

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month-

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June 2018

Update from the Session

1. The March and April Diaconate minutes, and the April financial report were reviewed and received as information.
2. The April 18, 2018 stated Session minutes were approved.
3. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
4. Missions Committee: A gift of \$250 to support a mission trip sponsored by ONA was approved.
5. The updated Church Safety Procedure was approved.
6. The next stated Session meeting is June 20.

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)

Ministry Schedule

Sunday
9:45 am
Sunday School
10:55 am
Worship

Wednesday
6:30 pm
Bible Study/Prayer
6:15 pm

FINANCIAL DATA - 2018

Budget Receipts \$ 66,414.11

Budget Needs \$ 66,399.80

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!!



Junah Winters, Rachel Faulkenberry, David Jennings, Joseph Yi

On Sunday, May 20, our four high school graduates (David Jennings, Rachel Faulkenberry, Junah Winters, Joseph Yi) were presented with Bibles during a luncheon following the worship service. Please continue to pray for them as they seek the Lord's will during their next season of life. Their plans are as follows: Junah - assist his grandparents for a year as he prepares for the military; Rachel - attend Piedmont Tech; David - attend Piedmont Tech; Joseph - attend USC (Cola.).



Our theme Scripture for 2018 is Genesis 17:7: "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." (NIV)

ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips 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, June 5** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Marcie Cole will be leading the Bible study on the life of Abraham. After the meeting, the circle will enjoy lunch at the church. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.*



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Tuesday 7-9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry/Marci Cole

If you are interested in attending the study, please contact either

Shannon Winter at 19golfaly@gmail.com, **803-940-1596** OR

Kristy Jennings and renkristy@hotmail.com, **803-271-5298**

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!

Manna House Food Pantry

Soup and Canned Fruit

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

“...the Lord Jesus Himself said, ‘there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’” Acts 20:35



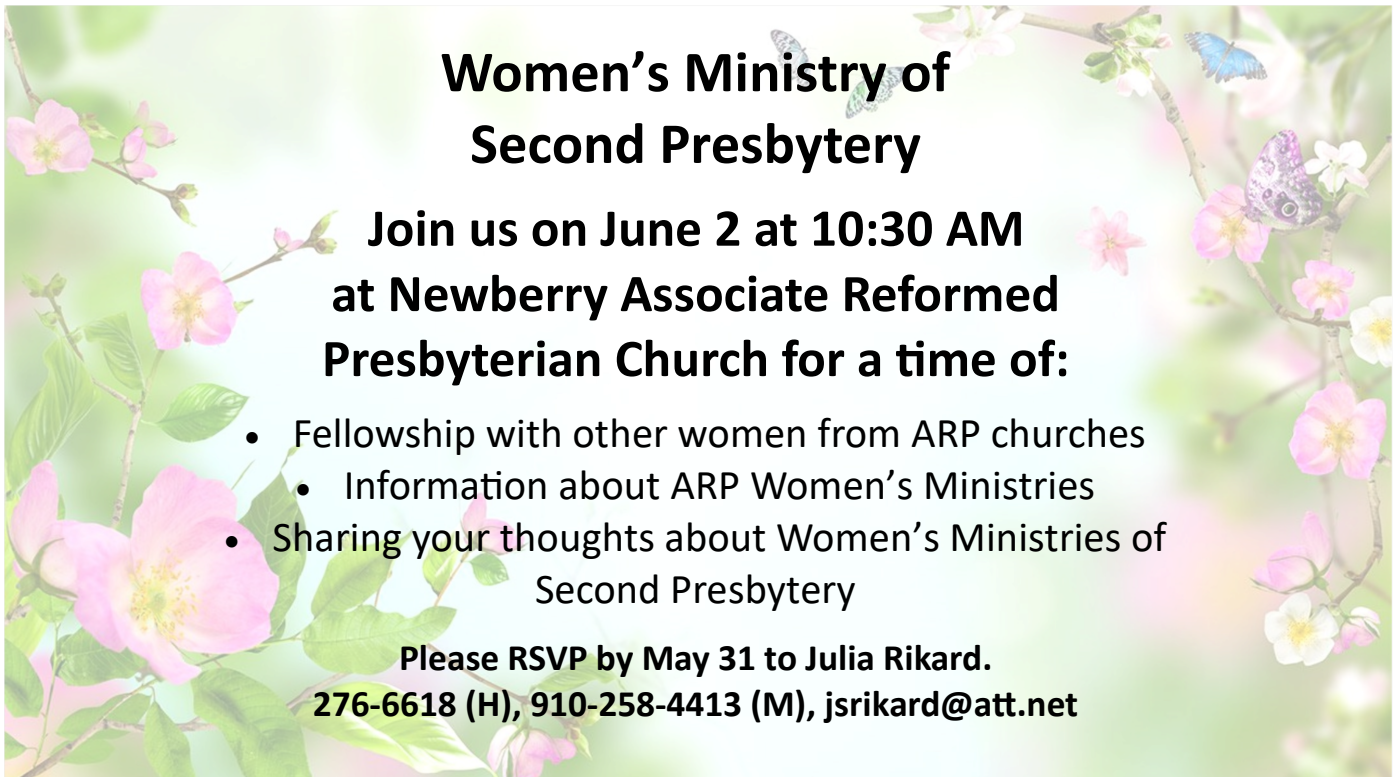
June is birthday time for us at our local nursing facilities, JF Hawkins/Springfield and White Oak Manor. The women of the church will be hosting a party with birthday cake, ice cream, and drinks. Each resident celebrating June as their birthday month will receive a gift bag. At 3 PM on Tuesday, June 5, we will be at JF Hawkins/Springfield Place and then on Monday, June 11, 3 PM at White Oak Manor. We would like to provide some form of entertainment for the residents. If you can play the piano, sing, or have some other talent, we could use your help. Please contact Julia if interested.

Women's Ministry of Second Presbytery

**Join us on June 2 at 10:30 AM
at Newberry Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church for a time of:**

- Fellowship with other women from ARP churches
- Information about ARP Women's Ministries
- Sharing your thoughts about Women's Ministries of Second Presbytery

**Please RSVP by May 31 to Julia Rikard.
276-6618 (H), 910-258-4413 (M), jsrikard@att.net**





MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Field – Lithuania



Frank and Emily van Dalen

Lithuania is a country that is primarily Catholic, with a few Protestant groups mixed in. Catholicism is both a religious and social institution in the country and as such, is a depository of religious and national traditions. Today, just 1% of the country is Evangelical and there are pockets of Islam and ethnic religions.

Praises

- ♦ The community is open to hearing the Gospel Message.
- ♦ God is working in the hearts of youth throughout the Country.
- ♦ We see God at work in the acts of kindness and fellowship throughout the congregation.

Prayers

- ♦ For the young people being trained to serve as camp counselors this summer.
- ♦ For continued healing (knee replacement surgery) for Frank.
- ♦ For the provision of a music director and staff to help with music camp this summer.

DON'T MISS World Focus 2018!!!

World Focus 2014 was the largest nationwide ARP event on record. Over 600 ARP pastors and families attended. Now, on June 7-8, you will have a chance to once again be a part of all the Lord is doing among ARP's here and around the world, at our two-day, denominational conference – World Focus 2018.

Besides being encouraged by our keynote speaker Scott Thomas with a private concert by Laura Story, ARP agencies will fill the Youth Activity Building with booths where you can learn about Erskine, Outreach North America, Christian Ed, Camp Joy and many more. Also, World Witness missionaries will be there to meet personally with you and share God's global work.

Join us for World Focus 2018, June 7-8 (following Synod) as we look at the present and future kingdom work of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, June 7

12:30 pm – Agencies Displays Open
and Breakout Sessions
5:30 pm – Dinner Break
7:00 pm – Scott Thomas
7:30 - 9 pm – Laura Story concert

Friday June 8

8:30 - 10:30 am – Agency Displays Open
11 am - 12:15 pm – Worship with Laura Story
and Scott Thomas

To register go to www.worldfocus2018.com and click the link on the bottom of the page!

No, Lord! Don't Send Me!

Starting June 10, we will begin a new preaching series on the book of *Jonah*. Even if it has been some time since you have read *Jonah*, I'm sure you have some vivid images in your mind related to this book. It is one of the most memorable stories in the Bible. How could anyone ever forget about the three days that Jonah spent in the belly of a great fish and then being vomited out upon dry land! It is a classic tale of God's authority and mercy.

But what is there in *Jonah* for us to learn and live by today? What truths and applications can we draw from this book for our present lives? Fortunately, the significance and implications of *Jonah* are as vital today as ever. My prayer is that the Lord will use these messages to reinvigorate our vision of who God is and how that glorious truth affects our relationship with Him.

As we engage our hearts and minds to this portion of God's Word, I trust that we will be captivated not by just the enormity of the fish that swallowed Jonah but more importantly the wonder of God's power and mercy. Not only does the Lord control the wind and the waves, and the great beasts of the sea, but He moves with even greater force to draw sinners to Himself.

The grace with which the Lord acts to save the rebellious Ninevites is matched by His efforts to soften Jonah's heart for the salvation of his enemies. Not only does God long to see the nations gathered to Himself, he longs to see his prophet, and His people, share the message of salvation with the lost. These are the same precious truths that need to be worked into our hearts today. We desperately need to have our hearts opened to the lost in our world, in our community today. Our longing to see God's saving mercies applied to even our enemies need to be awakened in our hearts.

The book of *Jonah* serves as a mirror for the heart of many congregations in America today. It reveals the callous and even antagonistic attitude that she has towards the lost world, unbelieving sinners. In many ways, instead of obeying God's command to go to Nineveh, she has boarded a ship headed in the opposite direction. Instead of having a heart of compassion and mercy for the lost in reaching out to sinners, many churches have retreated into her comfortable facilities attending to her own priorities. Instead of shining her light for the world to see, she is tempted to put it under a basket preoccupied with serving herself.

How will we as a congregation fare in light of God's truths in *Jonah*? Will we be responsive to the preaching of God's Word as the Ninevites or will we be reticent like Jonah to God's fatherly discipline? God revels in revealing His mercies, whether it be to unbelievers in bringing them to faith or to His children in sanctifying them in grace. In both instances, God reveals His unrivaled goodness and greatness.

Pray with me that the Lord will work in each one of our hearts to use these messages to make us more like Christ who came to seek and to save those who are lost. Pray for the Lord to show you who your "Nineveh" might be and then to grant you the compassion and courage to serve them with the gospel. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send us out in His harvest!

By His grace,
Pastor Seth

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for June

3 - Communion
10 - Merri Avery
17 - Lillian Price
24 - Morning Circle

Nursery for June

3 - Merri Avery & Gracie Faulkenberry
10 - Joanna Bedenbaugh
17 - Rachel Faulkenberry & Trust Winters
24 - Leslie Koon & Reagan Bannister

Ushers for June

3 - Gene Wicker, Marc Faulkenberry, Keith Avery, Benjamin Jennings
10 - George Farris, Keith Avery, Lee Winters, Joseph Yi
17 - Lee Ringer, Jean Williamson, Aaron Eising, David Jennings
24 - Doug Wicker, Cecil McRacken, Herb Seigler, Noah Yi

