

A word from the Stewardship, Personnel, and Finance Ministry Team

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
-Colossians 3:1-2

Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service Outside on the Church Lawn and Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video Available

11:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Monday, Oct. 4

1:00 Prayers and Squares

Wednesday, Oct. 6

11:00 Prayer Ministry

3:00 Kids' Church

6:00 Youth

6:00 Solidarity Seminar

Tuesday, Oct. 12

1:00 Blood Drive

5:30 Soup Kitchen

5:30 SPF Ministry

Wednesday, Oct. 13

11:00 Prayer Ministry

3:00 Kids' Church

6:00 Youth

6:00 Solidarity Seminar

Thursday, Oct. 14

6:30 Healing Farms

Watch Party

Monday, Oct. 18

1:00 Prayers & Squares

3:00 Visitation Ministry

6:00 Session Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 20

11:00 Prayer Ministry

3:00 Kids' Church

6:00 Youth

6:00 Solidarity Seminar

Tuesday, Oct. 26

5:30 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Oct. 27

11:00 Prayer Ministry

3:00 Kids' Church

6:00 Youth

6:00 Solidarity Seminar

Sunday, Oct. 31

Pledge Dedication

As you consider your pledged giving for 2022, let's take a look at tithing. Tithing is a discipline that helps keep our minds on Christ rather than earthly things. Take a moment to read the passage above. On Sundays, we are studying Paul's letter to the church in Colossae, and this is the "application" part of the letter. Paul is giving us instruction... since we have new life in Christ, our focus is not on earthly things, but on CHRIST! We spend a lot of time worrying about money. You might even say sometimes, we set our minds on it. A regular discipline of "tithing" (that's giving 10% away) is an opportunity for deeper trust in Christ as our security and supply.

For this reason, we are launching our tithe challenge. For three months, **January, February, and March** we are inviting you to give 10% of all of your income to the church. This will be hard (it's called a discipline), this will be a sacrifice (it's intended to help us encounter Jesus, who embodies sacrifice), but this will transform us, because we will be depending on Jesus in new ways.

We recognize this is a bold invitation, so we are willing to be bold in return... if after 3 months of tithing, you are unable to meet your basic needs, we will return your money! You read that right. We hope this shows you how strongly we believe in the spiritual growth that is available to you by setting our whole lives on Christ, even our wallets.

What we believe: 1) We believe in God's faithfulness—he will meet your needs. 2) We believe in discipleship—he transforms us as we step out in complete trust in him, even with our finances. 3) We believe in the mission of our church—God is moving and changing lives through FPC and your contribution matters. 4) We believe in community—you should not embark upon this spiritual discipline alone, and we are here to help.

A little about the Budget: Think of "stewardship" as wise management of all of the church's resources. Just like running your household, we have to have a budget. And that budget contains many of the same expenses you have at home – mortgage, power, water, cleaning. We also cover the salaries of the folks who are here day in and day out to keep the "business going." Yet the church is more than a business... we are a ministry; we are on mission with God.

During COVID, many of those aspects of ministry had to pivot, slowed down, or even stop – think about LOGOS and our Youth program, fellowship dinners, even Sunday school and worship attendance. Things looked a lot different in 2020 and 2021 than they did before COVID. As we move toward 2022, let's challenge ourselves to have a well-funded budget to support all of the mission and ministry of the church.

Let's look at what our budget covers:

(continued on page 2)

Personnel	60%
Operations (mortgage, utilities, etc.)	25%
Programing and Ministries	7%
Mission	6%
Other (primarily associated with our membership in the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery	2%

It's easy to see that the top two items – Personnel and Operations – are difficult to reduce in the short term. When we do have to make cuts, like we did last year, sadly they are in the Programming and Ministries, and Mission areas. So, your pledge for 2022 has direct impact on the mission and ministry we are able to work toward. Therefore, please consider pledging, if you haven't before, or increasing your pledge if you have. Moreover, please consider tithing.

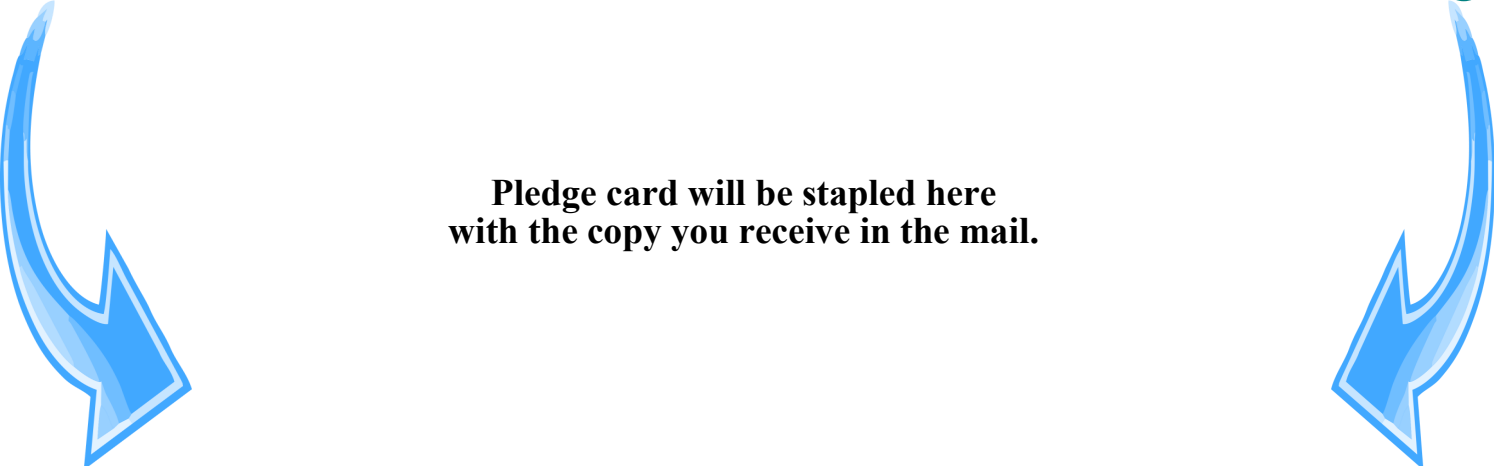
The Pledge/Tithe Challenge Card for 2022 is attached. Complete it and place it in the offering basket or return it to the church. If you prefer, just call or email the church office to designate your pledge for 2022.

Let's join together seeking Christ and setting our minds on HIM!

In Christ,
Jane Hood Campbell, Timothy Scoonover, and the SPF Ministry Team

P.S. Once you've made your pledge, please consider setting up your giving online. You can even designate them to go to a particular fund if you wish. Go to the Church's website and look for Giving, or download the Breeze App and set up your account for First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner. You can also call Lisa Kelly at the church, and she will show you how easy and safe it is to donate online.

**By pledging to return to God
what He has given to us
to support the work of His church,
we are demonstrating our faith and trust in God.**



**Pledge card will be stapled here
with the copy you receive in the mail.**

Stewardship Pledge Card

**Attached is a pledge card for 2022 and an envelope to insert your pledge.
Please fill out the card, make sure you include your name and your pledge.**

Place your card in the offering plate or mail to the church.

You can also call Sally at 843-761-8469, and she will fill out a pledge card for you.

Cards need to be at the church by Sunday, October 31, for dedication.

You can also leave them on Sally's desk.

Cards will be available at the church.

If you have any questions, give Sally a call at 843-761-8469.



90 DAY *Tithe* CHALLENGE

Turn the pledge card over and learn more about the Tithe Challenge. It's an opportunity for a deeper trust in Jesus Christ as our security and our supply.

Dedication Sunday, October 31

**Pledge cards are attached and also available at the church.
Please complete one for yourself or your family and return
them to the church for Dedication Sunday, Oct. 31.**

At that time, we will consecrate our commitments to God.

Solidarity Seminar

Starts Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 6:00 - 7:15

This weekly study and reflection with Pastor Timothy will take a gospel approach to racial issues. Our aim is to live into Jesus' prayer for unity from John 17—that the entire church may be one, as he and the Father are one. Format will include Bible study, book discussion, developing an ethnic autobiography, and growing cultural empathy. We will meet (with Covid precautions) in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in a Zoom meeting option, please contact Pastor Timothy at tscoonover@gmail.com. While the course will build each week, you do not have to commit to every week in order to participate.



Healing Farms: Believe in Possibility Virtual Banquet "Watch Party" Thursday, Oct. 14, at 6:30pm

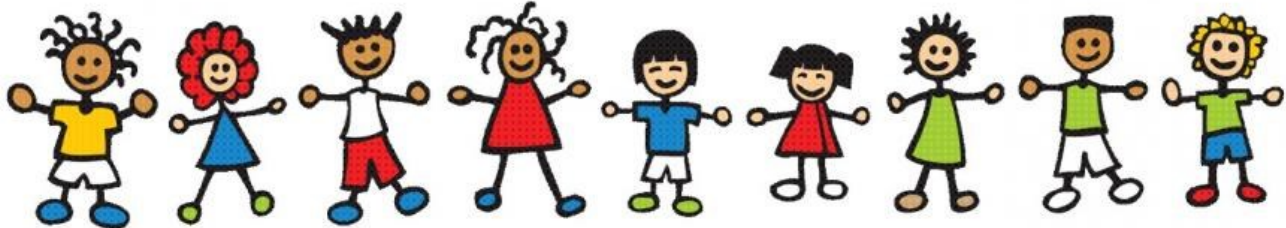
FPC will host a watch party for Healing Farms' annual fundraising banquet. Join us in the Fellowship Hall (with COVID precautions) for refreshments as we watch the banquet together and hear from guest speaker Chris Singleton.

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, September 20 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion led by Elder Don Cribb
- Approved the minutes from the August Session meeting
- Welcomed into membership the following as of June 6, 2021
 - o Ashley Williamson, Smiley Causey, Burt Causey, Kristin DeLong, Vale Baker, Mary Majestic, Tim and Marie Dunlap by reaffirmation of faith
 - o Pam Loesch, John Loesch Jr., and Martha Rose Brown by letter of transfer
 - o Garrett Williamson and Tedd Pounds by profession of faith and baptism
- Transferred membership of John and Georgia Spencer to Hendersonville Presbyterian Church, and thus dissolved John Spencer's current service as elder at First Presbyterian Church
- Discussed the PCUSA Mission Agency's Week of Action
- Received reports from Christian Education, Mission and Evangelism, Stewardship Personnel and Finance (schedule for Stewardship Campaign), Hospitality (updated visitors list), and Pastoral Care
- Received report from the Pastor on Doctor of Ministry work
- Closed with pastoral prayer for the needs of church and community

Our next Session meeting will be at 6pm on Monday, October 18.



Kids' Church is Back

All K-5th graders are welcome to join for fun, fellowship, and Bible Study on Wednesdays, 3:00 to 4:30, September 15 through December 15.

First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen

Our soup kitchen is distributing meals to the Shannonwood subdivision behind Big Lots. We will be expanding our reach to other neighborhoods and will need an additional cook team and volunteers to deliver meals. Meals are prepared and distributed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. If you would like to serve on a rotation of volunteers, please contact Hugh Smith at 843-899-6420. We may not call on you right now, but it will indicate your willingness to serve by calling Hugh.



SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.

GALATIANS 5:13, NIV



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



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Virginia (Ginny) Umphlett. Virginia passed away on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

Dear Church Family,
words cannot express how much I appreciate your continued prayers and concern for my daughter, Kelli. It has been a long road for her and will be for a while. I feel your love each time you come into my office or pass you in the hall and you ask "How is your daughter?" I know that you continue to lift her in prayer every day. She loves her prayer quilt and all the beautiful cards you have sent. She keeps the quilt and cards in her room. You have made us both feel like part of your family. God is good, even during the hard times. Continue to pray for her body to heal. You have truly been a blessing to my family.
Love, Sally Harvey



- 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
 - 13 Timothy Scoonover
 - 15 Becky Devereux
Kim Mims
 - 16 Diane Baughn
 - 17 Kim Brewer
 - 20 Peggy Bennett
 - 22 Sarah Cribb
 - 23 Pamela Williams
Grant Lusk
 - 24 Laurie Carter
William Murray
 - 26 Marie Dunlap
Richard Keene
Mark Tucker



Grief Share is a support group that meets weekly. It is a warm, caring environment that you will find as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief with help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. Grief Share meets every Tuesday at 6:00 and will run through November 6. For more information, contact Charlene Atkins at (201) 919-3249 or charatkins17@yahoo.com. If you know someone that is grieving, please tell them about Grief Share.



2021-2022 Church Directory Thank you to everyone that sent me changes for our new church directory. This directory has been a little bit more challenging since we are pulling everything from our database, Breeze. I will be on vacation the week of October 4th. Upon my return, Lisa and I will have a printed directory for you by Friday, Oct. 15.
Sally Harvey, Church Secretary




Upper Room Devotionals are available for you under the church carport in a plastic box for easy pickup. They are also in the church on the table outside the church office.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2021	\$443,620.00
	<u>Sept 26</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 5,540.80	\$287,753.51
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,531.00	\$323,978.00

October 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Every Sunday</u> 9:00 Worship Service on the Lawn 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Svc. in sanctuary</p>						
<p>3 <i>communion</i></p> 	<p>4 1:00 Prayers & Squares Ministry</p>	<p>5 11:30 Staff Meeting 9:30-3:00 Home School Coop 6:00 Grief Share</p>	<p>6 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Kids' Church 6:00 Youth 6:00 Solidarity Seminar</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 3:15—5:15 Berkeley HS Football Dinner</p>	<p>9</p>
Sally Vacation						
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 11:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Home School 5:30 Soup Kitchen 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive 5:30 SPF Ministry 6:00 Grief Share</p>	<p>13 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Kids' Church 6:00 Youth 6:00 Solidarity Seminar</p>	<p>14 6:30 Healing Farms Watch Party</p>	<p>15 3:15—5:15 Berkeley HS Football Dinner</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 1:00 Prayers & Squares Ministry 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>19 11:30 Staff Meeting 9:30-3:00 Home School Coop 6:00 Grief Share</p>	<p>20 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Kids' Church 6:00 Youth 6:00 Solidarity Seminar</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 3:15—5:15 Berkeley HS Football Dinner (The Well)</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 11:30 Staff Meeting 9:30-3:00 Home School Coop 5:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Grief Share</p>	<p>27 11:00 Prayer Ministry 3:00 Kids' Church 6:00 Youth 6:00 Solidarity Seminar</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 3:15—5:15 Berkeley HS Football Dinner</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Pledge Dedication Sunday</p>						





American Red Cross Blood Drive

Save a Life, Give Blood

**FPC Blood Drive—Tuesday, October 12
1:00-6:00 in the Gymnasium**
Contact Doris Partlow at 843-312-4325 for more information,

First Presbyterian Church

419 West Main Street
Moncks Corner, SC 29461
Phone (843) 761-8469 Fax (843) 899-1395
E-Mail: FirstPresbyt@homesc.com

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