

St. Andrew's Lutheran Youth

# **SUPPLY DRIVE**

In partnership with *Keepin' It Real Ministries*, the youth group is collecting items to support the homeless in our community. Items of need are listed below and can be found on the *Keepin' It Real Ministries* website.

## <u>Urgent Needs</u>

Men's Jeans and Pants (Waist sizes 28–34)
Bottled water, Vienna sausage, and Beanie Weenies

Ongoing Needs

New backpacks, hoodies, t-shirts, and toiletries
Women's clothing: conservative shirts, pants/jeans, shoes, new
underwear, new bras, new socks
Men's clothing: shirts, pants/jeans, belts, new underwear,

pants/jeans, belts, new underwear, new socks

Warm clothing and blankets for winter
Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair care,
deodorant (travel size works well), razors, first aid kits,
women's products, wash cloths, reading glasses
Large print Bibles

DONATIONS CAN BE PUT IN THE BINS IN THE NARTHEX.
ALL DONATIONS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF BY MARCH 6.

For more information about *Keepin'* It Real Ministries or to find current need lists please visit keepinitrealsc.org

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## PASTOR'S PAGE



#### Friends in Christ:

I read a disturbing article the other day on a news feed from the Morning Dispatch. It was about an article in the Atlantic that I might have to check out and it was in regard to a lack of compassion being shown for those who suffer from and even die from Covid. It reported the dwindling empathy supply since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccines.

"In 2020, dying of COVID-19 was widely seen as an unqualified tragedy. It was the beginning of the pandemic, when it felt as if the entire world was in a state of collective grief," she writes. "Now the majority of COVID deaths are occurring among the unvaccinated, and many deaths are likely preventable. The compassion extended to the virus's victims is no longer universal. Sometimes, in place of condolences, loved ones receive scorn. Vitriol doesn't come just from familiar names, but also from strangers. Websites, message boards, and social-media accounts have cropped up as forums to insult the unvaccinated dead. They scour social-media pages for 'covidiots' and screenshot their photos and posts, turning them into memes. One Reddit page even gives out 'awards' to those who refused the vaccine and then died."

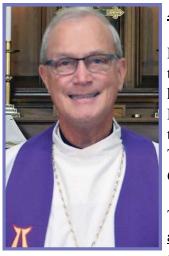
Can there be anything more unchristian, uncaring, and unloving? Do I believe very strongly that all who are not unable to because of health issues should get vaccinated? Yes. Do I hear stories from our own sons in the two hospitals where they serve of those who die, almost all of whom are unvaccinated? Yes. However, we are called to love as Christ loved. There are those who probably think I'm crazy for riding a bike on certain roads, and while that might be a great analogy, I hope that if something tragic would happen to me, they would not say: Well, he was asking for it.

We are called to care, in all circumstances, despite all differences. Period.

Let us love, not just in words, but in action and in deed, as Christ has loved us.

Peace, PT

## **CENTERING PRAYER**



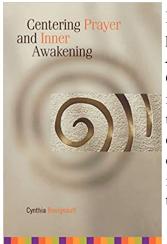
## AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER

Have you felt a desire for a deeper connection to God in your prayer life? It seems that many people are hungry not for more head knowledge about God but rather for a heart knowledge of the loving presence of God at the center of one's being. Retired Bishop Herman Yoos will be leading a six-week course during Lent that will explore the ancient Spiritual Discipline of Centering Prayer and the use of intentional silence. The class will meet each Wednesday evening in Lent before worship from 6:00 to 6:50 at the church.

The study material will include selected readings from the book, <u>Centering Prayer and Inner Awareness</u> by Cynthia Bourgeault at a cost of \$17 online, and original prayer reflections by the Rev. Dr. Herman Yoos compiled during his

retirement. Since 2003 Pastor Yoos has been a practitioner of Centering Prayer and a Certified Spiritual Director since 2017. There is no charge for these classes,.

To sign up please email officemgr@salutheran.com. The class is limited to the first 15 people who sign up.



Practitioners of Centering Prayer are known for the great enthusiasm they bring to the practice of this ancient discipline. *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening* is a complete guidebook for all who wish to know the practice of Centering Prayer. Cynthia Bourgeault goes further than offering an introduction, however. She examines how the practice is related to the classic tradition of Christian contemplation, looks at the distinct nuances of its method, and explores its revolutionary potential to transform Christian life. The book encourages dialogue between Centering Prayer enthusiasts and those classic institutions of Christian nurture—churches, seminaries, and schools of theology—that have yet to accept real ownership of the practice and its potential.

## **Eucharist**

by Andrew McGowan

Most Christian groups celebrate a ritual meal variously called Mass, Eucharist, Holy Communion, or Lord's Supper. These ceremonies, whether undertaken with simplicity or grandeur, rarely or daily, typically look to the story of Jesus's Last Supper as model and source. The accounts of the supper in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and in in the Synoptic Gospels were remembered as models for Christian meetings that evoked the last days of Jesus's ministry and his death, including the belief that in their act of sharing bread and wine they participated in Jesus's body and blood.

## Why did early Christians meet over a meal?

Other New Testament texts also reflect the interests and questions of the early Christians about their common meals. Stories about Jesus as teacher are set at meals, and some of the content concerns meals, including invitations and decorum; this has often been noted as a particular emphasis of Luke's Gospel. While these are communal memories of Jesus's own practice, they reflect concerns of later followers, who were establishing a community practice in which the meal was the primary locus of their own prayer and shared teaching, as well as of shared food and drink.

These earliest Christian meals seem to have been substantial, relative to the token eating of small amounts of bread and wine at modern communion services. Bread and wine themselves were not odd foods chosen merely in imitation of the Last Supper story, but the staples of the ancient Mediterranean diet. Even though the now-familiar theologies of the meal elements as Jesus's body and blood were not worked out for some centuries to come, the earliest evidence suggests that despite this ordinary fare, the Christian meals and their food were experienced as sacred (1Cor 11:3).

In a number of significant gospel meals, particularly the miracle stories of expanding loaves and fish, and the resurrection narrative of a meal at Emmaus, a common ritual structure is clear: Jesus takes bread, gives thanks (or blesses), breaks the bread, and distributes it. This meal-memory seems to have been reflected in the early eucharistic meals of the Christians. "Thanksgiving" (*Eucharistia*) was one of the earliest terms for the gathering. The emphasis on "breaking" bread is strong in these texts and other early Christian evidence, and "breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42-46) also seems to have been a recognized name for the meal gathering. (continued on next page)



## **EUCHARIST**

## How important was the Eucharist in early Christian communities?

Providing a meal would have been an attractive feature of the Christian community, given that many city-dwellers experienced food insecurity and depended on the patronage of wealthier citizens. Meals were typically how religious, professional, or other interest groups met; in most ways the Christian meals would have looked unremarkable to outsiders. Paul calls the meal, at least if properly celebrated, a "Lord's banquet" (or supper) (1Cor 11:20), not because this was the usual name for the gathering—it was not widely called that before the Reformation—but to emphasize Jesus as the true and selfless host and hence to reject social disparities that might be apparent in other banquets.

The substantial character of the Christian meal was a problem as well as an opportunity, judging from the scenes Paul evokes. In a socially mixed community, those with more time or more food were benefitting from the pot luck, while other members, slaves or day-laborers, were late and going hungry. Offering them the image of Jesus at the Last Supper (1Cor 11:23-25—the oldest version we know) provided a model less for ritual than for ethics, Jesus's gift of self a model for love rather than competition or greed. The earliest Christian gatherings probably centered on this meal—there were no services as such—while Christians also took part in events at the temple (initially) and, for some longer time, synagogues. Sometimes the gathering seems to have been called an "Agape" (Love [feast]; see Jude 12) to emphasize its character; there is no reason to think this was essentially different from the meal Paul describes. The consumption of the blessed foods as a distinct tokenized ritual seems only gradually to have been separated from an evening meal, perhaps not for a century or more; the familiar morning services arose as larger communities made a banquet less feasible, and because the understanding of sharing in the body and blood of Christ made satisfying physical appetite less relevant.

New Testament stories, including the Last Supper, shed light on how early Christian communities met at meals, which led to the current practice of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper.

#### Did you know...?

- The Lord's Supper and Holy Communion only became names for the Christian meal in early modern times.
- Stories of Jesus sharing food before the events of the Last Supper influenced early Christian meals.
- The oldest version of the Last Supper story is probably that found in 1Cor 11.
- The Christian focus on "breaking bread" was distinctive and sometimes gave its name to the whole event.



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(Please visit Bible Odyssey for the latest historical and literary research of the Bible from the world's leading scholars.)

## **EDUCATION**



In our liturgical year, there is a moment I (Beth Mullins) can absolutely trust will send my spirit soaring. At the end of the Christmas Eve service after the lights are dimmed, the candles lit, and the beautiful sounds of "Night of Silence" hang in the air, Pastor Trump reads, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." *And dwelt among us*. Wow. What a cliffhanger at the end of a year! I always leave church that night with hope that He is here, that He is real, and that His love will rule.

So ends Christmas Eve, but so begins the Gospel of John. God dwelt among us. Then what? The opening words set the stage for a mysterious, omnipresent, eternal being. What will he do with the sinful world he is entering? How will he reach out in love to a society oppressed by fear? How will he bring light into their darkness? How can we continue to shine so that we glorify Him?

Beth Trump, James Ann Sheley and I (Beth Mullins) are excited to facilitate a Sunday School-hour discussion/study for women of the church, beginning on February 6. The initial study will be on *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*, a six-week curriculum developed by Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton (www.AdamHamilton.org/John). We invite all women who are not currently attending a Sunday School class to join us as we build a stronger faith community who learns from and supports each other. The pandemic has made a lasting impact on our congregation and ties may have been loosed that we want to bind again or, happily create new ones. Please come and take part in this new endeavor!

What is NOT required: a knowledge of John (or any other book in the Bible), a spouse, a child, a particular age, or preconceived notions of Sunday School.

Study books will be available IF anyone wants to follow along/read ahead. This is a no-pressure class with no preparation required (of the students!) Questions? Please email us.

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James Ann Sheley jamesannsheley22@gmail.com

## **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRUMP**

BIBLE STUDY continues, as we start to wrap up Genesis. Are you interested in studying a certain book of the Bible? Do you have a suggestion? Make it! Contact Pastor Trump, and then join us!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children and Youth Sunday School classes meet at church every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Genesis Adult Sunday School class meets at church and via **Zoom**. Beginning February 6, the new women's Sunday School class will meet in person.

## **YOUTH AND FAMILY EVENTS**



### **YOUTH GROUP**

When: February 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Details: Stick around after church for our monthly youth group afternoon! We will share in lunch, have a

bible study, and play a game!



When: Monday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: **Zoom** 

**Details**: We are partnering with the National Alliance on Mental Illness to bring their program *Ending the Silence* to St. Andrew's parents and youth. The program includes a 60 minute presentation for parents and a 60 minute presentation for youth. The presentations include warning signs, facts and statistics and how to get help for a friend or child. Following the presentation will be a debriefing with Paige in which we will discuss the presentation and how faith and the church can be involved in mental health needs.



#### YOUTH AND ALL FAMILY ICE SKATING

When: February 27 at 12:00—3:00 p.m. Where: Flight Adventure Park Irmo

Details: All children, youth, and parents are invited to join us for an afternoon of ice skating! Cost is \$10 to

skate and \$2 per person for skate rentals.



## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

#### January 13, 2022 Church Council meeting via Zoom Conferencing

Anna Berger called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Beth Hutchison led the council in a devotion.

The council approved the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting with amended changes.

#### **Council Guest Presentation about proposed Capital Campaign**

Pastor Trump introduced Pastor John Wertz, who has experience in church Capital Campaigns. He gave a thorough overview of the proposed Capital Campaign for SALC. The three areas of focus are: the Narthex renovations, the parking lot to include safety upgrades, and kitchen renovations. Council members agreed with the suggestion to establish three teams of members from SALC for further study of each focus area.

<u>President's Report</u>: In her report, Anna Berger presented the 2022 Council meeting schedule. One change was made to the April 2022 meeting date.

<u>Pastor's Report and Deacon's Report</u> were accepted without questions. Sandra introduced Stephen Abbott, the new intern at SALC who will be with us for six months, working half time with SALC and halftime with Prison Ministries.

#### **Team Reports**

**Finance**: Brian Teusink advised Council members that he will meet with staff to discuss having the team perform activities that will validate a sample of 2021 revenue and expenditure transactions and evaluate accuracy of financial reporting.

Financial Report: Brian Teusink reported that the debt was paid off in 2021. He indicated that, if donations made to debt retirement in 2021 are redirected to current & benevolence, the projection is that total C&B giving will increase to \$523, 000. Brian noted that the 2022 Current & Benevolence budget is \$542,000. Accordingly, the church will need to increase ordinary collections while monitoring spending to ensure that a deficit does not occur. He reported that total expenditures were \$492,000 in 2021, which was lower than anticipated due to careful monitoring of spending and a vacancy in the choir director position for approximately one half of the year. Brian informed Council that, if non-staffing expenditures are identical in 2022, total spending will increase to \$510,000 due to salary adjustments and having the choir director position filled for the entire year. He concluded that, with judicious stewardship, and consistent giving, 2022 financial results should be favorable. Pastor Trump reported that Giving Cards from church members for 2022 totaled \$420,000 pledged, which would cover approximately 80% of the budget. He reported that this was the highest response from the congregation ever received.

**Property:** Robbie Derrick noted that the property committee is focusing on safety and security. Beth Hutchison asked the building committee to add plans to assemble the donated swing set, which includes swings, a slide and a ramp.

**Youth:** Georgia Godfrey gave a detailed report about the Youth programs in the Council agenda. She added that the new Youth Ministry Associate, Paige Gibbons, organized a meeting of the parents of the youth and 10 families participated.

#### **Old Business**

**Building Use Fund** – Council approved the change of the name of this fund to "Building Fund."

**Church Van** – Robbie will follow up with Beth Mullins to see if Lutheran Family Services of Columbia, SC wants to accept the donation of the church van.

**Dramarama Plans for summer 2022** - Pastor Trump announced that more funds have been added to the Dramarama Account bringing the total to about \$8,800. John Bass made the motion to move forward with plans to hold Dramarama in June 2022. Robbie Derrick made the second to the motion.

-- The motion was approved unanimously by the Council members.

**Designation of Christmas/Easter offerings** – Council approved giving these funds to USC Lutheran Student Ministry. **Designation of Thrivent Choice Dollars** – will be added to the Reserve Fund.

Prayer Concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned.

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## St Andrew Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense

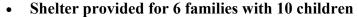
December of Fiscal Year 2021 Fund: 01 - General

	December Actual		-	2021 YTD  Actual	
Current and Benevolence Giving Expenses	\$ \$	52,090.50 44,269.79	\$ \$	494,008.97 491,995.04	
Expenses under (over) Giving	\$	7,820.71	\$	2,013.93	
Current and Benevolence Giving Budget Giving (under) over <u>Budget</u>	\$ \$ <b>\$</b>	52,090.50 48,081.35 <b>4,009.15</b>	\$ \$ <b>\$</b>	494,008.97 592,054.11 (98,045.14)	
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2021 Funds received in 2021	\$	17,500.82 25,780.00			
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2021 Thrivent Interest Payments in 2021 Balance in fund moved to C&B	\$ \$	(41,328.81) (834.56) (1,117.45)			
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance	\$	0.00			
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/21 Principal Payments in 2021 Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance	_	41,328.81 (41,328.81) 0.00			

The principal and interest payments on the Thrivent loan were paid from the Debt Retirement Fund and were not part of the Budget

#### **IMPACT & HIGHLIGHTS 2021**

### **Impact 2021**



Began static sheltering in February @ Triplex rental unit with capacity for 3 families

• Transitional Housing provided for 2 families with 4 children

Continued Transitional home – manufactured home donated by Clayton Homes in 2020

• Diversion provided for 6 families with 14 children

Assistance to families experiencing homelessness with move-in expenses  $1^{st}$  month rent & rent & utility deposits

Prevention provided for 4 families with 8 children

Eviction prevention and utility assistance

• Stabilization provided for 3 families with 7 children

After-care with graduate families

Referrals to other agencies: 406

Callers to FPM assisted with referral by our volunteers, interns, case manager

Holiday gifts for 13 families with 29 children

Donated by our congregations and other community partners

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hosted a Virtual Gala
- Held Camp Impact Summer Camp

83 children – experiencing or at risk for homelessness - attended camp @ Camp Cole: staffed by FPM, its volunteers, and partner community agencies

- Launched Tomorrow's Promise
  - -Provides financial assistance to families in danger of losing their homes or helps them with move-in cost for new homes (Impact areas of Diversion & Prevention)
  - -Assistance made possible through the support of Truist Bank and HUMI grant
  - -Supports students who are part of families having housing stability issues with enrichment activities including athletics, music & arts
  - -Hold Community engagement events that include financial literacy, professional development, and entertaining activities for the entire family

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## **FAMILY PROMISE**

- Career Development through Grow with Google
  - -Certification courses
  - -Workshops
- Community Outreach @ Gable Oaks
  - -Resilience activities and donated clothing, shoes, gift cards to families of this residential community of 200 units with 197 single moms
  - -Fall Festival @ the Opportunity Center
  - -Sponsored by Youth Corps for our families and local community
  - -Shoes and Costumes given to approximately 20 children
- Participated with LoveCola (formerly Mission Columbia) in the Through Our Eyes Project
  - -Photos taken by two of our moms were selected as finalists
  - -One of the moms won second place!!!
- Received support from host & support congregations for the families in our sheltering & housing programs:
  - -Financial support for rent, utilities, day to day family needs
  - -Engagement activities such as BBQ & Basketball; Fireflies baseball outing; zoo passes; birthday parties; tutoring; helping with family moves; holiday baskets; Thanksgiving dinners; Christmas Party & Christmas gifts; Saluda Shoals Lights outing; community arts events
- Upgraded technology & security at the Opportunity Center in large part due to designated financial gifts from our congregations
- Received an anonymous donation for a future transitional home purchase
- Selected as a charity of choice by the following:
  - -Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert
  - -100 Women Who Care
  - -WE Brunch's shopping event @ Kendra Scott
- Selected as Miracle Offering recipient of Emmaus Church

## FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



The 2 WELCA circles have joined. We have renamed the group **Lutheran** Women of St Andrew's Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Women meet the first **Wednesday** of each month at **10:30 a.m**. in the conference room.



## Lutheran Men – It's not your grandfather's Lutheran Men anymore.

There's a perception about Lutheran Men meetings. That Lutheran Men is just a bunch of old men who meet at the church once a month to have a meal that may or may not be very good. After the dinner, we have a boring speaker about some subject nobody really cares about. Then, we have a business meeting where everyone complains. After that, we go home and wonder why more men don't attend the meeting. C'mon. You KNOW that's true!

Well, that's not OUR Lutheran Men. Not any more! Yes, we still meet at the church once a month to have a meal that may or may not be very good. BUT, we have some younger men attending, AND we don't have boring speakers anymore. In fact, we don't have any speakers other than ourselves. We don't complain at business meetings. We talk about what we can do for St. Andrew's. We spend a lot of time talking to each other. Getting to know each other better. Sharing our concerns. Supporting each other. That may sound like we're some kind of therapy group, but we're just enjoying fellowship with each other.

I've gotten to know several men at St. Andrew's a whole lot better than I would have ever gotten to know them were it not for Lutheran Men. I invite you to give Lutheran Men a try. Who knows, you may actually enjoy the fellowship.

—Stephen Slice

The Mission of the Men at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church is to find community among one another, support one another along our journeys of faith, and to share our resources, talents, and abilities in the mission of our congregation.

- Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month
- Next Meeting—Tuesday, February 8
- This year Lutheran Men will go on a coastal retreat, repair the basketball court, host a BBQ Cook-off, donate to the annual blood drive, invite you to attend a Fireflies baseball game and much more

## FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



We will be collecting a special offering on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 13</u> for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This year, all money collected will go to the food bank at Virginia Wingard Methodist Church which helps to feed people in our immediate area who are hungry. Checks may be made payable to *St. Andrew's Lutheran Church*, or you may give online through the church website using the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (please note that this is for Souper Bowl of Caring). Of course, cash will also be accepted! Thank you for helping those who are hungry.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2, and with that will be our Lenten devotional book written by people in the St. Andrew's family. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry project, please contact Deacon Holland.

## FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter Box of macaroni and cheese Large can of spaghetti sauce Medium box of noodles 1 lb. box of rice





ALL BOOKED UP, the SALC Ladies Book Club, will meet on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. It was decided that we will meet again on Zoom with the hope that in March we can once again meet face-to-face!

The book we will discuss is NO CURE FOR BEING HUMAN by Kate Bowler.

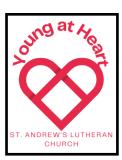
Please join us on zoom to discuss this book by, and about, an extraordinary woman navigating her cancer journey while inspiring the reader to live life on our own terms.

Future books to be read and discussed include THE RED TENT by Anita Diamant in March, and THE DANCE OF THE DISSIDENT DAUGHTER by Sue Monk Kidd in April.

See you Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. on **ZOOM!** 

If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Thompson at 803/413-6498 or email to: **k a thompson1326@outlook.com.** 

## FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



Join us for lunch at the McCutcheon House on February 17, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. We are limited to 15 persons again. Please contact Bobbie Bell at 803-360-5115 to make reservations.

Thank you, Sharon Berger



# REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NOVUSWAY CAMPS (LUTHERIDGE+LUTHEROCK+LUTHER SPRINGS+LUTHERANCH)

A week of camp can make a difference in the lives of children! It's time to register your child or teenager at Novusway.org. The church will help pay for part of your registration fee. Questions about camp - contact Deacon Sandra. There are also programs available for adults and pre-camper age children, including Family Camp, Music Week, Grandparents Camp, and a program for campers age 15 and up with special needs. Our church has had members attend most of these programs, so if you have any questions, please let someone on our staff know and we'll be happy to talk with you about these faith formation options!

## INTERN CORNER

Greetings to you all and blessings in the name of Christ, Amen. Well, what an adventure it has been so far. I want to start off my reflection by first thanking you for opening your doors to me and walking alongside me in the journey of my education. I have felt very welcomed here at St. Andrew's and that has meant a great deal to me. I give thanks for your open hearts! So, my time here in the church setting has been good. I have enjoyed reading on Sundays and participating in two skits already, one for St. Joseph's, and one with the Bible Play Day youth.

I have also had a great time working with Stacey Atkinson and The Door Home out of Christ Mission. So far, I have been introduced to someone working in the field of housing justice, been given a tour of the homeless communities in the Columbia area, and have toured Transitions. In my short time I have seen and am learning much from seeing the world and reflecting on my place in the calling God has for my life. One thing I have learned is this; there are many ways to invest, money is just one avenue. There is also time and love and that can mean even more sometimes. I am excited to continue this journey and see what bridge (or bridges) can be built between the church and the world. While not sure what that will look like yet I know this, the journey continues!

Blessings, Stephen Abbottt

# What is food insecurity?

Food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.

# South Carolina Greenville County

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FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE

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The problem of food insecurity—not knowing where your next meal will come from—is greater in South Carolina than many people realize. It's very likely that someone you know may be suffering from hunger and food insecurity.

## Who is hungry?



One in six of our neighbors, including over 100,000 children, face hunger on a daily basis.

## We are here to help!

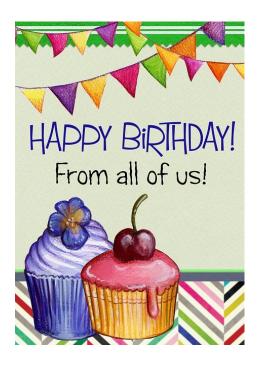
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## BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Feb 2	Dorothy Meador	Feb 14	John Slice
Feb 3	Stephen Metze	Feb 15	Hannah Luther
Feb 4	George Schodowski	Feb 15	Lucy Scott
Feb 5	Jackie Darby	Feb 18	Emily Crapps
Feb 6	Sharon Guest	Feb 18	John Ray
Feb 6	Stacy Joannes	Feb 19	Harry Driggers
Feb 6	Shirley Swanson	Feb 22	Michael Berger
Feb 7	Edie Casey	Feb, 22	Ben Holland
Feb 8	Joshua Bruce	Feb 23	Paige Cruse
Feb 11	Glenda Derrick	Feb 24	Chloe Looney
Feb 11	Amanda (Taylor) Gilmer	Feb 25	Danielle Lucas
Feb 11	Tom Henry	Feb 25	Evelyn Venturella
Feb 11	Chelsea Lynch	Feb 26	Pressley Sanders
Feb 13	Amanda Smith	Feb 28	Vicky Henderson
		Feb 29	John Driggers







Please look on the next page at our members in homebound and extended care. They would love to hear from you. A note, phone call, or visit would be much appreciated. For more information, call Mari at the church office. Thank you!

Thank you for all your prayers and cards and contact during my recent illness and surgical procedure. It truly means a lot to have a supportive community.

Sincerely,

Becky Hardee

thank you!



## PRAYERS AND MEMORIALS

#### **FRIENDS & RELATIVES**

- Katie, Tom and Theresa Henry's niece
- Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vickers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler.
- Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass
- Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts
- Ernie Davis, friend of Lee Bowling
- Jimmy Asbill, son of Shirley Swanson
- Bonnie Seibert, cousin of Jada Mitchell
- Sharon Hixon, friend of Vern Free
- Mike Chase, cousin of Vicky Henderson
- Frances Dyches, sister of Bobbie Bell

#### **HOMEBOUND**

- Sarah Cook
- Jackie Darby
- Sharon Guest
- Shirley Swanson
- Shirley Sanders

#### MEMBERS IN EXTENDED CARE

- Miller Shealy, Wellmore Assisted Living
- Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- Madge Bartsch, Generations of Chapin
- Mitch Mayer, Lexington Extended Care
- Jim Chapman, The Heritage at Lowman
- Vern Free, Generations of Chapin
- Charles Dawkins, Presbyterian Home
- Buddy Lewis, The Blake, Columbia

#### **MEMBERS WITH PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Pete Cox, PruittHealth Rehab
- Jolene Stalzer, cancer treatments
- Jeanne Thompson, cancer treatments
- Robert Lunsford
- Audrey Free, recovering at home
- Rebecca Hardee, recovering at home
- Wayne Scott, recovering at home
- Buddy Lewis

#### CONDOLENCES...

Darrick Williams, upon the death of his Father, Edward Williams on January 30, 2022. The funeral will be held on Saturday, February 5, in Blacksburg, SC.

Pat Huffstetler upon the death of her brother, Kever Catoe, on January 14, 2022.

Theresa Henry upon the death of her cousin, Mark Bogard, on January 5, 2022.

Susan Young, upon the death of her mother, Ruth Penney, on January 21.

#### **MEMORIALS**

In memory of Letitia "Tish" Brown, given by:

- Mary Katheryn Shealy
- John and Jamie Brown, and Reganne and Zack Livingston
- Martha, Ted, and Keri Brown
- Arden and Edna Hallman
- Gloria Mathias
- Kit & Kenna Alewine
- Margaret & Keith Smith
- Claude and Barbara Galarneau
- Greg, Andrea, Emily & Rebecca Summers

In memory of Iva Metze, given by Stephen Metze & Rhonda Leaphart.

## **MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**

### February 6

Lay Assistant: Tom Henry

Reader: Becca Kelly

Acolyte: Addison Connaker Council Collections: John Bass

Recycling: Sharon Berger Altar Guild: Bobbie Bell

9:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick10:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

Counters: Barbara Weaver, Bobbie Bell

Flowers: TBD Nursery: Bradley

#### February 13

Lay Assistant: Mandy Glowacki Reader: Tom Henry (10:30 a.m.) Acolyte: Reagan Bouknight Council Collections: John Bass

**Recycling:** Sharon Berger **Altar Guild:** Bobbie Bell

9:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

**10:30 Ushers**: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick **Counters:** Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs

Flowers: TBD Nursery: Derrick

### February 20

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath

Reader: Theresa Henry (10:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: Maya Skillman

**Council Collections:** John Bass

Recycling: Sharon Berger Altar Guild: Bobbie Bell 9:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong

**10:30 Ushers:** Mari Frye, Brian Haley **Counters:** Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Flowers: Beth Mullins

Nursery: Frye

#### February 27

**Lay Assistant:** Darrick Williams **Reader:** Sharon Berger (10:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: John Driggers

Council Collections: John Bass Recycling: Sharon Berger Altar Guild: Bobbie Bell

**9:30 Ushers:** Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson **10:30 Ushers:** Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze **Counters:** Sharon Berger, Anita Murphy

Flowers: TBD Nursery: Casey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:30 a.m. WELCA 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Youth Group	7 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study	8	9 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12
9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	14 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study	15 6:15 p.m. Lutheran Men 7:00 p.m. Handbell Re- hearsal	16 5:30 p.m. Disciple's Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17 6:30 p.m. All Booked Up Ladies book club 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	18 8:45 a.m. Soup Kitchen Washington Street Methodist	19
9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	21 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	22	23 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
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