

The PRESSbyterian

January 2011

Dates to Remember

January 5: GTF resumes
January 9: Communion
January 16: Wholeness and Healing
January 18: Primetimer Lunch
January 23: Christian Unity Sunday
Community Worship

From the Pastor

Friends,

In the fall of 2010, a small group of men came together to discuss “reinstating” a ministry, one that will foster the spiritual growth, encourage the fellowship, and address specific issues facing men. If men are to grow spiritually, we need space to develop genuine relationships with others where life and spiritual concerns are discussed. Without a space to discuss our faith, be honest with our questions and have the opportunity to hold one another accountable, we run the risk of becoming and feeling spiritually isolated.

This small group of men is restarting First Presbyterian’s Presbyterian Men. Our mission is to inspire, equip, and teach men to be Christian disciples, husbands, fathers, and friends. We know it will take time for men to develop trusting relationships where this mission can be fulfilled. We know that some men can be “lone rangers” and to openly talk about matters of faith can be daunting. However, I know from personal experience that authentic relationships with other men will change your spiritual life. Men were created to be in community and submit to one another for spiritual accountability, hence the reason Proverbs 27:17 states, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”

On **Monday, January 17, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Centre, the Presbyterian Men will have a fellowship gathering. Some of the men have volunteered to cook for us. This will be our “kick off” event involving fellowship, food, and a short message talking about the need for men to grow with one another. We will also outline some of the 2011 upcoming events in an effort to help men fulfill the above mission. I encourage you to come if you are interested in growing spiritually. Happy New Year.

In Christ,
Jud

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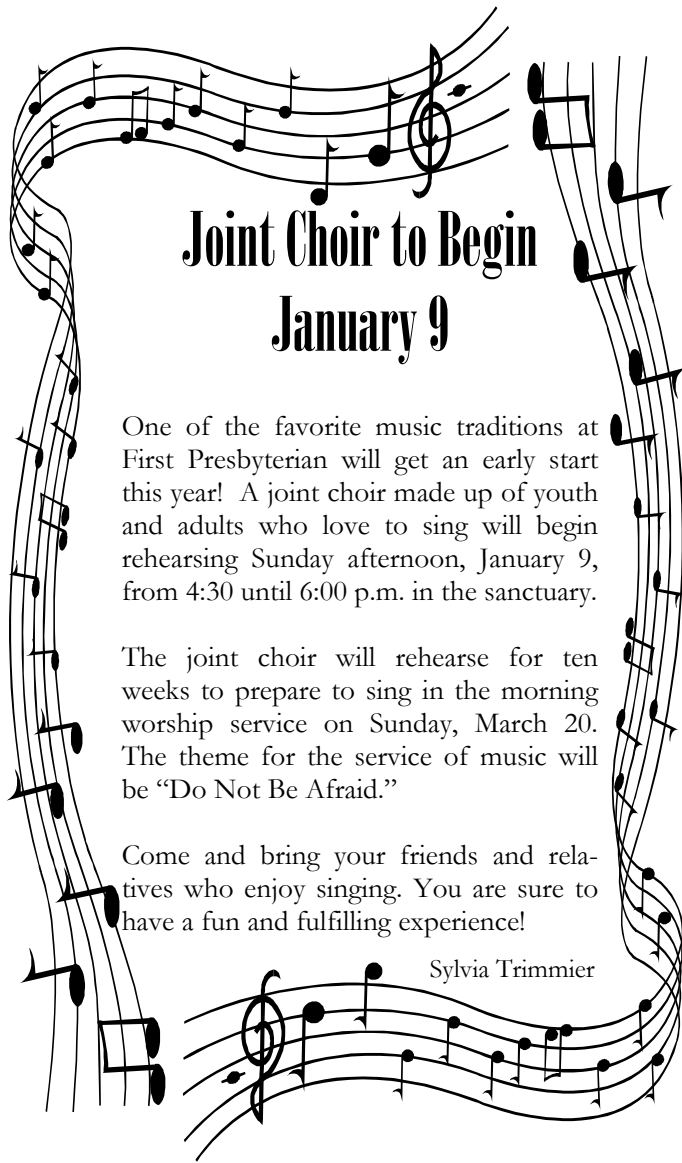
Church
Fellowship Hall
533-1235

FAX
534-1242

Christian Unity

The fourth week of the Christian calendar is recognized as Christian Unity Week and acknowledged by most of the mainline denominations. For the past two years we have had a Sunday evening service with First Baptist, St. Andrew’s UMC, St. Paul’s UMC, and First Presbyterian. This year the service has been expanded to include 12 churches, both African-American and Caucasian. On January 23, 2011, there will be a 6:00 pm worship service at Trinity United Methodist Church with a fellowship time to follow. I encourage you to come and be a part of Christian Unity Sunday as we celebrate Jesus Christ working in this world through the larger body of Christ.

Jud



Joint Choir to Begin January 9

One of the favorite music traditions at First Presbyterian will get an early start this year! A joint choir made up of youth and adults who love to sing will begin rehearsing Sunday afternoon, January 9, from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The joint choir will rehearse for ten weeks to prepare to sing in the morning worship service on Sunday, March 20. The theme for the service of music will be "Do Not Be Afraid."

Come and bring your friends and relatives who enjoy singing. You are sure to have a fun and fulfilling experience!

Sylvia Trimmier

Contribution Envelopes



You should receive your new 2011 contribution envelopes the week before January 2nd. **Using your envelopes helps to keep your contribution record accurate.**

General Fund

(for the operating budget of the church)
use **white** envelopes or indicate on check

Building Fund/Renovations

use **pink** envelopes or indicate on check

Faith Promise

(for missions projects "over and above" those already supported in the General Fund budget)
use "Faith Promise" **gold** envelopes or indicate on check

Vision Continues

use **green** envelopes or indicate on check (for Centre)

Memorial Fund

indicate on check and please include family acknowledgement information

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

(for helping those members and community people who are in dire need)
indicate on check

All contributions received that are not otherwise designated are deposited to the General Fund for the operating budget of the church.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

Please call the office if you have any questions concerning your contribution record.

Reminder

Over 200 commitment cards were sent out to our giving units in November. As of December 14, 104 responses have been received for \$458,332.00.

Your response is very important to the ministry of our church. If you have not returned your cards, please do so by placing them in the offering plate or dropping them by the church office soon.

TRUST THE LORD!

Giving back is a way to say **THANK YOU** to God for all your blessings.

Sherrill Newnam

Holy Communion Be in Prayerful Preparation



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during worship on **Sunday, January 9.**

First Presbyterian Youth and Children

On January 8, 2011, the youth of First Presbyterian will be hosting a **YARD SALE FUNDRAISER** in the Centre from 6:30 – 10:30 a.m. Fifty percent of the money raised will be divided up among the youth who participate to defray the cost of the summer mission trip, while 25% will be given to a charity of the youth group's choice. The remaining 25% will remain in the youth group as special funds.



In conjunction with the yard sale, we'll also be hosting a bake sale. We invite church members to donate items to sell during the sale. If you are interested in participating, please bring your baked goods to the Centre on Friday, January 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To participate in the yard sale fundraiser, a youth must donate at least ten good items to the sale. You will also be responsible for working a two-hour shift during the sale. Sign up times will be available soon. If you are unable to work because of a prior commitment, you may still participate by bringing ten additional items. You can bring items to the church on January 4 (3:00-5:00) and January 5 (9:00-12:00.) Tax deduction forms are also available.

We are also accepting donations from church members and would encourage parents to help with the sale, too. Please contact Sarah for more details. This yard sale has the potential to help you raise a great deal of money for the mission trip, so I encourage all the youth to participate.

This summer, our youth group will be participating in the

CROSS Mission at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. We will be going from July 10 - 16. CROSS stands for *Charlotte Regional Outreach Spirituality and Study* and focuses on doing mission in an urban environment. This will be different from other mission trips our group has done in the past, but I think it will be a valuable experience for everyone. CROSS will give us the opportunity to work with groups that we do not often interact with, including people who are homeless, disabled, or at risk. We will also get to work with children who live in poverty. My hope is that we can take what we learn in Charlotte and use it to help people who live in the Orangeburg community.

We will be working from Monday – Thursday and will have Friday as a free day. For our free day, I am tentatively planning for us to go to the U.S. National Whitewater Center. Activities include kayaking, rafting, climbing, and zipline. Check out their website for more details. <http://www.usnwc.org/>

I hope you'll consider participating in this valuable mission opportunity. I will have more details soon about price and deadlines. Please see the CROSS website for more information. <http://www.myersparkpres.org/www/docs/10714/>>

Upcoming Children's Event:

January 13 – There will be crafts in the Fellowship Hall for 5K – 5th grade from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.



Sarah Coggins

Service of Wholeness and Healing

January 16, 2011
7:00 p.m.



Growing Through Fellowship
First Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC

January 5 Haiti Mission Program
January 12, 19, 26 Bible Study

January Birthdays

1/01 Sarah Francis Coggins	1/17 Laura Ray
1/03 Kaye Borgstedt	Lee Kuck
Sandra Heckle	1/18 Bill Covington
Lawrence Thackston	1/19 Jane Shuler
1/04 Tamra Campbell	Craig Cook
Paige Hewitt	1/21 Marion Moore
1/05 Billy Heckle	Ken Daniels
Lacey Borgstedt	Amy Delaney
1/06 Chance Boltin	Mary Grey Branan
1/07 Keith Hewitt, Jr.	1/22 Tom Westbrook
Sarah Porter Sanders	Dixie Bradshaw
1/08 Omega Clinge	1/23 Kathryn Hughes
Carol Ware	1/25 Dione Hughes
1/09 McCullough Mims	1/26 Dawes Edwards
1/11 Frank Tourville, Jr.	1/27 George Laing
Melissa Plummer	Evelyn McCully
Katie Daniels	1/28 Carol McCall
Ben Bronson	1/29 Rita Hutto
1/12 Jewell Davis	Owen Kammerer
Preston Collins	1/30 Blake Bruner
1/13 Jennifer Laux	Mitchell Mobley
1/14 Mary Catherine Horger	1/31 Mickey Sharpton
Cheryl Smith	Buddy Barnwell
Jennifer Turner	
Adison Walter	

New Year's Resolutions

As we begin thinking of 2011, let's review 2010 and determine what we did to further God's Kingdom here on earth. Not as a church but as individuals.

For 2011, what would be the results if each of us chose to live by Colossians 1:10-11 "... live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that I may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to the Father" and ended each day praying Philippians 1:9-11 "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that I may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ ---to the glory and praise to God."

THANKS to everyone who participated in and helped with the Advent/Christmas devotional booklet, the Advent Breakfast, the Christmas pageant and the intergenerational Sunday School. What a blessing from God to have such opportunities.

READ the Bible in a year. Anyone interested? See me and we will read along together each in our own devotional place but keeping in contact with each other.

CHALLENGE for January 2011. Take your Bible to Sunday School each Sunday and learn and be able to find the first 10 books of the Bible.

My prayer for each of you for 2011 is that you experience the true joy, peace and comfort that only comes from God and that your spiritual journey results in a closer relationship with Him.

Kaye Borgstedt

Welcome New Member

Beth Nichter
1067 Wedgewood Road
937-5394



Children's Church and Nursery Schedules

Infant Nursery

Two-to-Four Year-olds

Children's Church

January 2	Emily Shirer	Robbie and Tracy Myers	Marty and Edde Journey
January 9	Laura Kammerer	Harry and Wallace Mims	Erin and Robert Richardson
January 16	Emily Cook	Walt and Jennifer Turner	Keith and Laura Hewitt
January 23	Ashton Gue	Tripp and Melissa Plummer	Michael and Amy Delaney
January 30	Lessie Gayle Dickson	Ann and Kate Edwards	Paul and Lisa Banish

Notes of Thanks

✳ To our Church Family,
Paul, Totsy, Ann and I want to thank you for your care and concern during Allen's passing. We were especially comforted by the many friends who attended his funeral. Even though we have been away a long time we still feel you are our church family and your love and prayers have strengthened and sustained us through this difficult time.

The Dominick Family

✳ Thank you for the delicious snacks you brought into the office for us to enjoy during December. Your thoughtfulness during a busy season is greatly appreciated.

Church Staff

Presbyterian Women

January 11 Circle Schedule

- Circle 1:** 11:30 a.m. Presbyterian Centre
- Circle 2:** 10:00 a.m. Conference Room
- Circle 3:** 6:00 p.m. Donna Rigden
3417 Foxfire Lane
- Circle 4:** 7:00 p.m. Shirley Westbrook
1181 Huntington Dr.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Circle 2 project for the Orangeburg Council on Aging. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Circle 2

New Study Beginning January 9

The Headliners Sunday School Class will begin a study on January 9, 2011, on what Presbyterians believe using the book "Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers" by Donald McKim. Everyone is welcome to attend in the Fellowship Hall.

Prime Time Lunch in the Centre

Tuesday, January 18 ✳ 12:00 noon
Come join your friends for delicious food and great fellowship. Reservations: 534-0088

Memorials

Given in memory of:

Mr. Rick Keeney

Mr. Allen Dominick

Mrs. Margaret Sanders

Mr. Harold Clinge

Given by:

Dr. and Mrs. Steven Patterson
Margarita A. Verlaque
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Byrd
Ms. Susanne Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Bryant
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Shuler
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stovall
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Utsey, Jr.
Mrs. Nancy Hudson
Mr. Paul Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Huddleston
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Renneker, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Horger
Mr. W. Drayton Bryant, III and Dr. Rebecca Battle-Bryant

Wesley Grove United Methodist Church
Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Best
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dudley
Kiwanis Club of Orangeburg
Mr. Hubert L. Shuler, Jr.
Mrs. Jewell Booth
Dr. Birnie Johnson
Mrs. Martha Smith and Family
John Knox Sunday School Class
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Nickel
Mrs. Peggy Crocker
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fogle
Dr. and Mrs. Rocco Cassone

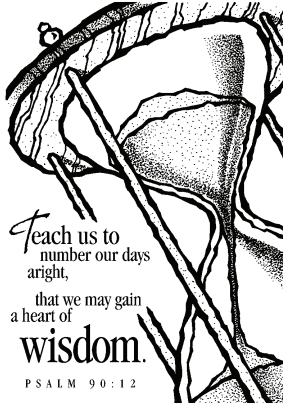
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Best
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cuttino, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Lawton Salley
Mrs. Frances Lytch
Janet and Johnny Brailsford
Mr. John Mulhauser
Mrs. Audrey Pace
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Langford
Mr. Luther Adden
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Flansburg
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boudreaux
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maier

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Please Help Us Find ...

A scoop and acrylic ice bucket are missing from our kitchen. If you have seen these items, please return them to the Centre! Thanks.