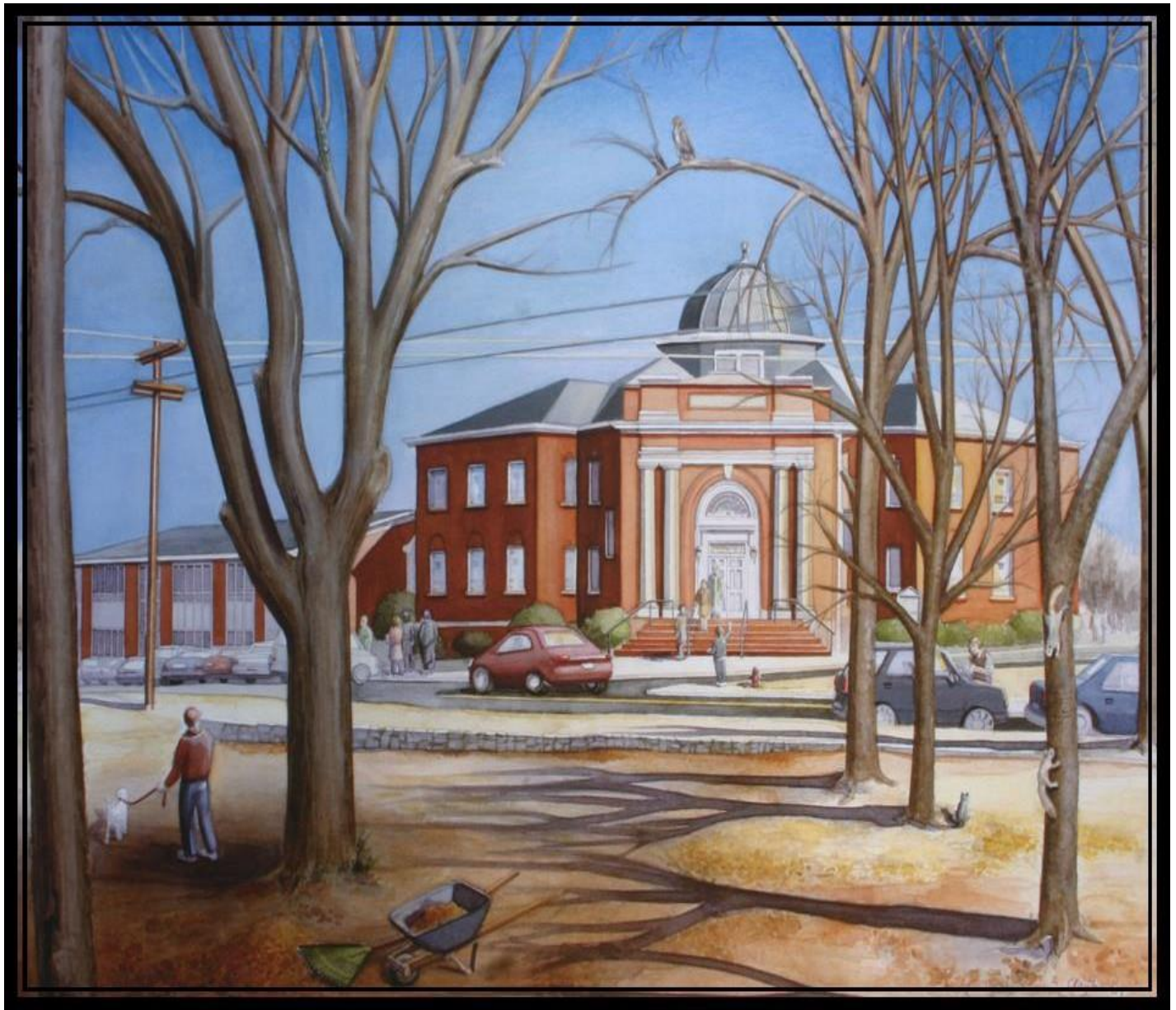


# Seneca Presbyterian Church

August 22, 2021

## THE CALL

*“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”*



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# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

August 22, 2021

**Liturgist: Becky Hetherington**

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by **Peggy and Jerry Fouts** in honor of their wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

## GATHERING

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

**SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Eternal God, in your kingdom the last shall be first, and the least shall be honored. Help us to live with courtesy, kindness, and love for one another so that our lives may show forth the wisdom and grace of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**POURING OF THE WATER**

**Sung Response:**

*You Belong to Christ*

Hymn # 492

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**(Congregation reads bold print)**

*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.*

**And He shall reign forever and ever.**

*We come to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.*

**We call upon the Lord for the Lord alone is our refuge and strength.**

*Let us worship God!*

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #301**

*Let Us Build a House All Are Welcome (vs. 1,2,5)*

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Gracious God, you have showered us with an abundance of blessings. For food and lodging to meaningful work and loving friends and family we are grateful. Our cup runneth over.**

**Yet we confess our slowness in coming to you with our gratitude. Sometimes it is because we feel that we must achieve a threshold of blessings before offering thanks. Other times we fear that naming our blessings out loud will somehow lead to them magically disappearing. And yet other times we are so preoccupied with ourselves that we attribute any good outcomes to our own hard work.**

**Forgive us, O Lord and help us to be better stewards of the many gifts you have lavished up us. Remind us of your consistent presence in our lives and our world. Remind us to come into your sanctuary with songs of praise and prayers of thanksgiving. Hear us now as we continue to offer our prayers in silence . . .**

*(silent prayers of confession)*

**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**

**\*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**

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 84

**ANTHEM**

*The Father's House*

**A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 6:10-20

**SERMON**

"Refuge"

Dr. Hartman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

**Musical Offering Hymn #625**

*How Great Thou Art*

**\*Doxology Hymn #609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #766**

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\* Let those who are able stand

**We'd Love to Have You Join Us . . .**

To those newly worshipping with us and those who have been visiting for a while, we warmly welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for any and all of the activities and opportunities we provide. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We also extend an invitation to unite with this church. Periodically we offer a class called "Discover SPC" that will provide the opportunity for you to become familiar with our church. The next class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12, 11 am-2pm**. Lunch will be served. While this class is not required, it is encouraged for those interested in church membership. We will welcome new members to the congregation on September 26.

Please register for this class by calling the church office. If you are interested in membership without attending the class, let the church office know and you will be included in the new member welcome.

If you are interested in a conversation about membership, do not hesitate to contact Pastor John Hartman by calling the church office at 882-2505 any time.

## Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** Nancy Allgood, Tracy Andrews, Priscilla Byars, \***Danny Day**, Fynn DeHay, Sally Fortune, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Judy Kellner, Maria Leitner, Pep Seales, Bob Simpson, Knox and Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

**Extended Church Family:** Eileen Andruszka (sister of Ken Andruszka,) Debbie Brewer (cousin of Charlotte McDonald), Keaton Cleary (brother-in-law of Janey Turner), 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!

Following this Sunday's service there will be a dedication of The Gathering Place in Knohl Hall with a brief reception for all. Please come and help celebrate the completion of our renovated space.

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Our **handbell choir** welcomes new ringers. If you would like to know more about ringing bells, join them on **Mondays, Starting August 23rd. at 6:00 p.m.** Come explore the challenge and joy of hand bells! We welcome anyone who is interested in learning to play and joining the fun they have ringing the bells. Don't be shy, come and try!

## Young Adults

Our next get-together is going to be **August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at El Agave Mexican Restaurant 1018 Bypass 123 Seneca (across from Moe's). All welcome!

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**JOIN US FOR BROWN BAG AND BIBLE STUDY (BB&B) is beginning a new book starting September 9th.**

**Everyone is welcome to attend! Date: Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Time: 12:00 - 1:15**

**Study:** "The Applause of Heaven" by Max Lucado (a study of the Beatitudes)

We be meeting at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom. \$13.79 Amazon or \$11.99

Christianbook.com If you have any questions, you can contact Dian Yanessa (864-882-0282) or John ((864-280-1888).

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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.

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The **2021 Flower Calendar** notebook is in the Gathering Room. 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.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY PEANUT BUTTER** – Every fifth Sunday this congregation presents an offering of peanut butter that will be given to the Golden Corner Food Pantry. Peanut butter is wonderfully nutritious but also too expensive to purchase in bulk, so your contributions are greatly appreciated. Don't forget your peanut butter on Sunday.

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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 located in 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:**  
**Found at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, or \$ Tree**  
**This month we are collecting**  
**Construction Paper, Markers, Tacky Glue**  
**These items will be used for crafts and decorating the castle.**  
**Thank you all for your donations.**

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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.

### **BENEFIT FOR THE OCONEE UNITED MINISTRIES**

The Oconee United Ministries (O.U.M.), a partner of United Way, was founded in 1981 to help needy persons of Oconee County who have fallen through the cracks of community assistance and need emergency financial aid for rent, utilities, medical & dental, prescription drugs, GED fees and transportation. The fund is supported by the Presbyterian Churches (USA) of Oconee County (Seneca, Westminster, Bethel, West Union, and Walhalla) and United Methodist Churches (Clemson and St. Mark). Since its inception, this small organization, an approved 501(c)(3) charity, has disbursed \$1,975,000 to 22,389 households. The mission has remained unchanged for 38 years. O.U.M continues to open Tuesdays and Thursdays and is staffed entirely by volunteers from the churches. All contributions go to meet the needs of families in Oconee County.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 864-882-2505**

**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**

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)

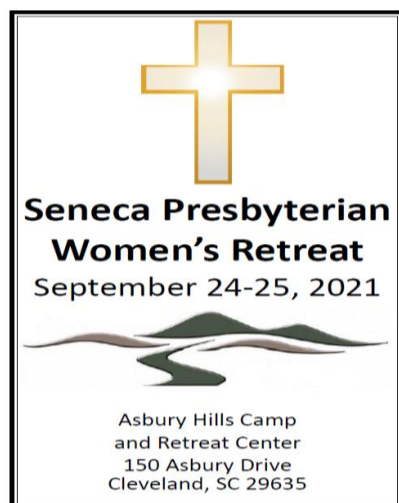
Please provide names of the 2 golfers.

Silver Sponsor \$500.00

Bronze Sponsor \$250.00

Hole Sponsor \$100.00

# Eleventh Annual SPC Women's Retreat



We are excited to announce that our eleventh annual retreat will finally happen **September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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 \_\_\_\_\_