



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

From the Pastor Relations Committee

We want to express our love for Matt for all of the hard work he did during this pandemic to keep us safe while still providing spiritual worship services for us. Therefore your Pastor Relations Committee has requested approval from the Deacons to allow Matt and Clare to participate in a time of respite.

Based on an initiative from CBF to provide respite retreats for Pastors' efforts during the pandemic, it was believed that Fernwood should offer Matt and Clare such a respite. Unfortunately all of the appropriate options were already fully booked by the time we were made aware of them. So we asked Diane Blackburn to assist us in planning our own respite retreat for Matt and Clare. With the approval of the Deacons and Finance Committee we were able to book them for a three night stay at Callaway Gardens in late August.

Some members have expressed a desire to assist with the financing of this retreat. If you would like to do so please write your check to Fernwood and mark it for "Matt's Respite." You can also give online (Staff Love Offering fund) and mark your gift for "Matt's Respite."



We will begin in-person ministry at the Soup Kitchen in August. We will resume our established dates (third Sundays on even numbers months) and gather on Sunday, August 15 for the first time since the pandemic disruption.

For those who wish to help, we have two time slots to accommodate various schedules and commitments: 9:00 -10:30 and 11:00- 1:00.

Please let me know.

Thanks, *Clarence Batts*

Deacon's Retreat – Saturday, August 7 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. in the dining room of the Family Life Center.

Deacon Ordination & Installation – Sunday, August 8 during worship of new and incoming deacons. Justin Hicks will be ordained and Reed Brown, Wendy Case and Sara Gardner will be installed.

Thank You Notes...

Thank you for all the expressions of love in the form of telephone calls, texts, Facebook messages, cards, and your presence at our surprise event at Camp Croft, celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you to those of you who donated to Fernwood or Miracle Hill Ministries in our honor. We are so blessed with your friendship.

Don and Wendy Case

Sharon and I are grateful for all the kind expressions of care and concern. The prayers, cards, and other expressions of kindness are most appreciated. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring church family.

Gerald Keown

Dear Fernwood family,

Thanks for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and words of encouragement during my recent stay at the SRMC hospital and ensuring rehab stay at White Oak North Grove. It is a time like this that one really understands and feels the importance of having the support of the Fernwood church family.

Again, THANKS and may God continue to bless all of you.

Pat Fields

School Supplies Needed

Students will be headed back to school in just a few weeks!!! Fernwood Ministry Council would like to help students in our area by hosting a School Supply Drive to collect needed materials as listed by teachers at Pine Street School.

Please drop your school supplies off in our collection area in the concourse each Sunday.

Our final collection day will be **Sunday, August 15th**. We will deliver the supplies collected to the guidance counselor at Pine Street on Monday, August 16 to distribute to children who do not have supplies. Keep in mind that South Carolina's Tax Free weekend is August 6-8 whereby you can save a little on your purchases. Let's be good neighbors and show our support of our local school children.

- Black and white marbled composition notebooks
- Plastic folders with pockets and prongs
- Packs of notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- Ticonderoga brand pencils
- Twistable Crayola crayons
- 24 pack crayons
- Crayola Markers
- Crayola colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Pencil pouch to store pencils and smaller supplies in desk
- Pairs of scissors
- Highlighters
- Pink erasers
- Boxes of tissues
- Containers of Lysol or Clorox wipes
- Quart-sized Ziploc bags

Choral Corner

If I were to survey our congregation to find the top 15 or 20 most beloved hymns, there would be many that would appear on everyone's list. One that would likely be named by most of us is the hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee. The text was written in 1907 by Henry van Dyke, and it is the only hymn by this lesser known writer in our hymnal. The tune, however, is the element of the hymn that we most quickly recognize, and it was written by a much more famous individual...Ludwig van Beethoven.

His tune Ode to Joy is used with five different hymns in our hymnal. We last sang the familiar text of van Dyke's back in May. We will sing the tune again at the end of August with the hymn Alleluia, Sing to Jesus.

This very famous melody was first heard nearly 200 years ago in Vienna, Austria at the premiere of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. This symphony was ground-breaking in many ways. In addition to being one of the longest symphonies yet written (about an hour and 15 minutes), it was the first time a composer had introduced voices into the genre. Beethoven scored the fourth movement for four vocal soloists as well as a large chorus, and the Ode to Joy tune is the backbone of the movement. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about this work is that Beethoven never heard it performed, even though he was actually on the stage during its premiere on May 7, 1824. For by this point in his life, he had become completely deaf. In fact, most of the greatest works from the latter part of this most influential composer's life were written without the aid of hearing.

It was a real challenge to choose just one performance of the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to pass on to you, but the one I landed on is one of the best. This performance is from the BBC Proms Music Festival with Daniel Barenboim conducting, and it was recorded nine years ago this week. I hope you enjoy it, and I hope it doesn't lead you too far down the Beethoven/YouTube rabbit hole!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChygZLpJDNE&t=1505s>

Stafford



Homebound Member of the Week

Martha Ann Carter

Eden Terrace, D-103
2780 E. Main Street
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!

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TOTAL Ministries

Current needs include: soups (all types), jelly, grits, oatmeal, canned fruit, applesauce, cake mix and frosting, one pound bags of dry beans, peanut butter, canned meats (such as Spam, salmon, tuna, beef stew), cereals, one pound bags of rice, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles(pasta), all types of canned vegetables, and toiletries.

Collection containers are located in front of the church office.

Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, August 11, 2021.**
Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, August 10, 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!