

ABBEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADVANCE

APRIL 2017



What's Buzzing at Busy Bees?

Wow! We are only a few months away from our first day of school, which will be on Monday, August 28th. The classrooms are ready and thanks to a donation from Greenville Presbyterian in Donalds, we now have matching chairs in our 4K room.

Beth Kelly will be teaching our 4K class and with over 30 years teaching experience I know she is going to be a blessing to our program. Chassity Strawhorne has been hired as our Teacher's Assistant, and we are very excited to have her as part of the Busy Bees team.

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 8 students for 4K. We will take up to 12 students per class. We are getting geared up for our themed Summer Day Camps that are being offered June 19 – 23rd and July 10 – 14th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM for ages 3 to 8. We need volunteers so please let me know if you are available to help. Registration will open this month.

Thanks to a very generous donation from an APC member, who felt led to establish a scholarship program, we will be able to offer financial assistance our first year. We are very proud to be able to do this for fami-

lies who otherwise may not be able to send their children to Busy Bees due to cost. There is an application process and recipients will be screened and chosen anonymously by the Busy Bees Board.

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 April are **HAND SANITIZER AND CLOROX/LYSOL DISINFECTING WIPES**. 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 date and time will be announced but please contact me if you are interested. The class will provide you with a 2-year certification and skills that could help save a life.

Thank you all for your support and prayers!

Mandy Brown, Director

(864) 366-BEES (2337)

Busy Bees
Preschool

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

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Barbara Freese

ALTERNATE ELDER

Lynette Lindell

SERVING COMMUNION

Brad Evans
Ann Mitchell
Rufus Sherard
Scott White

Tiffany Freese
Calvert Sherard
Merry Trask



APRIL COUNTERS

Lottie Ibell
Robin Stalnaker

THE BOOK GROUP

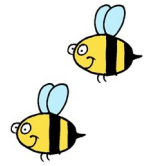
The Book Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Monday, April 10, Lura Jean Chandler will be discussing *Unsinkable Debbie Reynolds* by Debbie Reynolds.



BUSY BEES PRESCHOOL

Each month the preschool will be asking for specific items to be donated. The items needed for the month of April are
Hand Sanitizer and Clorox Wipes



IN THE NURSERY

Apr 2 Suzie Sherard & Lori Eller

Apr 9 Betty Fleming & Morgan Riddle

Apr 16 Anne Marie Hempy & Susan Stone

Apr 23 Abby Evans & Gage Evans

Apr 30 Andrea Dawson & 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 Easter Sunday (April 16) or Mother's Day (May 14).

MUSIC, MEDITATION AND PRAYER EACH WEDNESDAY DURING LENT

12 NOON UNTIL 12:20 PM THROUGH
APRIL 12 AT APC.

Come, meditate and pray while listening to the beautiful organ music!

Invite your friends and family to join!



**THE STRETCH CLASS MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT
11:00 AM—COME, BRING A FRIEND!!**



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.

Church Office	366-2677
E-mail address	apresbyc@wctel.net
Pastor	Dr. Gregory Henley
Administrative Assistant	Marybeth Gambrell
Youth Director	Morgan Riddle
Organist/Choir Director	Joe Greer
Sunday School Superintendant	Johnson Reames
Clerk of Session	Calvert Sherard
Church Treasurer	Mark Hall
APC Foundation Chairman	Don Sherard
Preschool Director	Mandy Brown
Presbyterian Women	Suzie Sherard
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 March 5, 2017 for its regular stated meeting with Dr. Henley moderating the meeting.

Busy Bees- 16 children are enrolled for the Pre-School with 3 Staff members hired. An anonymous gift has been made to provide \$1800 in scholarship aid as needed.

Adult Nurture- Coordinating with the Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church for Easter sunrise services on April 16th. WFW was held as fundraiser for the youth on Feb 15th and Maundy Thursday will be April 13th.

Children and Youth Nurture- Upcoming events are Youth Sunday service on March 11th, Joint Easter Egg hunt with Main Street Methodist on April 15th, and getting more involved with the Abbeville Youth Center.

Building and Grounds- Announced the upgrade of thermostats at the Church.

Finance and Administration- Session Voted to not dissolve a Certificate of Deposit until the APC foundation meets and develops a direction or investment strategy; but list the CD as an asset. They then passed, unanimously, a balanced 2017 proposed budget of \$203,109.61.

Mission and Evangelism- The following was presented: Lenten services of Music, Meditation, and Prayer will be from 12:00 until 12:20 each Wednesday with Joe Greer's organ and piano music. Dr. Henley's installation service will be at 4:00 pm on Mar 12th.

Old Business- Robin Stalnaker reported that Suzie Sherard had been installed as Vice-moderator of Trinity Presbytery and APC's term of call to Dr. Henley were both approved at the recent Presbytery meeting held in Greenwood, SC.

New Business- Session approved that they will meet on the first Sunday of each month. Session also voted unanimously to establish Stewardship as a separate committee, chaired by Merry Trask, and comprised of at least one member from each of the other committees.

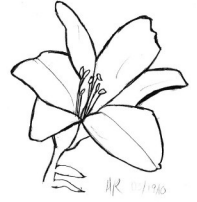
Calvert Sherard, Clerk of Session

Thank you, APC, for calling and installing me as your pastor.

Janet and I are grateful to be on board.
Special thanks to everyone who helped make the reception delicious and beautiful.

We love you!
Greg and Janet

BANKING OF THE LILIES



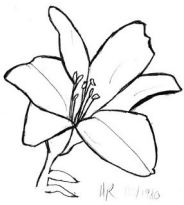
Easter is April 16th. If you would like to reserve an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone special, please use this order form. Return to the church office, or place in the offering plate, along with your check made payable to: Abbeville Presbyterian Church by April 2nd. The cost is \$8.00 per lily. Please PRINT names:

In memory of: _____

by: _____

In honor of: _____

by: _____



Presbyterian Women are conducting a children's clothing drive again this year to support the Luz Project in Brazil. This project will collect new and gently used children's clothing for a mission team to take to Brazil in July.



"Luz" is a Christian organization that works to spread the 'luz' (light) of Christ to impoverished people in Brazil. The founders are Lyn and Vicky Sloop. Their son Cameron works with the children. The family attended APC as part of Missions Week several years ago.

Please help us collect the following children's clothing items:

- We need clothing in **summer weight only** for children from infant through middle school (no adult sizes).
- For infants and toddlers: we need onesies, socks, shirts and pants, booties/ shoes are ok.
- For children (elementary and middle school sizes): we need tee shirts, pants, shorts, shirts, dresses and skirts; no shoes due to space.

The mission team will pack the clothes in army/navy duffel bags. We just need to put the clothing in boxes or bags and send them to the Sloops.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

BY SUNDAY, APRIL 30.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Abby Evans (B)</i>
2 Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am UCCMAC Sunday Session Meeting—12 Noon <i>Communion Sunday</i> Confirmation Class—4:00 pm at the church	3 Circle I —2:30 pm with Margie Brady at the church Circle II—3:00 pm with Becky Smith Circle III—7:00 pm with Mary Alice Hall	4 Stretch Class—11:00 am	5 Lenten Service—12 Noon	6	7	8 <i>Kelsey Eller (B)</i>
9 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am Mary's Closet Sunday Last Confirmation Class—4:00 pm at the church	10 Book Group—5:30 pm at the church, with Laura Jean Chandler—discussion leader	11 Stretch Class—11:00 am	12 Lenten Service—12 Noon	13 <i>Maundy</i> <i>Thursday Service</i> <i>after 6:00 pm meal</i>	14	15 EASTER EGG HUNT 10:00 AM UNTIL 11:15 AM <i>Calvert Sherard (B)</i>
16 EASTER SUNDAY 7:15 am—Sunrise Service at Long Cane Cemetery Breakfast after at UCLC Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am Preschool Sunday <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> <i>Offering</i>	17 <i>Will Fleming (B)</i>	18 Stretch Class—11:00 am	19	20	21	22
23/30 Sunday School—10:00 am Worship Service—11:00 am	24	25 Stretch Class—11:00 am	26	27	28	29
30th —Deadline to bring items for PW LUZ project ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TRASH PICKUP		<i>Jimmy Morgan (B)</i>				

APC Providing Trinity Presbytery with New Leadership

Congratulations to Suzie Sherard who was installed at the Vice-Moderator for Trinity Presbytery. She was nominated by the Presbytery nominating committee and took the office at the February 18th Presbytery meeting.

She will serve as Vice-Moderator for the 1st of a three year commitment. During the second year, she will take over as moderator then she will serve as the moderator of the Trinity Presbytery Coordinating Team. This body plans all Presbytery meetings.

Please keep Suzie in your prayers as she commits herself to this leadership role which allows this part of the Presbytery to be represented.

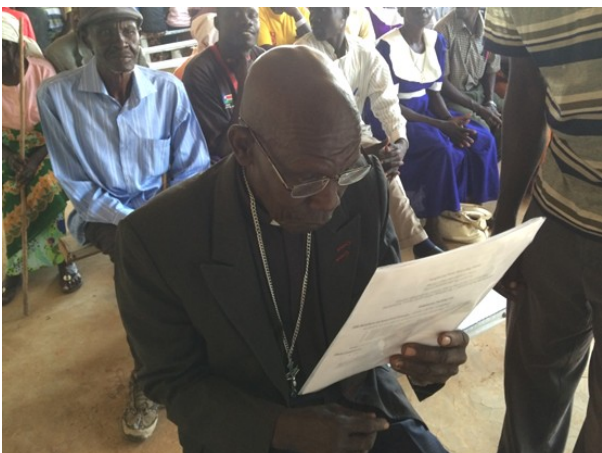


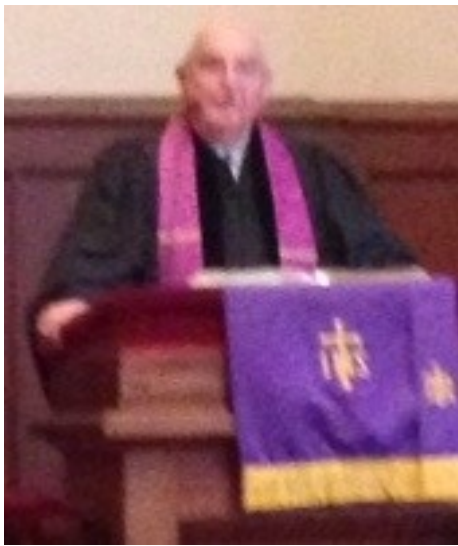
In February, Robert Cely and the mission team from Trinity South Sudan Ministry used eye-glasses provided by APC for refugees from South Sudan in the Bidi Bidi Refugee Camp in Uganda. Your support made this possible.

Thank you from
the Missions Committee!



RECEPTION AFTER THE INSTALLATION SERVICE





**REV. LEE KENNERLY
WELCOMES AT GREG'S
INSTALLATION**



**ELDER SHERRY THOMAS - CONSTITUTIONAL
QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**



**ELDER MIKE DORN—CONSTITUTIONAL
QUESTIONS TO THE TEACHING ELDER**



**ELDER EDNA FAGGART—CHARGE TO NEWLY
INSTALLED PASTOR**



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



**PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY
BY REV. DANNY MURPHY**

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—



**JANET WITH
YOUNG BECKETT SIMPSON
AT THE
INSTALLATION SERVICE**

**ENJOYING THE
ALL YOU CAN EAT
FISH FRY
AT SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

