

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, 12-14-16

Sunday, 12-18-16

Christmas Caroling

There will be an opportunity for church members to go caroling this year to shut-ins within the congregation. Mark your calendars for the night of Wednesday, December 21st. Notify Mel Duncan (mduncan@spcgreenville.org, 232-7621 ext 102) if you would like to participate. Let Mel know if you would be willing to drive. Groups will be organized by geography and then meet at the church afterwards for refreshments.

December Schedule

- ⇒ ⇒ There will be no Wednesday night activities on:
Wednesday, December 21
Wednesday, December 28
- ⇒ ⇒ The Church Office will be closed:
December 23-26; 30
- ⇒ ⇒ The West End Herald will not be mailed the week of:
December 26.

Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 24, 2015

6:00 pm

*We will marvel with the heavenly host
as we hear the good news of our Savior's birth
retold in Scripture and song.*

Take Them A Meal

If you would like to furnish a meal for Brian and Nicole Welch after the birth of their son, Henry Brian please go to www.takethemameal.com and log-in with Welch, password 1892.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER
DECEMBER 18TH
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

VISITORS

**Please sign the Friendship Register.
Be sure and fill in your address and phone number.**

Congregational Meeting

⇒ At the Congregation Meeting December 11th the following Deacons were elected:

John Atwood
Mike Carey
Willy Madrid
Bill McDaniel
Ron Vanderwey

⇒ The 2017 SPC Budget was received and adopted by the congregation.

The new Deacons will be ordained and installed at the evening worship service on January 8, 2017.

There will be a Reception in the gym for the new Deacons following the evening worship service.

2017 Offering Envelopes

The 2017 offering envelopes are on a table outside the church library. Please stop by and pick up your envelopes this week. If you do not have offering envelopes, please contact the church office, ext. 104. The Diaconate ask that all members use offering envelopes for accounting purposes. Please use the 2017 envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. Your 2016 envelope number may be different from the 2017 number.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that to obtain a 2016 charitable contribution deduction for income tax purposes, contributions must be received by the church no later than Dec. 31.

Mark Your Calendars

For Christ in South Carolina and the World

**2017 SPC WORLD MISSIONS
CONFERENCE**

**HERE WE STAND:
THE POWER OF THE WORD**

January 13-15, 2017

Back Pack Blessing Program

Thank you for your generous food contributions to the Back Pack Blessing program at Augusta Circle. That need continues on a weekly basis, so more items are appreciated.

Good News Club

We have lost several volunteers at the Kroc Center on Friday afternoons. We currently need Grade Shepherds in order to continue that program. You can be quickly trained to sit with the children, to encourage them and help with memory verses, and to love them! Please contact Cyndi Player (864-483-4644) if you are willing to give two hours weekly (beginning mid-January) to this most worthwhile ministry.

2016 PCA Christmas Offering

RBI's Ministry of Relief has been providing financial assistance and encouragement to retired PCA pastors, missionaries, church servants and their families for 40 years. The predominant assistance we provide is to widows of PCA Teaching Elders. Without this financial assistance they struggle to afford the basic needs of life. In fact, many would live in near poverty without the assistance we provide.

The annual Ministerial Relief Christmas Offering is the principle source of funding to meet the needs of these widows and other PCA church servants. *We need your help more than ever.*

According to the recent PCA Retirement Readiness Survey conducted by RBI, the number of retiring PCA pastors will triple over the next 25 years. Since 82% of wives outlive their husbands by an average of 11 to 14 years, a large portion of those pastors retiring will leave widows who will outlive their retirement accounts resulting in incomes at or below the poverty level. Over the next 25 years, the number of families needing Ministerial Relief will quadruple.

If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause please mark your check PCA Relief Offering and put it in the offering plate or you may donate online at www.pcadonate.org