

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

February 2020

Shut In of the Month

Richard & Glenda Lominick
2309 Orchard St.
Newberry, SC 29108

Prayer List

David Bunn (military); Betty Bland, Pat Harmon, Tony Fulmer, Lee Ringer, Glenda & Richard Lominick, Eliza Parr, Jerry Davenport, Mark McGuffee.

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 January stated meeting:

1. Marc Faulkenberry was elected as the Vice-Moderator and Andre Jennings as the Clerk of the Session.
2. The December Diaconate minutes and Financial Report were received as information.
3. The December Session minutes were approved.
4. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
5. Herb Seigler was elected as the chairman of the Missions Committee. The other Sessional Committee chairmen are: Lee Ringer - Fellowship, Marc Faulkenberry - Finance, Andre Jennings - Christian Education.
6. It was approved to have the pictures of the former pastors moved into the History Room.
7. A Music and Worship Camp is being planned as an outreach to our community for this summer.
8. A joint officers meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25 to direct our ministries for the coming year.
9. The February meeting is scheduled for the 19th.

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)



Sunday, February 2

Following the worship service, a variety of soups, corn bread, and drinks will be served in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring a side item (dessert, salad, chips, etc.) to share. Non-perishable food items and monetary gifts will be collected for the Manna House.

FINANCIAL DATA as of January 26, 2020

Budget Receipts \$ 13,395.50
Budget Needs \$ 13,235.88

Knowing and Loving One Another

On January 25, the current elders (including Doug Wicker and Gene Wicker) and deacons gathered to discuss and prayerfully consider how we could be a more faithful congregation that grew in grace and in number. We had some honest and productive conversations about the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation and what we might do to move forward in this coming year and beyond. As we reflected upon the recent past and projected into the near future, there was a consensus about what was particularly necessary. In order for us as a body to work together as efficiently and effectively as possible, according to the gifts given to each member by the Holy Spirit, we all agreed that there needed to be greater unity amongst us. In the past eight years or so there has been an influx of new members into this historic, generational congregation which requires greater cohesion. Furthermore, with the current pace of life and the various activities in which we are all engaged, it has gotten harder to get to know one another as well.

Therefore, the Session decided that we needed some more opportunities for the whole congregation to fellowship and to get to know one another better. These changes were not drastic and they by no means will ensure that relationships will necessarily deepen, but they are at least an attempt to address an obvious need. As we all know, relationships require effort by all parties involved. But if we as a body are going to work together to grow this fellowship in the coming years, we must work with and love one another more.

Outlined below are the changes and additions that you can expect in the coming months. Please mark them on your calendars and come with a willingness to talk with someone you do not know as well. You may be surprised by what you find out as you get to know some of your fellow members better.

The Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meals will be moved to the first Sunday of each quarter. So for the remainder of the year they are on **April 5, July 5, and October 4**. These meals will now coincided with a Communion Sunday giving them even a greater sense of Christian fellowship. These Communion Fellowship Meals can serve as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that we will all celebrate at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

A tradition of the Friendship Class will be adjusted to include the whole congregation. On the **fifth Sundays of the month**, all the Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a light breakfast served at **9:45 AM**. Then at **10:00 AM**, we will all sing some favorite *Bible Songs* and have various Scriptures read. We will also share prayer requests and pray together. These dates are **March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29**.

Finally, a **covered dish dinner** will be added on the second **Wednesday, 6:15 PM**, of the month each quarter starting in **February**. This will be a relaxing time to share some food and fellowship while getting to know one another better. These dates are **February 12, May 13, August 12, and November 11**.

Keep in mind, these dates are only opportunities for us all to gather. What happens while we are there and even more importantly what happens afterwards will be based on our willingness to engage and interact with those we do not know as well. Our unity and love for one another are critical elements for our growth inwardly and outwardly. If our love for the members of our current body is not strong and active, it will surely be noticed by anyone who may visit our congregation. So in order for us to grow with one another and grow from without as the Lord brings people into our lives, we will need to strengthen and deepen our love for the whole congregation.

Loving people whom we do not know does not happen naturally or easily. So in order to prime our affections towards loving one another better, we need to be intentional about getting to know those "strangers" in our fellowship. Relationships are an investment that involve all of who we are. But often times, the more you put into them, the more you will receive in return. Moreover, as members of the body of Christ and members of the household of faith, we are called to display to the world that Christ is our Head and that God is our Father by the way we love another. Please pray for the Lord to direct you to specific members whom you do not know as well during these gatherings so that those bonds may be strengthened.

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)

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, February 4 at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marci Cole will be leading the 2020 Bible study on Daniel. In preparation for the study please read Daniel 2, God reveals Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel. After the meeting, we will be cleaning the kitchen and lunch will be from the Zesto.

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

Mondays 7 - 9 pm

Home of **Catherine Faulkenberry**

If you are interested in the study, please contact either
 Marci Cole, tybeemarci@yahoo.com, 603-781-0460 OR
 Kristy Jennings, andrenkristy@hotmail.com, 803-271-5298

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



On Thursday, February 20, 11:30 AM, the Lunch Bunch will eat at the La Fogata Mexican Restaurant. Everyone is welcome!!!



Manna House Food Pantry

Dried Beans

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



FEBRUARY 9

All singles and widows are invited to share in this monthly gathering of delightful fellowship and delicious food following the worship service at the Pastor's home.

Every Friday morning, 6:45 AM, a group of men gather at Doug Wicker's home, 1414 Chapman Dr., for an encouraging time for food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study of God' Word (currently the Gospel of John). You'll be blessed. Please join us!

**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**
FRIDAY MORNINGS



MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Missionaries – Colby and Emma Pike



Colby and Emma Pike served as World Witness missionaries with Grace Church Leith in Edinburgh, Scotland from 2015-2017, assisting in discipleship and outreach. In August 2018, the Pikes joined the Bridge Europe field, where their ministry focus is on Millennial discipleship and evangelism in Strasbourg, France. They have two children. Carson and Reid. You can personally contribute to their support at www.worldwitness.org/give/missionary-support/.

Recent Update

We are worshipping in a French evangelical church, where we had received an invitation to work with young adults. We are also active in a new small group. Our language learning continues at church and small group, just as it does in school and daily interactions around town. We are grateful for this young body of believers and to be building relationships centered in Christ.

We are in a language class of young, international students who are learning French as a university prerequisite. It's a great opportunity to meet others who are new to France and share parts of our story on why we are here.

We also meet regularly with local teammates and are grateful for this blessing of discipleship and fellowship, as are our children. Pray for our team as we make contacts and seek connections with others who have the same heart for reaching out to specific communities.



On **Wednesday, February 12, 6:15 PM**, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a congregational covered dish dinner. The Church will provide the meat and drinks. If you are able, please bring a side item (vegetable, bread, or dessert) to share.

Church Member Survey



The Session is in the process of finalizing a survey for the congregation to complete. We intend to use this information to better serve you, the members, and the Lord Jesus in fulfilling our mission as a congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Your participation is vital to moving us forward in the right direction. Please pray for the completion of this document and your active participation in the survey.

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As you anticipate its completion, consider what the our *Form of Government* states as the Responsibility of Church Members (4.4):

Church members are required to:

- A. Make diligent use of the means of grace.
- B. Share faithfully in the worship and service of the Church.
- C. Give of their substance as the Lord may prosper them.
- D. Render wholehearted service to Christ and His Kingdom throughout the world.
- E. Continue in the peace and fellowship of the people of God.
- F. Submit to the authority of the elders.
- G. Live so as to bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

The Session desires to be faithful to the Lord, the Good Shepherd, in shepherding this flock with understanding, grace, truth, and wisdom. We pray that the information we gather from this survey will help us fulfill our calling as elders and equip you to mature as church members, all to the glory of God!



CD Audio Recordings of the Worship Service

Each worship service is recorded and available for your personal use. If you would like a copy on a CD, please communicate with Jean Williamson. They are available at no charge.

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for February

2 - Communion

9 - TBA

16 - Merri Avery

23 - Vernetha Renwick

Nursery for February

2 - Allison Yi & Caleb Jennings

9 - Merri Avery & Abigail Yi

16 - Kristy Jennings & Michael Jennings

23 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Benjamin Jennings

Ushers for February

2 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Doug Wicker, Benjamin Jennings

9 - Marc Faulkenberry, Jason McCoy, Herb Seigler, Caleb Jennings

16 - George Farris, Andre Jennings, Gene Wicker, Michael Jennings

23 - Cecil McRacken, Jean Williamson, Aaron Eising, Noah Yi