



The Good News

My dear sisters and brothers,

Found this in my files. "A potentially dangerous situation has developed in the church sanctuary. The chairs, which are as old as the church, have begun to dry out. This loss of moisture, and the subsequent loss of weight, has led to the distinct possibility that they might float free. This presents the possibility that during worship, a free-floating chair could damage a member or guest. Further, it is believed that even if a member or a guest were able successfully to dodge an oncoming free-floating chair, the evasive action would certainly disrupt the spiritual tranquility of the worshipping dodger.



"The problem was brought before a committee in the latter part of last year. The committee first considered using steel cables to anchor the chairs to bedrock, which is 247 feet beneath the church. After receiving the cost estimate of \$14,912.77 and extensive consultations with engineers, this idea was abandoned. The committee, after deliberating, deciding that adding weight to the chairs would be a better solution to the problem. The committee considered using brass scrap or lead ingots but they proved to be too expensive. Pig iron was found to be cheaper, but it, like brass and lead, had a certain lifeless quality. The committee searched for a medium density object which was both sparkling and vibrant.

"After sifting through all of the possibilities, the committee has opted to use warm bodies to weigh down the chairs, and the committee is asking the membership to provide the necessary weight. This can be done by coming to church and, if possible, by bringing a medium density object (in the form of a friend or neighbor) with you." <grins!>

See you at worship.

Blessings,

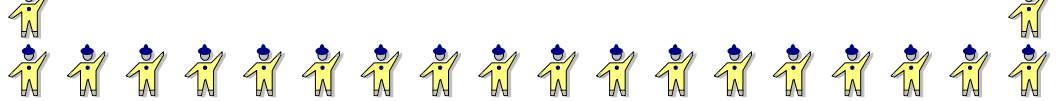
David



PYC EVENTS



-  June 14-20 Montreat Youth Conference
-  July 22-26 Montreat Middle School Conference
-  August 9-14 Middle School Mission Trip



UPCOMING DPC EVENTS

First a few reminders...

- June 7: First Sunday Brunch and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
- June 14: Summer Sunday School Begins
- June 22-26: Vacation Bible School

Pulpit Exchange

June 14

Our annual pulpit exchange with Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church will be June 14. We will exchange preachers and choirs. Be sure to join us for a wonderful service lead by our brothers and sisters from Zion-Olivet, if you are not our preacher or choir that is.

S.T.E.P.S. Event

August 29

This is always a wonderful opportunity for learning and fellowship with others from our presbytery. There are workshops for everyone! Some intriguing titles include: Artful Worship, Called to Be a Deacon, Church 2.0, Close the Back Door and Welcome Newcomers, Integrating Special Needs in Your Church, Sharing our Missions, Faith and Contemporary Issues, and Healthcare and the 21st Century Church (lead by our own Russ Blackwelder) – the list goes ON and ON! Pick up a brochure in the church office or narthex for more information – you can also go to the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery website - www.chas-atlpresbytery.org. We will take a bus from the church to Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church for anyone who wants to go. Scholarships are available – please speak with Dorothy for more information.





**LOOKING
AHEAD**

Looking Ahead...

First Sunday Brunch on August 2

Rally Day on August 16

Youth Sunday on August 23

Charleston Battery Soccer Game and Tailgate on September 6

Women's Retreat on October 9-11

Bethelwoods Church Retreat on February 5-7, 2010

No Summer Children's Church

In order to give our volunteers a break and to allow our children to experience more of worship, Children's Church will not be held June-August. The nursery is still available if you feel that your child is not ready to sit in worship yet. There are also Children's Worship Bags available in the narthex to keep older children engaged. Children's Church will resume on September 6.

NEWS SPOT

Sande Eier was accepted to the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville. She will spend her junior and senior years of high school there. We will surely miss her here, but this is a great opportunity. Congratulations!

Rob Eier was accepted into the Marine Corp Officer Candidate School. He will spend ten weeks of his summer in intense training in Quantico, VA before returning to The Citadel for his senior year. Congratulations Rob!

Jim and Edna Mallory will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 4th. Jim says, "*It has been a beautiful journey.*"

Ann Graves was seen in a photograph in People Magazine under "People Heroes ... In Hard Times" in an article about the house that was built for Carol Armstrong. As you may remember, Carol suffered a brutal beating that has left her brain-damaged and partially paralyzed. Ann was one of the Good Samaritans who helped build her family a new home so that she can once again participate in her families' life with room to maneuver in her wheelchair. *What a wonderful thing to do!*

Fort Dorchester High School's AFJROTC placed 2nd at the Interscholastic Orienteering Championships in West Point, NY. FDHS AFJROTC is under the direction of LtC. **Bob Ticknor**. *Congratulations Bob.*

Jacob Gamble, Kelly Burchette, Matthew Mantooth, Emme Taylor, and Savannah Taylor all made honor roll lists for Beech Hill Elementary School. *Well Done!*

News Spot

SEMINERIAN UPDATE

Dear Dorchester,

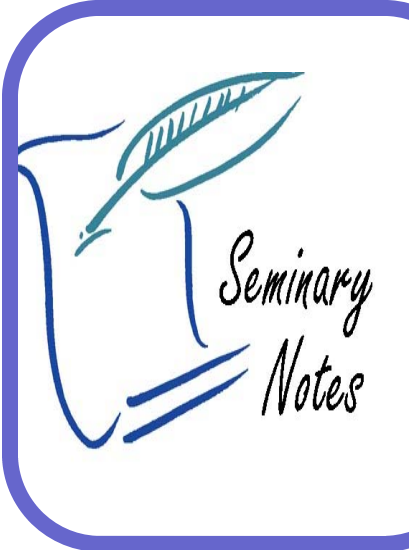
It is hard to believe that my first year of seminary is over. It seems like just a few weeks ago I was preparing to move. Where does the time go? This has been a wonderful year. I am grateful for so many new friends, unexpected blessings and for all of your prayers and support through this process.

I am looking forward to my summer. In July, I will be a Teaching Assistant for the new Greek School class. I enjoyed Greek so much last summer that I will be teaching it this summer . . . who knew!?!? Until then I will be taking two summer school classes and hopefully spending a little time in Summerville! I hope to get to see you while I am home!

Please know how much I appreciate your prayers and your support!

Peace and Blessings,
Carrie Bowers

Carrie will be assisting in worship on June 7 and preaching on June 28. There is a Seminary Scholarship Fund to support Carrie financially as she prepares for ordained ministry. Checks can be made out to Dorchester with "Seminary Fund" written in the memo line.



PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

DPC is now serving and selling Fair Trade Coffee. This project will help provide a fair wage and dignity to coffee farmers all over the world. You can purchase a 12 oz. bag in the church office for \$7.00—there are a variety of flavors.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT Thru May 17, 2009

Income Needed to date	\$ 138,880.00
Income received to date:	\$ 117,803.91
Variance:	\$ - 21,076.09

NATURE'S BOUNTY

Forester Doug here ...



Walking the paths in mid-May there were three plants in evidence: First is Indian Pink (*Spigelia marilandica*), a showy scarlet bloom with yellow ends, along the path to the Labyrinth; Second are several bushes of Swamp Dogwood (*Cornus stricta*) along the edge of the woods showing clusters of white blossoms with lance-shaped leaves; Third on the path behind the old map board I found berries from the Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*) dropped by birds or squirrels from the tree overhead.



Now, several days back I rode to Charleston with Collis Boyd and Bob Hortman to visit the folks of the Lowcountry Open Land Trust to talk about a Conservation Easement for the Cushman Wildlife Preserve. Part of our conversation was about a bit of woods we each enjoyed as we were growing-up. Actually, there were three places of my youth. One was "Drew woods", the backside of Drew University, which had a sand pit where we found fossils of marine creatures. Next was "Jockey Hollow", part of the NPS at Morristown, NJ, where George Washington's army spent two dreary winters. The CCC had reconstructed several buildings in log cabin style. We could ride there on our bikes and pretend we were helping win the Revolution. Third was a big broom-sedge field behind our house that had short-cut paths. I found a complete rabbit skeleton, took it home and glued it back together.

I look forward to John Nelson's articles about "The Mystery Plant" in the News and Courier, as I often lift info for these articles. Recently he presented an article about "Enchanted Forests", here it is:

"Enchanted forests come in a wide variety of sizes, and some of the most enchanted examples can be very tiny. All they need is a tree or two, maybe a few shrubs, some ground cover, and perhaps some native wildflowers. Oh yes, a bird passing through helps. So does a frog, or a toad. Of course, grand vistas featuring waterfalls and majestic peaks, along with lots of wildlife and rare plants helps make a great enchanted forest. Again, though: some of the most magically enchanted woods are postage-stamp sized patches of real estate, without an exhaustive list of unusual species present. Of course, part of the enchantment of the forest comes from within our heads; you need to become a part of your forest, even if for just a few moments, listening carefully to its sounds, taking in the smells, and paying attention to what really makes it a place to separate from the everyday urbanized experience from which we too often can't escape. It's the little things that count, the little aspects of nature that have their own story to tell, and which collectively offer us something unique Listen carefully for the sleepy wood thrush, and also his shy friend, the nighthawk, starting to wake up. Watch for the first lightning bugs to start their tentative flights. But maybe you can't visit this particular enchanted forest. Is there one in your backyard, just for you? Maybe just a small little corner with a few crickets, some late-spring dog woods and azaleas, and perhaps a twittering swift, or a drowsy thrasher getting ready for sleepy-time. Enchanting."

'til next time, Forester Doug

NATURE'S
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TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Dorchester Presbyterian Church "Blacksheep" won the Bethany United Methodist Church spring recreational coed volleyball league championship. They finished first in the regular season and then won the tournament championship in a tight match over the team from Bethany. *Yeah, Blacksheep ... way to go!!!*

Scrappers of Dorchester

The newly formed Scrappers of Dorchester will have their next meeting on June 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall. All scrapbooking enthusiasts, or those who want to know more about it, are welcome and encouraged to come. Bring your latest project and supplies, hopefully make progress and enjoy good fellowship with fellow scrappers.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Gaven Eier, son of Tessie Fleener, will graduate from Fort Dorchester High School. He has enlisted in the Marine Corp and hopes to enter the Force Recon program. He will begin boot camp sometime between graduation and October 12.

Chip Salvador Few, son of Grace Howell and grandson of Jackie O. Salvador, graduated from the Clemson University Calhoun Honors College with a BS degree in Polymer and Fiber Chemistry. He graduated cum laude and will begin working on his Ph.D. in Chemistry in August at the University of Florida on full academic scholarship.

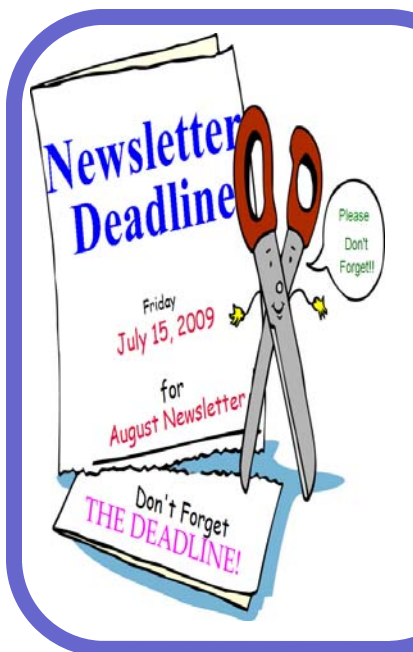
Mari Alice Jones, daughter of Archie and Cathy Jones, will graduate from Fort Dorchester High School. She will attend the College of Charleston and plans to major in biology to prepare to go to medical school.

Isabel Frey, daughter of **Bill and Isabelle Rooney**, graduated from Hofstra University. She graduated with honors and is Phi Beta Kappa. She is the Assistant to the President of Hofstra and instead of getting a handshake from the President as she walked across the stage, she received a hug from him. She was the top student in the part time program - not bad for working full time, attending college part time, and raising two children. Her proud parents recently drove up to NY to see the graduation.

Don't forget

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
July 15, 2009

**We are taking a break for the summer, but will re-
 sume publishing on August 1. Deadline for August
 articles is July 15, 2009 ... Don't Forget ... July 15,
 2009! Have a great summer.**



COMMUNION SCHEDULE

June 7	Harry Johnson* Robin Bowers* *Elders of the Month	Bill Merriman Bonnie Merriman Anne Peterson
July 5	Don Harmon* Jesse Dove *Elder of the Month	Judith Kramer Terry Joyce
August 2	Diane Lodge* Julie Burchette* *Elders of the Month	Kirk Stewart Pam Stewart David Goin

**HELP NEEDED AT THE PALMETTO HOUSE ...
 Summerville's Homeless Shelter**

In order to establish a stronger relationship with the Palmetto House, the Mission Committee is asking for individuals of the congregation to volunteer for 2 hours once a month. The time on Saturday will be used to teach the residents of the Palmetto House some skill or activity in which the church member is proficient. The volunteer will serve one month. Suggested skills or activities could include, but is not limited to, the following:

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| Sewing | Crocheting | Applying Makeup |
| Quilting | Cooking | Personal Defense |
| Weaving | Flower Arranging | Creative Writing |
| Carpentry | First Aid | Budget Building |
| Art in any medium | | Job Applications |

Your supplies and assistance will be provided by the Mission Committee. Please call Mary Lee (871-1585) or Robin Bowers (873-4548) for more details.

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We Welcome All Newcomers and Visitors

Morning Worship: 10:15 a.m.
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Music Directors:	Kevin & Jennifer Gossett
Organist:	Angie Krouse
Director, Good Shepherd School:	Joan Farrell
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