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January 2023

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

The service of worship on New Year's Day will be at 10:00 a.m. Come start the new year in God's house! (Sunday School will not meet.)

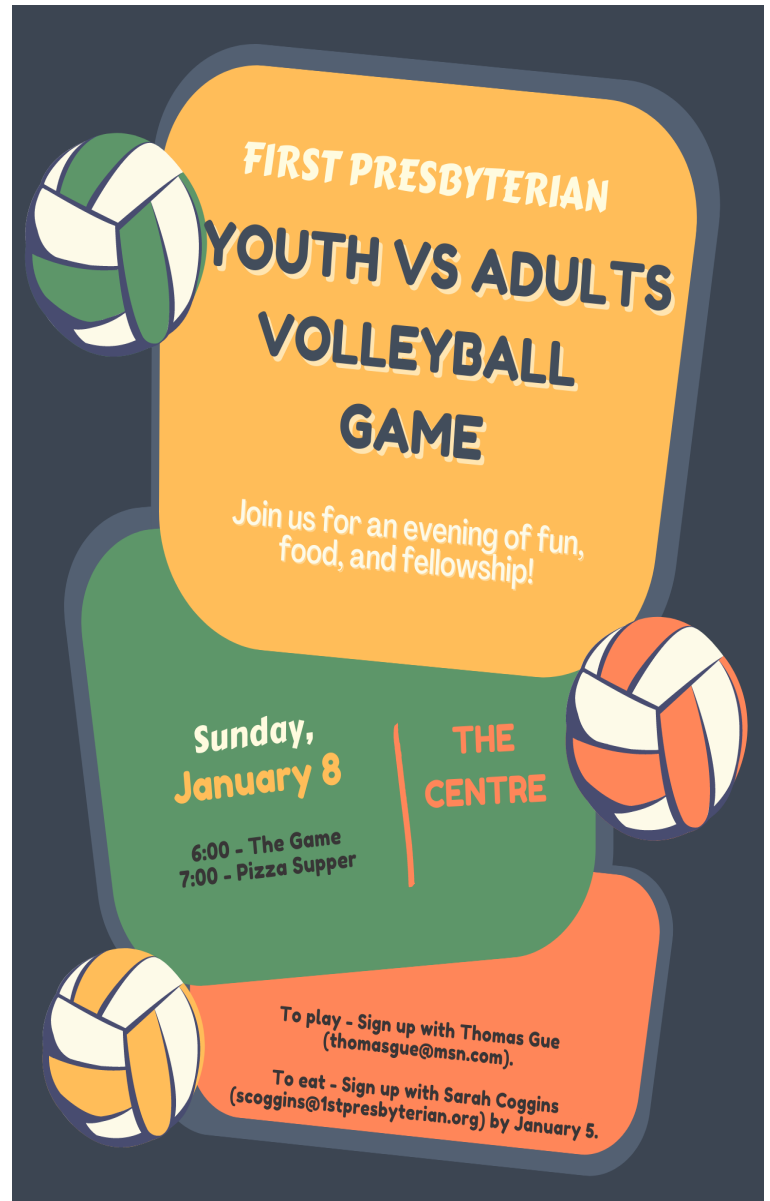
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WILL BE OBSERVED ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023



RESUMING SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- ◆ Youth Handbells 5:15 pm
- ◆ Carol and Crusader Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
- ◆ Cherub Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
YOUTH VS ADULTS
VOLLEYBALL
GAME**

Join us for an evening of fun,
food, and fellowship!

**Sunday,
January 8** | **THE
CENTRE**

6:00 - The Game
7:00 - Pizza Supper

To play - Sign up with Thomas Gue
(thomasgue@msn.com).

To eat - Sign up with Sarah Coggins
(scoggins@1stpresbyterian.org) by January 5.

GENERAL FUND 2022

For month ending November 30, 2022	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
General Fund Income	\$29,190.71	\$384,630.83
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$34,384.83</u>	<u>\$371,185.95</u> *
	\$ 5,194.12	\$ 13,444.88

* Includes Total Missions transfer of \$18,900.00

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

was administered to

Virginia Lois Shuler

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drew (Natalie) Shuler

on

December 4, 2022

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The John Knox Class will start meeting again on Jan. 8 in their classroom using the David C. Cook material. A second class will meet in the Centre conference room. On January 8 the topic is "Why Epiphany." Beginning Jan. 15 and continuing for 8 weeks the study is "Presbyterians and The Theological Declaration of the Barmen" (also in the Centre Conference room); taught by Rev. Remsburg.

Kaye Borgstedt



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Sarah Francis Coggins	1/14 Cheryl Smith
1/3 Kaye Borgstedt	Beth Kuck
Elsie Fogle	Jennifer Turner
Lawrence Thackston	Adison Walter
1/4 Tamra Campbell	Ava Cuttino
Paige Hewitt	1/18 Bill Covington
1/6 Chance Boltin	1/19 Jane Shuler
1/7 Raymond Tucker	1/21 Marion Moore
Keith Hewitt, Jr.	Amy Delaney
1/9 Chris Fitzhugh	1/26 Dawes Edwards
McCullough Mims	1/27 Gaye Lanier
1/11 Melissa Plummer	1/28 Carol McCall
Katie Weigle	1/29 Rita Hutto
1/12 Jewell Davis	1/30 Blake Bruner
	Reagan Ridley

2023 PLEDGES



If you have not had an opportunity to return your pledge card, there is still time. Simply mail it to the church office, bring it by or drop it in the offering plate at church next Sunday.

THANK YOU!

Members of Circle One thank you for your extraordinary support of *Our Father's Closet* coat ministry. You have embraced this ministry in selfless and generous ways!

In the fall season, when our church donations and contributions to community outreach projects is at its height, our church family is always willing to support and give. First Presbyterian blesses others, and in turn, feels the heart-felt joy of being the hands of Jesus.

With the help of L&S Cleaners and the cooperation of the parent-liaison team of OCSD, Circle One is proud to say *Our Father's Closet* gave out 280 coats through 22 schools, Samaritan House, Council on Aging, First Steps, and Habitat for Humanity in the Orangeburg community before Christmas! **Because of you**, 280 people truly feel the warmth of Jesus' love through the kindness and caring of those who follow Him.

While shopping in the months ahead, we encourage you to look for clearance sales on coats in the stores! Circle One collects and washes coats all year long! EVERY donation of money, new coats or gently used coats is helpful. NOW, we begin replenishing our completely diminished inventory of student coats in preparation for the cold months ahead and next fall.

Children's coats—boys and girls: Sizes 5-18
Middle and High School Student coats:
Adult sizes: Small -XXLarge

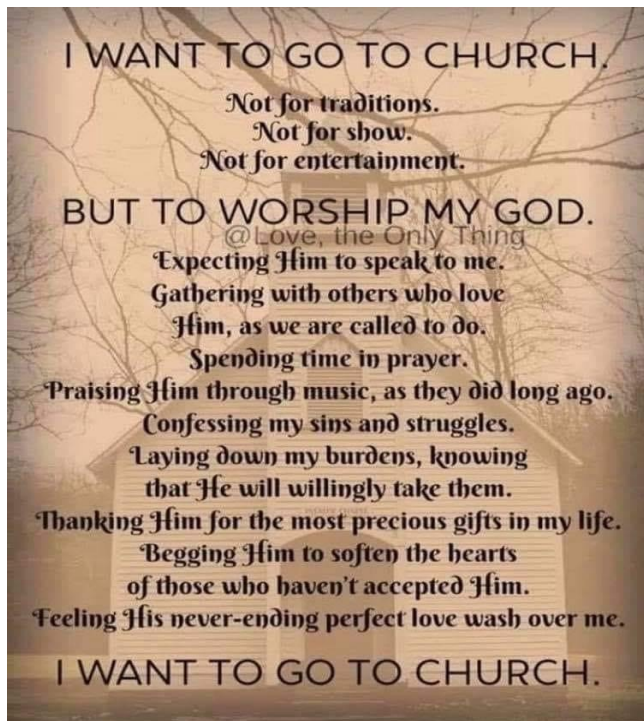
In gratitude,
Circle One Members

A message we received:

To our friends at First Presbyterian Church,
The Harvest is plentiful, but the Laborers are few.
Thank you for being "One Of The Few!"
Holly Hill-Roberts Middle School

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ASSEMBLING



“Let us consider how we may spur (encourage) one another on toward love and good deeds. Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much more as you see the Day coming.” Hebrews 10:24- 25

Basically, we assemble as the Body of Christ to stir each other up in love and encourage each other in our faith. Together we are better able to protect each other when tempted and as forces against Christians are marshalled we have power in numbers. Assembling helps when discouragement, doubt and despair set in. “Two are better than one” as we can lift each other up. Two can stand stronger together and “a cord of three is not easily broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4) We can help each other see things we may not see alone. We can speak up. The power of corporate prayer is limitless.

Assembling happens in churches, in church houses, small group settings and wherever believers gather. It happens in worship, praying, reading, teaching, hearing, singing and studying. It is intentional and hopefully becomes second nature. Assembling with God’s family needs to be a priority. It should be the rule not the exception and should be done willingly and not from guilt. When we assemble as a church family, we get to know each other making fellowship, service, accountability and encouragement more natural, which is what God wants. Assembling means we can worship God as

a family, teach each other and learn from those who are wiser in the knowledge and wisdom of the Lord. Assembling together is necessary for spiritual growth and maturity. Remember, when something is assembled, it is put together and not just in the general vicinity with other parts. Let’s enjoy assembling in worship, learning, serving and in outreach with our church family.

Question. If one part is missing, can the parts assembled function? Maybe not in something mechanical. But what about a church family? If everyone is not assembled, can the whole function? Of course. There are many advantages to being in the physical presence of others but sometimes that is not possible. There are still many ways to contribute to the church family and to grow spiritually even if one cannot be in attendance. Sending cards, texts, calling, virtual attendance, and praying are all vital to the functioning of the individual and the whole. Never forget: assembling together pleases God and pleasing God should be the goal of us all.

CHALLENGE: Let’s all start 2023 by assembling and continue to assemble as a church family to worship, to learn, to teach and to fellowship as well as out reach.

PRAYER: God, help each of us become more deliberate and intentional in assembling with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us become the family You wants us to be. Amen.



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January 2023

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF

Martha Garrick
Shirley Salley
Larry Jordan
Bobby Vaughn
Major Clark Remsburg, Sr.
Elizabeth Yarborough

GIVEN BY

Ms. Jane Holladay
Mr. Chan Roberts
Mr. and Mrs. John Shuler

NOTE OF THANKS

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over.” (Luke 6:38)

Praying the Lord blesses your giving heart in abundant measure. Thanks to all that help supply the food boxes [Thanksgiving boxes]. The homebound seniors appreciate the support.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Beverly Pendarvis
Council on Aging

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

The sanctuary flower schedule has several Sundays available. If you would like to choose a day to place flowers in the sanctuary please contact Jane Holladay (803-347-5977).