

Weekly Worship

Sunday,

The Lord's Day

9:00am Worship Service

10:05am Assembly &

Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:00 Missional Small Group

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Oct. 7

Fellowship Sunday

10:45 Congregational Meeting

(No 9:00 Service)

Monday, Oct. 8

10:00 Circle 1 at the church

6:00 Circle 2 at the home of

Martee Fansher

Wednesday, Oct. 10

5:30 Stewardship, Personnel &

Finance Ministry

Monday, Oct. 15

1:00 Prayers & Squares

3:00 Visitation Ministry

6:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 16

1:00-6:00 Blood Drive

Friday, Oct. 19

Healing Farms Golf

Tournament

Sunday, Oct. 21

8:00 Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 27

Doors to Freedom 5K Run

Pastor

Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual

Formation

Angeline Brock

Editor

Sally Harvey

We are delighted to welcome Lisa Kelly, our new Digital Information Manager at FPC. Here's her brief autobiographical sketch...

Life is full of challenges and adventures. Sometimes it's hard to distinguish between the two and sometimes the challenges become adventures and sometimes they are indistinguishably mixed!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart
 and lean not on your own understanding;
 in all your ways submit to him,
 and he will make your paths straight.” —Proverbs 3:5-6

In the modern business world, should anyone accept a job offer for a position that had *no* title and *no* job description? Well, that's just what I did this past summer when I accepted a position here at First Presbyterian. Challenge or adventure? A little of both, perhaps? First, I'm here to build a new website, expand its purpose, maintain it and make it more interactive and useful to *everyone*, inside and outside the church. Second, after the website is established, I will also take on the role of bookkeeper-*plus* (including membership and giving data), utilizing the various features of the church's accounting software. I was tasked with coming up with ideas for my job title. Timothy and I settled on *Digital Information Manager* because I will essentially be managing digital information for the church, in-house and on the World Wide Web!

I've gained my knowledge and skills through experience. From clerk typist to administrative assistant to webmaster, I've worked in printing, government/military, banking, accounting, church, marketing and graphic design. Sometimes paid, sometimes volunteer. Again, challenge or adventure? My church experience started many years ago as bookkeeper, assisting the church treasurer, at Gwinnett Community Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Before working many years with St. John's Christian Academy on their website, I volunteered at Pointe North here in Moncks Corner, writing their email newsletter and moving into working on sections of their website and creating graphics. Currently, I assist my husband with his landscape design and consulting business, doing marketing, website, graphics, desktop publishing and bookkeeping. (Challenge? Let's just call it an adventure!)

I was born in Atlanta, and I grew up in Conyers, in the metropolitan Atlanta area. I commuted into downtown Atlanta for 15 years to work! Definitely a challenge! However, it was great experience and exposure to so many different types of people. In fact, I met my husband at the Taste of Atlanta in 1986. Big adventures to follow...

I was not raised in church. I didn't start attending church until it became apparent that my husband and I intended to get married. Our first pastor was a very caring and compassionate soul who was perfect for leading me to Christ. God's timing was perfect for I had no idea the challenges I would face in the years to come and He knew I was going to need to be able to lean on Him. I remember when I accepted Jesus, a voice, a thought, (continued on page 2)



light bulb—whatever you want to call it—went off in my head. It was our Lord, telling me, “Lisa, I have always been here for you. All you had to do was open the door.”

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
—Matthew 7:7 NIV

We moved to South Carolina in 2003 when my husband went to work for the former Carolina Nurseries. What a challenge that was! We first lived in Goose Creek then moved to Moncks Corner once we realized that most of our lives (adventures?) at the time were spent in our little metropolis. We now attend Reality Church in Goose Creek where Ric Edgar is pastor. We’ve known Ric for many years, after working with him at Pointe North and having children in school with his grandchildren.

My husband, Sean, and I have had our share of challenges that only God could see us through: his cancer battles, our infertility, adoption, loss of loved ones, etc. A very big part of my life consists of three challenges which are *definitely mixed* with adventures—and *blessings*. They are: daughter, Dori (means “Gift from God”), adopted at one year old in China; son, Adam, adopted at four months old in Vietnam; and daughter Kate, adopted at two years old in Mongolia. Dori will graduate from North Greenville University in December with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies: Education and Communication. Adam is also a junior at North Greenville studying Mass Communications: Digital Media. Kate is a junior at St. John’s Christian Academy and is active in volleyball, cheerleading, and basketball. I affectionately call them our “Asian Invasion.”

In addition to our travels to Asia to adopt our children, which I consider personal “mission trips” in a way, our entire family got to participate in a 2014 mission trip to China to assist friends with basketball camps conducted in several villages in southern China. What an adventure! It really opened our children’s eyes! They were exposed to a way of life and culture very much like what they were born into.

I’m looking forward to working with the staff and members of FPC. It’s a blessing to be able to work in a Christian environment. I know there will be challenges ahead but look forward to the “adventures” in helping grow and expand the horizons of First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner.

In the love of Jesus Christ, Lisa Kelly

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, September 17th your session:

- Called to order with prayer and devotion
- Discussed our Core Values by reflecting on the results from “Story Night”
- Called a Congregational Meeting for 10:40am on Sunday, October 7th to elect the Class of 2021 officers, and recommended to the Nominating Committee to present a slate of 3 new elders and 3 new deacons, not to fill the additional 2 vacancies on the diaconate for the 2019 and 2020 classes
- Approved the updates to the Child Protection Policy and approved Elder Rick Ollic to oversee the background check process
- Approved the first steps of a Capital Campaign for Sanctuary Update and Repair (to possibly include windows, carpet, and audio/visual needs); Elders are securing bids to roll out a Capital Campaign plan alongside of the Stewardship Campaign in late October.
- Approved the use of funds from the church budget to supplement the Love Offering for Sally Harvey
- Received written reports from Worship, SPF, Christian Education, and Mission Ministry Teams
- Closed in prayer for the needs of our church and community

The next session meeting will be Monday, October 15th at 6pm.

Moment for Missions

Doors to Freedom

“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless;
maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.” -Psalm 82:3

Each month in this column, the Mission Ministry Team highlights an opportunity for prayer as our church seeks to join in God’s mission in the world. This month we highlighting: **Doors to Freedom**, a nonprofit organization which provides a safe place for female survivors of sex trafficking to experience a transformed life. In August, Director Tim Young spoke to our congregation about this ministry; here are some statistics Tim shared with us about sex trafficking:

- 2nd largest illegal crime in the U.S.
- 9.5 billion dollars in the U.S.
- 100,000 to 300,000 in the USA
- 90% are U.S. citizens
- Average age a girl is first sold is 12 to 14
- Cases of sex trafficking in Charleston tripled in 2016
- 50% African American, 40% Caucasian, and 10% Hispanic
- There are more people in slavery now than at any other time history.

Residents sometimes stay 4-5 years at Doors to Freedom, where they are provided with a 24/7 residential home, advocacy and case management, education, personal growth, life skills and vocational training.

Ways to help: volunteer, pray for the victims, and donate money

Find out more: doorstofreedom.com.

Join Team FPC in the “Race for Freedom” 5k on October 27th

**Please note: We have made available to you a helpful resource: “Sexual Assault and Child Abuse” Pamphlets are located outside the church office.

Doors to Freedom Fifth Annual 5K Race Sponsored by First Presbyterian

We invite you to come and join us to run or walk at this super hero themed 5K at Wannamaker Park, **Saturday, October 27**. Come dressed as your favorite super hero! From a t-shirt to a cape to the whole outfit, come dressed as your alter ego for a great day of exercise.

Heroes are made not born. We believe you are a hero by participating in the Race for Freedom to support local survivors of human trafficking.



The categories for the 5K run will be: Top 3 Female and Top 3 Male winners. The top 3 finishers under the age of 12 will also receive a medal. The results will be posted on the website following the close of the event.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to register and receive a t-shirt is October 17th. To sign up, please visit: doortofreedom.com/raceforfreedom. It is \$25 to run, \$15 to walk. There is a \$2 entry fee per person to get into Wannamaker County Park. **Don't forget to join our team by selecting First Presbyterian.**

Fellowship Sunday, October 7

This is our time to come and worship as one body.
No 9:00 service, only an 11:00 service.

There will be a congregational dinner after the service
for our beloved Church Secretary, Sally Harvey
to celebrate her 15 years of faithful service.

The church will provide fried chicken, green beans, and tea.
Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or a dessert.
Please come and enjoy the fellowship with your church family.

2018 CHIP IN for Healing Farms

Every October Healing Farms hosts its annual charity golf tournament. The proceeds of this event will be used to enable Healing Farms to continue in their work to create quality day programming for young adults with developmental disabilities as well as supports and services to the special needs community.

Our 2018 tournament will take place **October 19th at The Links at Stono Ferry.** We are excited for this special day of golf and giving! If you are looking for a good excuse to hit the links then be sure to register your team today!

Online registration at www.healingfarms.com. For more information, see the bulletin board outside the church office.



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, Oct. 16
1:00-6:00pm

The blood you donate gives someone
another chance at life.
Join the team and sign up to give.

Give the gift of life — Donate Blood



Call Hugh Smith for
more information at
843-899-6420

save lives.
donate blood.

Sunday, Oct. 21, at 8:00am



MEN'S Breakfast

We invite all men of the church to attend
this time of food and fellowship.

Our speaker will be our very own Rick
Ollie. Rick will be giving his testimony.

Night of Worship

This past summer our youth returned from France with stories and experiences.

Our “Night of Worship” was inspired by one of those experiences.

In France, our youth were introduced to non-traditional ways of worship
 in a night of “Silent Worship.”

Each month, we will have a night set a part for Worship.

God has blessed each of us with different gifts and interests.

Our youth will be given the opportunity to use their different gifts to Worship God,
 and they will see that God connects to each of us uniquely
 through our different interests. He is Lord of all.

Our youth are able to bring instruments and participate in worship using their voices
 and musical talents in a more traditional form of worship.

We also have stations set up for prayer,
 for quiet reading and reflection,
 for worshipping God through art,
 or by sitting outside in creation.



Announcements/Calendar Events

October 3rd - France Applications Due

October 7th - Fellowship Sunday—We will have a youth Liturgist and Youth Ushers

October 7th - Corn Maze (5-8pm We will meet at the West Farm)

October 31st - Fall Festival (6-8pm at the Well)

**Our Mission: Making disciples of the next generation who reach UP to God,
 IN to one another, and OUT to the world!**

We extend Christian sympathy to the following:

Ron Hewitt and his family. Ron's mother, Mary Etta McMillan Hewitt, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 2.

EdiVania Powell and her family. Edvinia's brother, Edison Feijo, passed away on Monday, Sept. 17.

Dear Church Family,

Elaine and I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers and those who called and sent cards offering their condolences when my mom passed! The plant that was sent from the church meant so much to us. We are truly blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. May God bless you all.

In Christian love, Ronnie & Elaine Hewitt



October

- 2 Philip Mims
Jean Hodges
- 3 Delilah Faas
- 4 Sandy Fairman
Kayla Soderberg
- 5 Nancy Holcombe
- 7 LaNelle Riley
Emma Shuler
Ethan Shuler
Emma Williams
- 8 Deneene Guerry
- 8 Connor Thornton
- 12 Grace Ann Baxley
- 13 Timothy Sconover
- 14 Frannie Woods
- 15 Becky Devereux
Kim Mims
- 16 Diane Peagler
- 17 Kim Brewer
- 18 Bizzie Fleming
- 20 Peggy Bennett
- 22 Sarah Cribb
- 23 Pamela Williams
Grant Lusk
- 24 Laurie Carter
William Murray
- 26 Richard Keene
Mark Tucker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

It's that time of year and our Women's Circles are meeting. If you would like to know more about our Circles, please give the ladies below a call.

All women of the church are welcome.

Circle 1—Monday, Oct. 8 at 10:00am at the church.
Call Mickey for more information (843) 899-6420.

Circle 2—Monday, Oct. 8 at 6:00pm at the home of Martee Fansher. Call Martee for directions at (843) 259-0911.

Hurricane Florence Flood Assistance Drive

We are collecting items to send to those in need due to the devastating floods caused by Hurricane Florence. Items can be placed in the room across from the kitchen. Items needed are: those similar to what we collect for our food closet (non-perishable goods), bottled water, cleaning supplies, bleach, rubber gloves, mops, personal hygiene items, hand sanitizer, diapers and baby wipes, dog and cat food. For more information, contact Neva Peagler.

2018 Financial Report

| | Year to date | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | through 9/25/2018 | Annual Budget |
| Revenue | \$ 294,434 | \$ 436,612 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Personnel | \$ 193,487 | \$ 263,304 |
| Operations | \$ 81,953 | \$ 106,350 |
| Missions | \$ 19,499 | \$ 32,300 |
| Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care | \$ 15,839 | \$ 21,710 |
| Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship | \$ 6,254 | \$ 10,260 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 317,945 | \$ 433,924 |






October Food Pantry Rice & Canned Vegetables

October Ushers

- 9:00 Charles and Melissa Matthews
- 11:00 Doug Bowles, Linda Coker, Craig and Andrew Mims

October 2018

First Presbyterian Church

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Every Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Assembly & Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 1 1:00 Prayers & Squares | 2 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare 6:00 Missional Small Group | 3 11:00 Prayer 3:30 LOGOS 6:00 Middle/HS Youth 6:15 Choir | 4 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Wedding Rehearsal | 5 7:00 BHS Football Breakfast 6:30 Wedding  | 6 |
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