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A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

“Happy New Year!”



Maybe it's the lingering effect of decades following the academic year, but for me, the New Year never *really* begins until August. Even now, eight years since my last “first day of school,” my mental year begins with the back-to-school season and ends with spring exams. The start of a new school year is so filled with possibility – crisp, unblemished notebooks just waiting to be filled; freshly-sharpened pencils with erasers completely intact; books with their binding yet unbroken. A whole new world, just waiting to be explored. A whole new adventure, just waiting to begin.

Of course, it's not just students and teachers who stand at the precipice of a new year. It's a new year for us here at First Presbyterian Church, as well. One year is behind us – a year in which we grew into our interim period, between pastors, together. And a new year is before us, as we anticipate the outcome of the PNC's pastoral search, as we await the revelation of the pastor whom God has already called to lead us into the future.

I want you to know how indescribably blessed I have been by your support in this past year, how honored I have been by your confidence in me, and how grateful I am for your gracious reception of my decision to
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decline the PNC's invitation to apply for the permanent position. Rest assured that if anything gave me pause, it was my deep love and affection for our family of faith. But it was also that love that, ultimately, led to my decision. You deserve a pastor who can commit with confidence to leading you for years to come!

(Mind you, I am making no plans to leave. I just know that, sooner or later, the day will come when Michael will accept a transfer and we will move on. In the meantime, I am wholeheartedly yours!)

And so, here we are. The start of a new year, a new chapter, in our life together. I hope that I can continue to count on your support as we prepare ourselves, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, for a new pastor to come. I ask that you join me in fervent prayer for the PNC as they continue in their discernment process. And I know that God will continue to guide us as we seek to build on the foundation that we have built together in this new year to come.

Joyfully, Kristin

Mission Notes

-  Remember to save your hotel and motel "goodies" for treats for the home bound at holiday time. Thanks for what we have so far!
-  Please begin saving greeting card **fronts** — not the whole card— to be sent where they will be used to make new cards in a mission endeavor.
-  School supplies will be on sale in August, usually. As you are purchasing additional supplies for "Hands of Christ," please begin collecting what you will need for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes (regular size). They always come due in mid-November, but the prices will be best before school starts.

"He has no hands, but our hands...."

Happy Collecting!!!

JoAnn Bryant, Presbyterian Women Missions

Homecoming Sunday and Picnic (no 9:00 service) Sunday, July 31



Please mark your calendars for July 31st when we will have our next joint worship service and church picnic. We always look forward to summer as a time for vacations and possibly visiting and reconnecting with family. I know at the Carter house we will have attended three family reunions by the end of July! Do you ever think of our church family and miss those that have moved away from

the area and no longer worship with us? If so this would be the perfect Sunday to invite them back for worship. How about those amongst us that you have noticed aren't attending on a regular basis like they have in the past? Call them, invite them to join us. This church has such a rich history of fellowship and nurturing of its flock. Let us come together to enjoy our strong family in Christ on July 31st.

After our joint service together, we will enjoy a picnic lunch out at Sommerset Point. Hamburger, hot dogs with all the fixings and chips will be the meal. So bring a covered dish or dessert to share, lawn chair (if you want to sit by the water) and bathing suits (not mandatory!).



**Look forward to seeing you there
and reconnecting as God's family.**

Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship Ministry
Laurie Carter

What's Up with Our Youth

August 5, Friday — Transition Party
Otto's Russell's Lake Area
4:00—7:00 p.m.

This party is for both youth groups to send off those graduating high school, and to advance those from Junior High Youth to High School Group and to advance those from elementary (LOGOS) to our Junior High Youth Group. We'll have swimming, food and lot's of fun or as our youth would say LOL.



August 14, Sunday, we will begin our regularly scheduled High School Youth Group meetings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

August 17, Wednesday, we will begin our regularly scheduled Junior High Youth Group meetings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mr. John is in need of various costume hats for youth activities. If you have any you would like to donate. Please bring them to Mr. John.

If you would like more information about our youth groups or any of their activities, please call Mr. John at 761-8469.



**American
Red Cross**

**National
Blood Appeal**

The Red Cross is in a critical shortage of blood and is in need of all blood types. If you are able and can give, call the Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS or go to redcross-blood.org and to find out when and where you can give.

“We’re in the Blessing Business”

Hands of Christ Ministry

Because of the support of the church and the generous contributions of supplies, clothing, and donations from our congregation, we will be able to supply 600 Berkeley county school students with clothing and supplies!



Because we expect so many children, we will again hold 2 distributions at our church.

Tuesday, August 2nd 4—7 p.m.
 Wednesday, August 3rd 4—7 p.m.
 (arrive at 3:30 for assignments)
 (40-50 volunteers each day)

Signup poster in the hallway outside church office.

We are communicating these dates through the schools and in the community, and are praying that we will be able to help every child that needs us!

Now is your opportunity to see what your contributions have done to help children in our own community! To make our distributions a success, we need you!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time on Tuesday August 2nd and Wednesday August 3rd to help these children.

In the Love of Jesus Christ, Jane Hood



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 Blessing Business.”*

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Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Studying • Teaching • Equipping • Praying • Serving

**August 27, 2011
at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The leadership Development Ministry Unit of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery invites you to our fifth annual STEPS event. Dr. Rodgers Nishioka, Associate Professor of Christian Education from Columbia Theological Seminary, will lead us as we worship, learn, reflect, sing, explore...and most likely laugh! We look forward to the energy that this event brings—the networking, the exchange of ideas, the inspiration from both young and “seasoned” travelers in the Christian walk...and, of course, the food! Psalms 51:10 reminds us to pray — “Create in me a clean heart. O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Join us as we Study, Teach, Equip, and Pray, so that we might leave this event prepared to Serve in a new way...REVIVED, RENEWED, AND INSPIRED!!!

All are welcome. Tell a friend. Pass it on!

With the Peace of Christ,
Jane Bullard

The STEPS event will have a wide variety of workshops of interest to everyone. Brochures with registration forms are on the table outside the church office. For more information go to www.capresbytery.org/STEPS_2011.





August

- 2 Sharon Landis
- 3 Marie Hyman
Marc Tye
Tammy Jackson
- 4 Frederick Thornton
- 5 Jeff Brown
- 7 Laura Miller
- 9 Eugene Oliver, Jr.
- 10 Cindy Orvin
- 11 Imogene Russell
- 13 Hugh Smith
Jarrid Wood
- 14 Loretta Graham
- 15 Jennifer Harrelson
Mike Lucas
Frank Thompson
- 16 Karen Bates
Amanda Dalton
Carol Guerry
Sumner Metts
Betty Orvin
Jackson Weathers
- 18 Janet Wilkerson
- 19 Faye Landis
- 22 Bobby Espy
- 24 Ben Miller
- 28 Dalton Infinger
- 29 Andrew Tye
- 30 Lauren Jackson

Ushers for August	
Sue Cook	9:00 Service
Marie Hyman	11:00 Service
Johnna Livingston	
Diane Serafino	
Jesse Cannon	



**Church Picnic
Sunday, July 31**



<i>Flowers for August</i>	
August 7	Don and Kelly Brown (?????????)
August 14	Doug & Marie Bowles
August 21	??????????????????
August 28	Mike and Janet Lucas (?????????)

Save the Date, Please

*Saturday, October 15, 2011
1:00pm to 4:00pm*

*First Presbyterian Church
will be hosting a*

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

*More Details Will Follow
Be Watching... You Won't Want to Miss It!*

*Game Booths
Face Painting*

Snow Cones

Jump Castles

Popcorn

Cotton Candy

We extend Christian Sympathy to Judy Horton on the loss of her sister, Nancy Kunkle. Nancy passed away on July 4. Condolences may be sent to Judy in care of Johnny Horton at 116 Shadowbrook Drive, Summerville, SC 29483

*Dear Church Family,
For your many deeds of kindness given to us in the loss of my brother, R. L., we thank you. We have felt the love of our church family in many ways.*

Love in Christ, Jerry and Adah

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your thoughts, cards, calls and most of all your prayers. I came home Sunday a.m. after 7 days at MUSC and 10 days at Smiley Jane's home. She was with me day and night and took very good care of me. I am so blessed by my family and friends. God is so good. My doctors are Christians and give God the glory for what they were able to do to make me better. I'm getting stronger each day and plan to be out and about soon. My prayers are with all of you and I miss you and hope to see you soon. God bless each of you.*

Love, Smiley Harmon

Sgt. Shane Ravan sent us the e-mail below. Sgt. Ravan is in Afganistan and the husband of Jessica Bates Ravan.



Hello, I wanted to take a moment and write to say thank you for the care packages you sent recently. That thanks comes from me and my marines here with me. We are all appreciative that you all have us in your thoughts and prayers. Please let everyone that collected the “goodies” that they put smiles on all of our faces to know that people still appreciate what we are doing. You’ll be surprised to know that many people don’t appreciate any of the military services any more, but people like each and every one of you give us that hope. You’ll be happy to hear that we are all doing well. Again, thank you for the care packages and the military support you have. Also please thank Morgan and Jenna for the letters they wrote. We can’t thank you enough for taking time out of your day had having us on your minds. Again, thank you and have a wonderful day.

Semper Fidelis, Sgt. A. Shane Ravan
United States Marine Corps



Congratulations!!!

Ryan and Renee Bowles have a new precious baby girl. “Elizabeth Rose” was born on June 10 and weighed 6 lbs., 5 ozs. Elizabeth is the little sister of Jessica Bowles, granddaughter of Doug and Marie Bowles. Welcome to our family little one.

News from the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Upcoming Trip to Haiti

October 29-November 5, 2011

Are you interested in traveling to Haiti with other members of our presbytery? Contact Dottie Kelley at dottiekelly@comcast.net.

Vacation Bible School 2011







