

Ministry News

Life Connections Ministry, Claire Ripley

A NEW SERIES: MEET OUR LEADERS

Over the next several weeks, we will highlight leaders of some of our discipleship groups. This week we are delighted to introduce **Jan Boggs** from the R.N. Ward Sunday Life Group.

"It is a privilege to serve as president of the R.N. Ward Sunday Life Group. What a gift it is to be with these Jesus-loving people of faith on Sundays! God is so good!

"I was born and raised in Georgia and attended UGA. South Carolina has been my home since 1971. My life passion was teaching first grade for 31 years, 26 of them in Greenville County. As a member of First Presbyterian for almost 20 years, I have been a Stephen Minister, and am now in the Sanctuary Choir, on the Prayer Team that prays for members from home. I am blessed that my son, Derrill, my daughter, Jana, and their families are all members here.



"The R.N. Ward class has been my Sunday Life Group since I joined First Pres. This class, now in their 60s and up, gathers on Sunday mornings to celebrate and grow in our faith through scripture, with members of our class serving as teachers. Our focus is growing together as disciples, actively being a part of the transforming the heart of Greenville. The R.N. Ward class is a place of love and serving our awesome God.

"During COVID-19, we are staying connected by a Zoom meeting every Sunday for fellowship and teaching. Members are also reaching out to each other through phone calls, texts, and emails. We invite you to join us! Please email jan.boggs@yahoo.com or dawnstewart@mindspring.com, and we'll welcome you in and get you connected.

"I'll close with my favorite Scripture verses."

And, in all things, Christ works for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Light & Life Ministry, Stan Johnson

PIEDMONT WOMEN'S CENTER BUNDLES OF JOY

FPC's Light & Life Ministry invites you to participate in "Bundles of Joy" donations for Piedmont Women's Center (PWC). Each woman who comes to PWC experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and chooses LIFE over abortion for her baby receives "Bundle of Joy" gifts to help support and encourage her. For ways to give "Bundles of Joy" items, go to FirstPresGreenville.org and click on *Bundles of Joy*. To have a complimentary gratitude card mailed to someone telling them you have contributed to PWC's "Bundles of Joy" in their honor, email Stephanie Johnson (fpclightandlife@gmail.com) with the name and mailing address of the person you wish to acknowledge.

For more information or to get involved in the *Light & Life* Ministry, contact John Hoover: 615.268.3507 or robertjohnhoover@gmail.com.

Missions, Brian Stewart

GREAT ALASKA SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC JUNE 5

Sign up now for the 7th Annual Great Alaska Sporting Clay Classic of South Carolina, **Friday, June 5**, at The Clinton House. Check-in is at 8:30am with a 9:30am shotgun start. As always, safety will be our top priority. We will implement all needed social distancing measures throughout the event to keep everyone healthy and safe. This shoot benefits the ministry of Steven and Natalie Hall serving with SEND North. Register at <http://2020gascsc.eventbrite.com>. *Questions?* Steven Hall: 907.320.0158 or shall@send.org

Prayer Ministry, Stan Johnson

ONEPRAYER WITH FIRST PRES PASTORS MAY 28

ONEPrayer is an initiative involving a number

of area churches that are seeking to transform the heart of the city by uniting in prayer, worship, and ministry. During this time of disruption we are gathering **each**

Thursday at 8:00pm on Facebook Live for a time of worship and prayer, currently exploring themes found in 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

On **Thursday, May 28**, at 8:00pm, First Pres pastors Richard Gibbons and Stan Johnson, along with fellow ECO pastor Shawn Hevener, will lead the service. These *ONEPrayer* services reflect the powerful messages that Dr. Gibbons has been giving on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to join us via Facebook Live at facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville for this time of encouragement and unified prayer.

Stewardship Ministries, Andy Douglas

GIVING ONLINE OR BY MAIL

Your generous giving enables us to continue transforming the heart of the city! You can give electronically to the operating budget or Capital Campaign at FirstPresGreenville.org (click GIVE). You may also, of course, mail in your weekly offering or drop it by the church office. If you need help navigating the website or have questions, contact Kristy Service, *Contributions Administrator* (kservice@firstpresgreenville.org, 672.7036).

APPLYING GOD'S TRUTH TO YOUR FINANCES

From "20 Ways to Apply God's Truth to Your Financial Crisis" (ChristianStewardshipNetwork.com/blog):

5. Reduce expenses and be content with less.

1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrews 13:5

The Lord instructs us to be content when our basic needs are met. However, we live in a culture of consumption that tells us our "wants" are really "needs." Make the tough choices and cut or defer unnecessary expenses. Some tips can be found Crown.org. Many lenders and companies are willing to work with you during this crisis and defer payment or service.

6. Increase income.

2 Thessalonians 3:10, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Look for temporary employment with essential businesses (grocery stores, drug stores, cleaning, food delivery, package delivery, etc.) or be creative, such as selling items of value on Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist. Explore all benefits available to you, such as unemployment or stimulus money. Do not let pride become a barrier.

7. Build an emergency fund. Proverbs 10:4-5,

Proverbs 21:20, 1 Corinthians 16:2

Look to set aside money to be used in the event of an emergency. If you're working, reduce your expenses and build up your savings. If you're not getting an income, look at #6.

8. Be generous and serve others. Luke 12:16-21,

2 Corinthians 8:2-3, Galatians 6:9

God's economy is often the opposite of man's economy. For example, being outwardly focused on the blessing and serving others in a time of crisis brings us joy while hoarding does not. In Scripture, we see the church of Corinth, who, in a test of affliction and severe poverty, was generous out of an "abundance of joy."

Member News

SYMPATHY

The pastors and congregation extend sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Corey Vana (Marilee)** in the death of his sister, Sharon Degard of Griffith, IN, on May 4. **Mrs. Bettie Sippl** in the death of her husband, Richard Sippl, on May 17, and to Ania Sippl in the death of her father.

The family of Macy Turner. Mrs. Turner died on May 18.

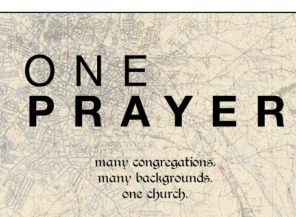
IN MEMORIAM

Richard Johann Sippl

May 23, 1961 – May 17, 2020

Macy Privette Boyd Turner

November 30, 1921 – May 18, 2020



Announcements

CHURCH HAS REOPENED FOR WORSHIP

As we ease some COVID-19 restrictions, we welcome you to worship! We are observing strict social distancing protocols, requiring congregants to wear a mask and pass through a brief screening process before entering the church facilities. Please carefully read the guidelines you received by mail (also on FirstPresGreenville.org, *Reopening Guidelines* icon) and be prepared to follow them before you arrive for worship. We deeply appreciate your prayers and patience. **Services this Sunday will be at 9:30am (Ignite) and 11:00am.**

WORSHIP SERVICE LIVE STREAMING

View our Worship Services on **Sunday mornings** at FirstPresGreenville.org on the *Live Streaming* page, Facebook, YouTube, FPC Live mobile app, and Roku. **New live streaming times:**

• **Traditional Worship**—11:00am

(no 8:00am service due to Memorial Day)

• **Ignite Worship**—9:30am

WORSHIP SERVICE TV BROADCAST ON FOX

Our 30-minute worship service TV broadcast airs on Fox Carolina each Sunday at 10:30am.

2020 GRADUATES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JUNE

FPC members and family members who are 2020 (or December 2019) graduates of High School, College, Graduate School, and Seminary will be announced in early June. To be included, complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org (*Graduates* icon) or contact Tomi Wier (twier@firstpresgreenville.org) by **Friday, May 29**.



ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A PASTOR OR LAY PASTOR?

Is God calling you to explore pastoral ordination or, if you are an elder or deacon, commissioning as a lay pastor? On **Monday, June 22**, 12:00–2:00pm, our church will host a presentation on the new ECO Leadership Initiatives, with featured speakers Dr. Dana Allin and Rev. Kendra Norton. A box lunch will be available (\$5; RSVP for lunch to Autumn Clark, aclark@firstpresgreenville.org). Stay tuned for more details. *Questions?* Contact Pastor Brian Stewart at bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org.

THE VINEYARD BOOKSTORE IS OPEN!

Monday–Thursday • 9:00am–1:00pm

For graduation, Father's Day, and everyday gifts, come to the First Pres Vineyard bookstore! Gift ideas include Christian books, stationery, jewelry, soaps and lotions, crosses, prayer cards, scarves, shawls, and home décor items—vases, trays, framed art, pillows, tea towels, and more. A Vineyard gift certificate is always a great idea, too. Contact Stacey at 672.1846 with any questions. She is happy to meet you for an appointment as well.

Calendar for the Week

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Pastor of the Day: Charlie Buchanan (561.6346)

Please arrive 20-30 minutes early for worship services.

9:30am • Ignite Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00am • Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, MAY 25

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Church Office closed: Memorial Day holiday

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Pastor of the Day: Brian Stewart (423.2660)

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Pastor of the Day: Stan Johnson (423.2067)

Looking Ahead

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

