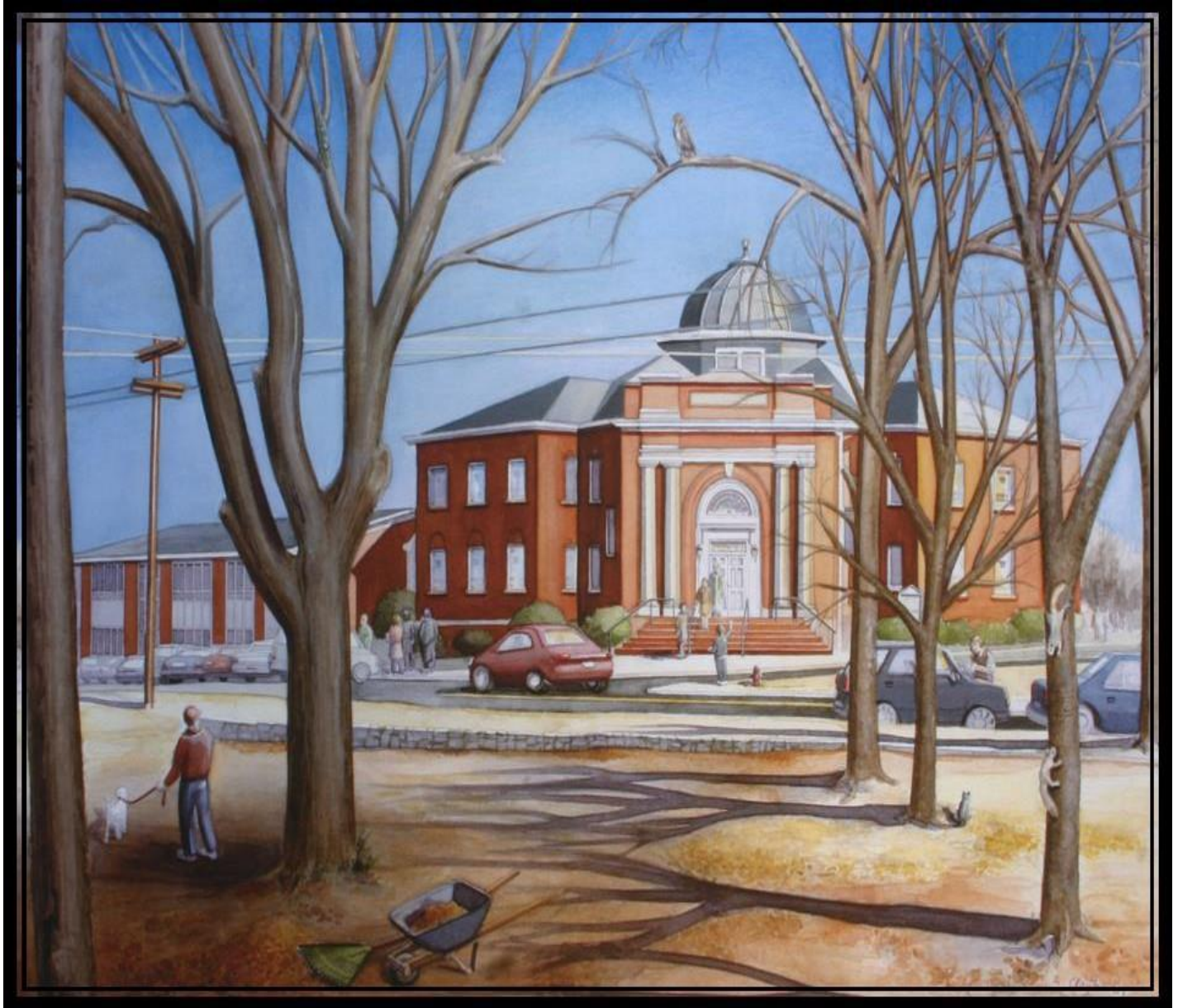


Seneca Presbyterian Church

August 15, 2021

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

August 15, 2021

Liturgist: Sally Fortune

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by Wayne and Donna Montague for their wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world out there, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.¹

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**)

This is a new day! Let us rejoice and worship God!

Come and worship God, who in Jesus Christ makes all things new.

Let all people come, united by God's grace and forgiveness.

Come and worship God, who is with us: to give us strength, to guide us in our daily lives and to empower us for ministry.

We come, lifting our hearts and voices in praise to God, but also to be renewed for service in our daily lives.

Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Lord God, we confess to confused faith, ambivalent feelings and contradictory actions as your people. We proclaim your majesty and rule over all, yet often our daily lives are filled with fear, anxiety, doubt. We truly want to follow our Lord and yet too often the eyes of our minds, hearts and spirits are focused on ourselves rather than on him. We seek to love our neighbors and enemies as Christ taught, but at times our rights and privileges prevail over true compassion for others. Lord, grant us the mind and heart of Christ that we might reflect your ways and experience life as you intend.

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

ANTHEM

You Are My Shelter

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 73

SERMON

“Checking Our Focus”

Richard W. Caldwell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser loyalties who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord!²

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

What a Beautiful Name

***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 LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN**

Way Maker

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

POSTLUDE

* Let those who are able stand

1. Prayer by Dag Hammarskjold
2. From "A Declaration of Faith"

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, 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!

Coffee with Ernie, Tuesday, August 17th, at 9:30 a.m. Health and Wellness invites you to join us for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to meet and chat with our wonderful Parish Nurse, Ernie Lombard. Open topics will be on public and current health and wellness issues. This is a perfect time to ask Ernie's advice. Come and enjoy this wonderful SPC program! We've missed you! All are welcome!

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 25th at 6:00 p.m.** at El Agave Mexican Restaurant 1018 Bypass 123 Seneca (across from Moe's). All welcome!

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).

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.

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.

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.



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)

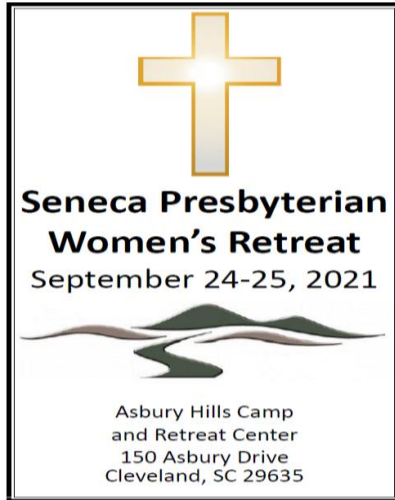
Please provide names of the 2 golfers.

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 _____