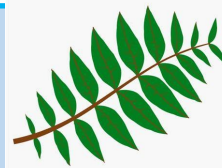


April 27, 2023

The Leaflet



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MAY

Word of the Month

PENETCOST



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=bWlHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRlaE41dz09)
[pwd=bWlHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRlaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRlaE41dz09)
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

MAY 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
Thursday - 6:30 pm - Choir Practice
Fridays - 6:45 am Lanterns
Sundays - 9:45 am Sunday School - for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service
3:30 pm - Love Revolution
5:30 - Youth

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CHURCH DATES!!!

Sunday, May 7
Capital Campaign - luncheon and presentation on the status of all roofs on campus and plans to address.
Pick up BBQ Butts - Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 14
PW Honorary Life Membership Award - Cookies & Conversation - Front steps of sanctuary
Sunday, May 21
Introduce Elder Andrea Paschal to congregation - Ice Cream Social for all volunteers
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 28
Pentecost Sunday
Honoring Graduates
Memorial Weekend

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!!



Tuesday, May 9 - 6:00 pm - Birthday Dinner - SOPC Fellowship Hall

You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby

Join us as we celebrate 35 years of Presbyterian Women. Enjoy fellowship, a meal, and a great speaker from Power In Changing, the Midlands Diaper Bank.

Bring a baby picture and a current picture and see if we can match you up!!!

RSVP by Tuesday, May 2

Julie Bussells 803 622 9509

or email jbussells8287@gmail.com

July - Joint Salad Dinner - DTBD

ReShape Update



ReShape Our ReShape Ministry Guide is the foundation upon which we are transforming our church. Each of you has a copy, but it may not be high on your reading list. That is why we are reproducing the Executive Summary in this newsletter, to remind you of the process we went through to develop the Guide, and our hopes that it inspires us to "stay the course" and embrace its recommendations.

Executive Summary

This ReShape Ministry Guide represents a six-month discernment process that has engaged approximately 88 members of the congregation, lay leadership, and staff, capturing and integrating what we have learned about ourselves as individuals and as members of the church during a disruptive time in our lives, church, community, and world.

What has come through loud and clear throughout this reshape process is the overwhelming desire for Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church to continue as an active and important institution with significant and meaningful presence in our community.

With this vision clearly before us, ReShape focused on understanding volatile events such as the COVID pandemic and political and ideological polarization that have disrupted the world and the life of our church.

As we gathered in our small groups for eight consecutive weeks, we began to share personal experiences and learn from one another just how these volatile events have impacted and continue impact worship in our church.

Seven Oaks is a widely represented congregation of all political views and instead of drawing ourselves together to talk and try to understand each other during these volatile times we have allowed ourselves to be influenced by media narratives bent on polarizing us against one another.

Our prayer is that this Ministry Guide will serve as a strong foundation for actions that will guide us as we undergo the changes that will propel us into a united, vibrant community of faith and transform Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church into a greater expression of the body of Christ.

SOPC Updates



Saturday, April 29 - 12:00 pm - Chin Community - Pavilion
Mary Kay Training - Youth Room
Sunday, April 30 - 12:00 pm - Covenant Ringers - Choir Room
2:00 pm - Elder Training - Session Room
Monday, May 1 - 5:30 pm - Admin Ministry Meeting
6:30 pm - Fellowship Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, May 2 - 4:30 pm - PW CT Meeting - Session Room
5:30 pm - ReShape Adapting Ministry
7:30 pm - Yoga - Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 3 - Noon - Presbyterian Communities Lunch
5:30 pm - CMT Meeting
Thursday, May 4 - 5:00 pm - Christian Ed Ministry Meeting
Saturday, May 5 - 8:00 am - Scout Troop 91 - Session Room
12:00 pm - Mary Kay Training - Youth Room

Sermon Series: God is.... Is a sermon series as we delve into the ways God shows up in our lives and in the world around us. This sermon series will challenge us to open our eyes to the challenges and joys of life and truly look with eyes to see God in our midst. Come along!

Care Givers Group will start meeting monthly on Mondays. Join us for a special lunch @ 1:00 pm on Monday, May 22, in the Fellowship Hall, with the meeting following. All are Welcome.



Dear John Hinton & Youth, Thank you and the SOPC youth group for the lovely Easter basket that was delivered to me by Mary Johnson on Palm Sunday. I very much appreciate your gesture of love and support.

Blessings
Aletha Robinson



Dear Seven Oaks Church Youth,
Thank you so very much for the Easter basket full of treats! I am enjoying all of it. It is a happy surprise, and I appreciate your work and thoughtfulness for us shut ins. I miss being with all of you at church.

Sincerely, love and prayers,
Al Charles

Dear SOPC Youth,
Thank you so much for the wonderful Easter Basket! Mr. Swearingen and I enjoyed the delicious candy, lotions, and other treats. I also enjoyed the Easter container and I plan to use it next Easter and I will remember you all.

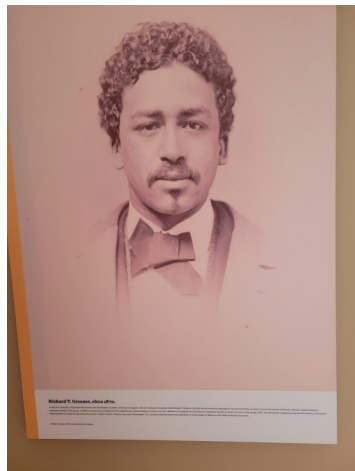
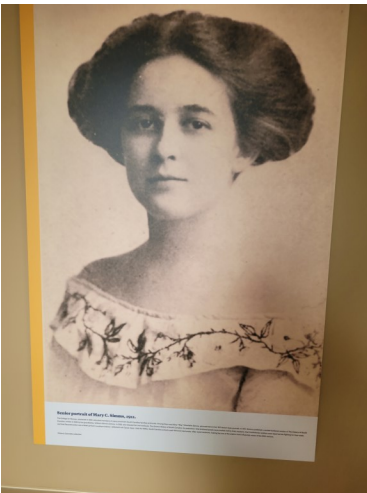
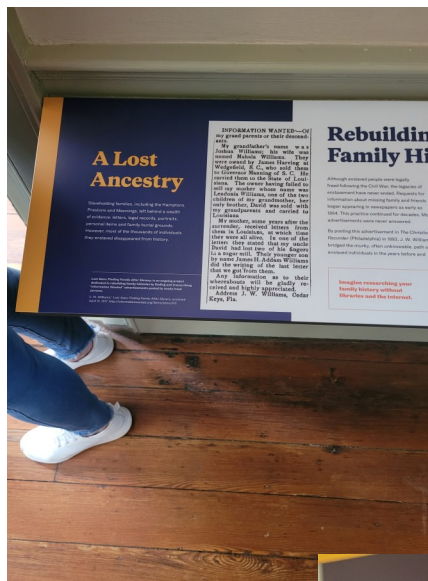
You are in our prayers,
Mr. & Mrs. Swearingen

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Tara and John Whitfield have been members at SOPC for 32 years. Tara has a love for all things created in God's image and works behind the scenes to tend to God's creation. Most recently, Tara serves on the board of Providence Home and gives of her time and efforts in so many powerful ways to change lives in this broken world. John is all about using his hands to 'make God's work happen', sometimes this was in building and repairing, or cooking meals for Migrant workers, other times its loading back pack bags for SOES or participating in mission trips during the summer. You will often find Tara and John side by side with others from SOPC doing the behind the scenes work, never one to receive praise or even a thank you, they are the hands and feet of Christ like so many others here at SOPC.

Saturday, April 22, Women's Retreat - Columbia, Historical Homes



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 with financial aid

KJ's Market supports us with food and paper supplies

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Red Cross Blood Mobile will be on our campus on July 17, 10 am - 2pm. Watch this space for registration information.



**American
Red Cross**



Leave your legacy of love today. A gift to your church allows you to enhance its mission and change the lives of others. Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) can help you plan your gift that will impact generations to come and capitalize on available tax savings. For more information 800 955 3155 or www.tpf.org.

COMING TO SOPC, Friday, June 2



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Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up



All 4 Screenings for \$149

Carotid Artery Disease:

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA):

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation :

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

We will be in your neighborhood soon

Friday, June 2nd, 2023

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church

Get your special Community Circle pricing!

Three ways to register and receive the special discount:

Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191

Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](https://llsa.social/hc)

Text: the word [circle](https://llsa.social/hc) to 216-279-1607



Getting Screened is Simple!

Painless, non-invasive, keep your clothes on.



¹ <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>



MORE Justice
CELEBRATION
MONDAY, MAY 8TH

Saint Martin's in-the-Fields
[5220 Clemson Ave]

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CELEBRATING
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR! WE'LL
TAKE NEXT STEPS ON OUR ISSUE CAMPAIGNS
AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN OUR
WORK OF JUSTICE.

Spanish Interpretation and Free Childcare will be provided.

Food will be available starting at 6:00 PM and the event itself
will begin at 6:30 PM.

Please register through the link below to reserve your meal!



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SERIES AT MCGREGOR

Elder Fraud

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

**MCGREGOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6505 ST. ANDREWS RD
COLUMBIA, SC**

The FBI Columbia Office is continuing their Elder Fraud initiative in 2023. This initiative, which launched last year, is designed to provide South Carolina's senior population with presentations on the many forms of financial fraud that are geared to target them.

During this presentation, trained FBI personnel will provide information on various fraud schemes, including romance, lottery and sweepstakes scams, to name a few.

**PRESENTERS:
FBI SPECIAL AGENT MARK MCMAHON
FBI OCT ROBERT PRICE**

**This workshop is open to the public.
There is no admission fee.**

THE WORKSHOP SERIES IS BEING OFFERED BY MCGREGOR PRESBYTERIAN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TOPICS OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY.

The office is finding doors open on our campus!!!

If you use the church facilities lock the doors & make sure they close completely after you leave!!! Our doors are old and sometimes don't close properly!!!!



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| May 1 | Donna Huff |
| May 2 | Margaret Royals |
| May 3 | Dannah Lane |
| May 6 | Ken Watkins |
| May 14 | Doris Cunningham |
| May 18 | Nancy Taber |
| May 18 | Stephanie Sampson |
| May 19 | David Will |
| May 22 | Allan Sampson |
| May 24 | Lloyd Pilkington |
| May 25 | Sue Kesterson |
| May 30 | Nancy Humphreys |

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For church business call:
803-772-1761
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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.

A screenshot of the online giving interface for Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church. The page title is "Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church" with the location "Columbia, SC". The main heading is "How much would you like to give?". There are two input fields: "Amount" with a value of "\$0.00" and "Fund" with a dropdown menu showing "Birthday Fund - TPF". Below these is a "Memo" field. There are two buttons: "GIVE ONCE" and "GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES". Below that is a "GIF date" dropdown menu set to "Today". There is an "Email address" field. At the bottom, there is a "SUMMARY" section showing a total of "\$0.00" and a "Continue" button. The footer includes "POWERED BY REALM" and "Terms and Conditions Privacy Policy".