

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

December 2020

Shut In of the Month

Richard & Glenda Lominick



Prayer List

David Bunn (milt.); Mark McGuffee, Pat Harmon, Vernetha Renwick, Eliza Parr, Glenda & Richard Lominick, James Hill.

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 in November:

1. The October Financial Report was received as information.
 2. The October Session minutes were approved.
 3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were shared and discussed.
 4. The following officer nominees were interviewed and approved for election: Ben White, Chip Porth (deacons), and Jason McCoy (elder). Doug Wicker will be interviewed at another date.
 5. Marc F., chairman of the Finance Comm., was asked to draft a letter to the congregation updating them on the church's financial status and to encourage them to fulfill their giving.
 6. Herb Seigler gave a report on the fall Second Presbytery meeting.
 7. A Congregational Christmas Fellowship & Caroling was approved for Dec. 16, 6 PM.
 8. Alice Ramirez's (organist) voluntary letter of resignation was received and accepted.
 9. Church musicians will be asked not to practice in the Sanctuary before the service and the Prelude will begin at 10:50 AM in preparation for the service.
 10. The Annual Congregational Business Meeting was called for Dec. 6 immediately following the service.
 11. The December stated meeting is scheduled for the 23rd at 7 PM.
- If you have any questions, please speak with an elder.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, please email, text, or call **Marc Faulkenberry** or **Pastor Seth**, and it will be distributed via email.

prayers4newberry@gmail.com

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congregational meeting



Annual Congregational Business Meeting

The congregation has been called to meet on **December 6** immediately following the worship service to: adopt the 2021 Budget, elect church officers, and conduct any other business presented to the congregation.

FINANCIAL DATA as of November 22, 2020

Budget Receipts \$ 141,510.31
Budget Needs \$ 152,212.62

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
DECEMBER 24, 5:30 PM**

Silent Auction

On Facebook - LIFEBRIDGE Page

Nov. 27th - Dec. 3rd

Photo Gallery on Facebook

December 3rd 8:00 a.m.

12 Hour ONLY - Auction Begins
on Facebook

December 3rd 8:00 p.m.

Auction ENDS

Item Winners posted by Midnight

December 4th

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pay & PICK UP

Auction Items Ready @ LIFEBRIDGE
1510 Main St. Newberry, SC

LIFEBRIDGE



Christmas Caroling and Fellowship

Our annual Christmas Fellowship will take place on December 16 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a heavy appetizer to share. At 6:50 pm we will caravan to go caroling. A RSVP form will be available on Dec. 6 and 13. It will also be used to recommend a shut-in or friend who would like to receive carolers. We will also use this opportunity to collect items that LIFEBRIDGE needs for their clients.

Dear ARP congregation,

I want to thank you all for a wonderful time, allowing me to be your organist for the last 5 years! I thank you for letting me contribute musically to your services and for the opportunity to learn a lot in this position. I enjoyed playing those two wonderful instruments you have and making music with all the musicians of your congregation. I thank you for the wonderful connections I made, for trusting me in working with the youth musically which I am very grateful to continue as long as they are interested in studying more.

With great joy, I see the young musicians stepping in regularly in a very responsible and prepared way to worship, and I was honored and still am to give them all the advice I have from my experience. I thank you for embracing the young musicians also in regular recitals which were included in your fellowship time and meant a lot to them and me personally, an experience which we all will never forget!

I will miss seeing y'all and will miss playing, and I deeply wish for everybody to stay healthy and well! Wonderful holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021!!

Alice Ramirez

*Thank
You*

Thanks to all of you for the lovely flowers sent at our time of sorrow. Please keep us in your prayers as we adjust to life different than before.

*In Christian love,
Carolyn and family*



We will decorate our Sanctuary with poinsettias during the month of December. If you would like to place one in memory or honor of someone, the cost will be \$11 per poinsettia. A form will be in the vestibule. The last day to order is December 5. Place your order in the offering plate or give it to Shirley Mohler. Make checks payable to ARP Women's Ministries.

The Church Mail Boxes for Christmas cards will be available beginning Sunday, November 29 in the Fellowship Hall. There is a box for each family in the Church if you'd like to give a card. Please check your mail box between December 6 and 27.



Comfort and Joy

Sunday, December 20, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary



Everyone is invited to a musical celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. A number of arrangements (solos, duets, instrumental offerings) will be presented by various members. If you are interested in participating, please let Hannah Collins know. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Ministry

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)

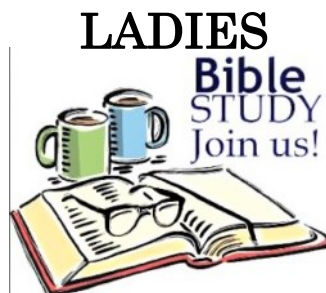
ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages, equips, and connects the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

Our desire is that all women in the ARP Church will: Know Jesus Intimately, Love Jesus Faithfully, and Serve Jesus Fruitfully.

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marcia Cole will be leading the 2020 Bible study on Daniel. In preparation for the study please read Daniel 10.

We will also be viewing the video from World Witness on the School of Nursing Program at the Christian Hospital Sahiwal in Pakistan. If you missed the viewing and would like to see it, please join us on Tuesday.

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.



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm

Fellowship Hall

If you are interested in the study, please contact either
 Marci Cole, ty [REDACTED]
 Allison Yi [REDACTED]

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Manna House Food Pantry

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule to
Receive non-perishable food donations.

Due to COVID-19 we have had to reduce our days of service to two (normally five) and are still having a difficult time getting volunteers to work. Most of the twenty-one churches that provide service have older volunteers who are unable to serve. If anyone has an hour on a Tuesday or Thursday and would be willing to volunteer, please contact Julia.



Please pray for our missionaries in Europe:

Germany - *Jeff & Suzanne Allers, Rebekah Carson, Joshua & Vonja Thomas;*

France - *Sebastien & Patti Benicourt, Elinor Griffin, Rob & Claudia Holmes, Erik & Laurie Meberg, Colby & Emma Pike, Paul & Missy Robelot*

UK - *Michael & Laura Cochran, Drew & Lauren Goodman*

Spain - *Juan Carlos & Ruth Bonilla, Justin & Gillian Brickey, Jeff & Lisa King,*

Mark & Natalie Witte

Lithuania/Poland - *Frank & Emily van Dalen.*

Many of them are entering a second, severe lockdown due to the coronavirus. For instance, they cannot travel more than a kilometer from their home and may only spend 60 minutes outside. They were able to get through the first lockdown via adrenaline, but entering a second one will be distressing. Please pray for encouragement and opportunity.

God's grace was abundantly demonstrated through the generosity of our denomination. The **virtual fundraising event** met the goal of raising **\$75,000** for missionary support!!!

On Friday mornings, 6:45 AM, a group of men gather at Doug Wicker's home, [REDACTED], for an encouraging time of food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study of God's Word (currently 1 Peter). Email Doug to be added to the weekly reminder.

**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**
FRIDAY MORNINGS

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for December

6 - Communion – Pat Harmon
13 - Shirley Mohler
20 & 27 - Poinsettias

Ushers for December

6 - Jason McCoy, Marc Faulkenberry
13 - Keith Avery, Andre Jennings
20 - Ben White, Herb Seigler
27 - Chip Porth, Michael Jennings