

# The PRESSbyterian

November 2011

## Dates to Remember

- Nov. 6:** Thornwell Offering  
**Nov. 8:** Circle Meetings  
**Nov. 13:** Revival (through Nov. 15)  
**Nov. 20:** PC Youth Day  
**Nov. 20:** Commitment Sunday  
**Nov. 24:** Community Thanksgiving Meal  
**Nov. 27:** First Sunday of Advent  
**Dec. 4:** Advent Breakfast  
**Dec. 24:** Candlelight Communion

## From the Pastor

Friends,

Once again, Thanksgiving is upon us and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal. Several local churches have once again joined together to engage in local mission. The plan is to feed 1000 people at Clark Middle School on November 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This meal will not replace our annual distribution of Thanksgiving boxes, a much needed mission to the impoverished community, but allow the greater Church to witness Jesus Christ.

There are many opportunities to be a part of this local mission even if you cannot attend. Simply select a service opportunity where you would like to serve and sign up. Sign up sheets are located around the church or you may call the church office at 534-0088. The service opportunities are:

1. Deliver an uncooked 20-22 lb. turkey to the FPC Centre on Monday, November 21, by 4:00 p.m. The Tourvilles have graciously offered to cook the turkeys at the Country Club.
2. Help prepare food in the Centre kitchen on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Time to be determined.
3. Transport food from FPC Centre to Clark Middle School at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day.
4. Bakers. Non-refrigerated desserts delivered to Centre on Wednesday, November 23, by 4:00 p.m.
5. Prayer Group. Contact Bonnie Keeney at 536-2135.
6. Deliver meals to FPC shut-ins. We will prepare the meals at Clark Middle School and deliver them 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
7. Provide kitchen help on Thanksgiving Day at Clark Middle School. Choose a one (1) hour shift.
8. Serve food at Clark Middle School. Choose a one (1) hour shift.
9. Table set-up at Clark Middle School. Choose a one (1) hour shift.
10. Clean up at Clark Middle School. Choose a one (1) hour shift.
11. Hosting. Speaking with and seating people. There are 1 hour shifts from which to choose.

This is a wonderful way to engage the community and witness Jesus Christ. Come join the mission and experience Him moving!

In Christ,  
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534-0088

Church/Fellowship Hall  
533-1235

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534-1242

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THANKSGIVING



Growing Through Fellowship  
First Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC

Growing Through Fellowship, or GTF, was begun to strengthen the bond of friendship and fellowship within the members of First Presbyterian Church. It's more than a meal or hearing an interesting topic ... it's being a part of a community of believers, **our family**.

**Dinner by reservation:** 6:00 p.m.

**Programs and children's choirs:** 6:30 p.m.

- November 2: **The Advent Conspiracy**  
We will conclude this three week series geared toward making Christmas what it should be--a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us!
- November 9: **Youth**  
A special program by our Youth (and special dinner of Sliders Trio--beef, pork, and chicken, Salad and Potato bar, dessert and tea).
- November 16: **Stewardship Program**  
An update from the Stewardship Team, with a *magnifico* "Taste of Italy" dinner. Menu includes Chicken Picatta, Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna with meat sauce, Salad bar, Tiramisu, coffee and tea.
- November 23: Thanksgiving Eve - NO GTF,  
Community Thanksgiving Meal/Service
- November 30: **Chrismon Program**

Please note that reservations for the 6:00 p.m. meal must be made **by noon on Monday** of each week. The total count is given to our caterer at that time and it cannot be changed.

I WAIT FOR THE LORD,



MY SOUL WAITS,  
AND IN HIS WORD

**I HOPE.**

Psalm 130:5, NRSV

## Children and Youth

The Youth have been working hard on our fundraisers for Faith in 3-D, which will be held January 13-16. We appreciate all of your support in our fundraising efforts, and we look forward to sharing our experiences from this youth conference with all of you.

On November 18-20, several of our Youth and Advisors will be attending the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Presbyterian Youth Council Senior High retreat at Camp Bethelwoods. The theme of the retreat is "Lost and Found," and I know it will be an encouraging and motivating experience for our young people. Our three Youth Council members, Sarah Frierson, Will Irick, and Virginia McCully have been working hard to plan the event.

### Upcoming Youth Events

November 6	Fall Event with Trinity Presbyterian
November 13	Church Revival
November 18-20	PYC Retreat at Bethelwoods
November 19	PC Youth Day
December 4	Youth/ Primitimers Program
December 11	Caroling
December 18	Zoo Lights

### Children

All children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate in a service project on November 15 from 3:00-4:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be decorating the Thanksgiving boxes that will be distributed to needy families around the Orangeburg area. A snack will be provided.

Sarah Coggins

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## Thornwell Offering

Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, South Carolina, has cared for abused, abandoned, and neglected children for 136 years. Our annual offering for this ministry will be received on Sunday, November 6.

# Christian Education

## Transformation or Busyness

A question --- are you so busy doing things to further God's kingdom that you neglect your fellowship with God? Like Martha are you so busy doing things that must be done that you feel justified in complaining about those who are not as busy? As Jesus told Martha--gently--Mary chose the better way. Mary chose to sit at the feet of the Master spending her time in getting to know God. This is not to say that you should not be furthering God's kingdom but the first priority is having a relationship with Him. As Randy Kilgore said, "Slow down and invest yourself in knowing God; let His Word reveal Himself to you. If we are too busy to spend time with God, we are simply too busy."

Transformation begins with change in our hearts. As the Holy Spirit changes our hearts our behavior will also change. This change in our behavior indicates we have a real relationship with our Savior. In our Christian walk, God does the work to give us a new/renewed start in life but to walk as God would have us walk takes time, effort and lots of practice. It is a life long process. We can stand and smile or just stay busy and folks may think we have been transformed. However, a true transformation in our hearts will guide the way we walk our walk and make visible where we are in the process of living out our transformation. Truly being changed means we give up our old life and learn a new way to walk---walk with Jesus. REMEMBER, the Holy Spirit has the power to transform us and to shape us into the people God created us to be and also help us transform the lives of others. Transformed people change the world person by person.

One way to help us evaluate where we are in our walk is to pray using the Examin method.

Praying the EXAMIN (based on an article in the devotional book, These Days) can be a huge help as we check to see if we are just being busy or are we being transformed. Coming from the Catholic tradition, this prayer helps us at the end of the day to think back over the events of the day--- morning, noon and evening. For the events of your day ask these questions: Where was I kind and patient? Where was I judgmental or angry? Where did I model Jesus' love? Who modeled love for me? Where did I see compassion? Where did I stop my harried pace, or not, to have a conversation or hold a hand? The point is not to feel good or bad about ourselves or to judge ourselves. The point is, what are we learning? Whose response to the world around me moved me? How is the Holy Spirit transforming me? What can I do tomorrow that is more reflective of Jesus Christ? Where could I make a difference in someone's life? Remembering what could have been is a gift of the Spirit. Remember, first and foremost, Jesus LOVES us.

**Bible challenge:** What is the longest book in the Bible? The shortest?

**Prayer request:** Please pray for God's will to be made known during our revival.

With Christian Love,  
Kaye Borgstedt



## Primetimer Lunch

November 15, 2011 ■ Noon



This month's Prime Time Lunch will be in conjunction with our revival lunches and devotions. Call the church office to make reservations (534-0088).

## Thank You Office Volunteers!

In this season of thanksgiving, the staff extends a special thank-you to our volunteers who keep the church office running smoothly. They greet visitors to the office with a smile, perform many important tasks, and treat us as friends and trusted colleagues. These ladies are a credit to the perception of this church in the community. Saying "Thank you" is not an adequate response, but we sincerely appreciate all they do!

First Presbyterian Staff

## November Birthdays

11/01 Mike Crapse	11/17 Aaron Bruner
James Shepherd	11/18 Faye Bull
11/02 Lib Davis	Carol Felder
11/03 Cally Patterson	Danny Johnson
11/05 Shirley Salley	Erin Bowers
Dean Flansburg	Rebecca Johnston
Bert Shuler, IV	Andy Trimmier
Laura Murray	11/19 Wayne Lorick
11/06 Bill Cox, Jr.	Maddie Jordan
11/07 Janet Brailsford	11/20 Alex Spell
Katie Sutcliffe	Ramsey Albergotti
11/08 Vivian Hutto	11/21 Emily Shirer
Lisa Boltin	11/22 Norma Collins
Joni Thackston	Billy Kelley
11/09 Nancy Runager	11/23 Howard Shirer
Mary Margaret Dempsey	Al Thomas Hughes
11/13 Keith Byers	11/24 Donna Sims
Marty Journey	11/25 Phyllis Wilson
Maggie Hughes	Kurt von Besser
11/14 Edde Journey	11/28 Lewis Lanier
11/16 Annie Blair Davis	11/29 George Ware
	Harris Murray
	Evan Campbell
	Abby Thackston
	11/30 Gladys Byers

## Presbyterian Women

### November Circle Meetings Tuesday, November 8

<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.	Susan Smoak 2410 Charleston Rd.
<b>Circle 4:</b>	7:00 p.m.	Carol Ware 1051 Huntington Dr.

### Circle 2 Project

Circle 2 and the P.W. are sponsoring a drive to collect, primarily, cans of soup with pop-up lids, for the Orangeburg County Council on Aging, beginning November 1st. Other items to be considered are warm blankets, socks, gloves, stretch knit hats and heating pads. The congregation is invited to respond to these needs, beginning November 1st. There will be a basket in the lobby of the Centre to collect these items.



Janet Fogle

## Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Shane (Angela) Burroughs  
Morrison and Council  
1911 Middleton Street  
Orangeburg, SC 29115  
534-2102



## United In Marriage

Jason Michael Paul

and

Jessie Lee Swann

September 17, 2011

## PRESSbyterian Deadline

December Issue: November 15, 2011

## Community of Character

November Trait: Virtue

## Note of Thanks

Thank you to all of you MEAL ANGELS for your fantastic meals and to all of the other angels of First Pres for your visits and cards. I pray that this leg heals soon so that I can get back to Sunday School and church. Thank you for your continuing help.

With Christ's love,  
Vic Meredith

# Services of Revival and Renewal

at

First Presbyterian Church  
November 13, 14, and 15, 2011  
7:00-8:15 P.M.

Transforming Hearts: Following God's Will  
Romans 12:2

Rev. Eddie Soto, Presbytery Associate for Hispanic Ministry, will be our guest preacher bringing us a powerful message about following God's will.

Ms. Pie Mikell, Presbytery Associate for Congregational Nurture, will lead the children's programs (4K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) for our Revival.



## Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

Morning service:	"Fulfilling Christ's Great Commission" Matthew 28:16-20 Covered dish to follow morning service
Evening Service 7:00 P.M. *	"Following Christ in Holistic Mission" Matthew 9:35 – Matthew 10:4

## Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

Noon:	Soup lunch and devotion
Evening Service 7:00 P.M. *	"A Mature Church fulfilling the Mission of Christ" Acts 2:42-47

## Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

Noon:	Lunch with Primetimers and devotion
Evening Service 7:00 P.M. *	"Empowered to fulfill the Mission of Christ" John 7:37-44

\* A nursery will be provided for all children 3 years old and younger.

# Thanksgiving Boxes

*The Service and Outreach Unit will be collecting food boxes for the needy during the month of November. Each family is encouraged to participate!*

We would like every family in our church to prepare at least one box for a family in need this Thanksgiving. Think of this as doing missions work in our backyard. Each box should contain the **Food Box Ingredients** listed below. To make your shopping easier, the ingredients are grouped together similar to common aisle placement in the grocery stores. (Note: Every grocery store in town has slight variations.) To make packing and delivering easier, please adhere as close as possible to the recommended sizes on the list. The committee will add a gift certificate for a turkey to each box.



Empty boxes especially for this project will be placed in the Fellowship Hall the first of Nov. **All filled boxes must be in the Fellowship Hall by Thursday morning, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions or if you need a committee member to shop for your food box ingredients (Approx. \$45.00), please contact Michelle Arant at 803-536-3190 or 803-533-9084. We will also accept any donation amount to help purchase a box.

Thanksgiving is a perfect time for your family to show concern for those in need in our community! Thank you for sharing the abundance God has so graciously given you.

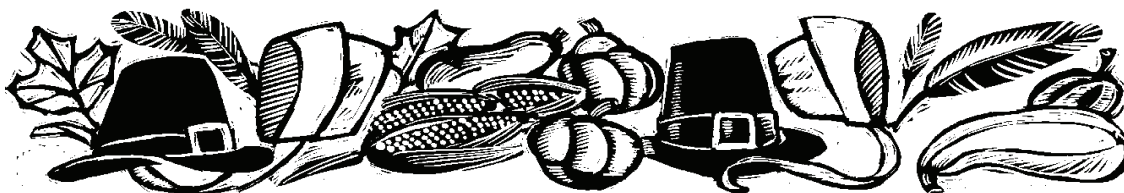
Michelle Arant

- Meat – 1 can (beef stew, Vienna, etc)
- Seafood – 2 cans (tuna, salmon, etc)
- Vegetables – 2 cans (large)
- Pork & beans – 1 large can
- Dried beans – 1 package
- Soup – 1 large can
- Fruit – 2 cans
- Cranberry sauce – 1 can
- Cooking oil – liter or quart
- Dessert – Jell-O, pudding, brownie mix, cake mix
- Evaporated milk – 1 large can
- Cereal – 1 large box
- Grits – 2 lbs (quick)
- Peanut butter – 1 jar (plastic)
- Jelly – 1 jar (plastic)
- Dessert cookies (Oreo, Choc Chip, etc)
- Crackers – 1 box (saltines, Ritz, cheese)
- Spaghetti sauce – 1 jar (plastic or can)
- Dry macaroni noodles – 1 medium box
- Spaghetti noodles – 1 medium box
- Box meal (hamburger helper, etc)
- Rice – 2 lbs bag
- Stuffing – 1 box
- Sugar – 4 or 5 lbs
- Flour – 5 lbs
- Salt – 1 box
- Corn meal
- Jiffy cornbread mix – 2 boxes

OPTIONAL:

Including a stuffed animal in your box adds a delightful touch for the family.

**PLEASE HAVE FOOD ITEMS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL BY NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

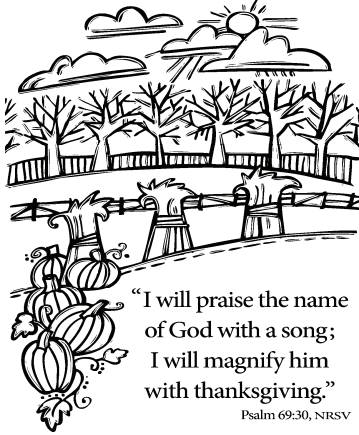


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## Children's Church and Nursery Schedules

	<b>Infant Nursery</b>	<b>Two-to-Four Nursery</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>
November 6	Lauren Bramblett	Ashton and Thomas Gue	Laura and Keith Hewitt
November 13	Lauren Arant	Amy and Michael Delaney	Bonnie and Craig Cook
November 20	Emily Shirer	Ashton and Thomas Gue	Chris and Debbie Gramling
November 27	Riley Frierson	Janet Brailsford / Matt Coggins	Wallace and Harry Mims

### Poinsettias

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during the Advent Season, your order must be received by **Sunday, November 13th**. Envelopes are in the pew racks, or information may be sent to the church office. *Orders cannot be accepted by telephone.* Poinsettias are \$14.00 each. (Please make checks payable to the church.)