



THE MESSENGER

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As I write this newsletter article with the calendar on my desk opened to today's date it is indeed hard to believe that we have been together in a congregation and interim pastor relationship for almost a month. I started as your interim pastor September 1, 2017 and on October 1 we will celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday with Christians all over the world. What a grand way to celebrate a month of ministry and service with you. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know you as a faith community on our corner of Rock Hill. For those of you I know, I've enjoyed re-connecting. For those of you I've recently met, I look forward to getting to know you and share our faith stories with one another.

In the beginning of this letter to you I used the term interim pastor. You may know that interim is not permanent. I like to use the term substitute teacher from my background in education. I will be the interim pastor for Covenant Presbyterian from September 1, 2017 through August 31,

2018 at which time the relationship may be renewed if necessary with the session, Providence Presbytery and your interim all in agreement. The easiest way to put this might be to say I have a one year contract with you and you with me.

So what does an interim do exactly? Just like any minister, I am accountable to the presbytery and will provide reports on our progress regarding ministry and service. Goals for our ministry are to work together as congregation and interim pastor on five focus points for interim ministry. Those five points are; Covenant's heritage, mission, leadership, connections and future.

As interim pastor I will also work to provide spiritual and administrative leadership for the congregation, lead worship and administer the sacraments, officiate at weddings and funerals, provide pastoral care, serve as the session's moderator, serve as lead of staff, resource committees with their work, provide training for church officers, prepare persons for church membership, participate in the life and work of Providence Presbytery and assist as needed in the preparation of a congregational mission discernment event.

It is very important for you, the members of the congregation to know that we must be about the five focus points of interim ministry before we may actively begin the search for your new called and installed pastor.

You will need to know your Covenant church heritage, mission, leadership, connections and what and where you desire to be with regard to your future. And that can be hard work. That is hard work, but together, with God's help, we are setting off on an adventure together to see who God may already have in mind for your pastor.

I invite you to pray for this faith community, its leaders, programs, people, acts of service and for its future. Don't

neglect this very important part of our process to be open to God's call to be his faithful people in this time and in this place.

Grace and peace to you all,

DC Horne



SESSIONAL INFORMATION

Communion will be served on **Sunday, October 1.**

The Session will meet on **Monday, October 2** at 7:00 p.m. in the Tom Worthy Classroom.

Dimes for Hunger celebrates 40 years of giving

In 1977, mission minded folks in Bethel Presbytery, now Providence Presbytery, began a program to address hunger in our area of South Carolina. With the closing of many textile mills people felt the impact of economic downfall. Folks in the presbytery proposed that members of Presbyterian churches give one dime per meal per day for the month of October to help fight hunger. That amount comes to \$9.30 for each church member. That first offering collected \$32,707.95!

A feeding center started in Ft. Mill and over the years the money collected has supported food pantries, soup kitchens, and home delivered meals to feed the hungry in Lancaster, Union, Chester, Kershaw and York Counties. Internationally, Dimes for Hunger has directly supported a PCUSA missionary couple in Honduras, programs in Guatemala and in Malawi.

The 2016 Dimes for Hunger offering collected \$52,461.78. Please participate in

this year's Dimes for Hunger offering as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of this ministry.



Meetings and Misc Info

Providence Presbytery meeting will be held at Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church Lakeside Pavilion in Camden, SC on **Sunday, October 8** at 2:30 p.m.

Lisa Quinn, our church secretary will be out of the office on **October 9-10.**

Government Elections will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, October 17 and 31.**

Sunday, October 29 is the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Please make plans to attend this special service and fifth Sunday luncheon.



August

Food Lion 489 boxes

Publix 143 boxes

Papa John's 162 pizzas

Olive Garden 249 lbs

The Food Ministry was also able to help feed 431 people through donations given to Mt Prospect Church and 330 people through donations to St. Mary's.

PLENTIFUL HARVEST KITCHEN

Sept. 3: 90 people served
10: 91 people served
17: 94 people served
24: 90 people served

PHK Greeters:

Oct. 1: Susan Brown
8: Carol Montgomery
15: Joe & Sheryl Osborne
22: Barbara Lewis
29: Dorothy Mew

PHK Team Leader/Cooks:

Oct. 1: Wayne Maury/RHPD
8: Stacy Cleeland/Loaves & Fishes
15: Sarah Childers/Bethesda Pres
22: Calvin Montgomery/Woodhaven
29: Gloria Robinson/Mt. Prospect



SCOUT NEWS

10/5 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall
10/12 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall
10/19 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall
10/26 6:30 Den Meeting/Fellowship Hall
10/27-29 Fall Family Campout (Chester State Park)

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

After the recent fall recruiting events our pack now has 54 boys on our roster. Thanks to the hard work of our recruiting team 27 new families are participating in our scouting program.



Pack 1830 will be having their **3rd annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser** on **Saturday, November 11**. Please come out and support these hardworking boys.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

PW Women's Spiritual Retreat will be held **Saturday, October 7, at 9:30 a.m.** at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center. Cost is \$10 which includes a light lunch. The guest speaker will be Rev. Sam McGregor with a message entitled, "Let the Land say Amen". Schedule is as follows: 9-9:30 a.m. registration, 9:30- Noon: program, Noon: Lunch.

The Night Circle will meet on **Monday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the home of Rachel Cook. Sue Boulware will be the worship leader for the lesson. Light refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy the fellowship and bible study together.

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

Hand Bell Choir, Honor Ladies, and Choir Brunch will be **Sunday, October 15** at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday School that morning so that everyone can participate and help us show

our appreciation to these valuable members.

The PW Council will meet on **Monday, October 16** at 6:30 p.m. in the Tom Worthy Classroom.

Mission Sunday is October 22 and November 26. The offering will be going to the Safe Passage in Lancaster, York, and Chester Counties in S.C. and Thornwell Home for children in South Carolina. Collection will be at both church doors following the worship service. Anything you can give will be appreciated.

There will be a 5th Sunday Luncheon on October 29, 2017 immediately after worship. We encourage everyone to bring your favorite dish to enjoy a meal as well as fellowship with others.

Operation Christmas Child: We are excited to continue our tradition of contributing to this wonderful ministry. Shoe boxes will be **due Sunday, November 12.** Please follow suggestions and no chocolates. Thanks! We look forward to collecting many boxes.

Gift Suggestions: School supplies: pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and pictures books, etc. **Toys:** small cars, balls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-a-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), slinky, etc. **Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, brush, washcloth etc. **Other:** t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries) **Personal note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back). **Do Not Include** Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds;

fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans, if included these items will have to be removed. It has been asked that soap not be included this year. Also include \$9 for each box to help with shipping.

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

PW'S TREASURER'S REPORT August

Beginning Bal.	\$ 1,535.17
Expenses:	\$ 330.00
Deposits:	\$ 72.00
Ending Bal.	\$ 1,277.17

Coming Saturday, November 3

PW Women will have an Inside/Outside Yard Sale on **Saturday, November 3** from 8-1 p.m. Donated items may be brought to the church and placed in the Sunday School room across from the Tom Worthy classroom. There will be tables set up in the fellowship hall as well as outside. Spaces can be purchased for \$25. Outside vendors will need to bring their own tables. This is our annual fundraiser so please be generous.



MOC NEWS

The MOC will meet in the Tom Worthy Classroom at 8:45 on **Sunday, October 15** then eat at the honor ladies breakfast at 9:30. **No MOC food should be bought or prepared.**



From Our Treasurer

August 2017 Income	\$ 11,383.00
August 2017 Expenses	\$ 6,640.76
YTD 2017 Income	\$103,193.34
YTD 2017 Expenses	\$ 94,151.29



Communion Worker: Sharon Griffith
Greeters: Ryan Kelley, Kim Kelley
Ushers: Adam Duer, Betty Richardson, Sheila Stewart, Dorothy Mew
Elder in Worship: Wayne Massey
Duty Elders: Adam Duer, Betty Richardson



Nursery Workers

Oct. 1: Gay Tanis & Marleen Holmes
8: Becky Carroll & Barbara Lewis
15: Heather Dark & Cathy Dawkins
22: Sheryl Osborne & Lisa Bell
29: Carolyn Garland & Dora Duer

Just a reminder, if you cannot be present 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

Oct. 3: Eddie Montgomery
7: Susan Miller
9: Sue Boulware
14: Ardrey Greene
16: Dorothy Mew
18: Bill Stikeleather
22: Terry Odom
27: Peter Van Antwerp
27: Jan Goodman
28: Janet Massey
29: Win Rinehart
30: Clara Buchanan



MEMBERS:

Shirley Clark
Mark Willis
Bill Stikeleather
Mae Williams
Betty Richardson
Lib Childers
Diane Barber
Phillip Griffith
Eileen Nichols
Eddie Montgomery
Ron & Doris Keiber
Barbara Lewis
Clara Buchanan

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)
Diane Huseton (Tom's cousin)
Judy Thomas (Rachel's sister in law)-Cancer
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)
James Luensbrotd (Jan Goodman's brother)
Christie Collins (cancer)
Euris Hyatt (Dorothy Mew's brother in law)
Mike and Michelle's baby (Nancy Luchs)

Christy Banks (Friend of Brenda Beckham)
Bob Morgan (cancer)
Angela Robinson
Steven & Heather Wlnfree (possible Kidney transplant/Donation)
Jane Page (loss of mother)
Jason Polk (Motorcycle accident)
Rev. Ronal King
Brenda Beckham (job)
Christy Banks (friend of Brenda's)
Jane Page (loss of mother)
Francis Johnson & Family (Brenda's choir director)
Frani Pisak (husband Dave killed)
Tommy Reeves (Mew's son in law)
Roxie Owens (cancer)

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