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News at Paw Creek

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent snuck in through the back door last Wednesday. Most of us cradle Presbyterians have had to learn about Lent as something “new”. While growing up we didn’t “give up” anything for Lent and we didn’t see much difference even in church during those early spring weeks before Easter. In recent decades we have learned that Lent is not “new” but is very old, going back to the earliest centuries of Christianity. And we have come to appreciate some new traditions during Lent and Holy Week.

But all the same, Lent sneaks in through the back door. It makes hardly a peep in a world where politics, social media and violence scream for our attention - not to mention more personal concerns like family, work and health. Lent whispers with the Word of God. The same way that Jesus, who is the Word of God, whispered his message of peace and love and forgiveness. We have to make a conscious decision to attend to Jesus, not just to scooch over and make room for him, but to tune eyes, ears and hearts to him alone. Jesus will not raise his voice or coerce us in any way. But he is endlessly patient. The quietness of Lent can help teach us to attend to Jesus.

In the ancient words of the Ash Wednesday service, "We are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God." In others words, to be quiet, quiet enough for the soft voice of Jesus to speak and be heard.

Blessings on us all for holy Lent.

Elliott

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

February 11 - \$8,487.00
February 18 - \$6,142.08

S/S Attendance:

February 11 - 75
February 18 - 71

Worship Attendance:

February 11 - 140
February 18 - 109



Session Notes

The Session held its monthly stated meeting on February 18. The bulk of the meeting was spent on discussing and adopting the 2018 Church Budget, which will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on February 25. In other business, the Session is moving forward to finalize a Child and Youth Protection Policy. In preparation for the adoption of that policy, all current child and youth volunteers will be contacted in the coming days to authorize background checks (the cost of running the checks will be borne by the church and the results will be kept confidential.) The next stated Session meeting will be March 18.

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- Sue Love passed away Feb. 18th. Service will be Wednesday at 2pm at Paw Creek. Visitation in the Parlor from 1-2.
- Vernie Smith is still in rehab, but hopes to be home this week.
- Tess Whitlock’s mom passed away in November and a service was held on Saturday, Feb. 10th.
- Logan Whitlock recently got married and is deployed in Afghanistan.
- Bob Yarborough’s Memorial Service was Saturday, Feb. 10th. Keep the Yarborough family in prayer.
- Bobbie Foard had her pacemaker replaced last week, she is back home.
- Billie Raborn had been in the hospital with the flu and is now home.
- Steve Dannahower’s father, Dr. William Dannahower passed away, the funeral was Saturday, 17th.
- Debbie Wingate is not well and needs our prayers.

Prayer Concerns (cont’d):

- Continue to pray for 4 month old Jayleigh (friend of Debbie Taylor) who is recovering from heart surgery.
- Julia Byrd, Roy Helm’s grandmother fell and broke her hip. Please keep her in prayer.
- Ron Turney, Larry Ramsey’s co-worker fell and broke his leg in 3 places. Please keep in prayer.
- Please pray for Family and Students in Florida who recently lost loved ones and classmates to mass shooting this week.

Keep in Your Prayers:

- Hoyt & Jean Johnston
- Mary Frances Lail
- Flora Mae Love
- Dave Reames
- Marlene Thames
- Caregivers

Celebrations:

- Presbytery meeting held at our church with Woodland on Feb. 10th went very well!
- Women’s 28th Annual Ecumenical Luncheon was held Saturday, 17th with very good attendance.
- Children collected \$400.00 for Unicef last Sunday through their cupcake sale.



Service Assignments

Count Team:

Team Leader: Melissa Mullis
Team: Donna Hall, Jon Kenley, Amy McGee & Toni Torrence

Ushers:

Team Leaders: Tim & Celia Gray
Feb. 25th Team: Sonny & Angie Ross, Belinda & Stan Springs

Greeters:

Narthex: Eddie Chapman & Tim Sudderth
East Wing: Beth Joy
West Wing: Victoria Krebs

Prayer Team:

2/25 Tim & Celia Gray
3/4 Debbie Taylor & Karen Cathey

Nursery - Crib Room:

2/25 Joyce Joy
3/4 Ashley Kenley

Nursery - Toddler Room:

2/25 Peggy Harrington
3/4 Jon Kenley

Visitation Schedule

Visiting Teams for February

Linda Riggins & Ann Cashion
 Susan Kenley & Toni Torrence
 Joyce & Leslie Joy
 Virginia Oates & Harold Staton
 Barbara Ullem & Teresa Painter
 Emily Adkins & Angie Ross
 Grady & Karen Cathey
 Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver
 Margaret White & Judy Smith

Special Friends to be Visited:

Bill Faust
 Rennie Auten & Mary Frances Lail
 Flora Mae Love
 David Reames
 Mike Johnson
 Richard Rumble
 Anne Smith
 Allen Wingate (& Laura)
 Jean Johnston

Cards

Linda Riggins & Ann Cashion
 Susan Kenley & Toni Torrence

Bryce & Anne Moore, Bob & Marie Love, Sue Love
 Bertha Ellis, Marlene Thames, Ralph & Harriet Underwood, Stella Whitlock



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in March!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

If we don't have your birthday listed, please let us know. You may call the office at 704-392-0329 or email your information to office@pawcreekpc.org. Thank you! ~Kim

<u>March 2</u> Jordan Loud	<u>March 16</u> Jennifer Caldwell	<u>March 24</u> Raymond Field
<u>March 4</u> Barbara Blankenship	<u>March 17</u> Jane Dorton Melissa Mullis Sarah Kenley	<u>March 25</u> Judy Pinkston
<u>March 7</u> Cambell Brown Parker Brown Tyler Brown George Taylor	<u>March 18</u> Seth Penna	<u>March 26</u> Elizabeth Kincaid
<u>March 8</u> Danny McClure, Jr.	<u>March 20</u> Max Sudderth	<u>March 27</u> Dillon Joy
<u>March 13</u> David Turner	<u>March 22</u> John Burns Beth Joy	<u>March 28</u> Chris Normand
<u>March 15</u> Cole Caudill Margie Caudill	<u>March 23</u> Carlina Padgett Angie Ross	<u>March 30</u> Frank Dale
		<u>March 31</u> Ellie Reese Helms Jane Scott



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, **February 25** after worship for the purpose of electing members to the 2018 Nominating Committee and hearing a financial and budget report from the Session.



Mission Project

The Mission Sunday School class is sponsoring a church-wide mission project for the month of March for Care Ring. Our own Tess Whitlock works for the Nurse-Family Partnership of Care Ring that empowers first-time mothers living in poverty to successfully change their lives and the lives of their children through evidence-based nurse home visiting. Nurses such as Tess mentor first-time moms starting with their pregnancy through the child's second birthday, during which time the mentors help mothers gain the tools to provide their child a stable home and work to achieve self-sufficiency.

We will have tags on our community board for the various sizes of diapers and wipes needed by Care Ring.



Children Connecting with Christ

March 7th - Making Little Dresses for Africa



Mark Your Calendar For The Next Circle Meeting

Circle Meetings - 10:00am and 7:15pm - Parlor

March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st



*Presbyterian Women
Stuff Spud and Salad Luncheon*

The Presbyterian Women are holding a stuffed baked potato and salad luncheon in the CFC on Sunday, **March 18th**, following the Worship Service. Homemade desserts from the Circles will also be provided. A love offering for the activities to beautify the church will be collected. So, please plan to join us for good eats and fellowship!



Picture Directory

Please don't forget that our church pictorial directory is on-line at the church website: pawcreekpc.org. The directory is secure and password protected; if you need a log-in please speak to Tim Gray, or Kim Whittington in the church office. The directory can be edited at any time. If you want to add a picture or update a family photo, please speak to Tim Gray. We can even take a quick picture when you are at church on Sunday morning, so it's an easy process!



Happy Hearts Senior Group

Happy Hearts

Mark your calendar for **March 14th**
Lunch Tour of Goodwill Industries

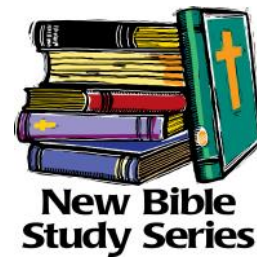
More details to follow



Lost & Found

Ken Scott misplaced his prescription glasses around Jan. 21st, maybe during the Hog dog Luncheon. They are oval, wire rimmed frames. If any one has seen them, please contact Ken Scott or the church Office.

There are also 2 pair of reading glasses and a pair of black earrings in the Church Office, if anyone is missing these. ~Thank you!



Weekly Bible Study

Identical discussion classes will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00am and Thursdays at 5:30pm. Each week we will study the Scripture reading for the following Sunday in worship.

Everyone is welcome to come give it a try. We will be delighted to have you!

Schedule for Bible Study

February 21/22	Genesis 15: 1-6
February 28/March 1	Exodus 19: 1-9
March 7/8	2 Samuel 7: 4-17
March 14/15	Jeremiah 31: 31-34
March 21/22	Mark 11: 1-11
March 28/29	No Class (Holy Week)

Baby Shower



Caitlin & Thomas Deaton's Baby Shower for Baby Ava!

Saturday, February 24th 1pm-3pm
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church - CFC

Caitlin and Thomas are registered for Ava at Babies R Us and Target.

The Links:
Target - <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=38993c0fd9f34cd6b59eaf35efc9a&atype=BABY>

Babies R Us -
<https://babyregistry.toysrus.com/view?registryNumber=60419318>



Giving Statements for 2017

Giving Statements for 2017 are in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick them up after worship on Sunday.

There are still a few of the Offering Envelopes that need to be picked up as well. ~Thank you

Youth & Children's Wed. Night Meals

We only have a few more slots to fill for Youth and Children's Wednesday night meals before the summer break. You may sign up on Sign up Genius at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844aaaf292-20172018> or you can let Debbie Taylor know and she will sign you up. Dates that are open as of today are Feb. 14th, March 7th & 14th, April 11th, May 2nd, 9th and May 30th.



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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-

Kay Scarce (704) 825-4446

Know someone Who Needs a Visit?

Please contact the Church Office or Rev.

Hipp (704) 392-0329



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

"COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM: PROMISE"
GENESIS 15: 1-6

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

"COVENANT WITH MOSES: OBEDIENCE"
EXODUS 19: 1-9

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

"COVENANT WITH DAVID: STEADFAST LOVE"
2 SAMUEL 7:4-17

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

"NEW COVENANT: ON THE HEART"
JEREMIAH 31: 31-34

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

PASSION / PALM SUNDAY
MARK 14-15

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - 7PM
"DO AS I SAY, DO AS I DO"
JOHN 13

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 7PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

EASTER SUNDAY
"WHERE DO WE GO NOW?"
MARK 16: 1-8

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

7:00pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm MS/HS Youth Group
6:00pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Thursday

9:00am Cardio Fitness
5:30pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Future Happenings...

Wednesday, February 21

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth / CCC
*Newsletter

Thursday, February 22

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, February 27

7:00pm Stitches for Missions - Parlor
5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, February 28

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth / CCC

Thursday, March 1

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, March 4

11:00am Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Monday, March 5

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 6

10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle
7:15pm PW Life Seekers Circle
5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, March 7

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth
6:00pm CCC-Make Little Dresses for Africa
*Newsletter

Thursday, March 8

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, March 13

5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, March 14

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth / CCC

Thursday, March 15

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday, March 17

8:00am Men's Breakfast @Circle G