

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

1701 Main Street, Newberry, SC 29108

May 2017

Shut In of the Month

Ruby Summer
2237 Harrington St.
Newberry, SC 29108

Prayer Request

David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Nelle Cromer, Pat Harmon, Mark McGuffee, Edna Ringer, Ruby Summer

Worship Schedule

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

Wednesday
6:30 pm -
Bible Study/Prayer
6:30 pm -
Youth Group

FINANCIAL DATA - 2017

Budget Receipts	\$ 56,287.15
Budget Needs	\$ 53,952.05

Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at the April 19 stated meeting:

1. The March financial report was reviewed and received as information.
2. The March 15 stated session minutes were approved.
3. Reports and prayers were offered for the shepherding needs of the congregation.
4. Judy Harmon, Marci Cole, Trudy Brewington, and Hannah Collins were received as communicant members via letter of transfer.
5. A love offering basket will be placed in the vestibule for the Vocal Arts of Newberry Concert.
6. A musical recital for Alice Ramirez's students in the Grier Building on May 11 was approved.
7. On Sundays when a choral anthem is not presented, a Bible Song will be sung.
8. Letters of commendation were approved for David Bunn (Erskine Seminary) and Aaron Eising (Second Presbytery).
9. A church policy prohibiting church members being employees was removed and rescinded.
10. A pulpit supply was approved for May 21 during Pastor Yi's vacation.
11. The next stated session meeting will be May 17 at 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder.

Doug Wicker, Clerk of the Session

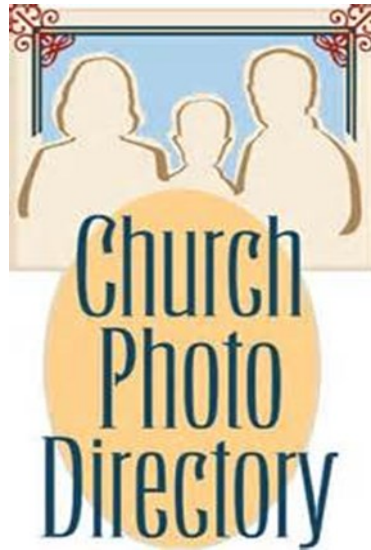


Prayer Chain

If you have a special prayer request please call or e-mail Lisa Senn and she will send it out via e-mail to all members. Lisa can be reached at 276-3253 or lisasenn1309@gmail.com. It is indeed a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.

The Arpad Darazs Singers will perform at Summer Memorial Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 7, 4:00 pm. All are invited to attend.





Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 9 and Wednesday, May 10. On these two days the photographers will be at our church to take pictures for the new Church Photo Directory.

There are still time slots open for those that have not already scheduled your appointment. Contact Julia at 276-6618 to schedule your appointment.

Lifetouch Directories is the company that has been chosen to assist us with our new directory.

We want to encourage everyone to participate in this event. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph and free directory for participating. There will be no pressure to purchase additional photographs, but you will have the opportunity to do so if you desire. There will be coupons available at the photography sessions for those who do purchase additional pictures.

The best news is that everything is done in one sitting!! You'll be photographed by a professional, view your pictures, and make any additional purchases, and all in approximately an hour.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! We need 7-8 volunteers to help with the greeting of families on the days of the photo sessions. All that will be required is to help with the photography session sign ups. Please contact Julia if you are interested in volunteering for an hour or two on one of our scheduled dates.

Our new directories should be available by mid August, 2017.





Food Pantry Donations Needed

Manna House — SOUP

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule.

School will soon be out for the summer and during the time the children are not in school, we have more families that are in need of food. When you shop, please think about putting an extra can of food in your buggy for Manna House.

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

Congratulations to Kelci Avery, our most recent college graduate. Kelci will graduate on May 6 from the University of Alabama. She will be receiving her BS degree in Commerce and Business Administration with a major in Economics and minor in Applied Economics.

Upon graduation she will be seeking employment closer to home.

Congratulations Kelci on all that you have accomplished and best wishes for the future!!!!



LIFEBRIDGE

Fierce Love

We wanted to say Thank You for your involvement with the 2017 LIFEBRIDGE Community Baby Shower on March 10. The ladies were surprised and blessed to see how their community was there to encourage and truly help them, and we were overwhelmed by your generosity and willingness to help.

We had 33 Registered Mommies, 24 attended the day of the shower, with their guests totaled 43 total guests. We had 7 Service Organizations set up booths for the Services Fair, and 22 Churches/Small Groups/Bible Studies represented at the event with a total of 46 volunteers who were hostesses, food preparations, shopping etc. We have pictures posted on our Facebook Page. If you would like copies, please let us know and we will email you the files to share or print.

Great connections were made, and the women were encouraged and blessed. We will be following up with the Mommies over the next couple months, inviting them to attend classes, engage in our advisory services, and of course we want to see those sweet little babies. We are considering offering a “Photo” day for baby and family in the Fall. We will keep you posted. We are already planning for next year. We would love to have you join us again. Thank you again for helping us make this day a wonderful experience.

Many Blessings,
The LIFEBRIDGE Staff

Until He Comes

Last month we considered the present dimension of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in our corporate worship. This month we turn our attention to the future aspect of the Lord's Supper. When you are participating in the Lord's Supper, how often do you reflect on your future with the Lord? If you are not, you are missing out on and limiting the benefits that our Lord intended for this means of grace to have for believers. Just as our Christian faith involves a past, present, and future dimension, so too does this sacrament.

The foundation for this teaching comes directly from the mouth of our Lord Jesus. On the night when Jesus instituted this sacrament, he revealed to his disciples a future time when he would be reunited and share this meal with them again: *Luke 22:16, 18* "For I tell you I will not eat it **until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God**. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine **until the kingdom of God comes.**" (cf. *Luke 22:30; Matt 26:29; Mark 14:25*). Jesus clearly had in mind a future time when he would celebrate this meal with his followers when the kingdom of God was consummated. This day, even for us, is yet to come. We look forward to a day when all things will be made new in the kingdom of God.

However, Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of God was not original to him (*Matt 22:1-14; 25:10*). Faithful Israelites who knew the Scriptures likewise looked forward to the fulfillment of this glorious reality: *Isa 25:6-8* "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a **feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine**, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will **swallow up death forever**; and the Lord God **will wipe away tears from all faces**, and the **reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth**, for the Lord has spoken." The language that Isaiah uses in this prophecy clearly points to a day that was beyond Jesus' earthly ministry. Even though Jesus declared that "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel," (*Mark 1:15*) there was much more that needed to be realized. Jesus ushered in the kingdom by demonstrating his powers over Satan in his public ministry and confirmed his victory over sin and death in his resurrection, but the consummation of Isaiah's prophecy was still beyond the horizon.

The apostle Paul was well aware of this tension ("the already, but not yet"). Despite the fact that Christ's victory over sin, Satan, and death was decisive and monumental, the fullness of Christ's redemptive work was yet to come. This future aspect of the coming kingdom is evidenced in his teaching about the Lord's Supper. In *1 Corinthians 11* where Paul teaches extensively on the Lord's Supper, he summarizes the effect of our participation in it with these words: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (*1 Cor 11:26*). In the words, "until he comes," we clearly sense a future aspect of the Lord's Supper. Paul's point is that whenever we celebrate this sacrament, we testify to a future event, a day that is to come. In receiving this sensible sign and seal of the covenant of grace, we are embracing the promises of a coming King with his kingdom.

In the book of *Revelation*, the consummation of this promise is expressed as a glorious wedding banquet: *19:7-9a* "Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the **marriage of the Lamb has come**, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to

clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper of the Lamb.**” On this day, the Church, the Bride (*Eph 5:25ff*), will be forever wed to her Husband, Christ the Lamb of God, which is cause for a great celebration. It will be a day when our faith will become sight. A day when all our hopes in Christ will be realized.

But until that day, our present participation in the Lord’s Supper is but a foretaste of the wedding feast. For now we partake of Christ at the Table in token measure, but when he returns we will feast at the wedding banquet until our cup overflows. Therefore, each time we proclaim our Lord’s death in the Supper, we are also affirming our hope in his glorious return. Until that day, our hope is to be invigorated as we long for our salvation associated with His return (*Heb 9:28*). In God’s wisdom and grace, the Lord’s Supper serves to wet our spiritual appetites for heaven. May we with anticipation and joy avail ourselves to all that God has in-store for us in this heavenly celebration.

By His grace,
Pastor Seth



**FOR YOUR
GREAT
NAME’S SAKE!**
HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!

O LORD, LISTEN! O LORD, FORGIVE!
O LORD, HEAR AND ACT!
FOR YOUR SAKE, O MY GOD...
DANIEL 9:19

May 4, 2017
12 Noon & 5:30 PM

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER** 
The First Thursday of May

**Newberry
Community Hall**
in downtown Newberry

Pastor Seth will be participating at the 5:30 PM service.



Our theme Scripture for 2017 is Galatians 5:22-23: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

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, May 2** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Galatians 5:22-23 will be the Bible Study (**Patience, Kindness and Goodness**). After the meeting the Circle will go to the Palms for lunch. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Carolyn Fulmer for further information.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Prayer and Fellowship Thursday evenings
7-9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry

The group is currently studying the book *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer.

Do as little or as much reading or study of the book as you feel led.

An e-mail will be sent out every Thursday morning to give you up to date details. If interested in receiving the e-mail please contact either

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

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

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her saying: “Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all.” Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31:28-31

Happy Mother’s Day to all Mothers!

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

Flowers for May

7 - Communion
14 - Jean Williamson
21 - Morning Circle
28 - Carol McRacken

Nursery for May

7 - Merri Avery & Abigail Yi
14 - Joanna Bedenbaugh
21 - Kristy & Benjamin Jennings
28 - Allison & Elizabeth Yi

Ushers for May

7 - Marc Faulkenberry, Don Ringer, Robbie Kopp, Noah Yi
14 - George Farris, Jean Williamson, Andre Jennings, Benjamin Jennings
21 - Lee Ringer, Cecil McRacken, Keith Avery, Joseph Yi
28 - Gene Wicker, Mike Birochak, Aaron Eising, David Jennings