



# THE GOOD NEWS

March 2011

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

March 8

Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper

March 9

Senior Adult  
Fellowship

March 9

Ash Wednesday  
Service  
7:00 p.m.

March 13

Blood Drive

March 15

Serving at  
Crisis Ministries  
Shelter

March 19

Presbytery  
Workshop

## A Message From Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

It appears Spring is well on its way, as this beautiful South Carolina weather seems to finally be taking a hold!

The season of Lent is also on its way. The word, "Lent" is taken from the Old English word, "lecten" meaning "spring." Lent was originally a time in the Church designated for the teaching and accepting of new members (which we will do!).

Over time, Lent has also taken on a tone of penitence, prayer, fasting, and other spiritual disciplines. Lent is a time of renewal and refocusing. As Christians we are continually learning and growing in faith on our spiritual journeys. Lent is a great time to focus on what it means to be a Christian and a disciple of Jesus Christ, by reflecting on our Lord and Savior's life, death, and resurrection.

Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday (March 9<sup>th</sup>), and lasts forty days (ending on Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>). Sundays are not counted during Lent, as they are really "little Easters!"

This year, in preparation and celebration of Lent, we will have several opportunities for worship:

- **-March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30** will be a fun, inter-generational night to celebrate **Shrove Tuesday**, (sometimes called Fat Tuesday). It marks our last chance to "fatten -up" on some pancakes before our fasting, and to repent of our sins, as we begin our move toward Jerusalem and Holy Week, and

ultimately, to Easter, and resurrection!

- **March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00** will be our **Ash Wednesday Service**, as

we are reminded of Genesis 3:19b, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return." - We are sinful and finite, and in need of forgiveness and the Infinite.

- Each Sunday during Lent, we will also be having a "Lenten Cross Devotional" in worship, centered around the cross. (This will be similar to the lighting of our Advent candles leading up to Christmas).

I encourage everyone to be thinking about a Lenten discipline to take on during Lent. You can give something up, or take on something new. You can become more focused or aware; more intentional. You can work on your relationships with God, your neighbor, and yourself. You can simplify, rest, and relax. You can show your thanks and be more giving.

"Whatever we do, in word or in deed, (during Lent or any other time) let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him!" (Col 3:17)

Grace and peace,

Jeff





*The fun begins at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 8th. See you there.*



*The Need is constant.  
The gratification is  
instant. Give Blood.*

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

We will celebrate Mardi Gras and Shrove Tuesday on March 8, with a fun-filled evening. Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday because the tradition is to eat all of your leavened bread before the beginning of Lent, a time of

fasting. We may not eat all of our leavened bread, but we will fill up on pancakes and other yummy breakfast dishes.

## Ash Wednesday Service

Join us at 7:00pm on March 9, in the sanctuary as we begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday Service, including the imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance in preparation for these 40 days leading up to Easter.

## Senior Fellowship

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, March 9th at 11:45 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Please join us for lunch and bring a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you.

*Sarah Wickersham & Jenny Ticknor*

## Property Committee Work Day

You are invited to join the Presbyterian Men at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 26th in the fellowship hall for a hearty home cooked breakfast, followed by a few hours of work around the church campus.

One Saturday morning a month we get together to do maintenance and re-

pairs. Tasks include everything from changing lightbulbs to clearing the nature trails. All ages and skills are needed.

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

## Blood Drive

Did you ever want to do something that would help other people, but felt "What can I do to help? How can I do anything that'll make a difference?"

Well folks here's your chance! DPC is sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday March 13, 11:00am - 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall. So sign up early and drink plenty of water before you give. Your donation matters. Your donation will help save lives.

*Thank you.*

*Pamela Schilling*

## New Member Class

A class for all those interested in learning more about mission and ministry at Dorchester Presbyterian Church will begin on March 13 at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. Sunday School classes and nursery will be held at the same time for children and youth.

Through a series of three classes you will have the opportunity to get to know others, learn about the Presbyterian Church (USA), and learn about the many programs at Dorchester for you

## Presbytery Workshop

There will be a workshop at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 am to learn about some of the proposed amendments to the PC (USA) Constitution. These include a change in our Book of Order with a proposed Form of Government which will essentially shorten the constitution and give more control to the local governing bodies. The second amendment to be discussed proposes adding the *Confession of Belhar* to our Book of Confessions. The third amendment proposed changing G-6.0106b,

## Hosts Needed

The youth are having their annual progressive supper on Sunday, March 20, 5:30-7:30 pm. They will be going to some of their own homes for the appetizer and main courses, but we would love the chance to get to know some of the other church members better during our dessert course.

## March 13 – April 3

to serve and grow. On April 3, there will be a meeting of the Session to officially receive those who wish to join our church.

Please speak to Jeff or Dorothy if you have any questions. We understand that you may not be able to come all four Sundays, and that is alright...just let us know when you can't be here and we'll catch you up. We look forward to seeing you there!

which deals with ordination standards for ministers, elders, and deacons.

While only the ministers and elected elder commissioners will be able to vote on these amendments at the Called Presbytery meeting on March 30, you are all invited to come and learn about potential changes in our denomination on March 19. You can also learn more information online:

[oga.pcusa.org/constitutionalservices/resources.htm](http://oga.pcusa.org/constitutionalservices/resources.htm)

or speak with Jeff or Dorothy.



*Learn about the proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution on March 19th (10 am) at Westminster Presbyterian Church.*



*Would you like to get to know our youth? Consider hosting a group for dessert on March 20th.*



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

## Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian women had their regular meeting on February 24; Mary Lee presented our Bible study on Revelation after we all enjoyed refreshments furnished by Marge Kramer, Jane Roberts, and Winnie Harris.

Teddy Marcot gave us instructions on making hymnal book marks for the worship committee. We made 45 and put them in the hymnals near the windows. Hopefully, we will soon have enough for all the hymnals and we will be able to mark all of our hymns for the day prior to starting the worship service. Next we will work on the Bibles.

We continue making tie quilts, therapy dolls, and prayer shawls. We dedicated 12 shawls on the 27 of February which included two baby blankets. We still have some available in the church office and several more are nearing completion.

The ladies that are in the piece quilting class taught by Mary Lee were able to pin their quilts together and will start the actual quilting process, this will be an ongoing project. Mary will start a new beginner's class in March and we will also have a separate class to make tree skirts starting March 10.

We are looking forward to a get together with the youth group in March; we will have dinner and games.

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 night at 7 and the fourth Thursday morning at 10. We also encourage everyone to join us for crafts after our meeting the fourth Thursday around 12.

*Norma Jamrogowicz*

## Missions Update

Here are the final totals for the 2010 God's Gift Shop. The total from God's Gift Shop catalog orders is \$2,839.00. We had 27 families participating through orders. We also donated \$1,467.00 to the Women's Micro Finance Project in Haiti through sales to Creations of Hope at our God's Gift Shop Kick-off in November. This gives us a grand total of \$4,306.00 – a new record! The individual breakout is as follows:

Habitat - \$75	Crisis Ministries - \$160	Women's Micro-Finance Project - \$100
HELP - \$85	Hearts With Haiti - \$200	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - \$100
DSS - \$260	Heifer International - \$260	Ronald McDonald House - \$114
Palmetto House - \$220	My Sister's House - \$205	Water Missions International - \$1,060

Keep in mind this Chinese proverb. If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

*Peace~ Pam Stewart, Mission Committee*

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering March 6—April 24

*Sharing resources, changing lives*

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 One

Great Hour of Sharing 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](http://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 can bring the fish full of coins you have been collecting or write a check that day. Please give generously to this important offering.



## Vacation Bible School

**June 20-24**

### THE CHILDREN NEED YOU

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*



**PYC**  
**UPcoming**  
**EVENTS**

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**March 6**  
**Ice Skating**

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**March 13**  
**Discussion Night**

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**March 20**  
**Progressive Supper**

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**March 27**  
**Minute to Win It**  
**Dinner**  
**with Presbyterian**  
**Women**

## Looking Ahead

- April 3**      **Soup Dinner Devotion—5:00 pm**
- April 21**    **Maundy Thursday Seder Meal**
- April 22**    **Good Friday Service**
- April 24**    **Easter Worship and Breakfast**
- May 15**      **PYC Talent Show Fundraiser**
- June 5**       **Teacher Appreciation and**  
**Sunday School Social**
- June 20-24** **Shake It Up Vacation Bible School**

## Drivers Needed

We have many members of Dorchester Presbyterian Church who need our help getting around. If you can drive any of these members to church, the store or the doctors, please call me to add your name to the list of available drivers.



If you are a member who needs a ride to church, the store or the doctor at any time, please call me a day or two ahead of time if possible, and I will set up a ride for you. My home number is 832-9713, and my email is [isabillr@webtv.net](mailto:isabillr@webtv.net).

*Bill Rooney*



*Happy Birthday*  
*from your church family!*

## March Birthdays

Judy Ulmer	4	Al Jones	11	Lynn Esarey	19
Gaven Eier	5	Dennis Gnamm	13	Richard Seavey	21
Ethan Gossett	6	Emme Sutton	17	Leigh Donnelly	22
Richard Donnelly	9	Kristy Mitchell	18	Sarah Price	23
Jackie Salvador	10	Rob Eier	18	Carol Brewer	25
Savannah Sutton	10	Katie Burchette	18	Judy Beery	28
Isabella Prevuznak	10	Lauren Howard	18	Brooks Styles	28

# Those Who Serve

## March 2011

<b>ELDER OF THE MONTH</b>		Jan Goin	
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>	March 6	Jan Goin Jim Mallory Joan Semle Anne Peterson	
<b>COMMUNION PREPARATION</b>	March 6	Karene Feltner	
<b>NEWCOMER HOSTS</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Diane & Scott Lodge Kylie & Brandon Page Pam & Jim Brice Joan & Bob Semle	
<b>GREETERS</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Kim & Alex Dixon Ron & Carol Proefrock Harold & Mary Lou Core Doug & Julie Richardson	
<b>NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</b>	March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27	Laura Nelson Barbara & Abby Alexander Anne Peterson Judy Ulmer	Linda Marks Donnelly Family Diane Barber Susan Johnson

## Good Shepherd School

The children visited the Presbyterian Village on Feb. 17. Ms. Mary made special hats and the children made a Valentine for each resident. Everyone had such fun exchanging their cards, singing, and dancing.

All of the classes are getting their pictures taken on March 2nd with Memorable Moments, the Black and White photos.

Spring is an exciting time for the GSS kids. As they explore and observe the newness of life, the children's faces light up with wonder for all God's creations.

*Joan Farrell*



*GSS Kids explore the wonder of Spring!*



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# THE GOOD NEWS

## DORCHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Rev. Jeff Kackley, *Pastor*

Rev. Dorothy Blackwelder, *Associate Pastor*

Kevin & Jennifer Gossett, *Music Directors*

Angie Krouse and Connie Judson, *Organists*

Karene Feltner, *Bookkeeper*

Lynn Miksche, *Church Administrator*

Joan Farrell, *Director, Good Shepherd School*

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

## SUNDAY MORNING

**Worship: 10:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**

## DORCHESTER SESSION

### Elders

Class of 2011: Robin Bowers  
Alex Hansen  
Don Harmon  
Harry Johnson  
Peter Jones  
Shirley Monnet

Class of 2012: Collis Boyd  
Teddy Marcot  
Brandon Page  
Tony Savage  
Randi Wells

Class of 2013: Jan Goin  
Kelly Howard  
Mike Lesko  
Ramona Smith  
Ben Stark

Clerk of Session: Kathy Worthington

### Board of Deacons

Class of 2011 Don Graves  
Jim Mallory

Class of 2012 Margaret Jones  
Joan Semle  
Pam Stewart

Class of 2013 Mary Lee  
Anne Peterson  
Bill Rooney

## DORCHESTER LEADERS

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Kelly Howard  
Randi Wells

FELLOWSHIP: Shirley Monnet  
Ramona Smith

FINANCE: Peter Jones

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL:  
Mike Lesko

MISSION: Robin Bowers  
Tony Savage

OUTREACH: Collis Boyd

PERSONNEL: Shirley Monnet  
Doug Richardson  
Brandon Page  
Jan Goin

### PRESBYTERIAN

WOMEN: Norma Jamrogowicz

PROPERTY: Don Harmon  
Harry Johnson  
Ben Stark

### SENIOR

FELLOWSHIP: Jenny Ticknor  
Sarah Wickersham

WORSHIP: Teddy Marcot