

SOPC Leaflet, Wednesday, March 26, 2025

- There will be a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 6, 2025, following the worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Officer Nominating Committee.
- Pastor Jim's Acorn Devotions leading up to Easter will be coming daily to your email inbox! Be sure to look for them!
- April Birthdays:



- 1: Mary Lou Taylor
- 2: Karl Thompson & Blythe Tapler
- 3: Edith Blanchett
- 4: Bruce Hurley & Molly Jackson
- 11: Ed Keelen & Polly Robinson
- 16: Jack Noë
- 24: Braeden Noë-Mellitz
- 27: Jim Wilhide
- 29: Kaiti Fuller
- 30: Betty Shuler

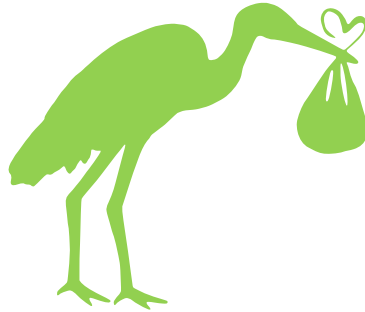
- From the Administration Ministry: Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date, as this helps us plan and fulfill the programs of the church! Last month's offering and the year-to-date information are shown below:

	Giving	Budgeted	Difference
February	\$16,150	\$18,250	(\$2,100)
YTD 2025	\$33,591	\$36,500	(\$2,909)

Total revenue for the first 2 months of 2025 (including other income such as rent) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through February	\$45,876
Total Expenses through February	\$47,935
Expenses in excess of Revenues	(\$2,059)

- Congratulations to the Salters and to the Noës on the arrival of their new grandchildren! Chatham (Salter) & Johnny Dickerson welcomed a daughter, Isabel Grace. Austin Noë Smith & Walker Smith welcomed a son, Stetson.



- Happy housewarming & congratulations to Braeden Noë-Mellitz & Asher on their new home!



- 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 very own Edith Blanchett will be celebrating her 98th birthday on April 3rd!! Let's flood her mailbox with cards and love! Contact the church office for her address if you do not have it and would like to participate.
- Our Thursday morning 1st John Bible study, led by Pastor Jim, will continue tomorrow morning, 3/27/25, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Classroom, with Lesson #9.
- Bruce C Hurley will conclude a 6-lesson Bible Study on Revelation TOMORROW, March 27, at 5 pm in the FELLOWSHIP Classroom. The study is based on Dr. Bruce Metzger's *Revelation: A Symphony in Six Movements* and will conclude next Thursday, March 27th. Please read Revelation 19:1 – 22:21 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 in the Fellowship Classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:45!

- **SOPC BOOK GROUP** is excitedly entering a new season. This month, they are reading *How To Read a Book* by Monica Wood. They will meet to discuss it and share fellowship **TOMORROW, March 27th, at 1:30 pm at Snow's Ice Cream.** If you have questions, they are welcome! The group would love to greet new faces as well! Contact Kitsie Miller, 803-463-6958, if you plan to attend or need more information. In April, they will be reading and discussing *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.
- **Session's next meeting** will be on Monday, April 21st.
- **Our next churchwide Fellowship meal** will be **BREAKFAST on Easter Sunday, April 20th!** Stay tuned for more details!



- **SOPW's Honorary Life Membership Award** will be presented during worship on Sunday, May 18th.
- **Our next Ladies Luncheon** will be Monday, April 21st, at noon at Tupelo Honey, 2138 Pickens Street, Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-608-1434, 803-957-0430, or mroyals052@gmail.com. Thanks.
- **The Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews** has published its Spring Session course catalog. Several copies are in the narthex, and it is also available at <https://shepherdscenterofstandrews.org/>. This is a great resource for folks aged 50 or older who wish to learn new hobbies, stay active, and/or get involved!



**Shepherd's Center
of St. Andrews**

- This past Sunday, our YOUTH helped serve at Love Revolution and continued their Lenten series, "Spice Rack." This coming Sunday, 3/30th, they will gather at Westminster PC at 5:30 pm for dinner, a service project, fun fellowship, and a lesson. Please feel free to contact Julie Bussells with any questions or for more information about our youth ministry: 803-622-9509.





LADIES, YOU'RE INVITED!

JOIN THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF
SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOR A GREEK EXPERIENCE IN COLUMBIA!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 AT 10:30 AM

FATHER MICHAEL OF HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL, 1900 MAIN STREET, COLUMBIA, SC 29201,
WILL LEAD US ON A TOUR OF THE CATHEDRAL, AND
THEN...

WE'LL SHARE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT GRECIAN
GARDENS RESTAURANT, 2312 SUNSET BLVD., WEST
COLUMBIA, SC 29169. **OPA!**

PLEASE LET JEANNE LEBOEUF KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO
ATTEND OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. 803-381-5566
OR JLEBOEUF@SC.RR.COM. THE RESTAURANT NEEDS A
HEAD COUNT AHEAD OF TIME.

- **SOPC will host a meeting of Trinity Presbytery on Tuesday, November 18th.** **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to greet, direct parking, serve lunch, man check-in, etc..
- If you would like to volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!
- There will be a **Maundy Thursday Communion service and light meal on April 17th at 5:30 pm in the youth room.**
- 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, TheCrayonInitiative.org 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!
- **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.
- **Parents of Young Children:** Please grab a "Wiggle Bag" from the Narthex / lobby before worship starts and remember that the little ones go to the Children's Corner after the Children's Message during the service. Thanks!
- **Please note that Karl will be on vacation next week, 3/31 – 4/4 but will be back in time to make sure that all is well before Sunday, 4/6th.**

- Our SOPC Presbyterian Women will host the ladies of our church, McGregor PC, Westminster PC, Providence PC, and Presbyterian Communities at the Annual Birthday Celebration Dinner on Tuesday, May 13th, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be speakers from the Columbia Rapid Shelter and from Love Revolution.

Grow, Bloom, Repeat.

Presbyterian Women Annual Birthday Celebration

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 AT 6 PM

Join us for dinner and
presentations by friends from
Love Revolution & Columbia
Rapid Shelter!

RSVP to Julie Bussells,
SOPW Moderator, by
Monday, May 5th.
803-622-9509

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church
530 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29210



- The church is accepting orders for lilies to adorn our sanctuary on April 20th, Easter Sunday!



Easter Lilies 2025

It is SOPC's tradition to adorn our Sanctuary with lilies for the Easter worship service.

You may purchase a lily to be given in celebration of the resurrection, to the glory of God, and/or in appreciation/memory/honor of a loved one, friend, or church family member.

Names of donors, (unless they wish to remain anonymous,) and those honored will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. You may pick up your lily after worship on Easter Sunday.

Please complete this form and place it with payment in the offering basket or submit it to the church office. Please make checks payable to SOPC with "Easter Lily" in the memo line. If you pay online, please designate it as "Other," type in "Easter Lily," and check the option that covers the church's credit card processing fees.

The deadline to order is Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Please print clearly. Write names as you wish them to be listed in the bulletin.

_____ (Qty.) Easter Lilies x \$16.00 each = \$_____ Total Amount

Donor Name(s): _____

Do You Wish to Remain Anonymous? Yes / No (Circle one.)

Donor Phone # &/or Email: _____

- In Appreciation of _____
- In Memory of _____
- In Honor of _____

To the Glory of God

In Celebration of the Resurrection



PRESENTS

FAMILY PROMISE OF THE MIDLANDS

2025 NIGHT OF PROMISE GALA

“THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME”

EVERY CHILD DESERVES ONE

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER CRAIG MELVIN

THURSDAY

APRIL 10 2025

6:30-10:30 PM

DRESS IN FORMAL ATTIRE FOR A NIGHT IN
THE EMERALD CITY

**COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER
EXHIBIT HALL**



SCAN TO PURCHASE
TICKETS



**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**