

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



## Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome, Nathan Erps who recommitted his membership to Fernwood and Bailey Erps as she transfers her membership from First Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC. They joined on Sunday, September 19. Welcome, Nathan and Bailey!

## Book Group

If anyone is interested in joining the Fernwood Book Group for the following two studies, contact Nancy Easler at 864-680-8518 for the ZOOM link. Meetings are held on Tuesdays (dates listed below) from 7-8pm.

October 12 and 19 - Kathy Hensley will lead the group in discussion - *The Whistling Season* - by Ivan Doig.

November 2, 9, and 16 - Wendy Case will lead in Discussion of - *The Hate U Give* - by Angie Thomas.

## Drive Thru Trick or Treat

We are having a Halloween Drive Through Trick or Treat Party! We will have this parade Sunday, October 31 from 5-6pm. The public will drive through our parking lot, being greeted by our members. And we need your help. Please drop off bags of candy at the church that will be given out during this event. There will be boxes placed around the concourse that you may use to place the candy into. We also will need volunteers to assist with traffic control, handing out candy, speaking with families and generally enjoying a fall night.





Habitat for Humanity Spartanburg is dedicating our 'Building on Faith House' to honor Lee Close. Lee retired from his Executive Director position at the end of June. Many of you will remember Kim Hutzell from Fernwood. She is the new Executive Director. The local Habitat Board and administrative staff wanted to honor Lee and decided this would mean so much to him. The faith community contributed about \$50k and the Board and friends raised the other \$30k. The house is being built at 106 Ponce de Leon Ave in Spartanburg. As a participant in the Faith Community contribution, the Fernwood Mission Committee is planning to have a build site workday the morning of Saturday, November 20, from 8:30 to 12:30.

Sign-up sheets will be available outside the church sanctuary or you can speak with Russ Blackburn. We need about 6 participants. If more are interested, we can explore a full workday with one shift working in the morning and a second in the afternoon. On behalf of Spartanburg Habitat and its Board, please accept our thanks for Fernwood's involvement in financial contributions, participation in the Board and Committees as well as volunteering on build sites.

## **Tech Tip for Fernwood Family**

Did you know that you can find contact information about your Deacons and Ministry Council in the ONLINE Church Directory?

Did you realize that you can call them directly from their listing by pressing on their phone number or start composing an email by selecting their email address?

For Deacons:

Select the STAFF MEMBERS button on the opening menu of the Instant Church Directory app.

Deacons are listed below the church staff.

You can also see how your deacons serve Fernwood in other capacities such as teaching Sunday School or serving on standing committees.

For Ministry Council:

Select the GROUPS button on the opening menu of the directory.

Group members are listed.

Click on a member to get their contact info.

Please email [Angie@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto:Angie@fernwoodchurch.org) to get more information about setting up your Instant Church Directory.



## **Homebound Member of the Week**

Roella Mellnik (Laura Davis' mom)  
Eden Terrace, Evergreen Rm. 5  
2780 E. Main Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29307



# DEACON MINISTRY

The diaconate met on September 13 in the Chapel overflow area. We had to move our meeting there to accommodate the use of the dining hall by a Weight Watchers group and give us the ability to social distance during our meeting. We were pleased to hear reports that many groups are renting space all around our campus. Our building is being used to house counseling services, arts education, health support, and safe space for young people. What a blessing! So if you see people coming and going from the church all through the week, you will know that people in our community are benefiting from the use of our facilities. (See the 9/15 Footsteps for a list of who is using what.)

The deacons shared how great it has been to be able to meet in person for our Sunday school classes. There is certainly a noticeable energy among members and visitors alike in being able to meet in a more focused setting to study Scripture and fellowship more with one another. We look forward to adding Wednesday night supper and Bible study to our weekly programming. For now, the deacons feel that we need to hold off a little longer on meeting and eating together inside. Online Wednesday night programming is going to start back soon so stay tuned for that.

The Children's Ministry shared that the new playground would be installed at the end of October. But, lo and behold, the company was able to deliver and install the equipment last week!!! The project is just awaiting the delivery of mulch. It should be opening very soon. The finance committee brought two recommendations that were approved: to use remaining funds in the ELFC equipment and supplies for youth to help fund the playground project and to sell the church bus since it is deteriorating, and we lack drivers who are able and licensed to drive it.

In many ways, there is so much to be thankful for at Fernwood. The energy and dedication of so many talented people make this a very special place to gather and grow. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the deacons to ask questions or share your needs. It is our privilege to serve alongside you in His love.

We love where we Serve.  
Lee Anne Bailie, Deacon Chair

## **MASK REQUIRED**

**Masks are required when in the church building, at all times.** even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the recent number of new Covid cases, we will be taking all precautions to protect everyone. There will be masks provided at each entrance of the Sanctuary lobby.

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**Mark Your Calendars Senior Adults**

Family Life Ministry Team is planning a lunch under the portico of the Easley Family Life Center on Sunday, October 10 for the Senior adults at Fernwood. Meal is being provided. For more information please contact Penny Ginn.

**Publication Notice**

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, October 13, 2021.**  
Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Noon.**

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email ([angie@fernwoodchurch.org](mailto: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!