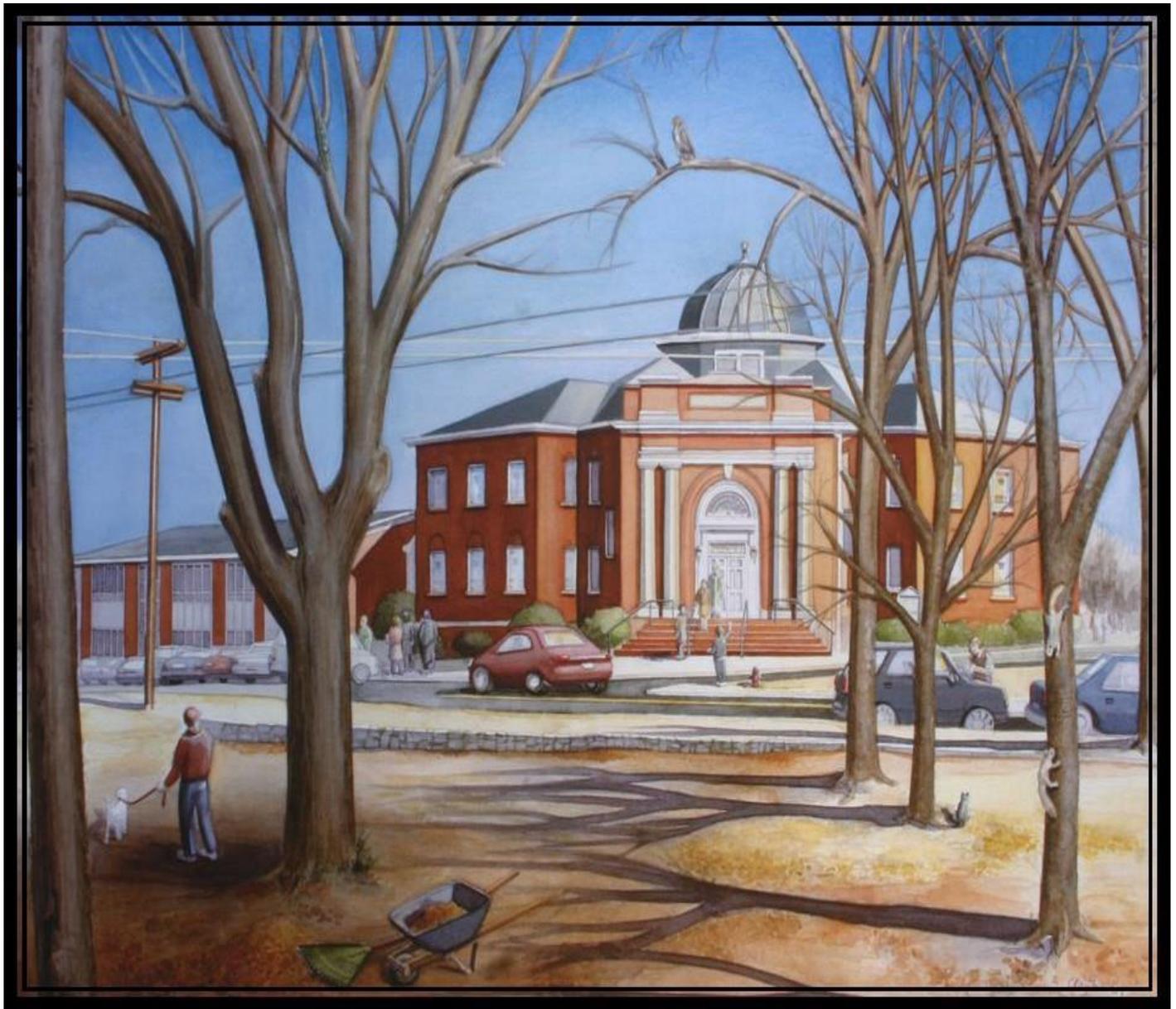


Seneca Presbyterian Church

August 29, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



115 West South First St., Seneca, SC 29678 (864) 882-2505 www.sprez.org

WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

August 29, 2021

Liturgist: Carol Hartman

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Clean

Rosalie Hovencamp

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Faithful God, the Psalmist tells us that "joy comes in the morning". This morning we come to worship asking that you would replenish our joy. Tend to the sorrows of our hearts and console us in all of our troubles that we might be led to joy. We seek not a false joy or a fake joy, but the genuine joy wherein we find you present in our lives and the One who uplifts our souls. 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

(Psalm 136-1-3)

(Congregation reads bold print)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

For his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

God of our Blessing and joy, have mercy on us for our short sightedness. We remember the bad and bury remembrances of the good. We fear that if we do not change what others believe, that your kingdom will not come. We constantly scan the world to find fault in others. We despair that our current condition will last forever.

O Lord, forgive us. Expand our vision, encourage us with hope and guide us along our way. Remind us that you have both today and tomorrow in your hands. Give us the courage to live knowing that you will always provide us with everything we need. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 24:1-6

ANTHEM

My Lord What a Mornin'/In This Very Room

Diane Demont-Malle

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

John 12:1-8

SERMON

“To Believe Again”

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

Search Me O God

*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

Testify

*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, 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), ***Pat Durben (friend of Betty Lehner)**, 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!

Our **handbell choir** welcomes new ringers. If you would like to know more about ringing bells, join them on **Mondays 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! **No practice on Monday, September 6th due to a holiday.**

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 9th 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).

Sunday School Classes will begin on September 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

We have one Adult Class that meets in the classroom #3 (Koinonia Classroom). The leaders, Dan Toole, and Betty Lehner, discuss various chapters of the Bible with good discussion from the attendees.

We have Children's Sunday School downstairs in the Education Building. The children are divided into 2 or 3 groups, depending on the ages and how many children there are for each group. The Sunday School Curriculum they will be using this year is SPARKHOUSE, which both teachers and children enjoy. The children learn Bible stories, do arts and crafts, and enjoy their time together with their teachers. We will also have a Jr/Sr High Class.

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 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.

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:
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.



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)

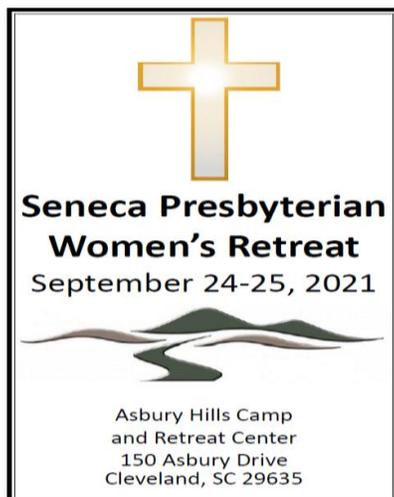
Please provide names of the 2 golfers.

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 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 _____