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A Weekly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW STAFF: DON KUENY



Please say hello to Don Kueny. He recently joined our staff on the Maintenance/Sexton staff. Don is originally from New Jersey and relocated to Tennessee where he served in law enforcement and worked in nursing home care. His hobbies include playing tennis, watching hockey, and serving others. Don is a twin, has been married to Sharon for 26 years, and he has three children, Brandon, Justin and Kayla. Welcome Don!

FPC SECURITY TEAM ACCOLADES

Thank you to the Event, Facility, and Security teams for playing a crucial role in keeping our church, congregants, and community safe each week. The Security team recently received an award from Allied Security for their outstanding service and dedication. Also, during last week's Safety and Security conference, speaker Mark Herrera commented, "FPC is one of the most, if not the most, secure places to worship in the United States."

SCHEDULE DURING ECO CONFERENCE

There will be no children's, youth, or adult classes, Bible studies, or meals next week starting Monday, January 29. All First Pres facilities will be utilized for hosting the ECO conference. Regular weekly events and meals will resume on Sunday, February 4.

LOST AND FOUND TABLE

On Sunday, February 11 and February 18, there will be a lost and found table by the elevators in the Building D main hallway. Please take a look for any missing items; anything remaining after February 18 will be donated to Miracle Hill.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Ministry, Claire Ripley

FINANCIAL PEACE STARTS FEBRUARY 21

Sign up now for Dave Ramsey's class, *Financial Peace* to be held on Wednesdays, 6:00–7:15pm, February 21–May 1. You will learn how to budget, pay off debt fast, save money, invest, communicate in marriage, and plan for a better financial future. There is a fee to cover the cost of class materials/books. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

DISCOVER FIRST: NEW MEMBER WEEKEND

Discover more about the vision, discipleship, and outreach of FPC! New Member Weekend will be Friday–Saturday, February 9–10. Childcare is available for children age 5 and under. For details, contact Linda Sholtis (lsholtis@firstpresgreenville.org). Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Men's Ministry, Charlie Buchanan

PURSUIT MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

The PURSUIT Men's Discipleship Weekend is March 1–3 at Carolina Point YoungLife Camp. The cost, \$235, includes incredible facilities, five meals, two nights lodging, and the weekend journal. Please use code FPC75 for a discounted cost of \$160. Space is limited. Visit 3GenMinistries.org to register.

EVENTS

CANYONLANDS TOUR MAY 20–27

Join Dr. Gibbons and First Presbyterian for Tauck Tours most popular North American Tour. Stay inside National Parks as we experience the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, and other wonders of the west. There are 3 spaces available. For more information, contact Lindsay Graham (lgraham2729@gmail.com).

Events Ministry, Caleb Miller

COMEDY NIGHT WITH SHAMA

Join ministry leaders around the country on Monday,

January 29, for a fun comedy night to kick off the ECO National Gathering! Doors open at the Worship & Arts Center at 6:00pm; event begins at 6:30pm. Shama Mrema is an African-born, American-raised host, actor, comedian, and part-time musical artist. Tickets are available at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events for \$15.

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

DRAMA CAMP JUNE 17–21

Drama Kids of Greenville County is proud to partner with First Presbyterian Church to offer a faith-based summer camp for children ages 6–12, to explore new acting skills, voices, and movements. Get ready to blast off on an epic adventure June 17–21. For more information, visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events.

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

VBS, DAY MISSIONS, MUSIC CAMP, & SUMMER@1ST CAMP

It's time to sign up! Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School (rising K5–rising 4th grade), Day Missions (rising 5th–rising 12th grade), Music Camp, and Summer@1st Nursery Camp during June and July. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org/Events for more information.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

EGYPT MISSIONS PRESENTATION

FPC Medical Professionals are invited to hear a presentation in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 4, during the Adult Life Group Hour (9:45–10:30am). The presentation will be led by Dr. Joseph Botros, hospital director for the Synod of the Nile. Information will also be shared about future medical trips to Egypt. For more information, contact Brian Stewart (bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org).

Sports Ministry, Caleb McKisic

SPRING SPORTS CAMPS IN GRAHAM GYM

There are several sports programs coming this spring and summer! Registration is now open at FirstPresSports.com for Adult Spring Basketball and Pickleball, and Kid's Golf Clinic. Beginning February 1, registration will also open for Summer Youth Sports Camp and Youth Basketball. For more information, email caleb@firstpressports.com.

Worship & Music Ministry, Graydon Tomlinson

IGNITE ANNOUNCES NIGHT OF WORSHIP

On Thursday, February 22, at 7:00pm, the Ignite Worship Team will host a Night of Worship in the Worship & Arts Center. The concert will feature songs from the latest Ignite Worship album, *Known*, as well as familiar songs from other artists. We will also be filming and recording the concert for later release as a live album, along with video clips. Nursery up to age 3 will be provided, so bring your family, invite your friends, and join us.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Fine Arts Ministry, Chelsea Fraser

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GALLERIES

Docents are needed to staff the Lenz Gallery during its open hours, Monday–Friday, 9:00am–3:00pm. Docents are responsible for keeping the artwork safe, answering guests' questions, and occasionally hosting guided tours. Training is provided. Contact Chelsea at cfraser@firstpresgreenville.org for more information or to sign up.

Missions Ministry, Brian Stewart

YELLOW BAG PROJECT FOR MIRACLE HILL

As you clean out closets and drawers, please set aside gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for our Miracle Hill Ministries Yellow Bag Project. Bags will be available mid-February and can be returned on February 25.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 28, 2024

WORSHIP

8:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

10:45am Ignite
in the Worship & Arts Center

Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

Sermon Series:

"Fulfilled—Matthew's Gospel"

Scripture: Matthew 6:9–14

8:30am Nursery

9:30am Children's Sunday School

9:30am Student Life Groups

9:45am Adult Life Groups

10:30am Kids Church

LIVE STREAMING

8:30am & 11:00am:

Facebook.com/firstpresgreenville

YouTube.com/@FirstPresGreenvilleSC

FirstPresgreenville.org Watch menu

10:45am:

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WEDNESDAY

January 31, 2024

*No classes, Bible studies, or meals will be held next week starting Monday, January 29. All First Pres facilities and parking lots will be utilized for hosting the ECO conference. Regular weekly events and meals will resume on Sunday, February 4.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 29: Comedy Night with Shama Mrema

Jan. 29–Feb. 2: ECO Conference

February 9–10: New Member class

February 21: *Financial Peace* starts

February 22: Night of Worship

March 1: *Mystery of Beauty* Conference

March 1–3: Men's Discipleship Weekend

PASTOR OF THE DAY

January 25–January 31, 2024

For Pastoral emergencies, please call 864.235.0496.

MEMBER NEWS

BAPTISMS ♦ January 21, 2024

Robert Carter Howayeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Howayeck (Campbell)

CONGRATULATIONS ♦ The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dixon (Margaret) on the birth of a grandson, Louie Gregory Massullo on January 11. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Greg Massullo (Anna).

SYMPATHY ♦ The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mrs. Allison White in the death of her father, Alfred “Al” Greene Eskridge Jr. of Greer, SC, on January 7.

MEMORIALS & HONORS

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Barbara Ellison by Ann Todd Rash

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Tom Drake by Ewan and Becky Sweeney

MUSIC MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Doug Gilstrap by the Agape-Fellowship Class

TURNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Lois Pick by the Koinonia Class

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In memory of Doug Gilstrap by Ronald Barfield; Carol Loyless

PRAYER LIST

Bill Anthony, Doane August, Tom Brissey, Pat Burns, Susan Cable, Lang Cheves, Diane Cobb, Joe Cole, Janet Collins, Marian Dameier, Peggy Denny, Becky Dueben, Marcella Frankin, Larry Freeman, Mike Freeman, Becky Garcia, Millie Gedney, Pam Goldman, Sandy Gravlee, Coleman Gravlee, Lucas Groome, Christy Groome, Natalie Hall, Fran Hardin, Jack Hardin, Cathy Harman, Gladys “Hap” Henderson, Ginny Johnson, Tom Lide, Jennifer Loft, John Loft, Pat Loft, Anne Lybrand, Geoff Marsh, Megan McCommons, Mozelle Moore, Jerry Murdock, Chloris Norman, Alex Olyarchuk, Katherine Pate, Bette Ann Phillips, Shari Phillips, Becky Powell, Mason Powell, Courtney Prosise, Ed Reed, Ken Rhoden, Catherine Sandifer, Janice Shartle, Jude Smith, Carrie Stringer, Shirley Timmerman, Holly Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, John Volpe, Don Youatt, Spires Welch, Charlie West, Beryl Wickliffe, Frank Vickers, Jan Zimmermann

Bold = New Italics = In Hospital

PRAYER RESOURCES

Congregational Care Director, Tammy Burkhalter: Call 864.565.0943 For emergencies, upcoming surgeries, or hospital information.

Prayer Appointments: To schedule a confidential appointment with our Healing Prayer Team Members, call 864.565.0960.

Prayer Requests: For general prayer requests, call 864.565.0970.

Healing Prayer Services: Every Tuesday at 6:30pm in Harper Chapel



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First and Foremost Program
on WHNS-TV FOX Carolina
Sundays at 10:30am



WHAT'S INSIDE

January 25–January 31, 2024

Mystery of Beauty Conference

- FPC Schedule Next Week
- Summer Camp Sign-ups
- PURSUIT Men’s Weekend
- Comedy Night With Shama
- Ignite Night of Worship

For more information about the ministries of FPC, visit FirstPresGreenville.org

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the MYSTERY of BEAUTY
ARTS CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

in the Worship & Arts Center

Register at FirstPresGreenville.org/Events

ON ART + FAITH

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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CAROLINE RIDDLE



DR. WESLEY VANDER LUGT