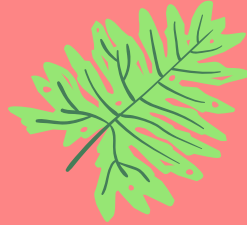


FEBRUARY 2024

THE LEAF



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The Monthly Newsletter from Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church

*Thank you, Pastor Jana for six years of leadership,
love, and service to SBPC! We will miss you!
We lift you in prayers as you begin your new role with
Trinity Presbytery.*



*May the Lord bless you & keep you...
Numbers 6:24*

Dear Seven Oaks Friends,

February is considered the month of love. Valentine's, while a mostly manufactured holiday, is a day most of us celebrate and love one another a little bit more or a little bit harder. This first week of February, I have been honored to share one last time this love for many of you--sometimes in cards, sometimes in hugs, sometimes in sitting over coffee, sometimes dinner or over a conversation in your living rooms. What a blessing to share with one another this love that is Godly and greater than any one of us.

One of the sermons I preached here at SOPC spoke about the types of love presented in the Bible.

"Agape" love is defined as the fatherly love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God.

"Eros" is the Greek word that is used to describe the romantic love between a man and a woman.

"Storge" is the Greek word used to describe the natural, overflowing love that family members have for one another

"Philia" is the Greek word used to describe deep, meaningful friendships.

The prayer we have often shared is that each of us will know, grow, and experience these types of love in our lives and in the congregation.

Perhaps you have grown in Agape love, the type of all-sacrificing love that Christ personified as He was sacrificed on the cross. This type of love overlooks faults, gives all, welcomes all into the love of Christ, and as Charles Wesley wrote in his hymn, "Amazing love! how can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?" Agape love is the love that calls us to be into the presence of God and to 'be still and know'. Now as things change once again, I encourage you to once again 'be still and know' this God.

Perhaps, however, you have grown in Eros love during these past 6 years. Maybe your relationships were rocky and as you have grown in the faith, you have experienced growth in your love for your partner. Maybe you have found a new love or strengthened your ties in this love. Eros love is a significant foundation, aside from Agape love, that we can build in our lives to reflect Christian love to all others.

Perhaps, though, you find yourself understanding the importance of Storge love during your growth over these 6 years. The significance of family love is vital, no matter our age and stage. Those who have said goodbye to siblings are acutely aware of this missing piece. I am grateful to have been able to share some of these stories and grieve together. Family love in extended family or others who are not family by blood are also critical to our growth as well. As Christians, we need our roots inherently embedded in a safe place. For some of us the church has become that safe place, that family. I would invite all of you to take this time of be still and know and utilize it to recreate your family units here at SOPC. With the changes in congregation over the last years, the church as a whole needs one another to experience storge, familial, and natural love, perhaps expressed in person, in cards, on the phone, and in your shepherding groups.

Finally though, you may find yourself in the place where Philia love, friendship love, is where you have grown the most over this time together. This deep and meaningful friendship love extends within and outside of the church. As we all know, friendships need encouragement to grow. They need time and effort to thrive. They need watering with conversations, dealing with disappointments together, and mending bridges. What friendships can you be a part of watering as we are 'being still and knowing' this coming season as a Church?

Friends, my prayer as you enter this coming season, is that you seek and find the love of Christ anew and from there you build all of your other relationships embedded in this knowledge and love. The result will be, in the Godly way, more connections, more relationships, more welcome, and more love shared within SOPC. May you each know the love which I will carry for you into the coming season, the prayers that will sustain you, and the ministries that will be upheld into the light on your behalf. You are always and forever loved in Christ, church of Seven Oaks. Thank you for sharing this love with me.

Go now in Peace, grace, mercy, and love.

Pastor Jana



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE SAY,
"THANK YOU, FAREWELL & GODSPEED," TO
REV. JANA LIGHT BUNDRICK

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2024
AFTER WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP HALL
SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
530 ST. ANDREWS ROAD,
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February

1st: Mary Dempster

4th: Naomi Finnegan

7th: Eleanor Evans, Alida Rawl & Patricia Williams

10th: Mary Johnson

12th: Rich Allen

14th: Ira Leon

15th: Mark Johnson

16th: Amy Schwartz

17th: Andy Robosky

21st: Christal McTier & Ellis Robinson

27th: Lucia Cheung, Kris Dempster & Monroe Swearingen



If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, please contactannah in the church office.



The Liturgical Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th and lasts until Easter Sunday on March 31st.

How will you intentionally draw closer to God through subtracting a distraction from your life or adding a spiritual discipline to grow in your relationship with Christ as we remember His journey to the cross?



Dear Seven Oaks family,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the sweet get-well cards that you sent to Jim the past year. He read each one and knew that he was truly in your thoughts and prayers.

Since his passing, I have received so many sympathy cards, gift cards and kind words of support. There are not enough words to express my appreciation. Each one of you has been a blessing to me and I am so thankful that you are my church family.

I would also like to thank SOPC for the donation that was made to PCSC Foundation in Jim's memory.

If you sent a Zorba's gift card and did not get an individual thank you, I'm sorry! I don't know who sent it, but thank you so much. 😊

Love and Blessings to each of you,
Patty Mullins

On behalf of the SOPC staff, THANK YOU for the donations of coffee K-cups, greeting cards, postage stamps, stickers, and other stationery!

We have enough coffee for awhile thanks to your generosity, but can always use more postage stamps and greeting cards...especially birthday, sympathy, and get well cards.

 Family
Promise
of the Midlands

Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of our programs. We enjoyed the wonderful day of food and fun at the basketball camp. We very much appreciate all you do.
From all of us at
Family Promise of the Midlands



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN TRINITY PRESBYTERY
ANNUAL GATHERING

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Shandon Presbyterian Church
607 Woodrow Street, Columbia, SC 29205
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Onsite registration opens @ 9:00
am Worship Service starts @10:00
am

Worship Leader: The Rev. Jenny McDevitt

The offering taken during the worship service will be donated to a charity designated by the Shandon PW. Offering checks to support this mission should be made payable to PW of Trinity Presbytery.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

REGISTRATION FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL GATHERING

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 24, 2024
\$25 before February 24, 2024; \$30 at door (includes lunch)

NAME: _____

CHURCH NAME: _____ CLUSTER #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONTACT PHONE #: _____

WORKSHOPS: Please choose 1

2024-2025 Horizon Bible Study: "Let Justice Roll Down"; led by Rev. Debbie Wells

Handbells for Dummies; led by Mary Ann Brearley

This workshop is limited to the first 15 registrants. If the workshop is full, you will be contacted to choose a different workshop or you may observe.

Meditative Slow Stitching; led by Margo McDonald

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK, PAYABLE TO: PW of TRINITY PRESBYTERY

MAIL TO: SUSAN BEVERLY
PO BOX 327

DUE WEST, SC 29639

Make copies as needed

February Ladies' Luncheon

The next Ladies' Luncheon will take place on Monday, February 26th at noon.

Place: Ocean View Restaurant, 1904 Broad River Road, Columbia

RSVP: Margaret Royals, mroyals052@gmail.com, 803-957-0430, 803-608-1434



YOUTH FAREWELL PARTY FOR PASTOR JANA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH FROM 5:30 - 7 PM
AT SOPC
! TACO BAR !





SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, IS SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!

It all began with a Columbia, SC area youth group praying a simple prayer, "Lord, help us to be aware of those without even a bowl of soup to eat," and has grown into an international, multi-million dollar initiative to "tackle hunger" and food insecurity.

Our youth are in a competition again this year with the youth Of Westminster Presbyterian.

Please bring non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations to the worship service.

Checks may be made payable to SOPC with "SOUPER Bowl" in the memo line.

Proceeds will benefit Sharing God's Love and SOPC's missions to reach out to our neighbors in need.

**SUMMER
CAMP**



Youth should have received information about summer camp from Pastor Jana. If you didn't see it, contact the Bussells or Annah in the church office.

SOPC Book Group is Meeting Again! We'd Love for You To Join Us!! Our next meeting will be February 29th at 1:30 at Snow's Ice Cream at Steve's Hamburgers. Our book is The Color Purple by Alice Walker. Please call or text Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958 if you have any questions or to let us know you're coming by Wednesday, February 28 at 1 pm.

Leave your phone number. It will be so good to see you!



If you would like to place Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary to The Glory of Our Risen Lord and/or in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Annah in the church office. They are \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to SOPC with "Easter Lily" in the memo line. Please also include a note with how you would like the listing worded.

The deadline to order is Sunday, March 10th.



Our Neighbors and Siblings in Christ at McGregor PC
Have Invited Us To Join Them on a Bus Trip to Visit the
INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM
in Charleston, SC
on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

“Engage with history through transformative storytelling, remarkable artifacts and exhibitions, and a uniquely impactful power of place.”

“We will depart from the McGregor’s parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and arrive for our tour of the museum at 11:00 a.m. Following the two-hour tour, we will board the bus and travel to the Charleston City Market for lunch and a bit of shopping before returning home.”

Adults under 62 - \$61.00 per person (includes bus and tour ticket)

Seniors 62+ - \$55.00 per person (includes bus and tour ticket)

An initial deposit of \$20.00 per person was requested by January 31st, but they may have spots left!

Final payment (\$41.00 for adults under 62 or \$35.00 for Seniors 62+) will be due no later than March 17th.

Initial deposit and final payment should be made payable to Zobel Travel LLC. Checks can be turned into the McGregor PC church office or given to Jayne Woodward.

For questions or to reserve your spot, contact: Jayne Woodward, 803-730-5072, minniewoodward@aol.com.

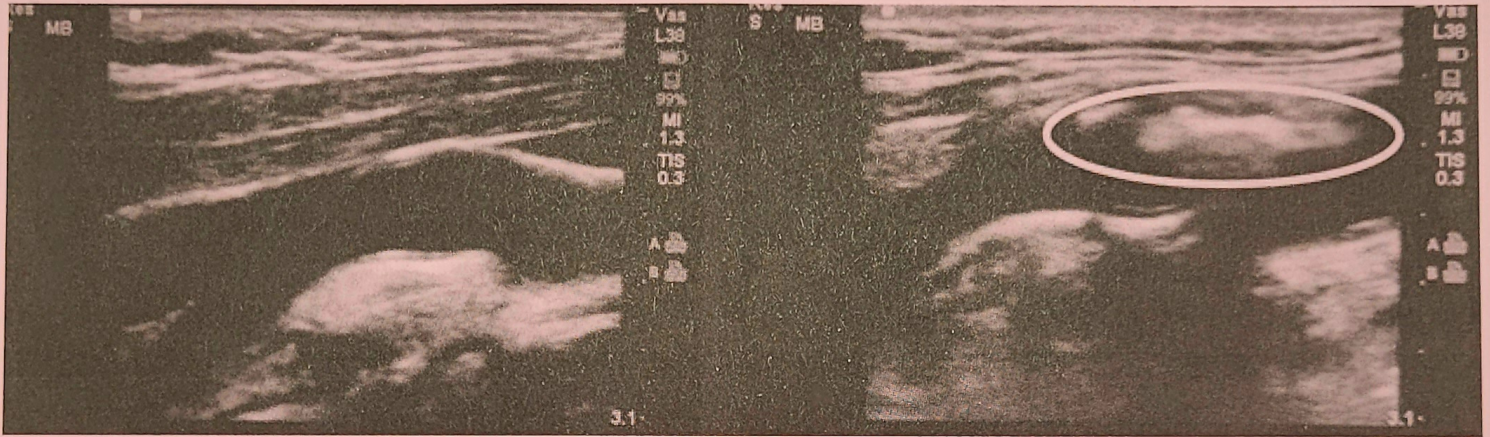
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That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.¹

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.

¹Key Risk Factors include: *High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

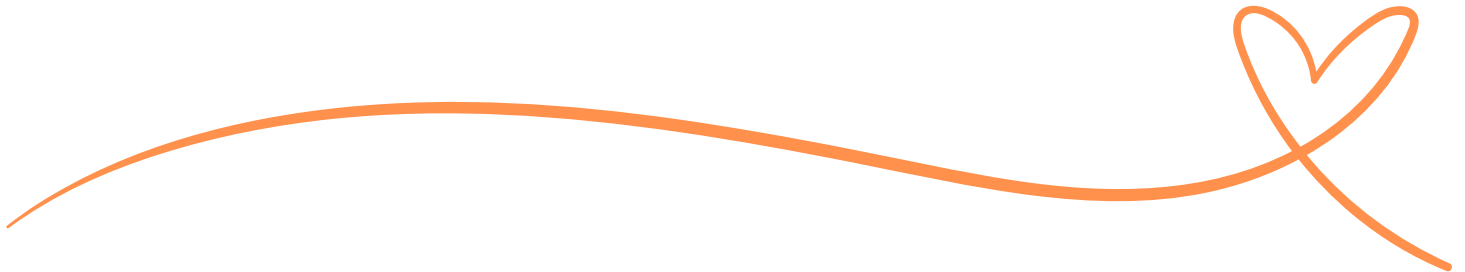
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When: Friday, February 16, 2024

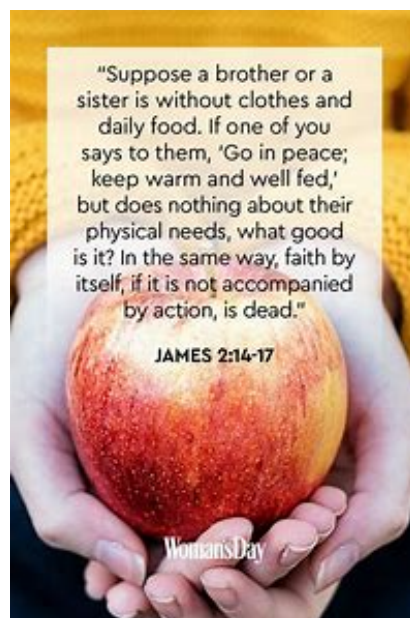
To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,
please call **1-800-640-6307** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**

THE LOVE REVOLUTION

...FREE meals for anyone who's hungry in body or spirit on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 - 5 pm in the SOPC Pavilion.



Please don't forget your donations of non-perishable food, bottled water, travel size or individually wrapped hygiene items, gently used clothes/shoes, warm blankets, emergency mylar blankets available on Amazon, tents, sleeping bags, coats/gloves/hats, etc. for our **Blessing Box and Clothing Closet**. If you have questions about items for the Blessing Box, contact Sharon Staton. If you have questions about items for the Clothing Closet, contact Loretta Demko.





Men's Lanterns Prayer Group meets
Friday mornings at 6:45 am.
Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and
prayer.



If you have questions about our awesome Scout Troop 91,
contact Jerry Hilbish.

Congratulations to **Colbey Carson Reeves** on earning
the honorable rank of EAGLE SCOUT!!



Worship: Sundays at 11 am
Sunday School: Sundays at 9:45 am

Church Office Hours:

M-Th: 10 am - 2 pm

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Session:

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Clerk of Session: Polly Robinson

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John Carter - Buildings & Grounds*

Class of 2025:

Fred Holbrook - Administration*

Ed Keelen - Reshape*

Sharon Staton - Missions*

Sharon Watkins - Worship*

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Liz Harris - Fellowship

Kathy Keane - Christian Ed*

Banks Robinson - Fellowship*

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