

## SOPC Leaflet, Wednesday, February 19, 2025

### Pastor Jim's Devotional Acorn for the week: *God Cares About You*

“Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or harvest or store their food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them.” - Matthew 6:26

Consider the earth! Our globe's weight has been estimated at six sextillion tons (six with twenty-one zeros). Yet it is precisely tilted at twenty-three degrees: any more or any less and our seasons would be lost in a melted polar flood. Though our globe revolves roughly at a rate of one thousand miles per hour or twenty-five thousand miles per day, none of us tumbles into orbit.

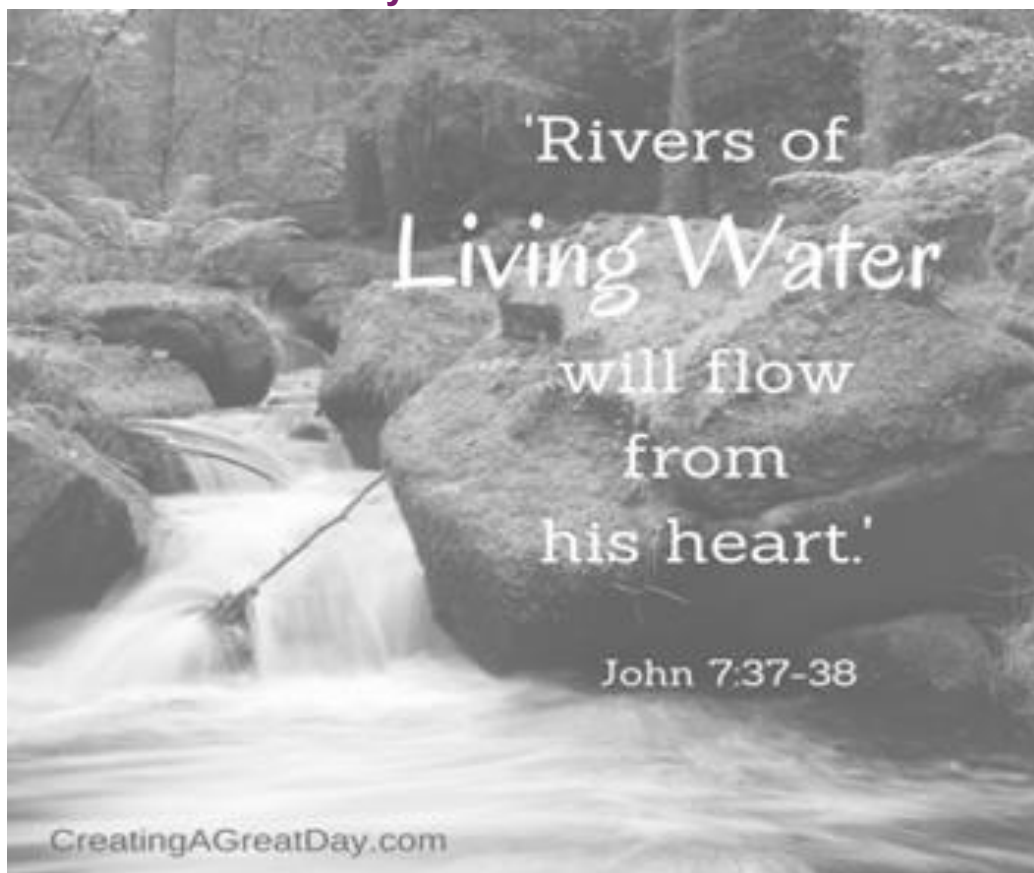
As you stand...observing God's workshop, let me pose a few questions. If he is able to place the stars in their sockets and suspend the sky like a curtain, do you think it is remotely possible that God is able to guide your life? If your God is mighty enough to ignite the sun, could it be that he is mighty enough to light your path? If he cares enough about the planet Saturn to give it rings or Venus to make it sparkle, is there an outside chance that he cares enough about you to meet your needs?

#### The Great House of God!

- Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion on Sunday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and help us serve food to our neighbors in need! Our Clothing Closet will open 30 minutes prior.
- Our Thursday morning 1<sup>st</sup> John Bible study, led by Pastor Jim, will continue tomorrow morning, 2/20/25, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Classroom.
- Bruce C Hurley will continue leading a 6-lesson Bible study TOMORROW, February 20th, at 5 pm in the FELLOWSHIP Classroom. The study is based on Dr. Bruce Metzger's *Revelation: A Symphony in Six Movements* and will meet each Thursday evening. Please read Revelation 2:1 – 3:22 in preparation.
- Our Fellowship & Roads To Faith Adult Sunday School classes, (who are currently meeting together,) are studying the Gospel of John. All adults of the church --and friends--are welcome to join us!
- SOPC BOOK GROUP is meeting again! We'd love for you to join us and determine what books we will read! We have some suggestions and could use some more from you. Our first book is *James* by Percival Everett. We will meet at Snow's Ice Cream (next to Steve's Hamburgers) at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 27th. Future meetings will be the last Thursday of the month. Contact Kitsie Miller at 803-463-6958 to let her know you're interested, or coming, or if you have any questions.

- Our Youth would like to thank everyone who participated in the churchwide Fellowship Supper & Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser last week! If you were unable to make it to the fundraiser supper but would like to contribute to the youth's efforts, feel free to place a donation, marked for the youth, in the offering baskets. Or you can always give via [www.sopc.net](http://www.sopc.net) or hand your donations directly to Sharon Staton, our Volunteer Financial Coordinator. This Sunday, we will meet at 5:30 pm at Westminster PC for a lesson & faith-filled fellowship, fun, food, and to finalize our calendar of upcoming events!
- SOPC will host a meeting of Trinity Presbytery on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. VOLUNTEERS are needed to greet, direct parking, serve lunch, man check-in, etc..
- Session's next meeting will be Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- If you would like to [volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth](#) occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!
- Blessing Box Pantry: If you are at the store and would like to augment our pantry with pop-tarts, those are currently in highest demand and lowest in stock.
- There will be a [Maundy Thursday Communion service](#) on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- So far, we have collected [125 POUNDS](#) of used crayons that will be sorted, melted down, and made into new, ergonomic, free crayons for pediatric hospital patients. Since 2013, [The Crayon Initiative](#) has saved over 432,000 pounds of discarded crayons from landfills and has created/distributed 1 MILLION packs of free crayons.
- [Our Good News Ministry](#) stands ready and equipped with technological tools to welcome new disciples into the SOPC family. Please join us in praying for God's guidance in ways we can reach out to our neighbors and invite them to share in Christ's love and mission with us!
- [Our 2025 Elder Nominating Committee](#) is: Liz Harris, Chair; Jeanne LeBoeuf, Vice-Chair; Cathy Keelen; Frank Sheppard; and Jim Taylor, with Julie Bussells representing SOPW. [Nomination forms](#) are available in the narthex, in this Sunday's bulletin, inserted below, and from the church office, (clear plastic box on the wall by Annah's door.) What faithful disciples at SOPC do you know who would make great Elders and additions to our Session?
- If you have [cans' pop-tops](#) that you have been collecting, Annah would be happy to deliver them to [Ronald McDonald House charities](#) periodically. Just leave them in the large baskets on either side of the sanctuary doors or bring them by the church office.

- The church will be taking orders for Easter Lilies March 9 – April 6. They will be \$16 each this year.
- Ladies of SOPC, please consider joining your Sisters in Christ @ the CWU Annual Meeting, Friday, February 28 @ Brookland Baptist Conference Center on Hwy 378. Send your check to Pat Gilyard, 2801 Wales Rd, Columbia 29223 in the amount of \$30 and join us @ 10:30 for registration & fellowship, then lunch @ 11:00 am.
- Also ladies, mark your calendar for Friday, March 7 as SOPC will host CWU for the World Day of Prayer gathering in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 and join the worship service in the sanctuary @ 11:00 am. No cost for the day, although there will be an offering collected.
- Michael and I would like to thank our SOPC friends for the outpouring of love, care, and prayers we have received since his father's passing on 2/7/25. Your support has been a tangible example of God's comfort as we grieve. Dave was an inspiring man of God and asked any who would remember him to share the simple, yet powerful, phrase, "God is Love." In Christ, Annah Hiers
- **Teaser for this Sunday:**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN



3/5/2025

5:30 PM

*Ash*  
*Wednesday*  
WORSHIP SERVICE.

*"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."*

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- Our Beloved Troop 91 in the news!!

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**Valentine's Day Social February 14**  
 The entire Community Center will be holding a Valentine's Day Social on February 14 from 2 - 5 pm. Whether you have a significant other or just want to spend time with friends, listen to some good music, play ping pong, or participate in other fun activities. The social is located at 1009 Bickley Chanda at 781-2031 to ask questions you have or to register. Registration is not required but

**Buying rain barrels at discount**  
 The County Stormwater and Watershed Department is making 50-gallon rain barrels and 65-gallon backyard rain barrels available at a discount. The barrels are \$76, and compost bins

are available by March 12; the 65-gallon barrels by March 22 at 3000 Hardwood Road in Columbia. For more information visit <https://www.rainwaterbarrel.com/products/columbia-sc>.

**Landmarks submissions**  
 The County Conservation Department is seeking submissions of



## Scouts deliver food to Sharing God's Love

Troop 91 from the Irmo area participated in the Scouting for Food drive to help restock the shelves of Sharing God's Love Food Bank in Irmo.

Sharing God's Love received more than 1895 pounds of food items and cash donations of almost \$700.

"Troop 91 has helped to fill-up our food

pantry," said Richie Eisenman of Sharing God's Love. "We are thankful for the support of the Scouts over these many years."

Sharing God's Love helps with food, clothing and utility needs for more than 11,000 individuals in the St. Andrews, Irmo, and Ballentine areas.

Troop 91 collected donations from the

Gardendale and Whitehall neighborhoods.

The Troop also partnered with Food Lion to collect food from their patrons. Troop 91 delivered the food to Sharing God's Love on February 8. Private individuals and churches contributed \$672 to help support the purchase of essential items needed by Sharing God's Love.

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God's Love.

"Scouting for Food is one of our most important service projects," said Jerry Hilbish, Scoutmaster of Troop 91. "Sharing God's Love and other food pantries

have nearly depleted their food supplies over the holiday season and this event helps restock their shelves. All of the Scouts would like to thank the people from the Irmo and St. Andrews communities that donated to this food drive."

Scouts BSA Troop 91 meets at Seven Oaks Pres-

byterian Church and serves girls ages 11-18. To learn more about Troop 91 visit <http://www.troop91bsa.com>.

Sharing God's Love is located at 147 Friarsgate Boulevard in Irmo. To learn more about Sharing God's Love visit <https://sharing-godslove.net>.

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Our congregation votes on elders to serve on the Session, exercising leadership, government, and discipline, and having responsibility for the life of our church.

Elders should be “persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills of leadership and being compassionate in spirit.” (Book of Order G-2.03)

Any active member of SOPC may be nominated unless he or she is currently serving a second consecutive term on the Session.

Suggested Names for Nomination:

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Please reach out to your listed nominees to ensure that they wish to serve in this capacity before returning this form. If you would like to comment on your reasons for nominating these persons, please feel free to do so on the back of this page. Your name is optional. Please place this form in one of the offering boxes in the narthex. You can also drop it by the church office or hand it to someone on the Nominating

Committee:

Liz Harris (Chair) [lizzi.sc@gmail.com](mailto:lizzi.sc@gmail.com)

Jeanne LeBoeuf (Vice Chair)

Julie Bussells (Representing PW)

Cathy Keelen

Frank Sheppard

Jim Taylor

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN TRINITY PRESBYTERY  
ANNUAL GATHERING**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

**Fellowship Camp & Conference Center  
457 Camp Fellowship Rd, Waterloo, SC 29384  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Onsite registration opens @ 9:00 am  
Program starts @ 10:00 am**



Dawn Smith Jordan is our speaker for the 2025 Annual Gathering. Dawn is a Christ-follower, singer/songwriter, musician, speaker, charting recording artist with Urgent Records, and published author. Dawn grew up the daughter of a Baptist deacon daddy and choir singing mama. As a high school student, she felt the call of God on her life to full-time ministry. In 1985 Dawn's younger sister Shari was kidnapped and murdered just two days before her high school graduation, resulting in the largest manhunt in South Carolina's history, drawing national attention. In 1986 Dawn received a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Columbia College in Columbia, SC. She went on to become Miss South Carolina 1986 and 2nd runner-up to Miss America. As Dawn ministers, she intertwines a combination of music, testimony, humor, transparency, and most importantly, the Truth found in God's Word. She incorporates both music and speaking during her ministry time, including her original songs, worship, as well as the beloved hymns of the faith.

An offering will be taken during the meeting which will be donated partially to our speaker, and partially to Camp Fellowship to help them recover from damage sustained during Hurricane Helene. Offering checks to support these efforts should be made payable to: **PW of Trinity Presbytery.**

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**

**REGISTRATION FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL GATHERING**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 21, 2025  
\$35 before March 22, 2025; \$40 at door (includes lunch)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUSTER #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK, PAYABLE TO: **PW of TRINITY PRESBYTERY**

**MAIL TO: MARY FUHRMAN, TREASURER  
109 CEDAR COURT  
LAURENS, SC 29360**