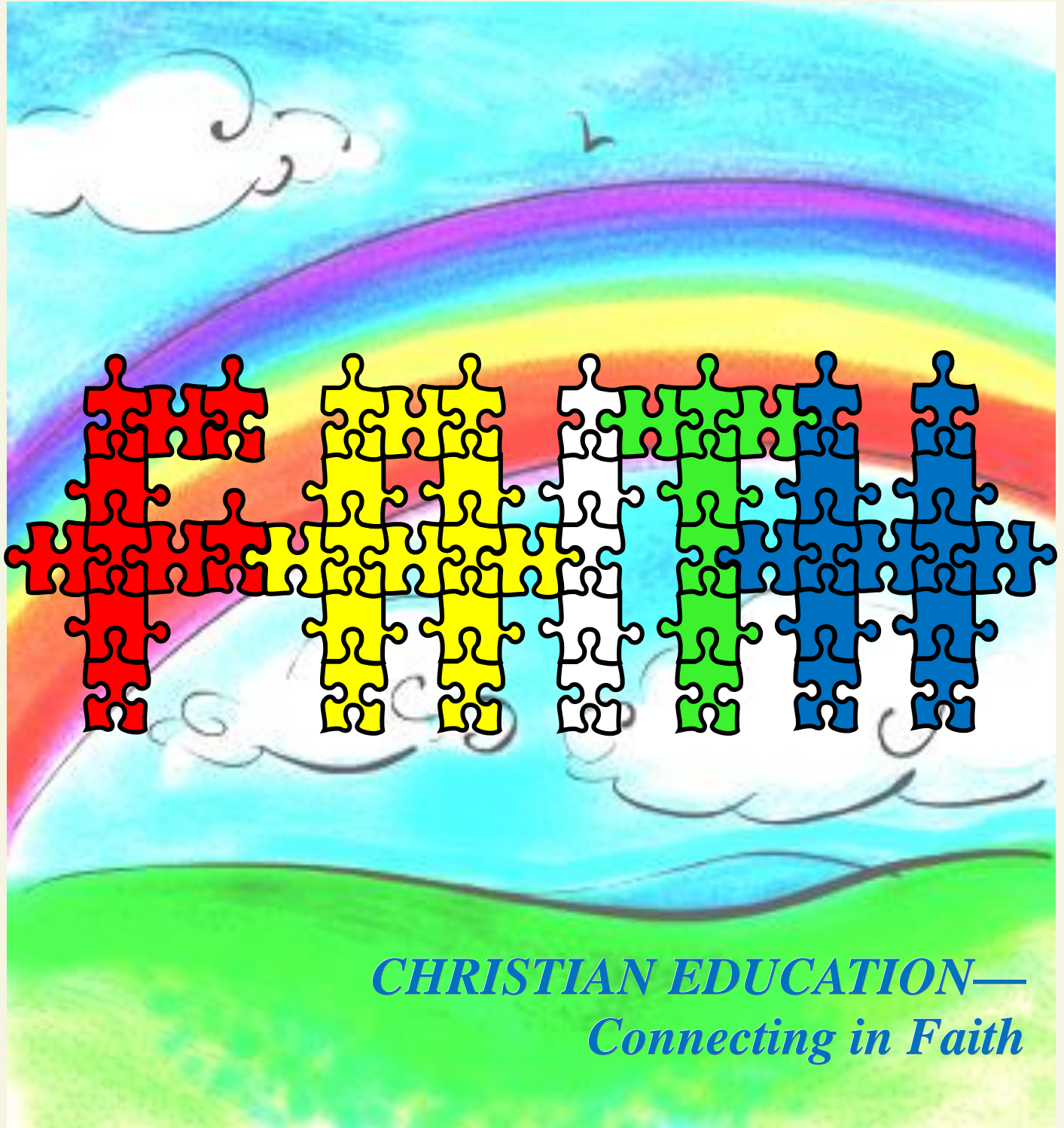


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*CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—
Connecting in Faith*

God's Grace, My Gratitude, OUR GROWTH



THE PALMETTO PALM READER

THANK A TEACHER

F R O M T H E P A S T O R

You've seen those bumper stickers: "If you can read this . . . thank a teacher." Well, when you think of your faith journey, your even limited knowledge of the Bible, when you remember Bible school and youth groups growing up—then thank a **Sunday School Teacher!**

We are blessed to have so many committed and really *good* teachers, as well as our Christian educator, Angela. This fall we have four adult Sunday school classes, so there is something for everyone. Many colleges and educational institutions have programs they call "Life-long Learning." I think we need to stress life-long learning in the church. We are never too old to study God's word, to discuss faith, and to dialogue about the church and an ever changing culture.

If Sunday morning just isn't a good time for you, we have the Friday Men's Bible Study. There's a weekly Women's Bible Study Wednesday mornings, and Presbyterian Women meet once a month. We also have morning and evening book clubs meeting once a month. Be sure to watch the bulletin and e-POST for other Christian education opportunities where you can connect in faith.

I hope you will make a commitment to "life-long learning" at PALMETTO this fall.

See you Sunday.
Blessings,

Mike



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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 5th

"Labor Pains"

Matthew 9:35-38

SEPTEMBER 12th

"Putting the Pieces Together"

I Corinthians 13

Communion

SEPTEMBER 19th

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"

II Corinthians 9:6-15

SEPTEMBER 26th

"Pressing on Toward the Goal"

Philippians 3:12-14



MUSIC NOTES

Christmas is Coming ! OK, it may be four months away still, but musicians are always thinking of Christmas during the summer. We are, once again, opening the choir for those who want to sing only for the Christmas music. We designate a certain time of the rehearsal to be for Christmas music only, so you are free to leave when we work on service music. For those of you who have been wondering what it would be like to join the choir, this would be a great way to find out. It would only take about 45 minutes of your time each Thursday evening. The adult choir will be presenting the Christmas music on Sunday, December 19. Interested? Contact any choir member or Crystal. Hope to see you soon.

With a song in my heart,
Crystal



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Rick & Kerry Goldmeyer

Kris & Holly Kut

Clarke & Gina Seaton

Gus & Mary Bullard

Betty Staton



The PPC Handbell Choir is looking for ringers! We rehearse Wednesday nights from 6-7 p.m. If you love music and would like to learn this beautiful

instrument, please consider joining us. Adults and older youth are welcome.

Contact: Caroline McKinney for more information at 881-6876 or markandcaroline@comcast.net.



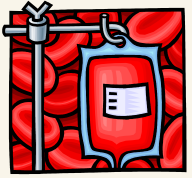
Who ARE the Presbyterians?

This is an ongoing class designed for new members and those wanting to learn more about our reformed tradition and worship. While not a requirement for joining the church, new folks are encouraged to attend a few of these classes to learn why we do things the way we do. This class will meet on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, and each week there will be handouts and a time to ask questions. This class will be led by Preacher Mike.

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CELEBRATING LIFE

Want to be a HERO?



Did you know that one in every seven hospitalized patients requires blood? A staggering 15 million units are administered each year in the US. And did you know that only 5% of the population provides blood for the country! Having been in blood banking for 35 years I have seen how blood saves lives. Your one unit can be processed into 3 – 4 components. Red blood cells may be given to a surgery or trauma victim. The liquid portion of your blood (plasma) contains platelets that often help leukemic patients when their plt counts are very low. Platelets are the first line of defense when you begin to bleed or cut yourself. Another component of your plasma may be frozen up to a year! Fresh frozen plasma (FFP) would help a burn victim or possibly someone lacking clotting factors. Hemophiliacs often are given another part of the frozen plasma called cryoprecipitate. So you see how many people can benefit from your generous donation. Roll up your sleeve and sign up to give blood in September at PPC. *I will see you there!*

—Nan Mann



BLOOD DRIVE
September 28th

Watch the bulletin and e-POST for details!



We can SCORE!!!!
Our team takes the field!!!

A fantastic opportunity has blessed Palmetto Presbyterian Church. An anonymous donor has offered to match \$1 for every \$2 of NEW money collected for our building fund in September and October. \$100,000 is the maximum match available. Wow, for every \$10 of new money we get \$15, but only till October 31. Paying on current pledges does not count but additional commitments made and paid this fall prior to October 31 will. If you currently have a pledge you may designate and pay a commitment over and above the current pledge to qualify. If you have never pledged or have paid your pledge, every dollar you give now will help us. Help us take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Palmetto Presbyterian can WIN!!!!

Funds will go to an expected shortfall between building fund revenues and the planned mortgage balance when our construction loan becomes permanent. Not only a match to stretch our giving but for every dollar of mortgage paid down we save several in interest during the life of the loan.

Special envelopes will be in the pews during the challenge time. Please mark your check "Matching Fund."

ANNUAL TAILGATE SUNDAY



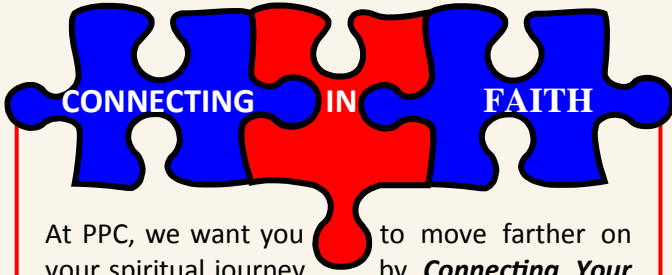
OK SPORTS FANS ...You've got a free pass to church in your shorts and jersey's or cheerleading outfits!!! No ties, coats, or formal wear!!!

Sunday, September 26th immediately after church in the parking lot.

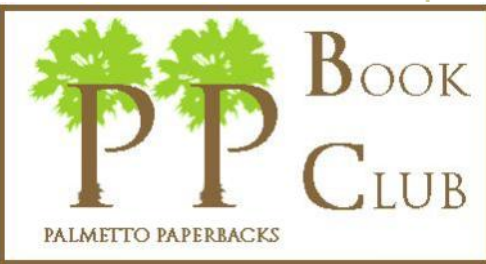
There will be prizes for the most outstanding tailgate, so invite your friends for an afternoon of fun!

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IN COMMUNITY



At PPC, we want you to move farther on your spiritual journey by **Connecting Your Faith** with your own family, others at PPC, the Mount Pleasant community and globally. We are taking steps through the Sunday School classes, evening programs, Bible Studies, EDGE, Children's church, missions projects, to help you on that journey. We have visions for retreats, classes, and programs but are unable to do them "all at once". We will take the actions to meet your needs and make changes as we look at the overall programs and make sure they match the mission statement of PPC. We ask for your prayers as we grow and to be patient as we make the changes. We may even come to YOU and ask for your help and guidance to help others connect their faith.



Ladies, Libations and Literature!!
The first meeting of our evening Book Club will be held Thursday, September 23rd 6:30 p.m. at the home of Julie Martin

Please join us, bring your book ideas and spend some time in fellowship as we select our reading list.

Please RSVP to Julie at 843-412-5893 or to juliemartin727@gmail.com

Directions will be provided upon request.

WINGS OF FAITH—

Women's Christian Fiction Book Club

Wings of Faith is back to "READING and FELLOWSHIPING" in the church library with the following dates and books:

September 21st- 9:30 a.m. Book: *Full of Grace*

October 19th- 9:30 a.m. Book: *Having a Mary Life in a Martha World*

November 16th- 9:30 a.m. Book: *Letter to God*

December 14th- 9:30 a.m. Book: *Day with a Perfect Stranger*



Please join us and bring a friend.

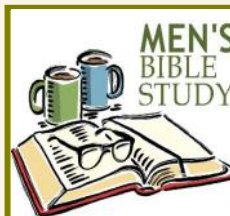


Women's Bible Study resumes Wednesday, September 15th 9:30 a.m. at Palmetto

We will study Genesis - the book that helps us understand all the rest of the Bible. From the study guide:

Genesis is a book of beginnings: the origin of the universe, birth of the human race, founding of the Hebrew nation . . . It lays the foundation for great themes prominent in the Old and New Testaments . . . God calls the whole creation into being, then calls into existence a covenant community to be his special people. Genesis and the whole Old Testament look forward to the new creation and covenant in Jesus Christ, into whose fellowship we also are called.

All women are invited to join us as we discover together the first great truths of God's Word found in Scripture. No previous Bible study experience is required - only a heart that is open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Great fellowship will also be enjoyed! If you have any questions, please contact Nancye Mullaney (843-412-1800), Sallie Aldrich (843-284-8261), or Dottie Kelley (843-856-8918).



**Weekly Each Friday
7:00 a.m.
at the Church**

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SESSION REPORT—Julie Martin, Clerk

SESSION Highlights for August 23, 2010 Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

- Congregational Meeting will be held September 26th to elect new elders.
- There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on September 28th at the church.

REMINDERS/REQUESTS

- The last 8:15 summer worship service will be held Sunday, August 29th.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION

- Approved both 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services with communion at both services.
- Beginning September 12th, Sunday school will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Fellowship Team would like to send out a HUGE

thank you

to all of you that have so generously provided food for our fellowship hour. It's so great to see everyone (and especially the kids) so excited about what might be on the table before church. Also, there are many hands that help with the coffee and drinks every week. Thanks goes out to John Loesch, Tim Peyton and Leonard Lindstrom.

Please stop by the Fellowship table if you would like to sign up for an upcoming Sunday. It's really easy and a great way to get involved!

save the date

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30th



Congregational Meeting

Sunday September 26th

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ON VACATION . . .



Nancy Mann with her sister, Susan Morris—
Sheffield, MA at the Berkshire Choral Festival



LOVE PPC'S KIDS?

Then we've got the adventure of
a lifetime for you!

We are on the search for a co-chair for VBS 2011! What's involved? You'll help with the VBS curriculum, phone calls, decorations, getting volunteers, meetings, and so much more. And you'll be set to take on VBS 2012 as chair!

This is a **VERY** rewarding experience!
Won't you join our **VBS team** today?!

E-mail Angela at aredden@palmettopreschurch.org or
Ryan (2011 chair) at reasterling@arcadiapublishing.com

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DCE CORNER

Angela's Angels



Thank you to all of those who have volunteered to help with Christian Education for the 2010-2011 year. We are going to be very blessed with lasting relationships as we disciple together and learn more about each other.

WELCOME HEATHER—



Please welcome Heather Goss to PPC as our childcare coordinator for THE ARK. She is going to be a great part of our ministry and family at PPC. She comes with fantastic childcare experience, glowing references, a calm personality and a loving heart. Please stop by and introduce yourself and welcome her into our family. She has already

bonded with several of the children and will take excellent care of our "babies."

Religious relationships

Action and activities

Leadership

Love

Yearning to learn

Discipleship

Acknowledgement

YOU!!!!



Rally Day will be held **September 12th** from 9-10 AM in the sanctuary. This is a time to celebrate the start of Sunday school, to promote to the next grade level, to introduce teachers, to recognize and honor both those who teach and those who learn, and to fellowship together. Invite your family and friends to join us in the sanctuary and see the warm and nurturing PPC family in action. All teachers will be prepared to begin Sunday school lessons September 19th

adult sunday school

Life Matters Class (formerly the parenting class) will meet in the library. We will continue with the study of Matthew, enjoy fellowship time and discuss additional formats for the group.



The Work in Progress Class is a community of singles and couples, with and without children, ranging in age from late 20's- early 40's (but all are welcome). This Sunday School Class will incorporate the opportunity for spiritual growth, service, and fellowship. Studies will vary based on topics chosen by the class. Class format will include a combination of "kitchen table" discussions, organized Bible study, and guest speakers. We plan on having adult functions (small group dinners, holiday parties, etc.); both men's and women's events; and plenty of activities involving our children. Join us Sunday mornings for breakfast and thought provoking study in the Great Hall.

Please contact:

Julie Martin at juliemartin727@gmail.com (412-5893) or Heather Spann at heather.spann@comcast.net (469-3929)



THE TABLE

The TABLE is being RESET. Here is an opportunity to LEARN, SERVE and FELLOWSHIP with a group that will grow spiritually together and provide support and Christian friendship. Plans include:

- a variety of short term studies selected by the class
- service opportunities and projects
- fellowship on Sunday mornings
- many other opportunities such as a revolving supper club, men's/women's activities, weekend retreats & other fun gatherings

The new format begins Sunday, September 19, in the CE office. Contact Ralph & Terri Wetherell (725-1000) ralph@agentowned.com or Rob & Joye Davis (856-8432) davisjoye@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the group.

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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

Sunday School—9:00-10:00 a.m.

Fellowship—10:00-10:30 a.m.

Worship—10:30 a.m.

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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