



Columns

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Georgetown Presbyterian Church

February 2011

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”
Hebrews 13:1-2

Dear Friends,

Hospitality is one of the ways we are called to share God’s love with others. The biblical example is to welcome with open arms all who come our way—friends and strangers alike. As I sit down to write this note, we have just gone through a weekend during which this congregation was challenged to a capacity of hospitality that we’ve not previously had to meet in such a condensed time period. In a nutshell, nearly 1,000 people were welcomed into our facility from January 21 – 23:

Nearly 250 people, including hospital and health care staff, came into our church for the community health screening sponsored by Georgetown Memorial Hospital on Friday, January 21;

Following the health screening, the church was then prepared for the January 22 Ephesians Event sponsored by the Presbytery of New Harmony, an event attended by 200 participants from across the Presbytery, as well as numerous volunteers from GPC who greeted, guided, and fed the participants; the event utilized the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, the gymnasium, and virtually every classroom for its activities and workshops;

On Sunday morning we had over 250 people for our morning worship and Sunday school;

On Sunday afternoon nearly 300 people attended a memorial service for Phil Arnold, husband of Yorcky Burnas-Arnold, and father of Devin and Dana, and stepfather of Paulina Olivares; from young friends of Devin and Dana, to Hispanic friends of Yorcky, all alike were warmly welcomed into our church.

Invite Others

February is thought of as the **month of love** to many. Show *love to your friends and neighbors* this month by inviting them to worship with us in Georgetown Presbyterian so they can learn and understand the **“Greatest Love of All”**.

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all you have for one another is increasing.

2 Thessalonians 1:3

I know I sound like I’m bragging on this congregation. That’s because I am! I am deeply moved and profoundly grateful for the host of volunteers and staff members who worked tirelessly to welcome strangers in our midst. Many of those who passed through our doors may never come this way again, but this I do know—while they were here, they were showered with the love and kindness of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures admonish us to “show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” I’m sure that was true over the weekend, but I’m also equally certain of this: angels from GPC were busy entertaining and welcoming, as well.

Thank you for your gracious hospitality.

Faithfully,

Steve

PERENNIALS

THE FUN LOVING MATURE GROUP!

- Perennials Board Meeting** Wednesday, February 23, 4pm, Fellowship Hall
- Pastoral Visitation Lunch** Please come to the **Pastoral Lunch** at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, February 1.**
- Social Lunch** Please come to the **Social Lunch** at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, February 15.** Bring a favorite dish to share.
- “SOUPER” Dinner** The “SOUPER” Dinner was attended by 39 people. Everyone enjoyed Chef Al’s dinner. We played Bingo, had a wonderful time socializing, and everyone loved the spectacular prizes! It was so much fun getting together with our friends and church family! The prizes were extraordinary! Many went to Tideland Community Hospice Resale Shop.
- February Event** Our **February** event will be a day trip to Conway, SC to have a **gourmet luncheon at the Fowlers Dining Room.**
- Reservations** must be made **by February 14.** There are only 20 reservations available. If over 20, you will be on a “waiting list”. Please indicate on van sign up sheet if you intend to drive or ride in the van. The van is limited to 14 passengers. If you are unable to attend at the last minute, please find a replacement as we are responsible for 20 reservations.
- Thursday, February 24**
Van/Car departure at 10:30 am. Meet at church parking lot at 10:00 am.
Lunch at 12:00 noon.
\$12.00 per person, which includes lunch and gratuity.
(Payable in cash at the Fowlers Dining Room.)
Call Priscilla Kearns at 436-0328.
- March Event** The **March** event will be the traditional **St. Patrick’s Day Dinner** featuring corned beef and cabbage! We will also have a **Book Exchange.** Bring as many as you like both soft and hardback. Any unclaimed books, left after the exchange, will be donated to the Tideland Community Hospice Resale Shop!
- Thursday, March 17
5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall
\$6.00 per person payable at the dinner
A sign up sheet will be posted on the Perennial Bulletin Board by mid February.
Call Jill De Marchi (545-8896) if you have questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, February 6, 2011 will be the Presbyterian Spiritual Retreat at the Cheraw Presbyterian Church, which is located north of Florence. These events are well planned and provide an opportunity for fellowship with Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of New Harmony of which we are a part. We encourage first timers, and those who have attended in the past, to join us for this special meaningful event. We will car pool from the church and a sign up list will be posted on the bulletin board. You may also contact Robin Brown, 520-4753 if you would like to attend.

Legacy of Faith Luncheon

Ladies please join us for the first annual Legacy of Faith Luncheon. The event will take place on Feb 12th at 12:00 in the Church gymnasium. This will be a time for women/girls of all ages to come together and celebrate our faith. We would like to decorate tables with a theme and if you would be willing to use your talents to "adopt" a table to decorate please call: Carol Wilkins 527-3350 or Jackie Young 340-8585. Details to follow but please mark the date on your calendar. Proceeds from the event will help support our Children's ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Second Sunday Breakfast

February 13, 2011

We are happy to announce an occasional alternative to our popular Sunday morning continental style breakfast; *Second Sunday Breakfast*. We plan to provide a hot breakfast on the second Sunday of each month (except summer months) at the usual 9:30am hour. All are welcome! Come, enjoy and meet your church friends there.

BRIDGES

BRIDGES continues with adult study of the Books of Acts.

Pastoral Visitation Lunch

The **Pastoral Lunch** is **Tuesday, February 1** at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for good fellowship and food.

Social Lunch

The **Social Lunch** is **Tuesday, February 15** at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

Students of the Month.

We ask that the congregation send notes of encouragement and "care packages" to these students. PLEASE remember these young folks who have undertaken a new phase in their lives!

Featured Students for February:

Addresses for all students were not available at the printing time. Please check your bulletins and the board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Devin Arnold, 3649 University Station, Clemson, SC 29632

Kristeva Kouamou, CCU 138-34, 102 Jackson Bluff Rd., Conway, SC 29526

Neil Mitchum, 1400 Greene Street, USC Box 8544, Columbia, SC 29225-0112

YOUTH MINISTRY

“A Time To Celebrate”



Saturday, February 5th at First Presbyterian Church Hartsville SC

First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville SC has invited us to join them in an event they are sponsoring called “A Time To Celebrate” featuring **Keynote: Rodger Nishioka**, Decatur, GA; associate professor of Christian education, Columbia Theological Seminary. Rodger served for 12 years as denominational staff in youth and young adult ministry for the PC(USA). Currently, his broader focus is on equipping pastors for their roles as teachers and leaders in the educational ministry of the church. He brings particular interest in building a congregation’s youth ministry and is currently researching what attracts young adults to the church. He enjoys hiking, camping and exploring Atlanta. The cost for this event is \$8 plus money for food on the road. The event begins in Hartsville at 10:00 a.m. on February 5. If you plan to attend, please contact Bruce ASAP those signed up will leave Georgetown at 7:30 a.m.

Souper Bowl of Caring, February 6. Don’t forget to bring your Dollar, the youth will be collecting for the souper Bowl of Caring before each worship service. Thank you for your help!

Souper Bowl Party!!!

Senior High Youth come and cheer your team on and enjoy some wonderful wings! We will meet in the youth lounge at 5:30 on Sunday February 6. Those who are able, will stay until the game is over.

VOTE FOR EMAIL!!!

I realize that in the era of “social networks” many of you have chosen not to view emails nearly as much as you used to. However, it is much easier to communicate with you in this manner. So please send your email address to brucearl@sc.rr.com and I will add you to the youth information mailing list. But if you don’t “vote” for the email as your superhighway to information and you have a face book account, I will be happy to “invite” you to the senior high and/or middle school Facebook page. Just drop me a note asking to be invited.

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Some of you still have my old cell number. Please take note of the new number (which is actually a year old) 843-485-2326. Please change this in your contacts list. I look forward to hearing from you.

FINANCE

2010 Was a Very Good Year in the Fiscal Life of this Church

Despite continued economic stress in the nation and in this community, Georgetown Presbyterian Church ended the year 2010 in very good fiscal condition. At the beginning of the year Session and staff recognized that income would likely drop below the level of the prior year and looked for ways to control costs and avoid incurring a deficit for the year. Administration was most successful in reducing expenses. Through extensive shopping the insurance market, the Administration Division found a company that was introducing a newly designed insurance policy that met our needs at a fraction of the cost of our previous policy. This along with other controls resulted in a reduction of more than \$62,000 in expenditures compared with the prior year.

Total 2010 contributions to the General Fund were \$725,931 compared with \$747,459 the prior year, but, because of the great reduction in spending, we were able to end the year with a surplus of more than \$24,000 compared with a deficit of more than \$12,000 in 2009. This was accomplished with almost no reduction in our budgeted outreach programs which remained at 17% of income.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2/2	Anna White	2/18	Anna Nesbitt John Henry Sasser
2/3	Joy Clark Gloria Mills	2/19	Tom Gillespie Sylvia Parsons
2/6	Janie Johnson Gayle McCain	2/20	Jean Power
2/7	Neil Mitchum	2/21	Laura Rentz
2/8	Lexi Brown Joyce Hammond Anne Kirby Dick Schwab	2/22	Bob Glenn
2/9	Marje Wells	2/23	Fred Thomas
2/11	Herman Kouamou Beulah Seale	2/24	John Murphy Heather Pelham LC Sloan
2/16	Renee High	2/26	Margaret Hutto Chris Mitchell Jody Tamsberg Jamie Williams
2/17	Ethan Wood	2/28	Rebia Hannah
2/18	Debbie Barron		

Anniversaries

2/1	Don & Ada Caton	2/14	Ed & Ann Sekkes
2/7	Reed & Audra Barker Doug & Julia Wilson	2/21	John & Carolyn McBride
2/6	Thomas & Traci Green	2/24	Judge & Shirley Purple
		2/28	Carey & Emily Williamson

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Nursery

2/6	Leesa Meador
2/13	Terry Dillinger
2/20	Sue Ryan
2/27	Jocelyn Morelock

Children's Church

2/6	Jackie Young
2/13	Jessica Sasser
2/20	Glenn Wilcox

Memorials & Honorariums

To the General Fund

In loving memory of Francis Morris

By Bob and Ann Kirby

To the Hispanic Ministry Fund

In loving memory of Phil Arnold

By Judy Williams

By Bud and Carolyn Black

Greeters

8:45

2/6-20	Bob & Priscilla Kearns
2/27	David & Charlotte Van Hoose

11:00

2/6	Carey & Emily Williamson
2/13	Joe Padgett, Doug Wilson
2/20, 27	Dianne Hammett, Joe Padgett

Ushers

8:45

Nancy & Tom Johnston

11:00

2/6	Mary Boyd Brown, Kalib Moyer, Joe Padgett, Jo Swift
2/13	Dean Brown, Ted Quantz, Dick Schwab, Juanita Siau
2/20	Sandie Booth, Linda Puckett, Marje Wells, Doug Wilson
2/27	Ann Martin, JL McAlister, Hannah Skinner, Pinckney Skinner

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Father/Daughter Dance

February 11, 2011
4 year olds – 5th grade

6:00-9:00 pm
Family Center Gym
Georgetown Presbyterian Church

Fill out reservation form and return
before February 9, 2011.
Forms can be found in the Fellowship hall
or
call Debbie at 833-0805.



You are cordially invited to attend the

Legacy of Faith Luncheon

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 12 noon

Georgetown Presbyterian Church
Family Center (Gym)

Betsy Richardson, Guest Speaker

\$10 donation for the meal
RSVP: Debbie Barron
546-5826, ext 123

We invite you to the First Legacy of Faith Luncheon, an event intended to encourage all women and girls to celebrate our common faith in Jesus Christ through all generations. Our featured speaker will be Betsy Richardson. It is our hope that we will fan the flame of passing our faith on to the next generation!

If you would like to host a table simply decorate a table in any theme you desire and invite other ladies, younger and older, to join you for lunch. If you are willing to act as a Table Hostess, or assist in any other fashion, please contact any one of the following:

Debbie Barron, 546-5826, ext. 123
Carol Wilkins, 527-3350
Jackie Young, 527-6738
Claire Duvall, 485-4311
Kim Jordan, 545-9561

Hello Everyone,

February brings about a special time to show love to one another. We will have ample opportunities to witness to the love of the kingdom of God. Our Children's Ministry is an amazing place to start. With that in mind, please mark your calendars for some huge events in the life of our Children's Ministry.

First, we have our Father/Daughter Dance. This will be held Friday, February 11th in our gym. DADS, make reservations to bring that special girl, or girls, to the dance. Invite other Dads to do the same. This is your chance to teach little girls what a "date" should look like. Go the extra mile; put on something special, buy some flowers, or just open some doors. Most importantly, tell them you love them. The love that you show your daughters now will be their measuring device for a lifetime. You dads have one of the most important roles in a little girl's life. They watch how you love...them, their moms, their brothers and sisters. And they will derive from you what love looks like. What will they see: patience and kindness; or envy, boastfulness, rudeness, self-centeredness, anger, keeping a record of wrongs? Will they see joy in truth, protectiveness, trust, hope and perseverance? Ummm, wonder where I've heard that? 1 Corinthians 13 maybe? When your little girl hears that she has a Heavenly Father, it will only be normal that You are the father with whom she will relate. So whatever you do, the love you show is the most important part of being daddy. The dance we hold is a wonderful opportunity to show another aspect of love. Please plan to join us.

For all of the moms and ladies of the church, we will need appetizers for the event. If you are willing to assist in this manner, please let me know. The 11th will be here before we know it.

Another incredible event we are hosting is the Legacy of Faith Luncheon. This will be Saturday, February 12th at noon. Again, we will be in the Family Center (GyM). PLEASE make plans to join us. As you may already be aware, Betsy Richardson will be our guest speaker. This event is intended to encourage all women and girls to celebrate our common faith in Jesus Christ through all generations. It is for all ages and we want to reach as many ladies as possible. We are asking for a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost of the meal. Please invite others and let the church office know how many will be in your party. We want this to be a success, and we need you in order to make that happen.

One other event that hasn't been publicized is our Service Project for the children. We are scheduling a service project for the children on a quarterly basis. This month, on Saturday, February 5th, we are installing storm windows on a house. One of our parents, Kenneth Wood, has graciously agreed to coordinate this activity. We want to teach our children that we love not merely in words, but in deeds. If you are aware of a need in our community that we might be able to fill, please let me know. Not all of the projects need to be construction related, we can do baking, cooking and/or cleaning. We would love to make a difference locally, especially within our own church. So please keep us in mind.

During this month of love, let's all try to be kinder and gentler...setting an awe inspiring example for the children.

Love,
Debbie

MANNA IN THE MORNING

"Then the Lord said... 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day.' ...The people of Israel called the bread manna."

Numbers 16:4, 31

"One does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

Deut. 8:3

Lectio Divina

Use lectio divina in your daily reading of scripture by reading a few verses of the Bible. Read unhurriedly and listen for the message God has for you. Stay alert to connections to the Spirit that may reveal the passage and what is going on in your life. Once you have heard a word that is meant for you, you are naturally drawn to prayer. Pour your heart to God. Read, reflect, respond and rest — this is the basic rhythm of divine reading.

1. Read the scripture slowly.
2. Reflect on a word or phrase.
3. Respond to what you have read.
4. Rest in God's word.

From Upper Room Ministries
http://www.upperroom.org/daily/?page_id=9

Won't you take time to each day to let God speak to you through His Word? Listed below is a series of daily readings from the Bible. You are encouraged to spend a few minutes in the morning to let the scriptures soak into your heart. You may choose to begin each day by reading the psalm of the week. There is a single text listed for each weekday and Saturday; the Sunday texts are the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lectionary selections that are incorporated into our worship services (Note: during the time between Easter and Pentecost, the Old Testament lesson is replaced by a reading from Acts). One suggestion for daily reading would be to engage with the text through a process known as "Lectio Divina" (a Latin term that simply means "Divine Reading").

Come and Rest Awhile

Weekly Blessing and Promise Job 11:18-19

Sunday, January 30
 Micah 6:1-8
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Matthew 5:1-12

Monday, January 31
 Jeremiah 6:1-16

Tuesday, February 1
 Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday, February 2
 Psalm 116:1-7

Thursday, February 3
 Isaiah 40:27-31

Friday, February 4
 Mark 6:30-42

Saturday, February 5
 Hebrews 4:1-11

My Beloved
Weekly Blessing and Promise Psalm 18:1-2

Sunday, February 6
 Isaiah 58:1-12
 1 Corinthians 2:1-6
 Matthew 5:13-20

Monday, February 7
 Luke 3:21-22

Tuesday, February 8
 2 Peter 1:16-21

Wednesday, February 9
 Psalm 18:1-6

Thursday, February 10
 Psalm 18:17-19

Friday, February 11
 1 John 3:1-3

Saturday, February 12
 Psalm 127:1-2

When All Our Systems Fail
Weekly Blessing and Promise Isaiah 41:10

Sunday, February 13
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Matthew 5:21-27

Monday, February 14
 Mark 14:32-42

Tuesday, February 15
 Ezekiel 37:1-6

Wednesday, February 16
 Psalm 69:1-3

Thursday, February 17
 Mark 15:25-32

Friday, February 18
 Matthew 28:1-10

Saturday, February 19
 James 1:12-18

The Temptation of Jesus
Weekly Blessing and Promise 1 Corinthians 10:13

Sunday, February 20
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48

Monday, February 21
 Matthew 4:1-11

Tuesday, February 22
 James 4:1-10

Wednesday, February 23
 Psalm 91:1-16

Thursday, February 24
 Luke 22:24-30

Friday, February 25
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Saturday, February 26
 Hebrews 4:14-16

Listening to God
Weekly Blessing and Promise John 11:25-26

Sunday, February 27
 Exodus 24:12-18
 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, February 28
 Mark 9:2-8

Tuesday, March 1
 Isaiah 42:1-9

Wednesday, March 2
 Romans 12:1-2

Thursday, March 3
 Romans 12:9-13

Friday, March 4
 Romans 12:14-21

Saturday, March 5
 Colossians 3:12-17

Scripture readings are taken from Norman Shawchuck and Rueben Job, [A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God](#) (Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2006).

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30am-5:30pm Preschool/FISH Monday-Friday Unless otherwise noted		1 12 noon Pastoral lunch 6:30pm, Men's church supper-all invited	2 7:15 Men's break 5:15pm BRIDGES 5:30pm Middle Sch	3	4 Frazier-gym	5 9am, Children's Mimi- stry service project 9:30am Quilters Private party-Gym PW Spiritual Retreat
6 Souper Bowl of Caring Communion 8:45 5:30pm Sr Hi	7 10am PW coor mtng 5:30-10:30 YMCA bktball 6:30-7:30pm, Sr Hi Girls' Bible Study	8 5pm, CDC committee	9 7:15 Men's break 4:45pm Child Choir 5:15pm BRIDGES 5:30pm Middle Sch 6pm Bells 7pm Chancel Choir	10	11 6-8pm Father/Daug Danc	12 9:30am Quilters 12 noon, Legacy of Faith
13 2nd Sunday breakfast 5:30 Sr Hi	14 5:30 StewFin;Prop; Mission 10am Miriam Cir 11:30am Inez Str Cir 3 pm Leila Marvin Cr 7pm Mary Martha Cir 5:30-10:30 YMCA 6:30-7:30pm, Sr Hi Girls' Bible Study	15 12 noon Social lunch 5:30pm Session	16 7:15 Men's break 4:45pm Child Choir 5:15pm BRIDGES 5:30pm Middle Sch 6pm Bells 7pm Chancel Choir	17	18	19 9:30am Quilters
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