

*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other
and our community— doing
justice, loving mercy and
walking humbly with our God.*

**Zoom “Coffee time in the Concourse”
every Sunday, from 9:30am until 10am.**

A Zoom link will be sent in our weekly worship email.
This will be a time for members to see and talk to each other
having their juice or coffee at home
before Sunday School begins online at 10am.



Choral Corner

Next Sunday’s worship service will feature a Hymn of Praise that has become a favorite of Christians far and wide... This Is My Father’s World. The text was written by Maltbie Davenport Babcock, a renown American clergyman of the late 19th Century. Babcock was born in Syracuse, New York in 1858, attended Syracuse University, and then studied Theology at Auburn Theological Seminary. He was known as masterful orator, and his most endearing appointment was as the senior minister of the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland from 1887 to 1900. He then accepted a call from the Brick Church of New York City in 1900, for which he received an annual salary of \$30,000. Babcock died in Naples, Italy on May 18, 1901 on his way back from a trip to the Holy Lands. He had contracted Brucellosis (sometimes called Mediterranean Fever), and in his delirium, committed suicide.

This Is My Father’s World was not originally written as a hymn but rather a poem, and it included sixteen verses. Babcock’s wife published the poem shortly after her husband’s death, and his long-time close friend, Franklin L. Sheppard, set three of the verses to music, resulting in the cherished hymn. During the five years preceding Babcock’s service at Brown Memorial, he served a church in Lockport, New York, where he was fond of taking long walks along the Niagara Falls. He would often tell his wife that he was, "going out to see the Father's world."

Our featured audio selection today is a beautiful choral arrangement of these special texts by the gifted composer Elaine Hagenberg. I hope you enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfWjey9tQS0>

The Fernwood Labyrinth

The Fernwood Labyrinth was created as a sacred space for one to walk and worship during Lent. It is a meditative tool that can be used to aid in your life's journey right where you are in this very moment.

Our labyrinth is a three circuit seed pattern. This simply means that it is a path that goes around and around encircling the center or heart of the labyrinth. At the center of a seed labyrinth is a cross; it is the "cornerstone" for laying this kind of labyrinth.

I was drawn to seed labyrinths because the cross always reminded me of the "f" in our Fernwood window logo. The circling path will lead you TO the cross to "plant" a part of you and AWAY from the cross while you are growing and growing and being transformed to be Christ's hands and feet to the world.

It is my prayer that your walking The Fernwood Labyrinth will be at least as meaningful to you on your Lenten journey as it was for me to lay it.

Be blessed on your Lenten journey...

Barbara Jean

The Fernwood Labyrinth is at the base of the Harry Haar Memorial Garden. It can also be reached from the driveway behind the Chapel.



Blood Drive

Our next scheduled time with the Blood Connection will be **Sunday, March 7.**

To schedule your appointment go to

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/156946
and register.

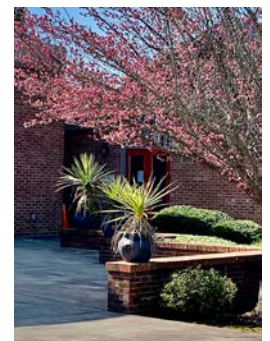
You can also contact Penny Ginn at 864-923-0232 or pennyginn13@gmail.com.

NEW Office Hours

Monday: 9am until 1pm
Tuesday: 9am until 1pm
Wednesday: 9am until 1pm

Anyone entering the building MUST have a mask on.

To be sure that it is safe and a good time to enter the church, call 864-582-7467 and schedule an appointment.





Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina

Prayers of the People Highlights

February 28-March 6

Carson & Laura Foushee

Tokyo, Japan

www.cbf.net/foushee

Prayers of the People Highlights

March 7-13

Keith Holmes & Mary Van Rheen

Romany Ministries in Europe

www.cbf.net/holmes

Family Night Supper Support - Will You Help?

We are supporting a local mission with meals. The Hope Center for Children are excited and pleased to be receiving these meals. Tina will be preparing larger casserole type meals along with sides. They have 3 residential homes that she will be preparing for. These meals will be hot and fresh and delivered on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm at each location.

Are you willing to continue to pay for your meal, but allow it to be served to your neighbors? If you would like to help pay for some meals, you can write "Family Supper" on your check or choose "Family Supper" when you give online. Please give generously and help spread the word to others. Thank you to those of you who continue to support this important ministry!



Homebound Member of the Week

Madge Atkins

354 Savanna Plains Drive
Spartanburg, SC 29307

Facebook Live

Wednesday Nights at 6pm

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 10am online
taught by Dr. Gerald Keown

Children's Sunday School Time

Sundays at 10am online
taught by Lee Anne Bailie

Sunday Morning Worship

Sundays at 11am online
The service will also be uploaded to our [website](#) every Sunday.

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Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, March 10, 2021**.
Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions).
Thank you for your understanding!