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July 2019

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Memories
from VBS
2019

July 2019

June '19							August '19						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 2:00 Prayer Circle Bldg & Grnds 5:15 pm Worship Comm. 5:30 pm Admin Comm. 5:30 pm 7:00 PM NANA	2 10 am Good News Comm	3 12:15 Chair Yoga	4	5 6:45 AM Lanterns	6 10:00 AM Overeaters Montreat High School
7 Family Promise 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	8 Family Promise 2:00 Prayer Circle	9 Family Promise 7:00 PM Yoga & NANA	10 Family Promise 12:15 Chair Yoga	11 Family Promise	12 Family Promise 6:45 AM Lanterns	13 Family Promise 10:00 AM Overeaters
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		Notes				

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.



'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.'
2 Corinthians 3:17

In just a few days this country we call home is celebrating its freedom. There is Freedom from tyranny, from oppression, from injustice, freedom to practice faith and live as we are called by God. The very word Freedom should make us pause, however, because the cost of freedom is high. For our country to be the land of the free, many have fought and died. For our freedom to live in grace, Christ Himself died on the cross and was resurrected. Freedom is never in fact well, *free*, as we have all heard so often.

So what is it we are celebrating this Fourth of July, exactly? As 2 Corinthians states, Christians are called to celebrate liberty in the Spirit. Liberty by definition is the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views. *Spiritual liberty* means that Christ's death and resurrection allows us to be 'free' to live into a life that is Holy. This liberty is what allows us to walk in the Spirit each day, guiding others and sharing the good news of the gospel with all we meet in word and action. Ironically, spiritual liberty does not in fact mean free from oppressions. Just look at the martyrs who have died over the years and our Savior, Godself.

So this Fourth of July, as we collectively and individually celebrate here in this country, we are also called to remember that this liberty has not yet been shared with the world. God's kingdom come is not yet fully in our midst. There are many who still live under oppression and who are still longing for spiritual and physical liberty. In fact, even around the corner from the church there are those who are enslaved to various worldly concerns. Could it be that we are called to be at work in our own community to work for liberty for those who have yet to hear this good news? Let us pray that this spiritual liberty may be ours for sharing.

Pastor Jana



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



We are blessed to have outstanding volunteers that love our community's children. They have worked faithfully to make vacation bible school a success. We thank you!



SUMMER TRIPS

Trip dates are:

Montreat high school conference: 7/6-7/13,
Montreat middle school conference: 7/17-7/21,

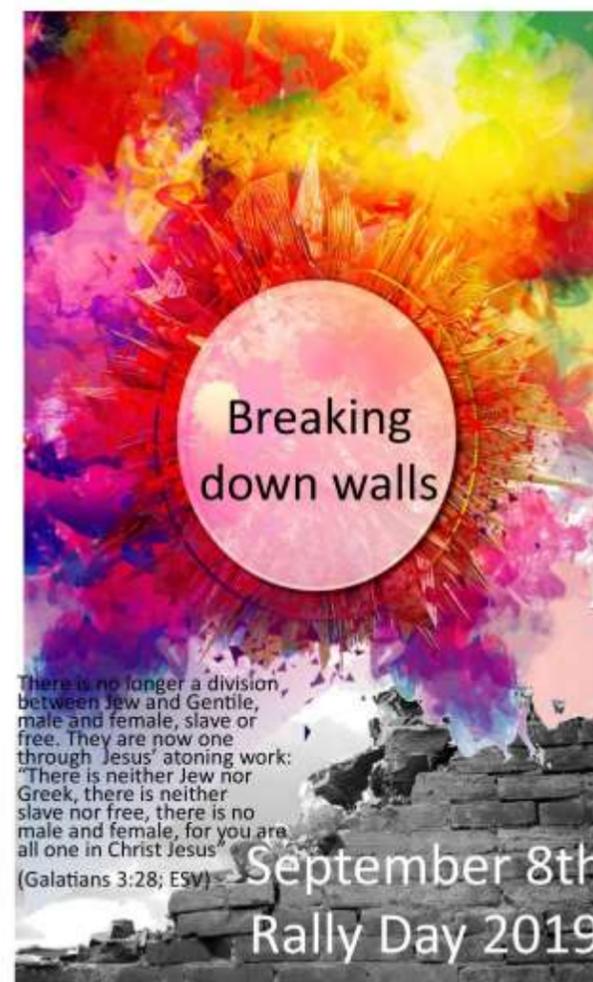
Charleston Mission Trip 8/4– 8/9

If you would like more information, please contact **Michaela Craven**.

SUMMER TRIP NEEDS: While attending Montreat High school conference and the Youth Mission trip we will be in need of freezer type dinners, breakfast foods, lunch items, and snacks. We will also be in need of paper products such as plates, napkins, paper towels and toilet paper. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them to the church office.

Please pray for these students as they grow in Christ!

Congratulations to our 2019 Confirmands!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women of Seven Oaks PC, please contact Charlotte Swearingen, 781-5116, if your contact information in the PW Directory needs to be updated. If you are not attending a circle, and would like to be added to or removed from the directory, or the Inactive PW List, please contact Charlotte also. Thank you for your help keeping our PW directory up to date!!!

It's Official! We're Gathering!



The Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. just cast a unanimous vote for the 2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

When: **August 5-8, 2021**

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.

July
2019

1 Kathy Keane
3 Sharon Staton
4 Bill Seigler
7 Mary Sandifer
8 Edward Billings
8 Kenneth O'Mellan
9 Rosemary Lambert-Falls
10 Fran Brannon

13 Jean Mandeville
13 Josie Werner
21 Beverly Hudson
21 James Robinson
26 Kaelin Pilkington
27 Melanie Mixon
27 Sarah Robinson
29 Thomas Taylor

THANK YOU

Workers on Organ Chamber

Jim Taylor
Robert Miller
Mark Wishart
Byron Dickson
Chris Laughter
Dan Perriero
Charlie Sherfey
Simon Graham
Arnold Robinson

If not for the effort of these men, the organ chamber would not have been completed. Thank you,
John Whitfield

Dear SOPC Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, meals, visits and well wishes as I recover from my kidney transplant. It is such a blessing to have this new lease on life and to be part of such a caring church. As you know, Cathy and I have been "joined at the hip" these past few weeks, as I have been unable to drive, and I so appreciate and love her for her constant attention to my needs. But she has been greatly helped by the meals and support from the church. I am now able to drive and each day I feel that I am getting stronger. I am very grateful for Cathy and my church.

Ed Keelen

Thank you so much to Pastor Jana, the Building & Grounds committee, John & Karl for all they did to make our staff picnic possible and so special. We had a terrific turnout; it was the first time we had ever invited families—everyone loved it! You all have a great facility and space back there—what a blessing to your church family. Thanks for allowing us to use it. Peace.

Marcia Bacon, Richland County First Steps

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
May	\$ 30,667	\$ 31,957	(\$1,290)
YTD 2019	\$167,567	\$167,775	(\$ 208)

Total revenue for the first 5 months of the year (including other income in addition to pledges) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through May	\$175,652
Total Expenses through May	<u>\$183,894</u>
Expenses in excess of Revenues	(\$ 8,242)



NEWS FROM YOUR SESSION

Session did not meet in the month of June so that our members could focus their attention on vacation bible school preparation and serving the children of our community. Session will meet again on July 15th.

NEWS FROM YOUR SESSION
Jim Wilhide, Clerk of Session



Cub Scouts Twilight Camp was held at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church June 17-21.



VBS 2019 - Loads of fun activities during our week!

Our church has been very busy this season. We had a Block Party and invited young and old alike! We installed Elders and recognized confirmands. We celebrated Pentecost. We have worked hard, studied hard, played hard and enjoyed fellowship with each other. It's an exciting time in the life of our church!



To the left is a beautiful quilted banner made by Mrs. Jean Mandeville. It was displayed in the sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost. It is a wonderful example of the amazing talent we have here at Seven Oaks!



The kids enjoyed the inflatables at our Block Party!

Life
in our
Church



Installation/ordination of our Elders.

MISSIONS

Collections for July

Our Sharing God's Love collection: We will be collecting boxed cereal.

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.

Loving Our Neighbors: Missions Ministry News



Cuba Presbyterian Church Partnership- Our dates for the Cuba Mission Trip have changed slightly. We are now leaving on Monday, Nov 18 instead of Sunday, Nov 17. We will be gone for a week. As of now, we have 9 people committed to go. If anyone would like to contribute to our mission, we welcome donations of: over-the-counter meds, vitamins, (adult and children's), sewing and knitting supplies (needles, yarn, thread, patterns, etc.) Anyone wanting to travel with us (we can take up to 14 people, 7 men and 7 women), will need to pay \$110 per person - for Cuban religious visas - to the church office by July 7. These visas must be ordered 90 days in advance of the trip. Total estimated costs for the week is \$1300.00 (including the visa fee).

The Mission Committee is planning this exploratory visit 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. You can reach Ben by phone at: (224) 637-0298; or via e-mail at: benmason32@gmail.com

Family Promise provides meals and overnight shelter to families experiencing homelessness. SOPC will host families July 7-14. Volunteer to help by providing evening meals, serving as evening/overnight hosts, or setting up and taking down beds/furniture in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the narthex today or contact Tish Lowe.

Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds has made the decision to not unlock the Fellowship Hall during the summer months on Sunday mornings. We appreciate that we want to be welcoming to all, however, there have been a few stray people walking through the FH, exploring the property. We apologize if this is an inconvenience for you, however if you need to access the FH any elder, teacher or usher can give you access. Thank you for your understanding.

Did you notice the big rock on our grounds has been moved? Building & Grounds is adding a filter to our well to help with the rust mark's on the building & sidewalks. Patience, all will be concealed soon. If you have questions, see a committee member.

