

# *The Good News*

DORCHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **WHY WE GIVE**

This was the title of the cover story in the September edition of *Presbyterians Today (PT)*. In the coming weeks, it is a question that a few of our members will answer as part of a Stewardship Moment in worship. As we enter the month of October and our yearly Stewardship Sunday, this is a question that we should all ask ourselves.

Do we give out of a sense of obligation or duty? Do we give out of guilt because we don't want to avert our eyes as the offering plate is passed and we don't have anything to put in it? Do we give because God, the church, and our neighbors need us to? The author of the *PT* article argues that we should not give for any of these reasons. "It's not because God needs our money – it's because giving helps us grow as Christians." Giving, generosity, and stewardship are spiritual disciplines, right alongside prayer, reading scripture, and worship. Generous giving is an expression of faith, gratitude, and trust in God. And giving begins with a promise. The word "pledge" may not be appealing to some, but it is merely a promise that we will try our best to keep in the coming year. It is a promise to ourselves, God, and to the church that we will continue to give.

Things are especially exciting this month because of all you have given, are giving, and will give! Many of you will give your time and talents on Dorchester Serves Day. You will give items and overflow the baskets for Second Sunday Stewardship. We are nearing the end of our search for a new installed pastor because of the time and energy given by our PNC and the many prayers that you have all given. Our Sunday school classes are growing because our teachers are giving of themselves in amazing ways. Our worship music is ever amazing because Kevin, Jennifer, Angie, Connie, and all of the choir members are giving their time and musical talents. And our ministries will continue to serve our church and community because you will give your promises on October 31st during our Stewardship Dedication.

We give all of these things because it is who we are; giving of ourselves in all these ways brings us closer to God and closer to who God calls us to be.

With gratitude and joy,

*Dorothy*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *First a few reminders . . .*

**First Sunday Fellowship**  
October 3 11:30 am

**Second Sunday Stewardship**  
October 10 10:15 am

**Women's Retreat**  
November 12-14

### *Looking Ahead . . .*

**Thanksgiving at Givhans**  
November 25

**Advent Festival**  
December 5

## PYC EVENTS



October 3 Discussion Night - Homelessness  
October 9 Dorchester Serves Day  
October 10 Discussion Night - Friendship  
October 17 Frankie's Fun Park

## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

### OCTOBER 13



All seniors are invited to attend the October Senior Fellowship on the second Wednesday, October 13th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a dish to share and new ideas for programs or trips. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Sarah Wickersham and Jenny Ticknor

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Some of the highlights from last year are:

- Made financial donations to the PYC and supported our youth away at college
- Sent donations to mission projects in Haiti and Africa
- Sent funds to Thornwell Home for Children at Christmas
- Hosted 25 guests from the Village at Summerville for lunch
- Enjoyed fellowship and lunch at the Village at Summerville in December
- Attended the quarterly Presbytery-wide Women's meetings
- Collected items for My Sister's House, The Village at Summerville at Christmas, the Palmetto House, and made quilts for the Charlie Brown Project
- Donated refreshments for Vacation Bible School and made baked goods for The Good Shepherd School
- Purchased six eight-foot fiberglass tables for the fellowship hall
- Together we knitted, crocheted, sewed & tied knots for our annual craft sale to support our mission projects

Whew, that's a lot! We are looking forward to great things again this year. We have new material for quilts and yarn for prayer shawls. Our regular days for crafts are the **second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** and the **second and fourth Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.** We are making shawls, our regular hand-tied quilts, other gift ideas and Mary Lee is teaching piece quilting.

We welcome new members - please come join us for study and fellowship.

**Norma Jamrogowicz, Moderator**



## **LIVING OUT OUR FAITH. DOING CHURCH.**

The Mission Committee is excited, once again, to present **DORCHESTER SERVES DAY**, and we are hoping and praying that you and your family will participate. We invite you to set aside Saturday, October 9th as a day to serve those in your community

- We will meet between 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. and enjoy coffee, juice and doughnuts.
- At 8:00 a.m., we will share a communion meal and short worship service.
- At 8:30 a.m., we will depart to mission sites.

We encourage you to review the opportunities of service listed below and sign up for this exciting opportunity to share your skills and love.

### **Dorchester Presbyterian Women's Quilting and Prayer Shawl's, MUSC Children's Dolls**

Work on hand tied quilts, prayer shawls or children's dolls for the DPW outreach mission.

### **Metanoia, Chicora Area, North Charleston**

- Landscaping
- Inside Painting

Ages: Adult. Youth are welcome with adult supervision.

### **My Sister's House**

- Inside Painting
- Misc. Bathroom Repair
- Carpet Cleaning

Ages: Adult and any age children with parent.

### **Salvation Army, North Charleston**

- Plumbing Repairs
- Inside Painting
- Carpentry
- Sorting and Organizing

Ages: Adults. Children 10 years and older for sorting/organizing; 15 years and older for painting

### **The Presbyterian Village at Summerville**

- Music, singing, play games
- Provide snacks and/or bingo prizes
- Talk/listen, take a walk and socialize with residents

Ages: All ages welcome. Adults must accompany children

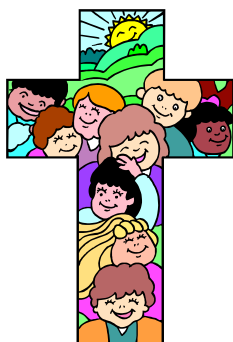
### **Visit Dorchester Presbyterian Church Shut-ins**

Team up with another DPC family and visit our DPC members and friends.

Ages: All ages welcome.

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

*1 Peter 4: 10*



We will hold a training session for our volunteers in Sunday school, youth group, Children's Church, and the Nursery. If you are serving in these areas, but have not yet completed the training, please come on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in room F204. Our Safe Place Policy was adopted in 2008 and contains guidelines and procedures to protect our children and youth from any form of abuse and to protect our staff and volunteers from any false allegations of abuse. The safety of all those who come through our doors is of utmost importance to us.

## 2010-2011 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our Sunday school teachers were commissioned during worship on September 12 following a fun Rally Day celebration with our children and youth. We are so grateful for the service of this year's teachers:

Ages 3-5	Sara Gamble and Kylie Page
Grades 1-2	Doug Richardson and Randi Wells
Grades 3-4	Don Graves, Diane Lodge, and Scott Lodge
Grades 5-7	Barbara Alexander and Kelly Howard
Grade 8	Anne Peterson
Christian Viewpoints	Jason Gamble
Explorations	Don Alexander, Tony Savage, and Pam Stewart
Present Word	Collis Boyd, Jim Mallory, and Anne Vido

If you have questions about Sunday school or any of the educational programs of the church or are interested in volunteering, please speak with a member of the CE committee:

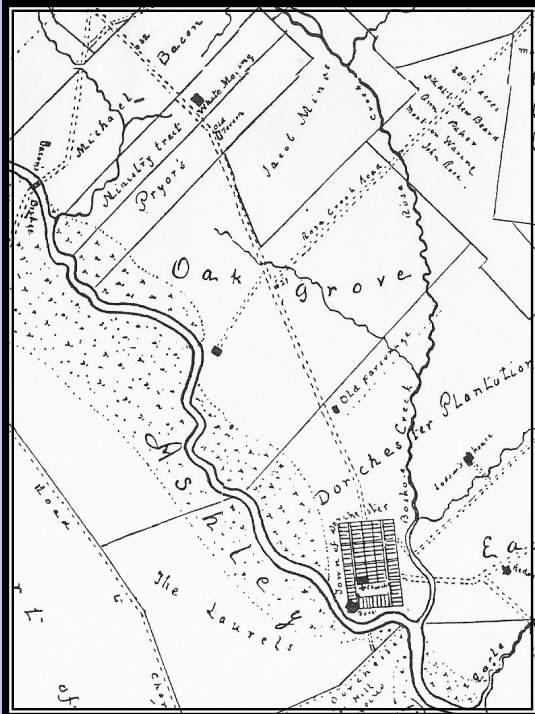
- Brenda Sutton, Chair
- Anne Vido, Nursery Coordinator
- Susan Johnson, Children's Church Coordinator
- Michelle Graves, Children's Worship Bag Coordinator
- Sara Gamble, Kylie Page, and Randi Wells

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bianca LaPaz	1	Cindy Ashley	11	Benjamin Graves	24
Anne Vido	2	Steve Wells	13	Jackson Wells	25
Michael Lesko	3	Taylor Blackwelder	14	Georgia Dupree	26
Pat Back	4	Laura Donnelly	16	Pascal Gnamm	28
Angie Houston	7	Danielle Lodge	16	Anne Peterson	30
Cheryl Boan	8	Matthew Mantooth	18		
Sarah Wickersham	8	Betty Clark	19		
Sue Nelson	8	Shirley Monnet	20		
Elaine Killough	9	Linda Trethewey	21		
Robin Monnet	9	Sue Boyd	22		



# NATURE'S BOUNTY



Forester Doug again ...

**W**ell, continuing on the historical archeological theme from last month, a bit more study has led me to believe the building on our site was not a tavern, but the parsonage for the minister of the early (1668-1730) Congregational Church. What we see today as the old village of Dorchester was in truth laid out in small lots "as a place of commerce". Also granted were more acres where the people were to develop their farms. So, their church, "The White Meeting House", further along Dorchester road was their church. Thus, the placement of the parsonage between the church and the place of commerce made sense. Remember that the church ruins we see today in the "Old Dorchester" site, is the Anglican-Episcopal Parish Church built in the 1700's. So, on the map compiled by H.A.M. Smith from old maps and deeds first published in 1919 and reprinted in 1988 in "Rivers and Regions of Early South Carolina", shows: town of old Dorchester, old parsonage, white meeting. The location of "old parsonage" seems to me to be on our church property, beside the "Broad Path", now Dorchester Road.

Oh, there are two plants of interest along Dorchester Road by the bridge, both are climbing vines with white blossoms. The one with small flowers is VIRGIN'S BOWER (*Clematis virginiana*). It actually has no petals, but white sepals, like DOGWOOD. The other vine is COMMON MORNING GLORY (*Lpomoea purpurea*). This plant is native to tropical America and was introduced into North America as an ornamental, which has escaped into the wild. These flowers have a simple streak of purple inside the petals. The leaves are broad and heart-shaped.

*All for now, Forester Doug . . . . .*



**VIRGIN'S BOWER**



**COMMON MORNING GLORY**

## SEPTEMBER SESSION REPORT

The following highlights are from the regular meeting of Session on September 21.

Don Graves was there to give a brief Deacon Report, sharing highlights of their activities. Did you know...

- They are providing CD's of the worship service to many of our members who are unable to attend due to illness, and providing them with CD players if needed.
- They assist the Pastors as they serve Communion to those in the hospital or those recovering from illness in their homes.
- They are working to have all of the weekly sermons put on the Church website by date.
- They work closely with the Shepherding Team Leaders to help with meals, provide transportation to doctor's appointments when needed and make hospital visits.

Other items of interest include...

- Approval was given to establish September 26 as the date for a called Congregational meeting for the election of elders and deacons for the Class of 2013.
- The Mission Committee is excited about the Dorchester Serves activities on October 9<sup>th</sup> and the pot luck celebration on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.
- The Outreach Committee is working to help re-establish a Cub Scout Pack. *Did you know Dorchester's support of Scouting goes back to 1976?*
- The Stewardship Committee is preparing for the big kick-off of this year's drive. It will begin on October 17<sup>th</sup> and the dedication will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>. *With Anne Peterson, Angie Houston and Russ Blackwelder in charge, you know we're in for an exciting program!*
- A report was received from the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Elder Robin Bowers was elected as a Commissioner to attend the Fall Meeting of Presbytery in Barnwell on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. On the agenda, Carrie Bowers, currently an Inquirer, will be examined by the Presbytery and upon sustaining the examination, be received as a Candidate. Russ Blackwelder, a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, has requested that his Candidate status be transferred from Trinity Presbytery to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. *We at Dorchester are so proud of Carrie and Russ!*

All for now ~ Kathy Worthington, Clerk of Session

## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) - UPDATE

### Committee Members

Kylie Page  
John Lee

Kelly Howard  
Robin Monnet

Taylor Feltner  
Steve Burchette

Kirk Stewart  
Margaret Jones

Harry Johnson  
Al Eads  
Committee on Ministry Liaison

During August and September the committee completed telephone interviews with references of the twelve applicants on our list and listened to most applicant's sermons on DVD. Through this process, the list of twelve applicants has been narrowed to four. As you may recall the committee began the process with over eighty applicants and looked seriously at thirty five before coming up with the list of twelve. This does not necessarily mean the committee will not be looking at other applicants; it was felt this was a manageable number to begin the process of attending worship services where the applicant is preaching and conducting face to face interviews.

Also, during the past two months the committee members heard three applicants preach and conducted interviews over lunch following the church service. Most of the interviews were conducted with the applicant's spouse present so that we could get to know the spouse as well. And in one case lunch included their children. Arrangements were made to have them preach in "neutral" churches within easy travel distance. We heard our fourth applicant preach at the end of September.

The committee has been meeting twice each week to discuss applicants, listen to sermons and set up interviews and preaching schedules. Within the next month we hope to present several applicants to the Presbytery for further review before the final decision is made on the applicant best suited for our church.

Thank you for your confidence, support and prayers as we search for our new pastor.

Your PNC

## THOSE WHO SERVE

### ELDER OF THE MONTH

Don Harmon

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Don Harmon  
Diane Lodge

John Lee  
Pam Stewart

### NEWCOMER HOSTS

October 3	Julie & Doug Richardson
October 10	Lisa & Jimmy Waring
October 17	Kylie & Brandon Page
October 24	Pam & Jim Brice
October 31	Joan & Bob Semle

### GREETERS

October 3	Sue & Collis Boyd
October 10	Linda & Tom Trethewey
October 17	Barbara & Lee Jackson
October 24	Karene & Taylor Feltner
October 31	Paul & Vicki Campbell

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	Infants	Toddlers
October 3	Matthew Oswald	Anne Vido
October 10	Kylie Page	Susan Burnette
October 17	Susan Johnson	Ann Anderson
October 24	Lindsay Stark	Robin Bowers
October 31	Angie Houston	Jenny Ticknor

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

	Adult Teacher	Assistant
October 3	Brenda Sutton	Taylor Feltner
October 10	Lindsay Stark	Alexis Killough
October 17	Mary Lee	Joan Semle
October 24	Robin Monnet	Anne Vido
October 31	Deb Sessoms	Taylor Floyd

## **Dorchester Presbyterian Church**

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Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

### **We Welcome All Newcomers and Visitors**

**MORNING WORSHIP: 10:15 A.M.**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 A.M.**

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Associate Pastor:	The Rev. Dorothy Blackwelder
Pastor Emeritus:	The Rev. Dr. Richard A. Cushman
Church Administrator	Lynn Miksche
Bookkeeper:	Karene Feltner
Music Directors:	Kevin & Jennifer Gossett
Organist:	Angie Krouse and Connie Judson
Director, Good Shepherd School:	Joan Farrell
Sunday Nursery Child Care-givers:	Amy Plexico & Angela Laflin