



STEEPLE PEOPLE

First Presbyterian Church

Cinton, South Carolina

LIVING, LEARNING, & LOVING LIKE CHRIST

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Schoooooool's out for summer! It's hard to NOT sing along with Alice Cooper every year as summer approaches and the school bell rings one last time. This, along with many songs through the decades have become famous as they represent a song for the summer. Remember those mixed tapes and CD's we used to string together with just the right songs for just the right occasions? What songs of the summer do you remember? Was it the Beach Boys' Surfin' USA or California Girls in the 1960's, or ABBA's Dancing Queen or Staying Alive by the BeeGee's for the 70's? Was it Madonna and Prince in the 80's and what about the Spice Girls and Ricky Martin in the 90's? Who was it and when? There are so many great songs that take us back.

To that end, I'd like for us to consider some other great songs this summer, too. Songs we know as psalms and those familiar hymns of our faith. Worship throughout June and July will include familiar hymns/worship songs, as well as sermons from the Psalms, as we make up our own summer playlist.

Do you have a favorite psalm? What about a favorite hymn? I'd love to hear which one(s) and why? Please send me an email at achambers@fpcclinton.org so I can make sure all our favorites are included.

Thanks for your help and I look forward to a great summer here in Clinton. Now to get *Livin' La Vida Loca* out of my head.....

Blessings,

Andy

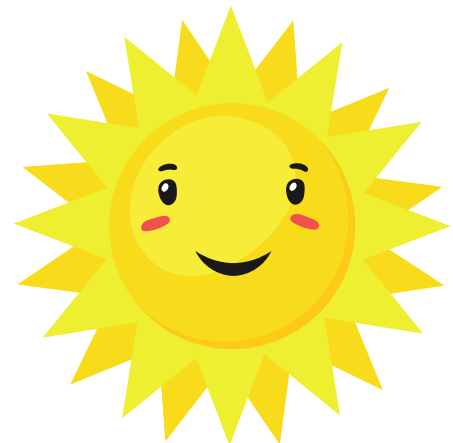
JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 14

Juneteenth Potluck
Breakfast

JUNE 15-20

Youth Retreat @ Montreat



PLEASE REMEMBER IN



CHURCH FAMILY

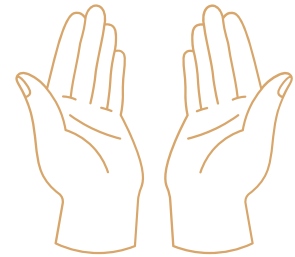
Margaret Addison
Laura Ashley
Neile Chambers
P-Nut Dowdle
Kathy Hamer
Linda Hunter
Gin Jacobs
Karen Mattison
Liz Pinzon
Dot Smith
Danny Wardlaw

FRIENDS OF CHURCH

Stuart Britt
Neal & Lynda Counterman
Andy Dill
Julie Young Keadle
Alan Pinson
Kim Purcell
Trecie Davis Richey
Joe House
Lannie Finley
Moonyeen Smith

BEREAVEMENT

Cindy Jacobs & family
Sonya Atkinson & family
Pam Warren & family
Marvine & Bill Tyler
The Goodbar family
Laurie Addison & family
Bebe Ademy & family



Please note: The prayer list may change throughout the month. Any changes after the newsletter's publication will be updated the following month.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1

Debra Bishop
Livia Johnson

2

Merin Rose Orr

3

Karen Mattison

4

Foard Tarbert

6

Anne Ballenger

7

Linwood Floyd

9

Anders Orr

12

Sophie Keyes Hoge
Avery Holsonback

13

Gayle Copeland

14

Grin Darden
Kerri Gearheart

Caroline Addison Werts

15

Lily Walsh

16

Tom Stephens

18

Thomas Addison

19

Leona Boyce

20

Laura Ashley
Mackenzie Taylor

21

Hamp Barnes

22

Dixie Prickett

23

Lisa Keen
Cassie Nichols

24

Jamey Addison

26

Don Revis
Sammy Wham

29

Kennedy Wardlaw

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Holly Prickett
Joan Young



SO MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE...



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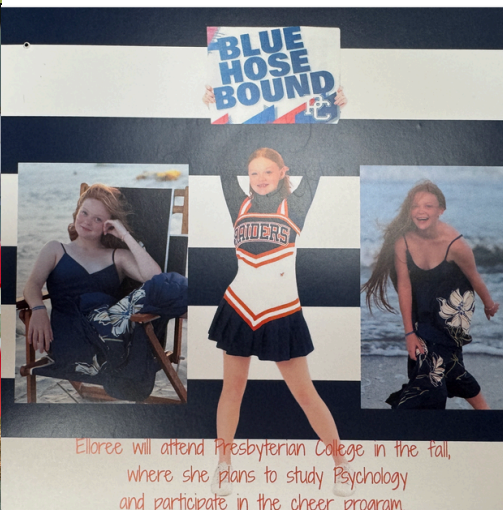
Congratulations to Leni Patterson, recipient of the 2026 Martha Anne Green Service to Church & College Award, presented at the Presbyterian College Baccalaureate Service held on May 8th.



We celebrate Campbell Atkinson's graduation from Coastal Carolina University on May 9th. Campbell graduated with a degree in Business Management. He hopes to pursue a career in real estate/development in the Charleston area.



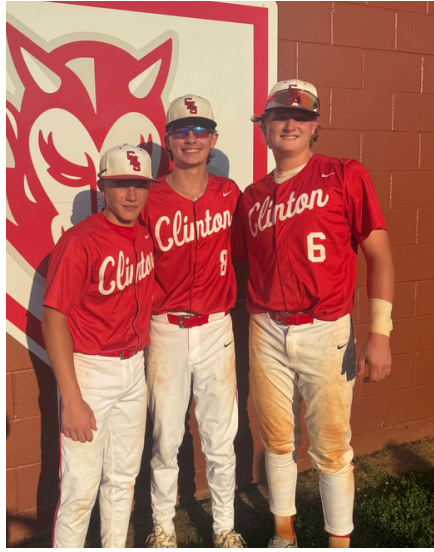
Our Class of 2026 High School Graduates were recognized during Baccalaureate Sunday, May 17th. Congratulations to Clinton High School graduates: *Avery Barnes, Edwin Orr, Ada Tiller, and William Wyatt*; and to Habersham Central High School graduate, *Ellore Chambers*.



Ellore will attend Presbyterian College in the fall, where she plans to study Psychology and participate in the cheer program.



GRADUATION



And here's a huge shoutout to the CHS Red Devils baseball team for snagging the Upper State title! They clinched it with a 4-3 victory over Batesburg-Leesville on May 20th. The Red Devils took on Atlantic Collegiate at Myrtle Beach on Tuesday, May 26th, in a best-of-3 series, winning the first game 5-1. They played game 2 in Clinton Friday, May 29th defeating Atlantic Collegiate 5-4 in the 8th inning for the state Championship! We are very proud of the CHS Varsity Baseball Team and especially our youth, Logan, Avery and William! Congratulations on a remarkable season!



The next time you roam the halls of FPC, take a moment to appreciate the beautiful, scriptural artwork displayed and created by Ashley Powell. The vibrant colors exude a sense of joy, making FPC feel even more like the warm and welcoming place we all know and love! Thank you, Ashley, for sharing your time and talents with us!



The end of the 2025-2026 Snack Pack school year at Eastside Elementary brings many changes. Eastside Elementary was the pilot program for Snack Pack beginning in 2010. Thanks to the leadership of Ron and Nancy Dove and United Ministries, Snack Pack became a program to include all of District 56 elementaries and the middle school beginning in 2011. The Doves have been the driving force that bought, organized, and supervised food distribution for our Snack Pack program while continuing volunteer work at United ministries for over 20 years. Those of us who volunteer will miss their quiet presence and faithful dedication to the job of feeding hungry children. Thank you for your years of service and good luck to those who follow.



Snack Pack volunteers for this school year were: Lisa Keen, Susan Raynal, Derrick and Jim Adair, Dixie and Willie Pricket, Susan Henderson, Debbie and Frank Boland, Jean and Don Revis, Sherry and Foard Tarbert, Jane and Tom Scott, Kay Cleveland, Mica Nixon, Randy and Andy Sullivan, Miki Cooper, Leigh Ann and Bob Bryant, Elisabeth and Ron Zimmerson, Jean Johnson, Pam Copeland, Holly and Hunt Cook, Carroll and Gayle Copeland.

Previous volunteers: Ann Cornelson, P'Nut Dowdle, Mary Lou Blalock, Mackie Barnes, Swavka Ferguson, Jill Frey, Nancy Goodbar, Lou Giles, Lynda Mills, Marvine Tyler, Debra and Steve Bishop.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED MINISTRIES

Donations of canned fruit needed until there is an adequate supply. Donations may be placed in the bin by the church office.

CASUAL WORSHIP SUNDAYS

Summer is here and it's time for casual worship Sundays! Through the Labor Day weekend, we encourage you to come to church "summertime casual" and join us for a relaxing and meaningful time of worship at FPC!

PRAYING AT THE MOVIES

Our **Summer Sunday School** series has begun! Bring the whole family as we gather in the Fellowship Hall at **9:30 a.m.** Film clips will be shown and discussions will be led as to how each film clip relates to your faith journey.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Beginning Sunday, May 31 and through Labor Day weekend, the Congregational Life Committee will sponsor Lemonade on the Lawn each Sunday following the worship service. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex if you would like to volunteer.

JUNETEENTH POTLUCK BREAKFAST

In honor of Juneteenth, the Racial Equity Committee is sponsoring a potluck breakfast during the SS hour on **June 14th**. Please bring your favorite breakfast item to share and join us in this time of Fellowship.

YOUTH MISSION BLITZ

Our Elementary through Sr. Highs will participate in a Mission Blitz **Wed., June 10th @ 10AM** at United Ministries. A picnic & swim party at Livia & Austin Johnson's will be held at the end of the Blitz.

JOIN US AT THE FELLOWSHIP BREW

Join Pastor Andy at the Fellowship Brew, Room 111 of the CLC, at 10:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship over coffee, tea and light breakfast snacks. This month we will gather on the **10th** and the **24th**. All are welcome!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Register your child using the following link:
<https://www.myvbs.org/clintonvbs2026>

JUNE SUNDAY DUTY SCHEDULE

LITURGISTS

6/7: Laurie Counterman
6/14: Andy Sullivan
6/21: Chad Gambrell
6/28: Austin Barnes

LIVE STREAM TEAM

6/7: Emily Holder
6/14: Mica Nixon
6/21: Marty Ademy
6/28: Ron Zimmerman

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

6/7: Dr. Bob Bryant - *"Chariots of Fire"*
6/14: RE Cmte. Potluck Breakfast
6/21: Dr. Holbrook Raynal - *"Gandhi"*
6/28: Lee Atkinson - *"It's a Wonderful Life"*

SECURITY, DEPOSIT & USHERS

6/7: Danny Cook/Jean Johnson
6/14: Harold Nichols/Jean Johnson
6/21: Lee Atkinson/Jean Johnson
6/28: Chad Gambrell/Jettie Young

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 2026

May 3

Sunday School: 35
Sanctuary: 123
Presbyterian Comm.: 3
Online Views: 49

TOTAL: 175

May 10

Sunday School: 44
Sanctuary: 114
Presbyterian Comm.: 3
Online Views: 40

TOTAL: 157

May 17

Sunday School: 41
Sanctuary: 130
Presbyterian Comm.: 6
Online Views: 44

TOTAL: 180

May 24

Sunday School: 17
Sanctuary: 66
Presbyterian Comm.: 0
Online Views: 45

TOTAL: 111

May 31

Sunday School: 30
Sanctuary: 121
Presbyterian Comm.: 4
Online Views: 13



TOTAL: 138

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VIA Health Partners (formerly Hospice of Laurens County) is seeking volunteers to give one hour per week to provide companionship to patients, help with light household tasks, help with errands, and provided a needed break to a caregiver. For more information, call Kathleen Stuart, Volunteer Manager, at 864-438-3900 or visit www.viavolunteering.org.

Thornwell is in need of summer volunteers for its **Thornwell Connections Camp, July 20th-24th**. Thornwell Connections Camp is a **therapeutic camp** for our students held on the Thornwell campus and is an intentional place for youth to learn and grow in their relationship skills. Volunteers must be 18+.

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Comm. OR Cmte. 5:30 PM (Library)	2 Classics Gym Walk 9:00-10:30 (CLC) Mah Jongg 10:00 (CLC/Rm. 110) Admin. Cmte. 5:30 PM (Library)	3	4 W&M Cmte. 5:30 PM (Library)	5	6 CLC Reserved 5:00-9:00 PM
7 SS 9:30 (Film) Worship 10:30 <i>Casual Worship</i> Lemonade on the Lawn 11:30	8 Cong. Life Cmte. 5:30 (Library) RE Cmte. 5:30 (Workroom)	9 Classics Gym Walk 9:00-10:30 (CLC) Mah Jongg 10:00 (CLC/Rm. 110) Endowment Cmte. 5:30 (Library)	10 Fellowship Brew 10:00 (CLC/Rm 111) 	11	12	13
14 Potluck Bkfst - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:30 <i>Casual Worship</i> Lemonade on the Lawn 11:30	15 Montreat Youth Conference Begins	16 Montreat	17 Montreat	18 Montreat Fellowship gathering with Pastor Andy at The Lumberyard 6:30 pm	19 Montreat Juneteenth	20 Montreat Youth Conference Ends
21 SS 9:30 (Film) Worship 10:30 <i>Casual Worship</i> Lemonade on the Lawn 11:30 Vespers @ Pres. Comm. 4:00 pm	22 VBS 5:30-8:30 PM at BSUMC	23 Classics Gym Walk 9:00-10:30 (CLC) Mah Jongg 10:00 (CLC/Rm. 110) VBS 5:30-8:30 PM at BSUMC	24 Fellowship Brew 10:00 (CLC/Rm 111)  VBS 5:30-8:30 PM at BSUMC	25 VBS 5:30-8:30 PM at BSUMC	26 VBS 5:30-8:30 PM at BSUMC	27
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NOTES & REMINDERS

- Casual worship through Labor Day | Canned fruit donations needed (bin by office)

KEY: ■ Montreat ■ Potluck ■ VBS