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News at Paw Creek

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

The ties that bind us together as God's family and the Body of Christ are strong. We share each other's burdens and rejoice in our blessings. That is why we feel so strongly when we are not together week in and week out. If a familiar face is missing from the pews or we hear about illness and trouble, our instinct is to reach out and bridge the gap, to let our friends know that our worship feels empty when they are not with us.

One way we can reach out, besides personal cards, calls and visits, is to literally take the church to our sick and homebound friends. We can go to the places where they live or receive care and celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together with them, to include them in the worship and praise of the church even when they cannot be present in the sanctuary. This can be especially meaningful for us as Presbyterians, since the Book of Order directs that we go out together - at least a pastor and an elder, but even better if other members of the church can go as well. That way, those who have to miss church can see that the whole community misses them and wishes them well.

I want to begin scheduling times to bring the communion service to our shut-ins during the coming spring months. I would appreciate your help in a couple of ways. If you would like to schedule a communion visit, for yourself or a special friend, please share that information with me so that we can plan a day and time. And, if you are able to join me on one or more of these visits, please let me know that as well. Elders (whether currently active or inactive on the Session) and all church members are welcome to be a part of this ministry.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead as we focus on this important part of the church's life that will continue to bind us all in the Body of Christ.

Blessings, Elliott

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

February 25 - \$6,378.00
March 4 - \$9,916.03

S/S Attendance:

February 25 - 72
March 4 - 60

Worship Attendance:

February 25 - 99
March 4 - 100



Daylight Savings Time

Reminder; Daylight Savings time begins **March 11th**. Spring Forward!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- Jeanee Lin Gardner, wife of Keith Gardner, passed away on Friday.
- Continue to keep Sue Love's family in prayer.
- Ken & Vernie Smith continue to need prayers- Ken had a short hospitalization this week but is home, and Vernie continues to rehab at home from back surgery.
- Jordan Miller, fiancé of Morgan McGee, left on Sunday for Marine boot camp at Paris Island.
- Roger McNeil has been moved to Assisted Living. Please keep Roger and Carol in Prayer.
- Gilbert Foust, Marlon's brother, is in CMC Main. Please continue to pray for him.

Celebrations:

- Toni Torrence has a newborn niece, McKinsley Sloan Smith, born this week prematurely at 3 pounds. She is in NICU but is doing well.
- Sherry Blevins had an original song she wrote debuted on Saturday.
- Larry and Vicki Ramsey are celebrating 38 years of marriage this week.

Keep in Your Prayers:

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



Service Assignments

Count Team:

Team Leader: Gene Hall & Leslie Joy
Team: Victoria Krebs, Tim Gray, Barbara Ullem, Grady & Karen Cathey

Ushers:

Team Leaders: Eddie & Jane McArver
 (Missions Sunday School Class)
3/11 Team: Susan Kenley, Tim Gray, Jane & Eddie McArver
3/18 Team: Edgar Peeden, Kay Searce, Tommy Cashion & Frances Lyerly

Greeters:

Narthex: Donna Hall & Joy Tyler
East Wing: Vickie Joy
West Wing: Tim Gray

Prayer Team:

3/11 Kay Searce & Ann Cashion
3/18 Donna & Gene Hall

Nursery - Crib Room:

3/11 Karen Cathey
3/18 Sarah Mullis

Nursery - Toddler Room:

3/11 Joy Pinkston
3/18 Marsha Cathey

Visitation Schedule

Visiting Teams for March

Linda Riggins & Ann Cashion
 Susan Kenley & Toni Torrence
 Joyce & Leslie Joy
 Virginia & 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:

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

Cards

Grady & Karen Cathey
 Joyce & Leslie Joy

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



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Schedule of Services for Holy Week

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday/The Sunday of the Passion at 11:00 am

Palm Procession
Special Choir music

Dramatic reading by the Youth Group of the Passion of Jesus according to Mark - the story of his suffering and death

Community Easter Egg Hunt after worship at Coulwood Community Clubhouse

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday at 6:00 pm

Gather at tables in the Scout Hut for Holy Communion on the night of the Last Supper

Friday, March 30

Good Friday at 7:00 pm

The day of the Crucifixion
Quiet service of Shadows and Meditation

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday at 11:00 am

The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Special Choir music
Proclamation of the Good News of Resurrection
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



Welcome Renovatus Church

Renovatus Church began meeting for worship in the CFC on March 4. We are delighted to welcome them as they spend the coming year exploring their long-term facility needs. On Sunday, March 11 at 9:00 am, Paw Creek members are invited to a reception in the CFC where we can meet the members of Renovatus Church and offer them a warm welcome.

New Study Group



New Study Group Forming

If you like to be challenged by stimulating reading and discussion, this one's for you! The first book will be *The Givenness of Things*, a collection of essays on theology and related topics by Marilynne Robinson (author of *Gilead* and other novels). There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, March 19 at 5:30 in the parlor to plan meeting times and dates. The book is available in paperback or used on Amazon. Want to learn more? Speak to Elliott, or Peggy Harrington.



Presbyterian Women Stuffed 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!

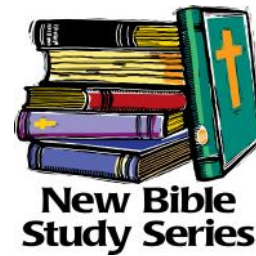


Happy Hearts Senior Group

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Wednesday, **March 14th**
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

Lunch - on your own @ Goodwill Bistro Café
Tour of new facility on Wilkinson Blvd.
Bus is going (upper parking lot) Leave church - 11:30



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

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)

Dear Friends,

I'm sorry that it has taken me so long to express my appreciation for all the kindness shown to our family in Gary's dedication service. It is not because I'm ungrateful. Maybe it is because there are not adequate words or maybe because it marks the end of an era for me--or maybe it is for both reasons. You have deeply touched my heart and grounded my faith.

Comfort has come in many ways from Elliott, my new found friend. Both your openness in welcoming me back home to Paw Creek and your many kind and gracious words about a man that you did not know have touched me deeply-thank you for this.

To Beth Joy who thought about the future-thank you for collecting the many beautiful letter and notes about Gary that our family can read for a lifetime. Also, thanks to the many people who shared their memories and love for him.

To those who made the garden a reality-The Acts 16:5 Committee and Veronica Cannon, thank you for deciding to dedicate the prayer garden to Gary's memory. You put in many hours designing, building, and planting. To the caretakers, Karen Turner and Ann Cashion, thank you. A special thank you to the youth of the church for providing the bench to honor Gary. He loved you very much and was very proud of you.

Thanks to Jerry Smith for being so diligent in getting people to buy pavers and for the Property Committee for putting them in place. A special thank you to all who bought pavers in honor of / in memory of the Bryants, but most importantly for those dedicated to the many faith builders, past and present, of Paw Creek Church as well as those from the broader church in Charlotte.

Finally, thanks to the Fellowship Committee for the delicious refreshments following the dedication service.

Because of each of you, this prayer garden will forever provide comfort and peace to future leaders and faith builders of this community.

~Gail Bryant

*Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church
Community Meal*

March 8, 2018
5:30-7:00pm

Please join Ambassador's for Christ - Outreach for our monthly community meal. This month we will be serving Shepherd's Pie (with beef) salad and yes - dessert.

Bring your friends and neighbors and join with us for some good food and fellowship. We would love to have you there.

We look forward to serving you.



Giving Statements for 2017

There are still Giving Statements for 2017 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



Easter Egg Hunt

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We will be sponsoring our annual Community Wide
Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 25
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Coulwood Community Clubhouse
(In the case of rain we will meet in the CFC)

Join us for lunch, games, Easter egg hunting and lots of fun. We are inviting our community and neighbors so please sure to come out and fellowship with everyone. We will need help with the game stations, hiding the eggs, and setting up lunch. We will also need donations of brownies for the brownie sundae bar. If you are able to help with any of these please contact Beth Joy at 704-953-5341 or by email at joysrus90@gmail.com. Also, if you would like to donate candy to put in the plastic eggs please place in the narthex by Sunday school time on Sunday March 18. Thank you for supporting Paw Creek Presbyterian in the Community.



Children Connecting with Christ

TONIGHT, March 7th - Making Little Dresses for Africa

Youth Sunday School News

The Youth Sunday School will meet at the Mountain Island Bojangles for breakfast, fellowship, and devotion on the first Sunday of the month through May. The exception will be April 1st, which is Easter Sunday. That month we will meet on April 8th at Bojangles. For the first Sunday of this event, if you want to attend, please plan to be at Bojangles by 10:00 AM on March 4th. Breakfast that Sunday will be paid for by the Church. If you do not have a means to get to Bojangles, be in the Church parking lot at the West Wing by 9:50 AM so we can carpool to there. Please note that we will be back in time for Worship service. Also, please make sure that you have a parental permission slip on file at the church. Hope you can come!



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.



News from Congregation Care

Help Support the Emergency Relief Fund

Make a Donation in Lieu of Easter Lilies

In lieu of Easter Lilies, the Congregational Care Committee asks that you make donations to the Emergency Relief Fund at Paw Creek. You can place your donation in the Special Offering envelopes in the pews or bulletins, or make your donation online. If you wish to make your donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please indicate the names on the envelope. We will try to have these posted in the bulletin for Easter Sunday, April 1st. To have these posted that Sunday, you need to submit your donation by **Sunday, March 25th**. The Congregational Care Committee will have a special floral arrangement for Easter Sunday.

Youth Group News

During the Spring Months the Youth Group will be meeting approximately EVERY TWO WEEKS and meetings will shift to SUNDAY AFTERNOONS. The last Wednesday meeting was February 28 and the first Sunday meeting will be March 11 at 5:30. Please look for schedule details and dates in the next newsletter, or ask a youth advisor.



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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, 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 - 6PM
"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

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

"MY LORD AND MY GOD!"
JOHN 20: 19-31

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

WOMEN'S SUNDAY
GUEST PREACHER - AMANTHA BARBEE

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, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, March 11

5:30pm Youth
*Daylight Savings Time Begins

Tuesday, March 13

5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Saturday, March 17

8:00am Men's Breakfast @Circle G

Sunday, March 18

12:00pm Hot Dog Luncheon
12:45pm Long Session Mtg.

Monday, March 19

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 20

5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, March 21

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

Thursday, March 22

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 27

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

Wednesday, March 28

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

Thursday, March 29

5:30pm Adult Bible Study
6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service