

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



The Blood Mobile will be here in the front parking lot on this Sunday, May 2 from 9 until 12:30. You can go online to sign-up or drop by the Blood Mobile and give.

Mission Opportunity at Spartanburg Opportunity Center

What resources do they provide at the Spartanburg Opportunity Center?

Case Management, Multi-Purpose Seating Areas, Mail Room, Showers for Men & Women, Laundry, Day Center, Food Service, Resource Referrals, Media Room, Library, Storage Area, Phone Charging Station, Work Clothing.

So, what can Fernwood do to support Spartanburg Opportunity Center? A tub has placed on the office hall so we can donate items for their wish list, which include the following:

- Socks – Athletic Preferred
- Clean Blankets & Towels
- Men's Jeans
- Backpacks
- Sleeping Bags
- New underwear for Men & Women
- Deodorant
- Sturdy Ponchos
- Reading Glasses
- Hotel soaps and shampoos or other toiletries (in zip lock bags)



Please visit their website www.spopcenter.org to find out more about this wonderful organization and to donate much-needed funds. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Security Team Information and Procedures

Good news.... Fernwood will resume in-person worship services May 02, 2021 at 11:00am in the sanctuary. The deacons met April 5th and approved the following guidelines for our worship service. Live streaming of the service, as well as replay of the service online, will be available on the church website and on Facebook each week.

What you need to know and expect as in-person worship begins

The safety of the congregation and staff are top priority. The following precautions are necessary despite the large number of congregants who have had the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID variant infections are still of concern, so we must proceed with caution.

- Social distancing and masks are required; please bring a mask with you. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at each entrance to concourse. Children under five years of age are not required to wear mask. Initially, temperatures will be taken upon entering concourse.
- Congregants will be seated by ushers. Members of the same household may sit together. Please consider alternate forms of greeting to your church family to avoid touching one another.
- Childcare will be provided during worship service. Please text Lee Anne Bailie at 864-415-1480 to inform the nursery attendants of your childcare needs.
- Unless you have received both vaccines, for your safety and the safety of others, please do not attend if you are immunocompromised or have poorly controlled chronic health issues (such as asthma, COPD, heart disease, prolonged use of corticosteroids, chemotherapy and other immuno-weakening medications). If you have any symptoms of COVID such as fever, chills, sore throat or shortness of breath, please stay home and get tested.
- Doors will be opened 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the service. Pews will be roped off and greeters will direct you to safe seating. For now, pew materials will be removed from pews; therefore, bring your Bible from home or use your phone/ tablet to follow Scripture readings.

- Offering plates will be placed near the doors so that you may give as you exit the sanctuary. You may also choose to give online.
- No food or beverages will be available.
- Music and choir transition will be directed by Stafford Turner within safety guidelines. There is a plan to transition choir members back into the worship service through solos and ensembles, as well as featuring handbell selections. At this time, there will be no congregational singing.
- A deep cleaning and sanitizing of designated areas will occur prior to in-person services each week in addition to the normal cleaning service.



Homebound Member of the Week

Joyce Childers
 Pacifica/Skylyn Senior Living
 1705 Skylyn Drive, #171, Spartanburg, SC 29307

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!



Prayers of the People Highlights
April 25-May1

Brittany and Casey
China

www.cbf.net/brittanycasey

Prayers of the People Highlights
May 2-8

Karen
Northern Africa

www.cbf.net/karen-nafrica

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Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, May 5, 2021**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, May 4, 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!