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"get connected" photo—FIRST SERVICE IN PPC'S NEW SANCTUARY BY DENNIS KELLEY

God's Grace, My Gratitude, OUR GROWTH



THE PALMETTO PALM READER

GETTING CONNECTED

FROM THE PASTOR

One of the things I love about being Presbyterian is our connectional system of ministry. Our church is one of 49 congregations in Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

You have noticed, I hope, that worship at PALMETTO is not a “one man show.” We have the preacher, the liturgist, someone doing Time With Children, the choir, usually someone is giving a minute for missions, and of course, the service itself is participatory. In the reformed tradition, worship is about *all* of us praising God and giving God our best—it’s *not* about entertainment.

And then there is ministry in general. How do we as a congregation help our new folks get connected? How do you as a participant in this community, whether you join the church or not, get connected and share your talents and gifts?

Can you sing? Do you like teaching? Are you handy, can you fix things? Cook meals? Fold newsletters? Can you listen when someone needs a shoulder to cry on? Can you *give*, not to support the *church*, but the church’s *ministry*?

How can you get *connected*? It’s really not about numbers—it’s about helping one another travel along our individual journeys of faith.

The session members want to get to know you, I want to get to know you and would love the opportunity to meet with you and share the vision for PALMETTO.

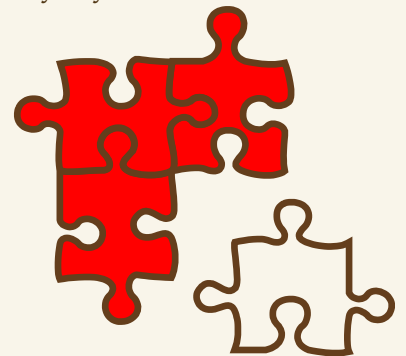
In the coming weeks and months you will be hearing a lot about this “getting connected” theme, and you will hear about the many opportunities we have for you to connect with your friends here at PALMETTO.

In the meantime, we as a church are connecting with the community through our many outreach ministries and through involvement in the presbytery and other churches in our area.

If PALMETTO is a puzzle—don’t be the missing piece!

It’s a joy to be your pastor,

Mike



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MAY WORSHIP

MAY 2nd
GUEST MINISTER

MAY 9th
"Eating Together"
Acts 2:42-47
Communion
Wingfield Baptism

MAY 16th
"A Theology of Hospitality"
Luke 10:38-42

MAY 23rd
PENTECOST
"Gentle Breezes . . . Not"
Acts 2:1-2,17-21

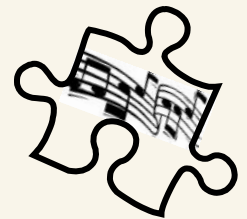
MAY 30th
TEACHER APPRECIATION
"Three Hands Clapping"
John 16:5-15
Hobgood Baptisms



MUSIC NOTES

Next month, we will begin two Sunday morning worship services. While this is exciting, it also presents more music needs. Our choir will not be singing for all of the early services. Therefore, I am looking for those of you who play an instrument to consider participating in the music for the early services. If you play the piano, I would love to do some duets with you. If you play another instrument, this would be a great time to pull it out, wipe the dust off and put it to use in worship. Please contact me if you are willing to share your instrumental abilities with Palmetto!

With a song in my heart,
Crystal



5th Sunday Breakfast



RISE & SHINE WITH US
SUNDAY, MAY 30th
at 9:15 a.m.

THIS IS TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY, AND THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A BREAKFAST DISH TO SHARE AND SAY THANKS TO ALL OF THE TEACHERS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS THAT GIVE SO MUCH THROUGH OUT THE YEAR!!!

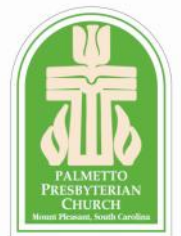


OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jeff & Megan Armstrong
Waleed & Jen Barnawi
Gregg & Wendy Combos
Jerry & Karen Driggers
Marty & Erin Hobgood
Marc & Jana Robson

PROUD TO BE AT PALMETTO

Help us gain recognition in the Mt. Pleasant area by displaying our green window decals on your vehicles, boats, bikes . . . riding lawn mowers! There are extra decals on the Welcome Table in the *Great Hall*.



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CELEBRATING LIFE

THANK YOU TEACHERS

Thank you to the many devoted teachers:

Gracie Young	Shelley Hadden
Robin Beckner	Heather Martel
Heather Spann	Amanda Sisk
Valerie Dabney	Lisa Ledbetter
Julie Lutz	Ryan Easterling
Shelly van Overeem	Kim Hulse
Kathryn Cavan	Steve Weil
Tami Dennis	Steve Aldrich
Megan Armstrong	Beth Taylor
Anne Smyre	Emily Carter
Jeff Doss	Michell Weil
Matt Collier	LaraLyn Yarborough
Leslie Collier	Chandler Hulse
Caroline McKinney	Lori Russ
Creig Belvin	Kristin Welborn
Elaine Kloos	Gary Mullaney
Nancy Mann	Mark McKinney
Chris Hulse	Dottie Kelley
Natalie Doss	Sallie Aldrich
Mike Fitze	Nancye Mullaney
Angela Redden	
Derrick Russ	
David Steele	
Melinda Turner	
Chuck Turner	
Ralph Wetherell	
Buck Smyre	

And to the many people who have volunteered during the 2009-2010 year.



**End-of-the-Year
Beach Day**
Sunday, May 16th
12:30-3:30 p.m.

**EDGE members
& their families**

Station 18 1/2 on Sullivans Island

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GET READY TO SET SAIL



**PPC'S VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

JULY 11-14, 2010

5:30 – 8pm

(5:30 – 6pm Dinner/6 – 8pm Bible School)

Registration & Volunteer Signup
May 2nd – 16th

If you have any questions, please contact:

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or Ryan Easterling

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IN COMMUNITY

Confirmation Class joins PPC



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HANDS OF CHRIST

Our church is collecting new & used clothing and new school supplies for the Hands of Christ through May. This Charleston based organization serves over 4000 school children a year by providing them with the resources for school. They are an amazing organization and we are honored to be their partner. We need clothing from size 4 - 44 - shirts, skirts, shorts, pants, new underwear (*boxers for boys, briefs for girls*), collared shirts, and all sorts of school supplies. If you would like to make a cash donation please make your check out to "Hands of Christ". A complete list of items can be found at PPC. These kids are in great need. Thank you for your generosity!



We're Back!!! **CONNECTIONS** Appetizer Club

Sunday
June 13th
6-8pm

The summer is almost here, and we are gearing up for our adult only appetizer and fellowship club. Sign up NOW in the *Great Hall* on the Fellowship Table and join in the fun. Each guest will bring a heavy appetizer to share and a friend (if you would like) to introduce to Palmetto. If you would be willing to host a group of 10-14 in your home, please indicate that on the sign up sheet. We plan on hosting CONNECTIONS each month during the summer on the second Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Beth Taylor at 270-1517.

SAVE THE DATE



On Saturday, **June 5th**, the Outreach team will be looking for volunteers to help some of our friends from New Hope Church in Huger do some "home maintenance and repairs." More information to come! Contact Lynn Cobb at lynncobbstudios@mac.com or call 224-4811.

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FROM FELLOWSHIP TEAM

**WELCOME &
A HUGE THANK YOU
to CADE HENDERSON
OUR NEW FELLOWSHIP CO-CHAIR**



We are looking for 1 more person to help Cade with the Fellowship Team. If you have an interest in planning fun and exciting events for all ages in the church, please call Beth Taylor at 270-1517. There are so many opportunities to “get connected.”

If **FUN** is your middle name...WE NEED YOU!



Plans are being made for Christian Education for the summer and fall. Areas we need help with are: The Ark, Sunday School (Birth-Adult), EDGE, Children’s Church, Time with Children, Bible Studies, Book Clubs, and Vacation Bible School.

**Contact Angela Redden to find out how
YOU
can “get connected”!**

884-1504 or aredden@palmettopreschurh.org



**&
WORKDAYS**

CALLING ALL MEN

Monday-Wednesday

May 10-12

beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the late afternoon to do some yard work at the church (clear out woods between building and road) and enjoy some great food with other guys from the church. We will begin around 5:00 each afternoon and work until dark (and we’ll eat in between!)

**Bring gloves, saws, pruners,
small chain saws, clippers, etc.**

**Mother’s Day
Offering**



On Sunday, May 9th we will have a special offering for The Presbyterian Homes of South Carolina. There will be special Mother’s Day Offering envelopes and brochures available.

THE PRESBYTERIANS ARE COMING . . .

On Saturday, May 15th, PALMETTO will be hosting Charleston Atlantic Presbytery’s Spring Stated Meeting.



DCE CORNER

Angela's Angels



Angela's Angels (and don't you leave this one out)—Gloria Squires is our guardian Angel who does both big and small things for each of us and always finds a solution. Thank you for your dedication to PPC!

Teacher Appreciation May 30th

Teacher appreciation day is an important day in the life of PPC. We have so many wonderful teachers who give of their time and talents, and I can't think of a better way to describe them than through Galatians 5:22-23—

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

These are attributes and qualities that we strive to display in our everyday lives and our teachers and leaders at PPC definitely exhibit these characteristics.

These virtues are brought about through the work of the Holy Spirit which causes things to happen in people's lives that bring them more in tune with God's purpose. When the Holy Spirit starts changing someone, it shows as a growth in character, a change in their way of life that is good for the people they live, work and play among. This change in character is called a 'fruit of the Spirit', like the fruit grown by a tree can feed people and animals. Abundant fruit from an orchard is seen as cause for hope and celebration and abundant spiritual fruit also breeds hope and is well worth celebrating.

It's easy to take leaders and teachers for granted. You count on them to show up early all year long prepared to lead boys and girls or men and women in an engaging Bible study experience. You expect them to respond to the ministry needs of their class members and to provide spiritual food for life. **How do you say "thank you" in a way even remotely proportionate to the size of the job?**



*Teachers make the world a better place,
And do so full of love and grace.
Fruit of the Spirit is the PPC teachers way,
So let's celebrate them on Appreciation Day.*

Who: PPC Congregation

What: Teacher Appreciation Day at PPC

When: May 30th, 2010

Where: *Great Hall* during 5th Sunday Breakfast & during the Worship Service

PPC will honor the teachers with a special gift and if you would like to do the same here are suggestions:

YOUTH—magnets for dry erase boards

3rd-5th GRADES—markers for dry erase boards

1st-2nd GRADES—erasers for dry erase boards

Birth-K4— craft supplies or construction paper

Be sure to join us and help celebrate with our many wonderful teachers on May 30th during the 5th Sunday breakfast and the worship service!



Robin Beckner has been an excellent leader in The Ark and her year of service is coming to a quick close. We would love for someone to listen to the call to serve in The Ark. What

better way to serve PPC than to take care of our "Littlest Angels". Please contact Angela Redden 884-1504 or aredden@palmettopreschurh.org if you are interested or would like to hear more about it.

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

The Session meets in Mike's office each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. to receive new members. Please speak to Mike or one of the Elders (*wearing the gold name tags*) about joining PALMETTO.

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SUNDAY MORNING

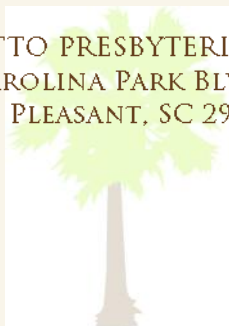
9:15-10:00 a.m. — Sunday School

10:00-10:30 a.m. — Fellowship

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Worship

Children's Church with a planned lesson for K4-2nd grade is offered weekly following "Time with Children" (*during the worship service*). FUEL for 3rd-5th grades is offered on the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

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