

MPPC **Pacesetters** News & Updates

## Welcome

Welcome to May's Pacesetters Event; it is the last of the 2024 / 2025 Season and the end of Pacesetters 25th program year.

These notes address the program's recent, current, and future events along with ongoing concerns.

We love feedback. See the contact info on the reverse.

## Recent, Current & Future Events

### APRIL

#### An Evening with Russell Horres & Jack the Cat

Russell gave us the background on the story of Jack the Cat, Fort Sumter's Cat that went to war, and the struggle to get it published. The story, five years in the making was based on both oral tradition and period drawings that places a cat in the fort during the war. Russell used his research to suggest the cat's life during the war. The resulting story is presented as a children's book illustrated by Kate Sherrill (<http://www.kateinthestudio.com>).

### MAY

#### Village Concert's Astralis Chamber Ensemble

This evening, Friday, May 9, 2025, the Village Concert Series Presents the Astralis Chamber Ensemble.

The award-winning musicians of the Ensemble; Angela Massey (flute), Laura Usiskin (cello), and Bang-Shyuan Chen (piano); present a Mother's Day Program featuring influential female composers. The concert, "Women in Music," includes works by Mel Bonis, Amanda Harberg, Howard Chvotsek, and a magnificent trio by Fanny Mendelssohn. The musicians of Astralis have received international recognition and are traveling to South Carolina to share this

program. Join us for an exquisite evening of music with the Astralis Chamber Ensemble.

## Looking Back on the Year

### The 2024 / 2025, 25th Anniversary Season

It's hard to believe the program year is at its end. Nine months of seemingly constant juggling, and uncertainties. This year we gathered in fellowship to hear:

- Sep - The Charleston Museum, past, present and future
- Oct - The Margret & David Agee Duo
- Nov - The Charleston Aquarium's outreach to the community
- Dec - Canceled. The second Friday came late in the month and conflicted with too many other seasonal events.
- Jan - Paster Nicole on Engaging Older Adults & Platte Moring's presentation on his service in Afghanistan
- Feb - Aimie Morris from Hibben Methodist singing Broadway show tunes
- Mar - Carrol Brown's salute to St Patricks Day
- Apr - Russell Horres and the story of Fort Sumter's Jack the Cat.

## Ongoing Concerns

### THE FOOD PROGRAM

We expect S&P Catering to return next year. Opportunities to enhance the meal program are always sought. We encourage any thoughts that anyone may have to share.

### ATTENDANCE TRENDS

	Attendees	Guests	Total
<b>April 2025:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>
Average of 7 Events	38	2	40

### FINANCES

#### • 2025 Expenses & Revenues

- Jan 1, 2025 - Apr 30,, 2025 Status

- Expenses
  - Food (\$3,172.50)
  - Programming (\$ 500.00)
  - Total Expense (\$3,672.50)

- Revenue
  - Door Revenue \$3,080.00
  - Other Revenue \$ 165.00
  - Total Revenue \$3,245.00

- Expenses + Revenue (\$ 427.50)
- Church Funding \$ 444.44  
(\$1,000 / 9 Events X  
4 events to date)

- Apr 30th Balance \$ 16.94  
[ Based on \$1,000 Bdgt / 9 events]
- Apr 30th Balance (\$ 277.50)  
[ Based on \$1,000 Bdgt / 12 months]
- Projected Dec 31st Bal \$ \$170.00  
[ Both accounting methods balance]]

- Additionally we'll have **Jim Miller** presenting his adventures as a wildlife photographer, **Hugh McClellan** updating his progress on the **Old Wappetaw Church project** (Our mother church) and the 250th celebration of the Revolution; and the **Clients of Palmetto Music Therapy** leading us in celebrating the **2025 Christmas** season
- Three program slots remain open in the Spring of 2026.

## About Pacesetters

### WHAT IS PACESETTERS

- A Fellowship for Adults 55 & Older
- Open to all ages and beliefs
- A component of Adult Faith Formation
- Emphasizing fellowship with and caring for one another

### BOARD MEMBERS

Pam Owen-Early	Anne Farmer
Mike Farmer	Jo Ann Hiott
Andy Kay	Nancy Lewis
Susan Mellichamp	

### CATERING

Pamala Reid / S&P Catering / 843-991-4519

### POINTS OF CONTACT

- Contact a board member (See Realm)
- email Andy at [mppcpacesetters@gmail.com](mailto:mppcpacesetters@gmail.com)
- The suggestion box at events

### REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND INFO

Get information and provide input via:

- MPPC eNews & Pelican
- This Newsletter usually available at the Pacesetter's Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall
- A digital link in the Adult Faith Formation web page (<https://mppc.net/adults/>) and occasional digital links in other MPPC media.
- Reach out to any of the points of contact listed above for additional information

### OPPORTUNITIES

Many ways exist to support our fellowship. Let us know if you are interested in helping with the program in any way. Flexible schedules can be arranged.

## Looking Forward

### The 2025 / 2026 Program Year - The 26th Season

Planning is in place already for many of next season's events. We'll leave things pending thru the summer, but next year looks like:

- We start in September with Charleston's own **Charlton Singleton of Ranky Tanky** in a Village Concert Presentation. **Two more Village concerts**, a popular Jazz ensemble, and a classical guitar duo occur in the spring.