

OWLS Update
February 2023

February – the month of Valentine’s Day, the Super Bowl, and preparing for Tea Room. It’s a busy time!

In the midst of the busyness, I am reminded of Psalm 46.10-11: He says, *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”*

God is leading, God is preparing, God is in charge. I only need to be still.

Please enjoy this edition of the OWLS Newsletter.

OWLS in January

On January 19, 2023, over 40 OWLS came together to celebrate Christmas in January. Wonderful Christmas treats and an interesting discussion on Charles Dickens’ novel *A Christmas Carol*.



OWLS Upcoming Events

February 8, 2023 A Private Tour of Middleton Place

We will meet at the Visitor Center of Middleton Place at 10:00. Walk the grounds of Middleton Place guided by Bruce Georgi, professional volunteer tour guide at Middleton Place. Bruce will share stories of the Middleton family, their plantations, and the enslaved who made it all possible. The two-hour walking tour will end with an opportunity to purchase lunch in the Garden Market or Middleton Restaurant. After lunch a tour of the house is planned for 2:00 pm.

Cost: \$10.00 per person (not including lunch)

Limited to 12 OWLS

Reservations will be on a first come basis

THERE IS A WAITING LIST FOR THIS EVENT – PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME IF INTERESTED

Contact: Brenda Georgi 843.906.1577 brenda.georgi@gmail.com

February 19, 2023 The Maryland State Boy Choir Concert at St. Paul's at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Building. They are a talented group that has sung all over the world for many decades and will be providing us with a free concert. Please come and join us in welcoming them to St. Paul's Summerville! If you're interested, you can learn more about them here: <https://www.marylandstateboychoir.org/>

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 – 17, 2023 St. Paul's Tea Room and Gift Shop

Get this on your calendar. A great event to serve with others as well as dine. All net proceeds go to the Acts 1:8 Mission Team for outreach.

Questions or to Volunteer- Contact Vicki Harlan 843-214-1699 vwharlan53@gmail.com

April 28 – 29, 2023 International Grandparenting Conference

This two-day conference is being held April 28-29, 2023, at St. Paul's in conjunction with Family Builder's Ministry. The schedule includes Christ-centered worship, three general Sessions, and multiple workshops with speakers from around the United States.

The three main speakers are:

Dr. Larry McCall (Founder and Executive Director of *Walking Like Jesus Ministries*; author of *Grandparenting with Grace* and *Loving Your Wife as Christ Loves the Church*).

Dr. Josh Mulvihill (Executive Director of *Church and Family Ministries* at Renewation; author of *Biblical Grandparenting* and *Discipling Your Grandchildren*).

Sharon Gamble (Founder and CEO of *Sweet Selah Ministries*; author of *Sweet Selah Moments* and *Loved*).

For more information, contact Cheryl Cargill 843-276-1427 ccargill49@gmail.com

May 17, 2023 An Afternoon with Thomas Edison presented by Tim Lowry

This presentation was a hit with audiences at the *Timpanogos Storytelling Festival* in Utah and the *International Storytelling Center* in Jonesborough, TN. Join storyteller Tim Lowry as he shares inspiring stories from the life of American inventor and scientist, Thomas Edison. Edison had every disadvantage in life from being declared unintelligent as a child, to being deemed disruptive by his school teacher, to

suffering almost complete deafness, to nearly being shot dead in the street! Through all his struggles, he persevered and developed one of the most prolific inventions in scientific history: the incandescent light bulb. Not to mention his other 1,068 patents! You'll be inspired to not only value Mr. Edison's contributions to our American way of life, but you'll leave inspired to tell stories of your own.

Ideas?

We would love your suggestions of other places to visit throughout the year.

Contact Brenda Georgi brenda.georgi@gmail.com or Vicki Harlan Vwharlan53@gmail.com with your thoughts and suggestions.

Ongoing Activities of the OWLS

Mah Jongg

Anyone interested in Mahjongg, have a suggestion for another kind of card game, or any questions? Please contact Cathie Diggs, at 843-814-6154, or clizad83@gmail.com

Game Days

February dates for Games are: Feb 2nd and 16th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. we will meet in the OWLS room. Call Margie Smith to reserve your spot at the game tables. You can reach her at 843-860-0393 or margie1214@homesc.com

March dates will be the 23rd and 30th, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Book Club

Book Club meets the fourth Wednesday of every month in the OWLS nest (Room 5 in Skardon) at 10:30. All are welcome. Contact Dawn Schaeperkoetter at dleeinsec@gmail.com or 843-696-1749

The February 22, 2023 selection is *Sweet Salt Air*, by Barbara Delinsky.

The March 22, 2023, selection is *Women of the Dunes*, by Sarah Main.

Fitness Classes

Fitness classes are led by our own certified fitness instructor, Ronna Toombs. All classes are free. **Mat Pilates** classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00 in Skardon Hall. Ronna Toombs is your contact for these classes: wtoombs10606@att.net or 843-509-9009.

"Take a constant interest in the needs of God's beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home" (Romans 12:13).