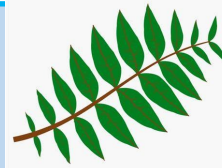


May 11, 2023

The Leaflet



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MAY

Word of the Month

PENTECOST



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

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!!!

Shelagh Wirth will be leaving the church office once the new admin, Denise Wolfe, is trained. Come in and introduce yourself to Denise. She started in the office Monday, May 8 @ 10:00 am.



Hi, my name is Denise Wolfe and I'm very excited to be your new Office Administrator. I have three adult children and four grandchildren with another one on the way in June. I feel that my calling in life is working in the church and I absolutely love it! I am bringing 15 years experience too SOPC. I feel that Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church is going to be a wonderful place to serve the Lord and share my administrative gifts. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone, so please come by the office when you can! Blessings to you all! Denise.

Office hours will remain the same until further notice,
Monday - Thursday 10 am - 2 pm.

Raise the Roofs Campaign Update

On Sunday, May 7, a capital campaign to replace all the roofs on the SOPC Campus and replenish the building reserve fund was launched. It is with thanksgiving and praise that we announce that as of Tuesday, May 9, **The Raise the Roofs Campaign** has received seventeen (17) gifts/pledges for a total of \$82,000!! That's 55% of the goal!!!

We appreciate the delicious meal provided by the Fellowship Ministry and the project information provided by the Fundraising Committee of the Administration and Building and Grounds Ministries at the Kickoff Celebration.

Your gifts and pledges are cherished as we move forward toward becoming better disciples of Christ in our community. Thanks be to God.

MAY 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
Thursdays - 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



Saturday, May 13 - 12:00 pm - Cuban Women's Project - FH
Monday, May 15 - 6:30 pm - Session Meeting
Saturday, May 20 - 10:00 am - American Federation of Human Rights
12:00 pm - Cuban Women's Project - FH

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!!



Care Givers Group meets monthly on Mondays. Join us for lunch @ 1:00 pm on Monday, May 22, in the Fellowship Hall, provided by Jenny Fogle, 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

MORE Justice

MORE Justice celebrated Monday, May 8 at St Martin's of the Fields. Were you there? If not you missed a wonderful event. If you would like to donate to MORE Justice, please send any donations to: MORE Justice, 709 Gabriel St, Columbia SC 29203.

ReShape Update



On May 9, SOPC celebrated its one year anniversary of the issuance of ReShape Ministry Guide. As you know, the Ministry Guide was the culmination of “grass roots” small group process, where 10 small groups comprising over 60% of our membership were guided through a structured process developed by Pinnacle Leadership Associates. This process generated over 500 ideas that were submitted to our ReShape Coordinating Team. They went through a discernment process and issued the Guide.

Our efforts this year have been to concentrate on implementing the top 26 Action Items in the Guide. As of this writing, we have completed 31 actions, (some Action Items resulted in several actions, others have not been completed yet.)

ReShape is a work in progress, and although some members have not seen the degree of change they originally anticipated, There are promising signs:

The youth in particular have made major strides in making changes that are consistent with ReShape recommendations: They wrote a Vision Board, they have joint meetings with their counterparts at McGregor and Westminster, and they have been active participants in our Worship service—reading Scripture, performing skits, helping serve communion, offering to greet and usher.

Members are involved in looking into the type of music we want to play during worship—continue with our largely traditional music, add outside elements like performances by other choirs, soloists, bands, etc. or even consider pre recorded music from time to time.

The restrictions in music selection due to copyright law and performance licenses are being challenged and better understood so that we may broaden our music selections.

Opportunities for intergenerational Programming are being explored, with programs and events that “speak” across generations and promote better appreciation for what each has to offer.

These are just a few of the things that are going on with ReShape. For a more complete picture, refer to your Ministry Guide, check out the ReShape bulletin boards and read the bulletin for weekly updates.

Please be in prayer for the success of ReShape. Ed Keelen

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
April	\$ 23,959	\$ 23,500	\$ 459
YTD 2023	\$ 94,535	\$ 94,000	\$ 535

Total revenue for the first 4 months of 2023 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through April	\$99,946
Total Expenses through April	<u>\$99,702</u>
Revenues in excess of Expenses	\$ 244

Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, May 9



Speaker: Ayanna White,
Director of The Power in Changing



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2023

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 19 – 22, 2023

5:15 – 8:00pm



For Children and Youth completed 4k - 11th grade

Registration Deadline

June 15, 2023

We want to be ready for you!



REGISTER FOR VBS

WITH THIS QR CODE



530 St. Andrew's Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210



CDC Guidelines will be followed

GRADUATES

Congratulations to these Graduates



Finnegan James Creighton (aka Finn) has graduated early, finishing Lexington High School back in December of 2022. He has been accepted at University of South Carolina in the physics department and wishes to begin study in the Fall of 2023, though he is discerning with God's help the path forward. He is currently employed at Lowe's Foods in the meat department and is a highly appreciated employee, reliable and a very hard worker. He loves all things fishing, bowling, gaming, and spending time with childhood friends. Finn greatly appreciates the love and support he has received from SOPC and sends a giant 'Thank You' to each of you!

Dannah Lane will graduate from River Bluff High School on June 3. She will attend Coastal Carolina University this fall. Dannah plans to become an entomologist, and will study biology as an undergraduate. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time in the youth group and will miss all the friends she has made here at SOPC.



Jacob Schwartz graduated from Francis Marion University on May 6th with a degree in Business Administration and a major in Accounting. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma which is a national business honor society. After graduation he will be working for the Pee Dee Coalition in Florence. He will continue being an active member of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, as an alumni advisor. His parents, Larry and Amy Schwartz, are proud of his accomplishments.

Graduating with Latin Honors – Magna Cum Laude.

Way to Go!!!!

Community Updates

The Love Revolution

Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:00 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 - 2 pm. 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, please contact TPF at 800 955 3155 or www.tpf.org.

Live Oak Counselling received a *Cheerful Giver* donation which they will use for further education for their counsellors. Director Nancy Smith, says "this is an incredible gift for us". Thank you to everyone who donated on Midlands Gives Day 2023!!!



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>

SESSION Updates

The following actions were taken by the Session during the April Meeting.

1. Approved "Cokesbury's Food Truck Party" for VBS program, June 19-22, 5:15-8:00 pm.
2. Approved computer network upgrades to install a firewall and battery back-ups.
3. Approved changing internet support to On-Site Computing.
4. Elected Sharon Watkins and Sharon Staton as delegates to Presbytery Meeting on May 20th in Clinton, SC.

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!!!!

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

For church business call:
803-772-1761
or email: 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) 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" and "Columbia, SC". Below that, it asks "How much would you like to give?". There are two input fields: "Amount" with "\$0.00" and "Fund" with "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 menu 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".