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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Why do we go to church? Or, another way to put it – what does the church offer that we can't get anywhere else? For me, one clear answer is that the experience of worship is something which is vital to our lives and which we can find in no other place. God can certainly reach us at any time and in any place. But our human makeup is such that we can best perceive God, connect with God, and learn from God when we set aside a holy time and a holy place.

One author a few years ago subtitled her book about worship "A Royal Waste of Time", and that about sums it up. If you observe it from the outside looking in, it appears to be so much "wasted" or "unproductive" time. But those of us who experience it from the midst of it know that God is working there to calm our fears, gladden our hearts, and fit us for the other 167 hours of the week.

With those thoughts in mind, I invite all of us to attend to the opportunities for worship that await us in the coming week. The Easter celebration and the days that lead up to it are the crowning jewel of our annual cycle of worship: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. Each of these services of worship will have it's own special flavor and spirit. The mood, as we move from one to the next, will bring us into God's presence with the whole range of human emotions and experiences. Each one picks up where the other leaves off. Throughout the history of the church, this one week has been the prism through which the rest of the year – and the rest of life – have been passed.

It only happens once a year. I look forward to seeing you in church, where we can waste some time together!

Godspeed,
Elliott

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

March 31 - \$5,071.00
April 7 - \$9,338.00

S/S Attendance:

March 31 - 42
April 7 - 40

Worship Attendance:

March 31 - 89
April 7 - 100



Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- Celia Gray’s brother’s kidney transplant went well. Both brothers are recovering well. Greg who got the transplant also had to have a stint put in his heart.
- Charlie Austin who has substituted for Mark Burleson many times, died suddenly on March 27th.. Keep his family in your prayers.
- Mrs. Betty Bradley, Paul’s mother, was re-admitted to Presbyterian Hospital on Saturday.
- The young lady at USC that was murdered this past weekend was a friend of Lexi Torrence. Please keep the USC family and her Sorority sisters in your prayers.

Prayer Concerns (cont’d):

- Continue to pray for Debbie Wingate as she recovers from shingles.
- Sandy Zinn, Emily Adkins’ step son-in-law is in rehab care in Houston, TX.
- Gail Caudill Duncan was scheduled for abdominal surgery on Monday.
- Mike Parrot, Sarah Kendrick’s brother-in-law, had surgery for a heart aneurysm last week and is recovering at home.

Keep in Your Prayers:

- Hoyt & Jean Johnston
- Mary Frances Lail
- Flora Mae Love
- Bob & Marie Love
- Caregivers



Service Assignments

April Count Team:

Team Leader: Gene Hall
Team: Tim Gray, Barbara Ullem, Grady & Karen Cathey

Prayer Team:

4/14 Tommy & Ann Cashion
 4/21 Donna & Gene Hall

Nursery - Crib Room:

4/14 Donna Hall
 4/21 Jan Chapman

Nursery - Toddler Room:

4/14 Alexis Tyler
 4/21 Gerri Ann Shaw

April Ushers Team Captain: Eddie McArver

April Greeters Elder of the Month: Eddie McArver

Visitation Schedule

Visiting Teams for - April:

Ann Cashion & Linda Riggins
 Amy McGee & Debbie Taylor
 Virginia & Harold Staton
 Teresa Painter & Barbara Ullem
 Emily Adkins & Angie Ross
 Grady & Karen Cathey
 Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver
 Susan Kenley, Judy Smith & Toni Torrence

Special Friends to be Visited:

Rennie Auten & Mary Frances Lail
 Flora Mae Love
 Hoyt Johnston
 Richard Rumpel
 Allen Wingate
 Jean Johnston
 Ken Smith
 Mike Johnson

Cards:

Grady & Karen Cathey
 Virginia & Harold Staton

Bertha Ellis, Bob & Marie Love, Roger McNeill
 Bryce & Anne Moore, Stella Whitlock, Joe Troutman



****Mike Johnson’s mail is not reaching him since his trustee has most of it forwarded to the bank. When mailing him a card, please use 233 Enwood Drive as his address. This is the address for his neighbor, and they will make sure that the mail gets to him.**

Thank you!



Troop 70 Life Scout Christian Taylor and family thank the congregation for their support and donations for his Eagle Scout Project stairs. We hope they serve for many years to come.

Student Opportunity Scholarship

This scholarship serves Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) college students by providing need-based aid for sophomores, juniors and seniors who are full-time, first degree students attending accredited institutions in the United States. Preference in this program is extended to racial ethnic students in order to promote diversity.

Student Opportunity Scholarship applicants will explore who God created them to be in a series of essay questions intended for students to explore with mentors and peers. This program requires that students maintain an active involvement in a worshipping community or campus ministry program while they are attending college.

Criteria

- Be a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Have completed first year of college.
- Be enrolled full time at an accredited college or university in the United States.
- Be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or greater).
- Be seeking a bachelor degree.
- Demonstrate financial need.

To learn more about “need” and use a calculator to estimate Expected Family Contribution and Need, [visit EAFA4caster](#).

Range of awards

Up to \$3,000.00

Deadline

May 15—Part One



2019 Graduates

Attention to all members who are graduating high school or college in 2019. Paw Creek Presbyterian Church will be honoring you during the service on **June 2, 2019**. Please provide your name, school information, any special awards received and your future plans. This information will be included in the bulletin that Sunday. Please wear your robes if available during service. Please submit info to church office no later than **May 20**.

Parents of graduates, we are asking you to write a short letter to your graduate with words of wisdom and encouragement. Please keep these to 100 words or less as these will be read by committee members during the service. Please submit to church office by **May 20**.

Christian Education Committee



Flowers for the Easter Garden

Beautiful Easter flowers will adorn the Easter Garden in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning. We invite you to share in the beauty through a memorial or thanksgiving donation towards the cost of the flowers. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. Donations, noting clearly the name(s) of those in whose honor or memory they are given, may be made using the Special Offering Envelopes in the narthex or by calling the church office. Deadline is Sunday, **April 14th**; the names of all those being honored or remembered will be appear in the bulletin on Easter morning. A suggested donation of at least \$10 per remembrance is much appreciated, but please note that this represents a donation to the entire garden and we will not have enough flowers for every donor to be able to take home after Easter. Thanks for your understanding!



Holy Week and Easter

- Palm Sunday, April 14** – 11:00 am Palm Procession and Retelling of the Passion Story with Word and Music
- Maundy Thursday, April 18** - 7:00 pm in the Scout Hut - Intimate communion celebration at table
- Good Friday, April 19** - 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Solemn Service of Shadows
- Easter Sunday - April 21** - 11:00 am Festival Service of Resurrection and Joy

Community Easter Egg Hunt

When: **April 14th**
 Time: 12:30pm - 2pm
 Where: Coulwood Clubhouse and Park

Lunch will be provided (hot dogs and the fixings).

Come join the fun as there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts, games and food.

If you are willing to donate candy and plastic eggs (empty or filled) there will be a box in the front of the church.



A NOTE OF

My brother Marty sent the following Thank You today.

Thanks to Paw Creek for your prayers and support.

Love,
Celia Monical Gray

Here's an Update on our Fundraiser

Because of your generous contributions, our Shake A Leg for Greg event surpassed our expectations. The event was perfectly crowded with over 250 guests on St. Patrick's Day. Great music from Pitch Perfect, and tasty home-made foods from our guests complimented spectacular offerings from Monical's Pizza, Dairy Queen, Avanti's and Mario's Pizza to keep everyone full and festive throughout the afternoon. An amazing **130 items** were donated for silent or live auction. We not only hit our fundraising goal of \$15,000, but combined with our **GoFundMe** and other contributions, we exceeded our stretch goal of \$30,000. Thanks to all our volunteers, participants, and donors!

Here's an Update on the Surgeries

Marty's surgery went exactly as planned, but with an extra artery and two extra veins in his kidney, he was under much longer than "normal" -- 5 ½ hours. He doesn't handle anesthesia well, so he had a very rough 18 hours following surgery, but quickly became the poster-child for recovery. Greg was feeling amazing the day after Monday's surgery, and then put a scare into us all when he suffered several heart attacks starting on Tuesday night. We are quite fortunate he was still under OSF care when this occurred -- probably saved his life. After a stent was inserted into his artery, Greg started the journey of recovering from both a kidney transplant and "heart surgery" at the same time. He spent four extra days in the hospital but is safe at home recovering with a new lease on life!

One More Thank You

Greg and I are walking around this earth having just been enveloped with love, support, prayers, concern, and contributions of all kinds. It is a magical place and we wish everyone a piece of this great aura in which we live. People are certainly amazing when you give them a chance to be. We thank you once again for your generous contribution.

Good health to you...

~Marty and Greg Monical

Congregational Care Teams



Congregational Care

Prayer Team - To be added to the prayer team **OR** if you are in need of prayer.

**all prayer requests must be approved by the family.*

Contact: Ann Cashion 704-301-0126 **-OR-**

Judy Smith 704-392-2892

Special Friends List - to be added **-OR-** to add a family member to the visitation list.

Contact: Karen Cathey 704-650-2929

Visitation Team - to be added to the visitation and card team for Special Friends.

Contact: Karen Cathey 704-650-2929

CD Ministry - to have a CD of the worship mailed to you -- weekly or on an as needed basis.

Contact: Linda Riggins 704-575-8177

Transportation Team - to volunteer to drive **-OR-** in need of transportation help.

Contact: Ann Cashion 704-301-0126



Paw Creek Annual Fish Fry & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Adults - \$10, Kids - \$5

Yummy Fish and Fixin's! Bake Sale!
Take-out will be available



**Sandwich
Generation**

Sandwich Generation

The Congregational Care Committee is planning a new group for those who find themselves in the middle, providing encouragement and support for adult children and/or aging parents. First meeting will be Saturday evening, April 27 at 6:00 pm for supper and fellowship. Home of Elliott Hipp and Nell Scudder, 310 Mill Road. Please RSVP to Elliott (deh46@columbia.edu); Joy (tyler@bellsouth.net); or Amy (amyskmcgee@gmail.com).



Need a Ride?

People to call if you need a ride:

Ann Cashion	(704)301-0126
Donna Hall	(704)399-6483
Anne Miller	(704)392-2989
Dina Salvo	(704)531-7350

If you are willing to be on this list, please call Ann Cashion or email: acatlake@gmail.com



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

Loaves & Fishes

Ever notice those BIG Cardboard Boxes in the narthex? They are always available to make food donations for Loaves & Fishes. This year, the items in greatest need are:

- Canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Canned pastas
- Cereal
- Powdered milk
- 100% fruit juice



Children Connecting With Christ

The Wednesday evening group, Children Connecting With Christ, will meet on Wednesday **April 17**, 6-8 pm and have a special lesson for Holy Week.



One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is a way for you to change lives in Christ's name through ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Your gifts provide safety, sustenance and hope to individuals and communities in need. Please join us in contributing to this important offering on Easter Sunday, **April 21st**.

Fellowship Committee Needs Your Help

If you are willing to help when we need cookies (for cookies and lemonade on the lawn), bake goods for the Easter Egg Hunt and then at the annual Christmas party please let the Fellowship Committee know. For the Easter Egg Hunt, we will need several people to provide brownies.

If you have any questions please see Melissa Mullis or Toni Torrence

Thank you for your consideration and help.

Please provide the information below, tear off and place in the offering tray.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Nursery Notes

When you are bringing your child to the nursery on Sunday morning (or helping visitors get settled) - Please remember to fill out a name tag for each child and stick it on the child's back. This is a big help to our nursery works, and an important part of our child security arrangement. Thank you!!



Bible Study

Schedule for Bible Study
(Wed. 10am & Thur. 5:30pm)

April 9/10	Luke 23: 1-49
April 17/18	No Class - Holy Week
April 24/25	TBD - Women's Sunday
May 1/2	Acts 9:1-20
May 8/9	Acts 9: 36-43
May 15/16	Acts 11: 1-18
May 22/23	Acts 16: 9-15

NC Presbyterian Historical Society

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society is looking forward to being in the very Presbyterian city of Charlotte for its Spring Tour on **Friday and Saturday, April 26-27**. Registration is \$25. We will be visiting two Presbyterian universities, a seminary, four beautiful churches, and the Settlers' Cemetery! The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact the newsletter editor for a copy: btcaim@nc.rr.com; 919-782-0944.



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Seek Matthew 6:33
Serve 1 Samuel 12:24
Praise Psalm 111:1
Love Christ! 1 John 4:12

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:

Judy Smith (704) 392-2892

-or-

Ann Cashion (704) 301-0126

Know someone Who Needs a Visit?

Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Hipp (704) 392-0329



SUNDAY, APRIL 14
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY
THE PASSION READING
READINGS FROM LUKE 22-23

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNION MEDITATION
JOHN 13:1-17, 31-35

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
GOOD FRIDAY
THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS
READINGS FROM LUKE 22-23

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
EASTER SUNDAY
"WHERE SHOULD WE LOOK FOR THE LIVING?"
LUKE 24: 1-12

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Church Calendar

Each Week...

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

11:30am Senior Lunch Program

Monday

5:30pm Monday Study Group
7:00pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth & Children
7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Thursday

9:00am Cardio Fitness
5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Future Happenings...

Wednesday, April 10

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth & Children
*Newsletter

Thursday, April 11

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, April 14

11:00am Palm / Passion Sunday
12:30pm Community Easter Egg Hunt - Coulwood

Wednesday, April 17

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth & Children

Thursday, April 18

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service (Scout Hut)

Friday, April 19

7:00pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20

8:00am Men's Breakfast @Circle G

Sunday, April 21

11:00am Easter Service

Monday, April 22

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
5:30pm Monday Study Group

Wednesday, April 24

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth & Children
*Newsletter

Thursday, April 25

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Monday, April 29

5:30pm Monday Study Group

Tuesday, April 30

7:00pm Stitches for Missions

Wednesday, May 1

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth & Children

Thursday, May 2

5:30pm Adult Bible Study