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## 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.

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.

## 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.

#### 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://2020gasccsc.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

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 MacyTurner. 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

#### 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.

## A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENVILLE, SC

# This SUNDAY

## Sunday Worship

### SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

9:30am IGNITE Worship 11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary

SERIES: "Encountering the Power of the Holy Spirit"

"DISCOVERING AND DEVELOPING YOUR GIFTS" 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

### Worship Service Streaming

Live Stream Sunday Morning Worship at FirstPresGreenville.org (Live Streaming page) Ignite Worship—9:30am Traditional Worship—11:00am (no 8:00am—Memorial Day)

You can also watch on Facebook, YouTube, FPC Live mobile app, and Roku.

## Prayer & Pastoral Care

#### Hope

Even though we have the promise of a grand finale, we need hope along the way. As long as we have hope, there is a future. At times like these, it can be difficult to be hopeful. Are you able to look past the current situations and be hopeful for the future? *Where* does your hope come from? *Who* and *What* are your hopes found in? Scripture tells us in Isaiah 40:31 that those who wait on the Lord will find new strength.

Lord, we pray that You will help us to wait on You and that You will provide us strength for each day. Bless us with an attitude of hopefulness as we hope in You. We thank you for giving us Your hope and Your strength. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

### 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, Julie Birello, Susan Buser , Sydney Clark, Joy Clawson, *Ben Crider*, Debbie Davidson, Ray Denny, Bud Fant, Malcolm Floyd, Joyce Galloway, Becky Garcia, Tommy Garrison, Susan Gedney, John Gilpin, Susan Glenn, Pam Goldman, Maryann Graves, Natalie Hall, Ruby Hall, T.G. Hanner, John Harvell, Jim Hastings,

Gladys "Hap" Henderson, Suzanne Hilger, Wanda Hightower, Freddie Holland, Sherry Hooper, Jay Huff, Phil Hughes, Amy Hunter, Doug MacCallum, Jane MacCallum, Janet MacCallum, Ken MacCallum, Sally MacArthur, **Roberta Maddox, Bill Marks,** Pierce McGowan, Barbara McKenzie, Ian Millar, Sarah Millener, Lee Moseley, George Murdaugh, Jim Nabors, Alex Olyarchuk, Fritz Orr III, Charlotte Parr, Alan Paramore, Myra

Phillips, Shari Phillips, Elizabeth Rahman, Darst Yvonne Rose, Billie Schiera, Mary G. Seiley, *Elizabeth "Liz" Selfridge*, Lee Shelton, Jeff Shelton, Jerry Steeves, Carrie Stringer, Debbie Thomas, Nina Thomason, Melanie Ann Tinnelly, Gary Tompkins, Elizabeth "Liz" Williams, Esther Wilson, Don Youatt, 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

phone 864.235.0496 website FirstPresGreenville.org email contactus@firstpresgreenville.org facebook.com/FirstPresGreenville instagram @FPCGreenville mobile app FPC Live

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



## **PRAYER List**





## **Our Doors Reopen for Masked Friends to Worship**

On Sunday morning, May 17, after nine weeks of online-only worship because of COVID-19 restrictions, worship may have looked a little different, but it was so beautiful to be back together with those who were able to attend. Many thanks go to the countless volunteers, medical professionals, and church staff who helped make it happen. And *Thank You* to Mark Massingill of Ernest Rawlins Photography for these photos!





*EGRAPEVINE* 

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