

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

April 2020

Shut In of the Month

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Prayer List

David Bunn (milt.); Betty Bland, Mark McGuffee, Pat Harmon, Tony Fulmer, Lee Ringer, Vernetha Renwick, Eliza Parr, Glenda & Richard Lominick, Harriet Boazman.

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

6:15 pm

Youth

6:30 pm

Bible Study/
Prayer

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at the March stated meeting:

1. The February Financial Report was received as information.
2. The February Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed and prayers offered for several needs.
4. Herb S. gave a report about the Presbytery meeting at the Greenwood ARP Church.
5. The pulpit supply for April 5 was canceled.
6. All church gatherings except Sunday morning worship will be temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Session will continue to monitor the situation in coming days and re-evaluate as necessary.
7. The April stated meeting is scheduled for the 15th.

If you have any questions, please speak with an elder.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have an urgent prayer request, please email or call **Marc Faulkenberry**, and he will distribute it via email. If you would like to be **added** to the distribution list, please email Marc. It is a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.

prayers4newberry@gmail.com
351-0800 (cell)

SERVICE LIVESTREAM

The Sunday morning worship service is available for livestream at 10:50 AM at our church's website, www.newberryarp.org. There is also a document, **Worship Guide**, that included all the material needed to participate at home.

FINANCIAL DATA as of

March 22, 2020

Budget Receipts \$ 41,672.10

Budget Needs \$ 39,707.64

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Elinor Hoffman** who passed away on March 24, 2020 at the Heritage at Lowman. A memorial service will be announced in the future.

Shepherding the Flock

The apostle Paul was a servant of God who graced by the Holy Spirit with many gifts. He was a theologian of the first order. Some of the most foundational doctrines of the Christian faith have been articulated in his letters. He was one of the first pioneer missionaries of the Church. His missionary endeavors to fulfill the Great Commission is second to none. God used him along with Timothy and Silas to proclaim the gospel in Europe for the first time. Paul was a zealous evangelist who persistently and winsomely shared the gospel wherever and with whomever he was, even with Roman soldiers while under house arrest! He combined his passion to share the gospel with the lost using a sound mind to defend the faith before Jews and Gentiles alike. He was a “prophet” who did not shrink back from speaking the truth in love to congregations and individuals who needed to be reproved and corrected. He feared no man because he feared God and sought to glorify Christ first and foremost in all that he did. He was an efficient and caring administrator who organized one of the largest and wide-scale fundraising efforts in human history. He not only motivated but secured the collection and delivery of the Gentile churches’ gifts for the starving Jewish believers in Jerusalem, even risking his very life at the hands of the Jewish authorities who sought to kill him.

We could go on and on about the many gifts and talents that Paul was graced with by God, but one of the most important hats that Paul wore, though often overlooked, is the hat of pastor-shepherd. It may not seem obvious in reading his letters, but Paul was a pastor at heart who loved and cared for the churches he shepherded in person and from afar through his letters. He cared so much about the well-being of the church members that he made it his priority to establish elders in those congregations according to God’s gracious provisions. Even if he could not be with them in person, he wanted the flock of God to be under the care of local shepherds. We see first hand Paul’s heart as a pastor when he meets with the Ephesian elders in Miletus (**Act 20:17**). As he prepares to make his journey to Jerusalem, not knowing whether he will live or die there, he pleads with them, “Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.” (**Acts 20:28**)

Elders, under-shepherds of God’s flock, have a God-ordained responsibility to tend to church members. During this unprecedented season of God’s providence (COVID-19 pandemic), this care is greatly challenged due to the need for social distancing. Nevertheless, we know that personal needs do not lesson in such volatile times. Therefore, we want to assure you that we are praying for you and are available, along with the deacons, to assist you however we may. Please do not hesitate to call me or your shepherding elder (see below) with a need that may arise. It is especially vital during these days of isolation that we maintain a clear line of communication between the flock and shepherds. Do not be surprised when your shepherding elder calls you from time to time to check in with you as well. They do so out of love and as responsible shepherds. We do not know how long this season of social distancing will last, but in the meantime, may we draw nearer to Christ to deepen our faith and love for one another!

Andre J.: Renwick, Eising, L. Price, D. Ringer, J. Harmon, Fyke, Mohler, P. Harmon, G. Wicker

Lee R.: Boazman, Bedenbaugh, Williamson, Koon, McRacken, Hanna, Hill, Hill, E. Parr

Herb S.: Baker, Brewington, Brown, Fulmer, Lominick, D. Price, Collins, Farris, Bland

Marc F.: Bunn, Rikard, Singley, Avery, Cole, McCoy, D. Wicker, Davenport

Pastor Seth



Our theme Scripture for 2020: “And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” Daniel 12:3 (ESV)

The Morning Circle is planning to meet again on Tuesday, May 5th at 10:00 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

Are you free on the first Tuesday of the month? The Morning Circle is always open for new members or visitors, contact Julia Rikard for further information.



Manna House Food Pantry

Canned Soup & Fruit

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule to receive donations.

“... the Lord Jesus Himself said, ‘there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’ Acts 20:35

CHURCH SUVEY

Thank you to all (25 total) who completed a church survey! Your input is valuable to the Session. We have compiled and organized all the responses. As the Session analyzes the information collected, we will prayerfully consider how to use this information wisely. A summary of the responses will be published in the near future.





MISSIONS FOCUS

COVID-19 Update

Dear Friends,

As a short update, your missionaries are in good spirits and continue to find alternate ways to reach and minister to their people. We have given our missionaries the option of returning to the States, if they are willing and able – though the majority are electing to stay.



On Thursday, March 19, we had a World Witness-wide video conference call with all our missionaries, board members and staff. (The screenshot is a sample of those attending.) It was a wonderful time of singing, Bible study and prayer. Part of our prayer time was dedicated to lifting you as partners and supporters as well. The missionaries could not be reaching some of the least-reached and unreached people, during this crisis, if not for you. Thank you!

In addition, during this time of **COVID-19**, we are especially encouraging donors to consider switching to giving online (worldwitness.org) as we attempt to limit the hours staff are needed in the office. By making this switch, you will help cut down on the "in-office" hours needed to process checks.

Online giving is very safe and convenient. You may set up a bank draft which will carry no fees, or pay with a credit card. In addition, you will be able to see your monthly giving and make any changes to it, any time you choose. This also saves World Witness considerable money, given the expense of processing and mailing checks.

Simply visit worldwitness.org to begin the process. If at any point you need assistance, please call us at the office: 864-233-5226. Thank you again for supporting World Witness. We continue to pray for you!

Alex Pettett
Executive Director of WW

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for April

5 - Communion

12 - Easter

19- Merri Avery

26 - Mary Baker

Nursery for April

5 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Benjamin Jennings

12 - Allison Yi & Elizabeth McCoy

19 - Merri Avery & Michael Jennings

26 - Kristy Jennings & Elizabeth Yi

Ushers for April

5 - Keith Avery, Clyde Brown, George Farris, Cecil McRacken

12 - Aaron Eising, Marc Faulkenberry, Benjamin Jennings, Caleb Jennings

19 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Michael Jennings, Don Ringer

26 - Jason McCoy, Lee Ringer, Doug Wicker, Gene Wicker