

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

July 2021

Shut-In of the Month

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Prayer List

David Bunn (milt.); Mark McGuffee, Vernetha Renwick, Richard Lominick, James Hill, Doris Singley, Marci Cole

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:25 am

Cong. Assembly
(2nd & 4th
Sundays)

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm

Bible Study/
Prayer

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session in June:

1. The May Financial Report and the June Diaconate minutes were received as information.
2. The May Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were shared and discussed.
4. Herb Seigler gave brief report of General Synod. (A written report is included in the newsletter.)
5. Fellowship Committee: 1) A 4th of July BBQ fellowship meal will be served following the service. 2) A covered dish salad dinner will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 6:00 PM.
6. Andre Jennings will start teaching an elementary Sunday School class in September.
7. Aaron Eising will pulpit supply on August 1 and 15.
8. The bulletin board in the enclosed breezeway will be updated to focus on Missions and Christian Education, and the ministers' portraits will be relocated to the History Room.
9. The July stated meeting is scheduled for the 26th at 6:00 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

[REDACTED]
sethyi1969@gmail.com
[REDACTED]

BBQ

4TH OF JULY BBQ

Following the worship service.

The church will provide smoked pulled pork, buns, and drinks. Please bring a side item to share.



Bring your favorite salad for a covered dish dinner on Wednesday, July 21, 6:30 PM.

FINANCIAL DATA as of June 20, 2021

Budget Receipts \$ 98,354.47
Budget Needs \$ 83,480.75

Christian Sympathy

Glenda Wise Lominick

April 6, 1940 - May 28, 2021

Synopsis of Major Actions and Initiatives from the 2021 ARPC SYNOD

Private and Family Worship: A Directory of Private and Family Worship has been published and was approved as a part of our Standards. Available on the ARP website.

Special Comm. on Catechism on Human Sexuality: No catechism was developed, but existing resources were recommended, especially the 2019 Position Statement on Human Sexuality.

Special Comm. on Net Assets Reallocation (SCONAR): The goal was to reallocate and/or raise \$8.5 million from Boards, Agencies, and Presbyteries to cover the current ARP Pension Plan (a defined benefit plan, "Pension") unfunded shortfall. \$6 million+ has been currently identified and pledged. The Pension plan will be frozen in July and all participants under 62 will be given a buy-out and move to a 403b defined contribution plan. All participants 62 or older and/or already retired/receiving benefits will remain in current Pension plan.

Special Comm. on Restructuring: Some Agencies/Boards will be dissolved or combined with other Agencies/Boards to reduce cost (Worship, Christian Education, Campus Ministry Oversight, ARP Foundation). A committee will study moving from a Hodge model/independent boards to a Thornwell model/committees managed by Presbytery ministers and elders.

Special Comm. on Retirement Fund Crisis Study: They requested another year to continue their research and to bring a report to the 2022 Synod.

World Witness:

(1) No income shortfall in 2020, although certain missionaries are underfunded, chiefly due to COVID shutdown.

(2) Developing **Go2** network of missions advocates in each ARP congregation.

Benefits: More pastors are leaving the ARP Health Insurance program for more affordable plans (Medi-Share, Obamacare, etc.)

Outreach North America: The hiring freeze for ONA was lifted. ONA has been operating without an executive director since February 2019. Pastor Seth (vice chairman) who has been serving as the chairman since March with the resignation of the past chairman was appointed as the chairman of the Board of ONA (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022).

Theological and Social Concerns:

(1) Justification of Ordained Office of Deacon Restricted to Qualified Males: Referred to a Special Moderator's Comm for further study and report for the 2022 Synod.

(2) ARP Position Paper on Freemasonry. A draft report will be circulated to presbyteries and sessions for input and comments.

(3) On the Cancellation of Public Worship. A draft report will be circulated to presbyteries and sessions for input and comments.

Memorials: Recommendation to amend the Form of Government to require Biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek) for all ministerial candidates and any minister who transfers into the ARP.

Nominations: Marc Faulkenberry was appointed to the Board of Stewardship.

The July/August *ARP Magazine* will have detailed Synod coverage. For official wording of Memorials and motions, the 2021 Minutes of Synod will be posted on the ARP website in about eight weeks.

Herb Seigler

To our church family,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the love you have shown me through your many prayers, kindnesses, concerns, and encouragement in varied situations, since my confinement to my home for over a year. These include seasonal observances, death of my sister, Maytrude Katz, my birthday May 1st, and other times. I feel the power of the Holy Spirit through your prayers constantly.

This is the longest period of time that I've missed attending church on Sunday in my lifetime.

Your love of God is revealed in your every act of thinking of others and your obedience to God's commands.

I truly miss being with you, but feel so blessed to be a part of this loving church family. God bless each of you.

We love because Christ first loved us, Vernetha Renwick



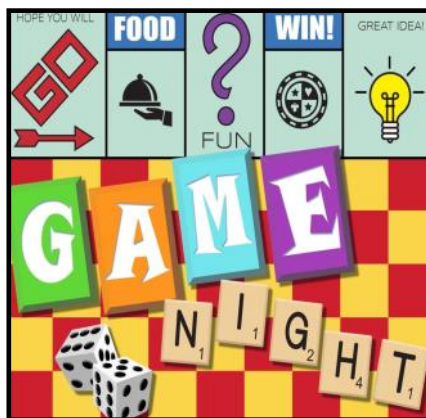
THE ENCOURAGERS
LUNCH

SUNDAY, JULY 11

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.

SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 10:25 to 10:50 AM to nurture *koinonia* with one another. Drinks and refreshments will be available. Prayer requests will also be shared.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Gather with your church family on July 23, 6:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, for a joyful time of fellowship and outreach. Bring your favorite games and an appetizer to share. Please invite others who may enjoy the fun!



Our theme Scripture for 2021: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (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, July 6** at 10 AM in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Our Bible Study will be on the parable of The Wheat and the Tares (Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43) and The Dragnet (Matthew 13:47-50). Marcia Cole will be leading our study.*

A light lunch will be served after the meeting.

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.

Annual Meeting of Women's Ministries

Annual Synodical meeting of all women of the ARP denomination will be held on Monday, July 26 at 1:00 pm at Bonclarken.



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

SUSPENDED FOR THE SUMMER

The study will RESUME, Lord willing, in the fall.

If you are interested in participating, please contact either

Marci Cole, [REDACTED] OR

Allison Yi, [REDACTED]

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Living Hope Foundation Food Pantry

There is a box in the Main Street vestibule to receive non-perishable food donations. Living Hope Foundation focuses on the needs of our community in the areas of hunger, counseling, youth education, mentoring, health awareness, computer, and literacy skills. Their mission is “to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout our community ~ through our time, finances, product and lives. To be good stewards of all that God has given us, and to serve our fellow man faithfully using Christ as our example.”

UPDATE on the BRICKEYS



Beginning July 1, Justin will be joining the Mobile Theological Training Team (MT3). MT3 is World Witness' effort to provide pastoral and theological training in less developed countries. Last year, WW made an appeal at the annual meeting of the ARP General Synod for more people to help with MT3. We began to pray about whether this is where the Lord might be leading us. As we approached the end of our first term serving with WW, I asked to be considered to join MT3. During this year's spring meeting they approved my request to transition from serving in Spain to join the MT3 team.

As a part of the transition, we will be returning to the USA. When the school year ends in June, we will return to Columbia, SC. Being based in SC will allow us to continue in ministry as well as provide some additional support for our sons as they begin to leave the nest. Our oldest son, Alex, is a freshman at Columbia International University. Our second son, Nathan, graduates from high school next month. Nathan plans to start an associate degree program at a technical college this fall. Our twins, Zeph and Silas, are in sixth grade and will still be with us for a few more years.

My ministry will be divided between time in the US and teaching overseas. My time in the US will be devoted to study, lesson preparation, grading, and building relationships with students, institutions, and churches. My time outside of the US will be spent in teaching, preaching, and growing relationships with the national believers where I serve.

This transition is one that we are very excited about. With MT3 I have a wonderful opportunity to come alongside indigenous church leaders to help them grow in their love and knowledge of Christ. In addition to helping them grow personally, I look forward to helping them learn to lead in their churches and reach their communities with the gospel. Our expectation is that I will learn from them as well. We see this as a wonderful opportunity for gospel ministry and fellowship.

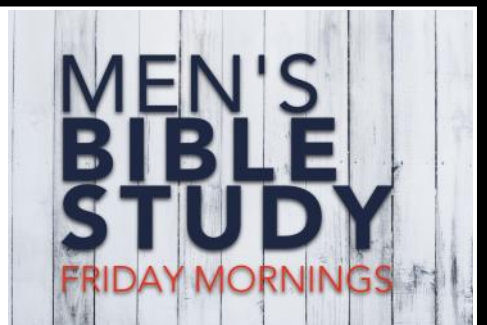
To better prepare for this new assignment, I have begun working on a Master of Theology degree. This program will give me additional academic preparation, and, once completed, a credential to be able to teach with institutions that provide formal theological and pastoral training. My hope is to finish this program in the second half of 2022.

We are truly looking forward to seeing how the Lord will work in and through us in this next season of ministry.

Thank you for your continued partnership with our family as we continue to serve with WW. Our support needs to continue, so thank you for your faithful support of our ministry through World Witness.

In Him,
Justin and Gillian Brickey

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 *Jeremiah*). Email Doug to be added to the weekly reminder.



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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for July

4 - TBA

11 - Meri Avery

18 - Mary Baker

25 - Kristy Jennings

Ushers for July

4 - Keith Avery, Andre Jennings

11 - Cecil McRacken, Herb Seigler

18 - Chip Porth, Michael Jennings

25- Jason McCoy, Marc Faulkenberry

