



THE GOOD NEWS

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Reformed and Reforming

HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:15 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 A.M.

All Saint's Day
Nov. 7

God's Gift Shop
Kick-Off Lunch
Nov. 7

Women's Retreat
Nov. 12-14
Folly Beach

Second Sunday
Stewardship
Nov. 14

Thanksgiving
at Givhan's State
Park
Nov. 25

There was a time not so long ago when the last Sunday in October, Reformation Day, was the occasion for preachers to enter their pulpits and bash the Catholics. The lay people would hear all manner of charges directed at our papist neighbors: the Lord's Supper as celebrated in the mass is a sacrilege, Catholics go to church and worship statues, Catholics believe they are saved by good works, Catholics teach that the rest of us are going to hell, and on and on. In the Presbyterian Church of my youth, baptisms administered in other communions were respected and rebaptism was forbidden except in the case of former Roman Catholics—they would be baptized a second time before being taken into membership.

In the half century since Vatican II we've put most of those prejudices behind us. Rome has softened in its attitudes and we have as well. When I studied at the Tantur Institute in Jerusalem, a Roman Catholic institution founded by Pope Paul VI, the rector was Father Thomas Stransky, a Paulist priest. We were a group of 40 Christians from all over the world, equally divided between Protestant and Catholic. We gathered for worship each day and several times we broke bread and shared the cup in what Tom called "Eucharistic hospitality."

Tom explained it this way: "My preference would be to say that we practice inter-communion, but the Vatican won't let us use those words. When communion is

celebrated at Tantur, everyone in the house is welcome to partake. What it boils down to is this," he concluded with perfect logic, "we all of us come from flawed ministries." In that summer I received the sacrament in the liturgies of the Catholic, Episcopal, and Reformed traditions not only at Tantur, but in the chapel on Mt. Carmel and the traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000 in Galilee.



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I've come to appreciate Fr. Stransky's concept of "flawed ministries." I'm only too aware of flaws in our Presbyterian denomination in general and Dorchester Presbyterian Church in particular. The body of Christ in the world is healed and strengthened not when we point to the faults other churches but when we correct our own. Our wise ancestors at the time of the Reformation affirmed: *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*—"The church reformed, always reforming." In other words, the Reformation isn't complete, and never will be complete. We always have to work at being more faithful to Christ and the gospel.

Peace,
Deane



"meaningful Christmas gifts"

God's Gift Shop

If you are looking for meaningful Christmas gifts for your family and friends, we hope you will check out this year's God's Gift Shop catalog. The gifts you choose in the name of others will bring joy and hope many times over to families in our local area and throughout the world. Just fill out the order form, write the check, & drop both into the offering plate. The next Sunday, you

will receive a greeting card or cards for the family and friends you honor, explaining that a donation has been made in their honor and an insert card describing the mission along with an envelope to send to each recipient. You may also drop your order in the mail slot on the church office door or at the church office with Lynn, the administrative

assistant, by Wednesday and your order will be ready for pick up the following Sunday. Both the catalog and order blank are attached to this newsletter for you to use. Please make checks payable to DPC with God's Gift Shop on the memo line. The last day for ordering will be December 19th.

Pam Stewart
Mission Committee

As God so freely shared with us in the birth of His Son, our Savior, so we are invited to share that very love in this caring manner.

Annual Family Christmas Project

This Advent Season, as for the past 31 years, families in our congregation have been asked to share the gift of love with needy families in our community. On Sunday, November 21, our decorated Charlie Brown Tree will hold the following:

- . . . gift tag with the name of a person -- with size, age and designated gift -- to be purchased;
- . . . game token if you wish to purchase a board game for the family (# of family members and ages will be available to help you make your selection);
- . . . miniature fruit if you wish to provide \$5.00 to cover the cost of fruit for a family;
- . . . Miniature basket if you wish to provide \$10.00 to cover the cost of the basket that to hold food items for the family;
- . . . drumstick design if you wish to provide a \$10.00 gift card from Bi-Lo or Piggly Wiggly for a turkey or ham or other food items for the family
- . . . quilt if you wish to provide \$15.00 for the Presbyterian Women to purchase supplies to make a quilt for the family.

During a designated time in the worship service, families will be invited to come select one or more items from the tree. Members of the Mission committee will be available to assist and answer any questions you may have.

Before Sunday, December 5, your family is to purchase the designated gift, wrap it, and attach the same gift tag to the package. If you select a drumstick, quilt, fruit, basket or game token, please return the ornament with the gift card, check or cash. There will be a basket for these items under the tree. Along with each gift or ornament, please bring three (3) non-perishable food items or household staple for the family's food basket.

The gifts and food items will be distributed on Saturday, December 11. We will only have one week to sort and prepare the gifts and food baskets so it is very important that all gifts and food be brought to the church on December 5.

And, be sure to mark your calendar to join the Mission Committee for gift distribution to the families on Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

Robin Bowers



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian women met September 23 and their next meeting will be October 28th in the fellowship hall. The meeting for November will be on the third Thursday, November 18 because thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday. We are studying the book of Revelation this year.

We had a workshop for Dor-

chester Serves and 14 of us had a great time working on therapy dolls for children at MUSC.

We really do need to get busy on quilts and other crafts in order to have a sale, remember this is the only way we make money for our mission projects. Our craft days are the second and fourth Monday evening at 7

pm in the fellowship hall and the second and fourth Thursday morning at 10 am. The days the women meet we plan to stay afterwards to do crafts.

All women in the church are invited to attend our meetings and craft days, would love to have you join us.

Norma Jamrogowicz



Senior Adult Fellowship

Join the seniors for lunch and Bingo on the second Wednesday, November 10th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be served at noon. Please remember to bring a dish to share. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Sarah Wickersham and Jenny Ticknor

The Seniors lunch is the highlight of the month!

Hope to see you on Wed., Nov. 10th at 11:45 am for lunch & bingo!

Thanksgiving at Givhans State Park

Each year, members and friends of Dorchester gather for a wonderful relaxing Thanksgiving Celebration at Givhans State Park. Everyone brings a dish or two to share and enjoys fellowship and food in the midst of God's great creation.

Think about it:

- you don't have to worry about how clean your house is for guests,
- you don't have to travel far,
- you don't have to cook the whole meal yourself;

- you don't have to clean up by yourself;
- AND you get to spend the day surrounded by your church family.

That's an occasion to surely be thankful for! If you would like to join us, sign up in the narthex.



"We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near. People tell of your wondrous deeds."
Psalms 75:1, NRSV

Nature's Bounty

Forester Doug here...

About a month ago I was walking across the small parking lot to my car, I noticed branches shaking in the trees along the parking lot edge. I moved closer and ascertained a squirrel in the outermost branches, daring the smallest twigs to get to the seeds.

This tree is AMERICAN HORNBEAM (*Carpinus caroliniana*). Now these seeds are small (6 mm.), egg-shaped, greenish nutlets, borne on pairs of leaf-like three pointed scales. The leaves are 2-4 inches long, elliptical, sharply pointed with doubly serrated margins. This tree is found all across eastern USA, preferring moist rich soils. In SC it is prevalent along swamp margins. The bark is blue-gray and smooth, thus its nickname of "blue beech". Some describe the stems with spiraled low rounded ridges like muscles. The wood is very hard. "Ironwood" is another nickname. The name literally means "tough tree". In olden times the wood was used to make bowls and dishes because it did not crack or leak. Also, in the fall the leaves turn deep scarlet and orange. The HORNBEAM is a smaller tree that adds species diversity to our wetlands.

There is another small tree showing its fruits at this time. It is not a native tree, but is planted at several locations in Oakbrook. It is CHINESE ELM (*Ulmus parvifolia*). The small elliptical saw-toothed leaves are typical of the elms. The bark is mottled brown and shedding in irregular flakes. The tree's attraction at this time of year are the clusters of yellowish fruits at the branch tips.

All for now, enjoy the cool weather.....Forester Doug

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards to us recently for Isabelle's surgery and for the loss of Bill's brother, Joe. Dorothy's caring prayer for Isabel prior to her surgery, was of great comfort to both of us. Thank you also for the delicious meal that was prepared by Laura Donnelly and brought over to us by Mary Lee. The acts of love and caring expressed to us were appreciated more than you will know.

In faith, Isabelle and Bill Rooney

November Birthdays

Ben Stark	2	Don Mantooth	13	Tessie Fleener	25
Brandon Page	3	Kylie Page	13	Claire Travis	26
Harriet Bagwell	4	Randal Adams	15	Camilla LaPaz	26
Rick Krouse	5	Gina Colucci	17	Letitia Uyak	26
Sara Limehouse	6	Hannah Price	17	Margaret Nelson	28
Teddy Marcot	9	Robert Jackson	19	Abigail Marie Alexander	29
Ann Davis	9	Pamela Smith	20	Sally Jones	30
John Fleming	9	Judith Kramer	22		
Anne Boggs	13	Pam Stewart	23		



AMERICAN HORNBEAM
(*Carpinus caroliniana*)



By Sea or By Air

We know we have talented people in our congregation...you have after all, built three of our church buildings. But we even have a member who can build a boat and another who can build a plane!

Don Alexander's plane project started on October 31, 2000. "The aircraft is called an RV-8. She is a two-seat aerobatic sport plane and took 2,500 man hours to complete. She is capable of 215 mph and has almost 800 miles range with full tanks. She will fly up to 25,000' and loves to go upside down when I feel the need to forget my earthly problems... I could not have built her without the steadfast support and sacrifice of Barb and Abby along the way. We started hauling brave passengers a year ago. Abby was my first passenger- this was her special request. Since Abby, we have shared the joy of flight with 67 different passengers. The photo was taken by Abby early one Saturday morning while I was preparing the plane for a breakfast flight. Abby is my best tail gunner and she doesn't mind giving up sleep as long as there are pancakes to be had."

Harry Johnson has been a boater for as long as he can remember so it was meant to be that someday he would build a boat. "I started building the Lumber Yard Skiff in my garage in 2009. It was given this name because you can buy all the lumber at your local lumber yard. After many uncounted hours the boat was launched in July 2010, but not completed, since you are never finished with this type of project. You are always looking to add things, make improvements and doing maintenance.

The boat is about 16' long and 7' wide and is powered with a 40HP outboard motor that pushes it 30 MPH. I use it for fishing in lakes and rivers. I recently displayed it at Senior Fellowship and at the Wooden Boat show in Georgetown, SC and was proud to have received many compliments."



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God's Gift Shop Kick-Off Lunch

Nov. 7

The Mission Committee invites the congregation to a "covered crock-pot" soup and salad lunch after worship to kick-off our God's Gift Shop season. Come enjoy good food and fellowship and hear about the various missions you can help through God's Gift Shop. This year, we will even have selections from Creations of Hope with items from Haiti. These are tangible gifts you can buy that will still serve a larger purpose as the proceeds benefit the Women's Microfinance project and the artisans receive a fair wage for their artwork.

Come Eat Learn Give



- Nov. 7** **Volunteering at the SPCA**
- Nov. 14** **Let's Talk *Friendship***
- Nov. 21** **Let's Talk *Gratitude***
- Nov. 28** **NO PYC –Thanksgiving
Break**

All Saint's Day

Nov. 7

On November 7th during worship, we will celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed away since November 1, 2009. We will read the names as a bell is chimed to remember and celebrate each life and each new saint.

If you would like for the name of your loved one to be read, please call the church office by November 3.

October Session Report

The following highlights are from the regular meeting of Session on October 19.

- We received three new members to Dorchester...
 - Linda Marks who returns to us from North Carolina
 - Todd and Dawn Heldreth who live in Ashborough East
 Be sure to give them a warm Dorchester welcome!
- Harry Johnson gave an exciting report from the PNC. They have worked tirelessly to find the best possible Senior Pastor for our church and we are all grateful. We're getting close!
- The Christian Education Committee will be exploring the possibility of offering the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University to church members and friends in January.
- Elder Robin Bowers was a Commissioner at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery in Barnwell on October 2nd and gave a report from the meeting. Carrie Bowers was examined and received as a Candidate and Russ Blackwelder's request to have his Candidate status transferred to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery was approved. In addition, Deane, Dorothy and Robin were impressed with the fact that Barnwell Church restored an old VFW building and turned it into a soup kitchen where they serve meals as an outreach mission. What a wonderful idea!
- The session voted to approve the request to transfer membership for Rosie Smith and Don and Kathy Catoe to Riverbluff church.
- Set October 31st as the date for a Called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing one Elder and one Deacon.

Received updates from committee chairs on their many projects. (It's hard to believe we're already planning for God's Gift Shop, Charlie Brown and the Advent Festival).

All for now ~

Kathy Worthington, Clerk of Session



Those Who Serve

ELDER OF THE MONTH	Tony Savage		
COMMUNION SERVERS	November 7	Tony Savage Sue Boyd Winnie Harris Ramona Smith	
NEWCOMER HOSTS	November 7	Pam & Kirk Stewart	
	November 14	Linda & Bob Veline	
	November 21	Randi & Steve Wells	
	November 28	Kim & Mike Monnet	
GREETERS	November 7	Harry & Susan Johnson	
	November 14	Ben & Lindsay Stark	
	November 21	Richard & Laura Donnelly	
	November 28	TBA	
NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		<u>Infants</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>
	November 7	Judy Ulmer	Kylie Page
	November 14	Dianne Barber	Lisa Waring
	November 21	Anne Peterson	Barbara & Abby Alexander
	November 28	Sue Nelson	Donnelly Family
CHILDREN'S CHURCH		<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assistant</u>
	November 7	Gina Colucci	Austin Richardson
	November 14	Kim Dixon	Collin Burchette
	November 21	Matthew Oswald	Trenton Howard
	November 28	Melanie Oswald	Justyn Lodge