

# The Leaf

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## JUNE

| SUN  | MON   | TUES  | WED  | THURS                      | FRI  | SAT   |
|--|---|---|--|----------------------------|--|---|
|  |   |   |  |                            |  | 1<br>10:00 Overeaters                             |
| 2<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>6:00 Chin Worship<br>6:00 Chin Worship                               | 3<br>2:00 Prayer Circle<br>4:00 Christian Ed<br>5:30 Good News B&G,<br>Worship, Admin., Mission | 4<br>4:30 PW CI<br>7:00 YOGA & NANA   | 5<br>12:15 Chair Yoga<br>6:00 Chin Bible Study<br>7:00 NANA                        | 6                          | 7<br>6:45 Lanterns<br>7:00 Chin Band-Sanctuary                             | 8<br>10:00 Overeaters                             |
| 9<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship/<br>Elders/Confirmants<br>12:00 Spaghetti<br>Lunch<br>6:00 Chin Worship | 10<br>Chin Children's Camp<br>2:00 Prayer Circle<br>7:00 NANA                                   | 11<br>Chin Children's Camp<br>7:00 YOGA & NANA  | 12<br>Chin Children's Camp<br>12:15 Chair Yoga<br>6:00 Chin Bible<br>Study<br>NANA | 13<br>Chin Children's Camp | 14<br>6:45 Lanterns<br>Chin Children's Camp<br>7:00 Chin Band<br>Sanctuary | 15<br>Chin Children's<br>Camp<br>10:00 Overeaters |
| 16<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>Chin Children's<br>Camp<br>6:00 Chin Worship                        | 17<br>CUB SCOUTS CAMP<br>2:00 Prayer Circle<br>4:00 Children's Plan.<br>7:00 NANA               | 18<br>CUB SCOUTS CAMP<br>Greater Cola Quilters<br>FH & FC 1:00-5:00<br>7:00 NANA & YOGA | 19<br>CUB SCOUTS CAMP<br>12:15 Chair Yoga<br>6:00 Chin Bible Study<br>7:00 NANA    | 20<br>CUB SCOUTS CAMP      | 21<br>CUB SCOUTS CAMP<br>6:45 Lanterns<br>7:00 Chin Band-Sanctuary         | 22<br>10:00 Overeaters                            |
| 23<br>9:45 Sunday<br>School<br>11:00 Worship<br>9:00 VBS<br>6:00 Chin Worship                                    | 24<br>9:00 VBS<br>2:00 Prayer Circle<br>7:00 NANA   | 25<br>9:00 VBS<br>7:00 NANA & Yoga  | 26<br>9:00 VBS<br>12:15 Chair Yoga<br>6:00 Chin Bible Study<br>7:00 NANA           | 27<br>9:00 VBS             | 28<br>6:45 am Lanterns<br>9:00 VBS   | 29<br>10:00 Overeaters                            |

**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.**

«PRAY FOR»

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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 Morganeli - 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

**VBS 2019**  
June 24th - June 28th  
9:00 am-12:30 pm  
Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church  
3 years old - completed 5th Grade

- ⇒ CREATE COOL PROJECTS
- ⇒ PLAY ATHENS GAMES
- ⇒ MEET FRIENDS
- ⇒ ENJOY TASTY FOODS

**ATHENS**  
Paul's Dangerous Journey  
to Share the Truth

**REGISTER NOW!!!**

Register online:  
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/sopc vbs2019>  
Or call 803-772-1761  
530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210

• If you have a child with special needs that requires special accommodations we ask that you call the church office.  
• 3 year olds must have completed 3k and be potty trained!



Have you ever been in a room where you have felt the work of the Holy Spirit clearly in your midst? That's what it felt like when your session gathered for training at our recent retreat. As we worshipped and prayed, listened and discerned, it became clear that there is much work to be done but also much promise for God's kingdom here at Seven Oaks. One of the topics for conversation is the exploration of some results regarding SOPC's journey with Trinity Presbytery and the Re-Vitalization Process. We got a firsthand opportunity to shape the pilot program for Presbyteries across the USA- what an honor!

Now it's time for the congregation to get acquainted with what is happening behind the scenes. First, you have the opportunity to receive a copy of the survey results we took last November. Please stop by the office, greet Beth Morelock, and she has copies available. Second and more importantly, you should know a few things about this survey and the process before you delve in.

1. Session recapped the 'wins' over the last year and ways SOPC has experienced both growth and vitalization. They filled a whole whiteboard and three portable boards!
2. Session heard and recognized that Phil. 1:3-6 is at work in our midst. Go look it up!
3. Session heard and recognized the BOO reiterating that the reign of God is a present reality AND a future promise and that while the church's activities do not bring about that realm, they are a sign of confidence that God is doing great things!
4. Session prayed this prayer: **God of power and grace fill us with the wisdom of your Word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and vision at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** We invite you to pray it as well before you read the results.
5. Session recognized that the survey was only a snapshot of SOPC in November of 2018 when the church was undergoing transition under a new pastor.
6. Session also recognized that the survey reminds us of the importance of learning more about US as a congregation (knowledge), making wise decisions that derive from praying (God's wisdom) and going outside into the world sharing the Good News (evangelism, our GREAT COMMISSION, Matt. 28:18-20).
7. Session spent hours working to identify both obstacles and stepping stones for sharing this Good News here at SOPC, with a focus on GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT of ministry and mission. Remember, we are laying the groundwork for churches and Presbyteries across the nation.
8. Session worked on each of the 7 vital marks within the congregation and began formulating possibilities of God's work for the future.
9. THE WORK IS NOT DONE! Session will be formulating goals and action plans into the next months, recognizing that we, as Christians, are accountable and responsible for representing and modeling principles of Jesus with Excellency, Efficiency, and Stewardship.
10. The reason this process is so important is that any reason for growth, improvement, or change should and will be based on the call of Jesus Christ in the church and in our lives. We hope to model and be a training ground for God's churches who will follow.
11. Session is now entering the hardest part- discerning how we will follow God's call incorporating faithfully all the results. Thank you for your prayers and look for regular updates on this vitalization process!

Pastor Jana

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are trying to get a group together on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> to go to the Blowfish Game as a celebration following VBS. Tickets will be \$15 per person but will include a buffet meal.

If you and your family are interested in attending please let Michaela know ASAP so that we can reserve seats.



The last Children and Youth summer trips fundraiser will be a spaghetti lunch on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, following the service. We will celebrate our new confirmands, and our elders completing their term. We will not be charging a fee for the meal but will be accepting donations! We thank you for your generous and continuing support.



## Register now for VBS! VBS 2019

### Join us as Paul returns to SOPC!

This year we will travel to Athens to hear more about Paul's amazing journeys in ministry and about God's love.

Bring all your friends!

Registration is available online or by calling the church office.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are still in need of volunteers! If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience please contact Michaela.

Please note: All volunteers must take the CYP volunteer training. If you choose to volunteer and have not attended a training contact Michaela for a training time.

### Can't be there the week of VBS and want to help?

We will spend time in the weeks prior to VBS working to ensure everything is ready for Paul's arrival, let the office know you are interested in assisting with set-up and we will get you plugged in!

Summer Programs:

**Reminder!** If you are signed up for Camp Fellowship and are not registered please go online and register with the church code for tier one on the mini-week! If you are signed up for either of the Montreat trips or the mission trip we will have a parents meeting on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot attend please contact Michaela to receive the information.

Children and Youth worship teams are wrapping up for the summer!

We will be back this fall!

Thank you to everyone for your support of these teams!

An extra thank you to Janice Holbrook for her work with them!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The PW Coordinating Team has a meeting at 4:30 pm on **Tuesday, June 4**, in the Session Room.



Humor Sunday had its serious side when Marty Spearman was presented with the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership Award by Kitsie Miller, for all she has done for Seven Oaks.

### Salad Supper- Thursday, July 18 at 6 pm

**Seven Oaks Sisters**, bring your favorite salad and come enjoy an evening with your Seven Oaks sisters and hear about the exciting things happening in the life of our women in the coming year. Dessert and drinks will be provided.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**June 2019**

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|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Andy Miller<br>2 Alice Ashcraft<br>2 Nickie Dickson<br>3 Donna Moore<br>7 Mark Dillard<br>7 Elias Bundrick<br>10 Mary Gasque<br>11 Dallene Smith | 13 Megan Shuler<br>18 Tina Pilkington<br>18 Justin Werner<br>22 Pat Robosky<br>23 Judy Barnes<br>23 Patty Mullins<br>25 John Anderson | 26 Lou Ann Hilton<br>26 Marty Hilyer<br>26 Fred Holbrook<br>26 David Odell<br>26 Mark Pilkington<br>29 Carol Will<br>30 Dave Allen |  |
|--|---|--|--|

## THANK YOU

Kirk and I would like to thank the church, Shelagh's circle, the pastors & the administration ministry for the gift card, I received this week. Your prayers and thoughts have been felt!!! Surgery went well last week, he got the chest tubes out Wed, and will be going to rehab on Tues, May 28, as far as we know, for 7-10 days. They want to work on his stroke arm, balance & strength.  
Love & thank you to all the members at SOPC.

Shelagh & Kirk Wirth

We want to send a heartfelt thank you to our Seven Oaks family for the prayers, visits, calls and wonderful food during my recent hospital stay and recovery. There are no words to express how much you have meant to me. My thanks and prayers go out to each and every one of you. With a grateful heart.

Joe Gause & Myrna Gause

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your gift to PCSC Foundation in memory of my brother John H. Williams, Jr.. Thank you also for your cards and prayers. I'm so very grateful for your care and for your caring.

Love,

Aletha Robinson

Dear SOPW

I feel so honored to have been chosen for the PW Honorary Life Membership. This church has been such a center of my life and that of my family. It has been like a family, with its ups and downs. Through it all, my faith has grown. I learn so much more in rough waters than I do in smooth sailing.

Thanks again,

Marty Spearman

Dear SOPC Family,  
Thank you for sitting with Alice during my surgery and for the cards, meals, prayers and kind words that I have received. You are truly a loving congregation.

Thank you,

David Odell

The children and youth would like to thank everyone for their support throughout our fundraising this year. A special thank you to Tara and John Whitfield and to those who bought crosses in support of the summer programs. Your support is essential to these programs. You bless our youth with your gifts.

Michaela Craven

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

Keeping your pledge up to date helps us plan and fulfill the programs of the church. Last month's offering and the year-to-date information are shown below:

|          | GIVING    | BUDGETED  | DIFFERENCE |
|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| APRIL    | \$ 32,948 | \$ 31,957 | \$991      |
| YTD 2019 | \$136,900 | \$135,818 | \$1,082    |

Total revenue for the first 4 months of the year (including other income in addition to pledges) and total expenses are shown below.

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Revenue through April    | \$143,585        |
| Total Expenses through April   | <u>\$147,084</u> |
| Expenses in excess of Revenues | (\$ 3,499)       |

## NEWS FROM YOUR SESSION

At its last stated Meeting on May 20th, your Session took the following actions:

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1. Greeted our three candidates for Confirmation: Megan Shuler, Thomas Taylor, and Max Werner. Elders broke into three groups and met the candidates, discussed their confirmation training and read their faith Statements. Satisfied with their knowledge and understanding of the purpose of confirmation and the vow they will be taking, the Session voted them to be received into the fellowship of the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.
2. Met Dr. Barry Shatzer, an honorably retired PCUSA minister, who has offered to volunteer at Seven Oaks as a Parish Associate. The Session voted Unanimously to have him join the staff as an unpaid Parish Associate. Barry has joined the choir and may be teaching an adult Sunday School class. His passion is Social Justice.
3. The next Stated Session Meeting will be July 15, at 6:30 pm. It was decided due to VBS and the Habitat trip, to not have a meeting in June.
4. The evaluation of oncoming elders was set for Sunday, June 9 at 9 am in the Session Room.
5. Learned that CO monitors and smoke alarms have been installed on our campus.
6. Learned that usher training and head usher training has taken place. Training was done by Usher Ron Kesterson.
7. Learned that first aid kits on our campus are being checked and updated. New one has been purchased for Fellowship Hall.
8. Learned that the sound system in the sanctuary has been evaluated and that some new procedures and equipment will be tried.
9. Approved second reading to the Head Usher Instructions.
10. Approved serving communion by intinction on the special holidays of Maundy Thursday, Pentecost and Christmas Eve, where Communion is celebrated twice each month.
11. Approved the baptism of Asher Mellitz on July 14.
12. Elected Hal Bowman as Treasurer for 2019 – 2020.
13. Elected Jim Wilhide as Clerk of Session for 2019 – 2020.
14. Elected Shelagh Wirth as Membership Secretary for 2019 – 2020.
15. Approved the Administration Policy 2019 for the first reading.
16. Approved the recommendation that our Session size should be reduced to 15 over the next three years.
17. Approved commissioning the Nominating Committee to select a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Trustees.
18. Approved the following persons to work in Vacation Bible School: Paula Giugliano, Janice Riser, Anne Crook, Karan Bundrick, Emalee Dillard, Kathy Morganelli, Nancy Taber, Ron Kesterson, Jenny Fogle, Robin Lingel, Jake Fogle, Robert Miller, Vern Rogers, Tara Whitfield, Carol Griffith and Jean Mandeville.
19. Prayed for members and friends who are ill or have special difficulties.
20. Learned that Rev. Odell will be away for the summer and will fill in when Pastor Jana is on vacation.

Jim Wilhide, Clerk of Session



Ed & Cathy Keelen at Relay For Life- SOPC raised over \$2,000!

LIFE  
IN  
THE  
CHURCH



Richland County First Steps event at Seven Oaks- we strive to be a beacon to our community

## MISSIONS

### Collections for June

**Our Sharing God's Love collection:** We will be collecting spaghetti and pasta sauce.

**Summer Collections:** Snack Pack items, PB&J, small mac & cheese, and beanie weenies.

**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, June 11. 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 help 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: 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 canned fruits and vegetables and other items for Sharing God's Love.
- \* Packed food backpacks for the children of Seven Oaks Elementary School.
- \* Collected \$821 for the Mother's Day Offering.
- \* Relay for Life: The SOPC team raised \$1,997 this year for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.
- \* Other donations last month: Live Oaks Counseling Center \$500, Thornwell Home for Children \$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.

### 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 from Sunday June 16 to Friday June 21. Come stay all week or a few days, whatever fits your schedule. Contact John Whitfield for details.

### Father's Day Offering

On June 16 we will collect the Father's Day offering which assists The Migrant Ministry and Hispanic Ministry of Trinity Presbytery. Donations fund these ministries which provide food, fellowship and support to help migrant workers and Hispanic families in need. Please pray for these ministries and give generously to help the workers who are here for the summer and the Hispanic families in our communities.

### Cuba Presbyterian Church Partnership

The Mission Committee is planning a second exploratory visit to Cuba in October to seek out a possible partnership with a Cuban Presbyterian church. The goal of this one-week-long mission trip will be to bring back a recommendation for the session to consider. If you believe you may have an interest in going to Cuba on this mission trip, or would like to have further information about PC(USA) partnerships in Cuba, please contact Ben Smith and let him know. There will be an information meeting on June 2, 2019 for all who have expressed an interest in this potential mission opportunity to finalize which week in October we intend to travel. You can reach Ben by phone at: (224) 637-0298; or via e-mail at: [benmason32@gmail.com](mailto:benmason32@gmail.com)

