

# THE ISLANDER



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

## PASTOR'S CORNER

A few people commented on the sermon Sunday. People said that they had never thought about the truth that we truly don't own or possess anything. I'm glad that got their attention. I hope we all think about this Biblical truth. Whoever we are, whatever we do, we grasp our existence and our abilities and our possessions for the span of our lives and no more. All that exists belongs to God and it is on loan to us while we are here. I used the example of my ability to read and write. I'm proud of that ability, but I didn't invent the alphabet or write the whole body of literature that has been composed. If someone hadn't taken time and effort to teach me, that whole world of imagination and creativity would be shut tight to me.

If I enjoy reading a good book, there are so many thousands of people that I need to thank for the experience that I can't even begin the task. It's not hard at all if we stop and think about it that way, to see how nobody gets to take credit for much of anything. All we can do is add individual touches and unique variations to the themes that are already out there. Those expressions are so delightful and so inspiring all by themselves that when we stop to think about everything that they rest upon, our minds are exhausted by the depth and the breadth of what has been given to us before we even thought to ask.

There is no doubt that everything I do today is built on the achievements of others in the past. If I stretch my mind out into the future, that experience is just as rich. If I think about what is yet to be fulfilled, I'm soon lost in thoughts about how limitless the possibilities that lie ahead of us are as well. Think for a minute about this truth. Everything that we needed to put a man on the moon was on the earth the first day of creation. What other mysteries and possibilities are waiting to be unpacked by the people who dare to set out to fulfill a dream? That is a tremendous gift as well.

I think it's liberating to understand that it doesn't all depend on me. The march of history and progress is something that we get to participate in and contribute to. We get to benefit from it and we have the privilege of passing it along to others when our time is done. It is not a negative at all that I am participating in something that is much larger than myself and that I have no claim upon. It is a tremendous privilege to take part in something like that. I've used the story of my participation in the construction of a school building one summer during seminary. I get to drive by that school every now and then and I'm glad that I get to be a part of the nurture and cultivation of young minds.

I love that I can see how the things I have done have been taken and used by others in ways that I would never have thought to use them. In the summer of 2012, some folks that I had worked with when I pastored in Augusta, GA stopped by to visit. It was so gratifying to hear that something that I put energy and thought into creating and got to take part in from the beginning, Presbyterian-led summer day camps for children living in housing projects, was still taking place.

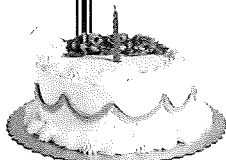
What we do matters, and who we get to help along the way makes a difference. We do it largely because it gives us the opportunity to get outside of ourselves, and to be a part of something that is larger and more lasting than we are. When we do those

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things, we are fulfilling our role as stewards and not owners of God's gifts. The recognition that everything that we are and everything that we do is a gift from God just gives us even more of a reason to keep the line moving. It is and it will always be a privilege to be a part of what God is doing.

Pastor Ted



## **LET'S CELEBRATE! ALL ARE INVITED!**

**MANSE 175TH BIRTHDAY/HOMECOMING**

**OCTOBER 13, 2013**

**TIME: AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**WHERE: ON THE LAWN AT THE MANSE**

**BBQ CHICKEN WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS**



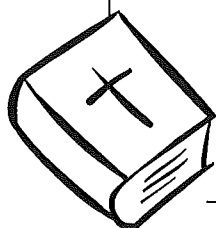
### **THE MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED WOMAN IN THE BIBLE IS:**

Sarah, with 56 mentions. Rachel is second with 47 mentions. The Virgin Mary is mentioned or referred to only 19 times. Eve is mentioned by name only 4 times and 2 of those are in the New Testament.

### **THE MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED MAN, AFTER JESUS, IN THE BIBLE IS:**

- A. David      B. Abraham  
C. Moses      D. Paul

(Find the answer next month!)



### **SPECIAL OFFERING**

In addition to the picnic on October 13th, we will be celebrating the 175th birthday of the Manse with a special offering to reduce the loan outstanding for its restoration. Any donation you can make towards the Manse loan will be a big help.


### **BIBLE STUDY**

A Community Women's Bible Study begins October 2nd at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church. It will meet every Wednesday at 2PM for 6 weeks.

## SEPTEMBER SESSION MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS

- There was no Session held in August.
- The membership transfers of Henry and Beth Ohlandt to Barnwell Presbyterian Church were approved. The membership transfers of Marlee Tonks and Eric Dennis from Pennsylvania were approved.
- The wedding of Katherine McKinney and William Guerin will be held 26 April 2014 in our sanctuary.
- The wedding of Eric Dennis and Marlee Tonks was held on 7 September 2013 in the church sanctuary. Rev. Dennis officiated. A reception followed at the Manse.
- Body and Soul Fitness will be conducting exercise classes in the Omni on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and "boot camp" exercise classes on Monday and Thursday evenings for eight weeks. They will pay \$15 per class to help cover utilities.
- Use of the Omni on 16 November 2013 for a Seniors Banquet was approved for the applicable event fee of \$600.
- Use of the Omni on 30 November 2013 for a birthday party was approved for the applicable event fee of \$600.
- Stewardship and Finance – The church was approximately \$30,000 short of funds needed as of 11 August 2013. Committee work on the Fall Giving Program will start soon.
- Building and Grounds – The new septic tank drain field for the Omni is finished. Also, the Manse was power washed and various repairs made.
- Christian Education – Twelve children attended our Vacation Bible School which went well. The children really enjoyed Rev. Dennis, Jay Davis, Kathy Fritz and Jo Ringer as historic figures who each introduced various Bible stories. The Preschool has five fulltime and three part-time students. The Sunday School curriculum has been ordered.
- Discipleship – A Congregational survey is being finalized. Options to update the church directory will be researched.
- Nurture – 25 people attended the 5 September 2013 Nurture Dinner and 22 people attended the 7 September 2013 Men's Breakfast. There will not be an October Nurture Dinner due the busy October church schedule. Work continues on updating membership information for the mailing and birthday rosters.
- Elders Johnson, McCord, and Murray will end their terms in December 2013. Elders Murray and Manus were elected to the Nominating Committee. A Congregational Meeting will be held on 29 September 2013 to elect a Nominating Committee member-at-large.

# OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Prayer Chapel 11am  6pm Choir	3	4	5  Men's Breakfast 8am  Senn/Turnipseed Wedding
6 SS: 9:00 am Worship & Communion: 10:00 am Session Mtg: 11:15am  Chamber Music Charleston 3pm	7  Presbyterian Women 10am	8	9  Prayer Chapel 11am  6pm Choir	10	11	12  Museum Tour of Manse and Church   Westwood UMC Mission Team in Omni
13 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10am  Manse's 175th Birthday Picnic	14	15	16  Prayer Chapel 11am  6pm Choir	17	18  HUG Pack-a-thon	19  HUG Pack-a-thon
Westwood UMC Mission Team in Omni						
20 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am	21	22	23  Prayer Chapel 11am  6pm Choir	24	25	26  Holley/Orman Wedding
27 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am	28	29	30	31  Halloween		

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!

5- Jacque Lindsay	16- Hal Reid	23- Durwood Collins	28- Doris Lybrand
7- Larry Darby	19- Joyce Lybrand	26- Jimmy Hastings	Bill Reddel
10- Cassie Robinson	John Kolmar	Tommy Sandel	30- Jane Darby
12- Ernestine Fellers	20- Olivia Maxon	Scot Seigler	

## PRESCHOOL

Believe it or not it is October already and we are diving into fall.

We have a full class this year and they are all getting into the school groove. As always we would love to have volunteers to come read to the class. They enjoy visitors and love reading books. If you are interested come by any time and see me.



Lisa Grimball

## CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON RETURNS TO EDISTO ISLAND

Chamber Music Charleston will open their Edisto Island Concert Series with a performance of music for harpsichord and strings on Sunday, October 6th at 3pm in our Sanctuary. Violinists Frances Hsieh and Jenny Weiss, cellist Timothy O'Malley and harpsichordist Julia Harlow will perform music by Johann Sebastian Bach and Adolphus Hailstork. Tickets are \$20 at the door (beginning at 2:30pm on 10/6) or \$18 in advance online at [www.chambermusiccharleston.org](http://www.chambermusiccharleston.org)

## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS

We'll be taking a break from Family Night Supper this month since we'll be gathered together in celebration of the Manse's 175th Birthday on October 13th.

Our suppers will resume thereafter and be hosted by the following gracious volunteers:

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Brenda Barnes

Beth & Archie Johnston

DECEMBER 11, 2013

Dottie Thomas

Joyce & Sam Lybrand

JANUARY 8, 2014

Buddy & Diane Watson

Becky & Allen Woods

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

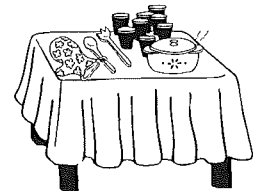
Ann & Joe Low

Okie & Gerry Murray

MAY 14, 2014

Mary Floyd

Bess Kellett



## NURTURE NEWS

Our 1st Thursday supper at Capt. Jimmy Bell's Seafood was well attended (25 folks) and the food and service were excellent. We will not have our 1st Thursday supper in October due to the Manse birthday celebration.

Men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 5th with Rick Ackerman as the Chef. You don't want to miss this!!! We still have a few Saturdays left for men's breakfast. Sign up with Buddy ASAP before they are gone!

We need volunteers to help prepare the Manse for the Museum tour and the Manse's 175th Birthday Celebration. If you can help, please contact Buddy Watson or Allen Woods.

## FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

### All God's Creatures:

There is an old children's song recently made "popular" once again by a well known Irish touring group called "All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir". You can find it on YOUTUBE on the internet in several versions. It proclaims that all things have a place in the choir. Indeed, if you sing there is a place in the choir for YOU! We need voices in all sections and now is the perfect time to join our "merry band of music re-creationists" as we have just begun working on music for the Homecoming/Manse celebration and for Christmas. Even if you want to join us ONLY for these 2 events...this is the time, and this is the place [Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.; choir loft].

### Harmony:

What is it? That question has been changing over the centuries as we ourselves have evolved in time. At first, music [vocal] consisted of a single note sung either with others or with instruments. An early example can be found in Gregorian Chant which gained mainstream popularity around the turn of the 21st century. One note "harmony" was based on the physical and scientific properties developed by the Greeks [approx. 500 B.C.]. Those basic principals still apply.

At some point additional notes became "the norm" with 2 different notes sounding at the same time. At first it was at the octave [same note either higher or lower] and then other notes at the fifth or fourth above/below the principal

note. Both of these "harmony" innovations are based on the scientific/physical properties of the Greeks.

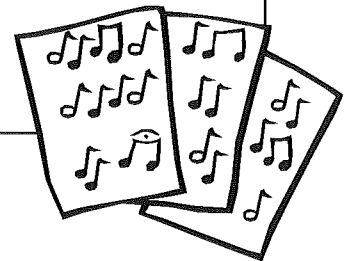
What we think of as "real" or "modern" harmony began when three notes were sounded together. We have J.S. Bach to thank for the ultimate expression of this "modern" style harmony. He took the concept and developed it into all that we know today. The sheer genius of this cannot be fully conveyed in even a single book...it would take many. His work finalized all modern harmony based on a 3 or 4 note chord.

At the beginning of the 20th century we began to expand the sounds or chords that we had accepted as harmonious. It began to include sounds that we hear in modern jazz or even rock music. So, our harmony palette has expanded greatly with numerous new combinations of many note chords.

But, what IS harmony? It is that grouping of sounds [notes stacked on top of each other] that are pleasing or interesting to our ears. We have at this point in our trek through time developed and come to enjoy some amazingly complex harmonies.

May the "chords and harmonies" of our lives be pleasing to God.

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### MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift has been given in memory of  
*Johnnie Lee Walker* by Fran and Henry  
Herlong.

### OUR BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

Funds required:	\$187,277.00
Funds received:	<u>\$144,571.83</u>
Shortage as of Sept. 22nd:	<b>-\$42,705.17</b>

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women resumed their meetings on September 9. Fifteen ladies were present including DuBose Lindsay's daughter, Charlotte, who lives in France.

Vice Moderator, Joyce Lybrand, opened the meeting with prayer. Bible Study Leader, Betty Partenheimer, led us in a preview of our new study book, "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy." Our guest next month will be Pie Mikell; she will lead us in a study on the first two lessons. Study guides are available in the church office for our members.

- Secretary Beth Johnston read the minutes from our last regular meeting in April; they were approved. She reported a balance of \$2,153.77 in our treasury.
- Doris Lybrand has been filling in as Corresponding Secretary and reported on cards sent to members and friends over the summer. Beth Foster will take over these duties now.
- Flower Chair Margaret McCord announced that there are still some open dates in October and November for volunteers to place flowers in the sanctuary.
- Vice Moderator announced that we still need someone to volunteer to serve as moderator and for Christian Community Action Chair. If you are willing to serve, please see Joyce.
- Margaret McCord was nominated and has agreed to serve as representative from our group on the church Nominating Committee.
- Joyce outlined the projects and duties of the Presbyterian Women. They are the following:
  - Support the Sara Jo Cottage at Thornwell Home
  - Send Care Packages to college students from our church

- Contribute toward the care of a child in the AFCA Village in Haiti
- Provide Christmas gifts and visits for the residents at Summerville Home who are from our church
- Collect underwear and socks for students at Jane Edwards School at Christmas time
- Decorate the sanctuary and E&F Building at Christmas
- Arrange the Manse Easter Egg Hunt and provide and fill Easter eggs
- Arrange Easter Cross of lilies on sanctuary steps
- Assist with church receptions as needed
- Host the group from Summerville Home for brunch at our May Birthday meeting
- Send cards and remembrances to those who are ill and provide food as needed
- Contribute to the Food Pantry
- ESL classes at the Methodist Church are not active now; we will help provide food when they resume
- A new project for PW this year will be assisting our preschool by helping to supply some of their ongoing material needs

We look forward to a busy year!

We were reminded about the family night supper on September 11 and the Manse birthday celebration on October 13. Volunteers are needed for the event in October.

The meeting closed with prayer partners and the benediction.

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