

HEAVENLY HOOPS MINI-CAMP w/ Carlton Greene

Saturday, October 4

9:00 a.m. K4 and K5
10:00 a.m. 1st & 2nd grades
11:00 a.m. 3rd, 4th & 5th grades

Sunday, October 5

2:00 p.m. K4 and K5
3:00 p.m. 1st & 2nd grades
4:00 p.m. 3rd, 4th & 5th grades

No Sign-ups necessary!!

Attention College Students & Parents

If you have not sent your information, (address, e-mail address and cell phone number) to the Church Office (fpcgreer@bellsouth.net), please do so as soon as possible.

It will not be long before we will start preparing 1st semester exam packages!

Foothills PW Annual Spiritual Retreat

Weaving Your Tapestry

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Please contact/pay Heather Taylor (hrtaylor1@charter.net or 895-7055), if you are interested. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FOOTHILLS PW.**

Please bring your Bible. To make this a "greener" retreat we encourage you to bring your own coffee mug or tea glass.

Presbyterian Women News—Please pray for Susan Barrow, our Foothills PW Ghana delegate, who left Thursday, Sept 25, to take 6 duffel bags containing medications donated by doctors and pharmaceutical companies to the Women's Fellowship of Kwahu. Local PW ladies packed a total of 6 duffels (80 lbs. each). Two of these bags were sent using donations made available from your PW pledge. Thank you!!



Church Wide Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 29

Make plans to join us as we celebrate fall, fun and fellowship with one another. The youth sponsored Fall Festival will be the program for this Wonderful Wednesday- so mark your calendars, prepare your costume and get ready to have some fall fun!

We Need Your Help . . .

We're making apple pies for
Big Thursday!



Please join Anne Helton in our church kitchen on Sunday, October 26th from 3:00—6:00 p.m. to help assemble pies to be sold at Big Thursday. If you would like more information, please call Missy Nicholson—879-4766.

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JUST 4 YOUTH!

Be sure that these dates are on your family's calendar!

October 25-26- PYC Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken

Registration forms are now due to Whitney!

October 26- Senior Highs Apple Pie Bake for Big Thursday

October 29- Youth Sponsored Fall Festival

November 15- Presbyterian College Youth Day

Our very own Hank Gettys and Kathryn Driggers will be recognized as our Outstanding Church Youth Leader Award Nominees!

November 21-23- Mission Madness for Mid-Highs

Be on the lookout for more details about this great weekend that has been re-scheduled from the summer.

FIRST NEWS

First Presbyterian Church, Greer, South Carolina
www.fpcgreer.org - September 23, 2008

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** to be held on Sunday, September 28th prior to the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee who will lift up the name of Joan White to serve a two-year term on the Diaconate.

Dear friends,

Consider your favorite hymn for a moment. Why do you love it? "Hymns help us to praise God. They enable us to pray. They give us a way to encourage ourselves in the Lord. And they connect us with generations now gone." (Robert Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul*)

On occasion someone in our congregation will ask me how the hymns are chosen for Sunday worship. The process is largely determined by the style of the preacher. Kyle enjoyed selecting the hymns. Brandi has declared herself musically challenged and asks Wendi and I to pick them out. When Wayne is preaching we often chat about the hymns before they are decided. Hymns are chosen that:

- (1) compliment the sermon
- (2) the congregation enjoys singing
- (3) introduce new tunes on occasion and
- (4) use the gifts of musicians in our congregation (bells, children, instrumentalists, etc.).

I'd be interested to know what *your* favorite hymn is. You can email me or Wendi or put the cut off piece below in the offering plate. You just might hear it in worship sometime! I also invite you to borrow any of the books on Hymn Stories from my office. You'd be surprised how your favorite hymn came to be composed!

In Christ,
Lisa

My favorite hymn is _____

I attend: 8:55 worship 11:00 worship

YEAR-TO-DATE Financial Report – September 21, 2008

	YTD		YTD
Actual Income	\$ 540,403	Budgeted Income	\$ 585,389
Actual Expenses	512,108	Actual Income	540,403
Net Income	28,295	Unfavorable Variance	(44,986)
	Y-T-D Capital Campaign		5,155

JOYS & CONCERNS OF FPC FAMILY

Shirley Finkle	Martha Gibson	Bill Moseley
Katie Heile	Jim DuBose	Dawn Allen's mother
Susie Cole's father	Jay Cartee's father	Jim Boyd's father-
John Harrison's mother		

Congratulations to **Joe & Andrea Engle** on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Kay**, who was born on September 3, 2008. Olivia has a proud big brother & sister, **Jacob & Sarah**.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The **House Ringers** handbell choir will resume this Sunday, September 28th. The new rehearsal time is 5:00—6:00 p.m. New ringers are still needed! No experience is necessary and all ages are welcome. Please join us!

**Would you like to make a difference in a life,
But have little time?**

For just over one hour each week, you can assist a 2nd or 3rd grade child by tutoring at **CenterQuest**, an after-school ministry. No experience, no preparation is required, just a willingness to help. 4:00—5:15 p.m. any day, Monday—Thursday. For further information, please contact “the other” Joan White at 895-3967.

Recycling— Please separate your recycling items into the appropriate bin. Thank you for your assistance with this project!

USHER & SAFE PLACE DUTIES

Sunday, September 28th

8:55 Ushers—Buddy & Jenny Carter
8:40—11:00 Safe Place—Jerry & Mary Crockett
11:00 Ushers—JJ & Hunter Bowers
9:40—12:00 Safe Place—Travis & Jennifer Olmert

Sunday, October 5th

8:55 Ushers—Linda Nicholson & Ray White
8:40—11:00 Safe Place—Mark Ashmore & JJ Bowers
11:00 Ushers—Suellen McConnell & Carly Majors
9:40—12:00 Safe Place—Bill Byars & Sam Clayton



Peacemaking Offering

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God,” said Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (Matthew 5:9).

Peace is the wholeness and well being that God wills for all creation. Although the effects of human sin wound all creation, God is continually at work in the world offering healing, wholeness, mercy, justice, and peace. God’s peace is offered wherever there is brokenness — in individual lives, families, congregations, communities, nations and creation.

God’s gift of peace is most profoundly exemplified in the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christ calls all who profess faith in him to share the gospel message of peace to a broken and insecure world. Responding to this gracious gift, the church, as the body of Christ, is called to join with others to go into the world to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God’s creation.

The **Peacemaking Offering** was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s General Assembly.

Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50 percent is used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Responding to God’s Covenant, First Presbyterian Church Greer will receive the Peacemaking Offering during worship on October 5.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Menu:

10/1: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Chili, Bread, Dessert
10/8: Grilled Chicken Breast, Alfredo Pasta, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert

SUPPER - Prepared by Lunch & Such

Prices: Two & under and 70 & over: free
3-5-year olds: \$ 2.00 1st - 5th grade: \$ 3.00
6th grade - adult: \$ 4.00 Family Cap: \$14.00
1. Reservations must be made either as a standing or weekly.
2. Reservations must be made or canceled by Monday 4:30pm.
You will be charged the full price of the meals if not canceled!

SCHEDULE

5:00 - 5:30 Cherub Choir (4 & 5-year olds and 1st grade)
5:00 - 5:45 Handchime Rehearsal (2nd grade and older)
5:30 - 6:00 Supper
6:20 - 7:20 WW Programs & Activities
6:20 - 7:20 Resounding Joy Handbell Rehearsal
7:30 - 8:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 - 8:30 Praise Team Rehearsal

FOR CHILDREN

NURSERY-AGE CHILDREN

Babies - twos: Room #121—Leaders: Traci Cartee and volunteers

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Two & Three-year olds - Room #115—Leaders: Todd and Carrie Lee
Four & Five-year olds - Room #124—
Leaders: Donna Ware and Angie Collins

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN—September 10 - October 1

1st - 2nd grade - WORSHIP EDUCATION—Room #106
o Leaders: Susan Tompkins & Becky Schafer
3rd grade - COMMUNICANTS CLASS—Room #105
o Leader: Mary Ludlow
4th & 5th grade - TWEENS—Room #206
o Leaders: Walter & Susan Burch

FOR YOUTH

6th—8th Grades—Wendi Arms & Whitney Moss
9th—12th Grades—“Rita Time” with Rita Burch

ADULT OPTIONS

- 10/1** 1) **Building Bridges with Your Teen**
A Positive Approach to Raising Confident Caring Children & Youth
How can you “gift” your children with the positive assets they need to thrive – both now and in the future? The ideas are simple, but they can make a big difference in your family.
Room: Fellowship Hall
Leader: Debbie Foster, Director of *FACES* (Family & Adolescent Counseling & Education Services)
2) **What Does the Bible Say About ...The End of Time?**
Room: The Parlor
Leader: Wayne Cole
3) **Presbyterian 101 and Officer Training**
Room: History/Session Room
Presbyterian Polity
Leader: Nick Nicholson
Facilitator: Rev. Brandi Casto-Waters
4) **Women’s Beth Moore Bible Study**
Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy
Room: #122 - The Old Kitchen
Facilitator: Heather Taylor
5) **Puppet Ministry for Adults**
Room: #210 - Joyful Noise SS classroom
Director: Charmaine Hazekamp

- 10/8** 1) **Preparing for the End of Life and Laughing about it!**
Leaders: Ray White & Jeff White
2) **What Does the Bible Say About ...Wealth?**
Room: The Parlor
Leader: Wayne Cole
3) **Presbyterian 101 and Officer Training**
Room: History/Session Room
Introduction to Programs & Staff
Facilitator: Rev. Brandi Casto-Waters
4) **Women’s Beth Moore Bible Study**
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**ADULT MISSION TRIP—October 15—19
Gulfport, MS**

If you are interested in going or would like more information, please contact Bert Garrison (garr1976@earthlink.net).