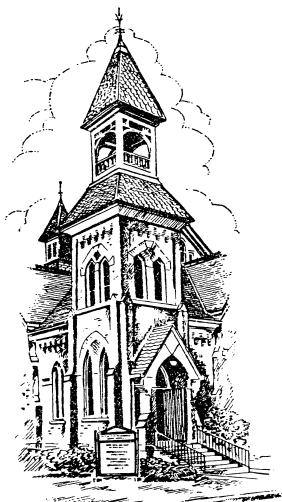


ABBEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADVANCE

MAY 2017



Dear Friends,

Heritage Sunday at APC is May 7. On this Sunday, we celebrate our Scottish heritage with the Kirk'n of the Tartans. At the beginning of the service a parade of colorful tartans representing family names in our congregation will process down the aisle. If your family has a tartan and would like to be part of the procession, please let the church office know by May 3. Families participating in the procession are asked to meet in the Telford Parlor at 10:50 am that Sunday morning.

To kick off Heritage Sunday, all Sunday school classes will gather in the fellowship hall for our first in a series of intergenerational classes. This will be a fun and meaningful time together with music, art projects, prayers, scripture and refreshments.

Please plan on attending and bring a friend or neighbor to this first Sunday of the month celebration with your church family. The other intergenerational Sunday School dates are June 4, July 2, and August 6.

Summer is all but here, and that means Picnic with the Pastor. The first of these picnics will be held on May 24. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church office. Limited space, so sign up early. Everything will be provided, so come and enjoy!

Faithfully yours,
Greg

Abbeville Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 733
Abbeville, SC 29620

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Rufus Sherard

ALTERNATE ELDER

Tiffany Freese

SERVING COMMUNION

Brad Evans
Ann Mitchell
Robin Stalnaker
Scott White

Barbara Freese
Calvert Sherard
Merry Trask



MAY COUNTERS

Sara Jo Sherard
Susanne Greene

THE BOOK GROUP

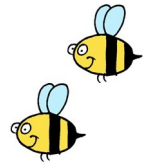
The Book Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Monday, May 8 Susanne Greene will discuss *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell.



BUSY BEES PRESCHOOL

Each month the preschool will be asking for specific items to be donated. The items needed for the month of **May** are **foaming hand soap and paper towels**.



IN THE NURSERY

May 7 Missy & Seth Williams
May 14 Tara & Joseph Scott
May 21 Bonnie Scroggs & Kyle Driver
May 28 Suzie Sherard & Sydney Dawson



GriefShare

meets each Sunday at the church starting at 2:00 pm. It will continue through March and April, finishing on May 28. They will not meet on Mother's Day (May 14).

CIRCLES

Circle I	2:30 pm	with Margie Brady at the church Studying Lesson 7
Circle II	3:00 pm	with Mary Jane Trainor
Circle III	7:00 pm	with Mary Sherard

All circles will meet Monday, May 1



**INSTALLMENT
OF
SYDNEY
DAWSON**

THE ADVANCE

The Advance is published monthly by the staff of Abbeville Presbyterian Church. We welcome articles and photographs from any church member. Deadline for submission is the third Thursday of the month. Articles are accepted via e-mail attachment, and/or typed/handwritten submission to the office.

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APC Foundation Chairman	Don Sherard
Preschool Director	Mandy Brown
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Custodian	Cindy Hall

OUR MISSION OUTREACH

Abbeville Youth Center
Faith Home
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
HospiceCare of the Piedmont
L.U.Z. Project
Presbyterian Communities of S. C.
Thornwell Home for Children
Trinity Sudan Mission
Turks' Ministry in Madagascar
U.C.M.A.C.
Village Health Worker Project
Volunteers in Medical Missions (VIMM)



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met on April 2, 2017 for its regular stated meeting with Dr. Henley moderating the meeting.

Busy Bees- Enrollment stands at 17, summer camp dates and By-Laws will be available soon. Locks on Pre-School doors have been installed.

Worship- A new Welcome brochure is being developed and trash pickup is scheduled for 4:00 pm on April 30th.

Adult Nurture- Sponsoring WFW with Kevin Cartee from Camp Fellowship and also Maundy Thursday meal. Announced Heritage Sunday will be held on May 7th. This, the 149th Anniversary of APC will feature Tartans, but no meal. Plans for the 150th are now being made for April 15, 2018. Joint kickball is scheduled for May 31st at Upper Long Cane.

Children and Youth Nurture- Holding Youth Sunday service, providing Sunrise Service, and Easter egg hunt. Possible lockout at Lindell's and SkyZone visit are ongoing. VBS is scheduled June 26th-29th from 5:30-8 PM. This years' theme is "Passport to Peru."

Building and Grounds- Announced the replacement of downstairs humidifier motor at the Church, addition of Handicapped door stops, and completion of annual elevator inspection.

Finance and Administration- Passed out first quarter financial statement.

Mission and Evangelism- The following was presented: Missions week will be held September 17-24 with presentations from Faith Home, Haitian missionaries, and the Luz project. The blood drive will also be held during this week.

Old Business- Merry Trask will serve as Chair of Stewardship along with Mary Alice Hall, Ron Bronte, Brad Evans, Lynette Lindell, Rufus Sherard, and Rich Osmus.

New Business- Session approved a called meeting to approve the transfer of Michael Sherard and the examination of Sydney Dawson (both passed). Picnic with the Pastor will resume over the summer, as will an intergenerational Sunday school class on one Sunday during the months of June, July, and August. Rufus Sherard will attend the May Presbytery meeting in Cayce on May 6th as our commissioner.

Calvert Sherard, Clerk of Session

What's Buzzing at Busy Bees?

Time is going by so quickly! In no time at all the halls of APC will be filled with little people eager to learn. We are excited to offer a wonderful program that gets our students ready for "big school". Be sure to spread the word about this great ministry. Help and support us to use Busy Bees to teach children about God and how to show His love to others. Busy Bees gives APC an opportunity to welcome young families into your congregation who may not have a home church.

We will be hosting two fun-filled Summer Camps this summer and we need volunteers who are willing to help and lend their talents. Please let me know if you are willing to help in any way.

June 19 – 23 – ART CAMP

July 10 – 14: SCIENCE CAMP

We are still enrolling for 3K and 4K and have a few spots available so please help us spread the word!

We currently have 9 students enrolled for 3K and 9 students for 4K. We will take up to 12 students per class. We are really excited about our numbers. Scholarship applications are due May 1st.

Thank you so much to those of you who have donated supplies to help us prepare for the upcoming school year. Our needed items for MAY are **FOAMING HAND SOAP and PAPER TOWEL ROLLS**. There is a donation box for these items outside of the church offices. We are still in need of *glue sticks, construction paper, and watercolor paint sets*.

Busy Bees will be hosting a Pediatric/Adult CPR and First Aid training class. This class will be open to APC members and the community. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. This is a great deal as these classes and certifications can be very costly. The class will be held at the church on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the preschool bulletin board. Payment will be due the night of the class. Please make checks payable to FIRST RESPONSE. We do need a head count to give the instructor, so make sure to let me know if you will be joining us.

Thank you all for your support and prayers!

Mandy Brown, Director
864-366-BEES (2337)

Busy Bees
Preschool



**WORKING
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Circle I—2:30 pm with Margie Brady at the church—Lesson 7 Circle II—3:00 pm with Mary Jane Traimor Circle III—7:00 pm with Mary Sherard	2 Stretch Class—11:00 am	3	4	5 <i>Bella Evans (B)</i>	6 <i>Stewart Lindell (B)</i>
7 HERITAGE SUNDAY Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am UCMAC Sunday Session Meeting—12 Noon <i>Communion Sunday</i>	8 Book Group—5:30 pm at the church with Susanne Greene—discussion leader	9 Stretch Class—11:00 am	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> offering Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am Mary's Closet Sunday	15	16 Stretch Class—11:00 am	17	18 <u>Deadline for June/July Advance</u>	19	20
Pastor away at Conference through May 21	PWCT—6:00 pm			<i>Callie Johnson (B)</i>		<i>Beth Ann Randall (B)</i>
21 Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am Preschool Sunday	22	23 Stretch Class—11:00 am	24	25	26 <i>Scott Sherard (B)</i> <i>William Sherard (B)</i>	27
28 Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am	29	30 Stretch Class—11:00 am	31 WFW —Kickball game at ULCPC—5:00 pm			



**SUNRISE SERVICE WITH UPPER LONG CANE
ATTENDANCE—51
WITH 31 FROM APC**



**THANKS TO ALL WHO PURCHASED
EASTER LILIES FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL EASTER SUNDAY!**



CHILDREN'S SERMON WITH MORGAN



**BEAUTIFUL
DAY FOR
AN EASTER
EGG HUNT!!**



WEBSITE

All information that needs to be added to the website needs to be given to Morgan by Tuesday of each week to be available online by the following weekend. It needs to be sent to:

morgan@abbeyvillepres.org

If email is not your thing you may write it out and put your announcement, etc. in Morgan's box.



ABBEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH PAGE

The news, events, and photos follow us on Facebook @ Abbeville Presbyterian Youth

Youth Director: Morgan Riddle

Contact Morgan for more information about youth programs and activities.

(864) 993-2031

Morgan recently created an email address specifically for the youth group. It will be easier to sync Facebook, Instagram, twitter, etc. All are on one account and she can keep everything in one place—

