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**REV. GLENN MILLER,  
INTERIM PASTOR AT CHURCH OF THE PALMS**

Glenn Miller will continue as interim pastor at Church of the Palms through the month of June. If you would like to visit with Rev Glenn, please do not hesitate to give him a call directly. You may also set up an appointment through Lee at the church: 379-1888.

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**PETE BERNTSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED PASTOR AT COTP**

On Sunday May 15, Hank Hearn made the announcement to the congregation that Pete will take up his appointment during the first week of July, 2011.

A native of Minnesota and North Dakota, Pete has lived in South Carolina since 1992 when he was transferred here with AT&T. With a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of North Dakota, and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas, Pete is now applying the skills learned in engineering and executive positions, with the gifts and talents God has provided, to be an obedient servant of Christ.

Pete is a Licensed Local Pastor, receiving his license in 2004. He has completed the Basic Course of Study and is currently in the Advanced Course of Study at Emory, which will allow him to pursue ordination in the United Methodist Church. Pete is a trained Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader, a former Hospice Volunteer/ Watchman, and currently serves as a Trustee of Wesley Commons in Greenwood. Pete previously served as Director of Ministries at Covenant UMC in Greer, SC and then as Associate Pastor until 2007. At that time, Pete was appointed as Associate Pastor at Advent UMC in Simpsonville, SC.

Pete's stabilizing force is his wife, Kathy. They have two grown daughters, Kristen living in Rock Hill SC, and Sara and her husband, Chuck, living in Acworth GA. Pete's two sisters and his mother still live in Minnesota.

# Vacation Bible School

**Vacation Bible School is coming. June 20 - 24 5:30 – 8:15 pm.**

Volunteers needed. We will be cooking up a storm & need willing hands, bodies & voices.

The following supplies are needed for VBS crafts:

**Shoe boxes and tops**

**Fabric scraps in soft materials** in ice cream colors like lime, pink, yellow-tan, 8"x8" or larger

**Magazines with pictures of food or cooking utensils.**

**Small cardboard or plastic ice cream containers and tops**

**Kitchen items that we can use to help the kids to "print" patterns on paper aprons and chef's hats such as cookie cutters and pastry wheels.**

**Also need some other interesting small manual kitchen objects to show and tell with them. all will be returned in a clean condition!**

Please start collecting now and tell Candy Grose VBS Director @ 843-575-2716 or [candyschampions@charter.net](mailto:candyschampions@charter.net) if you are willing to serve the children of Church of the Palms & community.  
**THANKS!**



***Remember the Homebound:*** Rita Walker (Lee's Mom), Henrietta Thomas, Ann Kundrat, Ken Smith, Betsy Harrelson.

***Remember in prayer:*** David Norrell and his family

***Sympathy*** is extended to Paula Willingham and family on the loss of our brother in Christ John.



May's guest speaker Marita Collins, Nutritionist, gave an outstanding presentation on eating healthy and how very important it is to maintain good health and longevity of life. She stated 80% of diseases are brought about due to poor eating habits. We got to sample a delicious salad she brought.

August Luncheon will be held at Seigler's Restaurant on Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Cost: \$23.00 includes tax and gratuity

Appetizer--Mixed Greens Salad

Main Course--Herb Crusted Salmon or Chicken Marsala

Dessert--Crème Brule

**Our June meeting, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, will be a planning meeting for our annual fund-raiser (see below) and discussion on preparing for the unforeseen. All women are welcomed.**

### **Fundraiser Afternoon Tea and Thrifty Fashion Show.**

**October 15, 2011 2pm-4pm.**

This event will be a lot of fun, and to succeed we need the help of ALL the women of the church, (Men may participate too if they like!).

First we need 20 women to sponsor a table for 4 or 6 guests.

You will need to sell each of your guests a ticket. (Price to be determined). As a sponsor it will be your responsibility to set up your table, using a card table of your own, or borrowed, for a party of 4; or one of the small church tables for a party of 6.

Decorate the table for afternoon tea. You will need a tablecloth, a place setting for each guest comprising of a teacup, saucer, and tea plate, teaspoon and dessert fork. You will also need to provide a teapot, milk jug, and sugar bowl, plus plates on which the food will be presented or a tiered cake stand if you have one. (These are available at Target for around \$15.)

The items on the table may be miss-matched but the total effect should be pretty and charming. Thrift stores and stores like Home Goods and Marshalls are possible places to find pieces for your table. If you like, you may offer your place settings for sale, or you may wish to hold onto them for the second annual Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show NEXT year!

The tea party committee is preparing the menu. Volunteer Kitchen helpers will be needed to help prepare menu items on the morning of the event. We also need volunteer waitresses to clear away dishes and to refresh teapots.

Please e-mail [churchpalm@hargray.com](mailto:churchpalm@hargray.com) or let Toni Wald know (843) 757-7246 [tolow@hargray.com](mailto:tolow@hargray.com) if you can help in any of the following capacities:

- Sponsor a table
- Lend a card table
- Lend a hot water urn
- Lend or donate linens, tea service items, or cake stand
- Assist with set up on Tuesday, October 15
- Assist in the kitchen on the morning of Saturday October 15
- Assist in the kitchen on the afternoon of Saturday October 15
- Assist with break down on the afternoon of Saturday October 15
- Serve as waitress for the duration of the event
- Purchase a ticket



To benefit local missions:  
 Family Promise  
 Bluffton Self help  
 ACCESS Networks  
 Featuring Fall Fashions from  
 God's Goods  
 Off Island Thrift  
 Calhoun Station

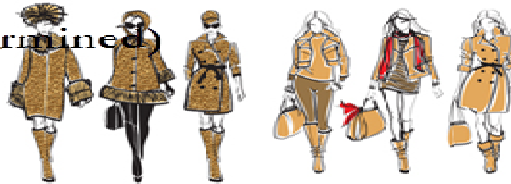
Saturday October 15th, 2011  
 2pm-4pm

# First Annual Afternoon Tea & Thrifty Fashion Show



At Church of the Palms United Methodist  
 1425 Okatie Hwy (Highway 170 between 278 & Oldfield)  
 Okatie, SC 29909

Tickets (\$to be determined)  
 Call (843) 379-1888



United  
 Methodist  
 Women



“There is a Light”

***“There is a light in the world, a healing spirit, more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force, when there is so much suffering too much pain. Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who care and answer in extraordinary ways.” – Mother Theresa***

Through the Stephen Ministry at Church of the Palms, hurting people receive quality Christian care, deepen their relationship with their Lord, and feel supported rather than forgotten. Those with gifts for care giving nurture and use their gifts in ministry and grow in faith as they see God working through them to touch the lives of others. Our congregation has a powerful tool for bringing Christ's love to the inactive and unchurched in times of great need. Call Patty Smith, 705-3394, Stephen Ministry Leader, if you or someone you know needs the light of Christ caring for people through people.

**The Seekers Sunday School class** began a new study on May 22, 2011 using the book, *Wide Open Spaces* by Jim Palmer. You are invited to join us in exploring Christianity in new ways, finding God in new places, testing some preconceived notions about religion, and discovering that faith is more than a belief system. Contact Hank Hearn (987-3729 or [hchearn@charter.net](mailto:hchearn@charter.net)) for information and to order a book.

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**To those who quietly volunteer at COTP – a huge Thank You!!!**

We are always looking for volunteers to help maintain our building and grounds by cleaning restrooms, mowing the grass, weeding the flower beds, painting, teaching our children, ushering and greeting our guests, typing and record keeping to mention a few. **Perhaps you can help out. If so please let the office know by calling Lee: (843) 379-1888, or e-mail [churchpalm@hargray.com](mailto:churchpalm@hargray.com)**

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"I know what the Bible means", said a small boy proudly as he approached his father. His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? " The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, " It stands for '**Basic Information Before Leaving Earth**'

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5 Adult SS 9:15  Service 10:30 Communion Food Bank	6 10:00-11:30 Upper Room Discipline  Trustees Mtg. 7 pm	7	8	9 Emmaus Reunion Grp. 6-7:00pm	10	11  CYMT 10:00 am
<b>40<sup>th</sup> SC Annual Conference Florence SC, June 8-12</b>						
12 <i>Pentecost</i>  Adult SS 9:15  Service 10:30	13 10:00-11:30 Upper Room Discipline	14 <i>UMW 10 am</i>  	15 Stephen Ministry 1:00 pm	16 Emmaus Reunion Grp. 6-7:00pm	17	18
19 Adult SS 9:15 Service 10:30 Communion <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i> 	20 10:00-11:30 Upper Room Discipline  <i>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer</i>	21	22	23 Emmaus Reunion Group 6-7:00pm	24	25
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 5:30 - 8:15 p.m.</b>						
26 Adult SS 9:15  Service 10:30 Missions moment	27 10:00-11:30 Upper Room Discipline  Council Mtg. 7 pm	28	29	30 Emmaus Reunion Grp. 6-7:00pm  Choir 7:00pm		