

# The PRESSbyterian

April 2010

## *Dates to Remember*

<b>April 1:</b>	Maundy Thursday Community Service
<b>April 2:</b>	Good Friday Lunch Good Friday Community Service
<b>April 4:</b>	Easter
<b>April 18:</b>	Service of Wholeness and Healing
<b>May 2:</b>	Homecoming

## *From the Pastor*

Friends,

It is with great joy that I announce First Presbyterian's new Children's and Youth Director, Sarah Coggins. She is a remarkable young woman that has a heart for Christ and especially for His young people. The search team, the Session and I have no doubt that she will bring vibrancy and creativity to this critical position of helping our youth develop and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

As you may know, Sarah grew up in this congregation. She was an active participant in our children and youth program. It is here that her relationship with Christ was developed and nurtured. She graduated Presbyterian College in 2000 with a BS in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. In 2004 she graduated with a Masters of Education in Reading Education from The Citadel and also married Matt Coggins. Before returning to Orangeburg in February of 2008, Sarah was an elementary school teacher. Since returning, she has been an active participant of our youth program serving as a youth advisor. She is also a founding participant of First Presbyterian's Puppet Team and our Discipleship Unit's Family Nurture Team. She and Matt have a 15-month-old daughter, Sarah Francis.

Sarah will join our staff on April 1, 2010. I encourage you to drop by the office to meet or reconnect with her. She has a love for Christ, serving His Church, and serving our young people. Please help me welcome her over the next few months by specifically praying that she will grow in her relationship with Jesus Christ, that she will serve him faithfully and fully, and that she will have a fulfilling ministry here at First Presbyterian Church!

In Christ,  
Jud

## *From Our Director of Youth and Children*

I cannot tell you how thrilled I am to be the new Director of Youth and Children. As a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, I am particularly excited to serve a church that has been such a big part of my life. Over the past few years, I have had the opportunity to volunteer as a youth leader, and I am convinced that our church has been blessed with an amazing group of young Christians. Also, we are fortunate to have an energetic, dedicated group of volunteers, and I look forward to working with them to strengthen our youth program. First Presbyterian also has a history of successful children's programs, and I am eager to help our church meet the needs of our youngest Christians.

Matt, Sarah Francis, and I are so thankful to be a part of your community, and we look forward to growing closer to both our church family and the Lord in the coming years.

Sarah Coggins

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534-1353

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## *Holy Week Services*

<b>April 1</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul's United Methodist Church
<b>April 2</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	12:00 p.m.	First Presbyterian Centre: Lunch at noon, followed by Devotions
		7:00 p.m.	First Baptist Church
<b>April 4</b>	<b>EASTER</b>	7:00 a.m.	Community Sunrise Service: Downtown on The Square
		8:30 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church
		11:00 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church [Communion observed in both services of worship.]

### *Prime Time Lunch*

**Tuesday, April 13**  
12:00 noon - Centre



Our friends from *The Village* in Summer-ville will join us this month. Reservations are very important so that adequate plans can be made (call 534-0088).

### *G.T.F.*

**April 7**      Modern Parables: Centre  
ALPHA: Fellowship Hall  
Making Love Last a Lifetime:  
Saltshaker Sunday School Room

**April 14**    Ron and Betsy Manila: Centre  
ALPHA: Fellowship Hall  
Making Love Last a Lifetime  
Saltshaker Sunday School Room

**April 21**    Modern Parables: Centre  
ALPHA: Fellowship Hall  
Making Love Last a Lifetime  
Saltshaker Sunday School Room

**April 28**    *Talent Show* - Final G.T.F.



### *You Are Invited*

Come to the Church Patio  
**at 10:30 a.m. on**  
**Easter Sunday**



and join  
the Children from Children's Church  
as they release butterflies to honor the  
Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

### *Missions Opportunity*

If you are interested in participating in a mission trip to Haiti, please attend an information dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6. We will meet at the home of Jud and Cathy Jordan (212 Doc Elliott Retreat ~ Orangeburg, SC). We are currently planning the trip between August and October 2010. We will be grilling hamburgers and hot-dogs. For further information, please contact Rob Miller at 387-7322.

# Presbyterian Women

Dear Readers,

❖ Coming up! Our **SPRING GATHERING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Centre Lobby. Remember, all women are invited to the party. Our Birthday Offering will be taken, we will elect officers for the coming year, and we will eat supper and have fun. Circle members, please bring a salad - an anonymous donor has promised us a Birthday Cake.



❖ Circle Leaders! If you haven't done this already, at your April and/or May meeting, select/elect your officers for circle for the coming year and do remember to give Denise the listing. A new Handbook WILL be edited during the summer.

❖ On **Saturday, April 17**, our **Presbytery PW** will have its **Spring Gathering**, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Palmetto Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant. A long-time friend, Alice Wyatt, will be the guest speaker. Alice is currently on the Churchwide Coordinating Team and at the time of the Gathering she will be just back from a trip to the Congo where she has been visiting mission projects. Alice has said that "many women in the pew never hear about good things being done" and she will be able to give us some firsthand news. Registration blanks are on the table in the Church Office, the table just under the picture of the Church. Deadline? April 1st. Call the number listed and tell them you want to come!

## FYI FEATURE OF THE MONTH

Columbia Friendship Circle is an organization, started 61 years ago, which includes all women who participate in Presbyterian Women throughout the Synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters. The Circle has a three-fold purpose:

- ❖ to pray for students, faculty, staff, and all members of Columbia Seminary;
- ❖ to encourage men and women to consider Christian Ministry;
- ❖ to provide financial assistance through selected projects that help meet the Seminary's needs.

The Circle has established the Peter Marshall Chair of Homiletics; furnished residence halls, the library, classrooms, an organ for the chapel, and continuing education for ministers in addition to student scholarships. This year's scholarships have been presented to seven Seminary students. You will be reassured to know that Columbia Friendship Circle is included in our yearly budget! They also accept individual contributions.

## MISSION PROJECT FOR APRIL / MAY

Bring a contribution to your Circle meeting, which Circle Four will use to buy "goodies" for students to munch on while they study for exams!

More later,  
Dina



## **April Circle Meetings - Tuesday, April 13**

<b>Circle 1:</b>	11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Centre
<b>Circle 2:</b>	10:00 a.m.	Conference Room Presbyterian Centre
<b>Circle 3:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Sandra Borgstedt 2222 Chestnut
<b>Circle 4:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Billie Alexander 1739 McQueen Blvd.

## *Service of Wholeness and Healing*

April 18, 2010

7:00 p.m.

## *Sunday School Meet and Greet*

Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, April 18 ■ 9:30

Everyone is invited for coffee, juice and light refreshments before going to their classes.

## Thornwell Trip

The ASAP class (9th-12th grades) committed 10% of its earnings from the Christmas ornament sales to Thornwell Home for Children. An **April 17** visit to Thornwell to learn about its ministry, to meet staff and kids, to have lunch and to deliver the monetary gift is scheduled. The bus will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return to Orangeburg at 5 p.m. Thornwell is a dynamic ministry of the PCUSA, serving children of all ages who come under their care. This trip is open to all youth and any other members who would like to participate. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the McLees Gallery. For more information, please contact Harris Murray ([hcmurray1955@gmail.com](mailto:hcmurray1955@gmail.com) or 803-531-2498).

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Harris Murray, who recently completed studies to be eligible to be called as a commissioned lay pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Called four years ago and with the approval of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Harris was examined by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Then she began the course work.

She enrolled in the *South Carolina Lay School of Theology* and has successfully completed all assignments for the eight core courses. Harris received her diploma on March 22 at the Spring Lay School. She is now eligible to be commissioned as a lay pastor by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

Congratulations, Harris, on a job well done!

Kaye Borgstedt

## Maymester is Coming!

Some topics to consider:

Spiritual Gifts  
Effective Bible Study  
How to Pray

## Note of Thanks

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy during the recent passing of my mother. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Janice Groomes

## April Birthdays

4/03 Gary Berry, Sr.	4/24 Charles Clanton
4/05 Marjorie Nickel	Ruth Horger
4/06 Rhonda Spell	Dodd Buie
4/08 Kim Panitt	4/25 Lee Shroads
4/10 Ben Davis	Missy Smoak
4/14 Corinne Clayton	Kim Reed
Ken Panitt	4/26 Jean Davis
4/15 Jason Hughes	Rebecca Daniels
Robert Richardson	William Panitt
4/16 Margaret Rickenbaker	4/28 Peggy Crocker
Scott Nickel	Janet Branan
4/17 Bill Thomas	John Hutto
Drew Shuler	Martin Gilchrist, III
4/18 Rachel Crane	Courtney Sterling
Ryan Berry	Madison Felder
Tyler Spell	Rylee Wofford
4/19 Hayla Banish	4/29 Brenda Sutcliffe
4/22 Emily Shepherd	Leslie Robertson
4/23 Drayton Bryant	4/30 Walt Turner

## United in Marriage

Hailey Elizabeth Cox

and

Nicholas Rhett Tamer

February 28, 2010

## Parenting in the Pew

By Robbie Castleman  
A Review

For parents who feel they spend most of their time in worship reminding their children to be quiet and sit still, time spent in church can be exhausting, exasperating and frustrating. It can be anything but worshipful.

“Worship,” writes Robbie Castleman, “is the most important thing you can ever train your child to do.”

With that underlying philosophy, Castleman has written an entertaining yet purposeful prescription for training children (and perhaps yourself, as well) to worship, to actively participate in every aspect of a worship service, and to pay attention to and give praise to God.

Castleman begins with what worship is not. It is not a time for refueling, comfort, relaxation, unwinding, socializing, entertainment or mental vacations. Worship is an intentional act of surrendering our souls to God, of rethinking our lives, retraining our minds, and repenting of our sin.

“Too many adults who learned how to be quiet in church are still doing that and passing it along to their kids. We can ‘sit still’ and be totally unmoved by the holy presence of God.” To this end, Castleman’s book offers suggestions on worship preparation, participation and follow-up for parents and children of all ages.

Parenting in the pew has two interdependent prerequisites: pay attention to your children in worship so you can teach them to pay attention to God. Her practical wisdom includes guidelines for teaching children to pay attention to music, prayers, God’s Word, confession, the sermon, the sacraments. She offers concrete suggestions regarding each aspect.

“We cannot be satisfied with worship that simply fulfills social and religious obligations,” Castleman writes. “Teaching your children to worship is helping them learn to give the Lord a holy hug – to bless Him with the embrace of their souls.”

God had to train the Israelites how to worship Him. Children are no different. If they are not trained, the worship service can be the longest hour of the week for many parents. If they are trained, that same hour can be the very best preparation for eternal joy. Parenting in the Pew may be just the book you are looking for in guiding your children in their spiritual journey, especially the part that falls between 11 a.m. and 12 noon on Sundays.

Harris Murray

{This book is available in the Congregational Care/Christian Education office if you want to check it out.}

## Christian Education

- ❖ **LIBRARY:** Did you know you can learn the name of the anthem sung on the first Sunday of 1950 or 1970, etc., by looking it up in the Church Library? That information and much more is available. We have some historical books and some new books. We have commentaries and children’s books. Check it out! If you see a book in the library and would like to write a book review, please call Jeneal Huddleston (536-3593). Also, if you know of a book we should add to the library, please let us know.
- ❖ **SWFP-SUMMER WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:** Watch for exciting opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth on Wednesdays all summer.
- ❖ What would happen if each day of April we prayed asking God to “reveal to me what you see when you see me”?

In Christ,  
Kaye Borgstedt  
CE Coordinator

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### ♦ Save The Date ♦

## Vacation Bible School

June 7-11, 2010

“Super Heroes of Faith”

Presented by

Bethelwoods in a Van!

### ♦ Save the Date ♦

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## From Facilities

This past month, we replaced the aging 60-year-old windows on our choir and Sunday school wing with new energy efficient windows and screens. With the repair of our sanctuary stained glass windows this past year, the addition of insulation in the sanctuary attic, and the replacement of these windows, we hope to save a significant amount of energy and money on our utility bill. We estimate the windows will pay for themselves in two years.

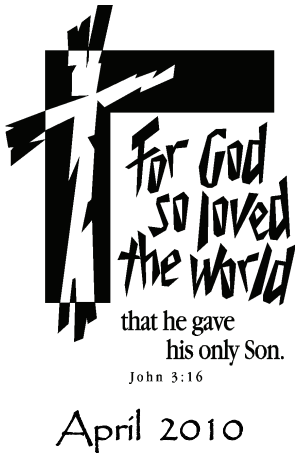
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S.T.E.P.S. - August 28, 2010

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*Community of Character*

*April Trait: Self-Control*

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

This annual offering of the PCUSA will be received on Easter Sunday morning, April 4. The gifts are shared by three programs: Self Development of People (32%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), and Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%).

### *Children's Church and Nursery Schedules*

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Two-to-Four Year-Olds</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>
April 4	Sarah Coggins Dee Anne Miller	Walt and Jennifer Turner	Ken and Kim Panitt
April 11	Sallie Covington	Harry and Wallace Mims	Tim and Julie Mobley
April 18	Lisa Boltin	Michael and Amy Delaney	Peg and Abby Lee
April 25	Emily Cook	Craig and Bonnie Cook	Tripp and Melissa Plummer