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APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Congreg. Care, CE 5:30 Good News, Worship B&G, Admin, Missions 6:30 Ministry Chairs 7:15 Fellowship	2 Grief Support 7:00 YOGA	3 12:15 Chair YOGA 7:30 Chancel Choir	4	5 6:45 Lanterns	6 CHURCH WORK DAY
7 <i>Family Promise</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:15 Covenant Ringers 1:00 Easter Egg Hunt	8 <i>Family Promise</i> 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Session Meeting	9 <i>Family Promise</i> 11:00 Mary Martha 11:00 Presb. Commun. 2:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 YOGA	10 <i>Family Promise</i> 12:15 Chair YOGA 7:30 Chancel Choir	11 <i>Family Promise</i> 10:30 Ruth Circle 6:30 Hannah Circle	12 <i>Family Promise</i> 6:45 Lanterns	13 <i>Family Promise</i>
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28 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Lunch/Silent Auction 12:15 Covenant Ringers 1:00 CYP and VBS Training 5:15 BOOTCAMP	29 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Children's Planning	30 7:00 YOGA	Our members are linked every month with a member to pray for. Please pray for this person or family by name each day. Thanks for being part of this important ministry as we continue to lift each other in prayer.			

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Class of 2019 - Session
Pat Byrne - Congreg. Care
Marty Hilyer - Missions
Kathy Keane - Christian Ed.
Jim Taylor - Good News
Jim Wilhide - Clerk

Class of 2020 - Session
Jeanne LeBoeuf - C.E.
Tish Lowe - Missions
Kathryn Morganelli -Worship
Jack Noë - Good News
Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Class of 2021 - Session
Richard Brinkley - Admin.
Linda Floyd - Worship
Fred Holbrook - Admin.
Melanie Mixon - Good News
John Whitfield - Missions
Shelagh Wirth - B & G

Trustees
Janice Reiser
Lucretia Seigler

Treasurer
Hal Bowman



Sunday, April 14, 5:15 p.m.
Please RSVP by Friday, April 5th.



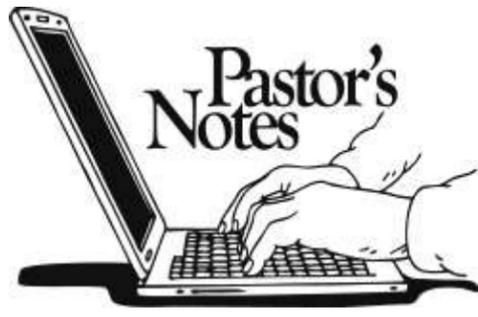
Sunday, April 7
1:00 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 14
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
5:15 p.m. - Seder Meal

Good Friday, April 19
7:00 p.m. - Community Service at Pine Grove

Easter Sunday, April 21
9:15 a.m. - Easter Breakfast with Grits Bar
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Flowering the Cross on the front lawn
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Communion





Alice and I just returned from a meeting with fellow pastors where we pondered the next steps of envisioning Trinity's program, Vital Congregations. It's a privilege to be building relationships and to imagine God's creativity with others on the same path, truly. One of the discussions we shared involved the creation story in Genesis and the repetition of God's words 'And It Was Good'. Over and over again God says this thing and we hear the words, it was good. For me this Lenten Season, the words 'It Was Good' resound in two different ways.

First, is the question, Is our church, the world, and creation in general living in the past? It *WAS* good implies that it no longer is. It implies that God is no longer working through creation to make all things new. And yet, the Easter Cross is looming and in that story, creation is given new life in Christ. Which means that if we follow Christ and we truly believe that the same *ruach* (Spirit) that hovered over the waters, empowered Christ with strength on that day, and still today moves our hearts to action and love IS STILL PRESENT, IF we believe that, then there is no place for the words 'It was good'. Instead, God calls us to believe in His own Re-creation and claim that God says it *IS* good.

Secondly, I recognized that embedded in these three words, It *IS* good, is a reflection for all of us. For every moment that we encounter, every individual we embrace or shun, every life circumstance that makes us question or seek, every hope or doubt we have about the future of God's church, God is *EVEN NOW* claiming that 'it *IS* good'. And if that is the case, that God's church is part of this recreation in our midst, and that we get to be a part of Christ's church on earth, then this is the good news of the cross and hope for the future. All of creation is participating in this promise of God in creation, Yes, Lord 'It *IS* good'. And then we pray the humble prayer, may it be so.

This Easter I invite you to reflect on your own understanding of God's creation. Do you find yourself as a child of God relishing in the past or are you hopeful for the future that was promised in the cross? Then you are invited to pray for the Lord our God, creator or all things to enter into our hearts and show us glimpses of how God is re-creating even now. Let us Pray this Easter, friends, Let us Pray.

Pastor Jana

FELLOWSHIP



WOMEN'S RETREAT Saturday, May 25, 2019

Watch history come to life right here in Columbia! Tour four historic homes in downtown Columbia, eat lunch in the Carriage House and fellowship with women of SOPC! The cost is \$45 and the deadline is May 14. If you have questions, ask Judy Barnes.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



Building and Grounds Committee invites you to come to the church on Saturday, April 6 to help us clean up the campus, storage areas & paint some windows. We will need a couple of trucks to possibly haul off used items and trash. Bring your work gloves, wear old clothes and come ready to work! Coffee and snacks will be provided at 8:00 a.m. so come fellowship with other members before we start work! Thank you in advance for your help!

Building and Grounds is excited to tell you about a project that will be happening in the next few weeks!!! We will be installing new signs on the campus for our visitors and new members to better be able to get around our campus. The Handicapped parking will stay where it is, with visitor parking across from it in the first parking lot as you come on to the campus. The Presbyterian Home parking is being moved to the parking lot on the other side of the campus, near the exit. We know you will be as happy about this improvement to our campus as the B/G committee is. Thank you for your continued support as SOPC welcomes new members and visitors to our campus.

THANK YOU'S

Linda and I would like to thank all of you who came to our assistance as a result of the "spell" I had during services on the 10th. It is always so reassuring to see and experience the concern and help provided when the need arises. We also appreciate the prayers offered up for us both.

In Christian love, Ben Killian

A special thank you to everyone who has prayed for me, visited, sent cards, texts, emails. A special thank you to those who picked up the slack such as teaching Sunday School, ushering and serving communion at the Women's Gathering, washing tablecloths after congregational lunch. The people in this church are so loving, caring and are very important to me and Guy. Again thank you,

Love, Judy Barnes

With thanks to our church family for the love and kindness we received when my brother, Charlie Key, passed away recently. The beautiful cards, phone calls and food were greatly appreciated and uplifting.

With gratitude, Tara and John Whitfield

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mary Lou Taylor	1
John Whitfield	2
Edith Blanchett	3
Molly Jackson	4
Stephanie Pilkington	8
Warner Wells	9
Ewan Park	10
Ed Keelen	11
Polly Robinson	11
Suzy Bowman	12
Will Burnside	15
Jack Noë	16
Gerhard Haimberger	19
Brian Mixon	19
Misty Werner	19
Ann Clamp	20
David Bitters	21
Lucy Park	22
Margie Billings	24
Braeden Noë-Mellitiz	24
Claire Ashcraft	26
JS White	27
Jim Wilhide	27
Kaiti Fuller	29
Heyward Stuckey	29
Betty Shuler	30

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

April 7
Marty Hilyer
April 14
Sue Kesterson
April 21
Melanie Mixon
April 28
Jean Mandeville



April 7
Beverly Hudson
April 14
Jean Mandeville
April 21
Janice Reiser
April 28
Marion Watson-Wishart



ACOLYTES
April 7
No Acolyte
April 14
Josie Werner
April 21
Lucy Park
April 28
Ewan Park

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Please Join Us for our Spring Luncheon
Celebrating Church Women United!

Salads, Sweets & Sisterhood

Saturday, April 13, 2019 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Gathering

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Program

Brookland Banquet Conference Center

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Absolutely no late registrations or walk-ins will be accepted!

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the church office.
Please complete and send with your check in the amount of \$17.00 per person

Check payable to CWU & mail to:

Mrs. Shelagh Wirth, 110 Robin Forest Drive, West Columbia SC 29170

If you are paying for more than one (1) person, please send separate registrations for each person with your check. Thank you.

Children and Youth | WORSHIP TEAM

THIS MONTH CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEAM WILL HAVE PRACTICE DURING CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7th. BOTH WORSHIP TEAMS WILL BE A PART OF WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY AS WELL AS BEING A PART OF THE FLOWERING CROSS ON EASTER MORNING.



Bid.

Donate.

Support.

We are currently accepting donations to use at our Silent Auction for our Children and Youth. The funds will be used to defer the cost of Youth Conferences, Mission Trips and Camp Fellowship. Please donate before April 14th. You may bring your items to the church. We are also accepting donations of service such as babysitting, painting, etc. We will be serving a baked potato and salad bar lunch during the auction.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

This year's VBS is *Athens, Paul's Dangerous Journey* to share the truth!

It will take place

June 24th - June 28th,

if you would like to volunteer please let Michaela know! Remember the sooner you request a volunteer position the more likely you are to have a spot you would like!



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Training will be 4/28/19 following lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a second training 5/26/19 following the service in the session room. If you cannot attend one of these trainings, please tell Michaela.



On Sunday, April 7th we will be hosting a community Easter egg hunt. Join us for an afternoon of egg hunts, stories, and crafts! Come for the afternoon and enjoy the sun and fellowship while the children hunt for eggs and goodies! Bring all your friends and neighbors!

Egg Hunt Age Groups:

3-5 1:00pm-1:30pm

6-8 1:45pm- 2:00pm

9-12- 2:00pm-2:30pm

WE NEED YOU! TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Youth:

It would not be an Easter egg hunt without the hidden eggs! Come and help hide eggs and make announcements as part of this joyous occasion!

Congregation:

We are asking for donations of candy and eggs for this wonderful community event please bring your donations to the church office ASAP.

The women of your congregation are invited to join us in Celebrating Presbyterian Women's 31st Birthday
Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
6:00 pm

RSVP by April 29
SOPC Office
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NEWS FROM YOUR SESSION

At its Stated Meeting on March 18 the Session took the following actions:

1. Heard a presentation by Steve Coleridge from A3 Communications
2. Discussed the Safety Committee report and designated a committee is needed to look into door safety, internet and Wi-Fi access in all buildings.
3. Designated Building and Grounds to develop layouts and diagrams for each room for evacuation purposes.
4. Designated Elders to prepare for first aid kits for each building.
5. Determined that Head Ushers and Sunday School teachers will need to be trained in securing buildings and evacuation of buildings once layout and diagrams are completed
6. Received information that Criss Gray, Office Manager, has resigned effective March 28 due to family demands and distance.
7. Approved the rental of the Pavilion for a birthday party for a 3 year old girl from the neighborhood.
8. New signs for the campus will be installed in April.
9. Approved Policies & Procedures For the Prevention of Child Abuse.
10. Prayed and distributed cards for members needing care and support.
11. Celebrated that worship attendance is 10% percent higher than 2018.
12. Received minutes from latest Presbytery meeting.

Hal Bowman, Acting Clerk

COMMUNITY CORNER



Seven Oaks
Community Market
Saturday, April 27th
8am - 2pm
2800 Ashland Road
Enjoy a day of shopping
with local vendors and
family fun.

If you are interested in
promoting your business or are
a crafter and want to sell your
homemade items secure your
space by contacting
803-476-8520



The Missions Ministry of Seven Oaks will sponsor a team for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" campaign. This year, the relay will be held on Friday, May 3 at Crooked Creek Park starting at 6:00 p.m. To raise funds, we are selling purple bows and luminaries in the Narthex after worship on April 7 and 14 for \$10 each. The purple bows go on your mailbox to show your support for Relay, and the luminaries are inscribed with the person you want to honor or memorialize who has experienced cancer. The luminaries are lit in a moving ceremony at 10:00 p.m. on the night of Relay. Contact Ed Keelen if you would like to participate.



St. Andrews Apartments
down the street are now
Gleneagle apartments,
they are under new
management and undergoing
extensive renovations. They are
excited to breathe new life into
our area community as well as
their own apartment community.

**Look for details from
Morejusticecolumbia.org
about an upcoming Rally
that will give an opportunity
for your voice to be heard for
equity and justice for our
neighbors.**

MISSIONS

Support the Owls--Our New SOES Baseball Team

As part of our ministry to our local community, we are sponsoring a new baseball team from Seven Oaks Elementary School--the *Owls*--in cooperation with Seven Oaks Park. Our support enables participation by 12 students who might not otherwise be able to afford to participate. Games will be played at Seven Oaks Park and Melvin Park Field (MPF) in Chapin. Games start at 6 P.M. unless indicated with an *; those start at 7:30 P.M. Game dates are April 2, 4, 9, 11*, 23* and 25. All are at Seven Oaks Park except 4/4, and 4/23, which are at MPF. Come out and support our team!



Our Sharing God's Love collection:

We will be collecting all kinds of canned beans. Thank you!

Prison Ministry Collection:

Soft yarn, lotions, books and magazines as well as soft toilet tissue and clothes for their work release program. No shoes or purses please.

Our Ongoing Collections are:

Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for Seven Oaks Elementary School. We also continue to collect for Two Cents a Meal for the hungry in the red ribbon jars at our meals. You may leave your items in the Missions drop off room or the black baskets in the narthex. Thank you.

Providence Men's Home : The Missions Ministry led by Robert and Kitsie Miller will prepare and serve a meal on the second Tuesday, April 9. If you would like to help with these meals, please contact Robert or Kitsie. Thank you to the Millers and everyone who helps provide and serve meals to the men who live there.

Soup Kitchen 2019 - Oliver Gospel Mission: Thank you to everyone who helps make sandwiches for the men of Oliver Gospel Mission at Centennial ARP Church. The Soup Kitchen will be held each of the following Saturdays this coming year at 10 a.m. at Centennial ARP Church at 1413 Laurel Street: May 18, July 20, Sept. 21, Nov. 23, Jan. 25, 2020. Thanks to Greg Mixon for coordinating this ministry and to everyone who helps.

Loving Our Neighbors: Missions Ministry News

- * The Millers and friends provided a Tuesday night meal to the men of Providence Men's Home.
 - * Collected peanut butter and jelly and other items for Sharing God's Love.
 - * Packed food backpacks for the children of Seven Oaks Elementary School.
 - * Missions donated \$90 to Family Promise to replace one mattress that the guests will use. Each church in the program has donated toward one mattress.
 - * Other donations last month: Family Shelter \$500, Trinity Presbytery \$1952
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered time and gave donations this past month, you are a blessing to those in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on April 21, Easter Sunday. Donations allow the church to share God's love with those in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters. It also helps provide food to the hungry, along with help that empowers the poor and oppressed around the world. Thank you for your contributions.

Habitat for Humanity Work Week: Our summer work week with Habitat will be here soon. We'll have lodging on the campus of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC. Come stay all week or a few days, whatever fits your schedule. Contact John Whitfield for details.

Family Promise Week: Our Family Promise guests will be here from Sunday April 7 to Sunday April 14. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering their time for this important ministry. It's not too late to sign up. See Tish Lowe for opportunities still available. Please continue to pray for Family Promise and the families that we serve. Thank you!