

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Many of you know that I serve on the board of Haiti Under God. Haiti Under God is a mission to Haiti that was begun by folks who were living on Edisto Island at the time. For a while until he moved to Walterboro, Donald Lyons, the founder and director of HUG, attended the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island. When I arrived Ann Low was serving as secretary of the board. Jim Murray had just completed a time on the board. I was asked to serve soon after I began pastoring here.

Since I began working with HUG, there have been many changes. In 2011 I took a trip to Haiti, with a great deal of help from members here. While I was on that trip, one of the things that I did was to help the home for girls get moved to a new house. During that trip I stayed in Dottie's Guest House. Soon after I returned to Edisto, HUG had the chance to begin leasing and operating the guest house. It was renamed My Father's Guest House and, in addition to providing a place for HUG mission teams and others to stay, it has generated a substantial amount of support for the girls home.

Another recent change is that Gerritt and Julie VanWagenen have partnered with HUG to serve as the on-site representatives of HUG. They raise their own support and they work with us to take care of the girls who are housed in the girls home and they run the guest house.

Many of you are supporters of HUG and you receive our newsletters and are aware of all these changes. One thing that has not changed is HUG's commitment to feeding hungry children. A vital part of this effort to feed not only our girls but children in other homes and schools who have asked for our help is the annual Pack-a-thon.

On October 18th and 19th, members of our congregation and others will have the privilege of helping HUG fulfill its commitment to hungry children in Haiti. This two day event is staffed and supplied by partner ministries, who work arm in arm with HUG in Haiti. The Pack-a-thon is held in the Walterboro National Guard Armory. The food that will be packed at the Pack-a-thon is a specially formulated mix of rice and vegetables, and vitamins and minerals. One package of food will supply all of the nutritional needs for one day for six people. HUG is aiming to pack 100,000 packages of food at the October Pack-a-thon. The food that we pack will go to feed the children who are under the care of HUG's feeding program.

In order to pack 100,000 packages of food, we will need 25 teams of 17 people. Each team will be asked to pay for the food and packing supplies. The cost of food and packing is \$1,100 per team or \$65 per person. Some of you participated in the Pack-a-thon last year. We are hoping to have at least one team from The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island. It is our hope that

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other organizations and churches can be persuaded to join us in providing food for the children of Haiti.

The whole experience of a Pack-a-thon is fun and rewarding. The teams will be asked to work a two hour shift. The time goes by quickly and the challenge to pack as many packages of food as you can in two hours gives the whole experience a generous and lively energy. Everyone there is hoping to be of help to children who are in serious need. At the end of the shift it is amazing to see the number of boxes of food that have been prepared.

If you would like more information, please speak to me. Also if you are aware of businesses, clubs or organizations that you think might like to put together a team, let me know. I hope to see you at the Pack-a-thon on October 18 or 19.

Pastor Ted

## NURTURE NEWS

**Nurture Committee News:** Nurture committee will meet after worship on Sunday, August 18th in the E&F building in order to finalize our plans for the Manse's 175 birthday celebration on October 13th. Not only will we celebrate the Manse's birthday, but we are including our annual Homecoming as part of the celebration. If you have not attended a meeting before please join us, we can use your input. EVERYONE IS INVITED!! If you have attended before please plan on doing so again!! This meeting should not last longer than 30 minutes.

**First Thursday Nurture Suppers:** Our first Thursday supper will kick off on Thursday, September 5th, at a location to be announced as we get closer. If anyone has a "special" place they would recommend please let me know.

**Men's Breakfast:** Our men's breakfast will kickoff Saturday, September 7th at 8:00 am in the E&F building. I know many of you guys have been waiting on these to begin, so to be fair with everyone we will have a sign up sheet in the E&F building for all you who want to go ahead and grab a Saturday before they are all gone!!. The sign up sheet will be put up on August 18th.

### **Family Night Suppers Schedule for the remainder of 2013:**

September 11, Hosted by Beth and Bob Foster & Doris and David Lybrand  
October no supper due to Manse Birthday/Homecoming Celebration  
November 13, Hosted by Brenda Barnes & Beth and Archie Johnston  
December 11, Hosted by Dottie Thomas & Joyce and Sam Lybrand

Buddy Watson



### IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Godwin family for the loss of "Boodie" Godwin of Edisto Island, SC.

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Woods family for the loss of Becky's mother, Margaret Hutto of Bowman, SC.

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Connor family for the loss of Lt. Colonel Parker Connor, Jr. of Greenville, SC.

And our deepest Christian sympathy to the Roberts family for the loss of Susan's mother, Doris Ross of Delaware.

*Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their loved ones.*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

Gifts have been given in memory of:

*Robert Allston* by Okie and Gerry Murray.

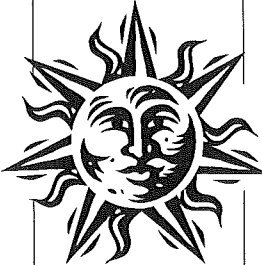
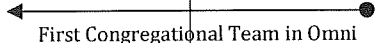
*Nell Carlson* by Catherine Arnot, Olivia Maxon, Okie and Gerry Murray and Allen and Glenda Pate.

*Boodie Godwin* by Jud and Fran Davis.

*Johnnie Walker* by Shannon Bishop, Tom and Peggy Camp, Francis and Jennifer Collins, Joel and Lena Cox, Sallie and Bob Currin, Theodore Darby, Dawson Lumber Company, Jonathan and Margaret Dieter, James Flanagan and Katherine Wells, David Grabeman, Maureen and Dee Hamilton, Joan and Steve Hatchell, Tommy and Martha Huguenin, Raad and Daphne Joseph, Jim and Denise Kempson, Edward Mills, Jr., Okie and Gerry Murray, Beth and Henry Ohlandt, Dick and Helen Rose, Van Leer C Rowe, Roy and Beth Smoak, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Spiers, Jr., Cheryl and Michael Spiers, Laura and Bill Spiers, Mr. and Mrs. William Sturgis, Ellen and Bubba Unger, and Wherry Family Foundation.



# AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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				 ← First Congregational Team in Omni		
4 SS: 9:00 am <b>Worship &amp; Communion:</b> 10:00 am	5	6	7  <b>Prayer Chapel</b> 11am	8	9	10
11 SS: 9:00 am <b>Worship: 10am</b>	12	13	14  <b>Prayer Chapel</b> 11am	15	16	17
18 SS: 9:00 am <b>Worship: 10 am</b>  11:15 Nurture Committee Meeting	19	20	21  <b>Prayer Chapel</b> 11am	22	23	24  <b>S.T.E.P.S.</b> <b>Event</b> <b>in Mt. Pleasant</b>
25 SS: 9:00 am <b>Worship: 10 am</b>  Co-ed Wedding Shower for Marlee and Eric in E&F after worship	26	27	28  <b>Prayer Chapel</b> 11am	29	30	31

### BACK IN ACTION

Presbyterian Women will resume monthly meetings beginning Monday, September 9th at 10 a.m. Mark your calendars!

### OUR BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

Funds required through July 21st: \$139,277.00  
 Funds received as of July 21st: \$118,946.46  
 Shortage as of July 21st: **-\$20,330.54**

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### June:

The following membership changes have been made to the church register: Jeremy Blomgren was baptized and received as a new member on 26 May 2013; Elizabeth Bryan was received as a new member on 26 May 2013 through Transfer of Membership; Jim and Kathy Maxon transferred their membership to St. Andrews Episcopal Church; and Johnnie Walker passed away 30 May 2013 (burial was on Pawley's Island, SC).

Information was shared on the STEPS Event (24 August 2013) in Mt. Pleasant, SC, and the Small Church Conference in Montreat, NC, during 21-23 October 2013.

The Zion United Methodist Church Mission Team was approved to use the Omni 13-20 July 2013. This mission team assisted with our Vacation Bible School.

Stewardship and Finance – The Finance Committee will study the advantages/disadvantages of establishing another endowment fund for building and grounds priorities and a conservation easement on the Manse.

Christian Education – The Fosters provided snacks for the Youth Group in July. A Pre-School Open House will be held on 30 August 2013. The Vacation Bible School fliers are out. Curriculum for Sunday School is being ordered.

Discipleship – A draft Congregational Survey is in development to gather information on Congregational preferences to do church committee volunteer work.

Mission – Roofing materials can be obtained at discount for various non-profit efforts. Discussion emphasized that the Session does not support any youth group working on PCEI roof issues due to the liability concerns.

Nurture – Planning for the Manse “birthday” celebration on 13 October 2013 is underway. Also, thirty people attended the River Dogs baseball game on 26 May 2013 which was organized by Archie and Beth

Johnston.

Building and Grounds – The pump in the Omni was replaced after discovering a water leak.

The Administrative Policy regarding weddings was revised to clarify “a member’s immediate family” as “children and grandchildren” and to delete the requirement for member sponsorship for wedding requests at our church. Further revisions of the wedding guidelines were tabled pending a review of current policy.

The wedding request of Miss Franke Mercer and Mr Robert Van Steenburgh was approved for 15 February 2014.

Rev. Dennis provided his monthly Minister’s Report. Several visitations were mentioned. Rev. Dennis has a recent college graduate staying with him.

The baptism of Allen and Becky Woods’ granddaughter on 30 June 2013 was approved.

### July:

Rev. Dennis officiated at the funeral of Parker Conner in June 2013.

Winnie Ewers, granddaughter of Allen and Becky Woods, was baptized on 30 June 2013.

A Note of Appreciation from Louise Robinson was shared. Ms. Robinson thanked our church for the loan of tables and chairs for her Mother’s birthday.

The wedding ceremony of Virginia Holly and Christopher Orman on 26 October 2013 was approved. Professional development (31 July – 4 August 2013) and vacation (4-11 August 2013) were approved for Rev. Dennis.

June 2013 accounting statement was emailed to all Session members.

A new drain field for the 1,500 gallon septic tank with an estimated cost of \$1,500 - 2,000 was approved.

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## FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

### Choir Resumes:

Labor Day this year falls on September 2nd so choir practice resumes on Wednesday, September 4th. If you sing, there is a place for you! Come...join the fun and fellowship!

### Melita:

Is the tune name for a well known hymn that is in practically every hymnal since first being published in 1861. It refers to an island now called Malta and is referenced in Acts 28:1; "And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita". It describes the apostle Paul's shipwreck. Is this enough information for you to guess the title of the hymn?

William Whiting (1825-1878) and Robert Nelson (1937-1961) wrote the words to this well know hymn. The music was written by John B. Dykes (1823-1876). It is generally accepted that Whiting based his texts on the vivid descriptions of

God's promised deliverance from the terrors of the sea as described in Psalm 107:23-32. It was Spencer who added stanzas 2 and 3 which extended land and air to God's protective spheres respectively. Have you solved the riddle of which hymn it is yet?

Final three "hints" are: (1) Stanza 1: the manifestation of God the Father who created and controls the seas; (2) Stanza 2: the manifestation of God the Son who has power to control the elements of nature (land); and (3) Stanza 3: the manifestation of God the Holy Spirit who at the creation of the world swept across the seas (air). The Triune God head is thus expressed.

Have you guessed the hymn? The answer will follow in our next newsletter.

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The Youth Group is averaging eight attendees per week. A Monday night Bible Study for college age young adults is ongoing. Our Vacation Bible School starts on 15 July 2013.

A Congregational Survey to determine member preferences to do church volunteer work should be distributed this Fall.

Hands of Christ will be distributing school clothes at the Edisto Presbyterian Church on 31 July 2013 from 5-7 PM. Volunteers are needed to unload, distribute, repack, and load clothes into trucks that afternoon.

A planning meeting was conducted for the Manse "birthday" celebration to be held on 13 October 2013. The Nurture Committee decided to include the church Homecoming in the celebration. Sign-ups for menu items and picnic set up and clean up will start in August 2013. Also, there will be a Nurture Dinner in September.

Kudos were given to Rev. Dennis and Elder Robinson for their efforts in orchestrating our Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Dennis is encouraging participation in the Haiti Under God Pack-a-thon to be held October 2013 in the National Guard Armory in Walterboro, SC.

Rev Dennis will install Rev. Frank Portee as the new minister of Edisto Island Presbyterian Church on 21 July 2013.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be 8 September 2013 after the morning Worship Service.

The wedding ceremony requests of Katherine McKinney and William Guerin for 26 April and 3 May 2013 were tentatively approved (for 30 days). If PCEI is not notified within 30 days, then neither date will be held and the couple will need to request the Session to approve a date based on availability.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



A big thank you to all of you who donated time, money, craft supplies and food to make our recent Vacation Bible School a success. With the help of our mission team from Zion United

Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, you provided 12 children with a good week of learning, fun and fellowship. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Riot 32: Our island wide youth group is currently meeting at the Lions Club Sundays at 7 - 9 pm. An average of 8 youth are attending. All teens are welcome.

A college age Bible study meets Monday nights at 8pm, with an average of 8 participants. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ann Robinson.

Preschool will have an open house August 30th.

As Christians, we seek Jesus' will for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that he has planned *A Future with Hope* for us. This is the theme for this year's event taking place Saturday, August 24th at the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. As you reflect on how you may grow in your faith through experiences of worship, learning, fellowship, and service, consider some of the workshops available at S.T.E.P.S.: *Nurturing Your Family's Faith; Moving from Debate to Dialogue; Study of the book of Jeremiah; Effective Meetings* and many more. Go to the presbytery website [www.capresbytery.org](http://www.capresbytery.org) for more information or check with the church office for a brochure.



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!

- 3 - Lee Hyatt  
Elizabeth Murray
- 5 - Jessica Clamp
- 8 - Rick Ackerman  
Beth Johnston  
Linda Tilby
- 10 - Jay Davis
- 11 - Pat Martin
- 15 - Jo Ringer  
Betsy Thrash
- 17 - Bob Foster
- 18 - Gerry Murray
- 20 - Caroline Black  
Sam Todd
- 21 - Craig Williams
- 26 - Pete Muhlhausen
- 27 - Savanna Asbill
- 29 - Joe Low



## You're invited!

Please come to the  
co-ed Wedding Shower  
for Eric Dennis & Marlee Tonks

Sunday, August 25th  
at 11:15 in the E&F

Come celebrate their upcoming union and help give them a good start. They have a wedding registry at both Belk and Macys.

We will enjoy lunch together. Details will follow about what you might contribute. Save the date! For more information contact Elizabeth Murray at 869-2100.



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