



Kick off 2022 by coming to Sunday School and staying for Worship Service on Sunday, January 2, 2022

Month at a
Glance

January



- 1 - 3:00 - 8:00 pm - Chin Church in Fellowship Hall
- 2 - No Youth Sunday School
- 3 - 6:30 pm - Chairs meeting
- 5 - 5:30 pm - ReShape Leaders and Committee Meeting
- 6 - Epiphany
- 6 - 6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study & Planning Meeting
- 8 - 4:00 - 10:00 pm - Chin Church in Fellowship Hall
- 11 - 2:00 pm - Rachel Circle
- 11 - 7:00 pm - Yoga
- 13 - 6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study with Redeemer Lutheran
- 13 - 6:30 pm - Hannah Circle
- 15 - 9:00 am - PW Synod Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 17 - 12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon
- 17 - 6:30 pm - Session Meeting
- 20 - 8:00 am - SC Manufactured Housing School in Fellowship Hall
- 20 - 6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study
- 23 - JAMA and Youth Riverbanks Zoo Excursion
- 30 - Congregational Annual Meeting after Worship Service

Mondays - 12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga
Tuesdays - 9:30 am - Staff Meeting
Thursdays - 6:00 pm - Youth
Fridays - 6:45 am - Lanterns Men's Group

Sundays - 9:30/9:45 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Godly Play
11:00 am - Worship Service
11:20 am - Liberty Church in the Fellowship Hall
3:30 - 5:30 pm - Love Revolution
6:00 pm - Chin Church

Happy Birthday



Janna Simon	1/3	Mae Leviner	1/7	Karan Bundrick	1/10
Bill Bailey	1/5	Tracey Wilkes	1/7	Abby Freeman	1/11
June Burkhalter	1/5	Cathy Keelen	1/8	Carol Griffith	1/11
Linda Schiesser	1/5	Crawford Bookout	1/10	Banks Robinson	1/14

SOPC NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Our blessing box is blessing our community, but we can't do it without your help! Please bring non-perishable food items to continue the blessings! You may place items in the black baskets in the Narthex or you may drop off items in the church office.



The Ladies Luncheon will be January 17, 2022 at Noon at the Olive Garden, 274 Harbison Blvd., Columbia. Please contact Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@ gmail.com if attending.



As we remember the arrival of the wisemen on Epiphany (January 6, 2022), we chose a star word to remind us that while the wisemen took gifts to the baby Jesus, they also received the gift of Jesus, of God's Love and His Redeeming Sacrifice. Our hope is that you will pause and reflect on the gifts of God in your own life and that this word will guide and encourage you throughout 2022. You may pick up a star in the sanctuary on Sunday, in the office during office hours, or go online to pick a star word at:

<https://revgalblogpals.files.wordpress.com/2017/12/star-words-for-epiphany.pdf>

Star Word Testimony: Excerpts by Kathy Morganelli, December 28, 2020

God is listening. Last year, pre covid, our church had star words. I chose the word "building." It was not what I had hoped, what I really wanted was JOY.

In this year of the pandemic, nothing, really nothing has been easy or the same. Many of our church have had much grief with losing family members and health issues. One thing for certain, it has required all of us working together to maintain our faith and mission.

We BUILT RELATIONSHIPS in love and friendship and grew closer together in our separation.

God sometimes deconstructs what is, to build the new, His New Kingdom here among us.

December Session Highlights

- Approved the communion schedule for 2022.
- Approved use of the Fellowship Hall by the Chin Church, Liberty Church and the SC Manufactured Housing School of Licensing.
- Approved new members.

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
November	\$ 25,183	\$ 26,250	(\$1,067)
YTD 2021	\$280,493	\$288,750	(\$8,257)

Total revenue for the first 11 months of 2021 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through November	\$282,128
Total Expenses through November	\$300,191
Expenses in excess of Revenues	(\$ 18,063)

Welcome New Members!



Donna Huff



Nikki, John Hinton, Dannah,
and Garrett Lane



Lauren and Rodger Givens
(not pictured, baby Henry)



Hadessah Wright and Loretta Demko



Allan and Stephanie Sampson

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Bible Study and Fellowship Information:

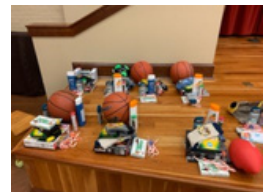
Confirmation class, Sundays in the youth room, 9:30 - 10:00 am

Youth Sunday School, for all youth, in the youth room 10:00 -10:40 am

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Bible Study



A huge thank you to the youth and everyone who helped supply Christmas presents to the children and teens at William S. Hall Psychiatric Hospital



SOPC KIDS

Godly Play (Children's Sunday School)

Sundays at 10:00 am in Building A

Lions and Tigers and Bears!!!....

Mark your calendars to come to the JAMA and Youth excursion to Riverbanks Zoo on January 23, 2022, 2:00 - 5:00 pm! Meet near the parking lot stairs in front of admissions on the animal side of the zoo.



2021 - A look back

The end of 2021 is upon us and what a wild ride it has been!

We have revamped, revisited, regathered, and resourced God's church in this place both on the flip of a dime and with deep prayer and contemplation. We have kept one another protected (with my much gratitude) and loved one another among both vaccines and unknowns. Most of all, we have and are reshaping into God's church here and now. Come the new year there will be more coming out about the reshape process and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us as growing body of Christ.

This Sunday during worship we have two things special and dear happening. First, the peace light will be coming to us compliments of scout troop 91. Across the world the peace light brings the hope for peace for all God's peoples, something our world desperately needs. I will share this with our love revolution in the evening so that they too can experience God's peace in their lives more readily. Second, this Sunday we will receive our star words for 2022! In reality, These words are simply words printed on little stars cut out of paper. They are, however, so much more than just words. They are God's work and hope for each of us during this coming year. Inevitably, they come to mean something special in our lives as we (next year) look back on 2022! In this newsletter is one example from Kathy Morganelli of how her star word played out over this Covid time. Thank you Kathy! So come to worship this Sunday virtually or in person and gather both some peace and some light for the coming year in your star word. I cannot wait to see you and your families and friends gathered for the first time this year!

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve God and each of you in this Holy Space. Thank you each for all of the love, encouragement, appreciation, gifts and tokens both for pastors appreciation day and for Christmas. It amazes me how well after (almost) 4 years you know my hearts desires. Thank you. I only hope I can honor your devotion and love in the same ways that make you feel just as special as we serve side by side.

Merry Christmas, family and Happy New Year!

In Christ we serve,
Pastor Jana



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Contact information for Pastor Jana Creighton:
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Email: jana@sopc.net

If you use the church facilities for any reason please remember to turn off lights, turn the air off 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!

Office Hours: Monday—Wednesday, 9:00-2:00
Thursday 9:00-4:30

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

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By Phone: 1(646)558-8656, 743754044 #

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

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Chair Yoga: Monday at 12:15

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Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

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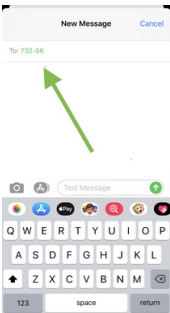
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Ways to Give to Seven Oaks

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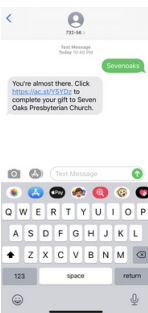
Step 2

Type Sevenoaks as
your message and
hit send



Step 3

You will be prompted to
click a link in order to
complete your gift.



To Give via mail:

530 St. Andrews Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

To give via our website:

Step 1

go to sopc.net Click on "Give" at the
top right. A window
will open that will
guide you through the
process.

Step 2

