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Our members are linked every month with a member to pray for. Please pray for this person or family by name each day. Thanks for being part of this important ministry as we continue to lift each other in prayer.

The churches that we share our Thanksgiving Service with are doing an “An Advent Traveling Church” this year. The Advent Study will be from Walter Brueggemann’s book Names for the Messiah and will be held from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 2, 9, 16 at different churches with different pastors teaching. Dec. 2 will be held at McGregor with Jill Beimdiek teaching. Dec. 9 will be held at St. Mary’s Episcopal with Gary Loadholdt leading and Dec. 16 will be at Redeemer Lutheran with Julie Bird leading. Please consider attending and if you want Rev. Alice to order a book for you, let her know.

AN ADVENT STUDY ADVENTURE

The Leaf

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
As a church, we began this season with the scripture ‘walking by faith, not by sight’. In many ways we have been living this out in God’s community of SOPC, trying new things, exploring new lessons, deepening the faith given in Christ, one step at a time. Maybe sometimes we have felt like the footprints in the sand where God is carrying us. Maybe we have felt like Israelites walking together through the desert sands towards the thirsty promised land. Or maybe we have stood hand in hand on the beach letting our feet sink into the waves, relishing in the beauty of God’s creation. No matter where we as a church find ourselves on this journey, the call this Thanksgiving season is a call to be reflective. Colossians chapter 2 invites us to take time to be reflective of how we are choosing to spend this precious time as God’s people, called together in witness to the One we profess and love.

As a staff, we have begun this thanksgiving journey alongside you. We offer the following gifts of thanksgiving, in the words of the Psalmist “Giving thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever”(136:1)

Thankfulness overflows each time I work with the trusted session at Seven Oaks. Each individual with their thoughts, care, concern, and leadership skills brings a love for Christ that is shaping the path forward for SOPC to follow Christ’s call. Gratitude for each member of our church family also bubbles over each time I have the privilege of sitting with the trusted staff of Seven Oaks, praying, discerning, listening, and leading God’s church into the tomorrow that is contemplated in Christ. And last but not least, the care, concern and love each of you show one another is a gift to be thankful for. I give thanks for each of you, for in Christ each member is made and loved.

Pastor Jana Creighton

I am thankful for our Monday morning Bible Study because it makes me study hard and then when comments are made in class, it makes me think deeper about how great our God really is. Through this class my faith has deepened and my desire to know more and to share Scripture more has grown over the years. I am grateful for all of you when you trust me with your stories, share your feelings and allow me to minister to you in some way. There is much to be thankful for at Seven Oaks; not only do you care and love one another but your willingness to help and serve others is special.

Pastor Alice Odell, Parish Associate

As a church, the congregation has in their faith and in growing the faith of the next generation. I’m amazed at the questions they ask which drives me to explore beyond my normal way of thinking and leads me to grow in my own faith as they grow in theirs. I am so thankful for the love and dedication that our congregation has in their faith and in growing the faith of the next generation. I’m amazed at the willingness to reach outside of the church walls to those in our community and the drive everyone here has to make our world (not just our church) a better place. I am thankful and blessed every moment I spend here.

Michaela Craven, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Our ongoing collections are: Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for Seven Oaks Elementary School. We also continue to collect for Two Cents a Meal for the hungry in the red ribbon jars at our meals. You may leave your items in the Missions drop off room or the black baskets in the narthex. Thank you.

Providence Men’s Home

On Tuesday Nov. 13, the Missions Ministry will provide a meal to the men of Providence Home. The Mills will also provide a meal on Thanksgiving Day. Please contact the Mills if you would like to donate food items for the meal. Any help is greatly appreciated. If you plan to help prepare/serve either of these meals, or would like to contribute food items please contact Robert or Kitsie Miller. Thank you to the Mills and everyone who helps provide this meal for the men who live there.

October Missions Donations
$2,079.08 Trinity Presbytery
$500.00 Sistercare

Mentor Program at Irmo High School

Irmo High School has invited us to participate in their mentoring program. Building a trusting, caring relationship with a student can change their life! After filling out an application and mentor training, the commitment is 30-45 minutes per week. If you have any interest in making a positive impact on a student, please contact Ben Smith or Tish Lowe for more details.

Family Promise

Family Promise guests will be here on Sunday, November 24th through Sunday December 2. Please pray for the families in the Family Promise program as well as our members who will serve them. If you know you’re interested in hosting or bringing a meal, please contact Tish Lowe or Marty Hilyer. There will be sign up lists in the Narthex starting November 4. Thank you in advance for being a part of this important ministry.

Soup Kitchen 2018 - Oliver Gospel Mission

Those of you who are signed up will make sandwiches for the men of Oliver Gospel Mission at Centennial ARP church on the following dates this year: November 10 and January 12, 2019. Thanks to Greg Mixon for coordinating this ministry and to everyone who helps.

Loving Our Neighbors: The Missions Ministry last month

* The Mills and members provided a meal to the men of Providence Men’s Home.
* Collected Laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid and other items for Sharing God’s Love.
* Packed food backpacks for the children of Seven Oaks Elementary School.
* Collected the Peace and Global Witness Offering. A portion of this offering for peace and justice will be given locally to Lighthouse for Life. This is an organization that helps individuals, families and organizations detect, prevent and protect their communities from human trafficking.
* Members participated in collecting food at the Ballentine Walmart for the Backpack Program.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered time and gave donations this past month, you are a blessing to those in need.
CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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<td>Holiday Market: The children will have a table, where they will be selling ornaments they have made as a fundraiser</td>
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Also, please let Michaela know if your child would be interested in taking part in the Christmas Eve Service. Please note: IF your child/youth are interested in participating in worship with the worship teams they MUST attend practice on Sunday nights to prepare. For any youth planning to be confirmed in the Spring they MUST be in attendance at a minimum of 70% of the classes. Example: There will be 10 classes between now and Christmas, a minimum of 7 of them need to be attended. These classes are vital to their learning about their faith, the church, and the development of their faith statements.

As we grow we are increasing our needs for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to work with the children or youth for any of these events, please let Michaela know!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

There will be a PRAYER VIGIL on Tuesday, November 13th, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. here in our sanctuary.

On behalf of the Scarborough – Brinkley family, I want to personally thank the members of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church who responded with their prayers and condolences during a very difficult time in my family’s lives. Losing Irene has been extremely difficult for all of us as she was larger than life, always smiling, and a fine Christian Lady that was always a giving person. Thanks for the many acts of kindness already shown through food, messages, prayers and visits and above all, being a support network for me as I could not begin to move forward without this support and without the Lord’s help. May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you continue thru life’s journey.

In Christian Love,
Richard Brinkley, Jr.
Thanksgiving Church Night Supper

Come join us for a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner. The menu will include Smoked Turkey and Ham, Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Seasoned Squash Medley, Mixed Green Salad, Yeast Rolls and Pumpkin Pie. Please come and enjoy the delicious holiday meal and fellowship with your church friends on Nov. 18th at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets will be sold in the Narthex Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Adult tickets are $7. Children under 12 are $4 (Children under 4 eat free) with a family cap of $20 for parents and school age children. Hope to see you there!

A Smokin' Deal for Thanksgiving: The Fellowship Ministry is offering smoked turkeys again this year. Please let Mark Wishart know if you desire to purchase one of our delicious turkeys no later than Nov 12th and we will have it ready for pick up the evening of our Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner. We are asking $28.00 per turkey. They should be in the 12-14 lb. range. We will also furnish an instruction sheet on how to reheat your bird! Thank you from the Fellowship Ministry.

Christmas Prime Rib Dinner: is at 6:00 p.m. on December 9th. Come join us for a delicious meal and join Lloyd Pilkington in a round-the-Table Sing-along celebrating the season with your Seven Oaks Friends. Menu includes Prime Rib of Beef w/Aujus, Roasted Young Turkey (for non-beef lovers), Loaded Baked Potatoes, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Sautéed Mushrooms, Super Greek Salad, Hot Rolls, and Home Made Desserts. Tickets will be sold Nov. 18th, Nov. 25th and Dec. 2nd. Ticket prices are $12 for adults, $6 for children under 12 (Children under 4 eat free) and a family cap of $36 for parents and school age children.

The Adult Christmas Party

Our party will be held at the Chestnut Hill Plantation Clubhouse on Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. We will provide a non-alcoholic punch but feel free to bring your favorite adult beverage. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift not to exceed $10. Mark your calendars and come join us for great food and fellowship. For those who are involved with Bootcamp, we can carpool together afterwards.

Session News

At its last Stated meeting, on October 15, your Session...