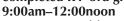


# Ministry News

Children's Ministry

**REGISTER FOR ROCKY RAILWAY VBS!** Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25 completed K4-3rd grade



At Vacation Bible School this summer, kids will discover how Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs, and how to see evidence of God in everyday life. **Register your children online** today at FirstPresGreenville.org (Featured Events, Children). And then register yourself as a volunteer! We need volunteers in various roles to make Rocky Railway a success. Questions? Contact Evelyn Penkert, epenkert@firstpresgreenville.org.

### SERVE WITH DAY MISSIONS—REGISTER NOW! Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25 completed 4th grade-college & above 9:00am-12:00noon

Do you have a heart that loves to serve others as Jesus served us? We would love for you to join us as we serve and minister to underprivileged children, elderly, and homebound folks in the local community during our week of Day Missions. Register your youth online today at FirstPresGreenville.org (Featured Events, Children). And then register yourself as a volunteer! We are in need of check-in helpers, drivers, chaperones, and many youth and adults willing to serve. Questions? Contact Karen King, kking@firstpresgreenville.org.

# **GALLIVAN-MILLS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2020-2021**

The Gallivan-Mills Scholarship is granted each year to college undergraduate and seminary students who are FPC members. Applications are available at the FPC Reception Desk and online at FirstPresGreenville.org/gmscholarshipapp.pdf; turn in by Wednesday, April 15. Questions? Contact

Ken Chapman (kenc667@charter.net, 630.1997). Foster & Adoption Ministry, Tina Jones

## ARE YOU FOSTERING OR ADOPTING?

The First Pres Fostering & Adoption Ministry (FAM) supports those who are fostering, adopting, or involved in ministry to children from difficult situations. Please let us know if you are fostering or adopting children or have done so in the past (contact Tina Jones, tjones@firstpresgreenville.org). You can be an encouraging support for those just beginning this journey!

# WHAT'S YOUR SOMETHING?

We're not all called to do the same thing, but we are all capable of doing something! Perhaps it's hosting. Did you know that Nightlight Christian Adoptions organizes a three-week hosting program in August? This year's focus is sibling groups. The cost to host one child is \$1,000, with an additional \$100 per sibling. If the host family chooses to move toward adoption of this child/sibling group, up to \$500 of fees paid can be credited toward adoption costs. To see a booklet of information, contact Laura Beauvais at <u>laura@nightlight.org</u>.

## Missions, Brian Stewart

# HOLLIS WEEKEND FOOD DISTRIBUTED

In light of school closings, a small group of volunteers packed 222 bags of food that were delivered to Hollis Academy today as part of our ongoing Feed the Children Ministry, which provides 110 at-risk students with food each weekend. For more details about how you can help, please contact Beth Simmons at simmonsfam@charter.net.





## **BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**

Amidst concerns over coronavirus, fewer people are donating blood, leading to a dangerous shortage of critical blood supply for our local cancer patients

and accident victims. The Blood Connection is urging everyone who is feeling healthy and well to donate blood as soon as possible. To view an interactive



map of all blood drives and donor centers, go to TheBloodConnection.org/donors and click on "donate blood now."

#### GASCC UPDATE

Steven and Natalie Hall's 2020 shoot committee has decided to postpone the April 3 Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic of SC. The shoot will be rescheduled to a new date, yet to be determined. Thank you for continuing to support the ministry of the Halls with SEND North!

### Stewardship Ministries, Andy Douglas

#### GIVING ONLINE OR BY MAIL

At FirstPresGreenville.org (click GIVE), you can give electronically to the operating budget Capital Campaign. You can also make commitments and check your giving history.

For quick access to the online giving web page, scan this QR code If you need help navigating the website or have questions, contact



- Kristy Service, Contributions Administrator kservice@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.7036
- Andy Douglas, Stewardship Director adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.1753
- Mike Templeton, Finance Director mtempleton@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.0371

You may also, of course, mail in your weekly offering or drop it by the church office. Thank you for your spirit of generosity to God and to First Presbyterian Church. Please know that the Finance Committee, pastors, and staff are working diligently to be good stewards of these gifts.

#### Student Ministries, Charlie Buchanan

#### **ROOTS—WHILE WE WAIT**

During this two-week school closure, roots has a challenge for our students called "While We Wait." We often find ourselves making excuses of being too busy to pursue Christ. Now we are presented with a unique opportunity to either binge and squander our time or be diligent in doing something intentional.

Therefore, throughout these two weeks, we will all be working our way through Galatians and Ephesians. We have uploaded an introductory video on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=QnCRKDVS\_-8&t=167s) and will be updating it daily. We posted the intro to the book of Galatians on Tuesday, and began reading one chapter per day. Further, we have launched a Spotify playlist called "While We Wait." We will notify you of updates via our Instagram page @fpc\_roots.

Please join us as we walk through these books together, and provide any feedback, questions, or responses that you'd like! Your Student Ministries team loves each of you and is committed to being present during this trying time.

# Announcements

## **WORSHIP SERVICE STREAMING**

If you wish to participate in Sunday morning worship, please watch our stream each Sunday at 8:30am and 11:00am. View our stream at:

- FirstPresGreenville.org: Click Media menu, then Live Streaming.
- Roku Channel: Go to the Channel Store; search for First Presbyterian Church Greenville.
- **Mobile App:** Download the FPC Live app; click the *Live Streaming* icon.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST ON FOX**

You may also watch a 30-minute worship service television broadcast on Fox Carolina each Sunday at 10:30am.

## IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR RIGHTNOW MEDIA!

RightNow Media, a free digital library resource, has over 20,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth, and adults. In a time when your family might be in front of a screen a little more than usual, we have a few recommendations on how to best take advantage of the great resource the church has provided for us.

To sign up, choose one:

• Text RIGHTNOW FPG to 41411.

### Go to RightNowMedia.org/Account/Invite/ firstpresgreenville.

For children's programs, click on *Libraries*, then First Presbyterian Church, then First Pres Kids. Here are a few recommendations:

- The Ultimate Silly Song Countdown is sure to bring a smile to their faces.
- Slugs & Bugs is a hit with preschoolers, while What's in the Bible? is a fun way to learn about God's Word for a variety of ages.
- Micah's Super Vlog will appeal to your older elementary kids. (Mom & Dad might even pick up a few gems!)

We hope your family will use this expansive library of biblical content to help you grow in your faith and deepen your walk with God.

#### HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER!

We invite you to order Easter Flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Visit FirstPresGreenville.org, or fill out a form from the literature racks and return it with your payment (\$15 each) to the church office, by Wednesday, April 1.



### MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Over the last few years we have been asking the congregation to nominate individuals to participate in Ministry Leadership Development Program training. The idea behind this training is that potential leaders will undergo significant training before being considered for leadership positions such as elder or deacon. The training this year runs from April 19 through October 7 on certain Sundays and Wednesdays. The first training session will be offered on Sunday, April 19 (3:00–5:00pm, Fellowship Hall), and Wednesday, **April 22** (6:00–8:00pm, Room 307). If you wish to nominate someone to participate in the leadership training, or if you would like to receive the training, please contact Susan Stewart at sstewart@ firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1756.

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones on Sunday, April 19, contact Joyce Galloway at 235.0496.

# Member News

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Watson Jacob Rea (Courtney) on the birth of a son, Watson Turner Rea, on August 20, 2019.

# **SYMPATHY**

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Huck Simpson (Emilie) in the death of her mother, Mabel Freeland Hemminger of Abbeville, SC, on March 14; to Susan Simpson in the death of her grandmother; and to Caroline Simpson in the death of her great-grandmother.

**The family of Lynn Lewis.** Dr. Lewis died on March 14. IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. Cindy Lynn Lewis** 

- March 14, 2020 March 14. 1954

# Calendar for the Week

# **ALL EVENTS CANCELED THROUGH MARCH 31**

# **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063) **SATURDAY, MARCH 21** 

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063) **SUNDAY, MARCH 22** 

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063) **MONDAY, MARCH 23** 

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) **TUESDAY, MARCH 24** 

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067) **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25** 

# Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26** Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

# **SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

# Online Worship

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020** 

8:30am and 11:00am WORSHIP STREAMING

(see below)

Series: "John's App" "MY FATHER THE GARDENER" John 15:1-16 **Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons** 

# Worship Service Streaming

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# Prayer & Pastoral Care

**Prayer for a Pandemic** by Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

A Time to Care **Encourage Support** Love

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please know that you may call the church office (235.0496) and ask for the Pastor of the day.

We encourage each of you to also be on the lookout for those who are hurting and frightened at the prospects of the future and offer your love and support.

We are all in this together, and we are now presented with an unprecedented opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ both to one another and to the world.

Pastor Stan Johnson

Joyce Alexander, Wes Cadden, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lin Cundiff, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Judy DePriester, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, Sylvia Gillespie, John Gilpin, Susan Glenn, Pam Goldman, Maryann Graves, Motte Grey, Natalie Hall, Ruby Hall, T.G. Hanner, John Harvell, Jim Hastings, Suzanne Hilger, Wanda Hightower, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Jay Huff, Amy Hunter, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Sarah Millener, Lee Moseley, George Murdaugh, Jim Nabors, Margaret Nordeen, Alex Olyarchuk, Fritz Orr III, Charlotte Parr, Evelyn Parrish, Alan Paramore, Betty Parsons, Linda Perry, Myra Phillips, Shari Phillips, Elizabeth Rahman, Darst Yvonne Rose, Robyn Rush, Billie Schiera, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Nina Thomason, Dianne Timblin, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Macy Turner, Dot Whitesides, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams,

Esther Wilson, Jan Zimmerman **Bold** = New *Italics* = In Hospital

PRAYER REQUEST LINES

Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter: 672.0327 Prayer Appointments: 672.1848 Prayer Requests: 672.1838



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# TELEVISION

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

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# Dear First Presbyterian Family...

In light of new advice from the Centers of Disease Control, Governor McMaster's closing of all SC schools, and the President's Press Conference, there will be no events or meetings taking place at First Presbyterian Church until the 1st of April.

The advice we are receiving is changing rapidly. Please check the home page at FirstPresGreenville.org for

During this crisis it is more important than ever to remember that a significant number of our families and friends will need our help. If you are aware of someone who is elderly or housebound and unable to shop for groceries or pick up prescriptions, please offer to help if you can. Alternatively, please contact Congregational Care Director Tammy Burkhalter (864.672.0327 or tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org) and leave the individual's contact details; we will seek to be in touch and help where we can.

On Sunday mornings we will worship via streaming at 8:30am and 11:00am. If you are unfamiliar with streaming, please visit our website homepage and click the Watch Live icon to learn how to connect. Each week we also broadcast a 30-minute worship service on Fox Carolina TV at 10:30am. Please join us.

Unfortunately, one of the effects of canceling Sunday services is financial. If you would consider mailing your weekly offering or dropping it off at the church office, we would be most grateful. You can also give online at FirstPresGreenville.org/give. During this crisis we will continue to pay staff salaries and utility bills, and prayerfully meet our ministry priorities.

Finally, many of us are feeling anxious, concerned, and fearful. Yet this is not the first time our country has faced a crisis. When you are tempted to surrender to anxiety or fear, remember that you can be certain of the promises contained in Psalm 91:

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." PSALM 91:1-2