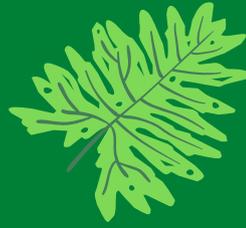


THE LEAFLET



*The Weekly Newsletter from Seven Oaks
Presbyterian Church*

Challenging Times Bring New Opportunities

A few weeks ago, Jack Noë and I attended a day-long workshop on church communication. Little did we foresee that some of the information gleaned from the workshop would be immediately useful. One of the things I gained, was the knowledge of a website I hadn't heard of for creating newsletters and other communication tools. This is our first attempt at using it, so I'm sure it will not be as polished a product as it would be if I had used the product for years, but I'm excited to learn new things to help keep the stir crazies away. Sharon Witherell

Birthdays This Week

March 21 David Waugh
March 22 Dick Schneider
March 24 Savannah Tapler

From the Pastor

As I write this from my home office, I am reminded of the Psalmist's words to "Be still and know that I am God" during this Lenten season. With all of the planning and organizing for a "new kind of church" and of children home from school, I am still working on finding that peace, truly! How about you? Have you had a difficult time putting away Facebook, news and the "busy" stuff of a new normal daily life to find time for God? It's a challenge, but perhaps this time of physical separation is really a gift. This is precious time to spend getting close to our God and to our families (even if by phone). This Sunday, Psalm 23 will invite us to rest in the Lord as our shepherd. Even though we often think of this Psalm as a funeral hymn, it is actually a hymn of life. We are reminded that everything we need is provided in abundance, even the gift of time. This week as we adjust to a new life pattern, let us receive this time to rest in God and be grateful for these gifts of abundance. Thanks be to God. Pastor Jana

Life at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church During this Time of Covid 19

- All activities on campus are postponed until further notice. Worship will be on FB, Zoom, and YouTube, Sundays at 11 a.m.
- Youth and Children bags and faith and film packets are being distributed
- Those of you who volunteer so faithfully have earned this time off! Enjoy a well-deserved rest and stay safe!
- If you can get into nature, please do so. It helps the psyche to be in God's green world.
- Our new member dinner will NOT be held this Sunday, but will be offered again as soon as we are able. Please let us know if you wish to have the information packet!
- Our congregational meeting is on hold for the time being. Stay tuned.
- If you ordered flowers for the sanctuary, we have placed a hold on orders until further notice. Please contact Sharon Staton for any financial information.
- Our building and maintenance director, Karl Thompson, will be on campus (other than a much deserved small vacation) working on large time consuming projects.
- Spiritual Disciplines SS class will be postponed until we resume meetings (per class recommendation).
- Chocolate Growth Group studies are being contacted to determine how best to study and stay in touch.
- If you are a Sunday School teacher and wish to attempt classes by Zoom, please contact staff or Ed Keelen.
- Prayer meetings on FB Live begin Monday at 10:30 a.m. Please get the staff prayer concerns via text, email or phone by Sunday night or join on FB live and post on the CommUNITY site.
- Elders are making phone calls and checking in on members.
- Lloyd is working on musical options for Sunday morning.
- Easter worship will be DRIVE IN style, 10 a.m. in the back parking lot (come in your PJ's, BYOB and Easter chocolate, and a cell phone to live stream in your car)!
- And finally, you are encouraged to take a photo of moments you capture where good is being done in your small circle of community and SHARE it on FB! We want to hear how God is at work during this time and in your lives!



Marion and I thank everyone for the cards, thoughts & prayers we received recently in response to and support of us when my sister passed away and Marion had surgery, all in the same week. It means a lot to us to be members of a great Presbyterian congregation.
 Mark & Marion Wishart

Dear Seven Oaks family, I have been ill for several months now, and I still have a ways to go, but I just wanted to pause and thank the church for the tremendous support you have been to me throughout my ordeal. The cards, prayers, phone calls, texts and emails have lifted my spirits and sustained me. I have been able to “keep up” with the goings on of the church through Jana and several Session members. Now we are all facing a tough time dealing with the pandemic and figuring out new ways to sustain our relationships with one another. I pray for strength for the church and faith in our Lord to help us through these difficult times. Yours in Christ,
 Ed Keelen



From the Administration Ministry

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



	Giving	Budgeted	Difference
February	\$ 26,882	\$ 28,708	\$ (1,826)
YTD 2020	\$ 49,994	\$ 57,416	\$ (7,422)

Total revenue for the first two months of 2020 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through February \$51,308
Total Expenses through February \$64,992

Expenses in excess of Revenues (\$ 13,684)

Sharing our Blessings
 Our March collection items for Sharing God's Love are Baked Beans, Canned Beans, and Dried Beans.

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4 WAYS TO GIVE!

<p>IN PERSON</p> <p>Offering plate during the worship service</p>	<p>BY MAIL</p> <p>530 St. Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29210</p>	<p>ONLINE</p> <p>www.sopc.net Click on the GIVE menu)</p>	<p>BY TEXT</p> <p>Text 73256 to SEVENOAKS text rates may apply</p>
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For Our Children and Youth

During this time of not meeting in person, we will be offering home worship kits for the children of SOPC (think children's church, but at home), along with supplemental activities and meeting times. These are designed to give the children of our church family a meaningful faith based experience throughout Lent while at home.

Each Sunday and Wednesday there will be an activity, and during Holy Week we will have an activity Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Each Sunday night from 5-5:30 p.m., Michaela will host a Zoom conference with everyone to check in on how the week's activities went, how everyone is doing, as well as sharing our creations from the week.

Please let Michaela know if you would like to either pick-up a kit from the church office or have one dropped off at your home.

For the youth, we will be doing a faith and film study each week with Zoom conference check-in from 6-6:30pm on Sunday nights. Please let Michaela know if you would like to be added to this group to receive lessons!