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A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

God-Sends

Today, my mother is one of the most faithful, godly women that I know, but when she was a little girl, she was honest-to-goodness afraid to be a Christian. She was absolutely terrified to give her life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

Why, you ask? She was convinced that if she did, God would send her to be a missionary in China. There was no way she was going to do that!

Of course, my mother did eventually turn her life over to God. And God did not send her to China. But God does send her, every day of her life. God sent her to be a godly mother, to raise her children to know and love and serve Jesus Christ. God sent her to be a public school teacher, teaching her students not just reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also how to respect themselves, how to live in community with one another, how to grow in to their God-given potential. God sent her to be a welcoming presence in her church, the first to spot and greet and befriend newcomers. God sent her to be a prayer warrior, listening deeply to the concerns of others and lifting them up powerfully in prayer. God sent her to be a minister to mature adults, helping the aged to maintain a high quality of life, to stay connected to the community of faith, to find new purpose and meaning in their lives.

My mother has never been to China. In fact, she's barely set foot outside the United States. But my mother has been sent by God every day of her life.
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And so have I. And so have you, whether you recognize it, or not.

Our God is a sending God. God sent Moses to free the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. God sent Isaiah, and Jeremiah, and Ezekiel to proclaim the word of the Lord to the exiles in Babylon. God sent Jesus to pave the way for us, that we might return to a right relationship with God. And now, God sends us. “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you,” Jesus reminds us in John 20:21. We, too, are sent by God.

So how is God sending you?

It’s a question that we’ll consider all month long, as we explore what it means to be sent by God, be it to China, to Haiti, or to the community of Moncks Corner; be it to a ministry of witness, or compassion, or generosity. Join us in worship all month long as we celebrate the experience of those who know they are sent, and as we seek, together, to discern God’s sending call to us!

Joyfully, Kristin

**Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
Sunday, Oct. 16th at 10:45 a.m.**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 16th at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect church officers for the class of 2014. Nominees for the Office of Elder are: Jim Brogdon, Mary Nettles, and Charla Springer. Nominees for the Office of Deacon are still under consideration, and will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Many thanks to the Officer Nominating Committee for their diligence. Members include: Pam Brogdon (chair), Rhoda Boyd, Kelly Brown, Lynne Hammond, Craig Mims, Mickey Smith, and Ed Springer.

*I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send?
and who will go for us?” and I said
“Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

Support our Mission to Haiti!

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On Saturday, October 29th, Jary Hulst and Larry Propst will depart for a week-long mission in Haiti. While in Haiti, Jary and Larry will help to construct a church building, enhance two public schools, and plant locally-purchased fruit trees to help feed the local community.

They will also mingle with the people of Haiti, distributing much-needed supplies. In fact, Jary and Larry have set for themselves the goal of packing all of their own necessities in their carry-on luggage, and carrying two 50-pound suitcases each, all filled with items which they might give away.

We can *all* be a part of Jary and Larry's mission as we help to fill those suitcases! Please consider donating the following:

- Walking shoes (new and gently used)
- First Aid supplies (band-aids, gauze, medical tape)
- School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, markers, crayons, scissors, water paints and brushes)



Of course, cash donations are welcome, too. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate "Haiti" in the memo line.

Worship and Fellowship—October 30 Only One Service at 11:00 a.m.—No 9:00 Service

Please come and join us for our joint morning service on October 30th at 11:00 a.m., which is Reformation Sunday. It is a time we combine our two services to worship as one.

This will be a busy day in the life of our church with an opportunity to learn about our Book of Confessions as well as coming together for a fellowship supper in the evening. There will be a time of fun for the children, during the seminar, as they enjoy Halloween festivities with games and treats.

The supper will be a covered dish meal. Chicken is provided so please bring a vegetable or dessert to share. We look forward to sharing this time with you to learn and enjoy fellowship.





Saturday, Oct. 15 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**What is right smack dab in the middle of
F U N??? YOU!**

Only 2 weeks away from our Community Carnival! I'm getting SO excited! I thought you might be hungry for more details on just how this day will look!

The Community Carnival will be well organized and ready for people! There will be lots of games and activities with small prizes, an old-fashioned cake walk, and souvenir photos imprinted with our church's name. There will be carnival food, a jump castle and a Wii Sports Console for a door prize! There will be lots of publicity...much of which you will create by handing out the "invitation" cards to your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family (especially to those who are unchurched and could use the hand of God upon their lives). We trust that the Lord will honor our efforts with an outpouring of people from our community who need to know that First Presbyterian is committed to Jesus Christ and looking for ways to share God's love! We truly do need YOU to make this happen. Here's how: Please do quickly sign up to hand out welcoming smiles, laughter, and the love of Christ! Each member of FPC who is able needs to be on hand so that *YOU* can experience the joy of sharing Christ through action!



There will be 18-20 games and, depending upon the time commitment of each person who signs up to man (or woman!) the booths, that means we will need as many as 36 - 40 ambassadors per shift (about 120 man hours) to cover all of the games and activities. That's a lot! Berkeley High will be used for parking, so "street crossing guards" will be needed for safety. There will be a table at the sidewalk for folks to register for the door prize and get their "goodie bags" which will contain information about FPC programs and activities. We will need friendly faces to welcome our visitors.

Our church will be open so that our visitors can get a feel for who we are and how we serve the Lord.



The Ladies Sunday School class has volunteered to be our "tour guides" and show off our facilities and draw attention to the many activities of our congregation. The Boy Scouts will be manning the food machines...cotton candy, popcorn and snokones. Do you belong to a group that would be willing to commit to fully oversee a game or activity?

There will be a "map" of the church grounds with the location of each game noted. Once you arrive for your assignment, you will be directed to a game or activity "booth" or table and its location will be on the map. The times listed on the sign-up sheet include the half hour needed to check in, get your assignment and get to your game or activity (of course, if you are willing to work the entire 3 hours, you can stay with the same booth). Just a few of the games and activities are horse shoes, ring toss, pick-up-the duck, face painting, a tattoo shop (yes, fake!) and a coloring table (we will hang the art in the church hallway for everyone to admire). There will be a "dinosaur dig" where the kids will dig into a wheelbarrow of sand looking for dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs containing small prizes, a Bible Quiz table, bowling, can pyramid knock down and a Go Fish pond. A lollipop tree is sure to attract kids of all ages and won't everyone want to score a hole-in-one golf game? Five wonderful ladies of the church have already committed to baking cakes for the cake walk...gee, I wish I was eligible for THAT! There are other games not named here, but all *absolutely fun!*



We are still in need of fall decorations...fall flowers, pumpkins, gourds, ribbon, Indian corn, corn stalks and bales of hay.

This is just a summary of the day's activities. We have put together a wonderful day, will you help us make it happen?

I have my plans already laid out for that day! On Saturday, October 15, I plan to show every visitor that I am the redeemed Child of a King...maybe they will want what I've got!

Carnival Organization Committee Members: Rhoda Boyd, Debbie Guest, Joyce Mitchell, Larry Probst, Kace Smith

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Book of Confessions Seminar Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Do you know what the Book of Confessions is and how it can be used to fortify your spiritual walk? Have you come to the Presbyterian Church from another denomination? Has it been a long time since you have looked at the Book of Confessions?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, then you need to come learn about the Book of Confessions on Sunday, October, 30th at 4:00p.m. We will meet in the church sanctuary.

We have the distinct pleasure of having Dr. Mark Durrett from First Presbyterian Church in Sumter, SC, come and teach us about our Book of Confessions. Dr. Durrett received his Master of Divinity and Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary before going on for his Ph.D. from Duke University.



Dr. Durrett has served pastorates in Spartanburg, Moore, and Columbia before coming to Sumter. He enjoys teaching at Wofford College, Converse College, Presbyterian College and Union/P.S.C.E in Charlotte, as well as being on the faculty of the joint 'Lay School of Theology' run by the five presbyteries of South Carolina.

His enthusiasm for this subject is contagious and will spur you on to learning more about this subject. We hope you will come out of this class with a new understanding of the Book of Confessions and how it can impact your spiritual walk today.

If you currently have a copy or two of the Book of Confessions, please bring with you to the seminar to use and share.

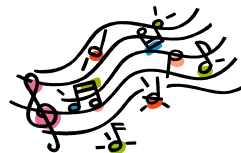


**Blood Drive — October 18
2:00-7:00**

Many Voices, One Song

All Presbyterians Join Together in Worship

After consulting with Pastor Kristin, we have decided to join fellow Presbyterians in celebrating worship and song through the new hymn sing program, “Many Voices, One Song”. All Presbyterians are encouraged to sing the same song in worship on the same day. We have been encouraged to take pictures/video of the congregation singing, and email the files to the Hymnal Advocacy & Relations coordinator. It’s not mandatory to do this, but if some tech savvy member wishes to make a recording, that would be great. Please let Kristin or Tony know if you could help with this. Some of the hymns will be familiar, and some will be new ones being considered for the new hymnal. We would probably practice the new ones in a “hymn of the month” format. The schedule of hymns is as follows:



October 30 (Reformation Sunday): *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*
 Jan. 8 (Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord): *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
 March (Lent): *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*
 April 8 (Easter): *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
 June 3 (Trinity Sunday): *As the Wind Song*

Later dates and songs will be announced in the spring of 2012. Please join our fellow Presbyterians in song!

Thanks for your support! Tony

Christmas Cantata 2011

I am currently finalizing plans for the Christmas cantata this year. I am 95% certain what it will be, but want to make sure. I will have made a definite decision, and will begin practicing by Wed. October 5th. We have many wonderful singers in the congregation who cannot commit to a weekly rehearsal, but can come out to help us at Christmas. If you can be a “seasonal singer”, please consider coming and helping with this endeavor! We would LOVE the extra support!



Thanks again, Tony

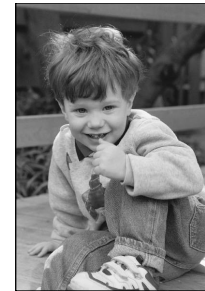
Inquirer's Class

As new friends join us in worship and express interest in the life of First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Kristin offers an Inquirer's Class as an orientation to the church. This three-week series will meet on Mondays October 10, 17, and 24 from 5-6 p.m., and will cover the topics of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a part of First Presbyterian Church. Participants will have the opportunity to formally unite with the church on Oct. 30. Current members who would appreciate a refresher are welcome, too! Please contact Pastor Kristin for more details, or to register.



Preschool Sunday School Class

In order to allow for expansion of the youth department (what a good need to have!) we have combined in the previous older nursery room, space for older nursery on one side and for 4-5K on the other. We will use the room dividers which were already there from an earlier time. Activities and teaching will be adapted to each group. Every physical detail has not been completed yet, but we're working on it!



We hope you will feel free to bring your "bed-babies," toddlers, older nursery threes and your 4 & 5 kindergarteners. You are welcomed to stay and visit at any time.

JoAnn Bryant, Preschool Class

Save the Date! Jan. 27-29, 2012 Women's Retreat with Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

The Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church has invited Pastor Kristin to be the retreat leader at their upcoming Women's Retreat. And they have invited the women of our congregation to attend, as well! The Women's Retreat will be January 27-29, 2012 at Pawley's Plantation on Pawley's Island. The cost of \$180 per person includes two nights lodging, some meals, and all programming. Ginny Fields from Mt. Pleasant Church will be here Sunday, Oct. 2 to talk about the Retreat.



Keeping Up with Our Awesome Youth and Activities

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

We are continuing the High School Friday morning hot breakfast and student led devotion for the month of October.



October 15th

Youth Groups will be volunteering for the successful operation of the Community Carnival.



October 21st

The High School Group will meet at the Berkeley High Football Game, followed by a Lock-in for the night. (Berkeley High does not have school on this day.)



October 22nd

The Junior High will travel to Summerville's Assembly of God for their huge October Family Fun Fair.

October 23rd

The High School Youth group will attend the West Corn Maze.



October 30th

Youth Groups will be volunteering for the In-House Halloween Festival where we will have games and activities for our own elementary children.



If you would like to know more about our youth activities please call our Youth Director, Mr. John at 819-8810.

“We’re in the Blessing Business”



October

- 2 Claire Freeman
Philip Mims
- 4 Sandy Fairman
Kayla Soderberg
- 5 Nancy Holcombe
- 8 Dennene Guerry
- 8 Connor Thornton
- 14 Kelsey Graham
- 15 Kim Mims
- 16 Diane Peagler
- 17 Kim Brewer
- 18 Beezie Fleming
- 20 Peggy Bennett
- 23 Pamela Williams
- 24 Laurie Carter
Carl Marjenhoff
- 28 Terry Flowers
Diane Serafino
- 29 Ross Wyatt
- 30 Pat Howard

Ushers for October

- Bobby /Joyce Mitchell 9:00 Svc.
- Ken Coffey 11:00 Service
- Bill Britt
- Rick Johnson
- Don Bryant

The Doings of the PRESBYTERIAN Men



We invite all men of the church to attend our breakfasts on the second Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. **Our October breakfast is Sunday the 9th.**

Mepkin Abbey Book Drive—We will once again be collecting books to donate to Mepkin. Mepkin sells them on Amazon.com and can use hardbacks/softbacks, reference books, any type of book you have (no encyclopedias). There is a designated area for you to leave books in the hallway outside the church office. For more info., contact Joyce Mitchell at 761-1566.

Flowers for October

- Oct. 2 Bob and Ellen Berry*
- Oct. 9 Jay & Tammy Jackson (Adah Brewer)*
- Oct. 16 Rod & Malinda Murchison (Laurie Carter)*
- Oct. 23 George & Nancy Svagerko*
- Oct. 30 Jack and Sharon Landis*

Presbyterian Women Circles

Ladies Circle Meetings —If you haven't attended a circle meeting, please make plans to join our ladies for some Christian fellowship and blessings. All women of the church are invited.

Circle 1 will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 at the home of Claire Wilson, 219 Broughton Rd., 899-3315

Circle 2 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 at the home of Mary Nettles, 1912 Pinopolis Rd., 899-4477

Please give these ladies a call if you need directions or more info.

First Presbyterian Note Cards

First Presbyterian Church Note Cards are on sale in the hallway outside the church office. These beautiful cards are a project of the Presbyterian Women. The pack of 12 cards and envelopes are \$5.00. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women. All profits on the cards are used directly towards the Presbyterian Women's mission projects.



Ladies get ready to shop! The PW will be hosting the 10,000 villages sale November 20 thru Dec. 4. Be sure to come out and support women around the world.

Helping Hands

The Presbyterian Women's ministry of preparing a meal for those who need assistance due to sickness, new baby, or hospitalization, the Helping Hands, are reaching out to members of our church family to assist us in this ministry. We want to thank those who are already helping, however, we need more assistance for our growing church family. Please call Elaine Hewitt at 825-3799 if you would like to help with this ministry. After all, we are in the blessing business.

**Annual Fall Tea for Village of Summerville
Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 10:00 a.m.**



We will once again host a “Tea” for our friends at the Village of Summerville Retirement Community. All members (men and women) please come join us as we entertain our guests. Lots of finger foods will be needed so please bring some to share. Questions, contact Adah Brewer at 899-3696.

All Treats — No Tricks!

During October we begin a very busy time for World Missions:

- The Shoeboxes (regular size, preferably plastic) for Christmas for Samaritans Purse will be due in mid-November. Start Now!
- The regular PW Thank Offering will be collected during the month of November. This is the offering through which we received a grant for prescription money at Delta Pharmacy, beginning our program there.
- We will continue to collect the miniature lotions, soaps and shampoos you have been bringing in from your motel/hotel stays during the year. They will make “goodie-bags” for Berkeley Seniors who receive special holiday meals from our members.
- Sorry to say the Village at Summerville no longer does the Christmas gift bags. Maybe you can use that money to do some special things for other people who need a little extra TLC!

JoAnn Bryant, PW World Missions

“OOPs!”

An article in “Woman’s World” magazine invites people to send the fronts of cards to St. Judes Ranch for children. There the card fronts will be turned into brand new cards and sold. The money is used to help the abused and neglected children there. I was surprised by this final sentence, which I did not know before: “They accept all **but** Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.” I’m sending what we have already collected, with apologies for any mistakes. Please continue to save them; just check the back and we’ll keep those 3 brands to use in art work here at church. (I’ll put out another box to collect those.) Thank you for helping!

JoAnn Bryant, PW World Missions

“What’s in the Closet??”

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LOGOS decorations (which may be used by others, just so they use carefully and return), LOGOS recreational materials, “raw materials” for Sunday School or any other group who needs what is there. (We’ll get out a new list of contents soon.)



Some resource materials have been recently better organized, on the orange shelves to the right as you enter. On the top are categories for arts & crafts ideas, recreational ideas and for teaching in general. You may borrow whatever interests you then return it sometime later to be used again. Worship material idea books are in the music room (hymn histories, etc.).

On the bottom shelf, there is a rather large stack of Bible activity books, which may be consumed. Browse through and choose what is appropriate for what you are teaching in your group. These could be good fillers for “odd times” or fitted into your themes.

On the top of the filing cabinet just behind the orange shelf will be some Bible games which we can share with each other. Most can be played at various levels—note that inside the boxes. (They’re not all there yet—working on it!)

Thanks to the youth for the new recreational divided storage. And thanks to all who use, care for, and return materials in a condition for others to use.

Thank You, JoAnn Bryant
The Quiet Church Mouse

Blood Drive
Wednesday, Oct. 18
2:00-7:00



**American
Red Cross**

Call your neighbors and friends and ask them to give blood. Those of you that can give—please, please give. The need for blood is so great and only we ourselves can provide it. If you would like to give or help with our blood drive, please call Hugh Smith at 899-6420.

Are You Thirsty?

Just like our bodies need water, our souls need love. Everyone has a place within their heart where they go when they want to drink of love. Either drawing it out to give to another or simply bringing it to their lips to satisfy their thirsty soul. Each time someone pours some love into our well, we receive a little more of a reservoir to draw from in our time of need.

It is a pleasant thing to have a well full of love. Like a well, some of the love poured in, over time seeps out into the ground beneath. We really need extra deposits in order to prevent insufficiency. When we have someone in our life pouring into us on a consistent basis, we are even able to give to others.

Some people are not having anyone really pour love into their well. Do you feel this way? Do you feel like you are taking a journey through a desert and your well is running dryer all the time. Your spouse, best friend, children, church family etc. do not seem to be making deposits in your well. Many are dehydrated, so thirsty they hurt and feel like they can't tell anyone. Even though they want to make deposits in others, they are so in survival mode that it leaves them without the supply to give to another.

When you go to your well, so very thirsty, do you find it only damp. Do you feel alone as you press on hoping somehow, maybe you won't be disappointed the next time. Oh how difficult it is to live in a thirsty land with not enough love for ourselves, let alone to share with others. It can drive us to searching in other peoples well and attempting to draw from their impure supply which only results in greater heart sickness.

Is this life just a long journey through the desert, trying to make the best of a losing battle until we die. Standing farther out and away from all the other wells we see, Jesus now with your attention, cries out "Come unto me all who are thirsty and I will give you drink! Come unto me and I will give you living water that flows from your inner most being like a fountain! Whoever drinks from any other well, will thirst again and again.

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But whoever drinks of my well, the supply that I will give, will never thirst, ever again."

Jesus explains where we need to go to get our love, our well filled to such supply that it becomes a fountain inside of us. Where can we go to receive this gift we search our whole life for? It is not by including the well of Jesus in our selection of places to go, it is by drinking from Him alone. To forsake all others for what only God can give us, is the key He uses to provide us this very gift.



Stop looking to your spouse to give you that which only God can give, stop looking to your children, your friends, co-workers or church family. This fountain of life is found only in Jesus and His supply will provide you all the pure love you need. The fountain within sprays each time we sit at His feet in surrender, forsaking all others.

John Siebert

We extend Christian Sympathy to DJ and Bradley Harrison on the loss of their grandfather, Charles Harrison. Charles passed away on Wednesday , Sept. 27.

We extend Christian sympathy to Claire Wilson and her family. Claire's sister, Virginia Crawford, passed away on Friday, August 26.

Dear Church Members,

We would like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, food and visits during our time of sorrow. We have surely been blessed. Our prayers are with all of you.

God Bless in Christian Love, CG and Claire Wilson



Look at this picture. Over 40 students are gathered in the upper room of a bar on one of the most wild streets of Charleston. Yet instead of partying, they're worshipping, listening to a Biblical message, and discussing its application and meaning for their lives. Some even stayed late and cleaned the bathrooms after—so they could be a blessing to the bar staff.



Some students are mature believers looking to grow deeper in their faith. Others come from church backgrounds who thought they were leaving it behind until they were handed one of 1000 invites we passed out on the street corner. “Okay,” one confessed to me. “I guess I’ll give this a chance.” A few haven’t been in church since they left home for college—not quite against Christianity so much as disinterested in it. And even still one girl I spoke with hadn’t been inside a church in longer than she could remember.

Yet, here they all were, gathered in this upper room, considering whether to take a journey of spiritual exploration together and discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus. They were gathered because of you. Thank you for what you’re doing. It’s already making the kind of difference that couldn’t happen without you. (continued on next page)

What else we're up to:

- The Citadel side of ministry launched a week after the College of Charleston launch with 17 cadets and a handful of CofC students.
- For the first month, we're doing events exclusively as a group to build cohesion before transitioning into a missional mode. Everything from helping move students into dorms to a frozen yogurt crawl across the city!
- Colin is meeting one-on-one with students every week.
- Students are writing their own liturgy for the worship. Yes, we actually have liturgy in our large group—and even the Baptists there like it (no joke!!!).
- We have a worship set that consists of half 3 contemporary worship songs and 2 classical hymns so students from many diverse church backgrounds can feel a connection to what they grew up with.

Simple ways you can pray for us:

- Pray that our guest speakers would be empowered with the truth and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
- We have 3 small groups that are in the process of launching. Please pray that students would feel called to a deeper level of discipleship.

Colin Kerr
Director of Campus Ministry
The Journey Presbyterian Students Association
www.ChalrestonJourney.org

If you feel God calling you to help Colin renew and restore the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s presence on the college campuses, please consider supporting Colin and the students at the College of Charleston and the Citadel. The Journey Presbyterian Students Association is existing off mission fundraising. You can find out more about the ministry and give online at www.charlestonjourney.org or write a check to The Journey PSA, 342 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29403