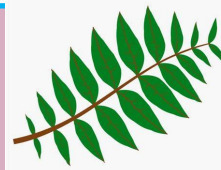


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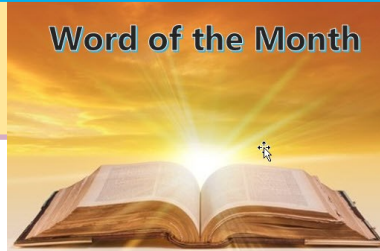


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MARCH

Word of the Month

HOLY SPIRIT



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 11:00 am
Worship Link: [https://zoom.us/j/743754044?](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)
[pwd=bWlHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)
Meeting ID: 743 754 044

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

MARCH AT A GLANCE

Mondays - 7:30 pm NANA
Tuesdays - 9:30 am Staff Meeting
7:30 pm NANA
Wednesdays - 5:30 pm - Koinonia Dinner & Bible Study
5:45 pm NAMI in pavilion
7:30 pm NANA
Choir Practice
Thursdays - 2:00 pm - Care Givers Meeting - Fellowship Classroom
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
5:30 - Youth



March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 18 - 12:00 pm - Cuban Feminine Project - Fellowship Hall
March 20 - 6:30 pm - Session Meeting via Zoom
March 23 - 2:00 pm - Care Givers Meet - Fellowship Classroom
March 25 - 12:00 pm - Cuban Feminine Project - Fellowship Hall
March 26 - 12:15 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting
Community Easter Egg Hunt - Courtyard

SOPC Updates

Sharing God's Love: Please bring any of the following Items: Grocery Bags, Grits, Oatmeal, Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs (Lunch Can), Elbow Pasta, and Pasta sauce. Please leave them in the Missions' closet or in the black baskets in the Narthex! THANK YOU!!!

Koinonia Dinner & Bible Study

Wednesdays through Wednesday, April 5

Dinner - 5:30 pm

Bible Study - 6:15 pm

Women in Fellowship Hall

Men in Fellowship Classroom

Dinner Cost - \$6/adults - No charge for children/youth

Choir - 7:30 pm

IMPORTANT LENTEN DATES

Sunday, March 26 - Easter Egg Hunt - following Worship

Holy Week - April 2 through April 8

Wednesdays through April 5 - Bible Study following Dinner

Palm Sunday, April 2

Maundy Thursday - April 6

Good Friday - April 7

Easter - April 9

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Order your Easter Lilies using the form in the pews. Last day to order is Sunday, March 19. \$15

You may also mail a check to the church office with your write up information.



SOPC Updates

CAMP FELLOWSHIP

Summer Camps

Ages:

4k- rising high school (or as a leadership position, you must speak with Kevin Cartee)

Dates:

June 25-30, 2023

Cost/Age Breakdown

| | | |
|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Trailblazers | K-2nd | \$595-700 |
| Explorers | 3rd-5th | \$595-700 |
| Navigators | 6th-8th | \$595-700 |



Why the option of Tiered Pricing:

- Tier 1 – Subsidized Rate based on historical experience \$595
- Tier 2 – Direct Summer Program Costs \$645
- Tier 3 – “True Cost” includes facility, staffing, supplies, etc. \$700

You choose what your family is able to commit to camp based on these tiers and your financial abilities.

SOPC DISCOUNT CODE: SOPC23

\$200 per child (your cost will be \$700 minus \$200). If you opt to do multiple camp weeks, the \$100 registration fee will apply to only the first week.

SOPC Relief: If you cannot afford camp this year and you wish to have your child attend, there is a small amount of money available to meet these needs. Please speak with Pastor Jana.

SIGN UP NOW!!!!



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 26

12:15 following worship

Snacks & a short Easter Lesson

Meet us in the Fellowship Hall after the congregational meeting.

Bring a friend and join us for some fun.

**SOPC LADIES
SAVE THE DATES!!!**

Saturday, April 22 - Women's Retreat

Tuesday, May 9 - Birthday Dinner

July - Joint Circle Dinner - TBD



ReShape Update



As you know, the Bible is full of images, pictures, visions, and other ways that we can use to enhance our understanding. Our Roads to Faith Sunday School class has been studying visual and imaginal ways to interpret the parables. The Sheep/ Shepherd metaphor, the withered fig tree, the speck and the log, the old and new wine flasks, and the mustard seed are examples. We were asked to pick an image that spoke to us that represented how we reflected that image.

The image I chose and realized later that applied to our entire ReShape group was the parable of the Sower. The Sower casts his seeds as he walks along the path. Some of the seeds fall on hard ground and are eaten by the birds. Others fall on rocky soil, and while they start to grow, they are scorched by the sun and die. But then there are the seeds that fall on good soil and their grain sprouts and produces 100 or 60 or 30-fold.

That parable caused me to think about the Adapting Group spreading its seeds of change and innovation. Our prayer is that these seeds fall on good soil within each of us. Imagine that receptivity growing by 100-fold or even 60-fold or perhaps 30, as Jesus predicts. Let's take that receptivity and move mountains for our God, our community and our church.

The Sower realizes that by himself, he cannot cause this grain to multiply the way the Lord has provided. Since the start of the Adapting Group we have completed over 25 action items. You can see these completed items on the ReShape bulletin board located in the Narthex. One very important step to continue this progress is for each of you to commit to being "good soil". For starters, come to all of the worship and fellowship events that we currently offer. Attendance has been low for these events, and a lot of us are missing out on the opportunity to grow in our discipleship of Jesus Christ. Our Adapting Group is busy planning and sowing the seed, and our prayer is that you would be the good soil upon which we build our church.

Ed Keelen, March 14, 2023

MORE Justice



MORE Justice: Nehemiah Action - March 26, 2023, 6:30 pm
Township Auditorium

"Will you support using publicly owned land within the City of Columbia for local healthy food initiatives, such as pop-up markets, produce stands, community gardens, and more?"

"Will you or your staff work with MORE Justice (*and the Food Policy Committee?*) to develop that legislation at a meeting in April with a goal of bringing it forward to council by the June 6th City Council Meeting?"

"Will you commit to supporting the sustainability of the Mobile Market by having a meeting in April with MORE Justice (*and the Food Policy Committee?*) to ensure its long term viability beyond the 18-month timeline?"

WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND!!!

Carpooling is available, call the church office.

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

Palmetto Thrift help financially.

KJ's Market supports use with food items

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.



Clothes Closet is in need of Wire Hangars, pant hangars and children's small plastic hangars (with indentions to hold tank tops).



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.



2022 updates for Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF)

- TPF served 365 churches, 159 non profit organizations
- Cybersecurity is a priority for TPF

"It is a commonality of purpose that allows us to passionately serve our partners as we build relationships that change the lives of others."

Stefanie Marsden, TPF Relationship Manager

Family Promise of the Midlands (FPM) partners with congregations and others to provide shelter and solutions for families with children facing a housing crisis. Help.

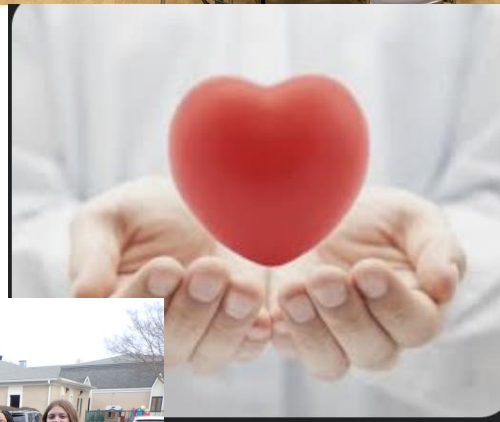
FPM reaches its \$150K Gala Campaign goal in three ways by 1) purchasing tickets to the in-person event on March 31; 2) participating (donating or bidding) in an online auction to be held just prior to the event through the event night; and/or 3) by making a generous donation to the 2023 Gala Campaign. For details click this link <https://us.givergy.com/NightofPromiseGala/?controller=home>, follow the QR code, or contact Tish Lowe.



SOPC activities and members.



Dave Allen



Rich Allen



College Care Box



Admin Update

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 |
|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| February | \$ 19,386 | \$23,500 | (\$ 4,114) |
| YTD 2023 | \$ 42,669 | \$47,000 | (\$ 4,331) |

Total revenue for the first 2 months of 2023 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Total Revenue through February | \$45,022 |
| Total Expenses through February | \$52,991 |
| Expenses in excess of Revenues | (\$ 7,969) |

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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 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 this, a prompt 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'. A 'Memo' field is also present. Below these are two buttons: 'GIVE ONCE' and 'GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES'. Further down, there are fields for 'Gift date' (set to 'Today') and 'Email address'. At the bottom, a 'SUMMARY' section shows a total of '\$0.00' and a 'Continue' button. The footer includes 'POWERED BY REALM' and links for 'Terms and Conditions' and 'Privacy Policy'.