Barack Obama, and Kelly Clarkson sang it at his second.
- ◇ Crosby, Stills and Nash performed the song on the first episode of *The Tonight Show* that aired after September 11, 2001.

Let us continue to sing the prayer that is the last verse:

**Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our king.**

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 Carver) 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, Gulfport Navy Base, Gulfport, 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
- ◆ 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, Seebee Unit, Port Hueneme, CA (Tony and Claudette Young's grandson)

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



Congratulations are in order for Elizabeth Hamilton and John Markel on their engagement!

John also graduated from West Virginia University Law School. He has been commissioned as a Judge Advocate General (JAG officer) in the United States Army. The Hamilton family are all very proud of his accomplishments in graduating from

law school and where his future may take he and Elizabeth. (Elizabeth is Jim and Lisa Hamilton's daughter).



Should you be interested in learning more about being part of the SPC prayer chain team or in need of a special prayer, please contact Patty Taylor at 843-991-5687.

SERVICE & OUTREACH



SAVE THE DATE!
HANDS OF CHRIST DISTRIBUTION DAY
Sunday, August 2
Set-Up (12-2 pm)
Distribution (3-5:30 pm)
Volunteer Meeting
Saturday, August 1, 6 pm

Welcome to summer, the busy time of year for Hands of Christ. We can't thank you enough for your donations during Undie Sunday and Sock Drop months. We also want to thank those of you who came to help on our big counting day. Hands of Christ wouldn't be the success it has been without the support from all of you.



Our next big project is to bundle socks and underwear. If you would like to help, please reach out to one of us or to Ellen Burns and we'll get you scheduled for a bundling day.

Please be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups starting at the end of June and save the date for the volunteer meeting on Saturday, August 1.

Heather Kemble & Sheila Wilson



Formerly Doty Park Ministry

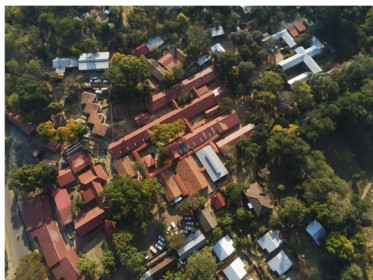
**OUR SUMMER COMMUNITY MEALS
WILL BE HELD ON:**

Sunday, June 28
Summer Cookout

Sunday, July 26
God Bless America Party

1:00-2:00 PM
IN THE SPC GYM

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



Medical Missions Inc.

Organized in 1992, Medical Missions Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to support sustainable Christian ministries by building hospitals, churches, schools and vocational training centers. Their holistic approach seeks to meet the spiritual, physical, vocational and educational needs of the communities they work with.

All projects partner with local builders and are grounded in sustainability so they can continue past the initial investment.

Mission Trip Partnership Opportunity

Save the Date: January 29-February 9, 2027

First Scots Presbyterian Church is planning a mission trip with Medical Missions to assist in worship services and to build a new surgical center in Nkhoma in southeastern Africa. Current president of Medical Missions Inc., Todd Garrett (an elder at First Scots), has extended the invitation to our church and others to join in their mission.

For more information regarding Medical Missions Inc., please visit their website:
<https://www.medicalmissionsinc.org/aboutus>

SERVICE & OUTREACH



HEARTS FOR SUMMERVILLE
Hearts for Summerville is gearing up for an exciting summer! We

have recently secured a small office space and will be hosting an open house as well as some ice pop parties to kick off summer. Our goal as we personalize our office is to create a warm, safe place to host Bible studies, craft nights, board game nights, and more. If you would be interested in helping with a tween/teen Bible study or leading a special event, please reach out! We hope to fill the summer with fun activities for our kids.

In addition to planning special events, we will continue to serve our community with weeknight food deliveries and Service Saturdays on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month. We always welcome volunteers to join us and learn more about who we are and the kids that we serve. If you have an abundant garden, we will gladly accept donations of eggs and produce to hand out to our kids. We have had so much fun introducing them to new foods such as mulberries, zucchini and sweet potatoes, and finding recipes that they will enjoy.

Our new address for mailing, donating and visiting is 103 Pointer Lane (off Bacon's Bridge Road). We are still in the same area as before, but officially have a place to call our very own and a mailbox to receive mail.

We invite you to visit!

Heather Kemble



NEEDS FOR ANCHOR HOUSE & LIGHT HOUSE

- Bath towels
- Foot powder
- Disposable bowls, cups and utensils
- Sugar
- Non-perishables

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS

BLOOD DRIVE

SAVE THE DATE
July 31

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

LANNEAU HALL
12-5PM

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 **April** and year-to-date, are as follows:

	Monthly	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$ 53,322.00	\$429,128.00
Expenses	\$ 56,122.00	\$279,230.00
Excess (deficit)	\$ (2,800.00)	\$149,898.00

Monthly Receipts and Expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2026 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$149,898.00. The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for financially supporting our church.

Session



Greetings!

Below are several items of interest of recent Session activity:

- Doug Hess and I attended the May Charleston Atlantic Presbytery (CAP) meeting at Sunrise PC, Sullivan's Island. A proposed Presbytery five-year vision was the most significant discussion. This vision has three major components: Youth and College Ministry (emphasis on growing youth engagement/attendance at church and camps, as well as sustaining college ministries); Church Planting (goal of establishing one new church within the Presbytery); and increasing Pastoral Support. CAP's intention is to obtain approval at the September Presbytery meeting.
- MMO has requested a fence (similar to the playground) in the courtyard area to ensure child safety. From the breezeway, the fence would be beyond the columbariums. The Property Ministry Team will investigate the cost and report back to Session.
- Elder Mike Homola (Class of 2027) has resigned from Session but will continue to be active in the church. We are grateful for his service. The Nominating Committee will recommend someone to fill his remaining term.

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 retired Navy Captain?

Submit your guess to the church office.

First correct answer receives a gift card prize!



The answer to May's Guess Who?
Sara Kaczmariski

No one guessed correctly. Better luck next time!



HURRICANE SEASON IS COMING!

As residents of the Lowcountry, we are aware that we are susceptible to storms, high wind events, earthquakes, floods and, yes, the occasional hurricane or tornado. Understanding that a large percentage of our members are advanced in years and that many members are living alone, we encourage all SPC members to set up a "phone buddy" system with another church member, a family member or neighbor. Following any extreme weather event, you would contact your phone buddy to let them know that you are safe and to verify that they are safe as well. During that call, you also check to see if either of you are in need of assistance.

Who will be your phone buddy?

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Stuart	Carlin	2
Linda	Warren	2
Jim	Evans	3
Kelli	Kemmerer	3
Emma	Doughty	5
Katherine	Hefner	5
Roger	Hefner	5
Jean	Pearson	5
Ruby	McFann	6
Hannah	Meyer	6
Ronald	Pell	6
Louise	Guy	7
Daniel	Selander	7
Dora	Snow	8
Patricia	Tolbert	8
Tiffany	Peyton	9
Michael	Hayes	10
Esther	Hiott	10
Charlotte	Utter	10
Kathy	Whittle	10
Emily	Winstead	10
Christine	Conley	11
Paula	Strobel	11
William	Heslop	13
Jadon	Hiott	13
Mary	Gelston	14
Julia	Miller	14
Sharon	Klein	15
Jeff	Lanford	16
Zachary	Storti	17
Joseph	Simmons	18
Charles	Snow	18
Anne	Bradsher	21
John	Lybrand	21
Edna	Trippe	21
Natalie	Martin	23
Douglas	Warren	23
Stephen	Ficklin	24
Allison	Simpson	24
Jacob	Van Deventer Williams	24
Elizabeth	Demerest	26
Shayna	Dillane	26
Robert	Golden	26
Sue	Wearn	26
Elizabeth	Hamilton	29

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Fraser	Blunt	1	Mark	Edwards	23
Patricia	Kitchens	2	Vicki	Fields	23
Oden	Semones	2	Rebecca	Harley	24
Debbie	Lindsay	3	Daniel	McFann	24
Sheryl	Homola	5	Allison	Bond	25
Robert	Deaver	6	Rocky	Brinson	25
Jean	Muller	6	William	Davis	25
Chivonne	Blair	8	Dawn	Hutnik	25
Douglas	Hess	8	Daniel	Page	25
Vicky	Methot	8	Miriam	Peacock	25
Kathryn	Tupper	8	Uta	Boland	26
Jo Cherie	Overcash	9	Rebecca	Bailey	27
Penny	Perkins	9	Hunter	Harris	27
Norman	Brunswig	11	Carol	Ploth	27
Robert	Dyke	11	Elizabeth	Hamilton	28
Lynn	Hawks	11	Susan	Falck	29
Mike	Homola	11	Esmé	Lynch	29
Lisa	Blue	12	Kimberly	Robbins	29
Jerry	Davenport	12	Grace	Simpson	29
Mary	Robbins	12	Ashley	Heslop	30
Ellen	Carney	14	James	Altman	31
Heather	Kemble	14	Debra	Friday	31
James	Simpson	14			
Mary	Von Dohlen	14			
Phyllis	Dyke	15			
Robin	Legare	15			
Barbara	Lybrand	16			
Gene	Byers	17			
Ramona	Jasso	17			
Sara	Kaczmarski	17			
Merrilyn	Long	17			
Marie	Maes	17			
Alice	Johnson	18			
Eric	Stem	18			
Ted	Finucan	19			
Sherry	Roberts	20			
Marilynn	Shaughnessy	20			
Aiden	Selander	21			
Vernon	Summers	21			
David	Wilson	21			
Carol	Austin	22			



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Bob Hirsch—Sexton

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