

RPC NEWSLETTER

Just These Thoughts My Friends....



With the summer months ever before us, comes the opportunity for “refreshment” in a number of very important ways. Some of us will find refreshment in time away from Greenwood. Hopefully many of us this summer will find refreshment in our fellowship with family and friends. And we will all have the opportunity to be refreshed by worshipping together on Sundays over the weeks to come. Now, I know what some of you may be thinking; that taking a week or two off from church this summer, and from those painfully lengthy sermons 😂 may be just as refreshing. But I assure you, it is not. At least not spiritually. Which is just as important as the need for our physical refreshment. The psalmist would remind us...

“A day in your temple is better than a thousand days elsewhere.” Psalm 84:10

So, let me encourage us all to find time for rest and refreshment this summer. Jesus modeled this for us. But let us take time to worship and be refreshed spiritually this summer. The Lord has made clear that you and I were created to worship. And this we do, whether we are in Greenwood or travelling. Use your time away to try a new church, either at the beach, the mountains, or wherever you may be. And hopefully those sermons won't be so long.

May the Lord bless us as we move through these summer days. And join me in praying that our Vacation Bible School efforts, and each child and adult who will take part will be blessed. May he use the Middler's Mission week to model for a youth a life of service. And may he be glorified in all that we do.

See you at Rock!

Dr. Chris Leonard

Pastoral Call Schedule:

In the event you need a pastor, please see the schedule below to reach the pastor on call.
Please contact the office if you need their contact information.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday/Sunday |
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| Rev. David Turner | Dr. Chris Leonard | Rev. Marshall Steinle | Dr. Chris Leonard | Rev. David Turner | Steinle/Leonard |

Report from Presbytery of SC Meeting

The Presbytery of South Carolina met at Aveleigh Presbyterian Church in Newberry on May 17, with over 60 in attendance. It was good meeting with Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart giving an update. Dr. Stewart is a friend of Rock at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville. He has recently taken the position of Director of Global Enrichment for ECO. He discussed the many opportunities of alliances with many denominations in Africa and South America that are on the horizon. This included the fact that PCUSA has withdrawn support for their foreign missionaries. He also recommended the *Discover the Bible* app which not only educates but prompts you to do something with that knowledge.

There was also encouragement for covenant partners to help at the Presbytery level with committees and positions. (Our own Herman Fletcher is Clerk and Bob Young is Treasurer.) The leadership of the Presbytery of SC is a five year plan so that by the last year each church would be visited by a member of Presbytery leadership one to two times a year.

Rock will host the fall Presbytery of SC meeting on October 17-18. Please put this on your calendar as we will need all the help we can get for this great event.

Elder Denny Layne and Elder Lee Goldstein

YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

The youth had an exciting month of May, filled with meaningful activities and joyful celebrations. Youth Sunday was a beautiful reminder of the gifts our young people bring to our amazing church, and we were able to see their faith come alive. At Lake Day with ROCK JAM, we had the opportunity to splash, fish, sing, and enjoy God's creation together. We wrapped up May by honoring our graduating seniors, celebrating their achievements and offering our blessings as they prepare for the next chapter of their journeys.

Senior Highs, mark your calendars for June 9–12! You'll have the opportunity to help with VBS. Your leadership and enthusiasm will play a huge role in making this event a success for the younger children in our church. Middlers, get ready for a week of sharing God's Love at various sites around Greenwood during VBS.

And this is just the beginning! Stay tuned for more summer events—we can't wait to see what God has in store for our youth in the months ahead!

Blessings,
Marshall



Calling All Rising 6th Graders and Middlers!

During VBS, we will be doing various volunteer projects around Greenwood, including work at the Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and visits to homebound covenant partners. Contact Marshall to let him know you'll be participating.



YOUTH SUNDAY 2025



Congratulations

2025 H.S. Seniors

Charlotte Craig
Victoria Hering
Zach Hill
Leah Newton
Mac Price

2025 College Graduates

Grant Reagin, USC, Mechanical Engineering
William Leonard, Clemson University, Accounting
Luke Deal, Auburn University

Judy Lentz, RN, PhD, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Doctorate in Palliative Care

Rock JAM



HELLO
SUMMER



PENTECOST
sunday

Sunday, June 8
Children's Pentecostal Processional
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Youth & JAM Lake Day Fun!



Congregational Care



Church family, you are invited to the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings at 9:50 a.m. for coffee, snacks, and fellowship before heading to Sunday School.

Volunteers are needed.

Please contact Ansley Evans to see how
you can become part of this Sunday
morning ministry.



Bluegrass and Ice Cream Sunday, July 13 6:00 p.m., MPB



Everyone is invited for some delicious ice cream and bluegrass music to celebrate the summer season. Bring homemade or store bought ice cream and delicious toppings to enjoy!

Stewardship

ASK CHUCK:

Buy High, Sell Low-The Impact of Fear on Investors

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-buy-high-sell-low-the-impact-of-fear-on-investors/>

Social Security-The Fear, Facts, and Fuss

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-social-security-the-fear-facts-and-fuss/>

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Worship

June/July Childcare



| Date | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| June 1 | Wendy Whiting | Lauren Sullivan | Darlene Mallow |
| June 8 | Ginny Edwards | Amy Willimas | JoAnn Wolf |
| June 15 | Ellen Warner | Laura Snelling | Diane Easterlin |
| June 22 | Angela Easterling | Patty Reagin | Ann Stevenson |
| June 29 | Mary Ann Edwards | Julia McClanahan | Carolyn Fish |
| July 6 | 10:00 a.m. One Service | Karen Reese Larissa Roughton | Louise Watkins |
| July 13 | Susan Chasteen | Beth Taylor | Mary Catherine McCartha |
| July 20 | Shelley Botchie | Nealy Shiles | Debbie Leonard |
| July 27 | Elizabeth Hinson | Patty Clark | Kathryn Luke |

June Sermons *Livestream available on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.*

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| June 1 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Dr. Chris Leonard |
| Communion Sunday | Psalm 1 | |
| June 8 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Dr. Chris Leonard |
| Pentecost | Psalm 6 | |
| June 15 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Rev. Marshall Steinle |
| | Psalm 8 | |
| June 22 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Rev. David Turner |
| | Psalm 22 | |
| June 29 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Dr. Chris Leonard |
| | Psalm 51 | |
| June Ushers: | *Randall & Debbie Smith | |
| Communion: | 9:00 a.m. Karen Reese, Margaret Pridmore | |
| | 11:00 a.m. Debbie Dill, Pam Griffith | |

July Sermons *Livestream available on Facebook at 9:00 a.m.*

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| July 6 (<i>one service, 10:00 a.m.</i>) | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Dr. Chris Leonard |
| Communion Sunday | Psalm 117 | |
| July 13 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Rev. Marshall Steinle |
| | Psalm 119 | |
| July 20 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Dr. Chris Leonard |
| | Psalm 121 | |
| July 27 | <i>A Summer in the Psalms</i> | Dr. Chris Leonard |
| | Psalm 125 | |
| July Ushers: | *Robert & Peggy Hawkins | |
| Communion: | 9:00 a.m. Kelly Snelling, Abbey Snelling | |
| | 11:00 a.m. Karen Rollison, Linda Kellam | |
| | <i>Childcare is available for all services.</i> | |

A Word from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix**Songs from Psalms**

The book of Psalms was written by many authors, with King David writing the most, 73 of them. Other authors include Moses, Solomon, and Asaph who is attributed with 12. Today many of our traditional hymns and contemporary songs are based on the Psalms. These songs help us to meditate on God's word and deepen our relationship with God. The "Psalms Project" is an initiative by a diverse group of musicians to set all 150 Psalms to music. During the months of June and July the Sanctuary Choir will be singing anthems based on the Psalms. Some of these may be familiar to you. "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" by Tom Fettke is based on Psalm 8. "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas is based on Psalm 91. "Goodness of God" by Bethel Music is based on Psalm 107. "My Help" and "Total Praise" are based on Psalm 121. Our prayer is that these words and accompanying music will strengthen your relationship to God.

WOC Summer Vacation Time!!

We hope everyone enjoys their summer months and they are filled with lots of family and vacation time. While most circles take a break, Circle #2 will continue to enjoy summer suppers and they hope you will join them! Watch the ENews & bulletin for the next one so you can sign up!



Miscellaneous Church News

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| Happy Birthday | | | |
| 6/1 Amy Craig | 6/26 Ansley Evans | 7/18 Grant Reagin, Jr | |
| 6/2 Connor Miller | Suzy Mitchell | Ray Sparrow | |
| 6/3 Gene Loos | 6/28 Delores Davis | Walt Thomas | |
| Bill Mallow | Brandi Money | 7/19 Megan Davis | |
| 6/4 Miriam May | Gus Ramage IV | Joseph Ramage | |
| 6/5 Chris Cochran | 6/29 Bill Ambrose | 7/20 Mark Fox | |
| 6/6 Shelley Botchie | Chandler Deery | Judy MacReynolds | |
| Tom Donn | Peggy Hawkins | Brock Steifle | |
| 6/7 Bob Lentz | Don Johnson | 7/21 Richard Craig | |
| 6/8 Gail Bechtold | 6/30 Ray Lewis | 7/22 Jim Bates | |
| Debbie Dill | Benjamin Price | Laura Snelling | |
| JoAnn Wolf | | 7/23 Harold Dunagin | |
| 6/9 Leigh Croyle | July | 7/25 Nancy Hobbs | |
| Connie Dailey | 7/2 Al Gambrell | Joseph Sisiam | |
| 6/10 Melissa Yarochowicz | Linda Kellam | 7/26 Betty Griffith | |
| 6/11 Ashley Landreth | Lauren Sullivan | 7/28 Kenneth Fennell | |
| 6/12 Bob Brock | 7/3 Collin McClanahan | Kitty Lewis | |
| Pearl Chasteen | Noah Newton | Christy Stevens | |
| Dave Clayton | 7/4 Karla Cox | 7/30 Jason Davenport | |
| 6/13 Margaret Pridmore | 7/5 Ginny Edwards | Kenny Price | |
| 6/14 Clayton Landreth | Ann Stevenson | Elliott Roughton | |
| 6/15 Barry Brothers | 7/7 Jim Moneyhun | 7/31 Maggie Grace Dill | |
| 6/16 Mark Chasteen | Joseph Taylor | Mills Young | |
| Tom Griffith | 7/8 Pam Griffin | | |
| Emma Lewis | Brooke Holloway | | |
| Elizabeth Lewis | Sue Ohler | | |
| Valerie Rodgers | Kelly Snelling | | |
| 6/18 Yvonne Strom | 7/9 Stephan Botchie | | |
| 6/19 Sam Deery | Mike Murdock | | |
| Kathryn Luke | 7/10 Patty Clark | | |
| John Sullivan | Nora Young | | |
| 6/21 Jan Coffey | 7/11 Tommy Tsai | | |
| Cheryl Wilson | 7/14 Rhonda Merritt | | |
| 6/22 Becky Day | 7/15 Parker Snelling | | |
| Ken Leach | 7/16 Oliver Bannister | | |
| Marty Miller | Joemy Brothers | | |
| 6/23 Rob Doughty | Angela Easterling | | |
| Joseph Shojaie | Ray Price | | |
| 6/24 Matt Reynolds | 7/17 Julie Brown | | |
| 6/25 Shelia Reynolds | Bill Mitchell | | |
| | Grant Reagin | | |

Rock of Ages Monday, July 14 12:00 p.m. MPB

May Rock of Ages enjoyed lunch, fellowship and a Rock history lesson by 48 retirees/seniors.

Our next time together is scheduled for July 14, at 12 Noon. Mark your calendar and invite some of our newest covenant partners!

Celebrations...

Welcome New Covenant Partners

Happy Anniversary

6/1 Bill & Darlene Mallow
 6/2 Kenny & Mundy Price
 6/4 David & Lisa Grant
 Glenn & Debrah Miller
 Michael & Shannon Young
 6/7 Ben & Abbey Snelling
 6/8 Lee & Linda Goldstein
 Tod & Cheryl Wilson
 6/11 Jim & Karen Hicks
 6/12 Richard & Amy Craig
 6/14 Jim & Denise Medford
 Bill & Louise Watkins
 6/16 Bret & Ellen Warner
 6/17 Zach & Julia McClanahan
 Mel & Sue Weaver
 6/22 Roger Collins & Valerie Popoli
 6/24 Eric & Paulann Benfield
 6/25 Grahah & Lauren Sullivan
 6/27 Tyler & Cameron Figueroa
 Bill & Julie Murphy
 Brock & Chelsey Steifle
 6/28 Blake & Peggy Boyce
 Chris & Ginger Miller
 Gary & Charlene Scott
 6/30 Stan & Margaret Moore
 George & Barbara Park
 Paul & Margaret Pridmore

July

7/1 Frank & Marty Miller
 7/9 Chris & Debbie Leonard
 7/10 Tom & Betty Griffith
 7/11 Michael & Clair Harmon
 7/16 David & Beckly Day
 7/18 Kenneth & Laura Fennell
 Bob & Marcia Young
 7/21 Gus & Suzanne Ramage
 7/23 Greg & Christy Stevens
 7/24 Craig & Amy Williams
 7/25 Tom & Kathy Watkins
 7/26 Stephen & Shelley Botchie
 Dave & Ellie Clayton
 7/28 Dave & Terry Doughty
 7/31 Dan & Kathryn Luke



Gary & Charlene Scott

Beautiful "Shade Garden" created by Jan Coffey. Flowers were contributed from the gardens of Jan Coffey, Suzie Martin, Lillian Moneyhun, and Kathy Watkins. Thank you, ladies!

"One Can" Ministry

RPC's One Can Ministry continues each week! You generously gave 133 lbs. of food to the local community of Greenwood. Please bring any non-perishables each Sunday to place in the bins located in the Welcome Center and CE Building.

No expired food accepted.



**Saturday, June 14, 9:00 a.m.
 Meet at the Mission House.**



*Please keep in your prayers
Church Family at home*

Bill Cochran
Lib Grier
Katherine Martin
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)
Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)

Active Duty Military

Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge's grandson)
Justin Goldstein
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)
Adam Hix
Matthew McManis
William Mitchell (Bill & Suzy Mitchell's grandson)

Reserve Duty Military

Chris Miller

To The Church Triumphant...

*Carolyn Jeffcoat
May 12, 2025*

*Marjorie Roberts
May 12, 2025*

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from
their labors and their works do follow them."*
Revelation 14:13

**Rock Presbyterian Church wishes to express
Christian Sympathy to...**

Patty Clark, David & Becky Day & family in the death of
Patty's brother in law, Ray Gooding

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