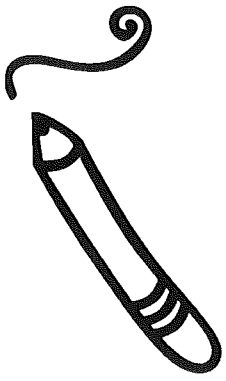


THE ISLANDER



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

PASTOR'S CORNER

Many of us take part in the Plantation Tour. The tour is especially significant for us this year. Not only will the Manse be on the Plantation Tour, but we are celebrating 175 years of Manse history. Think of that. For 175 years the walls of this beautiful home have borne witness to the spiritual nurture of countless souls. When ministers and their families lived within these walls, the thoughts and the prayers that were voiced in the sanctuary were kindled and fanned here. In the middle of daily life, the thoughts and prayers of the minister were born and sheltered in this space.

When we look at a treasure such as the Manse, some may want to glorify the past, but what we discover when we look more closely is that the forgotten, the obscured and the untold is actually the most significant portion. I am confident that there were as many tears shed in the Manse over the years as in the homes of the members of the congregation. There was as much conflict between parents and as much sibling rivalry as in any other home. There was as much fear and uncertainty.

The people standing in the pulpit have been messengers of the grace of Christ and the voice of God's direction and discipline. This would not be remarkable if they were untouched by the cares of the world and if they lived in a bubble. But they did not live in a bubble. They were not less distracted by annoyances and temptations. They were not superhuman, leading blissful lives disconnected from pain and heartache. They had all of the disappointment and shame and despair to overcome that the other inhabitants of this earth had to deal with.

Ordinary human beings have always been vessels of inspiration. God has used ordinary men and women to speak and write words that carry love and comfort and challenge and correction. To me, the most fascinating thing about the Manse is that it is not a place that is cut off from the mundane and set apart from the troublesome and the sordid except in our own minds. If it may be set apart from other houses, it is not because of any relic or artifact. It is because of the assumptions that we attach to what is found here. We can assume that the people who lived here did good or at least attempted to do good, and we believe that God blessed their work.

What we may overlook is that the Manse was just one place where people cherished the voice of an anonymous child expressing grief over the loss of a horse. It was just one place where the words of scripture were taught to eager learners. It was one of many places where children learned to read and ate meals together and played games together and prayed and felt cared for.

The value of the Manse is not that it teaches us that there was a place where God's word was taught and people studied to present lessons from scripture. In the same way that we feel certain that all that was earthly and finite and

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tedious had to be present here, we might suspect that the noble and the divine were present at the other homes. We can grasp these things because we see that overlooking scribbling on the wall would be unwise. Ignoring broken pots, shoe buckles and tools buried in the yard makes no sense. Assuming that these things are all that remain of the history of houses that are not parsonages makes no sense either. If we can assume a divine presence was here, it must have been elsewhere as well.

The Spirit of God inspires and instructs and directs people using the blunt and tarnished instruments that they offer Him. God does this in shacks and palaces and monasteries. God is at work in grand homes and modest homes, and it is always a miracle.

Pastor Ted

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

This is the day we will celebrate the Manse's 175 birthday along with our homecoming. We will have an old fashioned church wide picnic complete with BBQ chicken and all the trimmings (desserts will be included).



Date: Sunday October 13, 2013

Place: The Manse Lawn

Time: immediately after worship

If you have not already signed up to bring something or help in other ways, please contact Bess Kellett at lilbesswatson@gmail.com or Buddy Watson at cawthree46@gmail.com. We need everyone's help!!

We look forward to everyone coming out to help celebrate this historic occasion. (You only turn 175 once in your life!)

Buddy Watson

THE MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED WOMAN IN THE BIBLE IS:

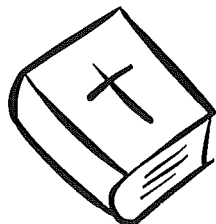
A. Eve

B. Sarah

C. The Virgin Mary

D. Rachel

(Find the answer in next month's edition of *The Islander*!)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members/Affiliates/Friends of the Church: Jack & Dee Moseley, Tommy Yeargin, Chuck & Vera Klotzberger, Jeb & Dennis Brantley, Bill Long, Jim Heaton, Joyce & Larry Grimes, Beth Smoak, Olivia Maxon, Knox Wherry, Ann Robinson, Caroline Boineau, Becky Burns and Betsy Thrash.

Friends, Family, and Loved Ones of Church Members: Mary Hornsby (Newton Hornsby), John Moseley, Billy Topping (Jack & Dee Moseley), Harris Orsini, Margaret Albenesius (Olivia Maxon), Ben Whaley (Rick & Irene Ackerman), Melissa Corbin Barton (Mary Bost Reed), Stan Latorre, Patrick Panzica (Lois Anderson), Raymond, Bill, Christia and Kip Casto (Elizabeth Murray), Ruby Tumbleston, Gordon Wells, Deanna Barteet, Joseph Daniel Barteet, Mike Thomas, Mary Milam (Carla and Raymond Tumbleston), Ellen Brown (Maxine Clay), Shelly Myers (Sandra Collins), Gordon Locatis (Elaine Freeman), Bryce McGowin (Tami Knecht), Bob Arminstead, Mike Evans (Bill & Betty Partenheimer), Kimberly Glenn (Okie Murray), Katie Budds (Jim and Margaret McCord), Barbara Rigney (Kevin Murray), Mike Skinner (Mary Tichy), Terri Hardimann (Bess Kellett), Rob Bullard (Bob & Beth Foster), Lorraine & Mike Holcombe and Margaret Arnett.

Serving in the Military: Seth Sanders, Fort Lewis, Washington (Steve and Darlene Johnson); Sgt. Jeffery J. Jernigan, Fort Rucker, Alabama (Jerrel and Gail Jernigan), Sgt. Kyle E. Davis, Afghanistan (Jud and Fran Davis), PFC Albert Moriarty, Virginia Beach, VA (Janet and David Ronk), and 1st Lieutenant Erik Burg, Fort Drum, NY (Pete Blair).



Please contact the church office (843-869-2326) with updates.

MEMORIAL GIFTS



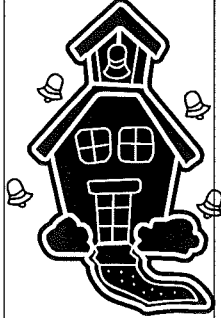
Gifts have been given in memory of:

Doris Ross by Okie and Gerry Murray

Reverend David Fort by Bud and Ann Skidmore

Lt. Col. Parker Connor, Jr. by H.D. and Martha Blocker, Cat and Mike Martin, Ben and Sunshine Connor Norwood, Jr., Louis and Dewey Oxner and Bud and Ann Skidmore

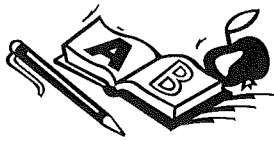
SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>1 SS: 9:00 am Worship & Communion: 10:00 am</p>	<p>2 Labor Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3 Preschool Begins</p>	<p>4 Prayer Chapel 11am 6pm Choir</p>	<p>5 Supper Club 6pm Capt. Jimmy Bell's</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Men's Breakfast 8am Dennis/Tonks Wedding</p>
<p>8 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10am Session Mtg: 11:15am</p>	<p>9 Presbyterian Women 10am</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Prayer Chapel 11am 4:30pm Choir 6pm Family Night Supper</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Beth Moore Simulcast 9:30am</p>
<p>15 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10am</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Prayer Chapel 11am 6pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Prayer Chapel 11am 6pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am</p>	<p>30</p>					

PRESCHOOL

Summer is over and it is school time again!! We are getting ready for a fun packed year. We have some new faces and some returning students. Can't wait to get started!!

Spread the word, we have a few spots available and are taking applications for all children 18 months to 4 yrs old.



Lisa Grimball

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will resume monthly meetings on Monday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the E. & F. Building. These meetings provide a time for Bible study and fellowship for all women in our church. This is an opportunity to participate in service to Christ's church with various projects. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

We are so excited because of the Beth Moore *Living Proof Live* simulcast that will take place all across the United States on Saturday, September 14, 2013. This will be a live *Living Proof Ministry Conference* simulcast.

WHAT: BETH MOORE LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST

WHERE: Edisto Beach Baptist Church

WHEN: Saturday, September 14, 2013
Begins at 9:30 am. Includes a morning session and different afternoon session

COST: \$5.00/person, Cash or Checks (Checks may be made out to LIFEWAY WOMEN)

BRING: Bible, pen, notebook and a bag lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

If you plan to attend, please contact Edisto Beach Baptist Church (869-2662), Okie Murray (ordellm@gmail.com / 869-3067), or Darlene Johnson (darlenej@starband.net / 889-9935).

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation.

Okie Murray and Darlene Johnson

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

"First we sing, then we understand"
Rabbi Abraham Joshua

If You Sing:

We are in need of something money cannot buy...YOU! If you sing please consider joining the choir. We need additional voices in all sections.



Music:

The following quote is from a homily given by the Very Reverend Ryan, Pastor of St. James Cathedral at the annual American Guild of Organists convention a few years ago.food for thought!

"Music is no incidental add-on, no luxury to be purchased only after all the bills for buildings and their upkeep are paid, or after all the education and service programs for children, adults, families, and the needy are funded. No, music is integral to everything we do as a church..."

Monograph:

This month's monograph deals with the 3rd Great "B's" of music...

Of the three great "B's" in music [Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms] Johannes Brahms stands as the transitional element from the Baroque and Classical periods into the Romantic. He inherited musical forms from Bach and Beethoven which he developed into more extensive harmonic and tonal compositions.

Brahms was born into a Lutheran family

in Hamburg, Germany but spent most of his professional life in Vienna, Austria. With considerable influence and popularity, he led the way into the modern music of the 20th century. His compositions included voice, piano, chorus, chamber groups and symphony orchestras. We have 11 compositions for organ by him.

At age seven Brahms began his early training with his father and in his early childhood played in "dance halls" to supplement his family's income. As an adult he was a popular pianist of his day. Often he would premier his own works. As an "uncompromising perfectionist" he destroyed many of his early compositions. We can only imagine what music has been lost to us.

Melita:

Did you discover the mystery hymn in last month's column? Here are the hints once again:

(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 Godhead is thus expressed.

The title is: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, or as most of us know it...The Navy Hymn.

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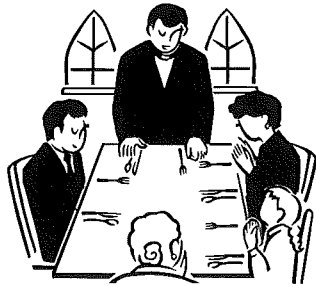
MEN'S BREAKFAST



Men's Breakfast resumes Saturday, September 7th at 8AM. We need chefs. Please contact Buddy Watson (cawthree46@gmail.com) if you can help out.

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS

Family night suppers resume Wednesday, September 11th at 6PM in the E&F building. Bring something to share and join the feast and fellowship. This meal is a long-standing tradition for our congregation and everyone is welcome.



SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club resumes Thursday, September 5th at Capt. Jimmy Bell's Seafood Joint at the corner of Hwy 174 and Little Britton Rd. at 6PM. Please RSVP to either Bess or Buddy by Tuesday, September 3rd. Bess's email lilbesswatson@gmail.com or Buddy's email cawthree46@gmail.com.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

- 1- Marie Asbill
 - 3- John McAlhany
 - 4- Tide Elliott
 - 7- Irene Ackermann
 - 8- Rosser Thrash
 - 10- Jean Griffin
 - 12- Bonnie Lee
 - 16- Nick Lindsay, Sr.
 - 17- Linda Manus
 - 18- Susan Hornsby
 - 19- Margaret McCord
 - 26- Lee Mikell
- Emma Marie Sanders



OUR BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

Funds required:	\$153,677.00
Funds received:	<u>\$127,504.83</u>
Shortage as of Aug. 11th:	<u>-\$26,172.17</u>

FLOWERS

The following dates are still available to place flowers in the sanctuary this year: September 22, 29, October 6, 20, 27, November 10 and 24. Please sign up on the flower chart or call the church office at 869-2326. You may make your own arrangements or order them. Baldwin's Florist (843-889-3811) and Cattails Floral Designs (843-869-3478) deliver to our church.



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