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The Newsletter

December 2020 Issue



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Special points of interest:

- Officer Elections
- Hanging of the Greens
- Christmas Eve Service
- Disaster Relief Team



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — HANGING OF THE GREENS AT 9:00 AM

Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in decorating the church for Christmas! Families are invited to make this a fun morning of service together.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 — IST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship Service at 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/OFFICER ELECTIONS
Worship Service at 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/COMMUNION Worship Service at 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship Service at 9:30 AM. Take your Poinsettias!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE >CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 5:00 PM

Take your Poinsettias!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Worship Service at 9:30 AM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 — New Year's Eve >Church Office Closed

OFFICER ELECTIONS — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

An important Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, during both worship services to elect Elders & Deacons. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Note from the Pastor:

Dear saints,

We have so much to be thankful for! The Session has interviewed 18 new members along with 13 new communicants and welcomed them into membership at Chapin Pres this month. We are beyond grateful that God has brought people whom He desires to us even in the midst of this virus. The Session also met multiple times in November charting a path forward for 2021.

We are excited to announce that we will begin Sunday school on January 3 with three adult classes.

Mr. Tim Musick will teach a mask required class that will begin at 8:30 AM prior to the service. No childcare will be available for this class. After the service, two adult classes will be held in the sanctuary and in the family center to promote safe social distancing. The children and youth committees are busy at work planning how their Sunday school classes will look.

Lastly, as Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, we want to make you feel more comfortable as we worship around more people. So, the Session has decided to label our overflow area in the family center where our livestream large screen is as a mask required area during the worship service. Please consider coming and enjoying worship together while masked and socially distanced in the family center! I am so thankful for what God is doing in our midst and I am looking forward to the year ahead. Please pray with us that the Lord will continue to watch over and protect us!

For His glory,

-Pastor Dinkins





Please come join the fun as we decorate the church for Christmas this weekend! NO decorating skills necessary (either day)!

We could use some help Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. to fluff bows and wreaths and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon to put decorations out, decorate trees and hang wreaths.

Please bring the whole family and encourage your church friends to come.

Masks welcome!

We look forward to seeing you this weekend!

—The Decorating Committee

CPC SUPPER CLUB 2021

Consider signing up for 2021! Groups of 8. Sign ups for next year begin in November. Sign up with coordinator, Lauren Dunn (mdunn2001@sc.rr.com, 803-345-1681 or text 803-513-0515).

If you haven't participated in these before it is one really good time and you get to know the church family on a deeper level.



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CPC DISASTER RELIEF TEAM

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. — Matthew 5:16

Greetings everyone!

2020 has been quite a year! From all that is 2020, God's blessings have remained with us daily. But some areas of the country, including South Carolina have had their share of disaster this year. The tornadoes that struck in April in our state to the hurricanes that have affected the Gulf Coast, the fires in the west to the earthquake in New England just days ago. So much of our country has been affected by these disasters but there are many great stories of His love being spread by thousands of volunteers who have responded joyfully, to serve His purpose and spread His message throughout our great nation.

Chapin Presbyterian Church is now canvassing our congregation to see who is interested and willing to be part of a Disaster Relief (DR) team, serving under our CARE/Mercy Committee. Once those interested have been identified, a meeting will be scheduled with Keith Perry, the Southeast Regional Director of the Mission North America Disaster Relief program to come and present the program as well as suggestions for building a DR team here at CPC and answer any and all questions regarding this initiative.

If this is something you are interested in, please respond to Diana Smith by January 3. Once initial interest has been received, a meeting with Mr. Perry will be scheduled to further discuss this.

Please pray for this opportunity in our church and please contact Diana if you are interested. God's blessing to you all!





| DEC. I | Jose Correa Dave Herndon | DEC. 9 | Kim Seals | DEC. 20 | Bill McMillin |
|--------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| | Robyn McCaskill | DEC. 12 | Terry Stoker | DEC. 22 | Judy Seals |
| DEC. 2 | Andrea Looney Layton Stauffer | DEC. 13 | Jim Hanna | DEC. 28 | Mike Campbell |
| | • | DEC. 14 | Dede Fischer | DEC. 29 | Elizabeth Bonnett |
| DEC. 3 | Johnnie Looney | | Clara Timmons | | |
| | | | Millie Tyler | DEC . 30 | Tim Musick |
| DEC. 4 | Toney Higbe | | | | |
| | Susan Holfelner | DEC. 17 | Samuel Correa | DEC. 31 | Lisa Campbell |
| | Lee Parker | | Tripp Jennings | | Audrey Taylor Keith Wilkes |
| DEC. 6 | Jason Vick | DEC. 18 | Benjamin Bonnett Zelle Thomas | | |
| DEC. 8 | Abbey Carmody Hannah Mathis | | Joseph Timmons | | |

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HISKidZ News

>Saturday, Nov 21st will be a fun day for our church! Families are invited to come at 9:00 AM to begin decorating our church for Christmas. At 9:30 AM children and parents are invited Living for Jesus

into the family center for a short story time, craft and decorating the children's tree. We will have tables set up for each family to social distance, so please let Jackie know if you are coming!! We will also be handing out our



Nov-Dec family activities bags!! If you can't come for the activities, drive by the church from 10:30-11:30 AM to pick up yours.

 \succ Every child from 6th grade and below will also get a Christmas present from our church. We will start handing these out the first week in December.

>Christmas Eve service is at 5:00 PM. We will have an infant/toddler nursery. All older children are welcome to worship with their families.

See you Sunday, I love you! — Mrs. Jackie

GRAVITY (5-6th graders)

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." —James 4:8

GRAVITY packed 58 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!! And they will pack Christmas gift bags for residents at Generations on Dec 6th. Here's the schedule for the next few weeks:

GRAVITY November/December Schedule:

November 22nd:-GTime at CPC from 5:00-7:00 PM.

November 29th: NO GRAVITY - 5th weekend fun with your family.

December 6th: Service Weekend - We will meet at the church on Sunday from 5:00-7:00 PM. Please bring items from the list for Generations (lip balm, lotions, gripper socks, mints, toiletries, etc). We will write notes and assemble goodie bags to give the residents who don't receive much for Christmas.

December 13th: GTime at CPC - Christmas Party! Everyone bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange.

NO GRAVITY Dec. 20th, 27th or Jan. 3rd. We will resume meeting on January 10.

DECEMBER DOOR GREETER SCHEDULE 9:30 AM

1st Sunday

Bill & Gail Calhoun

2nd Sunday

Weston & Beth Curtis

3rd Sunday

John & Frances Derrick

4th Sunday

Luke & Betsy Bonnett and Family

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS **FOR 2020**

All charitable contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked by THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 at 4:00 PM in order for them to be counted for 2020. Thank you!



Livestreaming from our Website:

go to www.chapinpres.org and click on "Watch us live Sundays 9:30am"

Online Giving is now available through our church website www.chapinpres.org, Realm Connect on your phone, or by texting REALM and entering chapinpres.



Student Ministry Stuff:

(Mark your calendars)

ReFormed Community Night! (7th-12th grade) **Sunday nights 5-7 PM**

Our student ministry meets every Sunday at CPC to share a meal, play games, and dig deeper into the Word. We are currently studying the Book of John.

> We will NOT meet on Sunday, December 27.

8 Week Small Group Studies Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 PM

ReFormed is kicking off an 8 week study in Mark's gospel starting November 18th! We will have two gender specific groups for middle school and two for high school. This will be a great opportunity for students to get to know Jesus better, spend time with each other, and receive training in how to read the Bible for themselves. Starting November 18th, we'll be meeting at Chapin Pres on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM. Contact Mitch if you have any questions.



Please contact Mitch Van Thof, Student Ministry Director, (203-893-9486 or mitch@chapinpres.com with any questions.

TIS THE SEASON TO REMEMBER

Poinsettias for Honorariums & **Memorials**

CPC is offering poinsettias for

honorariums and memorials to be displayed in the worship center during the advent season. The cost per poinsettia is \$10.00. Deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, Nov. 29. All poinsettias can be picked up after the morning worship service on Dec. 20 or Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 Look for a poinsettia order form in the bulletin over the next few weeks, order through our website (www.chapinpres.org) or call the church office at 345-0500 for more information.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The CARE Committee has a special announcement to make! The belated annual meeting of the CARE Committee will be held on January 13 at 6:30 PM at Chapin Pres! The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall in order that good social distancing may be observed. All who are on the CARE Committee are invited along with anybody in the church family who is interested in knowing more about the CARE Committee. It is a sweet committee to be a part of and as you see, we have one meeting a year! Please come and join us or if you have any questions just call or e-mail me.

We still are in need of Receptionists on Sunday morning, Right now you have your choice of the 1st, 2nd, 4th or 5th Sundays. If you can help, call Judy Weathersbee at 803-606-3690 and she will tell you about the job. It is a very nice job and you get to meet the very newest people.

Now a purely practical tip; my son is a supply chain guy and he told me that it is imperative to order early and mail early this year if you want to get your packages to their destinations before Christmas! Due to COVID all of the shippers (UPS, FedEx, USPS, DHL) are going to be really overextended.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family! Enjoy this perfectly wonderful holiday dedicated to giving thanks and I thank Jesus for each and every one of you, you are a sweet treasure to my life; yeah, really!

Love, -Helen

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs./9AM—4PM

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600 Old Lexington Hwy. Chapin, SC 29036-7978

Worship Service: Sundays at 9:30 AM Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Worship Location: 600 Old Lexington Hwy. Chapin, SC

Phone: 803-345-0500
E-mail: secretary@chapinpres.com
WWW.CHAPINPRES.ORG

Duty Deacons for December Jim Cain & Mark Morvay

WE CARE ITEMS NEEDED:

Jelly/Jam, Corn
Muffin Mix, Pancake Mix,
Chili Beans, Chunky Soup,
Progresso Soup, Canned Yams,
Shampoo/Conditioner, Shaving
Cream, Cleaning Supplies.
Thank you!



CPC STAFF INFORMATION:

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CPC Highlights of the Month:

SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 29

IST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 A Worship Service (Each Sunday Morning)
5:00 P ReFormed Community Night (7th-12th grades) (Each Sunday night)

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 2

9:00 A Retired Men's Bible Study/FC (Each Wednesday)

2:00 P Women's Exercise Class/RM 244 (Each Wednesday)

4:00 P Middle School Girls Small Group (Each Wednesday)

7:30 P High School Students Small Group (Each Wednesday)

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 3

6:00 pm Staff/Officer Christmas Dinner/FC

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 6 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT OFFICER ELECTIONS

9:30 A Worship Service (Each Sunday Morning) 4:00 P Marissa's Joyful Noise Class/WC (Each Sunday)

5:00 P ReFormed Community Night (7th-12th grades) (Each Sunday night)

5:00 P Gravity (5th-6th grades) Service Weekend @ CPC

MONDAY—DECEMBER 7

10:00 A Prosperity/Chapin Small Group/RM 128 (Each Monday)

6:00 P Session Meeting

6:30 P Women Seeking God Bible Study/ Takachs (2nd & 4th Mondays)

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 10

7:00 P Finance Committee Meeting/RM 211

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 13

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/COMMUNION

Regular Sunday Events

5:00P Gravity (5th-6th grades) Christmas Party@CPC

MONDAY—DECEMBER 14

6:30 P Diaconate Meeting

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 20

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Regular Sunday Events

5:00 P ReFormed Community Night (7th-12th grades) Christmas Party/Off Site

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 P Christmas Eve Service

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 27

9:30 A Worship Service (Each Sunday Morning)

MONDAY—DECEMBER 28 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY—DECEMBER 29

6:30 P Facilities Committee Meeting/RM 224

THURSDAY—DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Due to Covid-19 some scheduled activities may change. Check our website or call the church office with any questions.

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Check it out for more updates and information!

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