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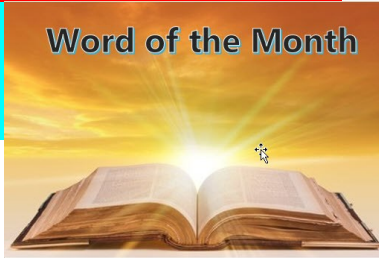


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NOVEMBER

Word of the Month

GENEROSITY



Word of the month emails go out each Wednesday with a different explanation for the month's word. If you would like to discuss the explanation, please contact Ed Keelen or Pastor Jana.

Sunday events:

Worship Link: [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

Join us for Adult Sunday School every Sunday!
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/508111743>
Passcode: 095858

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 am - Children & Youth Sunday School classes

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Mondays - 7:30 pm NANA
Tuesdays - 9:30 am Staff Meeting
7:30 pm NANA
Wednesdays - 5:45 pm NAMI in pavilion
6:30 pm - Choir Practice
7:30 pm NANA
Fridays - 6:45 am Lanterns
Sundays - 9:45 am Sunday School - for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service
3:30 - 5:30 pm Love Revolution
5:00 pm - Youth



Thursday, November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving!!!
Tuesday, November 29 - 10:00 am - The Adventurers -
Lowes, Harbison Rd
Thursday, December 1 - 10:00 am - Tracey Wilkes - Youth Room
1:30 pm - The Chosen - FH
Saturday, December 3 - 10:00 am - Bicycle drop off - FH
Saturday, December 10 - 10:00 am *The Friendly Beast* Advent
Adventure

SOPC Updates

ReShape Updates

Missions will be collecting used adult bicycles on Saturday, December 3, Please bring your used bikes to the Fellowship Hall between 10 am - 12 Noon. The youth will be there to help get them out of your vehicle. Ashland UMC will pick up these bikes, then repair and donate them to individuals for transportation. Contact Sharon Staton, Missions Chair if you have questions.

1. A grant of \$3,000 has been received from the Michael Mungo Foundation. This grant is for our Back Pack and other programs supporting Seven Oaks Elementary.

2. The Session has decided to reorganize. This will change the 8 Ministries into 4 Action Groups and create a new Adapting Action Group.

Contact Hal Bowman if you have any general ReShape questions.



Live Oak Counseling Center

Live Oak Counseling Center provides counseling. Nancy H. Smith is the Director and said in the center's newsletter "we see people on their worse day and walk with them, so they are not alone during this time. Many who come through the door at Live Oak are really struggling and being able to offer help at a reduced rate can make a world of difference. Thank you SOPC for being part of our community of support.

Live Oak gives us some tips for coping with the upcoming holidays.

Acknowledge your feelings, if someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones for other reasons, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. 2. Reach out. If you feel lonely or isolated, seek community, religious or other social events or communities. 3. Be realistic. The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all of your expectations. Stick to a budget. Before you do your gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend and stick to that amount. Plan ahead. Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, connect with friends and other activities. Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Don't abandon healthy habits. Take a breather. Make some time for yourself. Seek professional help if you need it.

Live Oak Counseling Center, 600 King Street, Columbia 29205
803 256 1033, www.liveoakcounselingcenter.org

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Fellowship has two events coming up - The first is the Prime Rib Dinner on December 18th at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person. Sign up will be in the narthex for the next several weeks. This is always a great time for fellowship and we hope everyone will be able to join us.

The other event is Suppers of 6, which will begin in January. This consists of three couples or singles to meet at the host's favorite or new restaurant. Dutch treat.

Happy
Thanksgiving



Christmas Worship Schedule



Sunday, November 27, 2022
1st Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens Worship Service
11:00 am



Saturday, December 3, 2022
Bicycle Ministry, Fellowship Hall
10 am - Noon



Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Drop in @ Pastor Jana's new home
604 Dawsons Parkway, Lexington 29072
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



The Friendly Beast Advent Adventure
Saturday, December 10, 2022
10:00 am - 12:30 pm



Sunday, December 11, 2022
Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 18, 2022
Children's Worship Service
Prime Rib Dinner
6:00 pm

\$15.00/person—tickets in narthex starting November 27

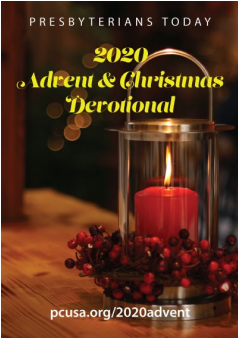


Saturday, December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve Service
5:30 pm



Sunday, December 25, 2022
Join your church family in a brief Worship Service in person
11:00 am

CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL



The Christian Education Ministry has found an excellent online Advent devotional for your personal study this Advent. It is called "Let us Light Candles", authored by Donna Frischknecht Jackson, editor of Presbyterians Today. The devotions themselves are based on Howard Thurman's poem, "I Will Light Candles This Christmas". Here is the link to access it. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/advent2020/> You can also download the entire devotional at the site, if you prefer.

Since it is a 2020 devotional, you will have to make a slight mental calendar adjustment and subtract two days from what the devotional says. For example, the devotional says that the first Sunday in Advent is Nov. 29, when this year it falls on Nov.

27. It is worth the adjustment.

The Chin Church is Giving Thanks!

As of Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the Chin Church will be in their new facilities! We are invited to a worship service on Thanksgiving Day at 3pm to celebrate the grand opening. While they will be relocating in steps from SOPC campus and you may see them around, they will no longer be worshipping in our sanctuary. Let us give thanks for their community and our friendships together over these years!



The Annual Senior Goodwill Brunch Presents

Holly Day Comfort and Joy

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

9:00 am—11:00 am

Irmo High School

Center for the Arts

Senior members of our community are cordially invited to join us as we renew this beloved annual tradition. Enjoy a delicious brunch and entertainment provided by our talented students. We look forward to having you join us for this memorable event and bringing you this gift of Holly-Day Comfort and Joy!

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IRMO HS

Please RSVP by Nov 30
Jennifer McRae—jmcr@lexrich5.org or 803 476 3011

Community Updates

The Love Revolution

Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm The Love Revolution is proving to be a blessing to our community. Food, love and hope are being provided weekly to those in need around us. This event is open to everyone.

Bring a dish and/or a smile to share God's love.

Community partners in this effort are:

Ashland United Methodist Church - first Sunday of the month

Help us Bless our community! Donations for the clothing closet are always welcome! Drop off clothing items in the black baskets in the narthex/lobby or bring by the church office during office hours.



Please do not trash your wire hangers, bring them for the Clothing Closet, we can use them!!!



SOPC Blessing Box

Non-perishable food donations for the Blessing Box can be placed inside the box at any time. If you place items, please be sure they are securely wrapped as ants get into the food. If the box is full, please bring your items to the office.

SOPC thanks KJ's Grocery Store for donations they provide for our Blessing Box. When you shop at the KJ's across from the church, you can purchase a bag of groceries for \$5.99 to add to the collection.

SESSION UPDATES

At the Session meeting on Monday, November 21, the following motions were approved.

- Hire Shelagh Wirth as Administrative Assistant beginning January 1, 2023, at a salary of \$12,000 per year. Work hours will be 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This will require Session to waive/modify the SOPC Employee Manual which states on page 4 "It is the policy of Seven Oaks Presbyterian that church members are not hired."
- Engage Brotherhood Insurance of American Church Group as liability and worker's compensation insurance carrier effective January 1, 2023, at an annual savings of at least \$5,500. Brotherhood has met with Frank Shepherd and Fred Holbrook. Coverage in all areas are equal or greater than current policy.
- Approve not holding Sunday School on Sunday, December 25.
- Approve collecting donations (items & money) for the Carolina Wildlife Mission Project, as a mission component of Advent Adventure. Reasoning: Both participants and church members will be given the opportunity to contribute to this worthy organization. Note that the theme of Advent Adventure will be the Christmas Carol "The Friendly Beasts," which refers to the gifts the animals in the stable gave Baby Jesus at His birth.

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING EMAILS

The office has been informed that some of you are not getting the Flocknote on a regular basis. If you know of someone or are having problems yourself, please contact the office.

sopc@sopc.net 803 772 1761

Please also add the email address mail@flocknote.com to your email, to ensure you continue receiving our emails!!! Apparently some email servers think our Flocknote emails are spam and send a message back to Flocknote to say "stop sending" and that puts your email address on the

DO NOT MAIL LIST @ Flocknote!!!!

Thank you!!!

Contact information for
Pastor Jana Light Creighton:
803 530 4866
Email: jana@sopc.net

For church business call:
803-772-1761
or email: socp@sopc.net

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday - 10 am - 2
pm

If you use the church facilities for any reason please remember to turn off lights, turn the air off, make sure no water is running (toilets or sinks) 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!

Ways to Give to Seven Oaks

To give via text:

Step 1

Enter 732-56
After to

Step 2

Type Sevenoaks as
your message and hit
send

Step 3

Enter 732-56

To Give via mail:

530 St. Andrews Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

To give via our website:

Step 1

go to socp.net

Step 2

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

The screenshot shows the online giving interface for Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church. At the top, it says "Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC". Below that, it asks "How much would you like to give?". There is a dropdown menu for "Amount" set to "\$0.00" and a dropdown menu for "Fund" set to "Birthday Fund - TPF". There is a "Memo" field and a "+ Another Fund" button. Below that are two buttons: "GIVE ONCE" and "GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES". There is a "GIF date" dropdown menu set to "Today" and an "Email address" field. At the bottom, there is a "SUMMARY" section showing a total of "\$0.00" and a "Continue" button. At the very bottom, it says "POWERED BY REALM" and "Terms and Conditions Privacy Policy".