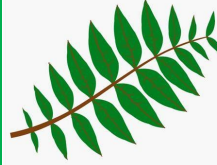


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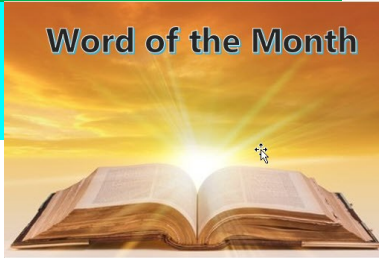


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**DECEMBER**

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 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  
7:30 pm NANA  
Fridays - 6:45 am Lanterns  
Sundays - 9:45 am Sunday School - for all  
11:00 am Worship Service  
3:30 - 5:30 pm Love Revolution  
5:00 pm - Youth  
6:00 pm - Chin Church**



**Nov 1 - 5:30 pm - SOPW Coordinating Team  
Nov 2 - 5:30 pm - CMT Meeting  
6:00 pm - The Adventurers - Session Room  
Nov 3 - 1:00 pm - The Chosen - FH  
Nov 5 - 8:00 am - SC Manufactured Housing School**

**Time Change, Nov 6  
Fall back 1 hour**



# 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 or a smile to share God's love.

Community partners in this effort are:

Ashland United Methodist Church the

first Sunday of the month

Liberty Church the second 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.



SEVEN OAKS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Clothing Closet

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



### S OPC 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.

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

## 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

September	\$ 20,038	\$ 25,700	(\$ 5,662)
YTD 2022	\$214,941	\$231,300	(\$16,359)

Total revenue for the first 9 months of 2022 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through September	\$229,950
Total Expenses through September	<u>\$237,911</u>
Expenses in excess of Revenues	(\$ 7,961)

# SOPC Updates

## ReShape Update

### Worship Ministry

- a. We are continuing to regularly include a wider diversity of music both in congregational songs and in music performed. This diversity includes an emphasis on incorporating contemporary selections regularly in worship.
- b. Rally Day worship and our post worship gathering included Liberty Church musicians and their music, which is all in contemporary form and instrumentation.
- c. Outreach to bring in guest musicians and musical groups has been constrained by three things;
  - i. COVID, II. Lack of budget funding, III. Lack of interest on the part of groups we have reached out to.
- d. We continue to be significantly challenged and limited by streaming/licensing restrictions on the music we can use in worship.

Contact Hal Bowman if you have any questions.

## KOINONIA started Wed, Oct 12

**KOINONIA Returns!** After a three year hiatus due to COVID, Koinonia returns. We are trying something different this year, as we are planning two Koinonias on a Wednesday evening and two Koinonias on a Sunday evening! See the Sunday bulletin for sign up sheet!!!

### **The Koinonia dates and programs are as follows:**

Wednesday, Nov. 9 - Family Promise

Sunday, Nov. 20 – SOPC Endowment Program -Texas Presbyterian Foundation

Please mark your calendars! We want to see you there!



Dear Seven Oaks Family,

You have shown what a warm and caring congregation you are with your prayers, cards, food, texts, phone calls, and visits during John's kidney transplant and recovery. We Thank You for all the love!! John is doing very well and his caregiver is doing pretty good too!

Thank You again! God bless you All!

John & Betty Anderson

To my Beloved Women of the Church,

As I sat in your circle of love, the emotions ran high. Never have I experienced love, grace and gratitude in such overwhelming amounts as the day you threw the Phoenix Shower on my behalf.

Thank you.

Thanks to each of YOU, I have everything I need to begin a life anew. Thanks to you, my heart overflows daily as I pull out that pot/pan, dish, scissor, fork or bowl. Thanks to you, I feel prepared to throw a Christmas drop in for YOU, my beloved family. I cannot THANK YOU ENOUGH.

You have shown the grace of Christ in your love and support during this time of transition. I can only pray that the grace of Christ is what you will allow me to return as we settle into a new normal and year together. Thank you for being beautiful and wonderful you.

*And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth." Isaiah 12:4-5*

In Christ, Let us give thanks,

Pastor Jana



**A SMOKIN' DEAL FOR THANKSGIVING:** The Fellowship Ministry is offering smoked turkeys again this year. We will take orders through Nov 16. Please let Mark Wishart or Banks Robinson know if you desire to purchase one of our delicious turkeys no later than Nov 16<sup>th</sup> and we will have it ready for pick-up on Sunday, November 20, after worship or by prior arrangement for another time. We are asking \$30.00 per turkey. (an increase from previous years) They should be in the 12-14 lb. range. We will also furnish an instruction sheet on how to reheat your bird! Thank you from the Fellowship Ministry

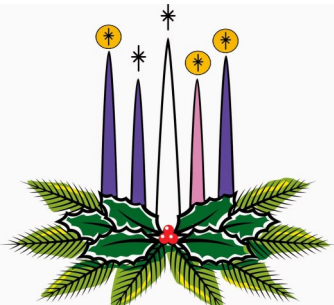


**POINSETTIAS** sign up cards will be in the pews starting November 3.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** is Thursday, November 17 @ 7:00 pm in our sanctuary. Join us for the worship service & in the Fellowship Hall afterwards for fellowship with the community.



Advent update  
Advent begins on Sunday, November 27



Advent decorating will be the week of November 20, more details to follow.

First Advent Worship Service will be Sunday, November 27.

If you would like to decorate or read for Advent Liturgy, please send an email to the church office [sopc@sopc.net](mailto:sopc@sopc.net)

**READY BY FIVE**  
First Steps—District 5

On behalf of our program, Ready by Five, we would like to graciously thank you for considering us for your give away for our children we serve. These gifts will be used to assist our families with reaching midterm developmentally as well as, help us with supporting their learning growth in all domains, language, motor, cognitive & social emotional. We want to say Thank You again.

## Community Updates

Family Promise - Alex English Celebrity Golf Tournament  
Cobblestone Park Golf Club  
1298 University Parkway  
Blythewood, SC 29016



Monday, November 14, 2022

Get your foursome together and let's golf!!!!  
Register with the link below

[Home - Alex English Celebrity Golf Tournament \(eventcaddy.com\)](https://eventcaddy.com)



Mark your calendars!!!

### Annual Holiday Market!!!

Music, Door Prizes, Christmas Shopping  
Wednesday, November 9, 11 am—3 pm  
Presbyterian Communities campus:  
700 Davega Drive, Lexington 29073

## Cuba Update

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR CUBAN FRIENDS

**Clothes and shoes:** Shoes (sizes #38 - #43 – US sizes 7 – 12), under-pants (men's and women's), Stockings, bras for adults (sizes M, L, XL).  
**NOTE:** We want these things for the elderly folks of our breakfast project. Also, the shoes don't have to be new. I don't want you to spend money but perhaps you have shoes from yourselves that you no longer use or maybe some could be donated. Important: at least 2 rechargeable lamps (for power failures), 2 microphones, 3 used computer batteries (AA, AAA) Sewing Supplies: fabrics, thread (all colors), whatever you can bring sewing needles Christmas: ornaments for Christmas tree in sanctuary (We already have lights). (We would like to set up a nativity scene in the church for Christmas. Do you think that will be very expensive?) Young people: flash drives. Please have items to church no later than Tuesday, November 1.

Please keep the SOPC Cuba Team in your prayers as they travel, work & fellowship with our Cuban partner church, Wednesday, November 9 - Wednesday, November 16.



## Community Updates - MORE Justice

**Below is all of the information that you and your Team needs for moving into the Research to Action Process!**

Wow! Thank you to all who attended our Community Problems Assembly on Monday! We were grateful to have over 240 people in attendance at Shandon Presbyterian, as well as those joining us virtually from the livestream! After a resounding number of votes, Food Insecurity was chosen as our problem area that we will focus on during this justice cycle! We are excited to begin the process of addressing this issue that is impacting our community as we continue our ongoing work with Affordable Housing and Gun Violence.

**Research Kick-Off:** Research Kick-Off is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30. You can sign up [here!](#)

**Monthly Newsletter:** If you would like to be added to our monthly newsletter for important updates, you and/or your Network Members can sign up [here.](#)

**T-Shirts:** We are excited to have MORE Justice T-shirts in the works! We are currently taking orders, and if you and any of your Network Members are interested in purchasing you can follow the link to our T-shirt Order Form [here.](#)

**Affordable Housing Action Step:** We need a consistent and strong MORE Justice presence at Richland County Council meetings. Please sign-up and invite your Network Members to sign-up. Please sign-up [here.](#)

**Gun Violence Action Step:** Email the Mayor to request a meeting so that we can partner to address this serious problem. Since August 30th, we have attempted to contact Mayor Rickenmann five times, and, after responding twice that none of the several dates we offered worked for him and providing no new dates, he had not responded since. **UPDATE: After receiving emails from Network Members post-CPA, Mayor Rickenmann responded via email to one of our clergy and left a voicemail asking us to call his office to schedule a meeting. This means that our action step has been effective as we received a response!**

Below is the template email from the CPA agenda. Until we hear back and have a meeting scheduled, we still ask that Network Members email Mayor Rickenmann to build urgency for this serious problem. Please be sure to change wording to make the email unique and personalized for each person.

**To: [djrickenmann@columbiasc.gov](mailto:djrickenmann@columbiasc.gov) OR [Mayor@ColumbiaSC.gov](mailto:Mayor@ColumbiaSC.gov)**

Pray for the MORE Justice congregations as we discern how to address food insecurity in this 2022-2023 action year.

# Session Notes

At its October Stated Meeting, the Session approved the following motions:

1. Approved the book "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning for the Roads to Faith SS
2. Approved Tim Werts as our presenter @ the October 23 Koinonia program
3. Approved the online Advent Devotional "Let us Light Candles" based on the poem "I will light candles this Christmas" by Howard Thurman.
4. Approved a special called Session Meeting to review a proposed Session Reorganization to better implement ReShape.

Contact information for  
Pastor Jana Light Creighton:  
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For church business call:  
803-772-1761  
or email: [sopc@sopc.net](mailto:sopc@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](mailto: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  
After to:

### 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)

#### 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 text input field with "\$0.00" and a dropdown menu for "Fund" set to "Birthday Fund - TPF". There is a "Memo" field and a "+ Another Fund" button. Below these are two buttons: "GIVE ONCE" and "GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES". There is a "GIF date" dropdown set to "Today" and an "Email address" field. At the bottom, there is a "SUMMARY" section showing "\$0.00 total" and a "Continue" button. At the very bottom, it says "POWERED BY REALM" and "Terms and Conditions Privacy Policy".