

Seneca Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2018

THE CALL

"The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others"



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SENECA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

(Based on Ephesians 3:18-19)

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

Pouring of the Water

Congregational Response: Hymn 482 (verse 3) *Baptized in Water*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad, but do not tear off or place in offering plate.)

Minute for Mission

Louis Holleman

OPENING VOLUNTARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

All: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

One: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

All: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

One: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

All: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

***HYMN No. 258**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

(Page 35, front of Hymnal)

(...forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

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Lord and Shepherd of us all, you have called us to serve you joyfully, and to follow you faithfully. But we have turned a deaf ear to your voice, we have been so occupied with our own concerns that we have not stopped to listen for you. Forgive us for insisting upon our own way, when you have called us to a better way. By your Spirit, give us listening hearts of willing disciples. Be glorified in our glad obedience to your call, as we freely yield to your will, according to the pattern of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Meditation...

Sung Response: (Hymn No. 604)

Lamb of God

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.

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Spirit at work within us,
we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Congregational Response: (Hymn No. 581) *Glory Be to the Father*

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:15-21

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SERMON

Shiprah, Puah, and Eddie Mae

Joseph Gaston

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN No. 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Let us affirm our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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, dead, and 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

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606) *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 host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND PRAYER

***HYMN No. 346**

For the Healing of the Nations

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** (Hymn No. 288) *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

POSTLUDE:

* Let those who are able stand

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (5/13/18-5/19/18)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - noon	Parish Nurse
	2:30 p.m.	Health and Wellness
	3:00 p.m.	Parkinson Group
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Potluck
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	12:00 noon	BB&B

Flowers: are placed in the sanctuary by **Pat and Gil Huggins** in loving memory of Karen McBryde and in honor of her mama, Miriam Saggus.

Liturgist: Kelly Holleman

Worship Attendance 5/6/18 9:00 AM: 44; 11:00 AM: 84; **total 138**

Larry Hansen's address while recuperating at his son, John's, home is 5444 Salmon River Place Reno, Nevada, 88511

Joseph Gaston has served as Chaplain of the Foothills Retirement Community of Easley since July 2016. Prior to being at Foothills he was an associate pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church of Greenville for eleven years. For three years he has served as the Director of the Summer College Internship Ministry called "Listening for the Divine Voice of Vocation and Call." Joseph and his wife Karen are graduates of Clemson University. They are grateful for their family, especially their three granddaughters!



To those newly worshipping with us 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 series of Inquirer's Classes that explore the meaning of church membership in our Presbyterian tradition. Those interested in membership are encouraged to participate in these classes. If you are interested in conversation about membership, do not hesitate to call the church office at 882-2505 at any time.

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- **Hearing amplification units** and **large print hymnals** are available in the narthex or speak to an usher.
 - During both worship services, a **nursery** is provided for small children through age 5. The nursery is located in the lower level of the educational building. For directions, please see an usher.
 - **CDs of the services**, including sermon, are available. We ask \$1.00 to cover the cost of CDs. You can also hear sermons on our website: www.sprez.org.
 - The church office often communicates with the congregational family via **email**, including a weekly email update each Friday afternoon. If you wish to receive those updates and currently are not, please send an email from your email address to senecachurch@bellsouth.net asking to be added to the email update list.
 - On Sunday mornings, the **entire parking lot off of Oak St.** is reserved for handicapped persons and those needing ease of access. Please leave these spaces for our friends who are counting on them being available.
 - Please remember the church in your will.

Mark your Calendar!

Thank you so much for all the cards, visits, meals, transportation, and prayers you provide for me and Rich during my knee surgery recuperation. Our SPC family means so much to us! Kathy & Rich Gerner



Congratulations to this church family - once again you have stepped up to the plate and donated **144 pounds** of peanut butter to the Golden Corner Food Pantry. Way to go!

Mmmmm...**Potluck** is upon us again. Mark your calendar for **May 17th**, and get out a favorite recipe for a dish to share—or maybe try out that new one that you’ve been itching to do. We’ll meet, as usual, at 5:30 for a great meal and conversation. Afterward the program will be about Safe Harbor with special guest Becky Callaham, Executive Director. **We will be collecting personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, etc.) if you’d care to contribute.**

May Fellowship Meal

Name: _____ people attending

Health and Wellness Invite! “Knowledge is Power”

The power of knowledge is at its best when it can help others. So, the Health and Wellness team is inviting you to gain knowledge about the use of our AED Defibrillator. Our Parish Nurse, Ernie Lombard, will be with us on **Sunday, May 20th** after both the 9:00 and 11:00 service to give us helpful knowledge on the workings of our defibrillator. Please plan to come, it could benefit everyone! Thank you.

Mission Trip - Next Sunday, May 20th will be the next meeting and planning steps for those already planning to go or any interested in going on this church’s mission trip to help those still recovering from Hurricane Sandy. The trip will be September 15th-23rd of this year. This trip is for any members and friends of this congregation. It is time to start confirming those who will actually go - but there is still room if you are interested. Come, hear more about the trip and see if this is a possible opportunity for you to serve. We will meet immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service **in the Church Library** across from the office. If you want more information before this meeting see or contact Richard or Susan Caldwell.

Attention Church Members: If you have any children or grandchildren or great grandchildren **graduating from any type of school**, please give us the information below or write a short paragraph and return it to the church as soon as possible. We hope to have a page of graduates in the June Presby Press.



SPC Member: _____ Name of Graduate: _____

School/College: _____

Degree and/or Major Field of Study: _____

Great Decisions 2018

This will be our third year to host a Great Decisions discussion group. Again we will welcome Jay Hetherington as our teacher/facilitator. We will gather weekly on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. **The dates are June 6, 13, 20, and 27, July 11, 18, 25, and August 1.** Briefing books are \$30 each, plus a share of the shipping charges to be determined with the order.

Topics for 2018 are: The waning of Pax Americana?; Russia’s foreign policy; China and America: the new geopolitical equation, Media and foreign policy; Turkey: a partner in crisis; US global engagement and the military; South Africa’s fragile democracy; Global health progress and challenges.

If you wish for more information about Great Decisions, check out www.greatdecisions.org. For more information about our group or to sign-up, **contact the church office** (864-882-2505).



HELP!!!! We have a super team of volunteers for **VBS** this year, but are missing some very crucial people. We need three assistant teachers! We already have the main teacher for the three groups, but need someone to assist them in "child" control, etc!!!! Please contact Ann Smith if you can help - I'd really like to get VBS fully staffed soon!!!!

Join us for an **AMAZING** week at **Rolling River Rampage**, SPC's Vacation Bible School. We will have a great time learning exciting Bible stories, playing awesome games, eating, making neat stuff in crafts, dancing to the music, and meeting “*Romper the River Otter*.” All this happens the **week of July 9 – 13, from 9:00 am 'til noon each day**. Please invite your children and grandchildren and the neighborhood kids to discover their strength in God! You can sign up on our web site sprez.org. See you there!

Christian Education Study Opportunities

The Christian Education Committee offers many opportunities for study throughout the week. These include the sessions listed below. Full descriptions of these opportunities can be found at www.sprez.org.

On Sunday Mornings

- **Children's Sunday School** meets downstairs in the Craft Room. For more information, contact Ann Smith 973-8967 asmith124@att.net or Susan Caldwell 882-7916 scaldwell11@bellsouth.net.
- **The Sara Davis Stribling Class** is a women's Bible study group using *The Present Word* and meets in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom (office hallway). Contact person: Jane Thomas, 882-1202.
- **The Men's Bible Study** meets in the Youth Room downstairs in Archie Barron Hall and is using *The Present Word* curriculum as a guide for their study. Contact person: Louis Holleman, 885-0922 louischolleman@bellsouth.net.
- **The Koinonia Class** is studying the video series *The History of Christian Theology*. They meet in the Koinonia classroom (office hallway). Contact person: Dan Toole, 364-4846.
- **The Open Door Class** is for men and women. Their study resource is *The Wired Word*. Topics change weekly. Email Bonnie Andruszka at bandruszka@gmail.com or call 973-8008 to receive information about upcoming plans. They meet in the library.

Through the Week

- **Brown Bag and Bible Study Group (BB&B)** meets at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. They are currently studying *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. For information, you may contact Becky Drew 888-3409 rebeccadrew@bellsouth.net.
- **Gentle Tai Chi Class** (\$2.00 donation appreciated) Seneca Presbyterian Church Barron Hall downstairs (Forum Room) Classes are being planned for **the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 1:30 until 2:00 p.m.** Barron Hall has an elevator. For more information, you may contact Leslie LaRoche 719-0132 lalaroche@charter.net



Each of these classes is open to new participants and welcomes visitors at any time. Please consider these opportunities, choose one that meets your needs or piques your interest, and then visit to find out more.



THE YARD SALE IS NEARLY UPON US!!!!!!
Most of you already know what we need. Basically,
we need lots and lots of help,
so **PLEASE** give what you can!



Monday, May 21 - THIS IS CRUCIAL!!! We need lots of strong bodies to move tables and place items on top of the tables. We will meet at 10am under Fellowship Hall in the Rough Room to make a plan.

Tuesday, May 22 - Friday, May 25 - We will meet at 10am each morning in the Rough room to sort and price. Please give us as much time as possible as it seems there are many on vacation this week.

Saturday, May 26 - THE BIG DAY!!!! We need "watchers", check-out people, "counters", and many, many bodies. The big push is from 8:00am - 10:00am, so if you can only afford a small amount of time, please let it be then!! We'll also need **strong bodies to carry items to cars.**

Many of you have been blessed to be a part of this HUGE undertaking in years past; please continue to let this be something you want to be part of. Those of you who have never joined in this effort, it is truly amazing! It's a lot of hard work, but there's a TON of laughter, and you really get to know some pretty special people! You never know what might happen during yard sale week, and remember: "What happens at the yard sale stays at the yard sale!" But PLEASE join us in this effort - we need a ton of help - the more hands involved, the easier it will be! Put aside some time during the week of May 21st to help make this the **BIGGEST AND BEST YARD SALE EVER!!!!!!**

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Barney Allgood, Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Michele Creel, Leroy Drew, Kathy Gerner, Larry Hansen, David Hartman, Harry Hendershot, Leon Hotz, Martha Holleman, Larry Kolze, Janet May, Mary Ann Nuttall, Meg Shull, Bob Simpson, and Bill Thompson.

Extended Church Family: Corey Arnold (friend of the church), Kathy Bryson, Dave Bullock (friend of Susan & Larry Goebel), Conway Carter (Kathy McCants brother), James Carter (friend of James Gaines), Jim Coil (son-in-law of Jean Reinking), Margie Creel (mother of Lewis Creel), Julie Doucet (Paul LaRoche's sister), Gretchen Driscoll (sister of Susan Goebel), Norman Faircloth (brother of Marilyn Moss), *Cassie Fontana (Good friend of The Brickett's & Carolyn Maddox), Phillip Gaines (son of James Gaines), Jonathan Gimber (cousin of Matthew Rannou), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Joe Kahl (friend of Bob Norton), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Myrt Klein (friend of Don & Norma Liebenberg), Dorothy Lee (cousin of James Gaines), Ken Lehner (Noel Lehner's brother), Sarah Lehner (Noel & Betty Lehner's daughter), Robert Leitner, Sr. (father-in-law of Maria Leitner), Peggy Lee (friends of Jon & Nancy Young), Bill & Eileen Mansfield (dear friends of Joan Riley), Billy Jo Nichols (friend of James Gaines), Ina Diehl-Pansegrau (German "adopted" daughter of Nancy & Don Clayton), Gregory Rigby (brother of Cecil Rigby), Bryn Riley, eight-year-old daughter of McKenzie and Amy Riley (E/Flo Riley, grandparents), Megan Rothwell (good friend of Rob and Maria Leitner), Miriam Saggus (Pat Huggins mom), Don Smathers (Donna Beebe's father), Campbell Joy Smith (Robin's Smith's granddaughter), Bobbie Jean Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Fermon Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Mary Walker (Carol Shively's mother), Susan Watt (teacher of Walhalla High School & friend of Linda Hostetler) and Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

Those Serving in the Military: CDR Patrick O'Mara (Don & Cindi Lesley's son-in-law); Master Chief USN J. J. Johnson (Bill and Carolyn Palmer's son-in-law); Kenny Alex (friend of Cal and Jean Reinking and grandson of Joan Callahan), to be deployed to Syria.

Special request for Prayer: Police Officer Lieutenant Mark Malueg (son-in-law of Margaret & Lynn Trainer)

Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

**name added this week*

A Prayer for Bangladesh

7 May 2018

O God of compassion, we pray for Arsu Soren, an elderly woman who for the past three years has spent almost all her daytime hours sitting on the floor of the verandah of her mud-walled home in the rural Bangladeshi village of Laldighi Para. She had been healthy and active until a motorcycle veered off the road in front of her house and hit her, breaking the bones in her right thigh and left forearm. Not stopping to help her, the motorcyclist sped on his way. Although Arsu's family took her to the government's regional hospital, the doctors there did little for her; and so, without proper healing of the bones, she was left unable to stand and with restricted use of her left hand. Lord, send your Servant Church to care for Arsu and to speak to her your Word of hope. Have mercy upon her and touch her with your healing grace, we pray in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.



Our Brother's Keeper Golf Tournament September 28, 2018



TO: Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund
P.O. Box 1307
Seneca, SC 29679
(INDICATE GOLF TOURNAMENT ON CHECK)

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:
Lite Breakfast & Lunch
Range Balls, Tee Gift Prizes, Cart,
Green Fees, Silent Auction

SUBMIT THIS ENTRY FORM WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE OF \$50.00 PER PERSON
OR \$200.00 PER TEAM BY **September 14, 2018**

1. NAME: _____ 2. NAME: _____
 Team Captain
 Handicap _____ Phone _____ Handicap _____ Phone _____
 E-Mail _____ E-Mail _____

3. NAME: _____ 4. NAME: _____
 Handicap _____ Phone _____ Handicap _____ Phone _____
 E-Mail _____ E-Mail _____

Contribution Schedule

- Platinum Sponsor \$1,000.00 - Will include complimentary entry for team of four (4)
- Gold Sponsor \$750.00 – Will include complimentary entry for team of two (2)
- Silver Sponsor \$500.00
- Bronze Sponsor \$250.00
- Hole Sponsor \$100.00
- Silent Auction Item(s) _____ Value _____

NAME YOU WISH TO HAVE IT DISPLAYED ON SIGNAGE _____

OWNER OR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____ Email _____

Please mail your contribution to:

Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund P.O. Box 1307 Seneca, SC 29679

Please complete and return this form with your contribution.
Make your check payable to Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund or (OPSF).
Be sure to designate "GOLF" on the "for" or "memo" line at the bottom of your check