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A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

When our New Pastor Comes



Three big things converged the last weekend in January:

1. I had the opportunity to lead the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat (which was more fun than I ever dreamed possible).
2. The Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) met their first candidate face-to-face (whom I met, and liked).
3. The Session and I led a Fellowship Sunday service around the Old Testament lectionary text, Deuteronomy 18:15: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet," a messenger of God's Word (which is, in our mutual comfort with our current pastoral arrangement, a message that we all need to hear).

Friends, of this I am certain: regardless of what follows with the PNC's most recent candidate, God is already at work to bring our new pastor to us. And that's a good thing – for you, and for me. After all, God is at work in us, too, preparing us for that next phase in the life of our faith community!

You know, when I assumed the role of solo pastor and Acting Head of Staff in July 2010, a number of ministry plans were pushed to the back burner. As I became the sole pastor responsible for preaching, leading, and pastoral care, there just weren't enough hours in the day to do all of the things that I wanted to do to build up our life together! Now, the truth is, I love serving in my current capacity. I love sharing God's Word with you every Sunday, and praying with you when you need a reminder

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of God's love, and leading our leaders (the Session, Diaconate, and Ministries) to pursue God's path. In fact, I fully expect that I will continue to share in those responsibilities when our new pastor does arrive. But there are a number of other things that I will be able to do, as well.

There are a number of short-term classes that I've wanted to develop and teach, but the demands of weekly sermon preparation have dominated my educational pursuits. With a new preacher in town, I'll be able to develop and offer the courses that have been forming in the back of my mind: Reformed Theology 101; Bible for Dummies; How the Bible Came to Be; The Way of Forgiveness. In other words, even when I'm no longer preaching every Sunday, you'll still be stuck with my pontifications!

Then there's my lapsed attention to our outreach to young adults. The Twentysomethings Supper Club that was going so strong just a couple of years ago, that even spawned a young adult Bible Study for a brief time, has fallen by the wayside. With a new pastor to share in caregiving ministries for those unable to attend worship, I'll be able to devote more attention to caregiving for the young adults who, often, choose not to attend worship.

And last but not least, my weekend at the Mt. Pleasant Women's Retreat reminded me of how much I love ministry to women, and my forgotten dreams of enhancing our ministries to our women – quarterly Girls Nights Out for fellowship, mentoring relationships for spiritual growth, maybe even a women's retreat of our own as we seek to inspire the mothers and daughters and sisters and wives in our midst to live wholeheartedly for God. With a new leader to share in directing our formal leadership structures, I'll have the availability to devote myself to developing leaders for new program initiatives.

When I was first called to serve as your Associate Pastor, it was for the purpose of developing ministries that will prepare us to welcome the growing community of Moncks Corner into our community of faith. It is my prayer that as we welcome a new pastor, very likely in the year to come, that we will renew our efforts to build upon our strong existing ministries, and that we will all welcome, enthusiastically, the opportunities that our new pastor will bring for us all.

Joyfully, Kristin

Join a Ministry Sub-Committee Today!

On Sunday, January 29th, the congregation had the opportunity to hear from each of our active elders about his or her area of ministry, plans for the coming year, and opportunities for you to be involved! The Ministries welcome the participation of members-at-large. Ministry meetings will be held on the third Monday of alternating months, beginning on February 19th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in participating with one of the Ministry Sub-committees, please contact the elder representative. Ministry sub-committees and responsibilities are:

Worship, Evangelism, and Fellowship

Laurie Carter, Chair

Worship

Elder: Laurie Carter Deacon: Clair Orvin

- Order and conduct worship in accordance with Book of Order
- Maintain quality program of music
- Provisions for nursery and children's church
- Scheduling of ushers, acolytes, and others assisting in worship

Evangelism

Elder: Jim Brogdon Deacon: John O. Williams

- Maintenance of an open, warm, friendly, and inviting community
- Sponsor regular church-wide programs for spiritual renewal (outreach?)
- Rapid follow-up of first-time visitors
- Follow-up of new member prospects
- Assimilation of new members

Fellowship

Elder: Don Brown Deacon: Doris Partlow

- Providing regular fellowship opportunities

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"We're in the Blessing Business"

Education, Nurture, and Pastoral Care

Mary Nettles, Chair

Education (Children & Youth)

Elder: Mary Nettles

Deacon: Clisha Weathers

- Oversee church school program (*children and youth*)
- Support and continue to develop LOGOS
- Provide for youth ministries, including providing direction for Youth and Activities Director (Director of Christian Education)

Nurture (Adults)

Elder: Carl Marjenhoff

Deacon: Dave Soderberg

- Oversee church school program (*adults*)
- Develop Bible and other study programs for adults
- Develop small groups for study and prayerful support

Pastoral Care

Elder: Charla Springer

Deacon: Elaine Hewitt

- Provide for regular visitation program to shut-ins and those with special needs
- Provide for serving of communion to shut-ins and those unable to attend regular services of worship

Stewardship, Personnel and Finance

Ben Fleming, Chair

Stewardship

Elder: John Spencer

Deacon: David Baumann

- Challenge and encourage members to develop good habits of stewardship of time and talent
- Develop program of regular financial support of church and its ministries
- Encourage members to use their time and talent in the mission of the church

Personnel

Elder: Kace Smith

Deacon: Larry Propst

- Provide for evaluation of Pastor and his (or her) ministry
- Assist pastor in supervision and evaluation of staff
- Secure assistance as needed for operation of church office and other regular operations

Finance

Elder: Ben Fleming

Deacon: Michael Bayless

- Develop annual budget for proposal to session
- Monitor income and expenditures
- Provide regular financial reports to the session
- Make recommendations to the session for improvements, renovations, and expansion of church facilities to meet program needs

Community Lenten Services

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12:30 — 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent
February 22 thru April 4, 2012
Moncks Corner United Methodist Church
200 North Live Oak Drive.

Lunch will be served at Noon and 1:00 p.m.
in the MC UMC fellowship hall. Cost is \$3.50.

Participating Churches: First Presbyterian Church, Moncks Corner
A.M.E. Church, Moncks Corner United Methodist Church,
Pinopolis United Methodist Church, St. Michael Lutheran Church,
Trinity Episcopal Church, Wesley United Methodist Church.

For additional information call 843-761-8547

Date	Preaching	Meal	Music
Feb. 22	Hal Fenters MC UMC	MC AME Church	St. Michael Luthern
Feb. 29	Sherry Teves St. Michael Luthern	St. Michael Luthern & Friendship UMC	MC AME
Mar. 7	Lee Bines Wesley UMC	First Presbyterian	Pinopolis UMC
Mar. 14	James Grubb Pinopolis UMC	Pinopolis UMC	First Presbyterian
Mar. 21	Richard Harkness MC AME	MC UMC	Trinity Episcopal
Mar. 28	Kristin Widrich First Presbyterian	Trinity Episcopal	Wesley UMC
April 4	Lee Bryant MC UMC	Wesley UMC	MC UMC

Communion for Shut-ins

The Pastoral Care Committee is looking for inactive elders and deacons to help with the serving of communion to shut-ins and those unable to attend regular services of worship. Please prayerfully consider this request; and if you feel called to serve in this capacity please contact Charla Springer at 761-3297 or springer@homesc.com or Elaine Hewitt at 825-3799 or hewitteandr@tds.net. Pastor Kristin will conduct a training class on how to properly administer this sacrament. Active elders and deacons may also volunteer for this ministry.



Sunday, February 5 — Join the movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes congregations, schools and businesses to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. 100% of the collections are donated directly to the charity of each group's choice. Our youth will be collecting our donations in soup pots after worship services. Please give generously.



Line Dancing — The PresS Club is sponsoring free line dance lessons for men and women of all ages. The lessons will begin on Thursday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m. and will continue each Thursday until February 23. Come have lots of fun and good exercise. Lessons will be taught by Marie Hyman, please call her for more info. at 761-5128. There's a sign-up sheet in the atrium.

Thank You — Thank You — Thank You



A real thank you to everyone that gave blood and helped with our blood drive on Tuesday, January 31. We collected 61 pints of blood. This blood will be used for patients in our area who depend on the generosity of volunteer blood donors, like you, to meet their needs.



Henry Bonner Memorial Offering

On Sunday, February 19 and 26, we will have the annual Henry Bonner Memorial offering at First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner. Special envelopes will be available for contributions in the pews. All funds collected will go to support the Habitat for Humanity in Berkeley County.

For those who didn't have the honor of knowing Henry, and for those who did, it's appropriate to tell a little about who he was, and the history behind this offering.

Henry Erskine Bonner was born December 16, 1924, in the family home in McClellanville, SC. He graduated from Erskine College after serving in the US Army during World War II. He received his Master's in Education from the University of North Carolina and also studied at the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Bonner had a long and distinguished career in public education, serving as a coach, teacher, principal, and eventually, as Superintendent of Schools for Berkeley County in 1959. He served in this position for nearly 30 years, retiring just before Hurricane Hugo in 1989. The Henry E. Bonner Elementary school in Macedonia was named in his honor.

In addition to his dedication to Berkeley County Schools and public education, Henry was one of the "church pillars" at our church. He served as deacon, elder, clerk of session, and chaired the committee to build the sanctuary, as well as serving on the committee celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church.

After his retirement, he became active as a volunteer in many civic endeavors, and chaired the Habitat for Humanity effort which was just beginning in Berkeley County.

Henry Bonner died on July 3, 2007. The session wanted to remember Henry in a way that would honor him. Because his influence was so important in getting Habitat for Humanity started in Berkeley County, it was decided that a memorial offering would take place annually in February, with the funds collected designated to support the Habitat for Humanity that was so important to Henry.



February

- 2 Sarah Carter
- Martee Fansher
- Julia Moody
- 3 Ron Flowers
- 5 Waites Wilson
- 8 Charlene Worman
- 10 Ginny Umphlett
- 11 Mike Holcombe
- 15 T. Williams
- 16 Bill Britt
- Jay Jackson
- Clisha Weathers
- 17 Anna Brown
- Robbie Robinson
- 18 Sister Beaty
- Matthew Dalton, Sr.
- 23 Susan Cook
- 24 Jack Fleming
- 27 Colin Murchison
- 28 Peter Landis
- 29 Christine Goertzen
- Angeline Harris

Ushers for February

Larry & Tally Propst
9:00 Service

11:00 Service
Doug Bowles, Dave Baumann,
Ron Hewitt, Mike Lucas

Acolyte for February

Rebecca Quick



We Need Your Help

Response to our Flower Ministry has been very slow this year. If you are interested in providing flowers on a Sunday, please fill out the form on page 15 and place in the PW box.

Flowers for February

February 5	Bette Wood (Laurie Carter)
February 12	Buddy Bonds (Linda Brown)
February 19	Bill & Cyndy Britt (Nancy Stuckey)
February 26	Sue Cook (Mary Nettles)

The Doings of the Presbyterian Women



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 will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13, at the home of Julia Moody, 108 Poplar St., Moncks Corner, 899-6619

Circle 2 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, at the home of Mary Nettles, 1912 Pinopolis Rd, Pinopolis, 761-7840

Thank You — Thank You

Thank you for supporting the Presbyterian Women's Ten Thousand Village sale. With all your shopping, we sold \$8,736.72. This gave us \$873.67 to give to local missions. Thank you so much for your support.



The Doings of the PRESBYTERIAN Men

Newly elected Officers are:

President — Bobby Mitchell

Sec/Treasurer — Jerry Stuckey



All men of the church are invited to attend our breakfasts on the second Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. **Our February breakfast is Sunday the 12th.**

Oyster Roast—Monday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Get out your oyster knives and gloves. The men are having an oyster roast at Washington Hunt Club. All men of the church are invited. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale at the Men's Breakfast. Children are free. The menu will include oysters, hot dogs and stew.





An update on how you are changing lives and transforming campuses.

A few of our students at the close of the Montreat college conference near Asheville, North Carolina. The painting behind them had been in development all week by a seminarian.

It was a cold day in Montreat, North Carolina and it had just begun to snow. Two days before I was on a sunny beach in Charleston. Two days before I didn't have Strep Throat. It exploded in my tonsils a day after preaching at Second Presbyterian and the Monday morning that I was supposed to set off to meet a half-dozen students in Montreat for the winter college conference. Even with a blood test and throat culture, the doctor wrote it off as just a virus, so I was given some weak pain medication and told to ride it out. I now shuffled quickly through the blowing gusts and snow like an anxious zombie to the conference center to check in. I wouldn't have come if it weren't for the fact that I was leading a discussion group, daily gatherings of 30 students designed to help process the speakers' messages. Apart from managing that responsibility, however, I was basically useless.

Fortunately, I had the joy of seeing our Charleston students step in to pick up the slack. They grocery shopped and made a warm lunch to feed 100 hungry students from the other South Carolina campuses. They organized carpools to make sure students could always find rides back to mountaintop cabin where we stayed. And can you believe this? They
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attended every single speaker and workshop available to them, using every opportunity to learn more as well as speak the truth of the Gospel into the lives of other students at the conference.

This demonstration of leadership continued into the next week during the first day of classes when we launched our back-to-class outreach campaign. Eight students spent much of a rainy day handing out 800 spiritually provocative fliers and working a coffee table giving away over 100 cups of good, free coffee. Students used those interactions to invite their peers to the Journey large group gathering and to have any conversations people were willing to have about faith and Christianity.

Even now, as the second semester is beginning, our student leadership in the Journey is talking about training up new leaders for next year. Please pray that our discernment would be Spirit-led and that as we prepare to say goodbye to our seniors, God would raise new leaders in their stead to be mature ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

For the glory of God
Colin Kerr,
Director of Campus Ministry

What else we're up to:

- Beginning our new semester series on "becoming a biblical community".
- We're reading Tim Belcher's "Deep Church: A Third Way Beyond Emergent and Traditional"

Simple ways you can pray for us:

- Local churches will be voting over the next two months whether to covenant together to form a campus ministry board.
- We have our first student "service team leader", Charlotte Stack. Pray that new doors would open on campus to serve others and build relationships.
- That God would provide a pro bono lawyer who can apply for 501 (c)3 status for the ministry and offer legal counsel.

We extend Christian sympathy to Buddy Bonds and her family. Buddy's sister, Elizabeth Cashion, passed away on Tuesday, January 10.

Christian sympathy is also extended to Mickey Smith and her family. Mickey's mother, Maxine Thomas passed away on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement and also all the prayers for our family through this past year. I'm looking forward to being back in Sunday School and church.

Our Love, The Goertzen Family



It's a girl! Congratulations to Diane Peagler and Billy Thompson on the birth of a precious baby girl. "Trinity Lynn" was born on Wednesday, January 18th. Welcome to our family Trinity.

Pastor Kristin will be on vacation Saturday, Feb. 4 thru Sat. Feb. 11. During her absence our "on call pastor." will be Rev. Richard Cushman. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Sally in the church office, or contact Rev. Cushman directly at 871-3251 or 906-7460 (cell).

Attention Sunday School Teachers

Quarterly Sunday School teachers meetings immediately after second service on March 4, June 3, Sept. 2 and Dec. 2. Please mark your calendars! Please mark your calendars to attend!

The PresS Club (Presbyterian Seniors) would like your input on programs and activities for their luncheons and places you would like to visit in the coming year. Please call Ellen Berry with any suggestions you may have at 899-2315 or fill out the tear out below and place in the offering plate.

Suggestions for the PresS Club

We Need Help, Help, Help!!!

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We need volunteers for our Flower Committee. If you have a talent or an interest in arranging flowers, please consider giving some of your time to the church. If we get enough volunteers, you will only need to help three or four times a year. Please consider helping with the committee and beautifying our sanctuary for the Glory of God. Please call Marie Bowles at 825-3310 or 901-9813 for details.

Organization of 2012 Flower Ministry

The shared responsibility by members and friends for the Flower Ministry adds greatly to the worship services. It also provides an opportunity to honor someone or to present an arrangement (or plant) in memory of a loved one. Please complete the form at the bottom of the page and return to the church office or leave in the PW box in the hallway. A new schedule will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

Questions, call Marie at 825-3310.

Thank You, Marie Bowles

Flower Schedule for 2012

_____ I prefer to place flowers on a designated Sunday.

Which Sunday? _____

_____ I prefer to contribute to the Flower Committee and have them place flowers for me.

Which Sunday? _____

Please enclose check payable to Presbyterian Women, designate "*flowers*" and drop in box in hallway or give to Sally, church secretary. The average cost of an arrangement is \$35.00, but we welcome any contributions.

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ I would like to serve on the Flower Committee.

_____ Check enclosed for \$ _____

Signed: _____