

Seneca Presbyterian Church

July 11, 2021

THE CALL

"The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others"



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

July 11, 2021

Liturgist: **Becky Hetherington**

Flowers in the sanctuary are from **Robin Smith**, in loving memory of her brother Frank, which would have been his birthday on July 14th.

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord our God, this morning—and all of history—is about your generous life-giving love for us. Help us to worship you with undistracted hearts so that our focus would solely be upon you. May your Spirit cause our minds, hearts, souls and voices to exalt your Holy Name as we interact with your people. Hallelujah! Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Sung Response: *Morning Has Broken* *Hymn # 664 vs.1*
Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 85:10-11

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

All: Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

One: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

All: We come to worship You, O God.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #321

The Church's One Foundation

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you send prophetic truth-tellers to shed light on our choices in the world and to show us the ways we need to grow and become better. Instead, we turn aside from listening to them because we fear judgment more than we trust in your unending love. We have learned to avoid situations where we will be stretched to grow in faith and love. We have preferred sequestering ourselves from others and avoid getting to truly know them—even when they can teach us more about you than we know.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us become willing listeners to your prophets; to people of different perspectives and to people who speak your truth to us—even when it is hard to hear. We continue to offer you our prayers of confession in silence.

Sung Response:

Lamb of God

Hymn #604

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 51

ANTHEM

God of Revival

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 8:1-13

SERMON

"A Gullible Faith?"

Dr. Hartman

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From "A Brief Statement of Faith")

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering Hymn

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

*Doxology Hymn #5

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Hosts
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

All we have, and all we are, our lives,
Every day we lift Your Holy Name
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

For your grace, for your mercy,
for your love, we thank You Lord,
for your holiness, for your glory,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
And we sing, Amen, Amen, Amen

Prayer of Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #729**

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

* Let those who are able stand

Prayer Requests

We extend our sympathy and love to Margaret Trainer in the death of her mother, who passed away on June 21st at the Residences at Park Place in Seneca. Please keep Margaret and her whole family in your prayers. A graveside service will be held at 1 pm, Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021, at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, Vermont.

We extend our sympathy and love to Sally Fortune in the death of her sister-in-law, Sandy Cullison, who passed away. Please keep Sally and her whole family in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy and love to the family of Debbie Adam Floyd. Debbie passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Please keep her whole family in your prayers.

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Tracy Andrews, Priscilla Byars, Fynn DeHay, Robert Dendy, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Maria Leitner, Pep Seales, Bob Simpson, Knox and Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

Extended Church Family: Debbie Brewer (cousin of Charlotte McDonald), Carol Conger (Helen Kelly's sister), Bill Cullison (brother of Sally Fortune), Henry Gambrell (brother of Carla Honea), Scott Gawlik (son of Betty Gawlik), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Tess Holtzman (niece of Bonnie and Ken Andruszka), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Jeff Montague (son of Donna and Wayne Montague), Sally Owen (former member), Art Reed (dear friend of Betty and Noel Lehner), Denise Shytle (daughter-in-law of Helen Kelly), Gary Whitehead (husband of Judy Whitehead), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

Dates to Remember!

Don't Miss This Year's Great Decisions 2021

This will be our fifth year to host a Great Decisions discussion group to explore some of the world's big issues. Again, we welcome our own Jay Hetherington as our teacher/facilitator. Jay brings experience and insight from having worked at a high level in the CIA. Group discussion and energetic participation are always lively and interesting. Come to as many as you can if you cannot attend all.

The dates and times are: 6:30-8:00 p.m. **July 14th, 21st, 28th, August 4th and 11th.** Briefing books are helpful but not essential. Available for \$32 each on the Great Decisions web site:

https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/index.cfm?act=show_material&product_id=16868

Topics for 2021 are: Global Supply Chains and National Security, Persian Gulf Security Issues, Brexit and the European Union, Struggles Over the Melting Arctic, China's Role in Africa, The Korean Peninsula, Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic, The End of Globalization? For more information about our group or to sign up, contact the church office (864-882-2505).

YES, we will have a **yard sale on October 16th.** Start cleaning out your closets and storage rooms and collecting donations for the yard sale. We need your treasures.

The **2021 Flower Calendar** notebook is in the library. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2021, please sign on the chosen date. Please remember, instead of fresh flowers you can donate to your favorite charity.

SPC Congregation, The **Shared Blessing Pantry** is continuing to be used and successful, thanks to an amazing SPC congregation and other local neighbors who continue to stock its shelves. Just as a reminder to all, if you want to drop off food to the box during the week, which is in the front of the Chapter House, the best days are Tuesday - Thursday. Foods that have a 'pop-top' are easiest. Also, fruit cups, spaghetti sauce/noodles, small boxes of cereal, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, and jelly. Thanks to all of you who have embraced this new ministry. SPC Deacons.



Lords and Ladies of SPC, VBS 2022 is in the making, and we need your help. Each month we will post items needed for our Knights of North Castle VBS week. If you would be so kind, and are able to help, please donate the following:

**This month we are collecting
Swimming pool noodles (the slim kind found at the Dollar Tree) and
Large sheets of fun foam (these can be found at Hobby Lobby or Michael's)
These items will be used for crafts and decorating the castle.**

Thank you all for your donation.



JOIN US FOR SHAG LESSONS!



Summer is here and what better time to listen to beach music and learn how to Shag? The Church Growth Task Force invites you to join us from
6:30 – 9:00 P.M., August 13th.

Dede and Jeff Ward will be our instructors for a fun evening of lessons!

The Wards are professional Shaggers from Simpsonville and have been teaching for 16 years. They are members of the Greenville Area Shaggers Hall of Fame as well as the SC Shaggers Hall of Fame!

Dede and Jeff teach group lessons as well as private lessons AND both have full time jobs! It's a perfect time to bring neighbors and friends and share the welcoming community that is Seneca Presbyterian Church!

Dress is casual, refreshments will be provided and there is no charge. We will be hosting this event in the Chapter House and this space is limited to 60 folks. Sign up below or call the church to make your

reservations by August 6th.

Dancing is optional but can you imagine NOT having happy feet!!

Name: _____ **How Many** _____



Our Brother's Keeper is holding the 5th Annual Golf Tournament. We are asking everyone at SPC to think about who they can ask to be a hole sponsor. Examples are your handyman, lawyer, financial advisor, and/or just someone in honor of or memory of a loved one. Below is a list of sponsor amounts. Also, if you are a golfer, we are accepting golfers to play on October 1, 2021. Applications are available in the church office.

- Platinum Sponsor \$1000.00 - Will include complimentary entry for team of four (4)
Please provide names of the 4 golfers.
- Gold Sponsor \$750.00 – Will include complimentary entry for team of two (2)
Please provide names of the 2 golfers.
- Silver Sponsor \$500.00 Bronze Sponsor \$250.00 Hole Sponsor \$100.00

FORMAT: 18 HOLES, CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

AWARDS: CLOSEST TO THE PIN and CLOSEST TO THE LINE

SPECIAL: \$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE AWARD

AWARDS FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE TEAMS PER FLIGHT

WHO: OPEN TO ALL WOMEN, MEN, COUPLES AND FOURSOMES

WHEN: FRIDAY, October 1, 2021 RAIN DATE: October 8, 2021

WHERE: OCONEE COUNTRY CLUB 781 RICHLAND RD SENECA, SC

REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM SHOTGUN: 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$60.00 PER PERSON OR \$240.00 PER TEAM BY September 17, 2021