

Psalm 115:16 The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.

Each year we give of ourselves and our resources through global mission work. Witness Season is about being the church, out in the world. We show Discipleship within our congregation and beyond by spreading and experiencing the love of Christ through our example and commitment. This year we have the unique opportunity to provide support for two special projects. "Roots of Peace" is our 2016 Witness Season vision - to bring our prayers and assistance to the hands and hearts of people doing God's work in some of the most difficult of circumstances.

CODEP is a Haitian farming collective that creates reforestation of barren Haitian hillsides to create verdant, productive land throughout the CODEP area. At CODEP, they are using land wisely to end poverty. Every place - every ecology and culture - contains the means to end poverty, and here the Haitians are planting roots to care for their country. This has provided 68 communities, and 1,400 Haitian famers with a self-sustaining source of increased food, jobs, and revenue. This initiative rewards and trains Haitians to become the next generation of leaders, and impacts the lives of over 50,000 people in the Leogane Community. Our goal is to provide them with \$15,000 to create the next 'pepinye' collective, which is a tree nursery where the farmers transplant, nurture, ad harvest the trees while learning agricultural skills and business skills. One-third of the farmers are women, which also helps to increase total family participation and literacy amongst the farmers.

http://www.haitifundinc.org/

The second part of our Roots of Peace Witness Season Project includes support for the established schools for Syrian refugee children in the Middle East that have been maintained by the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL). The Synod has a long history of providing educational opportunities in the region, and now has specific needs for this population, with the cooperation of PC(USA). Over a million children among the refugees have been denied their normal childhood, normal family life, and needed school time at a critical point in their development. The Syrian children in these camps need urgent attention. A generation or two may became lost to illiteracy and *Continued on page 2...*

Morning Song
(Fogartie Hall)

Fogartie Hall) 8:45 am

Sanctuary Worship

8:45 am & 11:00 am

Worship - February 7
UKIRK SUNDAY
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Dr. Abigail Evans Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Worship - February 14
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
COMMUNION

Dr. Thomas E. Evans Rev. L. Craig Foster

Worship - February 21 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jason Moore Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Worship - February 28
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Dr. Thomas E. Evans

Rev. Christi O. Brown

*Picture above from a CODEP tree nursery in Haiti.

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February 14

Witness Season kicks off on Sunday, February 14 with a special presentation during the Moments for Mission during all three services.

February 17

Matt Evans and Kam Neely will give a WAF presentation about their recent mission trip to Haiti and how CODEP is helping the people of Haiti.

February 21

Jenny Dunn will share about the Syrian Refugee Schools during the Moments for Mission during all three worship services.

February 24

Marilyn Borst of the Presbyterian Outreach Foundation will make a WAF presentation about Syrian Refugee Schools and how we can help.

February 28

Witness Season Sunday! Join us at 10:15 in the Sanctuary for a combined Sunday School Class led by John Winings from the Haitian CODEP.

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complacency, and introduced to radicalism and violent attitudes. Our support will help nurture these children in education, and provide a path for hope to grow. Our project will be to provide \$15,000 to purchase books and supplies for 200 Syrian refugee children.

https://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/2/26/letter-national-evangelical-synod-syria-and-lebano/

Please join us in planting these Roots for Peace on behalf our church, as we are all part of the body of Christ.

1 Corinthinans 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Blessings,

Dawn Bingham, MD Chair, Witness Season 2016



Come join us as we set goals as individuals and for the Spark Ministry for 2016 and beyond. We'll focus on spiritual growth and Christian goal-setting, discussing the best strategies for our lives and this ministry.

Lunch provided by Spark. Free childcare provided 9:15am-noon. Children can join us for lunch. Come one, come all!

Register by Feb. 23 here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4BA9A72AABFB6-spark3



DIANA BUTLER BASS

GROUNDED: FINDING GOD IN THE WORLD

- •"God in a Post-Religious Time"
- •"The Rise of the Mystics"
- •"Religion in America: Decline or Transformation?"
- "The Democratization of Religion"



Through a series of lectors and question and answer sessions, Diana will take us through the process of understanding the transformative time we are in—taking us "across the bridge" from what has been to what will be. It will be a thoughtful, engaging, and provocative time for all.

<u>Friday, March 4:</u> 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Interactive Livestream at FPC Spartanburg - Fogartie Hall

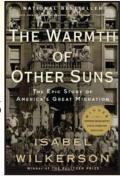
Saturday, March 5: 9:00 am -12:00 pm (session II & III) 1-3:00 pm (session IV)

Central Presbyterian Church, (1404 N. Blvd., Anderson SC)



JOIN US AND Bring a Friend Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Bill Arthur Center on Kennedy Street Come at 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.



The **BBC** is open to all interested persons even those who haven't read this book.

February Selection

The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson

Pulitzer Prize—winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. With stunning historical detail, Wilkerson tells this story through the lives of three unique individuals.

Read through the Cospel of John during Lent

During this season of Lent, we will read through the Gospel of John. The list of daily readings will be avaliable around the church. To receive the devotions electronically by:

Email: Scan or sign-up at http://eepurl.com/bqtMS9

Text: To receive a link to each daily reading, text "@fpcde" to the number 81010.

Facebook: facebook.com/fpcspartanburg

View them on our website: fpcspartanburg.org/devotionals



Weekday School Registration for 2016-2017 to begin February 16

The Weekday School at First Presbyterian registration dates are as follows:

- ➤ February 16 for children of church members, with a child currently enrolled
- ➤ <u>February 17</u> for non-church members currently enrolled
- ➤ <u>February 18</u> for church members seeking new enrollment
- February 19 open enrollment to the public.

For more information contact Moira Scheel at the WDS office (208-2148 / mscheel@fpcspartanburg.org).

Women's Ministry Circle Meetings February 2016

Circle 2 & 4:

Monday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. Small Private Dining Room

Circle 3:

Monday, February 8 at 10:30am Hostess: Winnie Walsh, Parlor

Circle 5

Monday, February 8 at 10:30am Purnell Room

Circle 7:

Tuesday, February 9 at 10:30am Hostess: Linda Jackson 612 Amesbury Ln, Spartanburg SC 29301

Circle 9

Tuesday, February 16 at 3:30pm Parlor

Circle 11:

Monday, February 8 at 10:30am Hostess: Rosemary Roberts 209 Arbor Rd. Spartanburg SC 29307

Circle 12:

Monday, February 8 at 6:30pm Hostess: Gloria Close 685 Otis Blvd, Spartanburg SC 29302

Circle meetings offer women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community.

If you would like to join a circle, please contact Katie Resumovic in the church office (208-2139/kresumovic@fpcspartanburg.org) for more information.

This Month @ FPO

February 2016

Monday, February 1

12:00 p.m. Officer Prayer Lunch 5:00 p.m. Support Partners 6:00 p.m. Speaking Down Barriers

Tuesday, February 2

9:15 a.m. Tickled Pink 10:30 a.m. BBC

12:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus

6:15 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. BBC

Wednesday, February 3

10:00 a.m. Christians in the Making 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays-At-First (see page 5)

5:15 p.m. Healing and Wholeness

Thursday, February 4

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl

12:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus

12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

Friday, February 5

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Genesis Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

8:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Real Life

Monday, February 8

10:30 a.m. Woman's Ministry Circles 3, 5 & 11

2:00 p.m. Circle 2 & 4

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision 6:30 p.m. Woman's Ministry Circle 12

Tuesday, February 9

7:00 a.m. Officer Prayer Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Tickled Pink

10:30 a.m. Woman's Ministry Circle 7

Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus 12:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Congregational Nursing 6:00 p.m. Homeless Feeding Program

6:15 p.m. Handbells

Wednesday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Christians in the Making 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays-At-First (see page 5) 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 11

12:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus 12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

Friday, February 12

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, February 14

MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) Worship (Sanctuary) 8:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. Chamber Singers Réhearsal

Monday, February 15

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Guild Meeting

Tuesday, February 16

9:15 a.m. Tickled Pink

11:30 a.m. Red Shoe Luncheon

12:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus

3:30 p.m. Women's C 6:15 p.m. Handbells Women's Circle 9

Wednesday, February 17

10:00 a.m. Christians in the Making 11:30 a.m. Women's Heart Support Group

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays-At-First (see page 5) 6:30 p.m. Spark Lenten Study Group

Thursday, February 18

12:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus 12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

Friday, February 19

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 20

6:00 p.m. Youth Sweetheart Dinner

Sunday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Genesis Choir Rehearsal 8:45 a.m. MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)

8:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Real Life

6:00 p.m. Chamber Singers

Monday, February 22

5:30 p.m. Diaconate

Tuesday, February 23

9:15 a.m. Tickled Pink

Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus 12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Session

6:00 p.m. Homeless Feeding Program

6:15 p.m. Handbells

Wednesday, February 24

10:00 a.m. Christians in the Making

12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Wednesdays-At-First (see page 5) 6:30 p.m. Spark Lenten Study Group

Thursday, February 25

12:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: The Secret Message of Jesus 12:30 p.m. Spark Men's Small Group

Friday, February 26

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Faith Community Blood Drive 8:45 a.m.

MorningSong (Fogartie Hall) 8:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Welcome Class

11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

5:30 p.m. Chili Night

6:00 p.m. Chamber Singers

Diabetes Prevention Program

Offered by the Shepherd's Center (open to all FPC Members)

You can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes! Sign up today and make a change for life!



Starting February 3 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Room 2207

If interested call the Shepherd's Center at 585-1999.

Sunday, February

Bring your loose change to help support the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen Sunday, February 7.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45

Sunday mornings offer classes designed for children, youth and adults. To find our full listing of Sunday School classes pick up a brochure in the church office or visit our website at

fpcspartanburg.org/grow/adults.

Welcome Class

Interested in joining FPC? Join us for the Welcome Class beginning February 28

Sunday Mornings ~ February 28 - March 13 Room 2200 ~ 9:45-10:45am

If you are interested in attending, please contact Joanie Shackleton to sign up! (jshackleton@fpcspartanburg.org)

^{*} Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 a.m.



FAITH, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17, 24

Dinner Menu 5:00-6:15 p.m.

February 3

Salad Bar, Baked Chicken, Baby Lima Beans, Carrot Soufflé, Bread, and Dessert

February 10

Salad Bar, Baked Spaghetti, Bread Sticks, and Dessert

February 17

Salad Bar, Pork Loin, Roasted Red Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Bread, and Dessert

February 24

Salad Bar, Sweet N Sour Chicken, Rice, Bread, and Dessert

Children's Corner Cafe Menu: Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauce, Mac-N-Cheese, Fruit

The dinner cost is \$7 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$6 for Seniors (55 and over), \$4 for Children with a limit of \$20 per family of 4 or more.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling the church office (583-4531) or online (www.fpcspartanburg.org on MyFirstPres prior to noon on Monday.

See the pink card in the Friendship Pad in the Sanctuary for additional information.



FEBRUARY 10 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

On Wednesday, February 10 join us in the Sanctuary from 6:30 - 7:15pm. to mark the beginning of the Lenten season with this brief family-friendly worship service that will include the imposition of ashes.

Nursery provided.

Programming @ Every WAF 6:30-7:15

CRC - Christian Recreation for Children
Nursery Care (Starting at 6:15) Gym
Sit 'N Stitch - FLC Lobby
Wednesday Walkers - Walking Track
Dessert & Devos - Middle School Rm. (See Page 4)

This Month @ WAF

Healing and Wholeness

February 3 ~ 5:15pm ~ Chapel

Floral Arranging Class

February 3 ~ 6:30pm ~ Social Hall

Health Program

February 3 ~ 6:30pm ~ Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10 ~ 6:30pm ~ Sanctuary

Witness Season Programs (see page 2)
February 17 & 24 ~ 6:30pm ~ Sanctuary

Fealing & Wholeness

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 Chapel ~ 5:15-5:45 p.m.



This service provides an opportunity to pray for the healing of oneself and others, reflect on the components of healing, receive communion, and experience God's blessing.

What To Do When There Is Nothing To Do Health Series - February 3 - Sanctuary - 6:30pm

Dr. Amy Curtis will provide information on the end of life and the physical impact on the family.

DESSERT & DEVOS!

We are excited to announce a new program to our regular Wednesday at First activities! Beginning Wednesday, February 3rd, all youth are invited to meet in the Middle School room at 6:15 for a special time of fellowship with a yummy dessert. After dessert, Middlers and Senior Highs will separate out for a special devotion designed for their respective age groups. If you are interested in providing a dessert for one of these events, please contact Kellie Foster at kelliefoster@gmail.com or 864-381-8581!

YOUTH DINNER THEATER **FUNDRAISER**

FEBRUARY 20 ~ 5:30-7:30 PM FAMILY LIFE CENTER

On Saturday, February 20th, the Youth will be hosting a Sweetheart's Dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in our Family Life Center's Fogartie Hall. The cost of this special dinner is \$45 per couple or \$25 per person, and includes a fine Italian three-course meal, delightful musical ambiance as well as outstanding local musicians providing the evening's entertainment. In addition, child care is provided free of cost! All proceeds will help fund the 2016 Senior High International Mission Trip to the Bahamas with Next Step Ministries.

All are welcome! Please contact Shannon Stewart at 208-2133 or sstewart@fpcspartanburg.org to sign up

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT IN MONTREAT

March 11-13, 2016 "Check Your Compass"

Cost: \$115 (incl. lodging, meals, program, t-shirt)

Deadline for Registration: February 10th – no exceptions

For more info Check out:

http://foothillspresbytery.org/events/senior-high-retreat-minimontreat/ or contact Penny Wright (pwright@fpcspartanburg.org)



MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Feb 3 - McCracken Feb 10 - Dawkins

Feb 17 - Rainbow Lake Feb 24 - Gable

FEBRUARY 28 ~ 5:30-7pm ~ FOGARTIE HALL

Bring your favorite pot of chili to share and/or a dessert. Also plan to enjoy a variety of entertainment put on by your congregation members.

FITNESS GENTER

The Family Life Center Hours Monday-Thursday 6am-9pm, Friday 6am-5pm Saturday 8am-12pm, Sunday 2pm-6pm

BOOT CAMP BLITZ

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in the Gym at 7:15am, 8:15am, 9:15am and 11:15am *Express Bootcamp Class

Tuesday & Thursday at 12:15pm

YOGA/PILATES FUSION CLASS

Thursdays 11:15-11:45am in the Activity Room

COMMUNITY OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Monday & Friday at 1-3:00pm



MORNING YOGA (All levels) Check website calendar

ZUMBA

Tuesdays at 6:00pm - Social Hall

Pastoral Concerns Prepared January 26, 2016

In Memoriam

Mrs. Jean Robertson Croes Friday, January 15, 2016 Mother of Jean Croes Danfy & Bill Croes

Mr. Vollie "Vic" Cleveland Bailey Jr. Tuesday, January 26, 2016 Husband of Rose Bailey, Father of Vic Bailey III and Grandfather of Vic Bailey IV, Leslie Calicutt and Neely Darr

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. John 11:25

Christian sympathy is extended to

Mr. Jesse Charles on the death of his brother; Robert O. Charles.

Mr. Newt Pressley on the death of his mother; Geraldine Rhodes Pressley.

Congratulations to:

Andrew and Beth McCord on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Kane McCord, born on Wednesday, December 30.

Andy and Courtney Mayfield on the birth of their daughter, Miller Caroline Mayfield, born on Saturday, January 2.

Bryan and Katee Whitfield on the birth of their son, Conner Lee Whitfield, born on Wednesday, January 13.

Pastoral Care On-Call System:

If you have a pastoral emergency after 5:00 p.m. during the week or anytime over the weekend, please call **208-2142**.



Easter Butterfly Lelease

At 10:30 a.m. Easter morning, March 27, we will release 720 live butterflies on the lawn between the Chapel and the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of family and friends.

On Easter, the most important day of the church year, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. At First Presbyterian Church, our celebration will include our annual Easter Butterfly Release. Since ancient times, the butterfly has been a symbol that reminds us of the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ. Order your butterflies today.

*Due to Easter's early date this year, Monarch butterflies are not avaliable. We will release **Painted Lady butterflies.** Two (2) butterflies come in each box.

Order Form

To purchase a butterfly, order online through My First Pro	es
"registrations" or drop off /mail this form and check payable to Fi	rst
Presbyterian Church to Lynise Clarke by Friday, March 18.	
Name	_
Phone:	
I would like boxes (2 butterflies in each box) at \$6.00 each	1.
Inhonorof	
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4th Tuesday Soup Kitchen

Please help us feed and clothe those in need at the 4th Tuesday soup kitchen February 23rd.

We need volunteers to help us serve the meal and provide the food.

Donate towards our meal on February 23:

BBQ Pork Bread Side Dishes Dessert Tea

For the cold we continue to need:

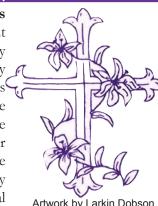
Hoodies Individually wrapped food Sleeping bags items
Blankets Book bags

Gloves & hand warmers Razors
Scarves & toboggans Toilet paper

Want more information? Contact:
4thtuesdaysoupkitchen@gmail.com or Will DeLaney,
Beth Delaney & Tina Hamilton (864) 908-8753

Honor and Zemember Pamily and Priends this Easter

Easter flower arrangements will be made with a variety of cut flowers and lilies. The Sanctuary Guild provides an opportunity for you to honor loved ones and friends in a commemorative booklet which will be available on Easter, March 27. Your contribution of \$15 will provide flowers and lilies in the sanctuary on Easter and help endow a special



flower fund for floral arrangements throughout the year.

If you wish to have an acknowledgement card sent, please include the addresses of those to whom you want cards mailed.

Order Form

To purchase, order online through **My First Pres** or drop off / mail this form and check payable to First Presbyterian Church to Lynise Clarke by Friday, March 18.

Friday, March 18.
Name:
Phone:
I would like contribution(s) at \$15 each.
In honor of
In memory of
Send acknowledgement to

Red Shoe Luncheon

February 16 11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. Family Life Center

Join Spartanburg Regional Hospital and First Presbyterian Church for a heart-healthy meal and learn more about your health from our experts in cardiovascular care. Free, pre-registration is required. Call 864-560-7999 to register.

The doors will open for lunch at 12:00. Please visit our vendors, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the gym and don't forget to wear your red shoes!

For more information contact Lori Boyd, MSN, RN, Coordinator, Joe R. Utley Heart Resource Center at 864-560-8185 or Beth Cecil, Parish Nurse, First Presbyterian Church at 864-208-2136.



First Presbyterian Church will be among eight churches participating in this health mission project. This ecumenical event includes Church of the Advent, Cornerstone Baptist Church, St. John's Lutheran, Silver Hill United Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian, Mount Moriah Baptist, St. Paul's Catholic and First Presbyterian all hosting blood drives through The Blood Connection at the same time in an effort to collect 400 units of blood to meet the daily demands of the Upstate. A dinner celebrating all donors will be held at The Church of the Advent on Saturday, February 27, 2016 for a nominal fee. You will have an opportunity to make reservations for blood donating and dinner with Beth Cecil or a representative of the Health Committee. First Presbyterian Church serves as a role model in our community for donating

Please show your support and continue to serve as an inspiration to other churches in our community by saying, "YES" when asked to donate.

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