

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

March 2023

Shut-In of the Month

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Update from the Session

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

1. The January Financial Report and the Feb. 16 Deacon's minutes were received as information. The January Session minutes were approved.
 2. The shepherding concerns of the congregation were discussed.
 3. Andy, Lynda, and Bethany Green were received into membership via transfer of letter.
 4. The Diaconate Mercy Ministry Fund guidelines were approved (included in the newsletter).
 5. LIFEBRIDGE's request to host their Community Baby Shower in the Fellowship Hall was approved for April 1.
 6. Herb Seigler was appointed as the church's delegate for the March Presbytery Meeting on March 14 at our church.
 7. The Gideons were approved to make a presentation after the announcements on March 12 and receive a love offering.
 8. The request to hold a piano recital by Lizzy McCoy and David Urich in our sanctuary on March 18, 1 PM was approved.
 9. The March stated Session meeting is scheduled for the 21st, 6:00 PM in the Conference Room.
- 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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Prayer List

James Hill, Richard Lominick, Lillian Price, Jean Williamson, Vernetha Renwick

Ministry Schedule

Sunday
 9:45 am

Sunday School

10:30 am
 Cong. Assembly

10:55 am
 Worship

Wednesday

6:10 pm
 Family Feast

Thursday

Noon
 Community Bible Study

SECOND PRESBYTERY

Our congregation is hosting the meeting of Second Presbytery on March 14, starting at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to drop by the Sanctuary to observe the business of Presbytery. If you would like to assist in lunch preparations, please let Julia Rikard know.

FINANCIAL DATA as of Feb. 19, 2023

Receipts \$28,184.55
 Budget Needs \$28,534.80

Congregational Sunday School

The study of The State of Theology Survey will conclude on March 12. On March 19, a new study on the book of *Galatians* will begin. Please take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your understanding of Scripture and to nurture your relationship with the household of faith. .

2023 Sanctuary Flower List

Sundays that are not listed are open for anyone interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary. Please contact Shirley Mohler if you would be interested in filling a vacant Sunday.

March 26 - Shirley Mohler

April 9 - Easter - Morning Circle

April 16 - Merri & Keith Avery

April 23 - Mary Baker

April 30 - Julia Rikard

May 7 - Mary S. Hanna

May 14 - Morning Circle

May 21 - Carol & Cecil McRacken

May 28 - Kathy & Doug Wicker

June 4 - Merri & Keith Avery

June 11 - Merri & Keith Avery

July 9 - Merri & Keith Avery

August 27 - Merri & Keith Avery

Sept. 17 - Catherine & Marc Faulkenberry

Oct. 1 - Julia Rikard

Oct. 8 - Carol & Cecil McRacken

Nov. 12 - Mary Baker

Nov. 26 - Carolyn Fulmer

Dec. 3 - Shirley Mohler

Dec. 10, 17, 24 - Poinsettias

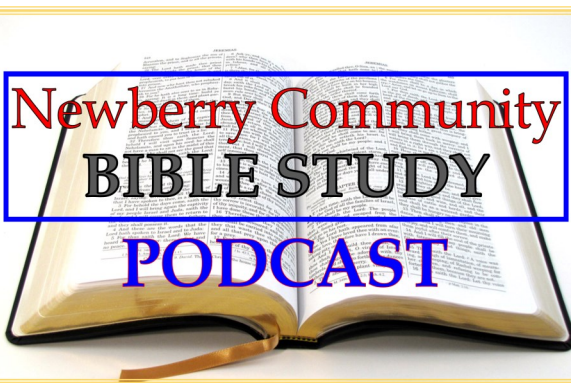
Sanctuary Windows - Shirley Mohler

Wreaths on Door

If you are placing flowers in the Sanctuary in Honor or Memory of someone please notify Pete Simpson at the church office (803-276-1485) or his cell [REDACTED] by noon on the Wednesday prior to your date.



We thank the Lord for the addition of these new members to our congregation! Please warmly greet *Andy, Lynda* (mother Eleanor “Ellie” Katsch), and *Bethany Green*.



Audio recordings of each week’s lesson from the Newberry Community Bible Study on the *Gospel of John* by Pastor Seth are available via the following:

1. newberrycommunitybiblestudy.substack.com
2. newberryarp.org/community-bible-study
3. Add the following RSS feed to your podcast App: <https://api.substack.com/feed/podcast/1042002.rss>

Diaconate Mercy Ministry Fund

Purpose

The role of the deacon in Christ's Church was created for the specific purpose of supporting the elders of congregations by taking on the burden of material services on behalf of the church (Acts 6:1-7); specifically, the situation in Acts called on the deacons to participate in caring for the widows (and presumably orphans and other needy) within Church communities. To that end, the Diaconate Mercy Ministry Fund (DMMF) will provide a ready and quick means for the deacons, by means of "the Spirit and wisdom" (Acts 6:3), to provide material (financial) assistance to those in need.

The primary purpose of this fund (as seen in Scripture) is to provide for the needy within the visible church. The secondary purpose is to provide assistance to those within the local community who have a direct connection to a church member, such as neighbors, coworkers, etc. Any requests from the community may be directed to other community resources (food banks, the sheriff's office, or other local organizations which offer financial assistance).

Financial Details

The DMMF will be maintained as a separate account within the main checkbook of the church. A separate ledger showing deposits and withdrawals will be maintained in the church office to provide transparency. This ledger will include: name and address of recipient, date, amount given, and deacon(s) who authorized the disbursement. The ledger will be reviewed by the church treasurer to ensure transparency.

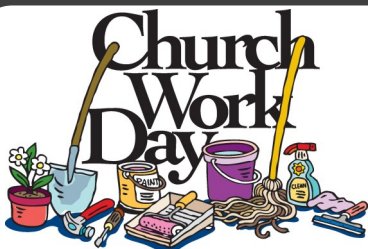
This fund will be financed through any of three main means:

1. A session-authorized monthly offering
2. Special gifts given as an offering to support the ministry of the deacons
3. As available per financial wisdom, contribution from the general budget

Guidelines for Disbursement

Disbursement from the DMMF is solely the responsibility of the deacons under the authority of the Session. Guidelines are as follows:

- Approval from deacons for disbursement is required based on the total amount:
 1. To disburse less than \$120 - approval by two deacons
 2. To disburse more than \$120 - diaconate approval by vote
- Any request for regular disbursements (more than once within a three month period or more than four times per year) must be approved by the Diaconate and the Session
- Any request for ongoing disbursements of any amount may require a situational or budget review by at least two members of the diaconate to help determine the need and wisdom of continued financial assistance
- Disbursements from the fund will be made by check



The Diaconate has scheduled a Church Work Day for Saturday, **March 18**, starting at **9:00 AM**. Various projects in and around the church will be planned. **Lunch** will be provided. Working together is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others better.

Paul & Missy Robelot - Ethné Outfitters



Paul & Missy have served since 1987 in church planting in Belgium and France. They are currently U.S. based serving with Ethné Outfitters helping churches and individuals reach out to others in their community of different faiths. Paul has a BA degree in Psychology from Clemson Univ. and both a MDiv and a Master of Counseling degree from Columbia International Univ. Missy is a registered nurse with a BSN degree from East Carolina University and has a Master of Christian Education from CIU.

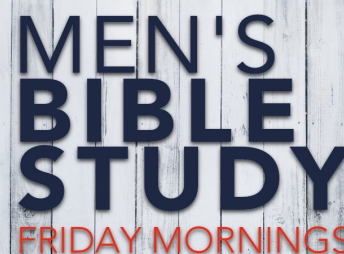


NEW VENTURE: FROM BRIDGE EUROPE TO ETHNE OUTFITTERS

When we first arrived in Belgium 35 years ago, some of our first friends were fellow language students from Iran. [REDACTED] moved to our town after his family sent him a bride! We lost touch after we moved to France, but recently found each other again through Facebook! God has given us many precious friendships with [REDACTED] over the years, some of whom have positions of leadership in churches we helped plant or who have moved on to other ministry. Others remain our friends but have yet to embrace Jesus as Savior. The [REDACTED] attacks in France were an attempt by a handful of [REDACTED] to sow fear and division between [REDACTED] and other citizens. We lament the degree of success they have had. As part of the Bridge Europe team, we encouraged the French church to be more intentional about seeking to demonstrate the Gospel through love and friendship. As we return to SC we are excited to work with Ali and Tara on the Ethné Outfitters team toward the same objective for the North American church. Though opportunities to connect with [REDACTED] here may be less evident than in France, there are plenty of opportunities, and we would love to help you find them! 86% of [REDACTED] in the world do not know a Christian personally. Of those who have grown up in this country or have spent years here as students, few can say they have known a Christian who truly cared about them. Will you open your heart to them so they can know Jesus' love and open theirs to Him?

In the Columbia area, there is an urgent need for people to join "Circle of Welcome" teams to care for new arrivals. Julie and Mark's team has a Syrian family. Many Afghan evacuees are already here but others will be arriving soon. There are many places to plug in from picking them up at the airport, setup with housing, shopping, language, school, cultural adaptation, etc. - being their friend, community, family. More to come...

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 *1 Peter*). 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 meal following the worship service. We will next meet on March 12th.

SUNDAY MORNING CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday mornings** from **10:30 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

2023 Theme Verse: Revelation 21:30-4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them and they will be His people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

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, March 7**, at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We are studying the book of Revelations. Please read Revelation 2 in preparation for our study. Marcia Cole will be leading our study.*

Light refreshments will be served.

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Are you free on the first Tuesday of the month? The Morning Circle is always open for new members or visitors!!



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 **nine** 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 lesson 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!**

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Nursery

- 5 - Elizabeth Yi (Tracie McCoy)
- 12 - Edith Bedenbaugh (Merri Avery)
- 19 - Abigail Yi (Allison Yi)
- 26 - Kathy Wicker (Elizabeth Yi)

Ushers

- 5 - Aaron Eising & Marc Faulkenberry
- 12 - Cecil McRacken & Herb Seigler
- 19 - Chip Porth & Adam Petty
- 26 - Keith Avery & Jason McCoy