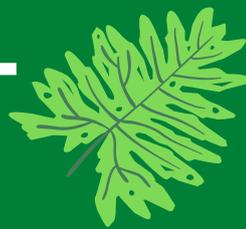


# THE LEAFLET



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The Weekly Newsletter from Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church

## Birthdays!!

Lucia Cheung 2/27  
Kris Dempster 2/27  
Monroe Swearingen 2/27  
Kathy Locklair 3/1  
Elizabeth Taylor 3/1

## This week at SOPC

Friday, February 26, 2021  
7:00 am - Lanterns  
4:30 pm - worship practice

Saturday, February 27, 2021  
11:00 am - Walk 2 Talk

Sunday, February 28, 2021  
9:00 am - Virtual Adult Sunday School  
10:00 am - Youth Check-in  
11:00 am - Virtual Worship Service  
1:00pm - Virtual Children Check-in  
and Sunday School

Monday, March 1, 2021  
12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga  
7:00 - Session Chairs Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021  
9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting  
6:30 pm - Virtual Lenten Study

(zoom links on last page)

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***Join us for Virtual Worship Service Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:00 am.  
Pastor Jana will continue the Lenten Sermon Series, Even Here!***

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### ***Virtual Sunday School for all ages!***

9:00 am - Adults  
10:00 am - Youth  
1:00 pm - Children

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***Every Wednesday during Lent join Pastor Jana via  
Zoom at 6:30 pm beginning February 24, 2021 to go  
through the book: How to Pray: A Simple Guide for  
Normal People, by Pete Greig***

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**The Nominating committee would like your opinion! If you know someone in the church that would be an excellent candidate for session please email their name to the church office for consideration (sopc@sopc.net).  
Please have your names in by Sunday, February 28, 2021.**

## Even Here Lenten Sermon Series

In this past year, loving our neighbor has meant giving up many things we love. Even harder, loving our neighbor has meant giving up many social interactions that give us joy. We have missed milestones in our loved ones' lives, and we have celebrated our own milestones alone. We've tried to build a semblance of normal by cobbling together Facebook Live and Zoom worship services and anniversary parties, but the zoom coffee hour just isn't the same: we aren't surrounded by laughter, we cannot hug each other, and it's been a year since I've had a homemade cookie.

We crave things we never thought we would miss: the story that we've heard (or told) over and over again, the person who whispers loudly during worship, the squeak of the pew, and I have to admit, I even miss the taste of weak decaf coffee.

Lonely is a terrible place to be. And here we are, alone in the Lenten valley of loneliness. This has not been easy. To tell the truth, it's been excruciating. And even here, in the Lenten valley of loneliness, you have become brave, and kind, and wise.

Even here, we are learning to be better people, a better community.

Even here, where everything is changing, we have opportunities to change, too.

Even here, you are planting seeds that will sprout one day.

Even here.

This song, by Mark. A. Miller, entitled Even Here, is both a cry for help and an assurance that God can find us, "even here."

At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep, where the daylight dims, where no one can reach, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? I have turned away, I have set my fate, I have run too far, I repent too late, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?  
O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies!  
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?  
O forgive me, lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise, may the hand of God, may the voice of love find me even here.

### Lenten Devotional

Lent began February 17th, 2021. Below is a link for a daily Lenten devotional that began on Ash Wednesday, but it is not too late to start if you haven't looked at it yet.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>

Book links for Lenten Wednesday night devotional (unable to locate locally):

Amazon \$13.59 for paperback or \$11.99 for Kindle

[https://www.amazon.com/How-Pray-Simple-Normal-People/dp/1641581883/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?](https://www.amazon.com/How-Pray-Simple-Normal-People/dp/1641581883/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=How+to+Pray%3A+A+Simple+Guide+for+Normal+People%E2%80%99+by+Pete+Greig&qid=1613491025&sr=8-1)

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ChristianBook \$12.99 for paperback or \$9.99 for e-book

[https://www.christianbook.com/pray-simple-guide-for-normal-people/pete-greig/9781641581882/pd/581882?](https://www.christianbook.com/pray-simple-guide-for-normal-people/pete-greig/9781641581882/pd/581882?product_redirect=1&search_term=how%20to%20pray:%20a%20simp&Ntt=581882&item_code=WW&ps_exit=PRODUCT&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCP#crossboxTab-1)

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Cokesbury \$12.99 for paperback

<https://www.cokesbury.com/9781641581882-How-to-Pray>

# SOPC NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

## WALK AND TALK BY 2's

Come to the front of the church on Saturday, February 27 at 11:00 AM. Wear your mask and bring your water. Walk around the church in the parking lot with one person. Return to the front and do the walk with a different person. Continue pairing off to walk and talk until you are out of energy! Doing this with SOPC friends that you may not have seen for a good long while should be a lot of fun! Hope to see you there!! If you have any questions

..... contact Carol Griffith (cwgriffith41@gmail.com) .....

Bored? Need something to do? Want to engage with others? Join a Bookclub just for fun at Seven Oaks!!

All are welcome.

Bookclub selection: Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult.

Book discussion via zoom: March 4 at 7pm.

..... Questions? Contact Kathy Keane or Julie Bussells .....

The Good News Ministry will once again host Drive Thru Prayer and Coffee on World Day of Prayer, March 5, 2021 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Please pray for this effort and please contact Melanie Mixon if you would like

to help.

## MORE JUSTICE

If you were interested or have invested in the work of MORE Justice in 2020 (which got waylaid by our covid reality) now is the time to restart your engines. You are invited to attend our kickoff network meeting on February 25th at 630pm (a registration link will come from your team leader, Polly Robinson, Julie Bussells / Marion Wishart, and Ben Smith).

Come prepared to consider who you will invite to be a part of the Nehemiah Action Meeting April 26th! This Zoom

..... meeting is essential for your investment in God's work of doing justice in our midst- see you there! .....

## HANNAH CIRCLE

Hannah Circle continues to host a circle meeting via ZOOM, the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. ZOOM link is posted in the leaflet.

If you plan to pay PW dues – now would be a great time!! To fulfill our obligations and give financially to agencies we

..... support, please send a check to the church payable to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Women (SOPW). .....

4th Annual Building Hope Event March 25, 2021

..... Virtual Fundraising Opportunity for Providence Home. For more information contact Tara Whitfield. .....

From the Administration Ministry: Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date, as this 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
January	\$23,251	\$26,250	(\$2,999)
YTD 2021	\$23,251	\$26,250	(\$2,999)

Total revenue for the first month of 2021 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through January	\$23,253
Total Expenses through January	\$27,770
Expenses in excess of Revenues	(\$ 4,517)



**Youth  
and  
Children**

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Zoom Youth Check-in Sundays  
at 10:00 am. Join us every  
Sunday on Zoom for game  
time, prayer, and a  
devotional.**

**Youth Group meets Thursday evenings in the Pavilion  
from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm for fun, fellowship, food, games  
and a lesson.**

**Please bring your own dinner or snack and wear a  
mask. Two parent volunteers will be needed each  
week. Please contact Pastor Dan if you have questions  
or would like to volunteer.**

## Coming Soon...

**Zoom Children's Check-in and Sunday  
School  
February 28, 2021 at 1:00 pm**

**Movie Night, Soul at SOPC, all ages  
Invite a friend  
March 20, 2021 (stay tuned for time)**

**Congaree National Park/Walking  
Bring a friend Day  
March 14, 2021 at 2:30 pm**

**Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021 (stay tuned for time)**

**A Funny and truth for the day  
Psalm for Moms during a pandemic**

**written/shared by Amanda Vaughn on 9/4/2020**

**Book of Mom, in a Pandemic, with Virtual Learning (who  
hasn't been alone in SIX MONTHS)**

**6 Where can I go then from your loudness? \*  
where can I flee from Y'ALL?**

**7 If I climb up to my bedroom, you are there; \*  
if I make the guestroom my bed, you are there also.**

**8 If I take my coffee in the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost comfort of my porch,**

**9 Even there your hands will need me \*  
and your requests hold me hostage.**

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness of bedtime will hide me, \*  
and the lack of light around me protect my sleep,"**

**11 But oh no, darkness is not dark to you; Night, day - who cares?  
What's the difference to a child?; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

**19 But now they speak spitefully against me; \*  
The children sass and speak angrily to my help.**

**21 I love them with a mother's love; \*  
but they have become an enemy to solitude.**

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
Do not try me, just give me rest and appreciation!**

Contact information for Pastor Jana Creighton:

For church business and pastoral needs:

Office: 803-772-1761

Email: jana@sopc.net

Contact information for Parish Associate for Youth Dan Loffredo:

For youth needs:

Cell: 850-736-3621

Email: dannyloffredo@hotmail.com

Contact for Parish Associate Barry Shatzer:

For pastoral needs:

Home: 803-661-8257 (preferred); Cell: 803-381-4184

Email: jbssc@yahoo.com

While most everyone is meeting online, there are times people need to come by the church. If you use the church facilities for any reason please remember to turn off lights, turn the heat down and lock the doors. Please also let Karl know when you leave by calling or texting 803-237-4519 so we can keep the facilities clean and sanitized. Thank you!

**If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!**

## This Week at SOPC

### Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/508111743?](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUplnlhCV2lCTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)  
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Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739  
By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 508111743 #

Youth Check-In at 10:00 a.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778663914?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778663914?pwd=dDVYmzRnRIl0QmF3cHBiMHRLbFVdDz09)  
[pwd=dDVYmzRnRIl0QmF3cHBiMHRLbFVdDz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778663914?pwd=dDVYmzRnRIl0QmF3cHBiMHRLbFVdDz09)

Meeting ID: 857 7866 3914 Passcode: 847828

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/743754044?](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)  
[pwd=bWIHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)

Meeting ID: 743 754 044 Password: 072863  
By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 743754044 #

Children's Check-In and Sunday School at 1:30 p.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?pwd=dkVUQWZMaUx5QitMZ1RlYUdCWml0dz09)  
[pwd=dkVUQWZMaUx5QitMZ1RlYUdCWml0dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84573328620?pwd=dkVUQWZMaUx5QitMZ1RlYUdCWml0dz09)

Meeting ID: 845 7332 8620 Password: 237447

### Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09)  
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Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498  
By Phone: 1(301)715-8592 89705113395#

### Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

<https://meet.google.com/gei-nbcw-upo>

## Ways to Give to Seven Oaks

To give via text:

Step 1

Enter 732-56 after To:



Step 2

Type Sevenoaks you will be prompted to your message and click a link in order to hit send complete your gift.



Step 3



To Give via mail:

530 St. Andrews Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29210

To give via our website:

Step 1

go to [sopc.net](http://sopc.net) Click on "Give" at the top right. A window will open that will guide you through the process.

Step 2

