

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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March 2019

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the elders at the February meeting:

1. The 2/7/19 Diaconal minutes were read.
2. The January 2019 financial statement was reviewed and received as information.
3. The shepherding concerns of the church were discussed.
4. **Sessional Committees:**

Missions: **1)** Collections for the Miracle Hill Ministry will begin in early fall. **2)** Bottled water will be donated to the Salkehatchie Summer Service in July. **3)** A donation of \$250 will be provided to Joseph Yi for a mission trip to Wales in July with First Presbyterian Church ARP (Cola.). Members will be invited to support the mission personally.

Fellowship: The next 5th Sunday Meal is on March 31.

5. The Faulkenberry/Jennings wedding date was changed to the evening of August 4.
6. Doug Wicker was appointed the delegate for the March Second Presbytery Meeting with Gene Wicker as the alternate.
7. The *Westminster Shorter Catechism* and the *Apostles' Creed* will be used for the Affirmation of Faith.
8. Aaron Eising will serve as the pulpit supply on March 24.
9. The next session meeting is scheduled for 3/20/19

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

6:15 pm

Youth

6:30 pm

Bible Study/
Prayer

FINANCIAL DATA as of February 17, 2019

Budget Receipts \$ 18,649.50

Budget Needs \$ 24,084.97



FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

On Sunday, **March 31**, following the worship service, we will share a covered-dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide fried chicken, ham, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to complement this meal.

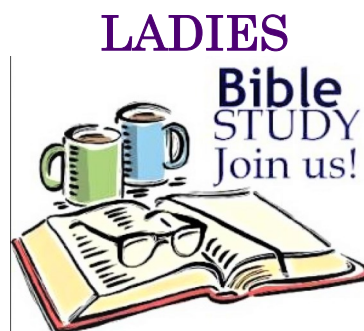


Our theme Scripture for 2019 is Roman 8:1-2 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

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, March 5** at 10am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Marcie Cole will be leading the Bible study on Romans. In preparation for the study, please read Romans 1:18-3:20, God's Righteousness in His Wrath against Sinners. After the meeting the members will enjoy a light salad lunch prepared by Mary Parr and Julia Rikard. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.*



Fellowship, Study, and Prayer

Tuesdays from 7 - 9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry/Marci Cole

Currently studying the book of Romans

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

Marci Cole, tybeemarci@yahoo.com, **603-781-0460** OR

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

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!

Encouragers

In God's wisdom and goodness, when a person comes to faith in Christ, he is also united by the Holy Spirit to the body of Christ. The Christian faith is not intended to be a solitary journey. Believers maximize their growth in grace as they walk alongside and with fellow believers. The local church is designed by God to be the fellowship where believers find this encouragement. Furthermore, it is the Lord's Day when this encouragement is most to be found. However, for some people, especially singles and widows, the Lord's Day can be a time of heightened isolation and discouragement. Having spent a few hours in the company of fellow believers on Sunday morning, they often find themselves alone the remainder of the day. This ought not to be the case.

In an effort to remedy this dilemma, Allison and I would like to invite all the singles and widows in the church to our home for a fellowship meal on the second Sunday of each month. We will provide the meat and ask that those who can attend bring a side-dish, if possible (but please do not let that be a deterrent, just come). You can let us know by Thursday if you plan to come. Since it will fall on the same Sunday each month, you can plan accordingly. We realize not everyone can or will make it each month, but as we get into a routine, I trust many of you will make it a priority.

It is our prayer that this fellowship will be blessing to all those who are alone for a vast majority of the Lord's Day. By sharing these times together, we will not only deepen our relationships with one another but I trust with the Lord as well. It is my hope and expectation that the truth of *Hebrews 10:24-25* will be realized through these fellowship meals: "let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging** one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Our first gathering will be **March 10**. I hope you can attend. We look forward to sharing these times with you and you all being blessed by one another!

By His grace,
Pastor Seth

Wales Mission Trip

Joseph Yi is joining a mission team of 15 from First Presbyterian Church ARP (Columbia) to Wales in July. They will be serving the Barry Presbyterian Church, pastored by Drew Goodman - WW missionary, running a VBS as an outreach to their community, and the Bethel Presbyterian Church through soccer and dance camps. If you would like to assist with Joseph's support, please make out your check to **First Presbyterian Church** (memo: **Joseph Yi-Wales Mission**) and place it in the collection plate. Than you.



MISSIONS FOCUS

Featured Field – Germany



Answers to Prayer

- **Expressions of grassroots spirituality are springing up** around the country. House churches, youth movements, multicultural congregations, increasing Christian publications and Bible versions in German, new streams of worship and the like demonstrate there is vibrant spiritual life beyond declining organized religion. This in itself is appealing to unbelievers put off by traditional religious structures but with spiritual questions.
- **The decline of Christianity has drawn believers together.** Prayer movements are forming and spreading as are city- and region-wide unity initiatives among churches, a revitalized spirituality and an openness to a new way of “doing faith”.

- **Evangelism, outreach and mission are being rediscovered** in Germany. From the dynamic, media-driven outreach of ProChrist/JesusHouse all the way to increasing missional values in the mainline churches, there is a growing confidence in the gospel in many circles that is being expressed in outward demonstrations of faith.

Challenges for Prayer

- **Germany's wealth, influence and strategic location** in the EU and Europe could be of inestimable value for the Kingdom of God. For this, a strong, courageous leadership based on Christian values is needed – a fact recognized by many in the nation. Sadly, the past decade witnessed significant erosion of the ethical platform on which such leaders need to stand. Pray for God to raise up leaders who will hold fast to righteousness and strong moral values despite opposition and temptation to compromise.
- **The nation's spiritual health is failing.** Humanism and destructive criticism of the Bible in the 19th Century enfeebled churches and opened the way to compromise and to pagan Nazi tyranny in the 20th. Post-war dynamics accelerated the secularization and de-Christianization of society. Symptoms of this sickness are: **a) The marginalization of Christianity.** The Church is widely perceived as irrelevant, and open hostility to anything Christian is increasing. **b) The rise of false religious teachings.** New Age, the occult, Satanism and other religions, including new expressions of pre-Christian paganism, are increasing. **c) Mental illnesses** are occurring in record numbers, including clinical depression. Suicide is the second-largest killer of 15-29 year olds. Gruesome crimes and killings are also on the rise as many lack a moral foundation to their worldview.

Jeff and Suzanne Allers



Jeff and Suzanne Allers began service with World Witness in 1999, focusing on church-planting in Berlin, Germany, with an emphasis on initiating various outreaches for youth and families. Their work involves creating Christian community centers, as well as working within existing structures and institutions. Most recently, they are spearheading efforts to involve the church in refugee outreach, while building relationships with German volunteers from the community in the process. The Allers have twin sons: Benjamin and Samuel.



On March 20, the Lunch Bunch will dine at the Grille on Main at 11:30 am Everyone is invited to come!!!

Manna House Food Pantry

Cereal 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

Thank you for the money and food items that were donated at the Souper Bowl Luncheon. We received \$316 and over 150 pounds of food.

Our church provides volunteers three times a year, and as always more volunteers are needed. Would you consider giving one hour of your time (1-2pm) in 2019 to help service Manna House? Our next time to serve is **March 18-22**. If interested, please contact Julia.

Every Friday morning, 6:45 AM, a group of men gather at Doug Wicker's home, 1414 Chapman Dr., for an encouraging time enjoying food, fellowship, Bible Study, and prayer. Pastor Seth leads an interactive study of God's Word (the Gospel of John). You'll be blessed. Please join us!

**MEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY**
FRIDAY MORNINGS

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Nursery for March

3 - Rachel Faulkenberry & David Jennings
10 - Kelci Avery & Michael Jennings
17 - Leslie Koon & Elizabeth Yi
24 - Merri Avery & Reagan Bannister
31 - Rachel Faulkenberry & David Jennings

Ushers for March

3 - Keith Avery, George Farris, Jean William, Caleb Jennings
10 - Marc Faulkenberry, Doug Wicker, Herb Seigler, David Jennings
17 - Cecil McRacken, Gene Wicker, Marc Faulkenberry, Noah Yi
24 - Andre Jennings, Aaron Eising, George Farris, Caleb Jennings
31 - Keith Avery, Doug Wicker, Marc Faulkenberry, Noah Yi