

THE ISLANDER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

PASTOR'S CORNER

As we approach the month of November, aside from being surprised by the speed with which time is passing of late, I am filled with warm memories and I can literally smell the aromas of sweet potatoes and turkey and dressing and pecan pie. I am alive with anticipation of the sounds that well up from the stands at football games. I am nostalgic for the time when I could roll out of my bunk at Presbyterian College and walk across the campus to enjoy a football game between the Blue Hose and any of our rivals. I also remember those two hand touch games that sprang to life after everyone had a chance to let their dinner settle on Thanksgiving Day.

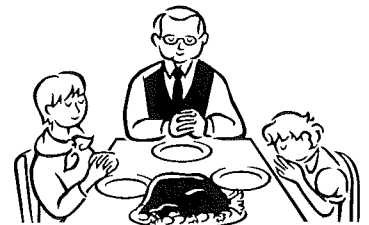
The cast of characters for Thanksgiving has constantly shifted. Every year a new person or two was added or someone couldn't make it. Some years were particularly poignant because someone who had been with us last year had passed away. Every year some things were the same and some things were different. The things that were the same were the rooms in which we gathered, the food on the menu, the decorations and some of the words that we spoke. At some point we always got to the reason for our gathering. Most all of the things that swirled around us were reminders of the things that we value most. The smells, the sounds, the tastes, but most importantly the people, were all connected with the things for which we gathered to express thanks.

If we were enjoying prosperity or health, we were thankful. If we were experiencing lean times or poor health, we were thankful for a respite in the daily struggle gnawing at our hearts. Today at least we could laugh and eat our fill and not worry about anything. Thanksgiving was about gratitude for the people who gathered with us and the chance to focus on counting blessings rather than worries and fears.

For my family, anyway, even if we had plenty we would be reminded of those who didn't have enough. Some years we donated turkeys, other years we worked at the soup kitchen, or we served at a seniors' meal at the church. We didn't forget about others and we believed that everyone ought to have a break from the struggles of life on Thanksgiving. Everyone ought to at least have one day for which they could give thanks. We knew that was an ideal that would not be fulfilled perfectly, but we also knew that it was something that is worth putting effort into.

This time, from November the first until the first of the year, is a time for generosity and a time to pay attention to people that deserve our attention all year round. Along with the memories of the family meals and the stadium sounds and the crunch of leaves under my feet, I ponder the memories of the humble ragged people eating at the soup kitchen table. I hold onto the picture in my mind of the houses and trailers, falling down and patched with plastic sheeting and duct tape, to which I have delivered turkeys and canned goods. I wrap my mind around the faces of the elderly folks, who had no family, who came to the First Presbyterian Church in Griffin, Georgia for their Thanksgiving meal. I hold onto those things because it is good to remember that a part of giving thanks should be compassion and an effort to share our blessings with others.

We have so much for which to be thankful. Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy this occasion and see if you can't find a way to make it a more joyful time for someone else as well.

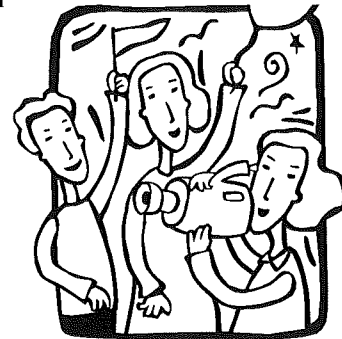


MANSE CELEBRATION

The Manse Celebration was held Sunday, October 13, with over 90 in attendance. The weather was wonderful, nice breeze, no bugs, great food and everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

Special thank you to the following:

- Steve and Darlene Johnson for cooking and serving the chicken (we all know Darlene did all the work!)
- Irene Ackerman for making sure we had enough food by being at church every Sunday in order to be available for everyone to sign up. Irene also called everyone to remind them of what they had signed up to bring.
- Rick Ackerman and his team of Jim Murray, Allen Woods, Bob Foster, David Lybrand, Sam Todd, Stan Manus, Charles Hallex and Eric Dennis for leading the men in setting up and taking down the tables and chairs. 16 tables were used along with 110 chairs!
- Jim Murray for storing all the tables and chairs in his shed in order to keep the dew off.
- Joyce Lybrand, Dottie Thomas and Doris Lybrand for providing "all" the table decorations. They were all beautiful!!
- Bess Kellett for baking the "celebration" cake. I know there were some rumors that she and Costco may have teamed up, but I will always believe she did it!
- Allen Woods, Bob Foster and Jim McCord for providing and setting up the tents.
- Cathy Flowers for providing the ice.
- Thanks to all of our wonderful cooks who brought the wonderful food. Nothing like a good old fashioned covered dish lunch.



My apologies to whoever I might have left out.

Thank you to everyone who attended, for without your being there it would not have been as special! The fellowship with all of our church family, as well as our honored guests, is what makes these events a memorable experience.

Buddy Watson

OCTOBER SESSION MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS

Omni use by FAITH WORKS Mission Team for 27 October to 1 November 2013 was approved.

The Charleston Chamber Music request to use the sanctuary for a concert on 4 May 2014 was approved.

Stewardship and Finance – A Called Session Meeting on the church's financial situation was scheduled for 7 October. The 7 October Called Session Meeting determined that offerings to the church operating fund are much lower than anticipated. It was determined that more details were required in order to make decisions about the remainder of this year and the upcoming 2014 Stewardship Program. A subsequent Called Meeting was set for 20 October.

Administration – Personnel contracts are up for renewal at the end of 2013.

Building and Grounds – Work has concentrated on preparing the Church, grounds, and Manse for the tour on 12 October. Wednesdays will be a church workday from now on. HVAC units in the fellowship/classrooms/Omni are working but in need of replacement. An overarching grounds and facilities plan is needed for when we can afford a capital replacement program.

Christian Education – There is a reception on 20 October for Kristina Crosby, the youth leader. PreSchool Director, Lisa Grimbball, is leaving in January 2014.

Discipleship – The most cost effective option to create an updated church directory is to take pictures ourselves.

Mission – The Hollywood Piggly Wiggly may be willing to work with us on the Food Pantry once the island Piggly Wiggly is replaced by Bi-Lo.

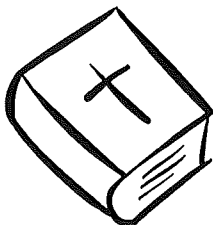
Nurture – Many have worked to get ready for the 175th Manse Birthday celebration.

Worship – The Edisto Presbyterian Church was invited to attend our Manse Birthday Celebration on 13 October.

Dr. Dennis reported on various visitations and efforts to showcase the Manse during the upcoming tour and birthday celebration.

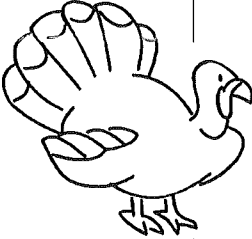
The New Elder Nominating Committee is composed of Margaret McCord (Presbyterian Women), June McRoy (Sunday School), Jim Murray (member-at-large), Bill Partenheimer (Choir), Sam Todd (Presbyterian Men), and Elders Gerry Murray and Linda Manus (Session).

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



David, with 1,085 mentions. Moses is second with 740 mentions.

NOVEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men's Breakfast 8am
<p>3 SS: 9:00 am Worship & Communion: 10:00 am</p> <p>Daylight Saving Ends</p>	4 Presbyterian Women 10am	5	6 Prayer Chapel 11am 6pm Choir	7 Nurture Supper @ Jimmy Bell's 6PM	8 Burns/Geary Rehearsal	9 Burns/Geary Wedding
10 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10am Session Mtg: 11:15am	11	12	13 Prayer Chapel 11am Choir 4:30 Family Night Supper 6pm	14	15	16
17 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am	18	19	20 Prayer Chapel 11am 6pm Choir	21 9am King's Daughters in E&F	22	23
24 SS: 9:00 am Worship: 10 am	25	26	27 Prayer Chapel 11am 6pm Choir	28 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	29	30

← Faith Works Mission Team in Omni ●

**WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU REARRANGE THE
LETTERS OF "PRESBYTERIAN"?**

BEST IN PRAYER

PRESCHOOL

This month brings a little sadness to the Preschool. My wonderful husband has accepted a job in Hawaii. It is a great opportunity not only for him and his career, but also for our family. I do not like the idea of leaving the Preschool, especially mid-year; however, we feel it is important for the family to stay together. So, the Preschool is now looking for a loving and caring person who would be interested in teaching. If you know of someone, please have them contact the church.

Lisa Grimball

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Thanks to all who worked on the buildings and grounds getting the Church, Graveyard and Manse ready for the historic tour and Manse birthday. Please remember, we will continue to have a short workday each Wednesday at 9AM to keep current with necessary repairs. Thanks to all for your continued help and support.

Allen Woods

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS

Our suppers resume this month and will 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

OUR BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

Funds required:	\$206,477.00
Funds received:	<u>\$157,516.83</u>
Shortage as of Oct. 20th:	-\$48,960.17



NURTURE SUPPER

Nurture Supper will be held on Thursday, November 7th at 6PM at Capt. Jimmy Bell's Seafood and BBQ. Please contact either Bess @ 843-743-8909 or Jacque @ 843-869-2126 to RSVP no later than November 5th.

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Welcome!

We welcome Jay Davis to our "merry band of music makers". It is a pleasure to have him aboard!

Best Wishes and Farewell:

We bid a fond farewell to Ashley Burns as she begins a new phase of her life in Greenville. We have enjoyed having her as a member of the choir and wish her well in her new endeavors.

If You Sing:

Do you sing and enjoy music? Now is the perfect time to join the choir whether you wish to join us on a regular basis or only for the Christmas portion. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 P.M. [4:30 P.M. dinner nights] in the choir loft. Come! Let us join our voices together in praise to Him!

Arrangement:

Many of you have commented on how much you enjoyed the closing Voluntary on October 13th [Manse Celebration Day]. This arrangement was derived from Symphony No. 3 in C minor by Camille Saint-Saens, sometimes called the "Organ Symphony." Strictly speaking, the organ is simply one of the additional elements of this magnificent composition. . .that is. . .it was not written AS an organ symphony. In fact, the organ does not appear until 7 minutes into the second movement. Also included in this orchestral work virtuoso is piano written for both two and four hands. The composer conducted the debut of the work on May 19, 1886.

If you are not familiar with this composition, I urge you to take time to explore this magnificent work of art. It will surprise and delight you!

Choir:

The choir is hard at work on music for the Christmas program in December, tentatively set for December 15th during the morning worship hour at 10:00 A.M.. Three of the new anthems are particularly wonderful settings which include both familiar and new tunes. One of these has what I call a "sticky tune" . . . i.e. . .one of those melodies that you will leave the service humming. I hope you will make plans now to be present for our Christmas Music Program in December.

It is not often that I publicly praise any choir lest they get a "big head" about it! :) However, I must commend the choir for its most excellent offerings on October 13th. Kudos Choir!

Simple Gifts:

Simple Gifts with an accompaniment of the Pachelbel Canon was one of the anthems sung on October 13th. The anthem music for this was donated anonymously in Loving Memory of Barbara "Babs" Welsh who was a member of the choir. Babs especially liked this anthem.

November 3rd:

I will be taking my first "break" in roughly 20 months from the organ bench on November 3rd. One important part of my plans for this time is to sleep well past my usual 5:00 A.M. Sunday morning wake up time! Suzanne Jeter will be filling in for me at the organ.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women met on October 7 with seventeen members present. Vice Moderator Joyce Lybrand opened with prayer.

Bible Study moderator Betty Partenheimer introduced our special guest, Pie Mikell from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. Pie led us in the first two lessons of our new study for this year, "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Genesis and Exodus." She discussed the importance of names and the fact that some of the women who were important in the stories in the Bible were not named.

The minutes were sent by email and approved.

A financial report was made and Thank Offering envelopes were distributed.

We were reminded that some Sundays are still open for flowers to be placed in the sanctuary.

Some of our members are helping with arrangements for the Manse during the Plantation Tour and the Manse 175th anniversary celebration.

Joyce reminded us that we still need someone to volunteer to be our moderator.

Preschool teacher, Lisa Grimball, has asked for help in providing supplies for the children. A collection box is in the E & F Building for donations along with a list of needed items.

Joyce announced that Teen Bible Study leader Kristina Crosby will be leaving. We were asked to help with the reception to honor her. It will be held on October 20 at the Edisto Beach Baptist Church.

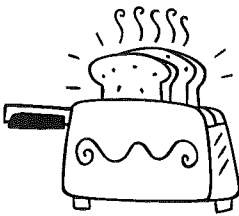
Discussions followed concerning donating financially to the Preschool, increasing our donation to the Food Pantry, and helping to purchase new Christmas music for the Choir.

We were reminded about the Pack-a-thon for HUG and volunteers are needed. Pastor Ted has details.

Our meeting ended with prayer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 8AM in the E&F building. All are welcome!! Chefs are Gerry Murray and Mike Kizer.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

- 1 - Bobby Muhlhausen
- Tucker Lindsay
- 3 - Sandra Collins
- 30 - Stan Manus



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November 2013



- 2nd - Men's Breakfast at 8AM in the E&F
- 4th - Presbyterian Women at 10AM in E&F
- 6th - Nurture Supper at 6PM at Jimmy Bell's
- 10th - Session Meeting after worship
- 13th - Family Night Supper at 6PM in E&F
- 21st - King's Daughters at 9AM in E&F
- 28th - Thanksgiving Day