



## **Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance 2017 Schedule of Meetings**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Topic:** *The Power of Unity in Faith Communities and New Member Breakfast*

**Location:** The Episcopal Church of the Advent (141 Advent Street, Spartanburg)

**Speaker:** Reverend Sean Dogan, Pastor, Long Branch Baptist Church

**Session Description:** There is power when faith communities come together to collectively address a pressing issue. Sometimes that power is unrealized. Join us as we learn from Reverend Sean Dogan how faith communities in Greenville have harnessed the power of partnerships to address health and the impact it has had on their community. This will also be an opportunity to learn more about the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance and how you can become more involved in this exciting initiative.

**Thursday, February 23, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Topic:** *Strategic Discussion – What Does It Mean to Be Interfaith?*

**Location:** St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (161 Dean Street, Spartanburg)

**Facilitator:** Scott Neely, Founder, Project for Community Transformation

**Session Description:** As the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance grows and engages with the community, it is important to define what it means to be interfaith and how that impacts the Alliance's purpose and path forward. Scott Neely will facilitate this interactive conversation.

**Thursday, April 27, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Topic:** *Public Health Update – How Does Spartanburg Measure Up?*

**Location:** Life with Jesus Ministries (150 Outlet Road, Spartanburg)

**Speakers:** Renee Romberger, Vice President for Community Health Policy and Strategy, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, and Karen Fradua, Director of Community Health Improvement, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

**Session Description:** Where does Spartanburg County stand when it comes to health and wellbeing? Learn the factors that contribute to a healthy community, understand some of the challenges related to health in Spartanburg, see what groups are doing to address health concerns, and how your faith community can get involved.

**Thursday, June 15, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.**

**Topic:** *Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance Celebration Luncheon*

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church (393 E. Main Street, Spartanburg)

**Session Description:** The Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance held its first full year of meetings and events in 2016, including a Community Thanksgiving Service that brought a record offering total; add the completion of a Habitat House build in 2017 and we have the makings of a celebration. This luncheon will provide a look back at the Alliance's progress in the last 18 months and serve as a reminder of the results that can be achieved when we come together as a community.

**Thursday, August 24, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Topic:** *Grantwriting Workshop – The Rhetoric and Reality of Grantwriting for Your Faith Community*

**Location:** Trinity United Methodist Church (626 Norwood Street, Spartanburg)

**Speakers:** Catherine Schumacher, Founder, Schumacher Consulting, LLC, and Mark Small, J.D., Ph.D., Chair and Professor, the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University

**Session Description:** Looking for additional funding to further your cause, but don't know where to start? This two-part session is designed to provide you with the basics of how to write a grant as well as where to find grants and understanding the ins and outs of faith-based funding. This is a session designed both for clergy and key outreach staff/volunteers. We encourage you to bring 1 or 2 other individuals from your faith community with you.

**Thursday, October 5, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Topic:** *Financial Stability Update – Meeting Basic Needs and Building Economic Self-Sufficiency*

**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Church (210 Henry Place, Spartanburg)

**Speakers:** Hannah Jarrett, Community Impact Associate, United Way of the Piedmont

**Session Description:** United Way's Financial Stability Initiative is led by a Task Force of 25 leaders from all sectors of the community who have established the goal to move 2,000 families on to the path to self-sufficiency in 2,000 days. The 2,000 in 2,000 challenge is a recipe for community change. The goal is to break the cycle of poverty by ensuring families have the skills and assets needed for long-term success. Join us to learn more about poverty and self-sufficiency, and how our community is breaking down barriers to affordable housing, reliable transportation, night-shift childcare, workforce development opportunities, crisis intervention, and financial literacy.

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service**

**Location:** Mount Moriah Baptist Church (445 S. Church Street, Spartanburg)

**Session Description:** Each year, The Spartanburg County Foundation partners with area clergy to host the Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service, an annual ecumenical service that provides an opportunity for clergy members from various faith groups, as well as members of the community, to worship together and give thanks. Each year, a committee of local clergy selects a nonprofit organization to receive the offering. As a sponsor of this event, The Spartanburg County Foundation matches the plated offering from the night of the service dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000.

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**Opportunities to Connect**

*Habitat House Build*

The Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance is hosting its first community service project – a Habitat House Build on East Hampton Avenue. Groundbreaking is scheduled for March with the completion of the house in June. The goal of this project is to engage as many faith community members as possible in contributing to the common good. If you or your congregation would like to volunteer and/or contribute to the cost of the house, please contact Pat Tatham at [pjtatham@charter.net](mailto:pjtatham@charter.net).