



THE GOOD NEWS

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10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

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Service

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Breakfast

A Message From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Well, it's not Easter yet, but it is coming!

I encourage those who have taken on Lenten Disciplines to try to keep them. I've heard that it takes 40 days to break a habit, or to create a new one. - - Isn't it nice that Lent is 40 days (plus Sundays)!

Please mark your calendars for the 3rd at 5:00 for the Lenten Soup Dinner in the fellowship hall.

Also, please make plans to participate in the worship services of Holy Week. If you are unable to be a part of the services here, attend somewhere, but don't skip these holiest of days. We can't follow Jesus, without following him to the cross, and our faith is futile and meaningless if there is no resurrection!

Palm/Passion Sunday (17th) begins Holy Week, as we process in with palms and sing sweet "Hosannas!" A reading/skit of the Passion Story will also be acted out by our youth during worship.

Maundy Thursday (21st) we will have a some-what-traditional Passover/Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. It will be a feast! - with

foods and traditions like Jesus may have shared with his disciples at the Last Supper. Communion will be served (with the meal), and worship will be throughout. We will be eating "family-style," so all ages are welcome. The tone will be reverent, moving from fun and relaxed, to a more somber tone, much like it probably was on that original night. The youth group will be helping prepare the meal.

A Good Friday Service will be held (the 22nd) at noon, in the sanctuary. We should be done in 30-40 minutes to honor lunch breaks.

Then, on Easter Sunday (24th), two services will be held at 8:00 a.m. and at 10:15 a.m. Bring flowers from home to decorate the cross! Also bring a breakfast dish to share at 9:00 a.m. for our Easter breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Most of our new members will also be joining that day!

The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

Grace and peace,

Jeff



*Sharing resources,
changing lives*

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

March 6 - April 24

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent. You can learn more about these programs at: www.pcusa.org

How do I give?

You can pick up your "fish bank" anytime from the sanctuary along with a giving devotional calendar that will give you creative ways to give and reflect each day of Lent. We will collect the offering on Easter. You may also write a check that day. Please give generously to this important offering.



*...enjoy a simple soup
supper together as a
family.*

Lenten Soup Dinner Devotion

April 3, 2011 - 5:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

A generous man will himself be blessed for he shares his food with the poor.
Proverbs 22:9

The hungry are ever present in our community. During this Lenten Season, we will take the opportunity to enjoy a simple soup supper together as a family and to hear from those in our congregation who have seen the hungry first hand. As we eat our soup, perhaps we can be mindful of those who may only have one meal a day through the generosity of others. Our soup supper will consist of soup, bread and water...each very vital to life.

There will be a free will offering into a soup pot that will go to our Mission Committee so they can continue feeding those who are less fortunate. And as we go on our way as a grateful people, let's send up prayers for God to continue blessing those through the kindness of a Christian congregation.



*Attention Kids: Be
sure to bring your
Easter baskets!*

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt

We will hold our third annual Easter Morning Breakfast and Egg Hunt at 9:00 am, between the two worship services. We had a wonderful time the last two years, and hope you can all join us. Please bring a covered dish breakfast item (or two) to share with your church

family. The fellowship committee will provide the drinks.

Attention Children: Please bring your Easter baskets to collect all of the eggs you find!

Easter Flower Cross

The Worship Committee invites you to bring fresh flowers from your yards and gardens on Easter morning to decorate the Easter Cross. As you enter the sanctuary, you may bring your flowers to put on the cross.

The cross will be transformed from rough wood into a beautiful cross of flowers, helping us remember the miracle and hope of Jesus' resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ.



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Senior Fellowship

April 13

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, April 13th, at 11:30 a.m. at the Opa Café for lunch. The address is 10150 Dorchester Road just past the church near KFC. We look forward to seeing you.

Sarah Wickersham & Jenny Ticknor

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian women had their regular meeting on March 24; all Ladies were involved in the Bible study on Revelation after we all enjoyed refreshments furnished by Kathy Worthington, Vivian Scarberry and Mili Gould.

We continue making tie quilts, therapy dolls, and prayer shawls. There are several prayer shawls available in the church office and several more are nearing completion.

Mary Lee started a new beginner's piece quilting class in March and has a separate class to make Christmas tree skirts.

We had a get together with our youth group Sunday afternoon. The women prepared a meal and Mary Lee and Dorothy led games. Those that were not there missed a great evening of fun.

Remember all women of Dorchester are invited to join us for our meeting the fourth Thursday of the month. We work on crafts the second and fourth Monday nights at 7pm and the fourth Thursday morning at 10am. We also encourage everyone to join us for crafts after our meeting the fourth Thursday around noon.

Norma Jamrogowicz



All women of the church are invited to join the Presbyterian Women's activities.

Work Day

April 23

Have you noticed the freshly painted lines in our parking lots?

We can thank the devoted individuals on the property committee for that and the many other tasks they perform to keep our church buildings operating safe and efficiently.

Now, they need you to lend a hand. All ages and skills are needed to com-

plete basic maintenance and repairs around the church campus.

Just show up at the fellowship hall at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23rd to enjoy a scrumptious breakfast, followed by a few hours of work.

Speak with Harry Johnson, Don Harmon, or Ben Stark if you have questions.



Church Work Day

April 23rd

Adventures of a Senior Camper

by Linda I. Jenkins

I remember being 12 and going to sleep-over camp for the first time. I was both excited and scared: excited anticipating all of the fun activities and meeting new friends and scared because I was going far away from home with total strangers. I had a wonderful time swimming, playing games, hiking, exploring, eating terrific food, playing the piano in the talent show, and sharing secrets under the covers when we were supposed to be sleeping. That first camping experience exceeded my expectations and was an important part of my passage from childhood into adolescence...

In the ensuing years, I have enjoyed listening to my children and grandchildren share their first camp experiences with me and me sharing mine with them. What a surprise when I was selected to attend this year's Fall South Carolina National Federation of the Blind Senior Camp at Rocky Bottom. I was eager to attend and meet some new people who were also blind. To my surprise, the night before I left for camp, I got a bit scared. This was the first time since I've been blind that I was traveling far from home to a place I had never been with total strangers.

In preparation for camp, I bought my first white cane. There was no time for mobility training, but I figured "How hard could it be to use a cane." I also was concerned about what clothes to bring. After all, the word "casual" can mean different things to different people. I also packed jewelry and make-up so I would look appropriate. I made myself a sandwich, grabbed a bottled water so I could eat lunch on the van. I even took my digital player and two books in case I got bored on the van or at camp.

My adventure began at 10:00 Sunday morning when the van arrived at my home. I said a silent prayer that I'd be okay for the next five days, and we were off. When I arrived at camp, I was shown to my room, met my roommate, and made my bed. Since she had been to camp before, my roommate showed me around. ... So far, so good! Dinner was served at the conference center. I was helped with my tray and led to a table ... and, with a smile in his voice, I was told that from here on I'd be on my own. Uh oh, now what? After all, I was blind and needed help ... didn't I? Following dinner I asked the people at my table if someone would show me to the restroom. I was given directions but no offer to assist me. I was assured I could do it by myself. I wasn't so sure! I did laugh and asked, "If I don't return in 10 minutes, would someone please come looking for me?" The response I got was laughter and the word "Maybe." It was clear they believed in my abilities to do it even though I had my own doubts. Well, I did make the trip all by myself --- Lesson learned, YIPPEE!

After dinner we were told we'd have karaoke night. I asked how people who are blind could do karaoke. The response, again with much laughter, was "just wing it." It was clear this camp was going to be a fun adventure. I

even sang and hummed a lot of the parts during my performance. It simply didn't matter. At one point the song "Amazing Grace" began, and everyone stood and sang as a group. What a poignant and moving moment. It was obvious we were becoming a unique group in this special place. So ended day one ... or so I thought.

I returned to Osterneck to go to my room but instead found myself out on the beautiful screened porch, sitting in one of the rocking chairs with several other women. We all got to know one another better, all the while listening to the creek behind our building. My roommate and I returned to our room and talked and talked and talked. What a wonderful first day!

During the days that followed, we did many things. I was the butt of much good-natured ribbing for having a cane that was too short. I explained that I researched canes and thought I had ordered the correct length. The silly response was "Yes, it's the right length if you're eight years old." Two people took me under their wings and gave me private cane mobility training. One woman even lent me her cane so I could see how much better it was than mine. The information they shared during our walks was invaluable as they taught me techniques, tips, and tricks.

During formal and informal discussions, I understood the importance of my learning Braille. I also learned that I would benefit tremendously from JAWS, or GUIDE, etc. Because of my experiences at camp, I have purchased a new telescoping cane of the correct length, I've enrolled in the Hadley School and have already finished the first Braille course and am currently working on the second. I am also signed up to acquire and learn the program which will provide me the opportunity to once again utilize my computer and navigate the internet.

I will remember with fondness and gratitude our shared experiences, all the laughter, and the hugs and tears when we left to return home. And in case you're interested, I never did get around to listening to my digital player; nor did I ever wear my jewelry or make-up after that first day. At camp I met great people, walked, acquired new skills and knowledge, had wonderful meals, participated in the talent show, played Bingo, took a field trip to an apple orchard, danced, and my roommate and I shared secrets under the covers into the wee hours of the night when we should have been sleeping. Now that I'm home, I realize that this Senior Camp experience exceeded my expectations, just as my first camp so many years ago.

WOW ... what a great adventure!

This article appeared in the Winter, 2011 edition of "Palmetto Blind," the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina magazine. Since writing this article, I have progressed to the Hadley Braille Literacy 3 course and am currently enrolled in a JAWS course (a computer screen reading program).

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24

Last year, we had 65 children for Vacation Bible School and only 14 were members of our church...what a wonderful opportunity we have for outreach to children at the Good Shepherd School and in our community!!

But in order to pull it off again this year, we need your help; we need 25 volunteers each day to make VBS a success. We do have a lot of fun so please speak with Dorothy if you feel called to serve this year. We need volunteers who can "shake it up" in crafts, recreation, snacks, Bible story, the opening skit, and mission. Even if you can't be here the week of VBS, we need help decorating and doing prep work for crafts. IT TAKES A VILLAGE, or in our case, a whole church!



*The Children Need
YOU!*

VBS Shake it Up Café

June 20-24

Montreat: Not Just for Youth



Do you want to get away to a beautiful place? Escape the stress? Recharge? Renew? Learn and Grow? Yes, our youth have had wonderful experiences at Montreat each summer, but Montreat Conference Center has something for everyone.

There are weekend retreats and week long conferences focusing on everything from arts and recreation to spirituality. Their signature conference this year looks fantastic: *Being Spiritual in a Crazy Busy World...*not that any of you would know anything about being busy, right? If you would like more information on these Montreat conferences, speak to Dorothy to get a brochure or check them out online at www.montreat.org.

Register Early for Bethelwoods!

Have you taken time to look at the summer camp programs offered at Bethelwoods? While June and July may seem a long way off, the staff at Bethelwoods is already gearing up for another exciting summer filled with fun and spiritual growth. Bethelwoods offers a variety of programs for campers who have completed Kindergarten-12th grade. Whether you are a first-time camper or a veteran senior high, there

is something for everyone at Bethelwoods! If you register and pay in full before May 1st you will receive the Early Bird Discount. To sign up for camp, pick up a brochure at church and send in your registration today or visit www.bethelwoods.org to register online. Make your plans now to have camp be a part of your summer. Question? Call the Bethelwoods office at (803) 366-3722.



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Lee & Barbara Jackson are first time grandparents with the birth of Anna on March 15.

Congratulations!



April Birthdays

Carrie Bowers	1	Terry Joyce	12	Don Harmon	16
Mary Francis Page	5	Kim Monnet	12	Sande Eier	21
Genevieve Stark	5	Paul Uyak	12	Connie Judson	22
Sara Gamble	7	Thomas Uyak	12	Kelly Burchette	22
Susan Johnson	8	Dennis Ashley	14	Coty Lodge	22
Bob Monnet	8	Angie Krouse	14	Kelly Kampwerth	23
Eli Mitchell	8	Claire Gamble	14	Linda Bosley	24
Norma Jamrogowicz	9	Bonnie Merriman	15	Jason Gamble	25
Samantha Graves	9	Ann Graves	15		



Donations Needed for Children's Egg Hunt

If you have extra plastic Easter eggs and would be willing to donate them to the church for our Easter Egg Hunt, please bring them to Dorothy's office.



PYC

UPcoming

EVENTS

April 3	Play Night
April 10	Bowling
April 17	Discussion Night
April 24	Easter Sunday NO PYC

Graduating?

If you or your son or daughter is graduating (from high school, college, or graduate school) this spring, let us know so we can all celebrate with you. Please e-mail:

dorothy.blackwelder@dorchesterpresbyterian.org

with the following information: Graduate's Name, Parents' Names, School graduating from, and future plans. We will recognize our high school graduates in worship on May 22, and all our graduates will be listed in the May newsletter.

Those Who Serve									
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Looking Ahead

May 15	PYC Talent Show Fundraiser
June 5	Teacher Appreciation and Sunday School Social
June 12-18	Montreat Youth Conference
June 20-24	Vacation Bible School
July 20-24	Montreat Middle School Conference

Congratulations!! What a talented congregation we have!

Abby Alexander, daughter of Don and Barb, was a finalist in the SCISA (South Carolina Independent School Association) regional spelling bee in January. She went on to compete in the state competition in February where she made it down to the last 5 finalists.

Andrew Gossett, son of Kevin and Jennifer, was the top 4th grade speller at Howe Hall AIMS in Goose Creek, which qualified him to go to the Berkeley County District-wide Spelling Bee. The bee was held on Saturday, March 26 at Hanahan High School. There were 32 4th grade contestants. Andrew made it to

the 7th round and ended up placing 8th overall.

Madison Kampwerth, daughter of Kevin and Kelly, has competed in the level 5 USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic program throughout SC this winter/spring and has won medals on the uneven bars, floor routine, and balance beam events. She competed in the SC Level 5 State Championships in Parris Island March 26-27 where she scored her highest all-around score of the season and brought home four medals. Her team, the Charleston Twisters, brought home the First Place Level 5 SC State Championship trophy!

Mia Veal, daughter of William and Cindi, had the lead role in the 6th grade performance of *Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business* on March 17 at Rollings Middle School of the Arts.

Taylor Veal, daughter of William and Cindi, placed first in a group performance of a scene in *Juvie*, a play about juvenile delinquents, in a state drama competition on March 19 in Columbia. Taylor will also be the lead in *Wonderland* on April 15 at Rollings Middle School of the Arts; it is a modern day *Alice in Wonderland*.

If you have some news you want to share, please send it to us at: office@dorchesterpresbyterian.org

Good Shepherd School

Spring has come, you hear the birds sing, children playing joyfully outside, and you see all of God's splendor in our budding flowers and trees. Take a deep sigh and breathe. Oh yes, isn't God Wonderful!!

We want to thank everyone who helped us with our Spring Children's Sale. We netted \$350. We had a wonderful turn out.

The children went to the Presbyterian Home for St. Patrick's Day. The four year olds wore colorful decorated green hats and sang some fun songs. Lucky the Lepracon visited our classrooms. He is so funny!

Joan Farrell



Thank you for helping with our Spring Children's Sale.

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Lynn Miksche, *Church Administrator*

Joan Farrell, *Director, Good Shepherd School*

Amy Plexico & Angela Laffin, *Sunday Nursery
& Child Care-givers*

SUNDAY MORNING

Worship: 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.



HOLY WEEK

April 17	10:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday
April 21	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal
April 22	Noon	Good Friday Service
April 24	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
	10:15 a.m.	Worship