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Ministry News

Children's Ministry, Tina Jones

ANNUAL EASTER ANGELS MISSION

We are in need of prepackaged goodies (individually wrapped) and handmade Easter cards for the residents of Greenville Summit. Many of these residents have no family, are very lonely, and look forward to our Easter Angels mission event every year. The Children's Ministry Team will deliver cards and treats on Wednesday, April 8. Please drop off your goodies and cards at the church between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Monday, April 6. Children's Ministry staff will be at the door to take your contributions. You won't need to leave your car. Questions? Contact Karen King (884.9824 or kking@firstpresgreenville.org).

College Ministry

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).

Missions, Brian Stewart

WAYS TO HELP HOLLIS ACADEMY THIS WEEK

- Donate new or gently used paperback books for K4–2nd grade reading levels.
- Donate coloring books, crayons, or puzzles for young children.
- Put together a food bag for a family. Place the following items in a brown paper bag:
 - 2 juice boxes
 - 2 shelf-stable milks
 - 2 ready-to-eat pasta individual meals (like Chef Boyardee)
 - 2 oatmeal packs
 - 3-4 fruit cups or apple sauce
 - 2-3 canned vegetables or beans
 - 2 granola bars
 - 2-3 individually wrapped snacks, like cookies or fruit snacks
 - 2 pudding cups

Please consider making multiple bag donations. All donations may be dropped off at the church between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Thursday, March 26, and Friday, March 27. Volunteers will be at the door to take your contributions. You won't need to leave your car.

During this time of uncertainty, let's rise up and eagerly share our love and hope with these families and children in need. Above all, please continue to pray for the students, parents, faculty, and staff at Hollis Academy. Questions? Contact Beth Simmons (simmonsfam@charter.net or 787.3159)

FIRST PRES BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 1

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.

medical workers, healthcare facility staff, patients, and family visitors, volunteers are being asked to sew cotton fabric masks. Follow the directions at https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask, drop them off at the church, and Tina lones will send them to facilities in need. Thank you for serving our healthcare workers who are risking their own safety to treat others.

GASCC POSTPONED

Steven and Natalie Hall's 2020 GASCC 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 or 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

you need help navigating the lf 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.

Announcements

WORSHIP SERVICE STREAMING

You can watch our Sunday worship service at FirstPresGreenville.org, YouTube (http://bit.ly/ firstpresyoutube), and Facebook (facebook. com/FirstPresGreenville) at 8:30am or later on Sundays.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST ON FOX

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

SHARE YOUR EMAIL TO RECEIVE OUR UPDATES

If you receive the GrapeVine by regular mail, you may not be receiving some of the updates we are sending by email to the congregation, such as Pastor Gibbons' devotional videos, and weekly updates on how First Pres is dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. If you have an email address, please share it with the church by contacting our database administrator Barbara Seibel at bseibel@firstpresgreenville.org. We are committed to protecting your information and respect your right to privacy.

CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS OF ALL AGES

To sign up, choose one:

- Text RIGHTNOW FPG to 41411. • Go to RightNowMedia.org/Account/Invite/
- firstpresgreenville.

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.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM POSTPONED

Over the last few years we have been asking the congregation to nominate individuals to participate in Ministry Leadership Development Program training in order to be considered for leadership positions such as elder or deacon. The training usually runs from April through October on certain Sundays (3:00-5:00pm) and Wednesdays (6:00-8:00pm). The exact schedule will be determined and published when gatherings are again allowed. To nominate someone or to receive the training, please contact Susan Stewart at sstewart@ firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1756.

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.



Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

- The pastors and congregation extend blessings to
- Mr. and Mrs. Jean and Don Nickell (Jean) on the birth of a granddaughter, Allison Claire Holland, on March 11. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Holland (Stephanie) of Charlotte, NC.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to Mr. Mark Wells and family in the death of his mother,

- Helen D. Wells of Greenville, on March 12. Mr. and Mrs. Joe James (Terri) and family in the death of his stepmother, Linda Clayton Knight James of Greenville, on March 20.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gray Cecil (Mindy) and family in the death of his mother, Nancy Gray Cecil of Spartanburg, SC, on March 22.

Memorials & Honors

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of Tam Boggs by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Murdock

VISITATION MINISTRY FUND

In loving memory of

Marilyn Patton by Mrs. Anne Lybrand

Calendar for the Week **ALL EVENTS CANCELED THROUGH APRIL 4**

FRIDAY, MARCH 27



First Pres will be hosting a drive in the parking lot on Wednesday, April 1, 1:00-6:00pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged; walk-ins will only be placed in unclaimed time slots. Those waiting will

be spaced apart outside. 🔊 THE BLOOD The Blood Connection follows strict guidelines on keeping the bus sanitized and they are limiting the number on the bus at one time.



To make your appointment, call 235.0496 9:00am-4:00pm Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm Friday, or go online to https://donate.thebloodconnection. org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145226. Remember to eat lunch and drink plenty of water that day; bring your driver's license. Donors will receive is a \$20 VISA gift card.

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

SEW FACE MASKS FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES

Because of a nationwide shortage of face masks for

Although we can no longer visit members in hospitals and rehab/nursing homes, our pastors, elders, deacons, and Pastoral Visitation Ministers are in contact with these members and our senior saints by phone. Our Children's and Student Ministries are connecting with families by phone, mail, email, and social media to provide electronic and practical resources for use in their homes. Our adult leaders are finding ways to connect with and meet the needs of Sunday Life Groups, Bible studies, and small groups.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

Pastor Gibbons will be encouraging us each week through short devotionals. Watch for these in your email, on our website (FirstPresGreenville. org), and on our Facebook page (Facebook.com/ firstpresgreenville).

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 is probably ready to watch something new, we recommend viewing these!

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Pastor of the Day: Tim Leslie (423.2063)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Looking Ahead

Please watch for updates on our website, FirstPresGreenville.org, emails, & Facebook posts.

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENVILLE, SC

This SUNDAY

Online Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

8:30am and 11:00am WORSHIP STREAMING (see below)

Series: "John's App" John 16:5-16 **Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons**

Worship Service Streaming

Watch our Worship Service Stream on Sundays at 8:30am or later.

Ways to view:

- FirstPresGreenville.org: click the streaming icon
- YouTube: http://bit.ly/firstpresyoutube
- Facebook: facebook.com/ FirstPresGreenville

Prayer & Pastoral Care

Prayer for these Uncertain Times

Lord, we know that even though we may be isolated in one way or another, we can be encouraged by Your words in Romans 8:38-39 that nothing can separate us from God! It is a challenge to not worry, but You provide us peace for tomorrow. As Christians, we know You are the Creator of heaven and earth, and You are in control. You have not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). Help us, Lord, to seek Your guidance and to trust in You.

Take away our fears and bring our lives back into order according to Your will. We pray for Your healing touch on those who have been affected by the coronavirus and ask for a hedge of protection around each of us. We boldly yet humbly ask not only for your healing and guidance, but for courage and strength for each day ahead.

Thank you, Lord, for providing our every need! We praise You for seeing us through these difficult days. In the mighty name of Your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. **PROVERBS 3:5-6**

Encouragement & Support

If you would like a Stephen Minister to walk with you through these difficult days, a Prayer Minister to call and pray with you, or a member of our Cancer Caring Ministry to reach out to you, please contact Congregational Care by emailing Tammy Burkhalter at tburkhalter@ firstpresgreenville.org.

If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact the Pastor of the Day (see calendar).

To share prayer requests with the Prayer Team: call

> 672.1838 or email

prayer@firstpresgreenville.org

Joyce Alexander, Wes Cadden, Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, Lin Cundiff, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Becky Garcia, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, Sylvia Gillespie, John Gilpin, Susan Glenn, Pam Goldman, Maryann Graves, Motte Grey, Erica D. Haimbaugh, Natalie Hall, Ruby Hall, T.G. Hanner, John Harvell, Jim Hastings, Suzanne Hilger, Wanda Hightower, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Jay Huff, Phil Hughes, Amy Hunter, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, Wells McCullen, Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Sarah Millener, Lee Moseley, George Murdaugh, Jim Nabors, Margaret Nordeen, Alex Olyarchuk, Fritz Örr III, Charlotte Parr, Evelyn Parrish, Alan Paramore, Betty Parsons, Linda Perry, Myra Phillips, Shari Phillips, Elizabeth Rahman, Darst Yvonne Rose, Robyn Rush, *Billie Schiera*, *Mary G. Seiley*, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Carrie

Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Grayson 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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Online Giving



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Growing faithful Christians to engage and impact the culture with the transforming power of Jesus Christ

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RightNow Media

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

Help Available for Financial Anxiety

In times of uncertainty, a number of us default to a heightened

PRAYER List

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concern about our present and future financial situation. As with all things, these concerns have been addressed in Scripture. God understands that we divert our attention and energy in this way.

If you are anxious about your financial situation and would like to discuss it, our Stewardship Director, Andy Douglas, would be glad to help. Together you can pray for a release of this anxiety and for God's guidance as you prepare and develop a personal plan. Prayerfully constructing a plan and adhering to it may help reduce the uncertainty and fear of the unknown.

Andy can be reached at adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org or 672.1753 on Mondays through Thursdays during church office hours. Rest assured that all conversations will be kept in strictest confidence.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 AXX440,000 Andy Douglas

Director of

Stewardship Ministries

EGRAPEVINE

"I am the vine; you are the branches." JOHN 15:5

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