

THE ISLANDER

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

PACK-A-THON
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015

Help Fight
Hunger!

We are excited that this year's Pack-A-Thon will be held in our church's gym! Edisto Beach Baptist Church and our church are hosting the Pack-A-Thon!

What is a Pack-A-Thon? It is a hands-on service event where food packets are assembled for Third World hungry children. The food packets consist of rice, soy protein or pinto beans, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamin powder. Each packet (plastic bag) is weighed, sealed, labeled and boxed for shipping.

Each nutritious meal costs 28 cents to produce and ship to one child. Each volunteer is asked to complete 240 packets or \$65 worth of food. The goal for The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island is to provide 4,800 meals. The goal for all of Edisto Island is 35,000 meals.

For our church to meet its goal, we must have a minimum of one team which is 20 people! We'd love to provide more than one team to help toward the island's goal. If you feel that you cannot volunteer your time to work on March 7th, donations to sponsor the volunteers would be greatly appreciated! Each volunteer is expected to provide \$65. A donation of any amount would be great or think of donating the amount that you would pay for a dinner in a restaurant plus drinks and tip!!!

Each Sunday in February there will be a table on the patio with sign-up sheets to volunteer for the Pack-A-Thon and to give donations to sponsor the Pack-A-Thon!

For more information contact: Bess Kellett: 843-743-8909 / lilbesswatson@gmail.com or Margaret McCord: 843-889-2889 jmmccord6@att.net.

GREAT NEWS!

On January 20th, the Session was notified by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery that our request to enter into a Covenant of Temporary Pastoral Call with the Reverend Ashley R. Sanders was approved! Pastor Ashley, her husband Don, and their son Ross will be moving into our Manse on February 9th. Pastor Ashley will be setting up office hours on Monday through Thursday. Ross will be joining our Preschool.

YARD SALE

Our Preschool is having a Yard Sale! The proceeds will help buy supplies and provide scholarships for local children. We will be accepting donations of furniture, clothing, household items, appliances, and books. Donations can be dropped off in the E&F from now through March 18th. Come out on Saturday, March 21st and support this important mission of our church.



JANUARY SESSION MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

The remains of Mary Elizabeth Cannon Lofton Seabrook were placed in the Bailey family plot during November 2014 by her sister (Ernestine Bailey Cannon Fellers) and Pastor Craig Borrett of Christ-Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

The funeral and graveyard burial of Jack Moseley was conducted on 30 December 2014.

A request for rental of the Omni in April 2015 was approved.

A request for Omni use by the United Methodist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, Home Mission Team composed of 10-12 adults on 17-25 April 2015 was approved.

A request by the Jonesboro United Methodist Church Mission Team to use the Omni on 6-13 June 2015 was approved. The team anticipates bringing 20-25 adults.

Committee Reports

Stewardship and Finance – Weekly offerings have increased. Generous contributions have allowed our Manse loan to be reduced to approximately \$60,000. A new refrigerator has been moved into the Manse. The Endowment Committee is hosting a Wills and Estate Planning Brunch at the Manse on 21 February 2015. The financial audit for 2014 should be completed in January 2015.

Administration – Insurance documentation required by the bank regarding the Manse loan is in process.

Christian Education – There are 13 students in the Preschool now and an additional teacher has been hired for two days a week. People are encouraged to attend the recently reconvened "Young Adult" Sunday School Class.

Evangelism – Please provide contact information on newcomers who might be interested in attending our church.

Worship – Reverend Heather Doss will be our pulpit pastor on 1 February 2015 and Reverend Jack Miller will be our pulpit pastor on 8 February 2015.

Unfinished Business

The Homecoming Oyster Roast will be at the home of Jim and Linda Murray on 25 January 2015 right after the morning worship service.

Flyers are out on the Pack-a-Thon to be held in the Omni on 7 March 2015.

A proposed Covenant for Temporary Pastoral Call was unanimously approved.

New Business

Stated Session Meetings will shift to the first Wednesday of every month at 5 PM starting on 4 March 2015.

Elder Watson was reelected Treasurer for 2015.

Elder Manus was reelected Clerk of Session for 2015.

Review of 2014 Session Goals

Elders reviewed the Goals set at the 4 January 2014 Stated Session Meeting.

Session Committees – Committee chairs for 2015 were determined.

Administration – Sam Todd

Building and Grounds – Betty Bryan

Christian Education – Ann Robinson

Evangelism – Sam Lybrand

Fellowship – Archie Johnston

Finance and Stewardship – Buddy Watson,
Treas.

Mission – Margaret McCord

Worship – Dottie Thomas

Clerk of Session – Linda Manus

Volunteer information from the recent Ministry Commitment Form was shared. Committee chairs are expected to contact each of their volunteers and have a committee meeting within two weeks.

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Goals for 2015 – The Session previously established three goals for 2015. These are: Improved Communication, Expanded Membership, and Manse Loan Pay-off by 2016. Committee chairs are to propose at least one objective for their committee to work on in support of one or more of the 2015 Goals. Setting objectives will be discussed at a later session meeting.

The Session worked on a “Dreaming Big” list of items that our church could consider for action. The preliminary list will be refined and aligned with our 2015 Goals and Objectives at upcoming Session Meetings.




IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Burns family for the loss of Rebecca Burns of Rock Hill, SC.

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Williams family for the loss of Helen Williams of Edisto Island, SC.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



PRESCHOOL

The Preschool is back rockin' and rollin' after Christmas Break! Wanted to send a big THANK YOU out to everyone that sent in gifts for our sweet little girl in need! Her family has been very appreciative! Also, a big THANK YOU to Ann Robinson for the books & puzzles for the children at Christmas! They loved them! Hoping everyone is staying warm!



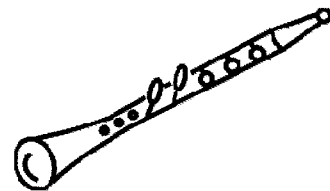
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CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON

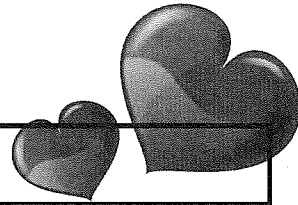
Chamber Music Charleston returns to the Presbyterian Church on Edisto on Sunday, February 15 at 3pm, for an intimate afternoon of music for wind quintet. Janice Crews (oboe), Regina Helcher Yost (flute,) Charles Messersmith (clarinet), Sandra Nikolajevs (bassoon), and Debra Sherrill Ward (horn) will perform a program of music including Mozart's Divertimento in B Flat Major, Taffanel's Quintet in g minor and Gershwin's "American in Paris."

The hour long performance is followed by a light reception, providing the opportunity to meet the performing artists and fellow concert-goers.

Tickets are \$18 in advance online at www.chambermusiccharleston.org or by calling 843-763-4941. Tickets are \$20 at the door.



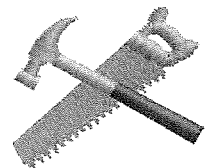
FEBRUARY 2015



| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship & Communion: 10AM Session Mtg. 11:15 AM | 2 Presbyterian Women 10AM | 3 Body and Soul 8AM | 4 Choir 6PM | 5 Body and Soul 8AM | 6 | 7 Men's Breakfast 8AM |
| 8 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM | 9 | 10 Body and Soul 8AM | 11 Prayer Chapel 11AM Family Night Supper 6PM | 12 Body and Soul 8AM | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day |
| 15 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM 11:15 Welcome Reception for Sanders Family Chamber Music Charleston 3PM | 16 President's Day | 17 Body and Soul 8AM | 18 Prayer Chapel 11AM Ash Wednesday Choir 4:30 Imposition of Ashes 6PM Soup and Cornbread | 19 Body and Soul 8AM | 20 | 21 |
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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Building and Grounds is looking for WOMEN AND MEN interested in working in areas of buildings, graveyards and landscaping. We have historic properties that were dedicated to God and given to us as stewards. What an awesome task!!! Please contact Betty Bryan via cell 805-551-4123 or at church. Buildings and Grounds is taking names :) and looking for YOUR talent.



FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Lent:

Ash Wednesday is February 18th this year and Lent begins. As is our custom, the *Glory Be to the Father* will be omitted during Lent and the *Doxology* will be replaced by *All Things Come of Thee, O Lord*. Absent also will be Alleluias. These elements will return on Easter Sunday.

MONOGRAPH: The Lost Chord

Some of you may have heard of “the lost chord” in years gone by. There is one piece by that name that begins with these lyrics: “Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease.” The story continues on until the organist, who was simply playing around with different chords, “discovers” THE LOST CHORD. The end result was EUREKA [I have found it!] and the organist comes to a startling revelation of all the beauty and love that IS God.

Now, the foundation or source that attends the basic concept of a “lost secret sound” winds its way all through ancient lore and myth, to the far reaches of history and into the beginning of oral traditions predating the written word. As mentioned in previous monologues, the first music associated with Yahweh was the original chants or series of tones used to emphasize certain texts of the Torah which were considered “more holy”. The most important word was never spoken or even sung. It was the actual Name of God. Some believe that the sound of this very word was the source and beginning of the universe and all life. In modern terms this sound is called the “big bang.” There exists even today a remnant of this sound which can be detected coming from every direction in space.

Why is music? Why do we continue to make or listen to music of infinite “flavors”? Why is music a part of our lives? Isn't it rather frivolous and silly? Do you think it simply icing on the cake? Does music have any value?

As a musician who has dedicated his life to Church Music, I believe that when words fail, when the emotions and thoughts of the heart and mind exceed our ability to express them...music comes...to “say” the “un-say-able”, to express the un-expressible, which carries us beyond this world to a true communion with what has been called by some the “Cosmic Christ”.

It is my prayer and constant goal that the music of our Church does, at times at least, lift you to a closer communion with God.

Our Merry Band:

Our “merry band of music ‘creators’” is meeting weekly on Wednesday nights at 6:00 P.M. to prepare music for Sunday services. During Lent, Choir will rehearse at 4:30 P.M.. We will soon start on our music for Easter so it is the perfect time to “test drive” the Choir Experience. We need additional voices in all sections, but more especially Tenor and Bass.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women met on January 5, 2015, with twelve members present. Moderator Betty Bryan opened with prayer then Linda Murray led the Bible study lesson. It was centered around Paul's letter to the Corinthians about becoming a new creation through God. We were given a challenge for the new year: to live differently.

After thanking our hostesses, our prayer partners were chosen. We were asked to discuss with one another what we think our plan and purpose should be for the Presbyterian Women going forward into the next two years.

The minutes from December's meeting, which were sent by email, were approved. The ladies were thanked for assisting with the reception after the funeral for Jack Moseley.

Members shared reports on several people in the congregation with health issues and some who are on our prayer list. They will

receive cards.

The flower chart will be posted soon.

Betty Partenheimer and Linda Murray will co-chair a new Visitation Committee. A list has been made with names, addresses, and phone numbers of church members who have not attended for a period of time. Volunteers will be in contact with these people in person or by phone. A report will be given next month.

The members stayed after the meeting to put away Christmas decorations from the sanctuary and the E&F building.

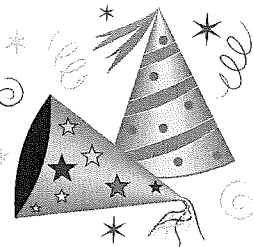
Several ladies went to the Manse the following Wednesday to help with the clean-up project there.

Betty Bryan will be attending the P.W. Cluster meeting January 17 at Aimwell Presbyterian Church in Round O. Others are welcome to join her.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

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
- 12 - Ticelyn McDonald
- 16 - Nancy Wherry
- 24 - Diane Newton
- 27 - Heyward McDonald
- 28 - Raymond Tumbleston



DON'T MISS:

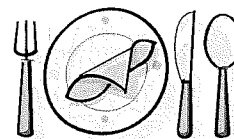
Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 7th at 8AM

and

Family Night Supper

February 11th at 6PM



WELCOME RECEPTION

Join us in welcoming Reverend Ashley Sanders and family at a reception in the E&F on Sunday, February 15th immediately following worship.

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February 2015

- 1st - Session Meeting immediately after worship
- 2nd - Presbyterian Women 10AM
- 7th - Men's Breakfast 8AM
- 11th - Family Night Supper 6PM
- 15th - Welcome Reception for the Sanders family after worship
Chamber Music Charleston 3PM
- 18th - Ash Wednesday Lenten Service with Imposition
of Ashes at 6PM followed by Soup and Cornbread
- 25th - Lenten Services at 6PM followed by Soup and Cornbread

