

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

January 2021

Shut In of the Month

Pat Harmon



Newberry, SC
29108

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 December:

1. The November Financial Report was received as information.
2. The November Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were shared and discussed.
4. Pastor Yi reported that at the called Presbytery meeting on Dec. 15 Marc Faulkenberry was elected moderator. His one year term will begin on July 1, 2021.
5. There will be a congregational Sunday School on January 31 with the singing of Bible Songs.
6. The Souper Bowl of Caring will be hosted on Feb. 7 following the worship service.
7. A joint officers' planning meeting will be held on Jan. 16, 8:00 AM.
8. Pastor Yi's annual review was conducted by the elders.
9. The January stated meeting is scheduled for the 20th 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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SERVICE

LIVE-STREAM

The Sunday morning worship service is being live-streamed, 10:52 AM, on the church's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/newberryarp. There is a **Worship Guide** on our website, www.newberryarp.org, which includes all the material needed to follow along.

2020 MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Deaths: *Betty Bland, Harriet Boazman, Jerry Davenport, Tony Fulmer, Elinor Hoffman, Lee Ringer*

Marriage: *Thomas & Joanna Bedenbaugh Kiker*

Baptism: *John Paul Petty*

New Members: *Adam, Brittany, & John Paul Petty; Chip & Janet Porth; Ben, Heather, Amber, & Mason White*

Transfers: *Kelci Avery; George, Sharon, & Rebekah Farris; Kacee Fyke*

FINANCIAL DATA as of December 31, 2020

Budget Receipts \$161,393.93

Budget Needs \$172,066.35

What Will 2021 Be Like?

Who would have imagined at the start of 2020 the kind of year we all would face. The impact that the coronavirus had and continues to have on so many people's lives throughout the world has been inconceivable. The hope and longing of returning to "normal" have been on the hearts of many with the start of a new year. But in reality what does the turn of a calendar really mean for most people in a world that is outside of our control? Does 2021 really look much different than what 2020 did? If so, what will alter one's outlook?

As we look forward to a new year, it is helpful to look back and learn from our past so that we might be wiser and more biblically grounded regardless of whatever we may face. The challenges that we faced, especially with the limited information we had earlier in 2020, caused us all to make decisions about what was "essential" in our lives. Prioritizing life's decisions can be a helpful process for most of us all throughout various stages in our life, but when it is mandated by the civil government, then it has even a wider and greater implications. For many people throughout the world, this process directly affected their Christian discipleship.

What was determined "essential" by many civil authorities did not include the biblical mandate of corporate worship (Heb. 10:25), forcing many congregations to gather under the threat of criminal punishment if they chose to meet. For others, the fear of potentially being infected with a life-threatening virus forced them to abstain voluntarily from corporate worship. As a result, many churches resorted to live-streaming or posting recorded services as a substitute for corporate worship. Moreover, in the recent weeks, as the number of infections has increased throughout the nation, another wave of cancellations has crashed upon many churches. Is there an end in sight with this crisis?

What are we to learn from this providence? I intentionally use the word "providence" because we affirm in our *Westminster Confession of Faith* (V.1. Of Providence) that: "God, the great Creator of all things, doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy" (Heb. 1:3; Dan. 4:34-35; Ps. 135:6; Acts 17:25-26, 28; Job 38; Job 39; Job 40; Job 41; Matt. 10:29-31; Prov. 15:3; Ps. 104:24; Ps. 145:17; Acts 15:18; Ps. 94:8-11; Eph. 1:11; Ps. 33:10-11; Isa. 63:14; Eph. 3:10; Rom. 9:17; Gen. 45:7; Ps. 145:7). As biblically Reformed believers, we must not only profess this glorious, faith-sustaining, and faith-building truth, but we must live testifying to its grace. As Bible-believing Christians, we are not to put our confidence in man (Ps. 118:8; 146:3), including ourselves, but in our almighty and loving God alone (Prov. 3:5-6)!

We have no assurance of "normalcy," regardless of the medical, economic, political, changes that await us in 2021, but we can always trust, and must, in the name of the Lord our God (Ps. 20:7). Join me in prayer, in faith, and in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, testifying to the world of His inestimable worth, that He indeed is better than life! (Ps 63)

Pastor Seth

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
 Despite the various challenges we all faced in 2020, the Lord's faithfulness was more than sufficient through it all! I (and my family) am so thankful for the privilege and joy of serving this congregation. This past year has made that all the more apparent. Thank you for loving me and my family so graciously! Your Christmas gift to us was but a token of all your kindnesses to us but much appreciated. May the Lord bind us in His love as we continue to serve Him together.

By His grace,
 Pastor Seth

Officers' Installation

Our newly elected elders and deacons will be installed during the worship service on January 10.

CRITICAL RACE THEORY

- What is Critical Race Theory (CRT)? How does CRT relate to our lives? What impact has CRT already had and will it have on the American church? The Session has invited Kevin Johnson (retired from the US Air Force in intelligence, member of FPC Columbia) to teach on this topic on Wednesday evenings in January. Please take advantage of this valuable teaching!





There are several Sundays that still need to be filled. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for 2021, please signup on the sheet in the Main Street vestibule. Thank you!

On **Sunday, February 7**, we will participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. All food items (non-perishable items) and monetary gifts will be donated to our local food pantry, Manna House. Following the worship service, a variety of soups and sandwiches will be served in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring a dessert or a side item (salad, chips, etc.) to share.





Our theme Scripture for 2021: "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)

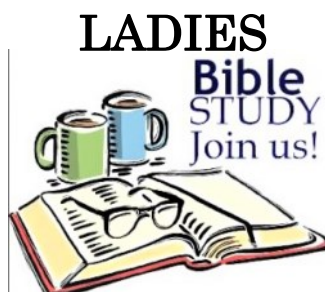
ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages, equips, and connects the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

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 2021 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, [REDACTED] OR
 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 21 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.

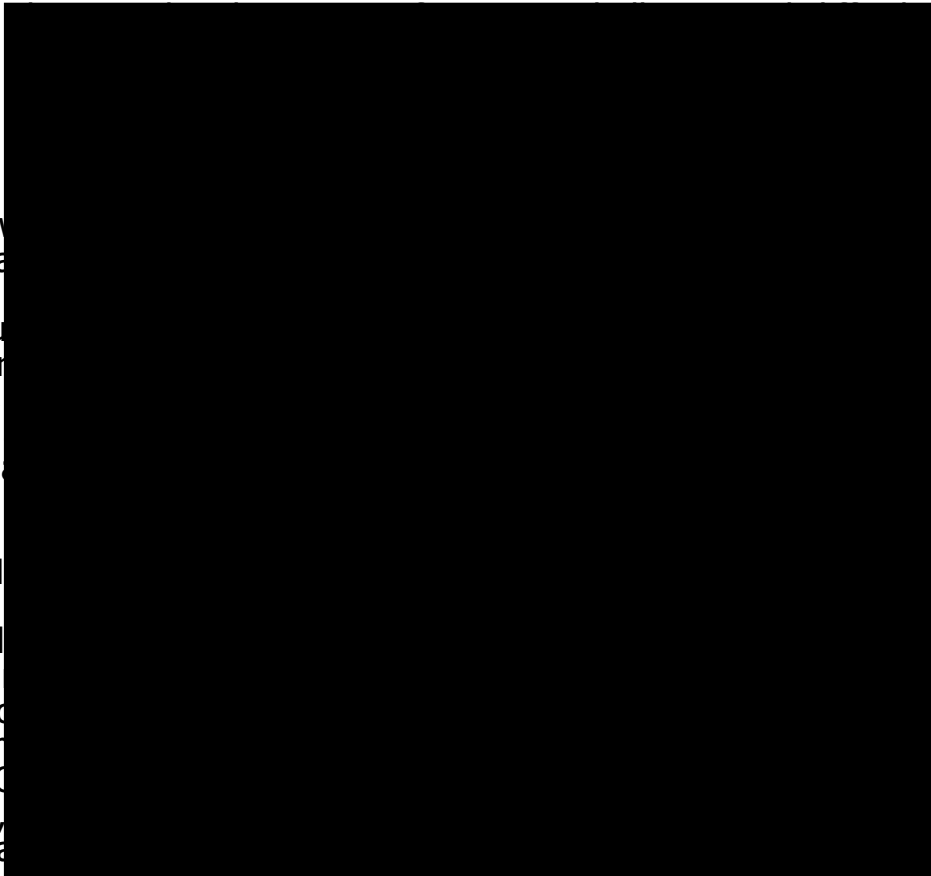
This article is from the December Christian Hospital Sahiwal Newsletter



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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 January

3 - Communion

10 - TBA

17 - Mary Baker

24 - TBA

31 - Julia Rikard

Ushers for January

3 - Jason McCoy, Marc Faulkenberry

10 - Keith Avery, Andre Jennings

17 - Ben White, Herb Seigler

24 - Chip Porth, Michael Jennings

31 - Jason McCoy, Marc Faulkenberry