THE ISLANDER

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

MISSIONS

The Mission Committee welcomes you to get involved in our projects! Whether you have plenty of time to give, or just a little block of time, there's a place for you on our team. The Edisto Island Food Pantry, Fresh X-Press and Hands of Christ are just a few of the opportunities to serve our church and our community. If you'd like more information, please call Perrin Kreidler at 864-360-3531.

Fresh X-Press, our monthly produce market, is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th, from 1-5PM. Be sure to come by for your fresh vegetables! The selection varies each month. We always need help setting up (12:00) and taking down (5:00) tables, and we also need volunteers to assist "shoppers" and re-stock produce. Lunch is provided for all volunteers!

Check out the Mission Committee's new bulletin board in Fellowship Hall!

CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON

Chamber Music Charleston returns to our sanctuary on Sunday, February 4, at 3PM, with a program of music for flute and strings. Violinists Jenny Weiss and Frances Hsieh, violist Ben Weiss and flutist Regina Helcher Yost will perform Beethoven's "Serenade" paired with Dvorak's "Terzetto in C" and CPE Bach's "Duet for Flute and Violin." These programs are sponsored in part by the Edisto Art Guild. Tickets are $20 in advance online at www.chambermusiccharleston.org or by calling 843-763-4941. Tickets are $25 at the door.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHURCH?

This month we are excited to let everyone know that our Church now has a brokerage account with South State Bank. Maybe you have some stock that has been sitting in an account for years and would like to "gift" it to the Church. It is as simple as calling a broker and having the stock transferred into the Church's brokerage account. There are many advantages to donating stock. Check with your accountant for more information.

For information concerning the Church's brokerage account including contacts, account number, etc. contact Buddy Watson at cawthree46@gmail.com, or cell 803-465-1620, or land line 843-869-3180.

Last month we talked about using the Plenti Card from BI-LO to support the Food Pantry. It's as simple as giving the cashier the Church's phone number, 843-869-2326, at checkout. All points collected go directly to purchase food for our Food Pantry in order to support families here on Edisto.

PRESCHOOL

2018 started Preschool off with a bang! One day back and then Four Days off for Snow! Sure was pretty and our preschoolers got to see something that doesn't happen very often, but I sure was glad to see it go!! Our little program is growing with 2 new students since the new year and lots of interest for next year already! All good stuff!!

Miss Krissy

PASTOR'S CORNER

Last September I spent a week in Montreat for continuing education and spent way too much time (and money!) in the Montreat Bookstore. One of the resources I discovered and have been using comes from the Iona Community.

Iona is an island off the eastern coast of Scotland, located in a string of islands known as the Hebrides. Iona has long been a place of spiritual respite, contemplation, and has even been called the "Cradle of Christianity" in Scotland. The Iona Community is an ecumenical Christian community that supports pilgrims to Iona (over 130,000 a year!) and encourages continued ministry of peace, social justice, and worship renewal. Their publications have an eternal feel to them, flavored with the traditions of ancient Celtic Christianity and calls to modern peace and justice in the name of Jesus Christ.

I first introduced you to some of their work in the Advent Meditation that I adapted for Christmas Eve morning service. I want us to again use an Iona Community resource during Lent. We will conclude each of the Lenten Services with a Litany prayer entitled "Your Thoughts Are Not Our Thoughts." The prayer is below and the book hopes that this and the other prayers will "enable participants to walk with Christ, to feel the range of emotions provoked by the twists and turns of his Passion and to discover echoes and empathies in their own lives."

Join us for Lent as we pray together:

Leader: Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways. You look at the ugliest soul and see, still unstirred, the wings of an angel.

People: We scan the finest of our neighbors, anxious to find the flaw.

Leader: You view time in the context of eternity, and so find a place for waiting, for yearning, even for suffering, even for dying.

People: We demand instant results; and look for tomorrow before savoring today.

Leader: You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save, that is why you walk the way of the cross.

People: We fear that vulnerability which defies our power; and so we cry for crucifixion.

Leader: Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

People: Neither are your ways our ways.

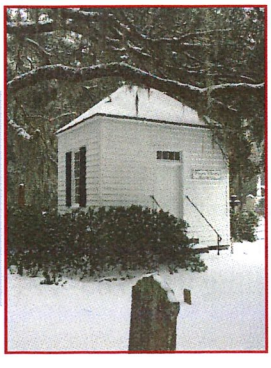
Leader: And yet we know that your way is the ladder to heaven, while, left to our own devices, our ways slope downwards. But we are here, not to have our worst confirmed, but to have our best liberated.

People: So we pray, Forgive us in what has gone wrong, Repair in us what is wasted, Reveal in us what is good.

Leader: And nourish us with better food than we could ever purchase: your word, your love, your inspiration, your daily bread for our life's journey, in the company of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Join us in praying for our brothers and sisters across our denomination. Our Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at Johns Island Presbyterian Church.



LENT

February marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday falling on February 14th. This year Pastor Ashley has selected a theme to guide us through this season together:

God's Family Tree

The symbolism of Biblical Trees offers a wide variety of worship themes, from that first tree we find linked to humanity's fall from grace, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, to the tree that becomes a cross for Christ's crucifixion, the location of God's ultimate saving grace for all humankind. During Lent, we will journey through Scripture tracing our story of salvation using God's Family Tree – varied trees found in the Old and New Testaments as a focal point for telling the stories of God's people as they struggle to find faith and hope for life. Each Sunday as the story unfolds, a different tree with its symbol will mark for us a memorable and meaningful witness to the story, as we experience the message of salvation and trace God's action in human history to our own branch in God's family tree.

Please join us for the following Lenten and Easter Worship Services:

Ash Wednesday, February 14
Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7
The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil - Choices

Lent I, Sunday, February 18
Genesis 6:11-14 and 7:1-5 and 9:8-13
The Cypress Tree - Covenant

Lent II, Sunday, February 25
Exodus 24:12-14a and 25:1-2a, 8-10, 16
The Acacia Tree - Commandment

Lent III and Communion, Sunday, March 4
Isaiah 11:1-3
The Stump of Jesse – Connection

Lent IV, Sunday, March 11
Amos 7:14-15
The Sycamore Tree – Challenge

Lent V, Sunday, March 18
Psalm 118:26-29 and Luke 2:1-7
The Evergreen - Compassion

Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 25
John 12:12-16
The Palm – Contrasts

Maundy Thursday Service
6 PM, March 29
Matthew 26:26-30, 36-39
The Olive Tree – Contentment

Good Friday Service
12 Noon, March 30
Matthew 27:27-54
A Crown of Thorns – Convictions

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 1
Isaiah 25:6-9 and Matthew 28:1-10
The Dogwood Tree and Blossom – Celebration

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Praying with the Psalms
February 21-March 21

Join PCEI on Wednesdays during Lent for worship, supper, and fellowship. Each Wednesday night we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM for a time of worship and reflection. This year, we will be guided by the ancient Psalms of our faith giving attention to a different Psalm each week. Then join us for supper hosted by the Worship Committee in the Fellowship Hall.

SIMPLE MEALS

Lent begins on February 14, Ash Wednesday. Our services for Lent will begin that evening at 6 P.M. and will continue each Wednesday for the next 5 weeks. The services will be followed by a simple meal. We are making changes with our menu. You are asked to bring soup and cornbread, salad and sandwiches, or a casserole. This is the schedule:

February 14 - soup and cornbread
February 21 - salad and sandwiches
February 28 - casseroles
March 7 - soup and cornbread
March 14 - salad and sandwiches
March 21 - casseroles

Desserts are not needed for these simple meals. A sign up sheet will be on the porch of the church each Sunday to volunteer. We will need 6 to 8 contributions each evening.

Thank you, the Worship Committee

FELLOWSHIP

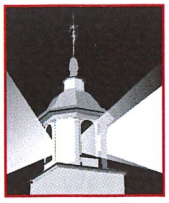
We would like to thank Jim and Linda Murray for the wonderful Oyster Roast held on January 28th. Also thank you to everyone for the delicious sides and desserts. A good time was had by all.

We will not have Family Night suppers in February and March because of Lent.

Have you been receiving the FLASH, our weekly email update with the upcoming ministries and activities of PCEI? If so, make sure to thank Cathy Price, our new Fellowship Chairperson, who is sending those out. If you do not yet receive the FLASH, please contact Cathy to be added to the list, cathycprice@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1- Linda Johnson
Eddie Robinson
3- Maxine Clay
4- Christine Howard
David King
Martha Tucker
9- Charley Hasty
Knox Wherry
10- Bess Kellett
Dave Martin
11- Karen Snow
12- Jim Bishop
Toma Patterson
16- Nancy Wherry
17- Sally Brown
24- Diane Newton
27- Mary Floyd



LIGHT UNTO THE ISLAND

The Christian Education Committee has begun its planning for our 3rd Annual *Light Unto The Island* event. This year we will honor the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation as we learn from a special guest speaker. Reserve the dates for this wonderful, educational opportunity: Saturday Evening, April 28th – Fellowship Gathering and Intro to the Theme with our Guest. Sunday Morning and Afternoon, April 29th – Sunday School, Worship, Lunch and Lecture. Make plans to join us!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEB. 3rd
TIME: 8AM
PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come and see what chefs Rick Ackerman and Alan George will be cooking up. I'm sure it will be wonderful!! All men are invited. Come and bring a friend!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women met at the Manse for the January meeting. Dee Moseley led a very interesting Bible Study about the importance of Christian traditions in our present church lives.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Chair, Betty Partenheimer, showed us their latest project, newborn baby caps. They are red, symbols of healthy heart awareness for babies born in February. These caps, along with many Prayer Shawls and "Prayer Pal" dolls, were blessed during our January 14 Worship Service.

The ladies removed the Christmas decorations and , with the help of Alan George, the Chrismon Tree. These were used by the Episcopal Church for their Burning of the Greens.

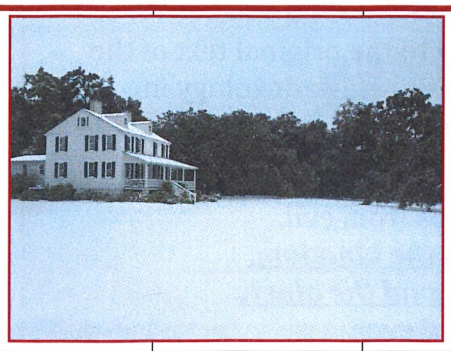
Cathy Price explained the Cottage Meetings which will be held to inform church members about the Reconfiguration project. She also will be taking over the FLASH with weekly church news. Cathy announced the January Family Night Supper, which included our organist's edition of "Name that Tune".

Margaret McCord announced the Appreciation Luncheon for the Food Pantry Volunteers.

Following the meeting, the ladies enjoyed a soup and salad luncheon.

Our next big project will be preparing Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Manse.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 **8AM Men's Breakfast**
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11 **Breakfast:** 8:30 **SS:** 9:00 AM **Worship:** 10AM	12	13 **Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM**	14 **Ash Wednesday** **Bible Study 10AM** **Choir 4:30PM** **Lenten Service 6PM with Soup & Cornbread**	15 **Fresh Express 1-5PM**	16	17
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FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Name That Tune:
I hope you had as much fun as I did at the NAME THAT TUNE Family Night Supper! One piece in particular elicited requests for the name of the source CD. That piece was ***Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*** which is found on ***Bach Busters by Don Dorsey***. It is an early electronic synthesizer "realization" arrangement of several Classical pieces. I highly recommend it to those who appreciate a "fresh listen" to excellent Classical music with a different/exciting rendition/arrangement.

Musical Fast:
Traditionally, Lent was a time of solemn spiritual and physical preparation for our own acceptance of salvation through Christ's sacrifice. Additionally, it was a time of fasting. We will begin a kind of "musical fast" on Ash Wednesday in that the services during Lent have "given up" the ALLELUIAS and DOXOLOGIES which are elements of celebration rather than penitence. These will return on Easter Sunday. An interesting fact is that 40 days represents approximately 1/10 of a year.

The Lord's Prayer:
Did you know that King Henry the VIII added a Doxology to the original text of the Lord's Prayer? (see below: doxology in bold/italics/underlined)

> And lead us not into temptation,
> But deliver us from evil.
> ***For thine is the kingdom,***
> ***The power, and the glory,***
> ***For ever and ever.***
> ***Amen.***

This version is typical of Protestant Churches. Technically, it should be removed during Lent along with the other Doxologies. In some Churches it is omitted during Lent and returns on Easter.

Lent/Easter/Choir:
The choir is preparing Lent and Easter music for the remainder of our services leading up to the great celebration of Easter. We are having a GRRREAT time in Choir .... If you sing, there is a place for you!

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IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy to:

The Black family for the loss of Caroline Black of Edisto Island, SC.

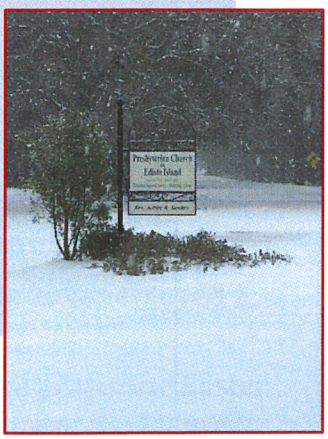
The Franklin family for the loss of Carolyn's brother, Marion Shealy, of Knoxville, TN.

The Atchley family for the loss of Ann's grandmother, Emily Alessi.

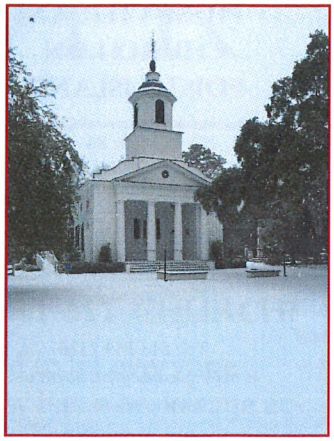
Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

YARD SALE

Save the date (and your stuff) for the Annual Yard Sale that benefits scholarships for our own Ann Rooney Preschool, Saturday, April 7th. Please bring your donations to the Omni beginning March 1st. If you can help with the Yard Sale, please contact Mike Atchley or Ann Robinson to sign up!



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND
2018 BUDGET



INCOME

	2018 Budget
Christian Education	$ 21,015
- Preschool Tuition	
- Preschool Scholarship	
Mission	$ 25,000
- Food Pantry	
- Haiti Under God	
Worship	$ 339,500
- Pledges	
- Open Offering	
- Lily Gifts	
Buildings & Grounds	$ 7,500
- Omni Use	
- Burial Plots	
Total Income	$ 393,015

EXPENSE

Administration $232,218
- All personnel salary, benefits, workers comp and taxes (Pastor, Music Director, Admin Office, Custodian)
- Copier lease and supplies and cost of copies
- Pastor professional expense
- Office supplies
- Insurance, Liability & Property
- Accounting
- Taxes & licenses
- Pastor and Administrative Assistant mileage
- Benevolence
- Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Fees

Building & Grounds $62,350
- Repairs (Sanctuary, Omni, Manse)
- Security system
- Utilities
- Pest control
- Grounds Maintenance
- Cleaning supplies
- Drinking water
- Trash removal

Christian Education $42,331
- Preschool Salaries, Director, and teachers
- Preschool supplies
- VBS
- LUTI

Mission $32,950
- HUG
- Food Pantry
- Good Samaritan Medical Clinic
- Hands of Christ

Fellowship $2,500
- Special events (Homecoming, Oyster roast, Manse picnic, Fellowship suppers, Christmas Parade, Receptions)

Evangelism $1,050
- First time visitors bags and gifts
- Printing and Literature

Stewardship/Finance $100
- Supplies

Worship $8,475
- Guest pastor and Organist
- Choir music
- Easter lilies
- Instrument maintenance
- AGO regional conference and membership
- Nursery attendants

Total Expense $381,974

Net Income $ 11,041

This budget was approved by the Session and presented to the congregation on Sunday, January 28th, during our Annual Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions or would like to see a more detailed budget, please contact our Church Treasurer, Buddy Watson.

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3rd - Men's Breakfast 8AM
4th - Chamber Music Charleston 3PM
5th - Presbyterian Women 10AM
6th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM
Session Meeting 5PM
7th - Bible Study 10AM
Choir Practice 6PM
13th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM
14th - Bible Study 10AM in E&F
Choir Practice 4:30PM
Ash Wednesday Service 6PM
15th - Fresh Express 1-5PM
20th - Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM
21st - Bible Study 10AM in E&F
Choir Practice 4:30PM
Lenten Service 6PM
27th- Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM
28th - Bible Study 10AM in E&F
Choir Practice 4:30PM
Lenten Service 6PM