Corner of River and Rhett

Special thanks to Jeff Early for leading our Pawleys Island Senior High Beach Trip. We also commend Joel Barnett and Andi Scoggins for chaperoning and Rev Nick Batzig for leading the teaching.







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The Second Presbyterian Church Corner of River and Rhett Streets Greenville, South Carolina

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Letter from the Chairman of the Diaconate **Mid-Year Diaconate Update**

As this communication is delivered to your home, the year has reached its halfway point. I want to give you an inside look and update on all matters we have been working on during what has proven to be a most busy and odd year.

When our year of service began in January, we were busy welcoming our new deacons and getting committee assignments in place. Each committee head was assigned, and the various committees were beginning to map out the year for our various responsibilities.

As we met in February, the main topic was a new automated scheduling system for ushering and counting assignments. The decision was made to allow the new automated websitedriven tool to take over assignments in March. This proved providential as the return to worship was much easier once we had our feet back under us.

As our March meeting approached, news of the virus was growing, and many people were discussing the various levels of seriousness. Rumors abounded and most shrugged it off. Proactively, we asked Pastor Dan Ratchford to join us to discuss what a large-scale pandemic might mean for our presbytery. Pastor Ratchford leads Smyrna Presbyterian in Newberry and heads up our Presbytery's disaster relief committee, which is tasked with organizing multiple churches to respond to disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes; viruses were not yet considered. We discussed how we might begin to think about the services and facilities if "life as we knew it was about to change," as one deacon put it in the meeting. Mr. Johnson ordered antibacterial pumps to mount in various places in the



WORSHIP AT SECONE

THE LORD'S DAY

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MORNING WORSHIP

EVENING WORSHIP

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preac

Psalm

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

church and we adopted a wait and see mode. That meeting was Monday, March 2nd. Little did we know, just a few days later we would be discussing the temporary ending of our in-person services, and what our new ministry plan would look like online. The diaconate reacted quickly to begin work on the new normal, and how we could organize our efforts to care for our members.

The deacons met electronically (using Zoom) weekly after our services went online. We suspended each committee no longer servicing an immediate need, and made each one an acting member of the Sympathy and Service Committee-lead by Mr. Jimmy Looper. Mr. Looper has done an incredible job. When he rejoined the diaconate this year after a break, we both sensed the Lord had a special calling on him for this role; we just didn't know why or how yet. Well now we know, for such a time as this.

Each member of the congregation was grouped by geography and assigned to sub-committee heads. Members were contacted routinely to see if anything was needed due to the shortage of groceries and of course, toilet paper (that still blows my mind). The deacons were side-by-side with Mrs. Barnetta Stephens, of the Koinonia ministry, and the amazing work she and her volunteers do (each year I might add, not just during a pandemic). This way we were able to keep the lines of communication open and meet any pressing needs. As the Lord's providence had it, no substantial needs arose.

As April ended and we were beginning to talk about what changes were approaching in May, we commented that we geared up to fight a war and "nary a shot was fired." While we praise the Lord for no huge needs, I remain so delighted in how our deacons responded and were ready. The Lord has brought us gifted and called men.

During this time of online services, we rotated having an in-person deacon during each online service to manage people attempting to visit the church and take care of the minimal ushering duties remaining in place.

In May, we had multiple online meetings to begin working through what a return to in-person worship might look like at 2nd with the given guidelines and rules in place by the civil magistrate. As you might imagine, our ushering protocols had to be substantially altered. Mr. John Atwood, chairman of the Ushering Committee, did a great job of reinventing our methods and putting together a cleaning schedule in between services to comply with the guidelines. He also put together separate teams designed to rotate weeks. The services are running smoothly, and facilities are cleaned continuously to protect our returning members.

Also, like many of you I have such a warm, almost storybook -like affection for the use of our beautiful vestibules in the front of the church. I am pleased to report we plan to make use of these areas of our sanctuary permanent.

Since we have not used our facilities as much during this pandemic, we took advantage of the lower foot traffic to continue several improvements and projects originally planned during the year. Most of these go unnoticed, but we appreciate Mr. Todd Walton (Chairman of the Building & property Committee) for staying focused on these when so many other responsibilities were upon them. We also thank Mr. Spencer Player (Chairman of Sports & fellowship) who has assisted in the resuming of Wednesday Night Ministry and Mr. Joe Martin (Chairman of Stewardship and Finance) who has managed financial systems on behalf of the Board.

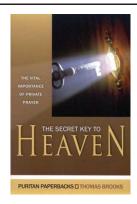
As you know, this manner of communication only allows for so many words. As a result, I cannot list each man and his unique, individual contribution. Some were prayer warriors, and some offered their wisdom on each call while staying home for health precautions. Some took triple duties on the same day and others endured thankless work like taking meeting notes (we owe a special gratitude to our diaconal officers, Mr. Ron Vanderwey as Vice Chairman, Mr. Phil Larson for his faithful labors as Secretary). Last but certainly not least is our faithful treasurer Mr. Ken Pujdak, who has done a fine job stewarding our disbursements. All deacons have risen to their Lord's special call and all have been meaningful to our very strange first half of the year 2020.

Our efforts now include exploring ways to assist the Windt family. Please pray for our wisdom and direction.

I am so thankful for the men the Lord has brought to serve. The Lord has promised them special rewards for their service.

Grace and Peace, Jeremy S Weaver, Chairman

Summer with a Puritan 2020 10am, Gymnasium



"The Secret Key to Heaven"
By Thomas Brooks
Banner of Truth Puritan Paperbacks
Book will be \$10 available at church beginning 6/7
Pay online: spcgreenville.org/signup

7/5	4	87-126	Objections to Prayer 1-2	
7/12	4	127-158	Objections to Prayer 3-4	
7/19	4	159-182	Objections to Prayer 5-6	Jeremy Weaver
7/26	5	183-200	Instructions to Prayer 1	Brendon Branigin
8/2	5	201-242	Instructions to Prayer 2	Kirby Kee
8/9	6	243-253	Means of Prayer 1	Chad Bailey
8/16	6	254-272	Means of Prayer 2	Chad Bailey
8/23	6	273-284	Advice on Prayer	Richard D. Phillips
8/30			RALLY DAY	

July Birthdays

July 1	Christina Bianchi, Trystan Scoggins		
July 2	Ed Butler, Daniel Grubbs,		
July 3	Sara Cater, Gabrielle Dean, Janice Leathers		
July 5	Seth Johnson		
July 6	Amelia Gray		
July 7	Todd Walton		
July 8	Bill Cross		
July 11	Ponder Babington, Chad Scoggins		
July 12	Dottie King, Mary Grace Mobley		
July 13	Cole Owens, Rhonda Slayton		
July 14	Scott Grubbs		
July 15	Kaitlyn Bouchillon, Gian Dean		
July 16	Audrey McKee, Nicole Plourde		
July 17	Rose McConnell, Rebekah McDaniel, Rebecca Senn		
July 18	Isaac Maralit, David Wright		
July 20	Bob Holman, Hanna Lizak		
July 23	Nicole Laughter, Doris Youngblood		
July 25	Diane Detmer, Dave Weiland		
July 26	Sharon Phillips, Sam Robinson, Caroline Therrell		
July 29	Allen Clark, Amy Looper		
July 30	Ernestine Waterholter		
July 31	Bethany Gearhart, Anna Maria Hanson,		
	Stephen Scott, Daniel Walton		
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Baby Shower for Rose Branigin



SPC Ladies,

Please join us on Saturday, July 11th at 10:30 am at the home of Sharon Phillips for a baby shower honoring Rose and sweet Baby Girl Branigin. Sharon's address is 11 Bridgeton Drive, Greenville, SC. Please RSVP to Sue O'Brien at 513-543-1956 or Sharon Phillips at 864-569-8765 if you are able to attend.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this Lord's Day, July 5, to the glory of God and in loving honor of Dr. and Mrs. Richard D. Phillips who began their ministry amongst this congregation the first Sunday of July 2007, by the Session.

Upcoming Youth Trip

SOUTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE RIDGEHAVEN July 20-24, 2020 \$300

Speaker: Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer

Contact Jeff Early for further information

Signup at: www.spcgreenville.org/ signup

Service Opportunity

The Diaconate is looking for volunteers to help sanitize surfaces after the Sunday morning worship services. Duties include wiping the pews, stairwell handrails, and bathroom handles. Rubber gloves will be provided.

How can I get involved?

If you want to participate, simply find a deacon after the worship service and they will provide you with additional instructions. You can also contact John Atwood:

(atwood.jm@gmail.com 864 275 9821).

If I volunteer, do I have to help every week?

No. There is no obligation or schedule for this service opportunity. If you are free to help on a given Sunday just let a deacon know.

"through love serve one another". (Gal 5:13)

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement.

Jerry Rice 12 Galphin Drive Greenville, SC 29609

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Iris Dillard

Mike Dillard

Heinrich & Gwyn DuBose-Schmitt

Missionary for the Week



JUNE GALLMAN Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship Costa Rica

June has been an educator at a women's prison in San Jose for 20 years teaching English. She also teaches 7th-

9th grade English. She also owns a half-way house that will house several of the women inmates and their children once they are released. She is working to increase that number and eventually own another home.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Her health and ability to work
- The half-way house "Casa Eleos"
- Finishing up final stages of her mom's probate. Pray for strength and comfort.
- Having to ration water 2-3 days each week.