

RPC NEWSLETTER



Just These Thoughts My Friends....

Goodness, this year just keeps flying by. As we very quickly turn the calendar to October, life and ministry here at Rock goes into overdrive with many ongoing and additional programs and events. Here are just a few of those:

- *Rockin' Small Groups and "Sermon on the Mount" Sermon Series Continues*
- *The Sending of our Vida Joven Costa Rica Mission Team on Monday, Oct. 6*
- *The Good News Club meets at Matthews Elementary on Tuesday Afternoons*
- *"Christmas in Oct." & Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Celebration - Wednesday, Oct. 15*
- *The Hosting of the Presbytery of South Carolina here on Oct. 17 and 18*
- *The Annual Fall Festival (formerly known as Trunk or Treat) on Friday, Oct. 24*
- *The Start of our Annual Stewardship Season "The Four Things We Can Give Back" on Sunday, Oct. 26*

For each of the above ministries to take place, as well as so many other Bible studies, women's circles, and ministry activities for kids, youth, and adults, a great deal of dedication, time, planning and preparation must be undertaken by staff, session, and covenant partners alike. It also involves a whole lot of prayer. I would ask that you join me in doing just that in the month of October. Prayer will be of great assistance as your Rock family engages in each of these wonderful ministries of grace.

While November will hold just as many, if not more opportunities, let's first focus on October. Let's enjoy our time together this month, work hard, and always give thanks unto the Lord for all of the many ways he calls us to be his Rock family.

Finally, I should point out that after five years, the Community Hour of Prayer (CHOP) is coming to a sweet and blessed conclusion. If you were ever a part of this prayer group that met at Howard's in uptown Greenwood, then you know that it was a clear sign of our call to pray, not just for ourselves, but for our beloved community and the world. So thank you to the Enszs, and so many who were a part of this along the way. And if you are feeling led to a greater involvement in prayer, please remember that you are invited each Monday at 1:30 p.m. to join a group who gather to pray. Or, on the final Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., you can walk with a group through Wheatfield to pray for our neighbors there.

Prayer, my friends, does make a difference! Join me in taking part in this sacred discipline, especially in these busy days.

Peace,

Dr. Chris Leonard



YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!



As the season turns to fall, the activities of Sunday Night Live pick up. October is a very busy month, full of exciting events and mission opportunities once intersession concludes.



Although there will be no SNL or Confirmation Class on October 5, don't worry—we'll be back in full swing on October 12! Confirmation Class meets from 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., followed by an epic Game Night during SNL from 5:00 p.m.–7 p.m. Come ready for fun, friends, and a little friendly competition!



The youth will also have the opportunity to assist with our Fall Festival on October 24, making it an excellent evening of fellowship and candy with the entire church. But the night won't end there! Following the Fall Festival, SNL youth are invited to stay at the church for an all-night Lock-in.



We'll wrap up this incredible month by giving back. Our youth will be volunteering at Greater Greenwood United Ministries on Sunday, October 26. There, we will help replenish their shelves in preparation for the upcoming holiday season. We'll meet at the Mission House at 5:00 p.m. and return by 7:00 p.m.



Second Sunday, Second Breakfast

Sunday, October 12

10:00 a.m., MH

Invite friends and come!

Rock JAM



ROCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fall Family Festival

Friday, October 24, 5:30pm

Your family is invited to wear fun costumes and JOIN US for Terrific Trunk'er Treat! Fun Games and Prizes! Huge Inflatable Slide! FREE Hotdog Dinner!

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October Activities :

Oct 5: No Rock JAM

Oct 12: Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30
(Parent Helpers: Botchie & McClanahan)
Also: Second Sunday Children's Service at 9am!

Wed, Oct. 15, 5:45pm Rock Family Supper
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party!
🎁 Shoeboxes & dinner provided! 🎁
(Bring enough assorted items to fill one box per family member)

Oct 19: Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30
(Parent Helpers: Williams & Jones)

Friday, Oct 24, 5:30pm
RPC Fall Family Festival!
Wear a friendly costume and join us for Trunk or treat, games, food and fun!

Sunday, Oct 26: No Rock JAM

Rock JAM Bible Buddies is off to a great start!



SECOND SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday, October 12

All children K4-5th grade are invited immediately following the 9:00 a.m. children's message, for Bible time, music, snacks, crafts, and more in the fellowship hall.



**CHRISTMAS
IN OCTOBER...**
***"A FAMILY SHOEBOX
PACKING PARTY"***

WED. OCT. 15 @ 5:45PM

notes:
Bring Your Shoebox Gifts
Dress in Christmas Colors
Listen to Christmas Music
Shoeboxes provided for all!
Dinner provided!
Cost is \$5/adult, \$3/children, 2 and under/free. Sign up today!

Adopt a College Student



As a way of continuing to show our love and support for our college students, we are offering you an opportunity to adopt a college student! When you sign up, your gift of \$30 will provide the student with a note from the church and a gift card that they can redeem in November and late April, as a reminder they are being thought of and prayed for during two of the most stressful times of the year—exams!

You will also be provided with the name and address of your student, so you can write to them or provide them with small, thoughtful gifts throughout the year and to pray for them.

The deadline to adopt a student is Sunday, November 2. Students are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, if you prefer a particular student, please specify their name. Please contact the church office to adopt your student today!!

Stewardship

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Exhausted and Struggling to Rest

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Check out www.crown.org for other financial resources.

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October Sermons *Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube at 9:00 a.m.*
The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached—The Sermon on the Mount

October 5 Communion Sunday	<i>Sin #1</i> Matthew 6:25-34	Dr. Chris Leonard
October 12	<i>Ask, Seek, Knock</i> Matthew 7:7-11	Rev. Marshall Steinle
October 19	<i>Hearing and Doing</i> Matthew 7:24-29	Dr. Chris Leonard
October 26	<i>The Four Things We Can Give: Our Talents</i> 1 Peter 4:7-11	Dr. Chris Leonard
October Ushers:	*Lee and Linda Goldstein	
Communion:	9:00 a.m. Margaret Pridmore, Karen Reese 11:00 a.m. Susan Chasteen, Karen Rollison	
	<i>Childcare is available for all services.</i>	

October Childcare

Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
October 5		Lauren Sullivan	Darlene Mallow
October 12	Ginny Edwards	Amy Williams	JoAnn Wolf
October 19	Ellen Warner	Laura Snelling	Diane Easterling
October 26	Angela Easterling	Patty Reagin	Ann Stevenson

A Word from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

Contemporary Christian Artist Michael W. Smith

Michael W. Smith was born in 1957 in West Virginia to dedicated parents who took him to church regularly. As a child, he developed his love of music while attending his church. He learned to play piano at an early age and sang in church choirs. At the age of 10 he became a Christian. Influenced by older friends who shared his faith, he started studying the Bible and spent time in fellowship with other Christians. In 1978 he moved to Nashville where he started his involvement in the music scene. In 1981 he joined his first Christian Band, Higher Ground, as their keyboard player. Soon after he became a writer for Meadowgreen Music, writing lyrics for artists such as Sandi Patty, Kathy Tricoli, Bill Gaither, and Amy Grant. His connection with Amy Grant led to him joining her band and becoming the opening act for her concerts. In 1983 he released his first album, "The Michael W. Smith" Project, which contained his first big hit "Friends". After that he has gone on to record many hit albums in the Christian music genre, Christmas genre, and Instrumental genre. We have seven hymns in our hymnal written by Michael. Two of the most popular are: "How Majestic Is Your Name", and "Shine on Us". Our Christmas cantata this year will also feature one of his songs: "Christmastime."

Greetings! October is upon us!

Anyone interested in helping with Presbytery meeting October 17 and 18, please contact Linda Goldstein.

Look for a circle to get involved with. Lots of fellowship and Bible study!

Circle #1 meets Monday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mission House.

Circle #2 meets Thursday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center.

Circle #3 will not meet in October

Calling all interested in cooking or learning more about cooking: RPC "Feeding the Flock Culinary Team" is forming now.

Are you looking for a fun, delicious, and rewarding way to get involved in the church? A new culinary team for church suppers and Rock of Ages lunches is being created. Please contact Jan Coffey if you are interested or have questions.
Don't miss out on all the fun!

The Women of Rock Church have once again been invited to donate handcrafted items for the Presbyterian Community Christmas Sale to be held for their residents in November. We welcome donations of knitted, crocheted, stitched, painted, or any other handcrafted items that could be purchased by the Presbyterian Community Residents as holiday gift items. Place your donated items in the white bin located in the **Welcome Center specifically marked with the Presbyterian Community Christmas Sale sign** by **NOVEMBER 1, 2025**. If you have any questions, contact Judy Lentz.

Miscellaneous Church News

"One Can" Ministry

RPC's One Can Ministry continues each week!

You generously gave 108 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.

Men's Breakfast Saturday October 4 8:00 a.m.

All men are invited to the Mission House for a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship, and a brief devotion.

Celebrations...

Welcome New Covenant Partners

Happy Birthday

- 10/1 Barbara Park
Marshall Steinle
- 10/3 Patty Reagin
- 10/4 Jeff Hix
- 10/6 George Park
- 10/7 Teresa Donn
Jackie Smith
- 10/8 Robbin O'Neil
David Turner
Julia Yarochowicz
- 10/9 Jacki McCulloch
- 10/11 Randy Bouknight
- 10/12 Micah Black
Luke Shiles
- 10/13 Judy Lentz
Erica Sisiam
- 10/14 Lillian Moneyhun
- 10/15 Dianne Salter
- 10/16 Jessica Mundy
Candy Peterson
George Young, Jr.
- 10/17 Andrew Nickles
- 10/18 Sophie Sienkiewicz
- 10?21 Kim Clark
Chris Dunford
- 10/22 Michael Young, Jr.
- 10/23 Eva Engler
Gus Ramage
- 10/24 Marcia Young
- 10/25 Betsy Grant
- 10/26 Ginny McManis
- 10/27 Candy Hawkins
Claire Shiles
Sam Snelling
- 10/28 Jenny Craig
Mark Merritt
- 10/29 Andrea Clayton
- 10/31 Judy Byrd



Gary & Kim Clark



George & Mary Schwab



Happy Anniversary

- 10/4 Tom & Gail Bechtold
Jeff & Jennifer Boyd
- 10/5 Micah & Samantha Black
- 10/6 John & Kathy Scott
- 10/7 Joseph & Erica Sisiam
- 10/8 Robert & Peggy Hawkins
- 10/9 Jerry & Ann Nunamaker
- 10/10 Don & Debby Marshall
- 10/14 Steve & Wynde Edwards
Barry & Sue Ohler
- 10/16 Chris & Katie Piontek
- 10/17 James & Debbie Bourne
- 10/19 Marshall & Deanna Steinle
- 10/22 Jim & Lillian Moneyhun
Dennis & Janet Murphy
- 10/26 Jim & Mary Jane Bates
- 10/29 Dave & Jennifer Wood
- 10/31 Ken & Robin Leach



*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)
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)
Adam Hix
Matthew McManis
Craig Watkins

Active Reserve Duty Military

Will Chard (David & Christine Gray's son)
Chris Miller

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

Neil & Brandi Money in the death of Neil's mother



**WORKDAY AT THE
CHURCH**

Saturday, October 11, 9:00 a.m.

Contact Denny Layne, Bob Lentz, or Graham Sullivan
for more information.

MAILING LABEL

Return Service Requested

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