



PresbyPress

*"Every day is the day the Lord has made —
Rejoice! And be glad in it!"*

October 2011

World Communion Sunday October 2, 2011



In the winter of 1935, a group of Presbyterians met to study the spiritual needs of the church. In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, they saw a great opportunity to link all the churches of the world. In 1937, the First Sunday of October was named World Communion Sunday. Since then almost all mainline Protestant denominations in almost all countries of the world partake of the Lord's Supper on that first Sunday.

The Lord's Supper is the act of eating and drinking at the table of the risen Lord. In this act, we remember that Jesus shared meals with His followers and often sat at table with the selfish and with the outcast as a sign of their acceptance and forgiveness. In His last meal before His death, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup with His disciples, speaking of these as His body and blood, symbols that reveal the sacrifice Jesus Christ made so that we might have forgiveness and the promise of everlasting life. On the day of His resurrection, the risen Jesus made Himself known to His followers in the breaking of bread.

On World Communion, Jesus stands at the Table and looks for His followers. He is ready to make Himself known again. His love and forgiveness are present at the Table and in our Sanctuary on World Communion Sunday. Jesus Christ has a blessing to give to you.

World Communion Sunday is also the day
we receive the **Peacemaking Offering**

Part of this offering remains here at our church for mission projects

Music Ministry or Poinsettia Memorials

You may make a contribution to our Music Ministry or purchase a poinsettia during the Christmas season. Gifts can be made in honor or memory of a loved one and those names will be included in the church bulletin at Christmas time. (Please note that the amount of the contribution will remain confidential and will not be published.) The cost of a poinsettia is \$15.⁰⁰.

Music Ministry Options

Approximate Cost

	Any Amount
Undesignated	
Bell Music per Selection	\$ 4.00 X 15 = \$ 60
Choral Music per Selection	\$ 4.00 X 30 = \$ 120
Wilson Byer Piano Tuning Fund	per tuning = \$ 100
Portable Sound Board	= \$ 3000
5 th Octave of Bells	1 Bell = \$ 700

I would like to have a Poinsettia at Christmas:

_____ Poinsettias (\$15.00 per poinsettia)

I would like to contribute toward the following:

_____ Undesignated

_____ Bell Music

_____ Choral Music

_____ Wilson Byer Piano Tuning Fund

_____ Portable Sound Board

_____ 5th Octave of Bells

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Given by _____

Please Enclose Amount with your order \$ _____



Each autumn our church family gathers at Bluestone for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual renewal

Arrival is Friday evening with snacks and fellowship (please bring a favorite snack to share)

Enjoy the fireplace. Rock away your troubles. Take a turn at ping-pong or your favorite board or a card game. Retire for the night in one of the cabins. Sleep well, snug as a bug. This year's activities include: mountain hiking, pumpkin carving, ping-pong tournament, and outdoor games including frisbee. There are special activities for teens. There are times for devotions, vespers, and worship for all.

Bluestone Retreat
“Let’s Kick Back and Relax”
October 28 - 30

Name of Party _____

Cabin Mate Preference _____

Cost

Adults	12 & Up	X	\$57.00	\$ _____
Children	5-11	X	\$28.50	\$ _____
Children	4 & Under			FREE
TOTAL				\$ _____

Please enclose amount with this registration form by Oct 16th

Make checks payable to:
FPC of South Charleston, marked “Retreat”



Oct 3	Becky Smith	Oct 20	Bill Kimmons
Oct 4	Stephen McGrew	Oct 26	Fred Camp
	Bailey Johnson	Oct 27	Emma Lou Robinson
Oct 9	Ben Calderwood	Oct 28	Eric Lowe
	Barbara Cruickshank	Oct 30	Greg Smith
Oct 16	Jack Smith		Janet Williamson
Oct 17	Bryce Johnson	Oct 31	Kathryn Sweeney

Luncheon for All

Sunday
October 16th
following worship



Lora Hayes and her fellow missionaries to Haiti are hosting this meal as they ready themselves to pack pills and make plans for their upcoming February 2012 medical mission trip. There is no charge for this awesome luncheon, but donations to purchase the medicine are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to assemble a shoebox for
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Here is a list of possibilities

purses, barrettes, jewelry, wallets
journals, pens, pencils, calculators
socks, caps, t-shirts, hairbrush, combs
tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, wash clothes
coloring books, crayons, notepads, story books
yo-yo's, hackey-sacks, action figures, puzzles
cars, trucks, soft balls, stuffed animals, legos, baby doll



Does the Spirit move you?

Your endowment committee, better known as
The Shade Tree Committee
is always active, just not always obvious

This committee is dedicated to finding and offering you splendid “opportunities” to help the future of the church.

Ask yourself a question or two:

1. Does your Will include your Church?
You do have a Will, don't you?
2. Do you want to make a donation in someone's name or be able to suggest it if asked by someone?
3. Could it be that the end of 2011 is coming quickly and you wish to take advantage of a tax deduction?

The two main funds of our church are the *Ministry Enhancement Fund* and the *Building, Property and Equipment Fund*. The names describe their use.

We encourage all to be knowledgeable about **your** Church Endowments Funds, and please refer any questions you may have to Dave Davison, Dwight Sherman, or Tom Titus.

What wonderful opportunities have been given to us!

Scholarship Applications

The Stewardship Committee is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2011 Fall Semester. Application forms are available in the church office.

Presbyterian Women

PW Council

Thur, Oct 6, at 6:30 pm, Mizpah Room.
All officers, committee chairmen, and
circle chairmen are requested to attend



PW Circles

Circle of Love Tue, Oct 11, in the Parlor at 7:00 pm

Circle of Faith will meet Thursday, October 13, in the Mizpah Room at 12:00 noon. We extend an invitation to all women to join us for food, fun, fellowship and Bible Study. Everyone is to bring their own sandwich for lunch and desserts and drinks will be furnished.

Furniture Ministry *Mission in Action*



Thank you! to all participants who gave their time, energy, and their strong backs to the 2011 Furniture Mission. Some came out on very short notice to fill in a slot in an emergency

We are especially grateful to Betsy Greer, who coordinated and assigned the delivery folk, and to Tom Titus, who oversaw the actual Saturday arrangements and the pick-ups.

Special thanks to First Methodist & Grace Nazarene workers.

If there are any who missed this OPPORTUNITY to participate in a great mission experience or cannot wait to ride shotgun again, please today contact Betsy Greer, Tom Titus, or the Church Office and let them know that you will be back on next year's schedule as a worker.

This ministry DOES make a difference.

WOW!

**Wednesday Nights
For the Entire Family**

Catered Dinner

5:45 pm Fellowship Hall

Cost

\$7.00 adults

\$3.50 children

MAD Wednesday

(music & drama)

6:30 pm Choir Room

Adult Bible Study

6:35 pm Mizpah Room

Chancel Choir

7:30 pm Choir Room

**Join us
each Wednesday
for fellowship**

***Children's
Fall Festival***
October 26

5:45 pm

Fellowship Hall



Dress-up

Parade of Costumes

Games, Games, Games

All the Pizza you can Eat

(no charge)

All children & their friends
are invited to come for an
evening of fun and games

Youth Group

We are preparing for
Youth Sunday, October 16

Friday

6:30 pm

Oct 21

Van-a-thon

Wednesday Oct 5, 12, 19

6:30 pm Music & Drama

Sunday

Oct 16

Worship will be led by the
Youth Group. Will include
music, skits, and scripture.

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