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A Note From Our Pastor

In our April newsletter, you read about the inspiring mission work that the Holemans are doing in Honduras. I'd like to follow their lead and continue sharing with you about our mission partnership at home and abroad.

Last week at the Fellowship Community National Gathering, I was able to connect with my mentor Rob Weingartner, the former Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation (TOF). He suffers from Parkinson's now, so our time together was golden. Almost two decades ago, he took me under his wing by introducing me to my brothers and sisters in the global church and teaching me what it means to join God in his mission in the world. Because of Rob... I have evangelist friends in Ethiopia. Because of Rob... we take annual trips to build cisterns in Mexico. Because of Rob... we are exploring partnerships in



Europe to reach Iranian refugees. Rob opened my eyes to the truth that <u>God is on</u> mission. <u>His church joins him on that mission.</u>

Here's a bulleted update to give a snapshot of how we have joined our missionary God.

What's Happened:

Because of our budget surplus in 2023, we were able to...

- Give \$1,000 to TOF for crisis care in Lebanon toward Israel-Palatine Emergency Relief
- Donate \$7,000 to the church "Hospital de la Fe" in Oaxaca, Mexico a TOF churchplanting partner who is ministering and evangelizing to college students at Mexico's southern boarder
 - Send \$2,400 to fully purchase a cistern that we be built this summer in Xpujil, Mexico
- Earmarked travel expenses for a scout team to travel to Liverpool this summer to explore a partnership with TOF's work to reach Iranian Refugees (more on that from Sasan Tavassoli on May 12)
- Purchased 10 cots for The Well to aid in hosting Habitat for Humanity mission teams (we've already hosted three teams, one more to go)

In the last five months, we've also raised funds beyond our budget to provide:

- 142 Christmas Food Bags in December
- \$2,459 to Habitat for Humanity through the Henry Bonner Memorial Offering
- \$600 to Healing Farms for their Walk and Roll
- Countless food boxes that go out weekly through our Food Pantry
- Countless hot meals that go out bi-weekly through our Soup Kitchen

What's Coming:

- Dr. Sasan Tavassoli Preaching in worship and teaching church-wide Sunday School on Sunday, May 12 to share the rapid growth of the underground church in the Muslim world
- Hosting Healing Farms Summer Camp June 24-28 (volunteers needed)
- Iranian Diaspora Mission Trip July 12-19, scout trip partnership with TOF and First Presbyterian Greenville to Liverpool, England (continued on page 2)

Weekly Worship Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 9:00 Facebook Video 10:10 Sunday School 11:00Worship Service

Upcoming Events Monday, May 6 I:00 Prayers & Squares I:00 Wildcat Bible Study

Tuesday, May 7 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 6:00 Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet

Friday, May 10 Healing Farms at FPC Fuller Formation/Mepkin Abbey 3:30-8:30

Saturday, May I I Fuller Formation/Mepkin Abbey 8:30-5:00

> Sunday, May 12 Guest Preacher

Tuesday, May 14 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Soup Kitchen 5:30 SPF Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 6:00 Youth

Thursday, May 16

11:30 Ladies Fellowship Luncheon6:00 Home Worship Workshop

Monday, May 20 1:00 Prayers & Squares

1:00 Wildcat Bible Study 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 I 1:00 Prayer Ministry I:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 Darkness to Light Training

> Wednesday, May 22 6:00 Youth

Sunday, May 26 Begin Summer Schedule 10:00 Worship Service Only

Tuesday, May 28 Healing Farms at FPC 11:00 Prayer Ministry 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, May 29 6:00 Youth Mexico Mission Trip – July 29-August 4 to build cisterns and explore the possibility of a church-planting
partnership with Pastor Eliazer from Iglesia el Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) in Manuel Castilla Brito, Campeche

The risen Christ is Lord. What a joy we have in proclaiming and exalting his name in all the earth. See you Sunday!

In Christ, Pastor Timothy

Guest Missionary Dr. Sasan Tavassoli Sunday, May 12 Preaching at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Teaching Church-Wide Sunday School at 10 a.m.



Dr. Sasan Tavassoli is a former Shi'ite Muslim from Iran. In 1985, Sasan came to faith in Christ as the result of the ministry of a group of American missionaries while he was living in Europe. Dr. Tavassoli is an ordained minister and has been involved in ministry within the Iranian communities in the US as a teacher and later as a pastor for the past two decades. Since 2006 the main focus of Dr. Tavassoli's ministry has been teaching on Christian satellite TV. His Farsi broadcasts are aired in Europe, the Middle East and Iran on a regular basis. He also helps equip the Church of Iran by providing theological education through conferences and seminars. Sasan travels extensively within the US, Europe and the Middle East to preach among Iranian Christians and is extensively involved in leadership training for the growing churches inside Iran. "Jesus is building his underground church." -Dr. Tavassoli

Come May 12 to hear more of what Jesus is doing.

Cistern Ministry Mission Trip to Mexico, July 29 thru August 4

Ways you can partner with us: pray for the ministry, give financially, or go. If you are interested in going, contact Angeline Brock.



Have You Experienced a <u>Kairos</u> Moment? Tell us about it!

When God breaks into your life—revealing himself, moving you toward transformation, giving you an "ah-ha" or a "wow" moment—we call these *kairos* moments. *Kairos* is the Greek word for "time." But not time like on your watch or calendar (that's the Greek word *chronos*).

Kairos is a holy interruption, when God breaks into your life brings a change, newness, revelation. When this happens... <u>we want to hear from you!</u>

We have created an email address specifically for collecting these stories at FPC. Email your story to us at: **fpckairos@gmail.com**

We're looking forward to hear what God is doing in your life!

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, April 15 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with prayer and devotion by Rin Page using a Celtic Prayer and Protestant Prayer Beads
- Approved minutes from March Session Meeting
- Discussed some of the General Assembly upcoming business
- Approved revisions to FPC's Child Protection Policy
- Approved Angeline Brock, Director of Spiritual Formation, to renew her contract as a Bible Teacher at St. John's Christian Academy
- Received reports from the pastors and ministry teams

The next Session meeting will be Monday, May 20 at 6 p.m.



Our stars will be performing in a production of "The Life of a Woman"

"The Life of a Woman" is designed to be presented by females, for females. It traces the life span of a female from babyhood through grandmotherhood in a lighthearted manner.

Tickets on sale now. Adult tickets are \$12 each, children 6 and under are \$6 each. A nursery will be provided during the banquet.

Upcoming Things to Know

Thursday, May 16, 6-7:30 p.m. Home Worship Workshop Summer Edition

Adults: Resources and Principles for Leading Worship at Home during the summer Elementary—High School: "Exploring the 10 Commandments" (Nursery provided for 0—5 years)

Darkness to Light Training Tuesday, May 21, 5-7:30 p.m. If you volunteer or desire to volunteer with children in any capacity at FPC, you are now required to take part in this training. The training is also open to all adult members of the congregation. Food will be provided 5-5:30 p.m. Please contact Angeline Brock if you plan to attend at 843-764-7198.

Building Relationships

We are looking for volunteers to spend time with participants and build relationships. It can be as easy as helping put to-



gether a puzzle or playing a game. Healing Farms will be on our campus on **Tuesday, May 28.** This is a great way to partner with this ministry and **SEE ABILITY!** If you are interested, **please contact Angeline or Timothy.**

2024 Habitat Sweat Break College Challenge

We will be hosting students May 12 through May 18 from the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia. They will be working with Habitat for Humanity during this time. There will be nine students and one staff person. Rin Page will provide us with more information and ways we can help.

This is an opportunity to share God's love from our family to another.

FPC Goes to the River Dogs Friday, June 21

Mark your calendars and plan to join your FPC church family at Joseph P Riley Jr. Park on Friday, June 21 at 7:05 p.m. as we cheer on our own Charleston RiverDogs. We will meet at the park for a time of great fun and fellowship. There will



be fireworks after the game so bring your family and friends and join us as we welcome summer. Ticket and carpool information coming soon!

Save the Date for VBS 2024 July 8 — 12



VBS 2024—Save the Date, July 8—12 Following The Shepherd (from the garden to the garden).



From left to right: Ruling Elder Janis Blocker, Rev. Becky Albright (General Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors), Commissioned Pastor Johnny "Bo" Hamilton, Ruling Elder Bryan Chrismon (Bo's Brother), and Dr. Timothy Scoonover.



The children of the LOGOS choir sang "Honey in the Rock" with the adult choir for the Commissioning Service.

Thank you to everyone that came out for the Healing Farms Walk and Roll. We were able to raise \$600. Thank you to all our supporters.



We extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Geoff Atkins. Geoff passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

Grass Cutting Season

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Please sign up to cut grass at the church. There's a signup sheet in the atrium. We have a riding lawn mower at the church so you don't have to bring one. You can do it!!!!!





Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon

All ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon is in the fellowship hall on **Thursday, May 16 at 11:30 a.m.** This is a good time of fellowship and an opportunity to make new friends. Bring your lunch and we will provide the dessert. For more information, contact Doris Partlow at 843-934-2149.

Food Pantry Ministry



Please bring Peanut Butter and Canned Vegetables for the month of May



May Birthdays

- 2 Ken Fansher
- 4 Hannah Patrick
- 4 Benning Williams
- 6 Addison Guerry
- 7 Buddy Harvey
- II Charles Belhassen
- II Clay Brock
- 13 Barbara White
- 14 Kelly Brown
- 14 Johnna Livingston
- 17 Jane Harris
- 17 Eve Hinman
- 19 Benjamin Miller, II
- 21 John Holeman
- 22 Madeline Hartman
- 25 Camden Blaine Guerry
- 26 Kristin DeLong
- 27 William Tanner
- 27 Miller White
- 27 Suzie Wilson
- 28 Logan Carter
- 29 Jim Brogdon
- 29 George Pound



You can give online, it's easy. Visit our website and pick the giving tab. You can also use this QR code to go to our website.

Commitment Report	Budget for 2024	\$495,184.00
Budget Offering Weekly Budget Requirements	<u>April 28</u> \$ 8,269.74 \$ 11,081.37	<u>Year to Date</u> \$ 191,487.59 \$ 188,393.29

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The Monks at Mepkin Abbey - Grace Reformed Episcopal Church First Presbyterian Church - Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston Moncks Corner A.M.E. Church - Wesley United Methodist Church Rock Hill Baptist Church - Centenary United Methodist Church Don't forget the Ecumenical Pentecost Service on Sunday, May 19 at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church

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> > Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God, IN to one another, and OUT to the world!