



**NACCP Weekly News**

**October 15, 2024**

**Calendar of Services—Services available In Person\* and via Facebook Live Streaming link sent out with each week’s bulletin.**

**\*1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is scheduled for inside the church. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is scheduled at the outdoor stage, weather permitting.**

- October 13 - Dr. Keith Ray; Blessing of the Animals**
- October 20 - Dr. Keith Ray**
- October 27 - Service at South Main Chapel and Mercy Center**

**Current News and Announcements**

**Did you miss mentioning an announcement during the Sunday service? Use this Google form to submit [announcement requests](#) for the newsletter.**

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***Thanks to Keith (and Riley!) for a wonderful Blessing of the Animals service. It was wonderful to see so many four-legged parishioners at the service.***

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**We will be serving the meal at South Main Chapel and Mercy Center on October 27. If you signed up to bring a food item, please be sure to have it to South Main by 10:30 am that day. This Sunday, October 20, we will assemble candy bags immediately after church and will conclude the Undie Sunday donation drive in preparation for our visit on the 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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**A message from Polly to the choir: “Seasonal choir practice will begin on Sunday, October 20. We will meet in the choir room from 9:25 – 10:00. I hope to see all our veteran members as well as new members. Polly 864-940-0640.”**

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**Steve Hollowell needs our prayers and assistance as he has entered home hospice care. Please contact Cynthia Warner at [cynthiakwarner@mac.com](mailto:cynthiakwarner@mac.com) if you are able to become a part of Steve’s Care Team and sit with him at his apartment for any half or full days during this time.**

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**Thanks to Karen, Shea, Scott, Lin, and Rob for clearing our outdoor worship space of debris so that we could enjoy our Blessing of the Animals service!**

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**The Imani Milele Choir from Uganda will be performing at Presbyterian College on November 13 at 7 pm. Learn more at <https://www.campfellowship.org/imani2024>. Update: There is a second date on November 17 at 4 pm at First Presbyterian in Greenwood.**

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**Andi will be hosting her annual potluck Thanksgiving gathering at Rabbit Hill farm at 1 pm. All are welcome – including your friends and family!**

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Please join Presbyterian Earth Care (PEC) for this unique monthly opportunity for community and meaningful Bible study! The study will run for 75 minutes each session. Dates: Sept. 22nd, Oct. 27th, Nov. 24th, Dec. 22nd, Jan. 26th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 23rd, Apr. 28th, May 26<sup>th</sup> all at 7 pm. Study Leaders: Rev. M. Courtenay Willcox and Rev. Lucy Youngblood. For more info and Zoom link:

<https://presbyearthcare.org/bible-study-pw-2024-2025/>

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You can go to [scvotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov) to look at a sample ballot, register to vote, and more. In addition to registering to vote online, you can also register to vote in person at your county board of voter registration. The deadline to register to vote in person is October 4. You can register online, by fax, or email by October 6 or by mail by October 7. Early voting is from October 21 - November 2 from 8:30 - 6:00 and the general election is on November 5 from 7:00 - 7:00.

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Don't miss the upcoming performances *The Rocky Horror Show* at Market Theatre October 11 – November 2.

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Reminder that PFLAG meets the second Thursday of the month at NACCP at 7 pm.

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Church Clean-up days are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:30 am and usually take no more than 90 minutes. The sign-up sheet is in the church.

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The Bible Study Group (BSG) meets Mondays at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Dave Johnson is guiding us through the book of Deuteronomy (*editor's note: it's far more interesting than it sounds!*). If you'd like to be added to the Zoom invite list then contact Cynthia at [cynthiakwarner@mac.com](mailto:cynthiakwarner@mac.com).

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Tithe Collection — The collection for October 13 was \$2,290. Session is always grateful for your generosity!

Contributions may be mailed to:

North Anderson Community Church, Presbyterian, P.O. Box 4346, Anderson, SC 29622.

Online giving for regular contributions:

Go to NACCP's website, [naccpchurch.org](https://naccpchurch.org), and click on Missions and Giving. Scroll to "Donate Now" to create a profile and make a donation. If you need help, call Tom at 585-775-5863.

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For News from Foothills Presbytery, click on the link [here](#).

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Prayers of the People

*For this and all our blessings, God, we praise you.*

Diane is celebrating her son Kevin's marriage to Jenna in September!

Bonnie is celebrating her son Michael has found a new love after his recent tragedy.  
Gloria is celebrating how well the legal immigrant family she has been hosting have been doing in integrating into the community and finding work.

*God, in our mercy, hear our prayer.*

Prayers for Steve Hallowell who has entered home hospice care after recently learning of wide-spread cancer. Please sign up to be a part of Steve's Care Team if possible.  
Prayers for all who have been impacted by hurricanes Helene and Milton.

### Happy October Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 6 – Fran Moran

October 7 – Howard Semones

October 10 – Gloria Bennett

October 10 – DuPre and Manella's anniversary

October 11 – Nancy Blakely

October 14 – Jeff Moran

October 18 – David Lollis

October 19 – Scott Finley and Sharon Fowler's anniversary

October 25 – Patricia Elana Bennett

October 26 – Harriett Richie

October 31 – Brian and LJ Joyner-Cromer's anniversary

### Elders

Joanne Batten, Class of 2026 [battenjoanne@gmail.com](mailto:battenjoanne@gmail.com); Building and Grounds

Ann Blackwood, Class of 2026 [blackw00d@charter.net](mailto:blackw00d@charter.net); Outreach and Missions

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## **NACCP STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**October 13, 2024**

**NACCP, noon**

### **OPENING MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

Ann Blackwood opened the meeting with prayer.

### **TAKING OF THE ROLL/DECLARING A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared by Moderator Rev Nancy Blakely with the following Elders present: Joanne Batten, Ann Blackwood, Andi Nelson, Thor Raines (via phone) and Sarah Shumpert.. Absent was Rosie Thompson. Also present were Worship Leader Dr Keith Ray, Clerk Karen Manley, Treasurer Tom Wright, Manella Calhoun, Diane Lee, Robin Chambers, Jax Collins and Gloria Bennett.

### **REPORT FROM SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM**

- Gloria Bennett, Ann Blackwood, Robin Chambers and Jax Collins attended the Foothills Presbytery Church Safety and Security workshop September 14. They presented their report to Session with discussion on several issues.
- A motion by Elder Blackwood to allow these individuals to form a Disaster Assessment Team was seconded and carried. They will organize a plan for NACCP and make suggestions for implementation. Robin Chambers will lead this team.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

By consensus of the Session the agenda was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion by Elder Shumpert to approve the minutes from August was seconded and carried.

### **REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

- The next Foothills Presbytery meeting is Nov 12, 10 - 2:30, at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville. By consensus of Session, Elder Blackwood will represent NACCP

as the commissioner at this meeting.

● Sharon and Karen met with Rebecca Hines a few weeks ago regarding her use of the labyrinth. Several concerns came from discussion - liability insurance, in-kind donation, facility's agreement, a concrete plan for using the space. We will wait to hear more from Rebecca before making a final decision.

● PFLAG has requested use of the building, parking lot, stage and labyrinth to have a safe space for a Halloween celebration for children Oct 18. They will need to sign the Facility Agreement. Sarah Shumpert will be in attendance. A motion by Elder Blackwood to allow PFLAG to use the building and outdoor spaces was seconded and carried.

#### **REPORT FROM THE MODERATOR**

No report

#### **REPORT FROM WORSHIP LEADER**

● Keith has been asked to perform the marriage of Chris Hall and Patrick Brumfield at NACCP Nov 9, 3 pm. A motion by Elder Shumpert to approve the use of the church building for this marriage ceremony was seconded and carried.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (These items don't need discussion.)**

● Outreach and Missions committee members assumed specific roles

❖ Vicki - liaison with United Way and Snack Packing

❖ Sharon - organize school supplies and Christmas gifts for New Foundations, treat bags for S Main in October, Undie Sundays for S Main

❖ Patti - determine menu and organize meal at S Main

❖ Ann - contact Julie at New Foundations regarding activities

● Building and Grounds report:

❖ Floors & Drainage. We have consensus that poor drainage contributes to the "oozing" problem we have with our new floor. The worst "oozing" is in the sanctuary and we know that the area under our sanctuary is the most poorly drained section of our property. Gloria is preparing a job description for the work we need done to improve drainage and we will use it to get three bids for the work.

❖ Grant Funds. Manella learned about grant funding that could help us correct our

drainage problem. On 3 September, she convened a small group (Tom, Gloria and Joanne) to consider how to prepare an application for this funding. Our application would require approval by Foothills Presbytery and would be due on 31 December.

❖ Rooms. Thanks to Manella and Joanne for adding signs and exit plans to each of our rooms. Thanks to Cynthia, Etta and Joanne for making our linens more accessible. We have two racks of costumes and one rack of linens in Meeting Room 2.

❖ Cleanup. As we prepared for our first outdoor worship since May, we learned that a tree had fallen across our outdoor seating area. A handful of hard-working folks (I still am not sure who!) cut the tree up and cleared the area so our service could proceed as usual. In the wake of Hurricane Helene some large limbs fell onto our driveway; thanks to Manella and Dupre for clearing the driveway.

❖ Mulching. Our committee wants to improve, through better leaf mulching, the areas within our grounds which are unmowed as they are bare soil. Covering these bare root and ground places with generous layers of leaves will facilitate break up of packed soil, improve water retention, and help control erosion. We have lots of “starting material” available as each time our parking lot is blown free of leaf litter, our needed leaf mulch appears.

● Earth Care report:

❖ Noah Taylor continues to work on a new sign for the front of the church.

❖ Manella continues to work on the Dec 2024 grant application.

#### CALENDAR ITEMS

● Oct 27 - worship and meal at S Main Chapel and Mercy Center

#### TEAM REPORTS

OUTREACH & MISSIONS - Ann Blackwood, Sharon Fowler, Patti Pitts, Etta Wolf, Vicki Wright  
No additional report or motions at this time - see Consent Agenda Items.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & NURTURE - Andi Nelson, Barb Barham, Sharon Fowler, Rosie Thompson

● Discussion took place about ways to improve communication among the congregation at

times of need and checking on folks who have not attended in awhile. Andi will coordinate with members of the team to find better ways to improve the communication.

**WORSHIP - Sharon Fowler, Laurie Gentry, Karen Manley, Keith Ray, Polly Dunford, Lin Hagen, Sarah Shumpert, Diane Lee**

- The Christmas pageant will be a more traditional story this year with monologues from different players.

- The committee will meet Oct 20.

**COMMUNICATIONS - Lin Hagen, Manella Calhoun, Sarah Shumpert**

No additional report or motions at this time.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS - Joanne Batten, Dupre Calhoun, Bill Bailey, Gloria Bennett, Cynthia Warner, Tom Wright**

No additional report or motions at this time. See Consent Agenda Items.

**EARTH CARE - Thor Raines, Manella & Dupre Calhoun, Cynthia Warner, Scott Finley, Sharon Fowler, Robin Chambers**

- Manella handed out drafts of two suggestions for the Mary Hemphill grant - Repairing the drainage problem around the church building that has affected the new flooring and adding a shower to the front bathroom. It was decided that the drainage problem is the most important issue to address. The grant is for \$6000 and the rough estimate for the drainage repair is \$7400. Tom indicated there is sufficient funds in the budget to cover the balance.

- A motion made by Elder Nelson to allow Manella to finalize the grant for the drainage repair after quotes are given was seconded and carried.

**FINANCE - Tom Wright, Manella Calhoun**

- Tom presented the September statement.

- ❖ Collections were more than expenses by \$4,375.

- ❖ Real Cash is \$101,029.

- The church's Zoom account will be discontinued.

- Tom has reinvested in a CD that returned approximately \$1100.

- A motion made by Elder Blackwood to increase Dr Keith Ray's COL by 10% was seconded and carried.

- Tom will have the 2025 budget ready for Session's approval by next meeting.
- Tom gave an update on several special funds that are part of the budget.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Manella made a request that the Upstate Master Naturalists use the church building for their annual meeting Nov 21, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Manella will be in attendance. A motion made by Elder Shumpert to allow this group to use the building for their meeting was seconded and carried.

**NEXT MEETING - November 24, 2024**

**CLOSING PRAYER** was given by Ann.

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen Manley, Clerk of Session

*NACCP is an inclusive Faith Community that values questions  
and the journey to the answers.*

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