

# FIRST NEWS

NOVEMBER 2022



Churchwide Day of Service

**“Keep your hand on the plough, hold on.”** So go the words to the old African American Spiritual, which serves as the theme for the Chamber Singers’ concert on Sunday, November 6. We could also fairly say that “hold on” is an operational theme of Spartanburg’s Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty, an endeavor First Presbyterian was so instrumental in getting off the ground. The Initiative’s audacious vision is to ultimately end child poverty in Spartanburg. There is no quick fix or easy answers-- it will take a lot of “holding on to the plough” from a lot of people, and for a lot of years, to make this vision a reality.

A Chamber Singers concert and the Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty may not seem to have much in common, but we hope that if you join us on November 6 at 6:00 PM you will discover that they do. The music chosen for the program reflects all the ups and downs of a lifelong spiritual

journey. From the brooding (and yet inspiring) *Dark Night of the Soul* by Ola Gjeilo, to the hopeful *Winter is Past* by a Harvard physician, to the comforting words of the young poet Delphine Chalmers in *Songs my Heart has Taught Me*, and on through the title song *Hold On*, you will experience the sorrows and joys common to all of us who have the challenge and privilege of walking through the lives we have been given.

But that’s only the half of it. Guest speakers Bill Barnet and Marquice Clark will help us connect these themes to the work of Faith Initiative to End Child Poverty, but especially to the Cleveland Academy of Leadership, where Mr. Clark serves as Principal. You will learn that while Cleveland is certainly focused on educating children in the basic skills they will need as they grow up, there is much more to it than just that. Their mission is to transform the way kids see themselves and their world, so they are equipped to imagine and confidently pursue a life full of meaning

and purpose, and to triumph over the adversities they will surely face. In particular, the Cleveland Opportunity Foundation was created to support opportunities for enrichment and exposure. The proceeds of this concert will go directly to that foundation.

But they cannot do it alone. You will discover a number of ways in which you can help, and yes, you will have the opportunity to make a financial contribution! Please join us in the FPC sanctuary on Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 PM for **Hold On...a benefit concert for the Cleveland Academy of Leadership.**

Thank you and blessings.

*Holt Andrews*

Holt Andrews  
Pastoral Musician



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Concert for a Cause

The FPC Chamber Singers  
*present*

## Hold On

*a benefit for*



Featuring Guest Speakers Bill Barnet and Marquice Clark

*First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary  
Sunday, November 6, 6:00pm*



CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGS FOR MORNING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022



## Wednesdays @FIRST

FAITH, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP

### NOVEMBER MENU

#### November 2

Pulled Pork BBQ, BBQ Chicken Legs, Baked Beans, Coleslaw,  
Cornbread, Dessert & Beverage

#### November 9

Chicken Tempura, Stir Fried Vegetables with Asian Brown Sauce, Jasmine Rice,  
Ginger Salad, Dessert & Beverage

#### November 16

Seared Cuban Mojo Pork Loin Cutlets, Black Bean & Lime Rice, Cuban Salad,  
Dessert & Beverage

#### November 23

No WAF

#### November 30

Chicken Pannesan, Tortellini Alfredo, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread  
Dessert & Beverage

#### November Kid's Menu

Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese,  
Fruit Cup, Dessert & Juice Box

Scan this QR code to make your dinner reservation  
or visit <https://fpcspartanburg.org/grow/waf>

Child \$7, Adult \$10, Senior \$9, Family \$30

Additional charge for to-go orders - \$1 per meal



### NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

#### **NOVEMBER 2 BBQ & BLUEGRASS**

Join us for a delicious BBQ dinner followed by Bluegrass Music provided by the Saggy Bottom Boys which include several church members. Don't miss this delightful time of food, friends, and music! Yeehaw!

#### **NOVEMBER 9 & 16 ARCHEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE**

In this two-part introduction, we will consider selected biblical texts and archaeological evidence to show how archaeology can shed light on our understanding of Scripture.

*November 9: Old Testament*

*November 16: New Testament*

Led by Luke and Anna Harkey.

#### **NOVEMBER 23 NO WAF**

Happy Thanksgiving!!

#### **NOVEMBER 30 CUBA PROGRAM**

Our Cuba Mission team will offer a verbal and musical report on their trip.



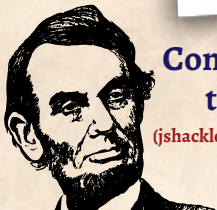


# UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

## JOY Fellowship A Trip to Bostic, NC Thursday, November 17

Was Abraham Lincoln born in **North Carolina**?  
We'll be touring the **Bostic Lincoln Center** to find out!

We'll also stop by **Washburn's General Store**, followed by lunch at the **Copper Penny Grill** in Forest City!



Washburn's General Store (Est. 1831)

**Contact Joanie Shackleton  
to reserve your spot!**

(jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org or 864-208-2132)

## Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

We invite you to participate in Reverse Advent.  
Start with an empty box and each day,  
add the designated item to your box.

- November 27 - Jar of Applesauce
- November 28 - Box of Cereal
- November 29 - Jar of Peanut Butter
- November 30 - Box of Crackers
- December 1 - Can of Chicken Broth
- December 2 - Can of Pumpkin
- December 3 - Stuffing Mix
- December 4 - Boxed Potatoes
- December 5 - Macaroni and Cheese
- December 6 - Bag of Marshmallows
- December 7 - Can of Sweet Potatoes
- December 8 - Cranberry Sauce
- December 9 - Package of Rice
- December 10 - Box of Oatmeal
- December 11 - Can of Corn
- December 12 - Can of Green Beans
- December 13 - Box of Instant Vanilla Pudding
- December 14 - Vanilla Wafers
- December 15 - Can of Beans
- December 16 - Can of Fruit
- December 17 - Can of Tomatoes
- December 18 - Can of Collard Greens

On December 18, bring your full box to church.  
All donations will to Hand in Hand Ministries.

Decorate your box with Christmas/Advent  
theme and fill it so we can share hope and joy  
to others this Advent season.



## DECK THE HALLS

WITH THE SANCTUARY GUILD

NOVEMBER 22/23  
TO HANG WREATHS

NOVEMBER 26  
TO PLACE POINSETTIAS

10:00AM

INTERESTED? CONTACT LEANNE THURMOND  
(LEANNE.THURMOND@GMAIL.COM)



## What is a Chrismon?

Chrismons are ornaments made from Christian symbols (Chrismon = *Christ monogram*). Greek "Chi Rho" monograms and other crosses decorated the first Chrismon tree, and other designs highlighting Christ's ministry and teachings have been added over the years since. Chrismons are traditionally made in white and gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of God.



## We need you!

Many of our existing Chrismons are deteriorating with age, and we need more to decorate this season. The Sanctuary Guild requests that families bring in a white and/or gold ornament that represents one of the "Christ monograms" for the Tower Room, Perrin Room, and Fogartie Hall trees.

Baskets will be placed around the church for collection of the ornaments on the Sundays in November.

## ORDER A CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Would you like to order poinsettias  
in memory of or in honor of loved ones?

Fill out the form below and send it to the church  
office, along with a check made payable to:

"First Presbyterian Church" Attn: Lynise Clarke,  
393 East Main St, Spartanburg SC 29302.

You can also order [online](#)  
by scanning this QR code:



The cost per plant is \$25.00 and orders are due by  
Friday, December 9. You may pick up your plants  
in Fogartie after MorningSong or in the Tower  
Room after the 11:00am service on Sunday,  
December 18. If you do not plan to do so, we would  
appreciate your giving us permission to use your  
gift for cut flowers or greenery to enhance our  
Christmas arrangement.

I would like to order:

\_\_\_ Poinsettia plants at \$25.00 each \_\_\_ \$ Total  
\_\_\_ I will not pick up my plants and the committee  
may use the enclosed check to cut flowers/greenery.

My memorial names will be listed in the Poinsettia  
booklet.

Name of person(s) to be memorialized:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to be honored:

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledge to (name and address):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Through studying major leaders of the Old Testament, the children of First Presbyterian are learning what it means to be called by God, and what it looks like to seek God in their daily lives. Sunday School has been full of lessons, crafts, acolyte and liturgist training, as well as opportunities to be a part of the broader ministry of our church. Wednesdays at First are a wonderful time to come together to eat, learn, and play. We are averaging over 50 kids participating each week in WAF - the energy and joy is contagious!

The children of this church are growing into the BIG plans God has for them and I so appreciate all the support and love this amazing family of faith provides.

Kara Clark  
*Director of Children's Ministry*



## Substitutes Needed!

The Weekday School is currently looking for anyone who may be interested in being a substitute teacher.

Please contact Kris Graham at 864-706-0460 or [kgraham@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:kgraham@fpcspartanburg.org) if you would like more information.



# YOUTH & CAMPUS MINISTRIES



**HEY YOUTH!**  
*Save these dates...*

## November 20

JOHN DANIEL'S  
INSTALLATION SERVICE

11AM  
SANCTUARY

## November 20

YOUTH THANKSGIVING FEAST

5-6:30PM, MIDDLE SCHOOL  
6:30-8PM, HIGH SCHOOL  
BREEDEN'S FARM

## December 4

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

5-6:30PM, MIDDLE SCHOOL, FLC  
6:30-8PM, HIGH SCHOOL,  
PROGRESSIVE DINNER

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY YOUTH  
PROGRAMMING OR TO BE ADDED TO OUR  
WEEKLY EMAIL LIST, EMAIL CARRIE COLEMAN  
AT [CCOLEMAN@FPCSPARTANBURG.ORG](mailto:CCOLEMAN@FPCSPARTANBURG.ORG).







# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2022



World Communion Sunday is a time to celebrate oneness in Christ with all of our brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you to everyone who donated bread for communion, as well as non-perishables for the TOTAL Ministries Food Drive.





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Weekly eNews!**

Be the first to know what's happening  
in the life of our church!

Scan to Join!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERMONCAST

Our sermons are now available on all podcast platforms!

Catch up on sermons you missed, or revisit your favorites!

Download them to listen in the car, at work, on a flight, or wherever you may be!

Just search "First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg" wherever you find podcasts!



## RECREATION MINISTRY

### NEW GYM HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 7:00AM-8:00PM      FRIDAY 7:00AM-2:00PM

SATURDAY 8:00AM-12:00PM

### BOOTCAMP CLASSES

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY

7:15AM (ON ZOOM)      9:15AM (ON THE TRACK)

### YOGA CLASSES

MONDAYS / WEDNESDAYS

8:15AM (ACTIVITY ROOM)

\$5 PER CLASS | TAUGHT BY NICOLE HENSLEY

## CHURCH BASKETBALL

# COACHES NEEDED

**ADULTS OF ALL AGES  
ARE INVITED TO HELP!**

CONTACT COLLEEN DARRALL IF INTERESTED  
([CDARRALL@FPCSPARTANBURG.ORG](mailto:CDARRALL@FPCSPARTANBURG.ORG))









# PASTORAL CONCERNS

(THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2022)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mary Harvley Berry**

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

*Wife of Dr. Roy Berry; Mother of Dr. Jeff Berry and Lindy Berry*

**Sybil Mabry Terry**

Saturday, October 15, 2022

*mother of John Terry*

**Dr. Frank Joe Singletary**

Thursday, October 20, 2022

*husband of Gayle Singletary and father of Jen Singletary, Chris Singletary, and Britt Singletary*

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**Christian sympathy is extended to:**

Claire Bass, on the death of her mother, Linda Burrell Brown;

June Barnett, on the death of her husband, Bernard "Brad" Wiltse Barnett III

## BIRTHS

**Congratulations to:**

**Christine and Chris Konzett**, on the birth of their daughter, **Catherine Elizabeth Konzett**, on October 7, 2022

## BAPTISMS

**The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to:**

**Benjamin Baker Lightsey**, son of Sally and Joseph Lightsey, on October 16, 2022

## WEDDINGS

**Congratulations to:**

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Franklin Gamble (Courtney Brielle White)** who were married on **October 22, 2022**

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Vickie Corbitt



Debbie Farr



Walter Laseter



Ellen Laseter



Candace Luffman



Michael Merrill



Molly Merrill

## CHURCHWIDE DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first annual Churchwide Day of Service! You all served as the hands and feet of Christ, making a difference for so many local ministries!





# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## Prayers for our 2023 Cuba Mission Team

Our Music Ministry will be sending a team of twelve people on a mission trip to Cuba on November 11-16.

Please keep these faithful servants in your prayers:

- Holt Andrews
- Leigha Keller
- Marcia Andrews
- March Moody
- Sheryl Blair
- John Moody
- Lisa Cunningham
- Rosa Morgado
- Kevin DeMark
- Pat Tatham
- Patricia Foy

## D.R. Medical Mission Trip 2023 February 4-11, 2023

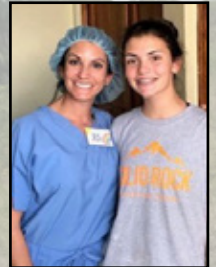
Now is the time to sign-up to travel to the Dominican Republic!

*Looking for Medical professionals, dentists,  
and construction crew members.*



Register online at  
[fpcspartanburg.org/DR](https://fpcspartanburg.org/DR)

Or contact Ian Ritchings  
([iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org))



## WINTER WARMTH 2022 NOVEMBER 12

**It's finally Winter Warmth month!** But as close as we are, help is still needed! Scan the QR code to help set up on Friday, November 11, and to distribute coats on Saturday!

There is also a need for hats and scarves, handmade by FPC members! If you're able to knit or crochet, please consider using your gifts to provide warmth on the 12th!

Questions? Email them to [winterwarmthfpc@gmail.com](mailto:winterwarmthfpc@gmail.com), or contact Ian Ritchings ([iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:iritchings@fpcspartanburg.org))



SCAN TO VOLUNTEER!

## HAND IN HAND TRUCK DRIVE NOVEMBER 6, 2022

FPC has made such a difference in the lives of families this year by donating to Hand in Hand! Now, we need your help to restock the pantry for the coming winter!

There will be two truck drop-off locations:  
One on Chestnut Street, and on in the lower parking lot of the FLC.

To see the full list of suggested donations, and to learn more about how you have impacted Hand in Hand, scan the QR code, or go to [fpcspartanburg.org/handinhand](https://fpcspartanburg.org/handinhand).



## NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL MINISTRY

The Neighborhood Meal Ministry reopened following COVID in October 2021.

The first week there were four guests. Exactly a year later, **55 guests** were served in-house, with an additional 30 meals provided for take-out. Since the first of the year, approximately 1500 meals have been provided.

With increasing numbers, **help is needed more than ever!**

To sign up or learn more, scan the QR code or go to [fpcspartanburg.org/mealministry](https://fpcspartanburg.org/mealministry).



## An Update from the Peace and Justice Taskforce

The Peace and Justice Taskforce strives to bring community awareness and partnership opportunities to you. Speaking Down Barriers started as a community collaboration between a group of Black artists and poets and a predominantly white church in Spartanburg, and it is continuing to give voice to those in our community who are working to be the change we want to see in our community.

The next Zoom meeting of the Peace and Justice Taskforce will be **Nov. 15th from 12:30pm -1:30pm**. To read the **full update** and join the meeting, scan the QR code or visit [fpcspartanburg.org/peaceandjustice](https://fpcspartanburg.org/peaceandjustice).





## ANNUAL SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY

# Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

6:30pm

Silver Hill Memorial United Methodist Church

*778 John B White Sr Blvd, Spartanburg*

Each year, a committee of local clergy selects a nonprofit organization each year to receive the offering. As a sponsor of this event, The Spartanburg County Foundation matches the plated offering from the night of the service dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000.

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Spartanburg, SC 29302-1917

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