



THE MESSENGER

June 2017

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Psalm 138

Psalm 138 is one of the happiest psalms in the Bible, but it is not only a song of praise to God. It also teaches who God is, what God does, and how humans should respond to God. We proclaim God as immortal, invisible, wise, holy, light, power, and hope. We believe that God is all-powerful, present everywhere, and all-knowing. In Psalm 119, the writer tells us that God is holy, great, high, and eternal. A careful reading reveals that in this text the psalmist describes God in terms of what God does, not who God is. The author praises God for steadfast love, faithfulness, and answering humans, increasing strength, speaking, regarding the lowly, preserving, reaching out, delivering, and fulfilling God's purpose for humans.

One of the main themes flowing through this psalm is the doctrine of God's providence. When we reflect on God's providence we are inquiring about God's

ordering of creation and exploring how God acts in the world. The author of this psalm had no doubt that God is the creator who intervenes in the world, the history of Israel, and the lives of individuals.

Grace and peace,

Tom

SESSIONAL INFORMATION

Reminder: There will be no adult Sunday School and Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, May 28 through Sunday, September 3.

Communion will be served on **Sunday, June 4.**

The Session will meet on **Monday, June 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the Tom Worthy Classroom.

The Witness and Service Committee will be collecting school supplies from June-August for **Ebenezer Avenue and Belleview Elementary Schools** in Rock Hill District #3. A combined list of suggested supplies provided by the faculties of both schools are listed below. Last summer's donations from you for Rosewood Elementary were so generous and we hope that we will be able to do the same for the children at Ebenezer and Belleview. **These children really need our help!**

Supplies needed: 24 pk Crayola crayons, 8-10 ct. Crayola markers, 12 ct. colored pencils, #2 pencils (Ticonderoga suggested), pencil top erasers, glue sticks, Elmer's liquid glue, full size plastic pencil box, pencil pouch with zipper, earbuds for IPAD, 1" & 1 1/2" 3-ring binders, 150 count wide and college ruled notebook paper, 5 subject dividers, plain white copy paper, plastic pocket folders w/brads, marbled composition notebooks, book bags, hand sanitizer, Kleenex.



Meetings and Misc Info

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18.

There will be an election on **Tuesday, June 20** for the purpose of electing a US House District 5 and a SC State House District 48 Representative.

Our pastor will be retiring on **June 30**. On **Sunday June 25** he will be preaching his last sermon for us at 10:00 a.m.

We will be honoring our pastor with a retirement luncheon on **Sunday, June 25** at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. We will have a covered dish lunch and the church will provide the meat. So please bring your favorite dishes. Since we will be expecting some guests, please add a little extra.



Gadgets and Gizmos Vacation Bible School every Sunday in July beginning the 9th from 6-8:30pm. Meals will be in the June bulletins. More information will be included in the June bulletin.



April

Food Lion 319 boxes

Publix 91 boxes

Papa Johns 100 pizzas

Olive Garden 271 lbs

The Food Ministry was also able to help feed 407 families through donations given to Mt Prospect Church and 592 families to St. Mary's.

PLENTIFUL HARVEST KITCHEN

May 7: 157 people served

14: 140 people served

21: 82 people served

28: people served

PHK Greeters:

June 4: Lake Mew

11: Rachel Cook

18: Sue Boulware & Sheila Stewart

25: Terry & Sandy Odom

PHK Team Leader/Cooks:

June 4: Chelsea Bell-Houston/Diva Sisterhood

11: Colleen Seres/Forest Hill

18: Rod Hicks/First Pres. RH

25: Wayne Maury/RHPD



Any boys K-5th grade interested in our scouting program please contact Josh Bell 803-448-5770.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

The Night Circle will meet on **Monday, June 12** at **7:00 p.m.** in the church parlor. Judy Sherer will be the hostess and worship leader

for the lesson. Light refreshments will be served.

The Morning Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, June 13** at 10:00 a.m. Jan Goodman will have the devotion and will be the worship leader for the lesson. Everyone is invited to go out to lunch after the meeting.

Mission Sunday is June 25. The offering will be going to the Safe Passage in Lancaster, York, and Chester Counties in S.C. and Thornwell Home for the children in South Carolina. Collection will be at both church doors following the worship service and anything you can give will be appreciated.

There will not be a June Council meeting.

The next council meeting will be on **Monday, July 17.** Please provide any information for the JULY newsletter to Martha Hinson by **Monday, June 19.**

Updated Information needed!!!

The Covenant Presbyterian Women are in the process of updating their handbook. If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, please contact Beulah Munn at 803-366-9890 or the church office at 366-8223.

Attention Graduates: The Covenant Presbyterian Women will be recognizing graduates that are members of Covenant during a designated Sunday worship service. If you know of any high school, college and technical degree recipients, please contact Beulah Munn at 366-9890 or our church secretary, Lisa at 366-8223.

Please consider placing flowers in the church in honor or memory of someone on the Sunday of your choice. The calendar is placed on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you prefer, you may make a contribution to the flower fund which will be used to

purchase artificial flowers for arrangements. The week you are scheduled you will receive a reminder in the mail. Let's all help make our sanctuary beautiful on Sunday. Thanks, Carolyn

On May 21 Covenant Presbyterian Women enjoyed food and fellowship during their May Joint meeting with 21 ladies in attendance. This was our Presbyterian Women Birthday meeting and a special thanks to Sheryl Osborne for providing an excellent program. We collected \$200 and thank you to those who attended, prepared food and cleaned up. A special thanks to Night Circle for setting up. The new officers for 2017-2018 were presented, voted and accepted. Thank you, Beulah for a great job and for all your hard work in obtaining our new officers. Also at the worship service, Barbara presented Brenda Beckham with the Lifetime Award and was also recognized at the joint meeting. Thank you Brenda for your Christian dedication and deeply appreciated your contributions to Covenant. We will miss you!!!

Please note the following Covenant Presbyterian Women 2017-2018

Moderator: Barbara Lewis

Vice Moderator: Carolyn Garland

Treasurer: Cathy Dawkins

Secretary/Historian: Carol Montgomery

National, International & Local Missions:

Sheryl Osborne

Leader Development: Beulah Munn

Congregational Activities/Honor Ladies:

Pam East

Bible Study & Spiritual Growth: Dorothy Mew & Gay Tanis

Night Circle: Rachel Cook, Leader, & Diana DeCarlis, Co-Leader

Morning Circle: Jan Goodman, Leader & Nancy Luchs, Co-leader

Flower Chairman: Carolyn Garland

Nursery Chairman: Dora Duer

Luncheon Chairman: Lee Dove

Shower Chairman: Marleen Holmes

PW'S TREASURER'S REPORT

May

Beginning Bal. \$ 1,810.45
Expenses: \$ 730.28
Deposits: \$ 580.00
Ending Bal. \$ 1,660.17

MOC NEWS

MOC Breakfast will be **Sunday, June 18** at 8:45 a.m. Cooks will be: Bud Dark, Curtis Kelley and Joe Osborne.

From Our Treasurer

April 2017 Income \$ 13,085.00
April 2017 Expenses \$ 12,431.30
YTD 2017 Income \$ 58,655.10
YTD 2017 Expenses \$ 53,711.82

Communion Worker: Leigh Stikeleather
Greeters: Joe & Sheryl Osborne
Ushers: Skeet Dawkins, Leigh Stikeleather, Don Holmes, Linda Mattison
Elder in Worship: Sharon Griffith
Duty Elders: Skeet Dawkins, Leigh Stikeleather



Nursery Workers

June 4: Gay Tanis & Beulah Munn
11: Dorothy Mew & Marlene Holmes
18: Barbara Lewis & Lisa Bell
25: Sheryl Osborne & Heather Dark

Just a reminder, if you cannot be there on a Sunday when you are assigned nursery duty

please contact **Dora Duer at 803-517-5526.**
Thank you for being willing to care for our children!



Birthdays

June 8: Cathy VanAntwerp
17: Iain Colquhoun
19: Tom Sherer
24: Kevin Boulware
28: Skeet Dawkins



MEMBERS:

Shirley Clark
Mark Willis
Bill & Leigh Stikeleather
Mae Williams
Betty Richardson
Lib Childers
Jan Goodman
Diane Barber
Phillip Griffith
Linda Mattison
Sandy Odom
Eileen Nichols
Eddie Montgomery

SHUT-IN MEMBERS:

Doris Wild
George Brockelbank
Mattie Belk
Caroline von Rosenberg

FRIENDS & RELATIVES:

Bert Riddle (Klotz's son in law's mom)
William Baker (cancer) & David Dietrich (friend of Tomberlin family)
Vivienne Good (bone cancer)
Dottie Graham (Judy Sherer's sister)
Tom Bryson (Jody Lewis' step father in law)
Kim Jennings (cancer)
Sam Jacob (friend of Steve Garland)
Anna Belle Griffith (Sharon Myers Griffith)
Diane Huseton (Tom's cousin)
Linda Hutton (Jane's sister)
Judy Thomas (Rachel's sister in law)-Cancer
Michael Nichols (Eileen's grandson)
John Hunter (cancer friend of Phillip Griffith)
Melba Jones
Toni Moss (Sharon Myers Griffith's sister-ALS)
Vera Collins (Carolyn Garland's mom)
Charlie & Beverly Robbins (friends of Flo)
Jimmy Miller (Shirley Miller's brother in law)
Jerry Coker (family friend of the Griffith's)
Richard Pfaff (kidney failure)
Family of David Deas (friend of Sue Boulware)
Phyllis Ann Parker & Miranda Parker
James Luensbrotd (Jan Goodman's brother)
Christie Collins (cancer)
Jane Grigg (Brenda Beckham's aunt)
Euris Hyatt (Dorothy Mew's brother in law)
Mike and Michelle's baby (Nancy Luchs)
Christy Banks (Friend of Brenda Beckham)
Bob Morgan (cancer)
Joy Hiott (cancer-friend of Austin Colquhoun)
Frank (Eloise & Janet's brother)
The Brockelbank's son (motorcycle accident)
Walter Grigg (Brenda's uncle)
Angela Robinson

All Military Personnel at home and abroad
Charles Tomberlin, Nick Buchanan
Joshua Sturgis (Eileen Nichols' grandson)
Justin Pfaff (Eileen Nichols' grandson) Air Force-
Japan