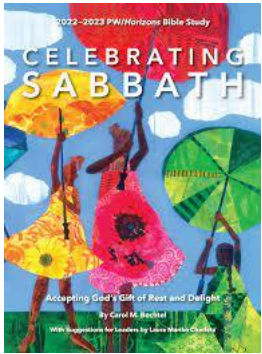




LIME LIGHT
WHAT'S CENTER STAGE AT LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • GAFFNEY, SC
JANUARY 26, 2023

Circle #4



Circle #4 will meet on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 at Nancy McElroy's house. Her address is 134 Sunset Drive in Gaffney. Our group will be studying *Celebrating Sabbath*, Lesson Five: Sabbath and Servitude. We invite you to join us at Nancy's house at 7:00.

2023 Souper Bowl of Caring

Since the NFL is in playoff games, we know that we are getting close to Super Bowl Sunday. Continuing our annual tradition, we will collect cans and money for the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser on Sunday, February 12th.



tacklehunger.org

In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time. Since then, Tackle Hunger, with its signature Souper Bowl of Caring event, has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. Over \$170 million in dollars and food has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities.

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This year our Confirmation Class is sponsoring this event and they are asking for your support. Please bring canned food or financial donations to church on Sunday, February 12th to donate to the 2023 Tackle Hunger/Souper Bowl of Caring project. The food and the money will stay in the Gaffney community to help feed local needy families. Thanks for helping us tackle this problem!

This Month in Presbyterian History



Hackett College for Women photograph of Dr. Fulton (right) working with Chinese man. Pearl ID: 5011.

In January 1911, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (PCUSA) missionary Dr. Mary Fulton worked hard to translate medical textbooks from English into Chinese.

China was the first and eventually the largest mission field of the PCUSA. The first missionaries appointed there by the Board of Foreign Missions arrived in 1838. Though the mission in China was slow to grow at first – residency restrictions making it difficult to settle down, and illnesses breaking out among the group – by 1923 there were eight locations: Canton (South China), Shantung, North China, Hainan, Hunan, Central China, Kiangnan and Yunnan.

Fulton was sent to Canton in 1884 to act as a medical missionary. A practicing physician, she made great strides in medical care for Chinese women and children. With the help of her brother, Fulton raised enough funds for the construction of the David Gregg Hospital for Women and Children, which opened in 1901. As she continued to serve in Canton, Fulton's influence grew. She expanded the hospital, adding the E.A.K. Hackett Medical

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College for Women, the Julia M. Turner Training School for Nurses and a number of other facilities.

Read more about Western Medicine in China: <https://www.history.pcusa.org/collections/research-tools/subject-guides/western-medicine-china>

Sunday, January 29

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

Monday, January 30

5:30 PM Girl Scouts
6:30 PM Bible Study

Wednesday, February 1

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

Thursday, February 2

7:00 PM Circle 4 – Nancy McElroy’s home

Please remember in prayer:

Ken Byers; Friends and Family of Peggy Jolley; Friends and Family of Fulton Ross; Anna Cox; Rachel Hopper; Steve Beheler; Confirmation Class: Layla Lemmonds, Taylor Miller & Leah Miller; Confirmation Sponsors: Michelle Jolly, Hazel Hubbard, & Becky Wheeler.

APCE 2023 Annual Event

A quick report from Birmingham... The APCE (Association of Partners in Christian Education) Annual Event kicked off yesterday with



a presentation by Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and the Office of Spiritual Formation, plenary, worship, and regional dinners. We’re at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center, and

plenary and worship are held in what is normally a big, bare convention center ballroom.

When you add 500 Christian Educators to the room it becomes a space filled with light and color and warmth.



students proved that they are not letting down that tradition.

Regional dinners offered us the opportunity to meet with folks who are closer together geographically. Our region is affectionately abbreviated SOAP (South Atlantic and Puerto Rico) and includes the Synod of South Atlantic (South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Puerto Rico).

Today, workshops begin - more than 60 of them over the next several days. There is a Marketplace where theological schools, offices of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Women, various helping organizations (including the Society of St Andrew, which you’ll be hearing more about in the near future), and more. Westminster John Knox (our denominational publishing imprint) has a pretty extensive bookstore with curriculum samples, books, and more.

The vitality of the APCE Annual Event shows that Christian Education remains an important part of life in the PCUSA - as it has been since the days of John Calvin. Calvin was insistent that our faith should be *informed* as well as *reformed*. He was as concerned with the state of the *mind* as the state of the *heart*. He believed that people should *understand* the Gospel as well as *accept* it. We’ll be talking more about Christian Education in coming days - particularly adult education.

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2022 have either been e-mailed or are available in the narthex. If you did not receive yours, please contact Jim Watts or the church office.