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A Note from Our Pastor

Come On Back!

This month I'd like to feature our Sunday School opportunities—a time to be formed into Christ's-likeness in community.

COVID has been a huge disruption in our lives. That probably goes without saying, but it changed and challenged so many of our old rhythms and habits. If we're honest, some of those habits needed purging; they were frivolous. However, we were also driven into isolation—away from community. And that has been devastating. After all, we're formed in community. At FPC, we believe in the power of studying scripture together. As Acts 2 states about the early church, "and they devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching." **Good news: ALL of our Sunday School classes are open**



again! In fact, there is even a NEW class. You'll find a list of all of the classes on the next page.

I'll take a moment to tell you about the new class...

The "Table Talk" Class A New Format for a New Day to make us New in Christ

This is a class that spans across every age. It's informal. We gather around tables, "family style" in the Fellowship Hall, and we discuss the sermon passage for the morning. We start with silence. Yes, children can do this, and enjoy it. The silence reminds us that the Holy Spirit is with us. I recently heard a pastor put it this way, "It's not like children have a Junior Varsity Holy Spirit. It's the same Holy Spirit that adults have." Next, we re-read the passage from the sermon. Then, we invite everyone to create something with Play-Doh related to the passage, and while we create, we discuss our irks and questions from the passage. Without fail, the Spirit leads us into deeply formative truths. A child will say exactly what a parent needs to hear or a young adult will encourage a student. It's a beautiful reciprocity. Finally, we close with sharing about what we made with Play-Doh and singing the doxology together.

We have a cross-section of children, parents, empty nesters, grandparents, and young adults. One participant said, "I love that I get to hear from different perspectives and people." One parent said of the class, "I can see that our children really are listening and learning." Of course, when I asked one of the children what he liked, he responded, "The PLAY-DOH!!!" ©. We are seeing the power of a child's questions, curiosity, and interpretation. We are seeing the power of mutual affirmation across families. It is developing a sense of community. **This reveals the Bible as central in our formation, yet it's read in diverse community.**

COVID sure has taken a lot from us, yet, our God is a God of **resurrection**. He brings life in places of death. He does new things. The Table Talk class is a testimony to God's resurrection power. Out of the ashes, God has raised up an intergenerational time of spiritual formation. It's a delight to be made new together. So, if you don't have a weekly rhythm for your spiritual formation in community, come join us at 10:10am! (more information on next page)

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

Weekly Worship Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Facebook Video Available 11:00 Worship Service

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 1 11:30 Staff Meeting 5:00 Building & Grounds 6:00 Community Prayer 6:00 GriefShare

Wednesday, March 2 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Saturday, March 5 8:00 Church Work Day

Monday, March 7 1:00 Prayers & Squares

Wednesday, March 9 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Lonton Services

12:00 Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Wednesday, March 16

11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Monday, March 21

1:00 Prayers & Squares 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 23 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Wednesday, March 30

11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:00 Lenten Services 3:00 LOGOS 6:00 Youth

Pastor Timothy Scoonover

Director of Spiritual Formation Angeline Brock

> *Editor* Sally Harvey

Are you looking to grow with others in your relationship with Christ? Check out these classes.

Preschool – Taught by JoAnn Bryant in the nursery.

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The Open Table (This class is diverse in age and is an "open table" for anyone looking to dig deeper into God's word) – *Invitation to the Jesus Life* by Jan Johnson book study. All are welcome to join. Class meets in the well.

The Pearle Leland Ladies' Class (Sharing lessons in life with God's Word to follow as His disciples) – *The Quarterly* " 1^{st} and 2^{nd} Corinthians"

The Acie Edwards Memorial Men's Class (Biblical teaching with a sprinkling of humor as we study God's Word) - *The Quarterly* "1st and 2nd Corinthians"

The B.A.S.I.C.S (Brothers and Sisters in Christ)- The Quarterly "1st and 2nd Corinthians"

Men's Discipleship Class (Learning to be disciples of Jesus Christ through His Word) – N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study "1st and 2nd Thessalonians"

The Fellowship Hall "Table Talk" – See Timothy's article.

For more information, check with Angeline Brock. You can call her at the church and she can give you more details.



Henry Bonner Memorial Offering and Habitat for Humanity

Meet Genise Furtick and her daughters. Genise told us her story on Sunday, February 20. She has been accepted for a Habitat home and is the very next build. Her story is tragic and the excitement of being able to have a home for her girls is an answer to prayer. This is only one example of how your contributions to the Henry Bonner Memorial Offering are impacting lives. Thank you for your generous support.

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, February 21 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer led by Elder Rin Page
- Held discussion of "lifelong discipleship formation" as a vital mark of FPC
- Approved minutes from the January Session meeting
- Approved the 2021 Statistical Report prepared by Sally Harvey
- Approved the baptism of Fletcher Worten, son of Jennifer and Devlin, for Sunday, April 24, 2022
- Elected Elder Gene Williams as commissioner to spring presbytery meeting
- Received Ministry Team reports
- Received report from the pastor: Rev. Scoonover's doctoral project was "approved with distinction," (he has completed his doctoral program, and his project "goes beyond the expectations of the Doctor Ministry Program")

The next Session meeting will be Monday, March 21 at 6pm.



Community Lenten Services Are Back!!!

12:00pm each Wednesday

during Lent, March 2 thru March 13 at Moncks Corner United Methodist Church.

Meals/lunch will not be served this year due to COVID.

Date	Clergy	Lithurgist
March 2	Father Joe	Jeremy Howell
March 9	Darien Jones	Josh Knutson
March 16	Josh Knutson	Shamond Riddy
March 23	Shamond Riddy	Timothy Scoonover
March 30	Timothy Scoonover	Pinopolis UMC or TBD
April 6	Pinopolis UMC or TBD	Mary Ellen Doran
April 13	Mary Ellen Doran	Darien Jones

Moncks Corner is blessed with many great churches that are true to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our society is fractured by a culture with a tendency to build walls rather than bridges! The inclusive nature of Christian fellowship, based on the love of God, is vitally important. Our gatherings are great times to experience and express the wholesome, creative love of God for all people.

> "Ah, friends, this is going to be great!" Jeremy L Howell, Pastor, Moncks Corner UMC



Church-Wide Work Day for Outside Spring Clean-up Saturday, March 5 - 8:00 to 12:00

Main Objectives: Cut the grass for the first time of the year, weed eat, spray round-up, broadcast fire ant prevention, prune/shape shrubs, rake leaves out of children's playground area, and remedy some erosion issues along the west side ditch (bring old bricks, filled sandbags or bags of gravel if you have them laying around).

Things That Will Already Be On Site and Belong to the Church: riding mower, blower, weed eater, gas hedge pruners, wheelbarrow, spreader, backpack sprayer, fire ant prevention, and two 5-gallon water coolers.

Things To Bring: Gas pruners, hand pruners, loppers, 6-foot ladder, side walk edger, tine rake, shovel, mower, mower trailer, weed eater and string, blower, 50:1 fuel, oil, non-ethanol fuel, spreader, gloves, dust mask, safety glasses, wheelbarrows, leaf bags, tarp, and all the young people you can find.

If You Do Not Enjoy Yard Work: We need some volunteers to cook hot dogs and provide water/ refreshments for the workers, especially around lunch time.

Encouragement and support is definitely welcome. Any questions or for more information, contact Sam Brock at 843-729-7050



Are your adult children walking with Christ? Are your grandchildren being brought up in the faith? In many cases, the answer is "No."



On behalf of Family Builders, we are thrilled to announce the first-ever Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference.

The conference is being held April 1-2 on the campus of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville, SC. Together, we'll explore what the Bible says about the role of grandparents and discover ways to pass our faith in Christ to our children, grandchildren and future generations.

Will you pray about joining the conference? Please register soon, because space may be limited.

Blessings, Sherry Schumann and Conference Staff

Grandparenting uses the 'rest of your life' to give the 'best of your life'

–Main Speakers–



Dr. Larry McCall, Director of Walking Like Jesus Ministries, is an ill-deserving sinner saved by God's amazing grace through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Larry was gripped by God's saving grace at an early age and had the privilege of being discipled by his Christian parents and by other mentors in his home.



Cavin Harper, as Founder of the Christian Grandparenting Network, he is the author of Courageous Grandparenting, A DIY GrandCamp Field Guide, and Raising Your Grandchildren (Releaseed August 2020). He has also been a contributing author for the Legacy Coalition and Joni and Friends, and hosted a radio talk show called Not on Our Watch.

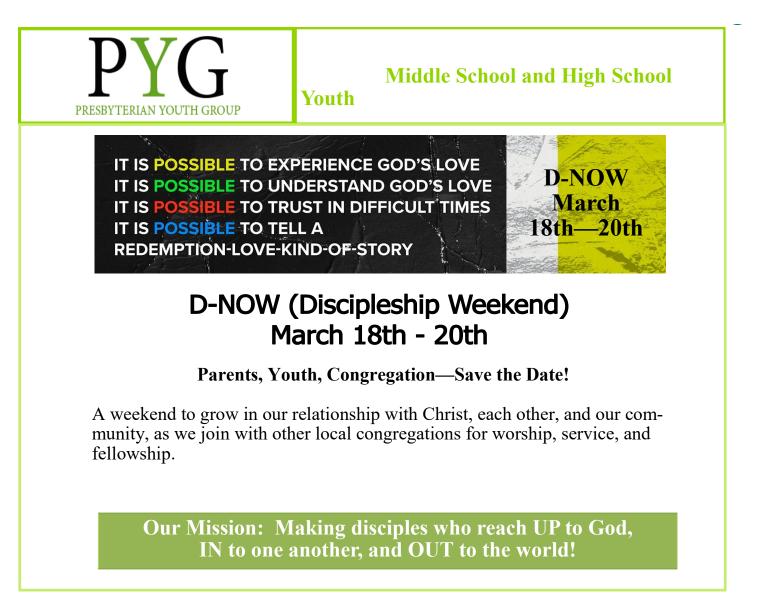


Sherry Schumann has the privilege and joy of helping grandparents leave a legacy of faith, which is rooted deeply in prayer. She is the president of Christian Grandparenting Network, a charter member of Legacy Coalition and serves on the Southeast Grand Camp staff. She has written two books, *Prayers that Stir the Hearts of Grandparents* and *The Christmas Bracelet*.

This is the first-ever Southeastern Grandparenting Conference. Conference location is St. Paul's Church, Summerville.

Brochures are available on the table outside the church office.





An Opportunity to Show Our Welcome and Hospitality





Habitat has asked us to partner with their Collegiate Challenge program again this year.

Habitat's Collegiate Challenge program provides year-round alternative school break volunteer opportunities to college students across the United States. College students have chosen to travel to Moncks Corner to spend their spring break serving in *our* community.

We have the opportunity to house two groups in the well. In the past we have had some of you provide a meal to spend time with the students. If you would like to bake cookies or show welcome and hospitality in any way, please let me (Angeline Brock) know.

We will host: CUA (Catholic University of America, Washington, DC), March 5th—12th Dennison University (Granville, Ohio), March 13th—18th **Christian Sympathy** to Carol Guerry and her family. Carol's mother, Jean DeHay Guerry, passed away on Wednesday, February 16.

Christian Sympathy to Ronnie and Elaine Hewitt and their family. Ronnie and Elaine's son-in-law Billy Reynolds, passed away on Friday, February 11.

GRIEFFESHARE 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. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We understand how you feel because we've been in the same place. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

The group meets every Tuesday at 6:00pm and through May 10. 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.



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Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00pm Community Prayer in our sanctuary

Come and join us!



We need volunteers to help with the visual displays during Sunday morning worship (9am and 11am). **This is a super easy and helpful way to serve the church.** We will gladly train you. If you can help, please contact the church office at 843-761-8469 or David Brown at 843-834-8642 or fiddlindave.brown@gmail.com.



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Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the meal. It was absolutely delicious. Also thank you for the beautiful flower in the sanctuary for Fletcher's birth. We are adjusting to life as a family of 4 and can't wait to be back to church soon!

Love, the Wortens

Commitment Report	Budget for 2022	\$463,144.00
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