

**HABITAT HELP IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!** ALL construction volunteers are requested to sign up to volunteer, directly, using our new online sign up. To offer more flexibility, we are now including Faith Build volunteers. we hope that with the opportunity to volunteer any day between Tuesday and Saturday, that more Faith Build volunteers will be able to participate. To sign up go to:  
<https://lowcountryhabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Calendar/542>  
Next, scroll down to the calendar and select the date of your choice, then click on either "Dataw 2 Construction" or "Faith Build Construction". If you wish, you will be able to sign up for the next two months, very quickly, by selecting "Pick More Dates", shown beneath the date originally selected, then click "Submit". Back at the sign up page, be sure to click the "I'm not a Robot" and "Submit" buttons. After submitting your volunteer registration, you will receive a confirmation email. (If you do not receive a confirmation email, your registration has not been submitted. Try again!) If you later discover that you are not able to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please respond to this email, or phone Lee at the office at 843-522-3500.

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**  
**TUE. JUL. 30     5:30 PM     Sailboat Church Meeting**

Dear Friends –  
As most of you know, it is usually during a pastor’s seventh year of ministry at a church, one is possibly eligible for a time of sabbath known as a sabbatical. It is still hard for me to believe that I am in my seventh year of Ordained Ministry at First Presbyterian Church - and this does not include eight-months of Supervised Ministry (internship) and a year serving as Assistant to the Pastor, prior to ordination.

Instead of being away for three consecutive months, the Session approved my proposal for three non-contiguous months during 2019 and include the months of May, August and November. My plan during the month of August is to spend time studying Christian spirituality and Stewardship. My reading stack is large on a variety of subjects and continues to grow.

In addition to studying, I plan to rest, renew and “just be” as part of my own spiritual journey – and I feel blessed beyond words to have this gift of sabbatical. During this time, Bob and I will also travel, enjoy new adventures, worship with different denominations, and visit family and friends. I continue to observe with awe how God moves in my life and in my ministry.  
Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> will begin my time away from the church and I will return on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, for this gift of sabbatical. A written report will be available to you after the month of November or when the third month is completed

Becky

Dear Congregational Members,  
I am writing to invite you to a very important meeting in the life of FPC. The Vision and Discernment Committee (formerly the Planning Committee) has been in prayer and study over the last year to understand what it means to become a *“Sailboat Church”*. Sailboat churches are churches with faithful members that intentionally open themselves to God as their chief guide and power source in their lives and ministries. When, we the faithful act in such a way to allow the Holy Spirit to fill our sails, the unthinkable moves into the realm of the possible because with God all things are possible. The power of the Holy Spirit will fill our sails now and always as we begin our journey to become a “Sail Boat” church. To help us with the journey we have been working with Dr. Dan Holloway, who is a an experienced consultant in church development, to be our guide.

**You are invited to a meeting with Dr. Dan Holloway to bring you up to speed about “Sailing Churches” and explain several of the next steps we will be taking together.**

We will meet on **TUESDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall, with childcare provided.** Please call or email the church office to RSVP.

It is such an exciting time to be a member of FPC and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Thank you for your willingness to respond to God’s call. I know that this meeting and the steps that follow will make a tremendous impact on the shape and life of FPC.

May God’s grace be with all of you,  
  
Ann Widener Gribb  
Chair, Vision and Discernment Committee

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS:**  
Awakening the Spirit in us to become more compassionate.

“I didn't talk to anyone about postpartum depression. I was very reluctant.. Four of my friends felt the same way I did, and everyone was too embarrassed to talk about it.” — Adele

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Beaufort, South Carolina*

**A Service for the Worship of God**  
**July 28, 2019**  
**10:00 AM**



*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve their neighbors, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide its doors in the name of Christ and bids you welcome.*

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Walking to help stop kids from  
dying by providing them with  
safe and clean water