

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

July 2022

Shut-In of the Month

Richard Lominick

Prayer List

Mark McGuffee, James Hill, Vernetha Renwick, Richard Lominick, Dottie Price, Lillian Price, Jean Williamson, Lizzy McCoy

Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:25 am

Cong. Assembly
(2nd & 4th
Sundays)

10:55 am

Worship

Wednesday

5:30 pm

Handbell Practice

6:10 pm

Family Feast

FINANCIAL DATA as of June 26, 2022

Receipts \$100,347.14
Budget Needs \$ 88,219.04

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. The May Session minutes were approved.
2. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were shared, discussed, and prayed for.
3. A fellowship meal following the worship service has been scheduled for August 7.
4. Denelle Williams was received as a new member via reaffirmation of faith.
5. A final letter to inactive members will be mailed to encourage them to restore their membership.
6. Rev. Jonathan Cook (RUF Erskine) was approved as the pulpit supply for July 31.
7. A quarter page ad will be placed in the Newberry Observer Readers' Choice edition magazine.
8. The July stated Session meeting is scheduled for the 18th.

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.

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JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the summer quarter (June - Aug.), the Friendship and Berean SS classes will meet together in the Fellowship Hall. *The Quarterly (Lamentations, Song of Solomon & Ecclesiastes)* will be used for each lesson. Please take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your faith and relationship with the other members.

Report of the 2022 General Synod Meeting

I'm not sure the 2022 Synod will be especially remembered for anything in particular. After a two-year absence due to COVID restrictions in North Carolina, and our previous two Synods being held at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, we were back to "normal" and back at Bonclarken once again.

The emphasis at this year's meeting was on "**advancing the Gospel.**" Each session began with a season of prayer. A sermon was given and was followed by a mission speaker or church planter highlighting their work.

The Special Committee on the **Retirement Fund Crises** and the **Restructuring Committee** had much of their work delayed until next Synod. It was reported that the retirement fund transition was successful, and the funding needed to make the pension plan whole has been obtained. Restructuring is needed to find efficiencies in all boards and agencies of the ARP due to the monies which have had to be utilized for the pension shortfall. One of the major changes is the dissolution of Christian Education Ministries as a board and agency of the ARP. Ministries falling under CEM, such as Camp Joy, Adult Quarterly, and the Family Bible Conference, are to be absorbed into various other committees or agencies.

There were two items related to **women in the church**. The first report presented by Theological and Social Concerns was regarding "Women in Worship," which upheld a similar position paper written in 2005. Scripture and the ARP standards concur that only ordained ministers and elders are to lead in the worship service. The Special Committee on Women Deacons needed further time to complete their study and will be reporting to 2023 Synod.

Theological and Social Concerns also presented a position paper concerning the subject of "**Virtual Communion.**" With all the discussion of "virtual worship" during the early days of COVID, the idea of "virtual communion" became a hot-button issue. Theological and Social Concerns found the concept of "virtual communion" to have no biblical basis and is incompatible with the Standards of the ARP Church. An amendment to the Directory of Worship 8.c.10, to add "Virtual Participation in Communion is not permissible.", will be voted upon by all the presbyteries and either ratified or rejected at the 2023 Synod.

A Special Committee on **Presbytery Composition** also reported, suggesting several consolidations, primarily of western congregations. There are churches in Catawba Presbytery located in Texas and Louisiana which the committee recommended be moved to the closer Mississippi Valley Presbytery. There was also much discussion of expansion of the denomination to the west.

Rev. Rob Patrick (pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP Church) was elected as **Moderator Elect**, Elder David Smith was elected Vice Moderator Elect (First ARP Gastonia), and Rev. Patrick Malphrus was introduced as the next parliamentarian to follow Rev. Andy Putnam, who has served for the past 26 years. Our meeting ended by lunchtime on Thursday, which meant Pastor Seth was not able to preach as he was slated to on Thursday afternoon.

It was an honor for me to serve as our congregation's delegate. Please let me know if you would like to discuss any other items from our meeting.

Blessings!

Marc Faulkenberry



Thanks to everyone who participated in The Newberry Observer 2022 Readers' Choice Contest! We will have an add in the Reader's Choice Magazine published in the Observer on July 27. Take this opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us in the splendor of God's glory!

LIFEBRIDGE

COMEDY NIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 28TH
7:00 P.M.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

CHAPIN UNITED METHODIST
415 LEXINGTON AVE
CHAPIN, SC

Presenting Christian Comedian
RIK ROBERTS

ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN AND LAUGHTER
AS WE RAISE MONEY FOR AN AWESOME CAUSE

LIFEBRIDGE Annual Fundraiser
Free Tickets: LIFEBRIDGESOUTHCAROLINA.org/comedynight
There will be a FREE WILL OFFERING **803-276-4173**

NEW MEMBER

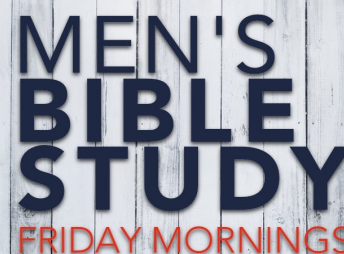
We give thanks to the Lord for adding Denelle Williams to our congregation. Please welcome her personally when you have the opportunity.

SAVE THE DATE!

COMING NEXT YEAR!
JUNE 8-9

WORLD FOCUS 2023

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 *Jeremiah*). 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 following the worship service at the Pastor's home. We will meet on July 10th.

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 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 Larger Catechisms, and seeking the Lord in prayer. These are some of the blessings we enjoy on Wednesday nights (6:10 PM). Join your church family and grow in faith and love for one another!

Women's Ministry

Our theme Scripture for 2022: "And Elijah came near to all the people and said, how long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." - 1 Kings 18:21a (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 12** at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We will be studying 1 Kings 18:1-46, "Yahweh versus Baal, the Ultimate Contest."*

Are you free on the first Tuesday of the month? If so, we would love to have you come and visit our Circle, we are always open for new members or visitors. Contact Julia Rikard for more information.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

Women's Ministries Annual Presbyterial Meeting will be held at Bonclarken on Monday, July 25 at 1:30 pm.



**NURSERY
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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 only **seven** 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 lessen 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!**

David & Annelies Galletta - MT3



David & Annelies began missionary service with World Witness in 2001, serving in Moscow, Russia, until that term ended in 2005. A former PCA and ARP pastor, David is the Team Leader for the Mobile Theological Training Team (MT3), which trains pastors and church leaders in their own countries and cultures. Based in the U.S., he travels regularly to Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Zambia, Rwanda, and Pa-



kistan, where he teaches modular classes in Bible and theology, particularly working to help pastors learn how to preach Christ-centered, redemptive sermons from the Biblical text. David holds a D.Min. from Covenant Seminary and a Ph.D. from the University of Wales, UK.

A FULL CLASS (June Update)

I had 18 students the first week of teaching this past spring in Kampala, Uganda and 14 the second week. My students were from Congo (DRC), Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, and the U.S. (a missionary serving in Uganda). Africa Reformation Theological Seminary is one of the very few accredited graduate schools in the whole continent. I am thrilled to be involved there.



David and class in front of the library at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary

These were the most interactive classes I have ever taught. Many, many questions and numerous insights. We all learned lots. There's no better way to master material than to teach it to others. The students kept me on my toes, but we all enjoyed the classes. I've marked their final exams; they will send me several major assignments at the end of July. Teaching is fun; grading is not.

I will be teaching in South Africa in early June, and then Annelies is joining me in Rwanda on June 14 to see not only what I do but also how she might be used in English training there. She teaches ESL to graduate students at the University of Maryland. We will return home June 23.

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for July

3 & 24 - TBA

10 - Merri Avery

17 - Judy Harmon

31 - Kristy Jennings

Nursery for July

3 - Abigail Yi (Janet Porth)

10 - Katie Eising (Allison Yi)

17 - Janet Porth (Tracie McCoy)

24 - Allison Yi (Elizabeth Yi)

31 - Merri Avery (Katie Eising)

Ushers for July

3 - Keith Avery & Jason McCoy

10 - Aaron Eising & Marc Faulkenberry

17 - Cecil McRacken & Andre Jennings

24 - Chip Porth & Michael Jennings

31 - Adam Petty & Caleb Jennings