

Seneca Presbyterian Church

July 25, 2021

THE CALL

“The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others”



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

July 25, 2021

Liturgist: Louis Holleman

*Flowers in the sanctuary are from **Ann and Everett Fuller** for their wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!*

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God: you spoke this world into motion; you breathed life into each creature, and you painted landscapes in colorful hues. You alone are God. Let the earth be glad and your people rejoice! Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Choral 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

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #438

Rock of Ages

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, infinite Word of truth, breathe upon us the refreshing breath of your Holy Spirit and forgive our transgressions. Cleanse our hearts from the uncertainty that finds expression in doubt. Forgive us for assumptions that deny us the power of your presence and healing in our lives. May we find Jesus as our Savior again this day so that our lives will be filled with his grace and be reflections of his love. In Jesus' name we pray, as we continue to offer our prayers in silence . . . *(silent prayers of confession)*

Choral 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

II Corinthians 5:17

One: If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

*Gloria Patri:

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 14

ANTHEM

Whom Shall I Fear

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3: 14-21

SERMON

“Finding Jesus”

Dr. Hartman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

10,000 Reasons

*Doxology

New Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim. The pow'r and might of His great Name.
Let us exalt on bended knee. Praise God the Holy Trinity.

Praise God praise God, Praise God Who saved my soul. Praise God praise God.
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Prayer of Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer Requests

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 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 may make a donation to your favorite charity.

SPC Shared Blessings Pantry

The title says it all...the congregation of SPC is sharing their food with our neighbors who need our help. But as you can see from the photo below, sometimes the pantry is not as full as it could be.

The church fills the box on Mondays and Fridays, but in between those days, if you happen to go shopping and pick up a few extra items, please drive by the box and put them inside. Our neighbors in need love peanut butter crackers, canned fruit, granola bars, bottled water, easy-to-open containers of any type of food you think might be nutritional.

We are all blessed when we help others. Thank you!

Knohl Hall Lock Changed

The doors at Knohl Hall are changed to an Access Control System The doors to the main entrances (Oak Street parking lot entrance and West South 1st Street entrance) to Knohl Hall will need a code for entry. Your key will not work anymore. If you will need a code, please send an email to Robin Smith, Secretary, or Glenn McCants, Building and Grounds Moderator, and give your name and the reason you need a code. Email rsmithsprez@gmail.com or james_mccants@bellsouth.net or call the church 882-2505.

Young People's Choir at the church?

The children will have rehearsal **Sunday's, 11:15 AM** immediately following the worship service and will meet in the Choir Room. All children aged 5 through 12 are invited to come. AND any young person aged 13 and older is also invited to come to talk with our Music Director, Rosalie Hovencamp, about singing with the adult choir.

A young person need not be a member of SPC to come and sing with us. All are welcome.

Choir/Band meets every Tuesday for practice every Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

If you have a young person who you will bring to this meeting / rehearsal OR have additional questions, please contact Rosalie Hovencamp by email at: rosencamp81@hotmail.com



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 _____

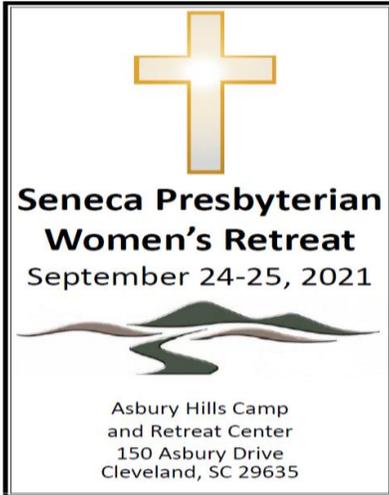


Our Brother's Keeper is holding the **5th Annual Golf Tournament**. We are asking everyone at SPC to think about who they can ask to be a hole sponsor. Examples are your handyman, lawyer, financial advisor, and/or just someone in honor of or memory of a loved one. Below is a list of sponsor amounts. 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

Eleventh Annual SPC Women's Retreat



We are excited to announce that our eleventh annual retreat will finally happen **September 24th and 25th**. If you have not been on a retreat with **us**, please consider joining us for time away from the everyday and to make new friends, rest, relax and enjoy God's beautiful creation. There are a limited number of spaces available for anyone who would like to join us.

The retreat will again be held at Asbury Hills Retreat Center in Cleveland, SC. We will gather in the late afternoon on Friday and spend 24 hours together, then return home, refreshed, and renewed, on Saturday afternoon. The cost is **\$100** for overnight accommodations, including bedding and towels, and three meals - dinner on Friday, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday. The price also includes an honorarium for our leader, Elizabeth Hartman. If cost is an issue, partial scholarships are available from Presbyterian Women and from the Christian Education committee. For information about scholarships please contact Kathy Gerner, CE moderator.

To reserve a spot, please fill out the form below and return to the church with your check for **\$100** made out to **Seneca Presbyterian Church with "Women's retreat 2021" on the memo line.**

We have two cabins available; please indicate which you prefer. Batson is larger and closer to the Dining Hall. Creekside is smaller and a little bit farther to the Dining Hall. All rooms offer individual beds and a private bath. There is a single room available (in Creekside), four rooms that sleep three people, and the others are doubles. If you have roommate preferences, please also indicate that.

Contact Brenda Thomson at 864-723-9031 or abthomson@charter.net if you need additional information or have any questions.

Name _____

E-mail address _____

Lodge preference: Batson _____ Creekside _____

Room preference: Single _____ Double _____ Triple _____

Roommate(s) _____

The single room will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Additional requests for single rooms may be accommodated if all double rooms are not filled.

Interested in carpooling: Willing to drive _____ Want a ride _____