

July 6, 2023

The Leaflet



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JULY

Word of the Month

CHURCH



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=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)
[pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)
Meeting ID: 743 754 044

9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
Children & Youth Sunday School Classes - no summer classes

The Roads to Faith Sunday School Class will be meeting with the Fellowship Class this summer, beginning on June 18th.

The Class starts at 10:00 am with fellowship beginning at 9:30 am.

All are welcome!

Come join us and walk with God!!

JULY AT A GLANCE

Mondays - 7:30 pm NANA
8:00 pm Mision Cristiana Elim Internacional
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 Men's Bible Study
7:30 pm Mision Cristiana Elim Internacional
Sundays - 9:45 am Sunday School for adults
11:00 am Worship Service
1:30 pm - 4 pm Mision Cristiana Elim Internacional
3:30 pm - Love Revolution



July 8 & 22 - 9 am - Cuban Feminine Project
July 11 - Migrant Ministry Meal
July 12 - 6:00 pm - VBS Volunteer Appreciation Meal
July 13 - 6:00 pm - Presbyterian Woman Salad Dinner
July 16 - Installation of Elders, New Trustee, and Church Luncheon
July 17- 10 am - 2 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive
July 17 - 12:00 pm - Ladies Luncheon @ LongHorn Harbison

VBS 2023 WAS A SUCCESS!



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Food Truck Party VBS this year. It was a great success we had close to 30 children from our church and the surrounding community. I think everyone had fun making crafts like fishing poles and watching the elephant toothpaste explode in Science. We had awesome games, music and stories too that taught them about our theme of "God is Good, God is Great". We collected a TON of food to make Blessing bags to replenish the Blessing boxes in the community. Again, thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this year's VBS a success.

God Bless, Mary and Janice



See you next year!!

THANK YOU!

We cannot say THANK YOU enough!

Andrea Paschal, CRE has faithfully served SOPC for the last three weeks and we are SO thankful.

She loved us, tended to our pastoral needs, directed us to those who could help us during times of frustration and led us in the Way of the Lord.

Andrea guided our able volunteers in a very rainy VBS and helped us view our generations through sermon and experience in new and valuable ways.

THANK YOU Andrea for taking on this responsibility and for showing up in the Grace of God!

Pastor Jana and the Congregation of Seven Oaks



4th of July - Did you know?



John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia (which proclaimed our independence) are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV). Our legal system reflects our Judeo-Christian roots.



MISSIONS

Cuban Feminine Project

We are making progress slowly but surely with our pads and storage bags. We would love to have more folks involved. If you can sew a straight line, you could make an easy pleasure storage bag. If you need some instruction on making these reusable pads or just need more supplies, Kitsie will be in the Fellowship Hall between 9 am and 11:30 am on Saturday mornings, July 8 and July 22. If another day suits you better, please call Kitsie at 803-463-6958. We love sharing the good vibes we feel when working on this incredible project. Thank you.



Family Promise of the Midlands partners with congregations and others to provide shelter and solutions for families with children facing a housing crisis. Our host week for Family Promise guests begins July 23. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards for the families to buy food, supplies, and gas. You can give via the offering, church office, and online (onrealm.org). Please mark donations for "Family Promise."

Mission Migrant Meal

During the summer months Saxa Gotha Presbyterian Church has organized and shared the love of Christ each Tuesday evening with migrant workers from the farms in the Batesburg-Leesville area.

The ministry typically runs from the first Tuesday in June until the first Tuesday in August. Volunteers meet at SGPC staff offices at 6:15 pm, drive their own cars or ride the SGPC bus to Batesburg-Leesville Presbyterian Church (103 Mitchell St., Leesville, SC), and then serve others during the program. All usually return to the church by 9:00 pm. SOPC will be volunteering on Tuesday, July 11 to help with this mission again this year.

While there, individuals share a meal together, listen to a sermon (in Spanish) given by Pastor Henry Alfaro and then group activities begin. Group activities include playing sports like volleyball, doing crafts and playing games with the children.

Each year this ministry has needs for volunteers to help set up and assist with recreational activities, serve food, provide fellowship and clean up afterwards. It's a terrific summer ministry opportunity for individuals and families alike!

To get involved in Migrant Ministry, please contact:
Missions Ministry at missions@saxegotha.org

or

Joy Huyck at 803.446.5486

or

Pete Eckert at 803.608.9835

SC School of Theology
2023 Fall Semester
October 27 & 28, 2023



SC5 School of Theology is sponsored by the five presbyteries in South Carolina: Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity.

What is the SC School of Theology: Theological training for elders and church leaders. There are two tracks:

- **Enrichment Track** – for those who want personal enrichment for teaching or leading in their congregation.
- **Lay Pastor Track** – for Ruling Elders who want to become Commissioned Ruling Elders.

For Whom: Classes are for

- Church Leaders interested in learning more.
- Ruling Elders interested in learning more.
- Ruling Elders interested in being commissioned to serve and lead congregations.
- Faith Formation Leaders interested in better equipping themselves to teach.

When: Friday, October 27 through Saturday, October 28, 2023

Classes Offered Fall 2023 Semester:

- New Testament (Core)
- Reformed Theology (Core)
- Preaching (Core)
- Pastoral Care (Core)

Christian Education (Elective)

Hotel: Participants in the School of Theology will stay at the Hampton Inn in Clinton.

Costs: \$95 for class and meals. Hotel costs are \$205 for 2 nights.

For more information about the SC5 School of Theology, please talk with your Presbytery Leader or contact the School of Theology Registrar, Robin Morris, at rmorris@foothillspresbytery.org or call Robin at 864.288.5774.

LOST and FOUND

Below are items that were found in the Fellowship Hall after VBS. If you are the owner you can pick them up in the church office.

Thank you!



Carolina Panthers Jacket



ReShape Update

ReShape Newsletter Article

July 5, 2023

Ed Keelen



The ReShape Adapting Group is meeting on July 6 to continue their process of tracking Action Items, benchmarking other worship services, and looking at what's "out there" in the way of spiritual and secular interaction. Over the next few Newsletters, we are going to list the range of activities that are involved in each theme.

Theme 1. Growth in Christ

Music Focus

VARIETY of singers/instruments	Watch and examine if we could experiment with music like Downtown church
Recruitment of bands/groups locally (USC, mid-lands, HS)	Music events together, ideally with choirs from different churches
Switch with other churches	Organ Debut with choirs potentially
FUNDING of these groups	Organ recitals
Children's choir/Music program	Community youth choir or musical performance
Evening events (with theological focus)	Increase intergenerational experiences—music components from all ages, high school music/ theater groups, Senior Sundays/ celebration Sundays (with food)
Build the community music program here at SOPC (become known for this love)	Expand/improve in person worship—prayer time before worship; install screens for announcements and scripture readings.
Work in trios/duets more often	Contemporary pieces (at least 1 each Sunday)
Build in a beginning worship experience where the music 'flows' from one song to the next to create a worshipful environment (see most contemporary services)	

Small Groups

The ability to form small groups when the desire arises (not structured around a calendar)
The ability to form a prayer small group and become a praying church
Classrooms that go out to the world

Children's Ministry

JAM/ JAMA/ Faith Families
Collaborate with other churches for VBS

Youth Programs

Youth participation in worship
Youth working together as able
Summer programs together as children/youth

Discipleship "Word of the Week"

Pray: a word a daybook, connecting with God one word at a time)- make this a thing for a year, every day we have a word posted on social media, on our sign, a month in advance even and get people to turn in ways they lived this word.

Volunteer Highlight of The Month



Robert and Kitsie Miller have been members at SOPC since March of 1991.

If there is a mission project afoot, Robert and Kitsie are likely involved. If you have a question or concern about a mission project, they are 'go to' people!

Did you know that Robert and Kitsie spearheaded:

- The backpack program at Seven Oaks Elementary
- The Cuban Women's Ministry project
- The Love Revolution

And are involved in MANY more missions at SOPC and in our community?

Robert and Kitsie are a little like the energizer bunny. They tend to themselves, their precious family and all those in our community without missing a beat.

Thank you Robert and Kitsie for all you do for all of God's people!

UPCOMING EVENTS - DON'T MISS OUT!

LADIES SALAD DINNER



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

The July Ladies Luncheon will be held at Longhorn's, Harbison Blvd, July 17th, noon. If attending please notify Margaret Royals, mroyals052@gmail.com, or 803-608-1434, 803-957-0430.



Join us for a delicious luncheon and meet with our new Elders and Trustee on July 16 in the pavilion after worship! We will be having hamburgers, hot dogs, slaw, baked beans, potato salad, and dessert. A perfect summer lunch! ! Hope to see you all there!



Blood Drive!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Red Cross Blood Mobile will be on our campus on July 17, 10 am - 2 pm. You can register online, www.redcrossblood.org, or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

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.

The Clothes Closet is in need of wire hangars, pant hangars and children's small plastic hangars (with indentions to hold tank tops). We are, also, in great need of combs, disposable razors, brushes, travel size mini toiletries, deodorant, and any hygiene items would be greatly appreciated.



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.



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For church business call:
803-772-1761
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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
10 am - 3 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.