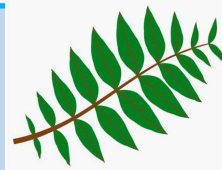


June 8, 2023

The Leaflet



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**JUNE**

**Word of the Month**

**GENERATIONS**



**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)**  
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**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**  
**Children & Youth Sunday School classes-no summer classes**

**The Fellowship Sunday School Class will meet during the summer months. We are currently studying "They Walked With God" by Max Lucado. The Class starts at 10:00 a.m. with fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome, Come join us and Walk With God!!**

## JUNE AT A GLANCE

**Mondays - 7:30 pm NANA**  
**Tuesdays - 10:00 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 adults**  
**11:00 am Worship Service**  
**3:30 pm - Love Revolution**



**June 11 - VBS Training Session for VBS Volunteers - Fellowship Classroom - following worship**  
**June 18 - Happy Father's Day**  
**June 19 - 22 - 5:15 pm - VBS - Fellowship Hall**  
**June 19 - 12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon**  
**June 20 - 9:00 am - SC HIV Planning - Fellowship Hall**

## ReShape Update



The ministries did not meet this month, so there were no formal Action Item updates. We continue to make progress, however, especially on some Action Items that were difficult to define, like "intergenerational programming" and "improve person to person worship". The Worship improvements being examined are a result of the Adapting Group's benchmarking of other churches, which is bearing fruit as we observe how other churches are coping with the dramatically changing religious and secular environment.

### New Sermon Series!

**Empowering the Generations** Sermon Series is a two part series. The sermons will both cover the 'how do we empower each generation in our worshipping midst as well as how does God call us within scripture to walk with each generation.' Come be a part of strengthening our church body in Christ!

**Postcards for campers**, there are postcards in the narthex and church office for you to let our children/youth at Camp Fellowship know you are thinking about them. If you return them to the church by Sunday, June 25, Andrea Paschal will hand deliver them on Monday, June 26, or you can mail to the camp that week. Children & youth attending: Sawyer Creighton, Eli & Finn Bundrick, Abby Dempster, Troope & Rollin Sellars.

Camp Fellowship  
457 Camp Fellowship Rd, Waterloo SC 29384

**Starting June 12th to July 4th**, Pastor Jana will be on vacation. Serving as head of staff during this time will be Certified Ruling Elder, Andrea Paschal. Below is Andrea's information if you need to reach her during that time.

CRE Andrea Paschal  
803 543 6745 Cell or 803 772 1338 Work  
[andrea@westminsterpres.org](mailto:andrea@westminsterpres.org)



### Ladies Luncheon

The June Ladies Luncheon will be held June 19th, noon, at California Dreaming, 401 Main St., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at [mroyals052@gmail.com](mailto:mroyals052@gmail.com), or text 803-608-1434, or 803-957-0430.

# 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.  
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CDC Guidelines will be followed



## VBS Volunteer Training

June 11

Immediately After Worship

Fellowship Classroom

Vacation Bible School is June 19 - June 22, 5:15 pm - 8 pm. **Our Mission project** for this year's VBS is to fill blessing boxes around the neighborhood. We invite the congregation to be a blessing to others by contributing small items for our brown lunch bags, i.e. crackers, candy, energy bars, Kleenex, hand lotion. Thank you. Questions, contact either Mary Dempster or Janice Holbrook.

Members are invited to help decorate the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 17, starting at 10:00 am. If you only have an hour to spare, that's fine. We should be done by midafternoon.

### Employee Highlight of June!

Lloyd Pilkington

Did you know that Lloyd Pilkington has served the Lord here at SOPC for 23 years?

Lloyd is a lover of fine music and goes above and beyond to create plentiful moments of beauty.

During Covid this meant creating videos with hymns that display God's beauty in our midst, a gift during a most challenging time.

Today during worship this means a variety of musical instruments, voices, and handbells to praise God, led by his patient manner.

Lloyd worships through his love, patience and tender concern for the choir as well as sharing his gifts with Sharon Watkins, our concert pianist.

One of the gifts he offers to those who attend practice and occasionally during worship is to witness to his faith in a devotion each time they meet.

He lives his faith and is patient and calm with all who wish to participate in the music program at SOPC.

Thank you Lloyd for ministering to SOPC for 23 years. Your creativity is appreciated and we look forward to exploring more into the future!



Ladies, mark your calendars for our Salad Dinner on Thursday, July 13, @ 6 pm, in the Fellowship Hall We will fellowship, have a meal and enjoy each other's company. Bring a salad to share, or just come, there is always enough food to go around.

## SESSION Updates

The Session of SOPC met on May 15, 2023 for its monthly stated meeting. The Session approved the following:

Using the book "A Praying Life" by Paul E. Miller for the Roads to Faith class.

Hosting a Men's Prayer event on September 30 from 5:50 to 9 PM. This is being planned by two men that Ed Keelen knows to encourage neighboring churches to have Men's Prayer groups like Lanterns.

Purchasing the Christian Copyright Solutions (CCS) PERFORM Music Facilities license for \$270. This will enable us to play recorded music in non-service, non-streamed situations.

Elected Hal Bowman as Treasurer for the 2023-24 Church Year.

Elected Shelagh Wirth as Membership Secretary for the 2023-24 Church Year.

Elected Polly Robinson as Clerk for the 2023-24 Church Year.

Approved not holding the June Stated Session Meeting.

Approved ordaining/installing new elders on July 16.

The following was approved by e-mail votes between the April and May meetings:

Allowed BK Electric Services to install a microphone to facilitate quality streaming of the organ.

The cost was covered by a donation and there was no cost to the church.

Approved employing Denise Wolfe as Office Administrator beginning May 8, 2023 for 16 hours per week. This will allow Denise some time to work with Shelagh Wirth.

I want to really thank all members of SOPC, for the wonderful fruit box, that has me so happy that I have been getting the powerful love that I haven't felt since I've lost my immediate family. It meant so much to me, in which it gives me motivation to succeed in my goals here in treatment, I want you guys and ladies to know I'm working hard and digging deep inside, in learning powerful ways of utilizing my new coping skills. A lot of growing tears are really flowing, again thank you very much. I love you  
Ira Leon



Dear church family,  
The cards I received on my return from Canada have helped me so very much with the grief on the passing of my sister. Thank you for your prayers during this difficult time. I can't imagine going through this without a church family to hold us up.

Love & Blessings to each of you,  
Shelagh Wirth

## 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.

#### 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**



# Shop for a Cause

## **KENDRA SCOTT + FAMILY PROMISE OF THE MIDLANDS**

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**JUNE 22, 2023 FROM 4PM - 6PM**



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**GIVEBACK-EETBA**  
on June 22 & June 23**



## Presbytery Meeting Highlights

Presbytery Meeting Highlights The Spring Stated Meeting of Trinity Presbytery was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Clinton. The meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Kyle Hite. Worship followed with a sermon entitled “The Whole Purpose of Seeds” from the Reverend Dr. Ellen Fowler Skidmore, Pastor of Forest Lake Presbyterian Church.

- An offering of \$578 was collected to be designated for hunger issues in Trinity Presbytery. The link to contribute is still live for those who would like to contribute. Trinity Presbytery Hunger Offering.
- Presbytery was welcomed by the Reverend Dr. Duke Dixon, Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton.
- Presbytery voted in the affirmative on the remaining 17 of the 33 OGA Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order.
- The Reverend Dr. Fran Bragan and the Reverend Mitch Van Metre were granted Honorable Retirement status and recognized for their service to Trinity Presbytery and the Church.
- The Rev. Tim Erskine was examined and approved to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor for our Aveleigh congregation.
- Two Administrative Commissions (AC) were dismissed with the thanks of the Presbytery for their service: Northminster Presbyterian Church AC and Petersen Presbyterian Church AC. □
- Two new AC's were formed : one for the request of our Aveleigh congregation to be dismissed to another reformed denomination and one for the request from our Grace Covenant congregation to close.
- Elder Jim Rowell, Interim Stated Clerk, gave his annual report, including the statistical information for 2022 and presbytery meeting rebalancing.
- Elder Amy Alexander, PW Moderator, reported that the PW Officers' Training is scheduled for August 19th, with the location TBD. PW continues to support Mission Haven. If you'd like to participate, please see the online wish list.
- Elder Bill Wannamaker, Trinity Presbytery Youth Ministry Coordinator, gave an update. The new Youth Council application will be distributed to churches in a few weeks. Plans for the Enneagram retreat (Aug. 23- 25) at Camp Fellowship have been finalized.
- Presbytery received a report from the Administrative Enabling Team (AET) (Elder MaryAnne Massey , Moderator) The Presbytery is in good financial shape at this time.
- Presbytery received a report for the Mission and Evangelism Team (MET) Rev. Leon Page, Moderator. Dr. Phyllis Sanders, Vital Congregations Coordinator, spoke to Presbytery about new opportunities that offer practical and useful guidelines, specifically designed for each church to empower congregational leaders. Read more.
- Presbytery received a report from the Discipleship and Resourcing Team (DRT) Rev. Caroline Dennis, Moderator. The Spring Adult Retreat held in April was a success, with Dr. Bob Bryant from Presbyterian College offering an engaging study of the book of Revelation. The five Presbyteries of South Carolina (SC5) held their Annual Leader of Leaders Event in April with 50 attendees. Worship on the Water, at Camp Fellowship will run from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. Camp Fellowship is celebrating 75 years this summer!
- Presbytery received a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Rev. Brad Christie, Moderator. CPM has received a new Inquirer by transfer from New York Presbytery. All inquirers and candidates continue to make progress toward certification for ordained ministry.

**The next Stated Meeting of Trinity Presbytery will be held on Saturday, August 26 at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church in Chapin, convening at 9:30 a.m.**



## Contact Information Updates:

We have Ira Leon's new address, it is available in the church office.



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Jana will be out of the office  
June 12-July 4

CRE Andrea Paschal will cover  
for Jana during her time off.  
803 543 6745 Cell or 803 772  
1338 Work  
[andrea@westminsterpres.org](mailto:andrea@westminsterpres.org)

For church business call:  
803-772-1761

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!

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