

# THE ISLANDER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

## PASTOR'S CORNER

I recently heard a seminar presentation, where the speaker noted that in American life up until the end of the 19th century, literature dealing with personal development was focused on building character in individuals. She said that with industrialization and with other features of modern life, character building went out of vogue, and a new sort of personal development literature began to appear on the book store shelves. Probably the most famous of the new sort of books was, "How to Win Friends and Influence People." There was no slight intended. This speaker was not diminishing the importance of the new literature. She was grieving the loss of the old literature.

Of all people, it would seem that Christian people should be concerned about character. Not in a way that makes people feel shame and helplessness, but in a way that gives hope. The development of the inner life has been all but abandoned, it seems to me, by the church. We have handed that task over to psychologists and 12 step groups and the like. In the course of preparing for my doctorate, I came across a professor, named Andrew Purvis. Dr. Purvis believes that it is possible for the church to begin talking again about our inner lives in Biblical and theological terms, rather than resorting to the language of psychology and especially pop-psychology. Again, Dr. Purvis takes pains to affirm the helpfulness and the usefulness of psychology, and the need for church professionals to study and understand psychology. He simply bemoans the loss of conversation about our inner life and our relationships in Biblical terms.

Isn't that the way it truly is? We get on the bandwagon of one thing or another and we completely forget about all that we learned in previous days. Old Session records are full of accounts that tell about the church's concern for the daily lives of members and especially the officers. For example, the minutes of a session meeting might have recorded that an elder used profanity and too harshly reprimanded a shopkeeper. When the session received word of the incident, they asked the accused elder to account for his behavior. The elder confessed his sin before the session and promised to make amends with the shopkeeper before the next Sunday.

In our modern setting we see this as a group of elders being busybodies and nosing into someone else's business. What we fail to see is the community and the accountability in that story. A friend is not being a busybody by asking how we're doing on our goal to lose weight, if we have told them about it and asked them to check in with us from time to time. It was understood in those congregations whose session records we have gleaned these stories from, that the members of the congregation had accepted the responsibility to care for each other.

There was an understanding that all have sinned. There was an understanding that they needed each other to be the best version of God's people they could be. There was also an understanding that they were a redeemed covenant community. They weren't trying to save each other from Hell. They were trying to bear witness to the power of Christ to sanctify them in the context of an assembly of believers ,

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praying for each other, and loving each other, and relying on God's Spirit to guide them. Jesus says that the purpose of good works is so that others will see our lives like a lamp shining in the dark, and give Glory to the Father. (Matt 5:16)

As Lent approaches, I'm thinking that it would be profitable for us to examine our own inner lives. Are there attitudes that are robbing us of some of the benefits of participation in Christ and Christ's Church? Are there hurts that we need to let go of, by forgiving those who have hurt us? Are there habits that we need to set aside? Are we hard-hearted toward others, or do we see Christ's compassion at work through us? Are we judgmental, or would we be happy for God to judge us the way we judge others? If there is something that needs to change in your life this Lent, ask God to show you what He wants to change. Tell someone about it. Ask them to pray for you and to check in with you about how things are going. If you lapse, don't beat yourself up. Tell your prayer partner about your lapse and recommit yourself to permitting God to change you. By the time Easter arrives we could see the seeds that we have sown during Lent springing up in us, not only as individuals but as a congregation.

Pastor Ted

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Members/Affiliates/Friends of the Church:** Jack Moseley, Tommy Yeargin, Betsy Thrash, Chuck & Vera Klotzberger, Jeb & Dennis Brantley, Johnnie Walker, Joyce Grimes, Bill Long, John Kolmar, Eric Dennis, Elaine Freeman, Allen Harrison and Christine Howard.

**Friends, Family, and Loved Ones of Church Members:** Mary Hornsby (Newton Hornsby), Billy Nicholson (Tami Knecht), John Moseley, Billy Topping (Jack & Dee Moseley), Harris Orsini, Linda Bizzell, Margaret Albenesius (Olivia Maxon), Jeff Tindall (Jo Ringer), Jimmy "Pete" Pedersen (Tommy & Nancy Sandel), Ben Whaley, Dave Salter (Archie Johnston), Matthew Lake (Gerry and Okie Murray), Melissa Corbin Barton (Mary Bost Reed), Levi Johnson (Brenda Clamp), Ruth Hoover (Bill Johnston), Ellen Brown (Maxine Clay), Stan Latorre, Patrick Panzica (Lois Anderson), Ayers Watson (Buddy & Dianne Watson), Bob Arminstead (Bill & Betty Partenheimer), Charlene Ocampo (Linda Manus), Vivienne Good (John & Glenis Anderson), Doris Pursley, Raymond Casto, the Quimby family, Billy Casto (Elizabeth Murray), Peter McKoy (Adair McKoy), Burden Bookhart (Bunny Perkins), Timothy Heath (Rev. Rob Heath), Ruby Tumbleston, Gordon Wells, Deanna Barteet, Joseph Daniel Barteet, Mike Thomas, Mable Hill, Mary Milam (Carla and Raymond Tumbleston), Marlee Tonks (Ted Dennis) and Shawn Brown (Beverly Brown).

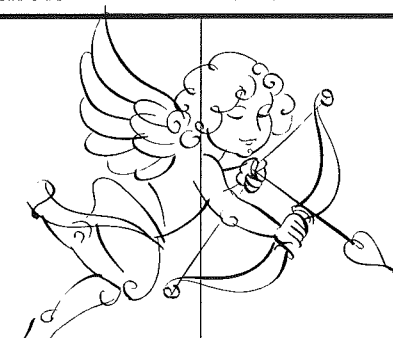
**Serving in the Military:** Seth Sanders, Fort Lewis, Washington (Steve and Darlene Johnson); Sgt. Jeffery J. Jernigan, Fort Rucker, Alabama (Jerrel and Gail Jernigan).

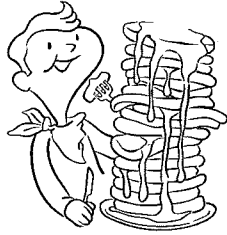


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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	SESSION MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The January meeting of the Presbyterian Women was called to order by Moderator Beth Foster. Fifteen ladies were present. Betty Partenheimer opened with a prayer for the new year. Bonnie Lee and Beth Johnston were thanked for the refreshments.</li> <li>• Minutes from the last meeting were sent by email and approved. Christian Community Action chair Bonnie Lee read a thank-you letter from the Thornwell cottage for our Christmas gift. Our corresponding secretary, Bunny Perkins, has been keeping up with thank-you cards and get well cards. A note of thanks was sent to Beth and Roy Smoak for donating the Christmas trees in the church and in the fellowship hall. Before Christmas a small group of our members visited former members Jean and Hal Reid who reside at the Summerville Village. Flower Chair Margaret McCord reminded us that the new flower chart was up and needs to be filled with names of those who wish to place arrangements in the church on Sundays. She thanked all who participated with decorating the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and the Manse for Christmas. We also thank Margaret and Jim for all they did in this effort.</li> <li>• Announcements included the new Bible study held at Trinity on Wednesdays, the new member of our church, family night supper, and taking down the Christmas decorations following the meeting.</li> <li>• Linda Murray led our Bible study about the covenant of marriage found in the New Testament book of Peter. She ended with prayer.</li> <li>• Our meeting adjourned with the benediction.</li> </ul>	<p>The monthly Session meeting was held on 20 Jan 2013 after the Worship Service. The following business was conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Manus was elected Clerk of Session for 2013.</li> <li>• Gerry Murray was elected Treasurer for 2013.</li> <li>• Jim McCord was elected Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2013 and Bob Foster was elected Alternate Commissioner.</li> <li>• The Congregational meeting was shifted to 3 February 2013.</li> <li>• The 2012 Annual Statistical Report was approved to be forwarded to the Presbytery.</li> <li>• Omni daily usage rate was increased to \$600/day.</li> <li>• A mission group request for lodging from the 1st Congregational Church of Wilmette, IL, was approved for 27 July to 2 August 2013.</li> <li>• Usage rates for the E&amp;F Building Reception area are under review.</li> <li>• Financial reports for 2012 have not yet been released by the church's accounting firm.</li> <li>• Pastor's Terms of Call were unanimously accepted for Congregational Meeting approval. Office manager and church organizer contracts were approved.</li> <li>• Rev. Dennis' request for vacation was approved starting the afternoon of 3 February until 10 February 2013 .</li> <li>• The next monthly Session meeting was scheduled for 17 February 2013.</li> </ul>

# FEBRUARY 2013

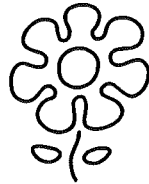
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <b>8 am Men's Breakfast</b>
3 <b>Breakfast: 8:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00 am</b> <b>Worship &amp;</b> <b>Communion:</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	4 <b>Presbyterian Women 10am</b>  Body and Soul 5:30- 6:30pm	5 Body and Soul 8-9	6 Body and Soul 8-9  <b>Prayer Chapel 11am</b>  <b>Choir Practice 6pm</b>	7 Body and Soul 8-9	8	9
10 <b>Breakfast: 8:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00 am</b> <b>Worship: 10am</b>	11  Body and Soul 5:30- 6:30pm	12 Body and Soul 8-9	13 Body and Soul 8-9  <b>Prayer Chapel 11am</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>Choir 4:30 pm</b> <b>Imposition of Ashes 6pm</b>	14 Body and Soul 8-9  <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15	16
17 <b>Breakfast: 8:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00 am</b> <b>Worship: 10 am</b> <b>Session Mtg:</b> <b>11:15 am</b>	18 <b>Presidents' Day</b>  Body and Soul 5:30- 6:30pm	19 Body and Soul 8-9	20 Body and Soul 8-9  <b>Prayer Chapel 11am</b>  <b>Choir Practice 4:30</b> <b>Lenten Service 6pm</b>	21 Body and Soul 8-9	22	23
24 <b>Breakfast: 8:30</b> <b>SS: 9:00 am</b> <b>Worship: 10 am</b>	25	26 Body and Soul 8-9	27 Body and Soul 8-9  <b>Prayer Chapel 11am</b>  <b>Choir Practice 4:30pm</b> <b>Lenten Service 6pm</b>	28 Body and Soul 8-9		



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**  
SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 2ND  
at 8AM in the E&F

### FLOWERS

Many dates are still open for this year's sanctuary flowers. You can sign the flower chart in the E&F or contact the office at 869-2326 or [pcedisto@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcedisto@bellsouth.net) to reserve a date.



### WEBSITE

Missed a sermon? Need information from a lost bulletin? Check out our website at [www.pcedisto.org](http://www.pcedisto.org). There you will find bulletins, newsletters and sermons to revisit at your leisure.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Maxine Clay
- 4- Christine Howard  
Martha Tucker
- 8- Kathy Maxon
- 9- Charles Hasty  
Will Ringer  
Knox Wherry
- 10- Dave Martin  
Bess Kellett
- 11- Bob Kellett
- 16- Nancy Wherry
- 22- Henry Ohlandt
- 24- Diane Newton
- 26- Gail Long
- 28- Raymond Tumbleston



### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. Lenten Services begin on Wednesday evenings at 6PM followed by soup and cornbread suppers at 6:30PM. This is a wonderful time to begin giving up habits that weigh us down, or to begin new habits which enhance our relationship with God. The services will run through March 20<sup>th</sup>, with our Maundy Thursday communion service on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. Please mark your calendars for the Wednesday services and plan on joining us. Pastor Ted is preparing for those services now and the fellowship will be joyous.

### NURTURE NOTES

Due to Lenten Services we will not be having Nurture Supper Club or Family Night Suppers in February or March. We look forward to gathering each Wednesday during Lent for service at 6PM followed by soup and cornbread in the E&F.



### MEMORIAL GIFTS

Gifts have been given in Memory of:

Gill Query Allen  
by Bebo and Shirley Flynn

Wallace Patrick  
by Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Murray

Mary Louise Willie  
by Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Murray

Carl Bowman by Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Murray  
and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Tumbleston

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island's end of 2012 Financial Figures, are as follows:

Pantry Contributions	\$25,936.26
Church Contributions	\$256,257.01
Church Expenses	\$318,872.52

As you can see from the above, the difference in these figures is \$62,615.51. The shortfall of moneys was made up through withdrawals from Savings and Previous Investment Accounts. We have withdrawn the maximum amount of moneys these accounts allowed to pay the rest of our expenses. Therefore, it was necessary that the Finance Committee recommend across the board Budget Cuts for the 2013 year.

In Christ's Service,  
Gerry Murray, Treasurer

## PRESCHOOL

February is here! The month of LOVE! Show your LOVE for our preschool by donating to our scholarship fund. We have several families in need and they would LOVE your help.



Lisa Grimball

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- We are planning an event to raise funds for our preschool and are also considering hosting a Vacation Bible School this summer. If you have ideas or want to get involved with either of these efforts, please contact Ann Robinson or Pastor Ted.
- We are also in need of volunteers to help keep the nursery during worship service on Sundays. Please call the office (869-2326) if you are willing to serve.

## THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS BEGINS ITS DISCUSSION OF LUKE

The Adult Bible Study Class is beginning its study of Luke, the historical record of the life, death and resurrection of our Savior, written by a Gentile physician for folks such as us. Join us here at the beginning as we benefit from Dr. Luke's careful research and reporting of the greatest story ever told. Bring your Bible and your favorite Bible reference/commentary and plan to be part of the excitement and joy of discovery with other of your soon-to-be close friends. We have a place for you on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the education building. Come early for a cup of coffee and breakfast beginning at 8:30 am.



## FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

### **Lent:**

An early arrival greets us this new year when Lent begins February 13th. On that date and during this reflective period, we will once again "give up" Gloria [Glory Be to the Father], the Doxology and all Alleluias during the Sunday morning services. The Doxology will be replaced by All Things Come of Thee, O Lord and the Gloria will be omitted. All of these elements will return on Easter.

### **Welcome!**

We welcome Kevin Murray to our merry band of music re-creationists...otherwise known as the choir. Kevin sings bass and we are delighted to have him with us.

### **Choir Rehearsal Time Change for Lent:**

Choir rehearsal will begin at 4:30 P.M. each Wednesday during Lent. If you sing, now is the perfect time to join our "merry band of music makers". Lenten Devotions will begin at 6:00 P.M..

The choir is hard at work on music for Easter including a newly composed anthem based on an older text. The music has a Celtic and Baroque "flavor" that is delightful. I am working on several challenging and new pieces for organ to celebrate our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

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## Families Forever Fairs

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Upcoming Family Fairs: February 9th in North Charleston and March 2nd in Lexington. Please contact Jacqueline Anthony (843-577-7557) or Jewitte Dooley (803-359-2512) for more information.



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*February 2013*

February 2nd - Men's Breakfast at 8AM

February 3rd - Congregational Meeting and Worship  
Committee Meeting immediately after worship

February 4th - Presbyterian Women at 10AM

February 13th - Ash Wednesday Lenten Service with Imposition of Ashes at 6PM  
followed by soup and cornbread

February 17th - Stated Session Meeting immediately after worship

February 20th - Lenten Service at 6PM followed by soup and cornbread

February 27th - Lenten Service at 6PM followed by soup and cornbread

