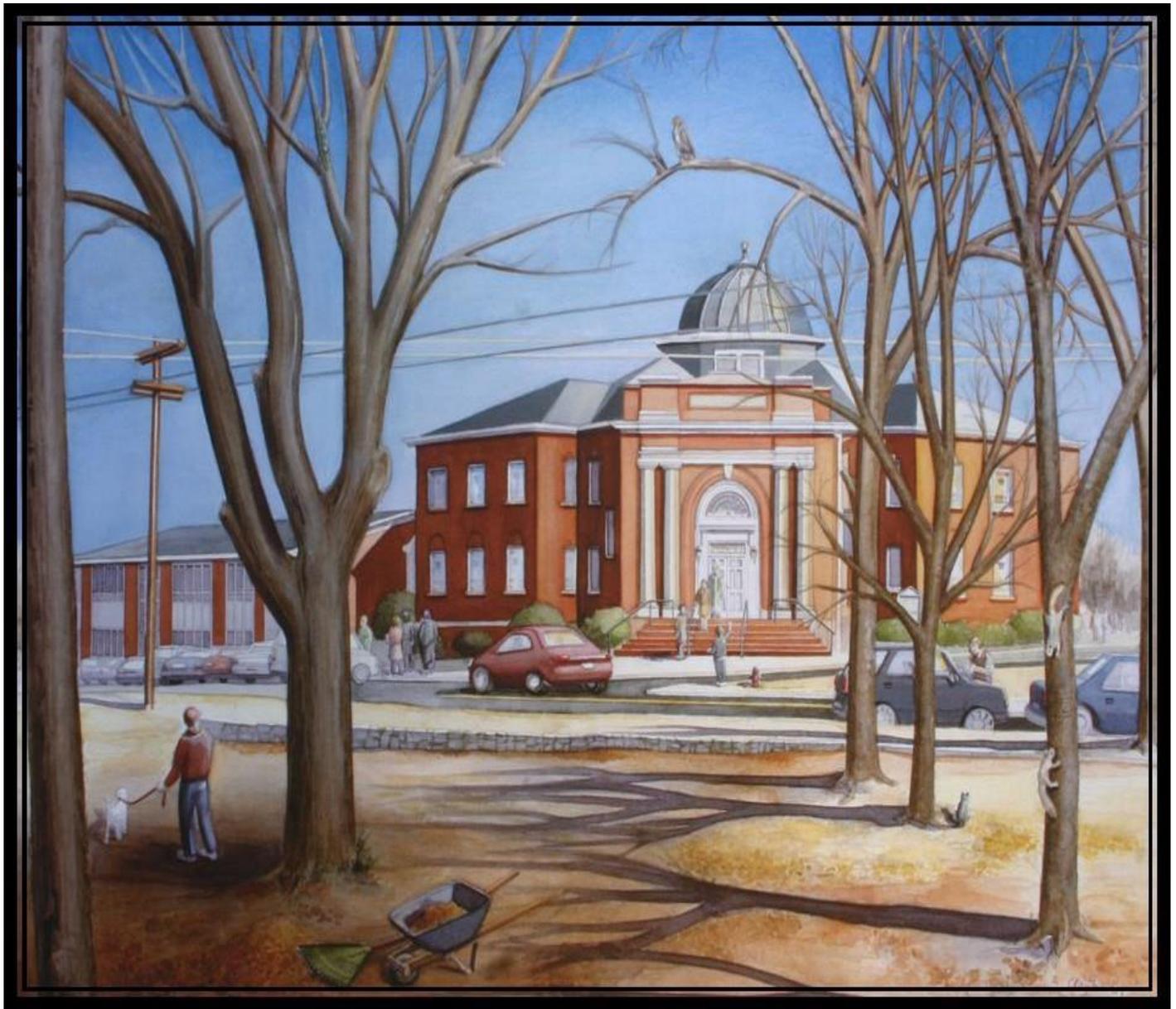


Seneca Presbyterian Church

September 5, 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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

September 5, 2021

Liturgist: Diana Owens

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that spiritual food that will satisfy our daily need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

One: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,

All: Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved, though the earth should change.

One: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Almighty and loving God, all of us here today are hurting. Some of us are hurting as the result of circumstances beyond our control. Some of us are hurting because of our own choices. Some of us are feeling the pain of others. No matter what the circumstances, as we gather here today, help us remember who we are: sinners saved by grace. Lord, for the times we have failed to show Your compassion to others – forgive us! For the times we have failed to trust You – forgive us! For the times we have failed to praise You – forgive us! Help us always to remember that You are the Giver of mercy and wholeness, provided for us through Your Son's death and resurrection. Heal our brokenness and make us whole once more. 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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

ANTHEM

Your Great Name

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

John 15: 1-11

SERMON

“Surfing the Waters of Change”

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

Start Right Here

***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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(See Insert)

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN**

The Father’s House

***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.

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.

Dates to Remember!

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, 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).

The next **Men's Group will be September 23rd**. Look for more details later. Hope to see all you men then. September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Pastors Hall for breakfast.

Fall Festival on September 26th, from 4-7 pm, all SPC members, neighbors and friends are invited to celebrate the reopening of the church. This will be a great time to socialize with everyone. Enjoy line dancing, children's activities, live music by Jeremy, food tent, food truck and free hot dogs for children. **Please come and invite a friend!!**

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.

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:
Black Poster Board and Red, Yellow and Orange Tissue Paper
These items will be used for crafts and decorating the castle.
Thank you all for your donations.

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!

The 2021 **Flower Calendar** notebook is in the Knoch Hall 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.

Music for 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

Our **handbell choir** welcomes new ringers. If you would like to know more about ringing bells, join them on **Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Practice will be on Tuesday, September 7th due to a holiday.** 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!



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

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 15, 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.

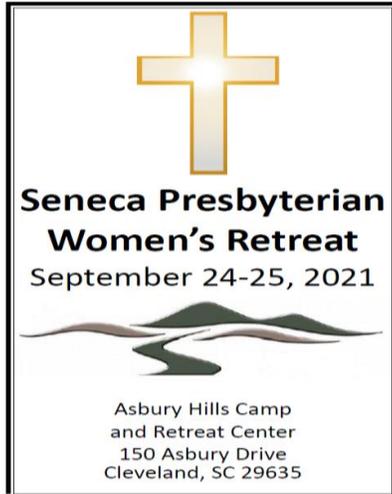
Silver Sponsor \$500.00

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 _____