



FLPC News

HEAD, HEART AND HANDS IN THE SERVICE OF CHRIST



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Dear Friends,

This week, a small group of FLPC folks took advantage of an invitation to tour the new and permanent Anne Frank House exhibit that is housed on USC's campus. We learned that Dr. Harris Pastides initiated this partnership with the Anne Frank House and Institute in Amsterdam years ago. As a result of his behind-the-scenes work, USC now is home to this permanent exhibit! I encourage you to make the effort to tour this remarkable exhibit.

Many of us have read The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank's diary that gives an account of how the Frank family hid from the Nazi regime for two years before being arrested. Only Otto Frank, the father, survived the Nazi Concentration Camps. And on returning to Amsterdam after the war, he discovered that his wife and two daughters had died. Mr. Frank's secretary, one of those who helped hide the family, then gave Otto Anne's diary and writings, and he eventually published them to be sure that Anne's firsthand account of life in Nazi occupied Amsterdam could be preserved.

The tour identified the "helpers" who risked their own lives to hide and to try to save the Frank family and others. And our tour guide said that those who helped Jewish families and individuals may be called "up-standers." An "up-stander", in contrast to a "bystander", is one who stands up for what is right in the day-to-day business of life, even at risk of their own safety. Our tour guide lamented that there were more bystanders than there were up-standers in Hitler's day, and so millions of Jews were exterminated – while the bystanders (most of the world) watched.

That identification really struck me as helpful. I don't think there is any way around the Christian conviction that followers of Jesus are to be up-standers – not bystanders – who stand for truth, compassion, and justice even when, maybe especially when, it will cost us dearly. Our economic security is subject to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our lives are subject to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our government is subject to the God who – in our tradition – embodied love in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

We must be up-standers when we see hate. We must be up-standers when greed prevents others from having enough to eat or a safe place to sleep. We must be up-standers against the racial and religious hate that seems to be getting louder and bolder in our age. How can you and I be up-standers right where we are? The time is now, and we are the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world right now. It is up to us.

May God give us the courage to stand for the Realm of God.

Peace and Justice,

Ellen

Ellen Fowler Skidmore

Congregational Care Updates

Sympathies of the Congregation are extended to:

- * Harriet Sifford, Pat Sifford, and the entire Sifford family on the death of John Sifford, on October 14, 2021.

Congratulations are extended to:

- Jordan and Coleman Smith on the October 13 birth of Logan Coleman Smith. Proud grandparents are Cary and Trey Beckman.

Family Promise Host Week

Due to COVID we are not hosting families in our church. We would have been hosting the week of November 14. The families are being housed in rental units but still need our support. Family Promise asks that hosts churches contribute gift cards that can be used toward food or gas for the families during our host week. If you would like to contribute, please donate a gift card by leaving in the safe downstairs at church and LABEL it for Family Promise. Or you may make a donation to our Family Promise Fund. Checks may be made payable to FLPC and noted for Family Promise. Or contribute online: osvhub.com/flpc/funds Thank you for your support!



Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21

4:00 pm

In person and via Livestream

Beth Shalom Synagogue
5827 N. Trenholm Road

PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS

- ◆ Ellen Skidmore - 803-463-7586/ellenskidmore@flpc.org
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- ◆ Margaret Harris - 803-608-1477/mmck1950@gmail.com
- ◆ Bettianne Davenport - 803-530-6018/bettianned@sc.rr.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

and

Red Cross Blood Drive - 9:00 am –1:00 pm. Make your appointment at www.redcross.org, sponsor code: forestlake

Men's Breakfast is Back!

The men of Forest Lake are invited to the Tuesday morning men's breakfast in the fellowship hall beginning Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30 AM. Questions? Please contact Steve Etheredge: setheredge71@gmail.com

2021 Children's Christmas Program

Our 2021 children's Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 5 PM at the church. It will be a combination of Scripture reading and singing, and all preschool-5th grade are welcome to participate!

Children can sing, read Scripture, or both! Please sign up each child who wants to participate by contacting Ed: edblack@flpc.org.

K5-5th grade children who are singing will practice on Wednesday nights beginning November 3 from 5:30-6:15 PM in the choir room. Preschoolers who would like to sing in the Christmas program will practice during Sunday Faith Formation from 9:00-9:15 AM beginning November 7.



First Responders Luncheon Helpers

On November 4 FLPC will once again host a luncheon for local first responders. If you would like to volunteer to assist with set up, serving or clean up on Nov 4, [please contact Jodi Beckham.](#)

Congregational Retreat in Montreat

March 25-27, 2022

Join us for an intergenerational retreat in Montreat, NC. Our speaker for the weekend will be C.S. Lewis expert, Don King. King has published over 80 articles as well as 10 books and has been on the faculty of Montreat College since 1974. Come hear him speak on *C.S. Lewis: His Influence and Relevance Today*. There will be programming for children and youth as well.

First night deposit is due with registration and is refundable before December 1, 2021. Room availability based on first come first served. Scholarship assistance is available, please contact jodibeckham@flpc.org for questions about that. Register by scanning this code:



Heart and Hands Bazaar and BBQ Bonanza

Saturday, October 30, 10:00-2:00.

Bring a friend and come shop for handmade items this Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will be donated to the Cooperative Ministry and Rehoboth UMC Food Pantry. Woodworkers, seamstresses, crafters, painters, fiber artists, jewelry makers, bakers, soup chefs, needle crafters, gardeners, and many more gifted members have contributed items.

If you are donating handmade items, please make sure they are dropped off by noon Thursday. Food/baked items may be dropped off Friday to the kitchen.

If you have pre-ordered BBQ, plan to pick it up (for take out or eat in) between 11-2. BBQ orders have closed at this time.

All proceeds will benefit The Cooperative Ministry and the Rehoboth Food Pantry.

Bubbie's 13th Annual Jewish Food Extravaganza

Who: Beth Shalom Synagogue

What: Bubbies Brisket and Bakery's 13th annual Jewish Food Extravaganza!

When: Sunday, November 21st from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

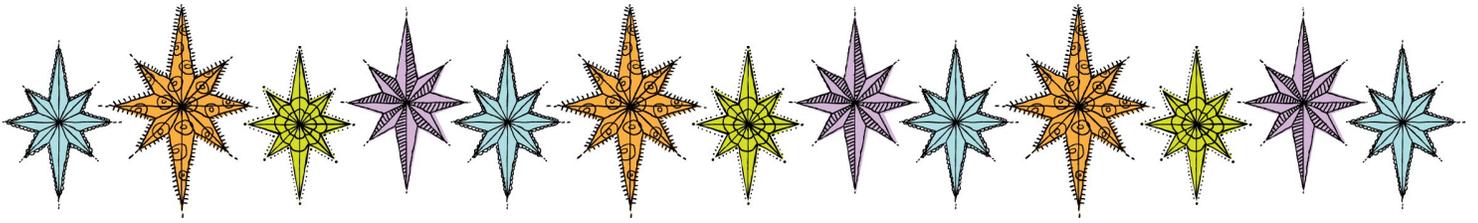
Where: Beth Shalom Synagogue, 5827 N Trenholm Road, Columbia SC, 29223

Why: 13th annual food festival to share traditional Jewish foods with the community at large

Bubbie's 13th annual Jewish Food Festival is Columbia's one and only kosher food festival. All of the food features recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation and all are lovingly hand made from scratch. Beth Shalom Synagogue is extremely proud to be able to share our culinary traditions with the greater Columbia community.

Because of the Corona virus, we're making some changes as to how we are executing our event this year. While Bubbie's is typically held in our social hall with packed crowds, we are offering a take away event this year. The bakery will remain outside the Synagogue. You'll still come to Beth Shalom but we'll be set up outside taking and fulfilling orders. In the event of inclement weather, we will be offering a drive through alternative. Our commitment to delivering Bubbie's Jewish Food Festival and providing a safe environment for all is of the utmost importance.

If you prefer, you can feel free to pre-order your food by calling Beth Shalom Synagogue @ (803) – 782-2500. Pre orders can be picked up November 8th through November 11th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and the deadline for pre-orders is November 1st.



2021 Christmas Memorial/Honorarium Order Form

To make a contribution to Christmas Joy Offering in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the form below. You may place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, email it to the church, or bring it to the church office along with a minimum donation of \$10.00.

Please make your check payable to FLPC. The deadline is **December 15.** Memorials and Honoraria will be listed in the December 19 and December 24 bulletins.

Please print clearly so that your information will be listed correctly. Thank you!

GIVEN by _____

In HONOR of _____

In MEMORY of _____

This gift is a tax-deductible contribution.

