

# 3RD CHRONICLES

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*We are a Christ-centered church which values an open and friendly congregation that is dedicated to the spiritual growth of all God's children and is called by God's Spirit to serve our neighbors, locally and globally.*



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a joy to report that there are plans percolating in almost every ministry area of the church as we move toward the fall. First, we invite you to join us August 29th for Homecoming Sunday! At 10:00 am, we will have a hymn sing and Church Family Moment to engage our young (and not so young!) worshipers. This will be followed with a Breakfast Brunch at 11:15 am in the gym, where we will highlight many of our fall opportunities.

Children's and Youth Ministries are kicking off many of their normal activities. Following a pool party on August 29th, the youth will resume 4:00-6:00 pm Sunday youth group meetings. Children's Sunday School resumes on September 12th, and we're planning for the fall semester of Joy Kids to begin in October. Mark your calendars for October 31st, for a Church Family-Wide Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat!

Sunday School begins September 12th, and I am excited that we will be expanding our offerings to include a young adult class at 9:00 am and a 5:00 pm class before the contemporary service. Other things to note are the beginning of Wednesday Night Live on September 15th. Join us for dinner and fellowship, followed by two great class options at 6:30 pm. There are opportunities for women to connect in Presbyterian Women's Circles, and for men and women to connect in small groups and Bible studies.

Another semester of GriefShare begins on September 9th. This support group is open for church and community members alike, and is a meaningful way to come alongside those who are grieving.

September 3rd will mark my second anniversary at SPC, and what a two years it has been! I am thankful you all have ridden this roller coaster with me as we have had to figure out how to worship, grow and serve in creative ways. There are many people who have helped carry the load, and this month I would like to mention those who play a role in our congregational care system. This system is comprised of the Congregational Care Committee, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, support group leaders, and the Nurture Ministry Team with its additional satellite ministries. All together, about 40-45 people assist in the important work of caring for the flock. This fall we will elect six more deacons, extending our coverage to two-thirds of the congregation. I am very grateful for the partnership in ministry of this group of compassionate people!

In Christ's service,

**Pastor Anita**

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## Homecoming Sunday, August 29th!

Join us on Sunday, August 29th, for a Homecoming Celebration! The text for that day’s sermon will be the Prodigal Son who was welcomed home by his waiting father (Luke 15:11-32). Now, I’m not suggesting we have a lot of “prodigals” out there, but I am hoping that after summer travels, and as we return to more consistent schedules this fall, that you will resume the habit of worshipping with your church family. For those who need to continue worshipping from home, check out the new Virtual Connection Card that will be available on the website beginning August 29th, and check in! Join us for the breakfast brunch at 11:15 in the gym, during which we will highlight some of our upcoming opportunities.

## Fall Sermon Series

Beginning Sept. 5th, we will look at passages from the “Wisdom Books” of the Old and New Testaments—Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and James—to see what advice they give about how to “Live the Good Life.” Notice that the article in the title of this series is “the,” and not “a”, good life. There is a reason for this. As Christians, we often think we are called to live “a” good life—to be a good person, to be kind to our neighbors, to do what is right, etc. This is certainly true. But when we choose to obey the instructions for human life that God gives us in the Bible, we will be living the best life possible. THE good life.

The wisdom books draw from both God’s wisdom and the practical wisdom of the day. This can particularly be seen in the many and diverse couplets found in the book of Proverbs. I like how the Bible Project talks about these as probabilities, not necessarily promises. In other words, living in the manner of the Bible will not protect us from encountering difficulties at work or in our relationships. However, if we take the advice of the wisdom books, there are many setbacks that we can avoid, and we find that we have placed ourselves in position to experience the ongoing presence of God—THE GOOD LIFE!



Date	Title	Scripture
Sept 5	Work Hard	Proverbs 6:6-11 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Sept 12	Plan Carefully	Proverbs 3:5-6; 15:22; 16:1-3, 9; 21:21, 30, Luke 14:27-30
Sept 19	Speak Wisely	Proverbs 10:19, 11:13, 12:18, 13:3, 15:1, 16:24, 18:13, 18:21 James 3:7-10
Sept 26	Time it Right	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Galatians 6:7-10
Oct 2	Love Completely	Proverbs 8:17, 10:12, 15:17, 17:17, Song of Songs 2:4, 1 Peter 4:7-11

## Contemporary Worship



We have a great team of musicians involved in our contemporary worship service, and are brainstorming about how to better let people know about this worship opportunity. Here are the top three ways you can help us:

1. Invite a Friend—Everyone knows someone who is not connected to a church. This service offers an informal atmosphere of praise and worship and an evening worship time that might be ideal for someone you know.
2. Share a Social Media Post—Say something on your own social media platforms about worship (or any other SPC activity!)
3. Pray for Us—Most importantly, pray for the service - that people might come who need to know Jesus and connect with a church family.

**Joe Swisher and Julia Miller**

Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship



The Chancel Choir has returned to a normal schedule and we are back to singing every Sunday. We have chosen our Christmas Cantata and are excited to share that with the congregation on December 12th. This year we are also partnering with Peace Presbyterian Church to have members of each choir perform in each other's cantatas! We are excited about this col-

laboration.

We are happy to welcome Laura Garner to the Chancel Choir as a new member! Laura began attending SPC earlier this year and heard the call to join the choir! Welcome Laura!

Music and Drama Camp was held July 26 - 30 and we presented "It's Cool in the Furnace - A Musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego." We had twelve campers this year, but still had a very productive week. We are grateful to the following for their help and support:

- Lisa Spires
- Jim Moore
- Kathie Hefner
- Claudia Terranova
- Joanna Eason
- Wayne Mayberry
- Joe Friday
- Joe Swisher

Our Handbell Choir and Jewel Tones will be starting up in September, and we are excited to get back to work in those groups as well.

In other news, Pastor Anita and I have been brainstorming ways to get a Youth Choir off the ground as well as bolstering our children's choir offerings this fall. We are looking over children's pageants for December at this time.

If you are interested in getting involved in the musical offerings at SPC, please contact me at [summervillepresmusic@gmail.com](mailto:summervillepresmusic@gmail.com), or catch me after a service!

**William Bennett**  
Director of Music

**September Bible Verse**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. - *Ephesians 1:3*



**PRAISE GOD,  
FROM WHOM  
ALL BLESSINGS  
FLOW**

Before Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts, there was Thomas Ken who was called "England's first hymnist." He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamphshire on the fringes of greater London. When his parents died, he was raised by his half-sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester College, an historic boys' school. Ken was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Ken wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was on awakening, another at bedtime and a third at midnight if sleep did not come. All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has become the most widely-sung verse in the world - our Doxology.

In 1680, Ken was appointed chaplain to England's King Charles II. It was a thankless job, as Charles had a variety of mistresses. Once the king asked to lodge a mistress in the chaplain's residence. Ken rebuked him, saying, "Not for a King's Kingdom!" Afterwards the king referred to him as, "that little man who refused lodging to poor Nellie."

During the reign of the next king, James II, Ken by now a bishop, was sent to the Tower of London for his Protestant convictions. After his release, Ken retired to the home of a wealthy friend where he died on March 11, 1711. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.

Excerpted from *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan



## Hi, SPC Kids and Families!

I hope you enjoyed your last few weeks of summer and are getting back into the swing of things! We have some exciting things coming up here at SPC! Our Homecoming will be held August 29th and Children's Sunday School will begin on September 12th at 9am, before the 10am service. This class will be for grades K-5th and will be following the "Growing In Grace & Gratitude" curriculum. Also, please stay tuned for more information about Joy Kids, beginning soon!

If you would like to be added to our list of Children's Sunday School teachers or if you have any other questions, please contact me at [summervillepreskids@gmail.com](mailto:summervillepreskids@gmail.com).

Blessings,

**Alicia Macomber**

Director of Children's Ministries



## Happy Fall!!

The 2021-2022 school year has begun for teachers, youth and children!! Although this summer was the shortest one yet, we packed a lot of fun, fellowship and growth into two short months. Our time together at the Montreat Youth Conference in July and SPC Youth "mini" Mission week was eye-opening and fulfilling! I was pleased to see

most of our youth remain active in participating throughout the summer by assisting with VBS, attending lunch meetups and attending our scheduled youth events! I am looking forward to continuing this connection as we shift back to meeting on Sunday afternoons!

SPC YOUTH on SUNDAYS!!! Mark your calendars for Youth Group dates this fall! We meet in Lanneau Hall on Sundays from 4-6 pm! We always play a game, hang out and talk about our developing, and ever-changing faiths!! Dinner is served and we attend the 6 pm Worship service before leaving church at 6:50 pm! Bring a friend and join us!!!

August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kick Off Sunday @ SPC!
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	No Youth Group- Labor Day weekend
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rebuilding: Ezra, Nehemiah
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus' Birth: Matthew, Luke
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Baptism & Temptation: Matthew, Luke
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus' Followers: Mark-John
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hope & Healing: Matthew, Luke
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Miracles: Mark, John
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fall Festival at SPC 3-5 pm!

Look for more information on November and December youth happenings coming soon!

**Allison Bond**

Director of Youth and College Ministries

## ADVISORS NEEDED!

Are you interested in hanging out, laughing and learning with young people, and have a few hours to spare on Sunday evenings??

I am currently looking for adults who would be willing to be put on a rotation for assisting on Sunday nights with youth group!! We meet from 4-6 pm and usually play a game, have a bible lesson and dinner. I will provide everything you need AND be there with you during this time of service.

Our youth need the mentorship of the congregation and desire to remain connected to you! If you are willing, please email me at [summervillepre-youth@gmail.com](mailto:summervillepre-youth@gmail.com) and let me know which Sunday (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) in the month, usually works best for you.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING!



## Sunday School Resumes September 12th!

Find a class and make a commitment to grow in your faith this fall!

### 9:00 am Classes

**Young Adults**—We are excited to relaunch a young adult class! The class will begin with a five-week DVD study entitled “Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World” by Bob Goff.

**Seekers**—The fall Seekers class will be studying “Engage: Gospel,” which “begins with reclaiming and sharing your own story of transformation and the story of God’s redemptive mission found in Scripture.

**Genesis**—The Genesis class uses “The Wired Word,” a study that connects God’s Word to daily life and current events. This discussion-driven class leaves ample time for fellowship and fun!

**Bible Basics**—The Bible Basics class loves to work through different books of the Bible, engaging members in discussion about what the Scripture means and how it applies to life. This fall’s study will be James.

### 5:00 pm Class

We are also excited to explore offering a new class at a new time: 5:00 pm before the contemporary service. If interested, come September 12th for an organizational meeting and conversation!



**5:30 pm - Menu: Pulled Pork, Rolls, Coleslaw, Chips, Beans**  
**Bring your favorite Dessert!**

**6:00 pm - Game: Card Sharks**

**6:30 pm - Wednesday Night Live Classes:**

**Purpose-Driven Life**—Wondering about your meaning and purpose? Entering a different stage of life? Considering a significant decision? Then this class is for you. The class will meet the seven weeks of Wednesday Night Live, with an option to continue as a small group for those who are interested. Facilitated by Vicky Methot. Books are \$17.

**Get Your Life Back: Every Day Practices for a World Gone Mad**—Has the 24/7 onslaught of contemporary life with its endless demands left you exhausted? This class will offer you wisdom to help you recover, heal, and focus on what matters most by way of simple, practical, ready-to-implement steps. Facilitated by Colin Martin, Tim Owens, and Ralph Herbert. Books are \$19.



**Men's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 am

**Saturday Morning Men's Group**  
Saturdays at 8:30 am  
New study on 1 Corinthians beginning Sept. 11th at SPC!

## Women's Ministry



### Presbyterian Women's Circles

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14th  
Circle #1—1:00 pm  
*Horizons Bible Study*  
Circle #2—10:00 am  
Circle #3—10:00 am  
*Twelve Extraordinary Women*

### Thursday Night Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 16th  
Join us for *Breathe*, a study by Priscilla Shirer that focuses on the practice of Sabbath - giving practical ideas about how to build margin into our lives for God. Books are \$13 and are available in the church office.



### Inquirers' Class

Interested in learning more about being a Christian, Presbyterian beliefs, SPC, and how to become a member? Then the Inquirers Class is for you. Join Pastor Anita along with staff and other ministry leaders for two Sundays, Sept. 19th and 26th at 11:00 am in Room 305 (outside the gym).



## WHY STEPHEN MINISTRY?

SPC is blessed with a very compassionate pastor, a board of deacons and various programs under the auspices of the Nurture Ministry Team, so one may ask why do we need Stephen Ministry in addition to these other forms of care giving. It is noteworthy that all of the other programs are short-term means of offering care to those in need and, in many cases, group offerings of care. What is unique about Stephen Ministry is that it is a means to provide consistent, long term one-on-one care to someone going through a difficult time in their life. Perhaps the best way to explain how the program works is through a hypothetical scenario:

Betty sat on the side of her bathtub, the door closed and tears streaming down her face. "How did I get here and how can I possibly go on like this?" she cried. Her husband, Bob, had always been so strong in body and spirit, but that was before his accident. He now spent most of the day in his favorite recliner, dependent on her to care for all of his needs. Her friends and church had been so supportive following his accident, offering caring words and cards and an overflow of casseroles that first week. Her pastor could not have been more compassionate, but with a congregation of over 250 members, the pastor knew that even her support would be limited so she spoke with Betty about Stephen Ministry, a new program in their church.

Betty was paired with Helen, a trained Stephen Minister, and they began to meet each week. Helen listened carefully to Betty who, over time, became more comfortable and open in expressing her needs. At a meeting some six weeks into their Care Giver-Care Receiver relationship, Betty finally opened up with those things that caused her the most pain. Sure, having to pay the bills, chauffeur Bob to his many doctor visits, and arrange for all of the duties relating to running the home on her own were difficult, but she told Helen that she felt that the relationships with her friends were no longer the same. Their group had always done dinners and games together as couples, but suddenly she was no longer included in the group's activities. "And you know what really brings me to tears," Betty offered as Helen focused on her eyes and expressions "is that people are so good about asking me how Bob is doing, but you are the first one to ask me how *I* am doing."

Betty and Helen have been meeting now for nearly six months and Betty continues to struggle with the trials of offering care to her partially disabled husband. However, she has gained a level of comfort and self confidence that had been missing during those weeks before Helen entered her life with her caring presence. She finds assurance knowing that Helen is able, and willing, to focus solely on her needs and that she will be there each and every week offering her one-on-one Christian care for many more months to come.

If you have questions on the Stephen Ministry program and how it meshes with the other care giving programs at SPC, please feel free to contact Liz Demerest.

## Congregational Care Communications

I want to thank the members of Summerville Presbyterian Church for your care and support during my recovery from a fractured ankle. The cards, flowers, phone calls, and prayers have been very helpful and encouraging, Charlie and I look forward to returning to the worship services and other church activities as soon as my recovery allows.

Sincerely, **Dora Snow**

Dear Congregational Care Committee,  
Thank you so much for all of your kindness during my recovery. I greatly appreciate all of your calls, cards, and the flowers. Fortunately, my recovery is going well. I can now look up at the ceiling, although my case of cabin fever remains resistant to medication. I appreciate all of your kindness and hope to see you all soon in the (shiny new) sanctuary. Take care and God bless. Thank you, **Ben Gamble**

Thank you for all the kind thoughts and prayers during and after my mother's recent death. It is a wonderful thing to have such a loving congregation to lean on in such sad times, and as a reminder that a better day is coming.

**Angie and Bill Helwig**

Dear Congregational Care Members,  
Thank you very much for the beautiful arrangement of flowers! They brightened my day. I really do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, **Debbie Lindsay**

Just wanted to say thank you so very much for the lovely flower arrangement in memory of my step-mother Jennie L. Bowman. The visit with Ingrid Don sharing how much Jennie meant to her church family was delightful!

Numbers 6:24-26

God Bless, **Linda Brown**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. You made my week! I especially enjoyed Ingrid's visit. I am continuing to improve in my comfort and abilities. I'm back in PT, which is helping. I'm sending you hugs and love. **Jean**

To Congregational Care -

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers Suzanne brought me this week! They were truly a ray of sunshine! **Sally Lawson**





## A Summer Season of DivorceCare - An update on SPC's first cycle of support

Thursday, May 20, 2021 might have been an inauspicious day for many, but for us it marked the first session of a new Nurture ministry at SPC. And to be honest, as the day approached, it was with some trepidation that we, SPC's new DivorceCare facilitators, faced it. With varying levels of experience with separation and divorce, we hoped to be able to connect (via ZOOM during a pandemic, no less!) with others currently hurting deeply and looking for support and answers. We knew we didn't have those answers, but we had researched and gained confidence in the DivorceCare videos and materials, and mostly, trusted in God to lead. And LEAD HE DID!

Thirteen weeks later, we brought closure to our first cycle of DivorceCare; but what happened in between May 20 and August 12 was extraordinary! From the first night, our participants—both local and far-flung—shared their stories of pain, needs and hopes with such courage, openness and empathy for each other. Between our weekly sessions, they emailed each other song lists, scriptures and devotionals for encouragement, and sometimes requests for prayers on particularly difficult days. Despite the often-difficult discussions about their new realities with loneliness, financial stressors, legal issues and single parenting, they kept coming back each week. And as the weeks passed, they spoke with more confidence about how they were managing and about their small successes facing next steps. Tears still flowed, but laughter became more interspersed and group bonds strengthened.

As facilitators, we were truly blessed to see how God provided just the right touch and message; and we were astounded how He used all of us, participants and facilitators, to provide His direction and healing. God is good, ALL THE TIME!

Just before our last session, we asked members of the group to share some thoughts about this cycle of DivorceCare that would help us reach others in need of support. Some of those responses follow:

1. What was your overall impression of DivorceCare at SPC?
  - It's great to meet with people who are, or have gone through this process. Nice not feeling alone.
  - The leaders and participants were very helpful, Spirit-filled and supportive. Although I joined the group late, I instantly felt a sense of warmth and was very comfortable sharing my personal walk through divorce with the group.
2. As you viewed the DVD videos, what impacted you the most?
  - They contained good advice and tips for dealing with the various phases one can go through in a divorce. I extremely liked the fact that the characters remained the same through each video.
  - The topic of forgiveness. I'm still working through the maze, so that I will sincerely be able to forgive.
3. What was most helpful to you during the discussion time?
  - Being able to share my story and learning new perspectives, or the bigger picture.
  - Being able to comfortably share and listen to each other without judgment.
4. Other comments or suggestions you want to share...
  - I always looked forward to this day of the week. Feel like there's so much good information and that I could go through 5 or 6 times. I really enjoyed the scriptures. Thank you!
  - Thank you so much for leading this Divorce Care group. It has been a wonderful connection for me each week while going through such a life challenge/transition! As I navigate my next steps, I will probably re-watch the videos and go through the book again—they are both incredible resources!
  - I am so appreciative of the connections I made in the group because I have learned that isolation does not help with healing— it usually magnifies the problem.
  - Thank you for spending your summer with us! It seems like everything else stops in summer, but the pain doesn't.

It would be unrealistic to think that all the hurts and difficulties that come with divorce can be healed in just 13 weeks. Though this group has made good strides, many have expressed interest in continuing to meet as a group on a weekly basis. However, we are constrained by the number of trained facilitators we currently have at SPC because we also facilitate for *GriefShare*.

If you have been moved by the responses of this group and feel called to this ministry, please contact either Chris Kinsey or Diane Dunham for more information. The "season" of divorce unfortunately is ongoing and the need is great! Please prayerfully consider joining in His service through DivorceCare.

## New GriefShare Cycle Begins September 9, 2021

If you or someone you know is struggling through the grief of losing someone, there is help available. The Nurture Ministry Team will be offering a new 13-week cycle of *GriefShare* sessions beginning **Thursday, September 9, 2021, from 7 – 9 pm**. These sessions are open to all members of SPC and our local community.

To register, please go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org), enter your zip code, press the button for “Find a Group”, and then select Summerville Presbyterian Church. The registration fee includes the associated workbook, *From Mourning to Joy*, which will be handed out at your first meeting. Scholarships are available as needed.

**We currently plan to meet in person in the Dorchester Room next to the Sanctuary.**

For more information about *GriefShare* at SPC, please contact Bill Demerest or call the church office at 843-871-0280.



### HOME OF HOPE NEEDS:

- Prayer\$
- Paper towels\$
- Plastic utensils\$
- Paper plates\$
- Size 30 thru 36 jeans and khaki's. \$ (No dress pants please.)
- All sizes colored T-shirts or polo shirts

### HOPE'S HOUSE NEEDS:

- Prayer\$
- Swiffer Wet Jet Solution\$
- Lysol disinfectant spray\$
- Clorox Cleanup spray\$
- Latex gloves\$
- Dish soap\$
- 13-gallon kitchen trash bags

If you would like to bring a meal, please sign up at this link--

[#](https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=HEHJ9055)

## Haiti Relief Efforts

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The effect of this earthquake has resulted in over 2,000 deaths and the magnitude of the destruction is still unknown. The country is still not fully recovered from Hurricane Mathew in 2016. The Service Ministry Team at SPC is designating money from its disaster relief account to support the Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDA) efforts for the earthquake victims in Haiti. If you would like to contribute personally to this effort, please consider a donation to Summerville Presbyterian Church (designating “Haiti Earthquake Relief”) or directly to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ministry [www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/).

For further information on PDA efforts for Hurricane Florence go to this link:

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/haiti/>



### HELP of Summerville Needs:

Canned meats, such as tuna, chicken, ham and Spam. Also, individually wrapped oatmeal, grits, Jello/pudding, applesauce and dried fruits. These items can help shut-ins served by Meals on

Wheels and also fill Backpack Buddies for students.





## HISTORIC TIDBITS

### THE EXODUS - PART V

Midway Church stands along Highway 17, 112 miles south of Summerville in Midway, GA. It was built in 1792, the fourth house of worship constructed by the Congregational Society. Two churches were outgrown, the third was burned by the British and the fourth remains as a memorial to a remarkable group of people. It is, in effect, successor to the Old White Meeting House from which the Summerville Presbyterian eventually emerged, and which today owns and maintains the cemetery in which lie many of the religious pioneers.

In the years between 1754 and those following the Civil War, the Society and church experienced success, defeat and resurrection. Success in that the people converted a swampland into a viable economy and sustainable community; defeat during the American Revolution when the British burned the church and dispersed the population, and again when Sherman's Union forces sacked the community; resurrection as the Society once again rebuilt that which was lost.

The stately New England type structure which has stood the rigors of time represents not only a stalwart band of Christians, but patriots of their chosen country. They early supported the move for independence as many of its men played a role in the establishment of the United States of America.



Midway Church, as it stands today.

Prominent among them was Dr. Lyman Hall and Button Gwinnett, both delegates to the Continental Congress and both signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The Midway Society and church produced an astonishing number of men of public trust as of 2006. Included in the list are 86 ministers, seven foreign missionaries, governors, U.S. Senators, Congressmen and Cabinet members. Also, progenitors to such people as author Oliver Wendell Holmes and Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, the first Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Samuel Morse, inventor of the telegraph, and President Theodore Roosevelt.



"I am so glad there is so much music at our church. What a wonderful way to praise God!"

"I agree with you, Mary. From the beginning when Mr. Jim welcomes the people with his prelude, to his sending them home with a joyous postlude, it brackets the service wonderfully."

"I like the way the tolling of our bell reminds the congregation that the service is ready to start, and to hurry inside."

"What about when the whole Bell Choir plays during the service. Bells big and small during centuries have been a part of Christian worship in many countries and denominations."

"I may like best when the whole congregation sings. Yes, I notice that there are wrong pitches and wrong notes, but that is minor to the blending of everyone's voice in praise."

"We do have right pitches and right notes when the Jewel Tones and the Chancel Choir sings. I wish some of the young people would sing with them. They sound really good on Youth Sunday and seem to be enjoying themselves."

"You are right, Ezekiel. It would be so nice if the youth had their own choir, but if they don't, they should join the adult choir or the choir at the contemporary service."

"I bet that most, if not all, of our present Chancel Choir joined an adult choir when they were a teenager. It is a wonderful habit to have. When a singer changes churches, one of the easiest ways to feel a part of that new church is to join the choir."

"If young people don't attend church and join choirs, where will our future congregations and choir members come from? We will just have to have faith that our young people will meet the needs of our church as they mature."

"One of the nicest things about singing in a choir, I have heard, is that for the next week the music that the members of the choir have been rehearsing, plays through their minds, so that they are praising God all the day long!"

"I hope that is also true for the music the congregation sings."



The offerings along with monies received for the use of facilities and the total expenses for the one month and the seven months ending July 31, 2021 are as follows:

	Monthly	Year to Date
Receipts	\$ 46,686.00	\$405,675.00
Expenses	\$ 51,420.00	\$332,992.00
Excess	\$ <u>(4,734.00)</u>	\$ <u>72,683.00</u>

So far this year there is an overage of \$72,683. This is because salaries are under budget by \$8,066 and committee expenses are \$41,504 under budget and revenues are \$23,113 in excess of budget. The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for financially supporting our Church.

Thank you,

The Finance Committee

## Stewardship 2022

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "Living the Abundant Life." The biblical concept of stewardship relates not simply to the management of our financial resources; it encompasses all aspects of our lives, which we understand to be gifts from God. Our job as faithful stewards is to cultivate those gifts, through which we will experience the abundant life God offers. The Bible often uses agricultural metaphors to describe how we can do this. One is found in our theme verse, Hosea 10:10: "Plant the good seeds of righteousness and you will harvest a crop of love."



Plant the good seeds of  
**RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
 and you will harvest a crop of love  
**Hosea 10:10**

On September 19th, we will commission the 2022 Stewardship Committee: Leo Lorenz, Chair, Terry Simpson, Michael Browder, Sharon Klein, Ed Lindsay, and Ellen Carney. Throughout the next several weeks, we will be sharing more stewardship principles, including a four-part stewardship sermon series beginning October 24th that will be looking at the themes of preparing the soil, planting the seed, growing the fruit, and reaping the harvest. Dedication Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, November 7th.

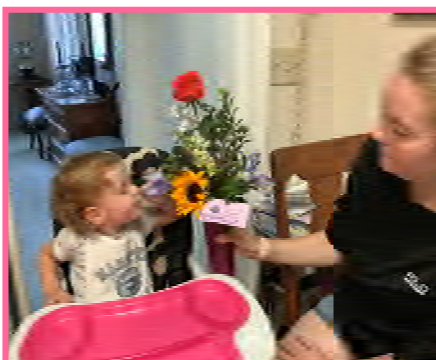


**SPC's Stephen Ministry** hit another milestone on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> when new trainees Elaine Segelken, JC Simmons, and Barb Grube received their ministry materials at a kick-off luncheon. A special treat was sharing birthday cake in honor of Charlie Harris, one of our current Stephen Ministers and SPC's Supervising Coordinator.



## September Birthdays

Denise Otts	1
Phil Dwyer	2
Emily Shuler	2
Eleanor Woodbury	2
Charlie Peacock	3
Jim Hamilton	4
Ronald Kier	6
Annee Bond	9
Jo Anna Eason	9
Carl Howard	9
Bess Lawton	9
Joe Meachum	9
Ruth Owens	10
Emily Pelletier	14
Patrick Scally	15
Shawn Blunt	16
Michael Browder	16
Anna Coffey	16
Bill Spearman	16
Cori McElhiney	17
Patsy Rose	20
Annette Meachum	21
Cookie Bragg	22
Penny Ann Corwin	22
Ron Minton	24
Shelby Sweet	24
Jean Davenport	25
Joseph Friday	27
Mildred Kwist	28
Pam Lanford	28
Barbara Simmons	29
Christy Glymph	30
Helen Hamilton	30
Robert Higgins	30



## MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Derek Bishop, Air Force Reserves—Charleston, SC  
 Derek Craver (son of Don and Patricia), Navy—Japan  
 Anne Anderson’s granddaughter  
 Jack Graves, Sally & Lionel Lawson’s grandson, Army—Fairbanks, Alaska  
 Joshua Hites, Navy—St. Marys, GA  
 Matt Jenkins (Carolyn Eason’s cousin), Navy SEAL  
 Michael Jones, NCIS—Iraq  
 Trent Kern (Bill and Gail Hausler’s grandson-in-law), Air Force—Charleston AFB, North Charleston, SC  
 Matt Kitchen (Merrilyn Long’s nephew), Coast Guard—Williamsburg, VA  
 Seth Malcolm, Air Force—Charleston AFB, Charleston, SC  
 Lance McElhiney (brother-in-law of Peggy), Army—Iraq  
 Andre Maurice Moncrief (son of Sherry Roberts), Army Reserve—Modesto, CA  
 Joel C. Mortimer, Coast Guard—Yorktown, VA  
 Matthew L. Nemetz (Barbara Stewart’s grandson), Navy—Jacksonville, FL  
 Shaun Rooney (Susan Seay’s son-in-law), Air Force—Langley AFB, VA  
 Scott Tetrick, Navy—Charleston, SC  
 Andrew Tuttle, Army—Ft. Benning, GA  
 Christopher Wheeler, Army—Hinesville, GA  
 Terry Wright, Jr. (Barbara Grube’s son-in-law), Air Force—Mary Esther, FL  
 Chaplaincy School at Fort Jackson, SC  
 Chaplains of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

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

Dear Congregational Care,

Thank you for remembering Heidi’s milestone birthday. The flowers were lovely and she loved smelling them, as you can see in the picture.

Love, Heidi Dyson and her family



Monday,  
September 6, 2021

## STAFF

**Rev. Dr. Anita Herbert**—Senior Pastor  
**Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert**—Discipleship Pastor  
**Alicia Macomber**—Director of Children’s Ministries  
**Allison Bond**—Director of Youth & College Ministries  
**William Bennett**—Director of Music  
**Jim Moore**—Organist  
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**Cecelia Bond**—Finance Manager  
**Julie McCormick**—Administrative Office and Communications Coordinator  
**Walter Sadlak**—Sexton  
**Roy Gay**—Assistant Sexton  
**Kim Dunham**—Nursery Coordinator

## SESSION

**Connections:** Sandra Lindsay (Chair), Leo Lorenz  
**Fellowship:** Claudia Terranova (Chair), Karen Fuller  
**Nurture:** Diane Dunham (Chair), Sandra Otero, Jim Wylie  
**Service:** Joseph Friday (Chair), John Crofts, Ellen Carney  
**Spiritual Growth:** Daniel Selander (Chair), Robin Legare  
**Support—Property:** Scott Wilson (Chair),  
**Finance:** Terry Simpson, Michael Browder  
**Personnel:** Jeff Bowers (Chair)  
**Worship:** Debbie Lindsay (Chair), Tim Owens  
**Clerk of Session:** Joseph Friday

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