

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

February 2024

Shut-In of the Month

Lillian Price

Prayer List

James and Faye Hill,
Richard Lominick,
Lillian Price, Judy
Harmon, Vernetha
Renwick

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:30 am

Cong. Assembly

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

5:15 pm

Choir Practice

6:10 pm

Family Feast

Thursday

Noon

Community Bible
Study

BUDGET Data as of Jan. 21, 2024

Receipt	\$ 13,691.50
Need	\$ 11,706.57

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at their January meeting:

1. Doug Wicker was elected as the Clerk. Marc Faulkenberry was elected as the Vice Moderator.
2. The December Financial Report was received as information. The December Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed and committed to prayer.
4. Debbie Brown was received as a member via reaffirmation of faith.
5. \$7,500 of the 2023 surplus funds will be distributed to World Witness missionaries.
6. \$16,000 of the 2023 surplus funds will be designated for capital facilities needs.
7. The Session's next stated meeting is February 21, at 8:00 PM.

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

Dear
Congregation,
Thank you for
the Christmas
gift. I appreciate your
thoughtfulness and support.

Thank you!

Love in Christ,
Beverly



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, please communicate with **Marc Faulkenberry** or **Pastor Seth** to be distributed via email.

prayers4newberry@gmail.com

sethyi1969@gmail.com

Love One
Another

JOHN 13:34

Dear Church Family,

It has been my sincere joy and privilege to serve you all and this community for over eight and a half years! Thank you for making them such a blessing to my family and me. Moreover, I want to express my gratitude for the gracious Christmas gift presented to me at the congregational meeting. May the Lord continue to deepen our love for the sake of His Kingdom!

Pastor Seth

Discipleship Ministry

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthews 28:19-20



Growing in your walk with the Lord was not meant to be accomplished on your own. Would you like to participate in a discipleship relationship where you are encouraging and being encouraged in your walk with the Lord? If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please communicate with Jason McCoy.

Cell: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

2024 Shepherding Groups

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. - *Hebrews 13:17*

According to the **ARP Form of Government** 6.4: “It is the responsibility of elders, both individually and jointly, to guard and promote the spiritual welfare of the congregation.” In a effort to fulfill this God-given calling, the Session has organize the congregation into groups overseen by a shepherding elder. Please be responsive and receptive to their care, and communicate any concerns or prayer requests you may have with them.

Jason McCoy: Avery, Bedenbaugh, Cole, Collins, Davenport, Eising, Harmon, McRacken, Price, Waldrop

Marc Faulkenberry: Brown, Fulmer, Green, Hill, Lominick, Petty, Porth, Rose, Rueter

Doug Wicker: Baker, Bedford, Epting, Hanna, Johnson, Mohler, Renwick, Rikard, Stevenson, G. Wicker

Sessional Committees

Four committees have been established by the Session to administrate ministries within the congregation. These committees are chaired by the following elders: Doug Wicker - *Finance*, Marc Faulkenberry - *Missions and Fellowship*, Jason McCoy - *Christian Ed.*

Justin & Gillian Brickey - SEED Ministry



Justin and Gillian joined World Witness in 2016. The Brickeys first served in Spain, where Justin was Team Leader, and Gillian was the middle school English teacher for Evangelical Christian Academy near Madrid. In 2021, the Brickeys transitioned to SEED Ministry (Serve by Educating, Equipping, and Discipling pastors and church leaders in the Global South). Justin has a Master of Divinity Degree and Master of Theology Degree from Erskine Theological Seminary. The Brickeys have four sons: Alex, wife



Caroline (not pictures), Nathan, Zeph, and Silas.

RECENT UPDATE

One of the overarching themes from this year in ministry seems to be “unity.” We have the privilege of partnering with churches in the US and around the world to see the Gospel of Christ at work.

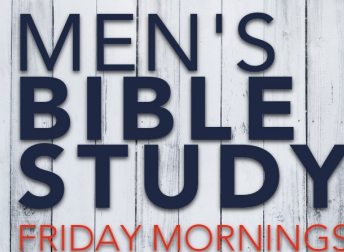
Internationally, we participate in a ministry all about unity: World Witness’s SEED Ministry in the Global South. Justin has completed his Master of Theology degree from Erskine Theological Seminary and is now in the teaching rotation with our World Witness SEED Ministry team. Our team teaches in places with limited access to theological resources. SEED has partnered with Erskine Seminary to offer a Global Diploma, offering a dignified alternative to a degree for faithful church leaders who lack educational formation for a full college degree.



Our global partners on the ground in Pakistan, Rwanda, and other African countries, do the challenging and faithful work of gathering and hosting the cohorts of students, and we bring the teaching. Unity. It’s beautiful to watch it all unfold by God’s hands.

In fall of 2023 Justin enjoyed his first solo teaching trip to Rwanda, working with ministry partners of like-minded denominations. So far, 2024’s schedule includes a week-long trip to Cuba in March with First Presbyterian Church of Columbia. This is not a SEED trip, but a short-term church-sponsored trip in partnership with World Witness’s cooperative missionary, Paul Peppin. Next will be SEED teaching trips to Pakistan in April and Rwanda in June. Please be in prayer for Justin as he studies and writes the curriculum in preparation for these trips. Pray also that God will bless the hearts of our brothers and sisters in our partner countries.

On Friday mornings, 6:45 AM, several men gather at Doug Wicker's home for a time of food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study (currently *2 Peter*). Email Doug to be added to the weekly reminder.



**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**
FRIDAY MORNINGS



All singles and widows are invited to share in this monthly fellowship meal following the worship service. We will next meet on February 11th.

SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM to 10:50 AM** to nurture *koinonia* with one another. Drinks and refreshments are provided.

Wednesday Night Family Feast

Sharing a meal, nurturing intergenerational relationships, praising the Lord in song, studying the Heidelberg Catechism, and seeking the Lord in prayer. These are some of the blessings we enjoy on Wednesday nights, starting at 6:10 PM. Join your church family and grow in faith and love for one another!



ARP Women's Ministries' mission is to encourage and equip the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

- *Encourage every woman to grow in their relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ.*
- *Equip women to glorify God through their relationships with other women.*
- *Equip women to glorify God through their service in the local church, their communities, and the world.*
- *Equip leaders to guide women in fellowship together, in service among women, the local church, community and the world.*
- *Pray faithfully for church leaders and ARP Women's Ministries.*

*The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Throughout 2024 the group will be studying the book by John MacArthur, *Twelve Extraordinary Women of the Bible*. This month we will be learning about Sarah: *Hoping Against Hope*. In preparation for the study please read Genesis 11:30, Genesis 16-18, and Hebrews 11:11.*

A light lunch will be served after the meeting for a time of fellowship.

The group would love to have any ladies of the church that are interested to join them on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Sanctuary Flower list is in the Main Street vestibule. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2024.



There is a **ministry** in our church that can easily be overlooked but is **critical** to our church's vitality. As the Lord graciously grows our church, the need for **nursery volunteers increases**. Currently, we have **eight** workers who serve during the worship on a rotational schedule. Would you please **prayerfully consider** volunteering, if not on the regular rotation, possibly some other schedule? Anyway you can **serve** will lesson the load on the regular volunteers. **Many hands make light work!**

Please communicate with **Katie Eising**, if you are willing to **serve in any capacity!**

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers

4, 11, 18, 25 - TBD

Nursery

4 - Edith Bedenbaugh (Kathy Wicker)

11 - Mary Rueter (Edith Bedenbaugh)

18 - Allison Yi (Janet Porth)

25 - Kathy Wicker and (Tracie McCoy)