

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. This simple act of kindness makes all the difference in the world! 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).

Congregational Care Ministry, Tim Leslie

FPC FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

First Pres regularly provides food items to those with emergency needs. During these unprecedented days, the requests have greatly increased. We encourage you to drop off non-perishable items at church any weekday, 10:00am–2:00pm. Thank you!

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS OF ALL AGES

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together..." Hebrews 10:24

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, Student, and Music Ministries are connecting with families by phone, mail, email, and social media to provide resources and offer help. Many of our Sunday Life Groups and weekly Bible studies are continuing to meet weekly using Zoom or other online platforms. We are in the process of gathering this information and will make it available so that you can join them! Stay tuned!

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. 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.

Missions, Brian Stewart

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HOLLIS FAMILIES!

Thank you for your generous response to our recent food and book drive for the students at Hollis Academy. Through your abundant giving, we were able to provide over 175 bags of food and over 150 bags of books and crayons to our students! This food was in addition to the 222 food bags that were given through our ongoing Feed the Children ministry! Nearly 400 bags of food... what an amazing gift! Please continue to pray for our students and families in the Hollis community during the school closure, that God will protect and provide for each of them. *Questions?* Contact Beth Simmons (simmonsfam@charter.net or 787.3159)

FIRST PRES BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 22

Amidst concerns over COVID-19, 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.

First Pres will be hosting



a drive in the parking lot on **Wednesday, April 22**, (changed from April 1) 1:00–6:00pm. **Appointments are strongly recommended;** walk-ins will be placed only in unclaimed time slots. Those waiting will be spaced apart outside. 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 the church (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/145285. Remember to eat lunch and drink plenty of water that day; bring your driver's license. Donors will receive is a \$10 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 medical workers, healthcare facility staff, patients, and family visitors, volunteers are being asked to sew cotton fabric masks. Follow the directions at <https://deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask>, drop them off at the church, and Tina Jones will send them to facilities in need. Thank you for serving our healthcare workers who are risking their own safety to treat others.

Music & Worship Arts, Tom Barrett

CONCERT: HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS

The Music & Worship Arts Team is planning a concert called "Hope for the Hopeless: Music for Perseverance and Strength." The entire team is involved, with each member recording a song that speaks to them. There will be favorite vocal as well as instrumental selections. This concert will be ready soon online and also on DVD and CD—watch for details!

Stewardship Ministries, Andy Douglas

GIVING ONLINE OR BY MAIL

While First Presbyterian Church has shifted the way it operates for the moment, it has definitely not ceased to transform the heart of the city! We are currently reaching out to the Greenville Summit and countless individuals, conducting worship services, and producing hours of video content along with live video meetings. If you are able, please consider giving to FPC online. 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 ►

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.

HELP AVAILABLE FOR FINANCIAL ANXIETY

In times of uncertainty, a number of us default to a heightened 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 672.1753 or adouglas@firstpresgreenville.org on Monday–Thursday during church office hours. Rest assured that all conversations will be kept in strictest confidence.

Student Ministries, Charlie Buchanan

WHILE WE WAIT SERIES

The Roots team is continuing to put out daily videos on our YouTube page and Instagram (@FPC_roots). Join us for these brief devotions as we seek to foster healthy spiritual habits during this time or even implement a family devotion with it!

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 8:25am or later on Sundays.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST ON FOX

You may also watch a 30-minute worship service TV 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. 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.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

Pastor Gibbons encourages 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](https://facebook.com/firstpresgreenville)).

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

The pastors and congregation extend blessings to **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Joseph York (Jerah Ashley Sowinski)**, who were married in Greenville on March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth McCullen (Ashley) on the birth of a son, Wells McCullen, on March 13.

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **The family of Sylvia Gillespie**. Mrs. Gillespie died on March 21.

Mr. Terrell Parrish in the death of his wife, Evelyn Parrish, on March 24.

Mr. Jack Whitesides in the death of his wife, Dot Whitesides, on March 30, and to **Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burrell (Karen)** in the death of her mother.

IN MEMORIAM

Sylvia Lingo Gillespie

December 31, 1929 – March 21, 2020

Sarah Evelyn Southerland Parrish

May 11, 1946 – March 24, 2020

Dorothy W. Whitesides

April 28, 1932 – March 30, 2020

Calendar for the Week

ALL EVENTS CANCELED THROUGH APRIL 30

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.26607)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

Looking Ahead

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

