

THE PRESBY PRESS



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR –

Holy Week and Easter – Another “first” for me is just around the corner – my first Holy Week and Easter season with you. If you begin with our Palm Sunday morning services, then add six evening services from Sunday to Friday with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters, plus the final ecumenical Lenten service at noon on Wednesday, and end with our Easter sunrise and Easter morning services – you will have 12 opportunities for worship during the most significant week of the church year for Christians. That certainly is a feast.

The evening services of worship are a long-standing tradition in Oconee County. The series will kick-off at Seneca Presbyterian on the evening of Palm Sunday, so let’s be great hosts. (Let Jane Thomas or the church office know if you can bring some food for the reception.) Then join us for the remaining services as the week progresses. I am looking forward to the cumulative effect of worshipping together on successive evenings. It will be a wonderful way to get to know others from these churches as well as locate them throughout Oconee County. Directions are included in this Presby Press. If you need a ride or would like to car-pool, just let the church office know.

We have an “embodied” faith. At Christmas, we recognize that God took on human flesh in the Incarnation. At Easter we celebrate that God resurrected the physical body of Jesus. Let’s embody our faith by being present for these times of worship together.

Lenten Worship Practices – We have undertaken some slight changes in our order of worship for Lent that seek to affirm our embodied faith. First, we are pouring water into the fount as an act of remembering our baptism and the gift of new life. Second, by moving the time of greeting to the portion of the service just after the assurance of pardon, we are “acting out” the meaning of forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus called us to seek forgiveness for “our debts as we forgive our debtors”. The grace we receive is meant to be shared. Finally, we are doing that by “passing the peace”. We look one another in the eye and say “the peace of Christ be with you”. We acknowledge that only in Christ are friendship and reconciliation possible.

I hope you find these changes both meaningful, and, once they don’t seem quite so different, an enhancement to your experience of worship. Please offer me your feedback after the Lenten season is complete.

Celebrating the Return of Good Friends – I join you in welcoming Richard and Susan Caldwell back to SPC. I know of and share your affection for both of them. It has been said on numerous occasions, but let me say it once again: it can only be by the hand of God that a friendship which began for our family in the fall of 1995 and a colleagueship that began for me in the spring of 1998 should find its way back to life in such a powerful way. It was meant to be! Know that we continue to search for ways to financially compensate Richard for his services that are in keeping with his wishes and the guidelines of both the Board of Pensions and the Committee on Ministry of Foothills Presbytery.

Know as well that Richard and I will stay in close communication about pastoral concerns. And remember that you can call me directly anytime on my cell phone: 864-784-2818, but especially on the weekends when the office is not staffed. So put that number in your phone for safe-keeping!

Blessings to all of you --- Nancy

WELCOME VISITORS! We warmly welcome you to this service of worship and congregation. We are glad you are here today and hope you will return often. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We also extend an invitation to unite with this church. The Session is available to meet on any Sunday to receive new members. Please do not hesitate to let us know of your interest.

SENECA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

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Moderator: Nancy M. Morris
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Booty Catlin, Moderator
Ed Krech

Stewardship
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Rob Krabbe

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Welcome To Our Newest Members



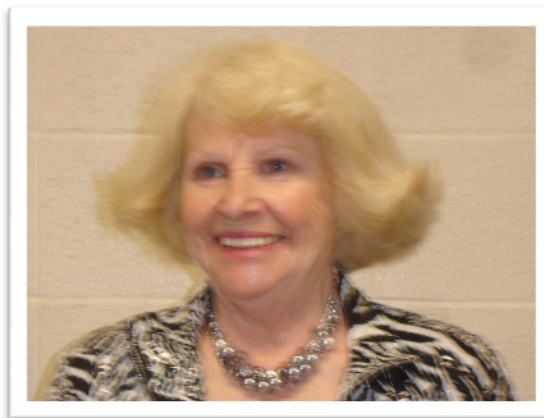
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Easter Sunrise Service: 6:30 a.m. with Breakfast to Follow

Our good friends at New Harmony Methodist Church will be joining us once again on Easter morning for a service of celebration at sunrise. Because their new pastor, Redonia Thomas, serves two congregations and won't be available to lead us, we will again host both the service and the breakfast to follow, served in Pastors' Hall. But our friends promise they **will** bring the choir. Weather permitting, we will gather outside facing east. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to begin Easter at dawn!



Presbyterian Holy Week

Services for 2011

7:00 p.m.

We will again join in the Holy Week **evening** services with our sister Presbyterian churches in Oconee County. The full schedule is listed below. A reception and time of fellowship follow the services on Sunday - Wednesday (not Thursday or Friday) so we can visit with those from the other congregations. The offering will go to Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund.

Sunday, April 17th - Service held at Seneca, the Rev. Dr. Charles Dougherty will be preaching.



Monday, April 18th - Service held at Bethel, the Rev. Alan Houtzer will be preaching.

Tuesday, April 19th - Service held at Westminster, the Rev. Vince Alig will be preaching.

Wednesday, April 19th - Service held at Walhalla, the Rev. Dr. Nancy Morris will be preaching.

Thursday, April 20th - Service held at Richland, the Rev. Dr. Charles Dougherty will be preaching.

Friday, April 21st - Service held at West Union, the Rev. Frank Strickland will be preaching.

DIRECTIONS TO OCONEE COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES
(All directions begin at Miracle Circle... Salvation Army, Propane Company)

WALHALLA PRESBYTERIAN

From Miracle Circle, go north on Hwy. 28 towards Walhalla 6.5 miles. Church is on your left.



RICHLAND PRESBYTERIAN

From Miracle Circle, go north on Hwy. 28 towards Walhalla 1.1 miles to the traffic light at Bountyland Quik Stop. Turn left and go 2.8 miles to the stop sign. Turn left and go .3 miles. Church is on the left.



WEST UNION PRESBYTERIAN

From Miracle Circle, go north on Hwy. 28 towards Walhalla 5.7 miles to Hwy. 11 at Ingles. Turn right on Hwy. 11 and go .4 miles to first traffic light. Turn right. Church is .2 miles on left.



BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN

From Miracle Circle, go north on Hwy. 28 towards Walhalla 5.7 miles to Hwy. 11 at Ingles. Turn right on Hwy. 11. Go 6.1 miles to Lecroy Road and turn right. Go .8 miles and turn left on Bethel Church Road. The church is .1 miles on the left.



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

From Miracle Circle, go west on Hwy. 123 towards Westminster 7.0 miles to first traffic light (Ingles). Turn right. Go .2 miles and go under the railroad underpass to stop sign (dead end). Turn left onto East North Avenue. Go .7 miles and turn right on Earl Holcombe Street. The church is two blocks on the left.

Help Needed for Holy Week Service Reception

We are hosting the evening reception following the Holy Week service on Palm Sunday, April 17th. We need people to help provide food for the reception, including finger sandwiches, homemade cookies, cheese balls, dips, etc. If you can help, please call Jane Thomas at 882-1202.

It Is Good To Be “Home”

Susan and I are both delighted to be home again at Seneca Presbyterian. We want to thank Nancy and the Session for the vision of expanding the ministry of the church through creating this position of Parish Associate and extending to me the opportunity to serve in that capacity. It allows me to do what I love to do and opened the door for both of us to come back to Seneca Presbyterian without it being in conflict with the commitment and agreement we had made ending my role as Interim Pastor.

I look forward to assisting Nancy by supplementing the pastoral care ministry of this congregation. Nancy is your Senior Pastor and will serve as my “boss.” My role is in the area of pastoral care and periodic preaching but not in any way back in the arena of decision-making, such as in Session, deacons, or committees. I know Nancy is not in any way “giving up” pastoral care. As I trust you already well know, that is who she is as a person and will remain for her a priority. My presence will allow the church to expand its caring ministry beyond that which one pastor can do. It will also grant her some additional time to devote to other essential areas of the church’s life. It also makes possible some “Sabbath time,” needed by any pastor, knowing I can “cover” on those days but also call her if and when she needs to know and be involved.

It is no secret that Susan and I have been blessed in countless ways through this congregation and we are glad to be able to be back and participate in its life once again. Since I am officially retired, you may not see us every Sunday as I may take advantage of having some Sundays to worship with and visit my family or friends elsewhere on a weekend, something active pastors do not get a chance to do.

I find it interesting and a joy that I now work under Nancy’s leadership as she once worked under mine in another church, but both of us serve a marvelous congregation that I believe God is calling to be faithful in this place and time as never before.

From both Susan and myself, it truly is good to be home with you once again.

Richard

EASTER FLOWERS – It’s time once again to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. We will decorate with spring flowers. If you would like to donate flowers, please fill out the form and return it to the church office along with your check made payable to SPC and indicate on the check that it is for Easter flowers. Please indicate if you are donating the flowers in honor or memory of someone. Since Easter is late this year, the option of azaleas is not available. There are 7” pots of geraniums available instead. **Deadline for ordering is Monday, April 18th. Please print clearly.**

_____ Easter Lily @ \$18.00 _____ Tulips @ \$10.00 (if available)

_____ Pink Hydrangea @ \$26.00 _____ Blue Hydrangea @ \$26.00

Geranium (7” pot) @ \$15.50 Light Pink _____ Dark Pink _____ Salmon _____ White _____

Given by _____ Phone# _____

In honor or memory (please circle) of _____



Church Yard Sale

Saturday, May 28th

Rough Room downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Start cleaning out your closets and storage rooms and collecting donations for the yard sale. Please take items donated to the Rough Room.

Thinking Ahead Workshops

Submitted by: Lee Oelberg, Director

On Saturday, January 22nd, the Diaconate sponsored a series of workshops to help our congregation and the community to prepare for their own death or that of a loved one. A total of 68 people attended the workshops, 42 from our church and 26 from the community.

We greatly appreciate the professional presentations given at the workshops for the following functional areas:

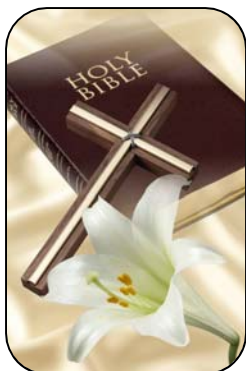
Legal – Tim Merrell and Ann Sullivan

Funeral Planning – Rick Black, Richard Caldwell, Charles Oglesby, and Randy Harreld.

Faith and Emotional Matters – Dr. Charles Dougherty and Dr. Stephen Morgan

Hospice – Tenna Sines

We also want to thank all the volunteers from Seneca Presbyterian who made the day such a success. The teams covering publicity, registration, set-up, coffee and refreshments, hosting and moderating, lunch, clean-up and secretarial chores, worked diligently and made it all come together. Also, thanks to all who attended and volunteered for making the workshops a day to remember.



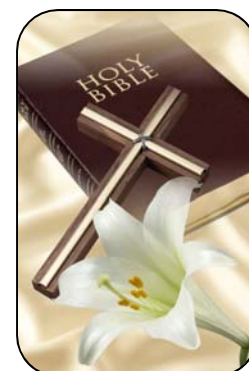
Easter Sunday Services & Events

6:30 a.m. - Joint Sunrise Service with
New Harmony United Methodist,
here at Seneca Presbyterian, followed by breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Service

10:00 a.m. – Church School

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Service



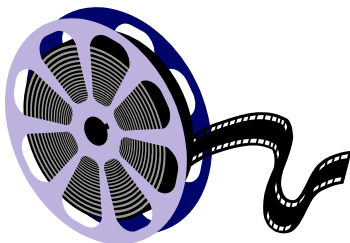
Touches and Outreach

You may remember that Nancy Morris preached a sermon on March 20th entitled “Touches”. She stated, “A touch is anytime you are with anyone who might be interested in anything we do together as followers of Jesus Christ. Let us be about the business of life-giving touches”. What a charge and a responsibility that gives us as Christians. When we think about our daily lives and the variety of people with whom we interact, there are huge opportunities for “touches”. What do those touches look like in your life?

Outreach is a new committee formed by the Session. It is chaired by Sally Owen. Members include Lynn Bond, John and Booty Catlin, Jane Day, Bob and Barb Norton, Ann Smith, and Chuck Kellner. We are using the Church Wellness model as we develop strategies to evangelize (helping converts commit to Jesus Christ), re-engage (lapsed members), and welcome persons seeking a church home. No matter how hard we work, we cannot be effective as an Outreach Committee unless all of Seneca Presbyterian Church members are about the business of “touches”. In fact, The Church Wellness Project states, “*The most effective evangelism occurs when one person tells another about God or about a church where God is alive*”.

The Church Wellness website is www.morningwalkmedia.com/church-wellness. Want to know more about SPC’s Outreach Committee? Give one of the members a call! There is much for each of us to do. Go, share a newsletter, or invite someone to worship or to a church program. Let’s each be responsible for “touches” today and each day that follows.

Thursday Night at the Movies



Join us on the fourth Thursday of each month as we explore Christian themes in popular movies. Our next gathering will be April 28th at 6:30 p.m. and the feature will be ***The Ultimate Gift***. When his wealthy grandfather dies, trust fund baby Jason Stevens inherits his grandfather's crash course on life: 12 tasks – or gifts – designed to challenge Jason in improbable ways. The "course" sends Jason on a journey of self-discovery that forces him to reevaluate his priorities and determine what

he thinks the most important things in life really are. The feature was the focus of a previous “Thursday Night” experience, but it was cut short when the projector broke. Come see how the story ends.

Our “Pastors’ Hall Movie Club” is open to anyone who wishes to join us at any time. Many people bring lawn chairs to help make the watching more enjoyable, along with their own suppers. Popcorn is always provided. We watch, and then share reflections together. Feel free to suggest movies you think the group would enjoy because watching them has left a lasting impact on you.





Aloha!



Although the whole experience seemed like a magical fantasy, last month, in February, our long anticipated trip to Hawaii became very real, partly due to this congregation's parting gifts to us last August of round-trip airfare and some money for the trip. We want to say "Mahalo!" which is one Hawaiian expression for "Thank you". We are grateful and indebted to all of you who had any part in these gifts.

We spent 9 evenings and days on the Garden Island of Kaua'i, the northernmost of the "major" Hawaiian Island chain. It is indeed a lush, green, mysterious and beautiful paradise. We had an absolutely wonderful time, hosted graciously by Ed and Joan Krech, whose many visits over the years made them expert and fun hosts and tour guides. They also know some fabulous eating places.

We saw the spectacular wonder of Waimea Canyon (called the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific") beautiful, isolated sandy beaches with blue water, steep cliffs with waves crashing against the rocks, and waterfalls seemingly at every turn, some dropping hundreds or even thousands of feet. We walked the paths amidst trees, flowers and water features in one of the lush, beautiful National Botanical Gardens. With the money you gave us, we were able to take an exciting helicopter tour of the entire island, not just above the mountains, but flying through canyons, beside the spectacular cliffs of Kaua'i's northern Napali Coast and into a crater high in the isolated center of the island.

On our way home, stopping in Honolulu for our flight connection back to the mainland, we were deeply touched by a visit to Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial.

We thank you again for your part in this wonderful experience, not only having fun but also seeing and experiencing some of the wonders of God's creative process in the mystical, magical, lush Garden Island of Kaua'i. Once again, from our hearts, Mahalo!

Aloha,

Richard & Susan Caldwell



Adams/Byrd Fund Committee Report 2011

Thank you to everyone who gave us suggestions of potential recipients for this year's distribution. The committee decided to honor all of the recommendations by giving something to each of the organizations that were suggested, and you can see the list below. We continued to follow the model we used last year, based on Acts 1:8, where Jesus tells us to "*be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" We considered Oconee County as our Jerusalem, our Presbytery as Judea and Samaria, and the rest as the "ends of the earth."

Adams Fund		
	Rosa Clark Clinic	\$ 381.00
	Carpet in Knoll Hall	\$ 1,500.00
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Byrd Fund		
	Golden Corner Food Bank	
<i>Local</i>	(Bldg Fund)	\$ 5,000.00
	Rosa Clark Clinic	\$ 421.00
	OPSF	\$ 1,042.67
<i>Presbytery</i>	Foothills Presbytery Latino	
	Ministry	\$ 600.00
	Indwellings	\$ 800.00
<i>World</i>	Kairos Prison Ministry SC	\$ 300.00
	Dr. Nagy in Malawi	\$ 500.00
	Presbyterian Disaster	
	Assistance	\$ 600.00
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		\$ 9,263.67

Our gifts will help meet physical needs, but ultimately our care is for the people—those who come to these organizations for help, and those who provide that help. We have sent our checks, but will you also send your prayers? Thank you for the honor of distributing these funds and joining with you in prayer for them.

Respectfully submitted,

The Byrd Fund Committee, February 2011

Melissa Krabbe, Moderator; Ann Castle, Helen Kelly, Sam Holleman and Pastor Nancy Morris



Sunday, April 17th



Presbyterian Women

By: Kathy Gerner

Presbyterian Women has been very busy the month of March and have a busy month of April. Circle Six reported that they prepared and served dinner for Our Daily Rest, with a Mardi Gras theme. The residents enjoyed the dinner and evening.

Also in March, PW held their Retreat on March 18th and 19th at Asbury Hills Camp and Retreat Center. Those going had a wonderful weekend with The Rev. Beth Templeton, with United Ministries of Greenville, as their retreat leader. I will report more next month on the great success of this retreat.

April 6th will be the Lenten Luncheon. If you would like to help with preparing the meal, setting up, and cleaning up after the luncheon, please contact Helen Kelly (864-650-0342) and she will direct you as to whom to get in contact with.

There is a Lenten Bible Study that began mid-March. This study and discussion is being led by Ann Warmuth.

Jane Thomas volunteered to be in charge of refreshments for the reception after the Holy Week Service on April 17th. If you can help, please get in contact with Jane (882-1202).

Don't forget - any woman may join a Circle. The circles meet from September through May. We have 3 circles to choose from:

Circle 1 meets the first Monday of each month, at 2:45 p.m. in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom.

Circle 2 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom.

Circle 6 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in members' homes or Pastors' Hall. (6:30 p.m. in September, February & June).

You do not have to be a circle member to participate in any of the Presbyterian Women activities. Please come and join us whenever you can. We would love to have you with us!

April Circle Meetings

CIRCLE ONE

Date: Monday, April 4th in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom at 2:45 p.m. Circle chair is Ann Smith (647-2088). Please bring canned green beans for Collins Home and Family Ministries.

CIRCLE TWO

Date: Tuesday, April 5th; Circle 2 will meet in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom at 10:00 a.m. Circle co-chairs are Helen Lewis (654-7314) and Flo Sheron (882-2280).

CIRCLE SIX

Date: Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Helen Kelly will act as our hostess and Ann Warmuth will lead us in the study of lesson 6 from our study guide. Come and bring a friend! Any questions, call Jane Thomas (882-1202).

Prospective members/guests are welcome at all three.

Opportunities for Study

Three opportunities for study:

- The **Bible & Brown Bag Study Group** meets each Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. They are studying Matthew's Gospel. The conversation is being facilitated by Nancy Morris with the input of everyone. Bring your lunch with you if you wish. All are welcome.
- The **Wednesday Evening Adult Study Group** meets each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Men's Bible classroom. Don Warmuth is the facilitator. A new study will begin on April 6th covering the Old Testament using DVDs and discussion. These lectures by scripture expert Professor Amy-Jill Levine introduce you to the history, religion, and literature of ancient Israel as preserved in the Old Testament, or Hebrew Bible. Professor Levine brings biblical characters and passages to life and vividly reveals the magnificent artistry suffusing the Old Testament. All are welcome to attend.
- The **Tuesday Lenten Book Study** meets each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the library through April 19th. Ann Warmuth is facilitating a study of T. Keller's "The Prodigal God". Contact Ann for the book.

Parents' Night Out April 8th from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Parents' Night Out is the second Friday of each month from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. We are looking for more volunteers. It only amounts to 3 ½ hours out of one day, once a month. Please consider offering your time and talents to this very important mission that our church has chosen to provide for the community. For more information, contact the church office.

In lieu of our regular **Wednesday Night Dinner in April**, the Fellowship Committee invites you to a catered luncheon in Pastors' Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 10. Following lunch, Ed Krech will present an informative and pictorial program entitled: "On the Mt. Everest Route---Risks, Rescues and Reality"

The cost for the catered lunch is \$10.50 per person (family of 3 or more....\$25.00). Reservation with attached payment MUST be received by April 3.

MENU: Spring Salad with praline pecans, Parmesan Chicken, Wild Rice, Steamed broccoli and cauliflower, Homemade bread and rolls. Dessert: Lemon Meringue Pie OR German Chocolate Cake.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th CATERED DINNER AND PROGRAM:

NAME _____ # ATTENDING _____

CHECK ATTACHED: Check # _____ Amount _____

April Birthdays

01 -----	Betty Arnold	15-----	Dot Findley
01 -----	Danny Day	15-----	Shirley Woods
03 -----	Dorothy Marks	16-----	Jacki Berger
03 -----	Evelyn Wallace	16-----	Raymond Williams
05 -----	Barry Conway	19-----	David Hunt
05 -----	Robert Dendy	19-----	Lucy Murr
05 -----	Patricia Henry	21-----	Martha Mahaffee
07 -----	Hayley Carpenter	22-----	Binky Kreyer
07 -----	Hank Cook	22-----	Larry Marett
07 -----	Gordon Lewis	24-----	Richard Cobb
07 -----	John McLellan	24-----	JoAnna McAnally
09 -----	Bob White	24-----	Gensie Waldrop
10 -----	Louis Holleman	26-----	Walker Calderwood
11 -----	Howard DeWolf	28-----	Don Erdman
11 -----	Pat Hendershot	30-----	Ellie Detrick
12 -----	Mike Waldrop	30-----	Jack Kinback
13 -----	Jerry Fouts		



April Anniversaries

01 -----	Chuck & Judy Kellner	08-----	Lynn & Joy Harwell
04 -----	Ed & Sue Crerar	09-----	Bob & Carol Bisceglia
05 -----	Gordon & Helen Lewis	22-----	Bruce & Diana Malcolm

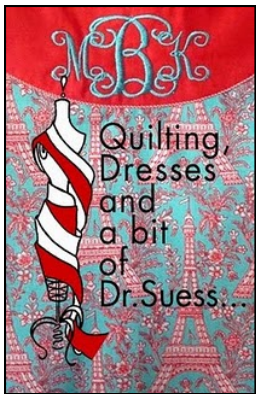
Committee Meetings

- † **Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 12th, at 10:00 a.m.
- † **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 5th, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Joint Session/Deacons Meeting** on Monday, April 4th, at 5:00 p.m.
- † **Fellowship Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 7th, at 10:30 a.m.
- † **Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, April 18th, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Knitting Bee** will meet on Friday, April 8th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapter House; bring a sandwich.
- † **Odyssey Steering Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 12th, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday, April 6th, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Presbyterian Women's Council** will meet on Tuesday, April 12th, at 2:00 p.m.
- † **Session** will meet on Monday, April 25th, at 6:30 p.m.
- † **Stewardship Committee** will meet on Monday, April 18th, at 4:30 p.m.
- † **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, April 13th, at 4:30 p.m.

The Artwork of Patsy Ann Johnson

Many of you long-time church members surely remember John Sam Johnson who retired from the Seneca Presbyterian after over 30 years of caring for our church with great love, and his wife who spent many days helping! Their daughter, Patsy Ann Johnson, is now a talented artist who created the painting of her dad's "Working Hands" which hangs in the Men's Classroom. A church member bought that painting and Patsy wrote the information on the back. She says she would recognize the person who bought the picture but does not recall his name. Can someone help? Now she will be showing some of her art work at the next POP (Pendleton, Oconee, and Pickens) Art Show. Sixty artists will be exhibiting their work, spread around various Seneca locations. Four artists, including Patsy, will be showing their work at the Ballenger House on April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and May 1st, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. She will be there and love to talk. Patsy says her paintings are happy ones, not depressing. Another of her pieces will be shown at the Duke Art Show on April 14th through May 6th. We encourage you to see her work and wish her continued success as part of our family and a talented artist.

Attention Sewing and Quilting Ladies



On Wednesday, April 27th, a day trip to Mary Jo's Cloth Shop in Gastonia, North Carolina is being planned for all who would like to participate.

Mary Jo's is a well-known and respected fabric store which has been in business since 1951 (60 years!!!). It is located just off I-85 at Exit 21 in the Gaston Mall. If you have never been there, you are in for a treat! Thirty-two thousand square feet of every kind of fabric imaginable.....well-organized and labeled for shopping ease.

We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m., have lunch at 11:30 a.m. and shop leisurely until time to return home (3:00 or 3:30 p.m.). Check your calendars and let us know if you are interested. Check out the web site at Mary Jo's Cloth Shop.

Beverly Crabtree (882-1610)

Odyssey Payment/Reservation Procedure – Odyssey is planning several upcoming events that require advance purchase of tickets. The Odyssey Steering Committee hopes to have pre-paid expenses collected from participants prior to an event.

When an event is published on the Odyssey bulletin board, both the fee and cut-off date will be posted and event specific payment/reservation envelopes will be available. Payments in the payment/reservation envelopes may be put in collection plates or delivered to the SPC church office by the cut-off date. If someone signs up but does not pay by the cut-off date, their reservation may be cancelled. In the unlikely event that participation is not sufficient to have an event, Odyssey may cancel the event. Should this happen, all payments will be refunded. **It should be noted that this process only covers fees for pre-paid expenses.** As an example, if there is a group dinner on an event with pre-paid tickets (i.e. – Centre Stage), the cost of the participant's meal is their responsibility and is not included in the fee.

Odyssey News

Six revelers left SPC after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, the 6th of March, to travel to Anderson for the annual “Senior Follies.” Everyone was more than pleased with the talent and professional performers. There was also new lighting and great staging at this year’s event. Before the performance, a lunch at Tuckers was enjoyed. This annual event is one that always pleases each and every attendee.

Odyssey Game Day – Continues to meet on the second Friday of each month. Come and join us on Friday, April 8th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the Forum Room, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We play a variety of games. Popcorn and drinks are provided. If you have questions, please call Helen Lewis at 654-7314.

Odyssey is excited to offer a **Card-Making Class** taught by our own very talented and artistic **Dian Yanessa**. This class will be held in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom on April 26th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will be making four beautiful hand-made cards. Take-home directions and templates as well as helpful websites will be provided as well as all supplies. Lunch will be included. A fee of \$10.00 (for supplies and lunch) will be collected the day of the class. **Hurry to sign up at the Odyssey Bulletin Board outside the church office (same side) --- there are only 12 slots available.**

Odyssey May Event – Join us for a Foothills Chorale concert on Sunday, May 1st, 3:00 p.m. at the Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center, Southern Wesleyan University, in Central, SC. “**Those Wondrous Mystical Isles**” includes beautiful songs from the rich musical cultures of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Dream with “**She Walks in Beauty**”, and “**All Through the Night**”; or chuckle at “**What Shall We Do with a Drunken Sailor**” and “**Galbally Farmer**”. The Scots in our midst will thrill to “**The Skye Boat Song**” and “**Wi’ a Hundred Pipers**”. Some songs will be familiar and others new, but you will enjoy them all as rendered by this talented group—all without traveling far from home. Sign up on the Odyssey bulletin board and pay using the payment/reservation envelopes located there. Tickets are \$15 each, and the payment *deadline is Sunday, April 24th*. Early payments are appreciated. (No handling fee if you purchase tickets through Odyssey!) Carpooling from church and/or Keowee Key can be arranged. Contact person is Joan Erdman, 944-7342.

UPDATE ON THE ODYSSEY PROPOSED BUS TRIP TO THE BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY: THE DATE OF JUNE 16 HAS BEEN SET AND THE BUS HAS BEEN CHARTERED. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO AND DETAILS.

Spring Golf Outing

Please “hold this date” for the church spring golf outing on **Thursday, May 26th , 1:00 p.m. start time.**

Shotgun Start. Look for a sign-up sheet and more details in the Sunday bulletins and the May Presby Press.



Flower Calendar

April 3 – Communion

April 10 – The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Flo Sheron in memory of Elizabeth B. Bowden.

April 17 – The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jim and Sandy Olsen in loving memory of Sandy's mother, Miriam Craig, who would have been 98 years old on April 17th.

April 24 – Easter Sunday

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us... Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Beryl Lowry. Thank you for the lovely reception you provided for our family and friends after the service for mother. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely --- Kirk & Ann Lowry

Thank you all who blessed us both with your prayers and kind deeds the past months. Bob is home now and looking forward to a complete recovery.

Nancy Buse

Memorials

Ann Bandy: Robert McCarty, Ann Smith, and Jack & Betty Kinback

Evangeline Caswell: Vivian White

Hessie Finley: Kirk & Ann Lowry

Beryl Lowry: Archie & Barbara Barron, Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Dwight Pearson, Gen & Caroline DuRant and Bess Hunter Jones, and Robert & Nancy Dendy

Robert Nordman: Jeanne Dost

Volunteers in Medical Missions 5-K Race and Walk



The annual **Volunteers in Medical Missions 5K Walk/Run** is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16th, at South Cove Park. VIMM is a wonderful Seneca-based organization that sends volunteer doctors and medical workers to undeveloped countries in South and Central America, Africa, and even Asia to provide medical treatment to areas that would otherwise have none. SPC has supported them by sending the largest number of members of any church in Oconee County to this walk/race for five of the past six years. Please sign up -- you can even be a 'sleepwalker' by signing up but not participating and yet count towards our total! Applications are on the table outside the office or see Ed Krech.

February Window into the Session

By: Bob Norton

A moving devotional and opening prayer by Bob White began a stirring, spirited and spiritual meeting. As always, we discussed cares and concerns of our congregation and its extended families.

We covered long-range planning as it related to, yes, bricks and mortar, but more deeply to spiritual guidance, church growth, church direction and expanded ministries. We are looking for committee people with broad-based experiences and open minds.

We endorsed Melissa Krabbe as a candidate for ministry with all rights thereto appertaining. She is a gifted person half way through a strenuous program at Erskine College, juggling family, church and a new, in the making, title, "Gramma."

The 2010 Trustee report displayed wonderful returns in a woeful market. Jerry Crabtree, Emily Land, and Jerry Fouts are to be highly commended.

The Session approved a new staff part-time position – Parish Associate – and approved Richard W. Caldwell for that position. His duties, coordinated by Senior Pastor Nancy, will include congregational hospital, shut-in and convalescent visits and pulpit supply as required. His return to our church in this capacity is a wonderful addition for all of our members.

Major kudos to our Building and Grounds Committee—Dick Kassler, Bob Bender, Bob Caswell, Biff Kennedy, Larry Marett, Ken Schuman, and Al Smeaton. The grounds look beautiful, but wait until you see the new 20' x 30' meeting room at the Chapter House! Thank you B&G for all you do.

Thanks also to Bob White, Beth Kloker and Glenda Pitts for streamlining financial statements. We are a blessed church to have dedicated people and a giving and caring congregation making all this possible.

Note: Because the Session now meets on the 4th Monday of each month, "Window into the Session" will appear in the Presby Press one month later. You may pick up a copy of the "Window" one week after the meetings in the church office or view it on the website, www.senecapresbyterianchurch.com.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Please remember that we, the American people, are the most blessed people in the world. Sure, we have the hungry and the unemployed at this time in our history, but, as a whole, we are more secure than many. For over fifty years, Presbyterians have joined other Christians in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing to help those in need throughout the world. How could we better share the love of Christ than to share our blessings with those in need?



The special offering on Easter Sunday will be used to support three programs: The Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, and the Self-Development of People. We are also assured that ninety percent of all monies will reach those in need. **Let's share God's love.**

Bible Chat

This is one in a series of Bruce Woods' "Bible Chat" articles for the newsletters. This is Bruce's way of offering some of his knowledge, training (to be a lay pastor), and perspectives with the congregation and friends. We thank Bruce for his contributions. While the articles will be reviewed, please note the views and content are not necessarily those of the Session, pastor or this congregation. Feel free to contact Bruce for any comments or questions.

In Genesis 22:1-17 there is a remarkable episode in the early history of the chosen people. The KJV rendition starts the story, "And it came to pass after these things that God did tempt Abraham..." The NIV reads, "Some time later God tested Abraham..."

How do we view this "test" from God? This isn't the only test referenced in the Old Testament. Other occasions include Israel being tested: Ex. 15:22-26, 16:4, 20:18-20; Deut 8:22, 16; Judg. 2:21-22, 3:1-4. In 2 Chron. 32:31 King Hezekiah was tested. And, in Psalm 26:2, David asks God to test him. If you look at these passages, you'll see that the testing focuses on the subject of obedience. There are other passages in the Bible where instead of God testing his people or leaders of His people, the idea of "testing" is reversed as a term in which man tests or tries God. The meaning in this context is obviously different; man is seeking to tempt God – something that Satan has been trying to do for millennia. So, the rendering in the KJV as "tempt" is less precise than the word "test" used in many modern translations.

In this instance, the "test" was a demonstration of what Abraham professed to believe. Test is often meant in the context 'to prove'. And Abraham was facing the test of his life. God cannot be tempted by evil nor does he entice evil through temptation. So, in modern legal terms, this was not some divine plan of entrapment or a modern day sting operation. And what is the purpose of God's testing His people? His purposes are to strengthen the faith of His people, to prepare them for future difficulties and challenges. Was God really trying to convince Abraham that human sacrifice was acceptable under certain circumstances? Was God trying to tell Abraham that it was right for his "miracle child" Isaac to be sacrificed as lamb or other burnt offering?

Abraham must have been in terrible anguish as the fateful moment approached. Only he knew that his son was to be the one sacrificed. Only he knew that he was about to be put into a position to slaughter his son and set his body on fire. But, Abraham's faith was fully tested by God and the sacrifice was that of a sheep that *happened* to be nearby caught in the underbrush.

But whatever anguish Abraham felt during this episode had already been experienced by God. He already knew that His son Jesus was to be a sacrifice. His son had been with Him forever – not the mere several years that Isaac had lived. And, per God's redemption plan, there was no "ram caught in a thicket" substitute. Even as Jesus prayed in Gethsemane to 'have this cup pass from me', both God and His son Jesus chose obedience and the salvation of their creation despite the terrible suffering and sacrifice.

Those choosing to follow Christ will be tested. In those hours of testing, we need to trust that whatever God provides for us will be sufficient for our needs. In our next chat, we'll take a closer look at those "jots & tittles" – Matt. 5:17-20.

-Bruce Woods-



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Mr. James Gaines	Custodian
Dr. Robert S. Dendy	Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Barbara Nagy	Missionary (serving in Malawi)

“The Sunday Morning Place to Be”

Join us for Sunday Morning
 Contemporary Worship at 9:00 a.m.
 Traditional Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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During All Sunday Morning Sunday School &
 Worship Services

Sunday School

9:00 a.m. - Downstairs
 Nursery – 5th grade

10:00 a.m.

Educational Building, Upper Level:

Study of Genesis Group - Library
 Sara Davis Stribling Class: Women
 Men’s Bible Class

April Scripture

April 3: 1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14;
 John 9:1-41

April 10: Ezek. 37:1-14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6-11;
 John 11:1-45

April 17: Matt. 21:1-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29;
 Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11;
 Matt. 26:14-27:66 or Matt. 27:11-54

April 24: Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6;
 Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or
 Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or
 Matt. 28:1-10; Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114;
 1 Cor. 5:6b–8; Luke 24:13-49