

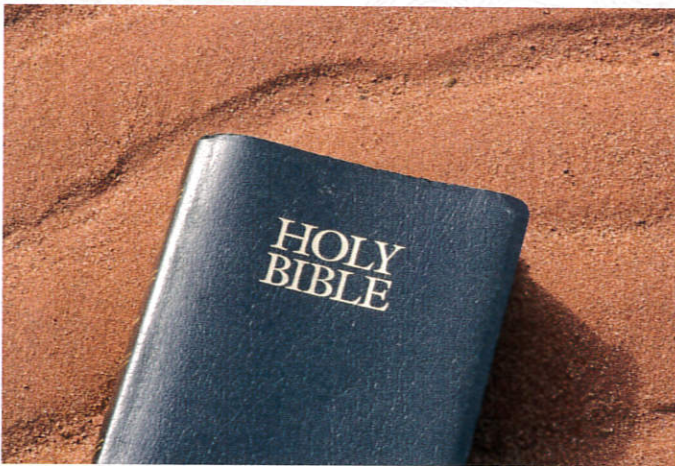
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SENIORS MINISTRY MESSENGER

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Verse for 2021: Isaiah 40:31

They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles; They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint.



From the Editors of the Messenger

We are pleased to share with you the first edition of the Seniors Ministry Messenger, a quarterly publication to keep you informed about and involved with Seniors Ministry at First Pres, Columbia. Please take special note of the 2021 Verse of the Year for Seniors Ministry which Pastor Bult has selected. We encourage you to commit this verse to memory and allow the Lord to reveal the depths of its meaning to you as you journey through 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have questions or feedback about the Messenger.

With warm smiles,
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From the Heart of Pastor Bryan Bult

I love being Associate Minister to Seniors and working with an incredible Seniors Ministry team. We are consistently inspired and encouraged by the vibrant faith and servant's hearts of our senior members. It's a thrill to minister to and with you, because you model for us a selfless spirit and a Christ-centered, others-focused faith. That is one of many reasons you are a vital part of our First Presbyterian fellowship.

During this year, with all its unforeseen challenges, your church family has witnessed your perseverance and endurance. And we are grateful. My prayer is that this newsletter will be yet another way for us to share the amazing ways the Lord is moving in our midst and further enable us to "spur one another on to love and good deeds" in 2021.

Seniors Ministry Staff

Rev. Bryan Bult Assoc. Minister to Seniors
 Janet B. Altman Seniors Ministry Coord.
 Ronny Hull Seniors Ministry Intern





The Lord's pattern for local church ministry is that every member, oldest to youngest, recognizes and uses their gifts to build up the church. For seniors gifted in the lost art of letter writing, Barnabas Ministry convenes once a month to pray for members and friends of the congregation who have asked for prayer and need encouragement. After praying, Barnabas members then write notes to remind them of God's infallible promises that make persevering worth the effort. If letter writing is your thing, please join us! Contact Pastor Bult if you're interested.



First Presbyterian Seniors Ministry will host a Catawba Presbytery Senior Connect Day on Friday, March 19, from 9 AM until 2:30 PM. All regional ARP churches will be invited to attend. More details later. Please save the date.



On Thursday, February 18, at 6 PM we will gather for the Third Annual Spaghetti Soirée.

The Soirée is a festive intergenerational event for senior adults and middle school students. We will enjoy baked spaghetti primavera, fellowship, laughter, and dinner music provided by students. As pictured, last year's speaker was Dr. George Hallman and we heard from a trio of student musicians. Please save the date and plan to join the fun in February.



Couples in Action, aka CIA, was launched in September of 2020 with an Ice Cream Social in the Family Life Center. In October, we gathered at the home of Bill & Donna Resseguie for Autumn on the Farm. December was a month for serving as we gathered at Still Hopes Retirement Community for caroling, followed by pizza in Jackson Hall, and then filming of our caroling for Laurel Crest Retirement Community. The interest and enthusiasm of our couples over 50 years old has been invigorating. As CIA looks ahead to 2021, we desire our times together to be marked by fellowship, prayer and service. We are grateful for the leadership and creativity of our Steering Committee:

- Rob & Marnie Drummond
- Wayne & Donna Davis
- Denise Ward



Autumn on the Farm speaker, Russ Harless, and wife, Raquel



In August of 2020, the Birthday Brigade was formed. Our motto: We Bring the Party. Our mission: To bring a party to each member who has made 95 or more trips around the sun. We took the party to seven members in 2020 & will continue the celebrations in 2021. Our parties consist of party hats, balloons, a gift, a cake, a card, and singing.



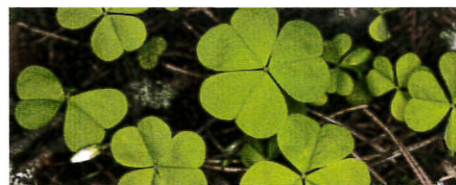
Earle Tyler was the first FPC member to be visited by the Birthday Brigade.



The next Encouragers special event will be an Irish Tea Party in March at which we will be joined by a special guest.



It was a delight to resume our monthly Saturday breakfasts in October. Following our December breakfast, a group created Christmas cards which we will send to encourage small group leaders at a church plant in Columbia.



Better Business Bureau

On Friday, March 5, at 10:00 AM, Chris Hadley, President & CEO of the BBB serving Central SC and Charleston, will make a presentation. From 9:30 AM until 10:00 AM, breakfast foods and beverages will be available à la carte. Mr. Hadley's presentation will begin at 10 AM & conclude at 11 AM with a 30-minute Q & A session to follow.



Seniors Parking Decals Available Upon Request

Angled parking spaces for senior adults are located on Lady Street for all Sunday services. There is also a Seniors Parking attendant on duty and assistance can be provided into the sanctuary via the Lady Street ramp. To date, fifteen parking decals have been issued. If you would like to regularly park in these designated spaces, please contact Janet Altman to request a decal for your vehicle.

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- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 11 AM - Seniors Ministry Session Committee Meeting
- 9 9 AM - Encouragers Breakfast
- 12 12 PM - Encouragers Steering Committee Meeting
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 5:30 PM - Couples in Action Steering Committee Meeting

- 2 11 AM - Seniors Ministry Session Committee Meeting
- 6 9 AM - Encouragers Breakfast
- 9 12 PM - Encouragers Steering Committee Meeting
- 15 Presidents Day
- 18 6 PM - 3rd Annual Spaghetti Soirée
- 22 5:30 PM - Couples in Action Steering Committee Meeting

- 2 11 AM - Seniors Ministry Session Committee Meeting
- 5 9:30 AM - Lifelong Learning Seminar
- 6 9 AM - Encouragers Breakfast
- 9 12 PM - Encouragers Steering Committee Meeting
- 17 3 PM - Encouragers Irish Tea Party
- 19 9 AM - 2:30 PM Catawba Presbytery Senior Connect Day
- 22 5:30 PM - Couples in Action Steering Committee Meeting