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News at Paw Creek

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

We are fast approaching the solemn drama of Holy Week, which is the most sacred time of our entire Christian year. In the ancient church it was Easter, the day of Jesus's resurrection, that was the center around which all worship and piety revolved. It has been that way ever since, and it is still that way today.

I hope everyone in our church family will be able to join us for many or all of our special services in the coming days. As we retell the stories about Jesus in that final week, we have a chance to share in the full range of emotions that he and his followers experienced - the premature excitement of Palm Sunday; the sense of gathering calamity as the authorities circled their nets; the bewilderment of the disciples at the last supper and in the garden; Jesus's own apprehension of what was to come; the whirlwind of fabricated charges; the growing anger of the crowds; the agony of crucifixion leading to Jesus's cry of abandonment.

Of course, at the end there is the glory of resurrection - indescribable joy, slack-jawed wonder, shouts of praise - which becomes all the more real in contrast to the despair of the previous week. Only as we have walked with Jesus up to Friday can we fully celebrate the emotions of Sunday. That is why I pray that each of us (as we are able) will be with the church family from beginning to end. This is what it means to be Christians, and it is the joy of Easter that gives us the inspiration for everything else we do throughout the year as we care for God's world and cherish God's word.

For all of us, may God bless us with a holy Easter, and blessings throughout the year.

Godspeed, Elliott



Session Notes:

The Session held its March stated meeting on Sunday, March 18. Session heard a proposal from the Presbytery of Charlotte for a pilot project partnering with Woodland Church to explore a mentoring program for at-risk African-American young men. It is hoped that our pilot project could become a model for joint mission between other pairs of black and white congregations in the Presbytery that share a history of being joined prior to the end of the Civil War. The Session voted to join Woodland in creating a "Ministry Team" (under Presbytery's new structure) and begin exploration of this project. Planning is also underway for the tenth annual Pentecost Sunday celebration with Woodland on May 20. This year's service will be part of the year-long celebration of Woodland's 150th anniversary. In other business, it was reported that background checks for child/youth volunteers and other leaders are moving forward (see article in this Newsletter). The Manual of Operations task force expects to present proposed updates in April (once complete, amendments to the Congregations by-laws will be presented for vote at a Congregational Meeting). The Technology and Communications task force is at the beginning of its work. The April stated meeting was rescheduled to April 22 to avoid conflict with Women's Sunday the previous week.

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

March 11 - \$2,296.00
March 18 - \$5,769.00

S/S Attendance:

March 11 - 64
March 18 - 69

Worship Attendance:

March 11 - 86
March 18 - 101

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- 10 week old Preston Cope has been in and out of hospital. Family needs our prayers.
- McKinsley Smith, 2 week old, was born premature at 3 lbs. and is need of our prayers.
- Steve Gray, Tim' cousin, needs our prayers for health concerns.
- Karen Cathey had surgery on Friday & is now at home. She needs prayers for healing.
- Alice Salvo, Dina's mother, in at Presbyterian. Please pray for her and the family.

Prayer Concerns (cont'd):

- Debbie Taylor's brother-in-law, Howie Wall, has been in and out of the hospital this week. He needs our prayers.
- A member of the community was hit and killed on Moores Chapel Rd. Please keep all involved in prayer.
- Don Estes needs our prayers for recovering from quad bypass this past week.
- Please pray for Kathleen Braswell.

Keep in Your Prayers:

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



Celebrations:

- Joy & Bill Tyler are celebrating 48 years of marriage.

Service Assignments

March Count Team:

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

April Count Team:

Team Leaders: Peggy Harrington & Linda Riggins
Team: Bob Rudisill, Joy Tyler, Larry Ramsey & Tim Sudderth

March 25th Ushers:

Team Leaders: Eddie & Jane McArver (Missions Sunday School Class)
Team: Rachel Wingate, Tim Gray, Jane & Eddie McArver

April Ushers:

Team Leader: Beth Joy (Fresh Start Sunday School Class)
Team: TBD

March Greeters:

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

April Greeters:

Narthex: Toni Torrence & Danny McClure
East Wing: David Padgett
West Wing: Barbara Ullem

Prayer Team:

3/25 Tim & Celia Gray
 4/1 Debbie Taylor & Karen Cathey

Nursery - Crib Room:

3/25 Rachel Wingate
 4/1 Kay Scarce

Nursery - Toddler Room:

3/25 Grady Cathey
 4/1 Leslie Joy

Visitation Schedule

Visiting Teams for March/April

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



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in April!

April 2

Ernest Moore
Sam Shannon

April 3

Jack Watson

April 5

Virginia McGranahan

April 6

Price Kenley
Sonny Ross
Kay Simmons

April 7

Shelby Alexander
Emily Cathey
Shannon Drolet
Jo Small

April 10

Victoria Krebs

April 11

Jerry Neal

April 12

Abby Glover
Alex Glover

April 13

Matt Turner

April 14

Zoey Bryant

April 15

Mark Bureson
Bob Rudisill

April 16

Robin Wodarski

April 18

Morgan McGee
Joan Wilson

April 19

James Summerlin

April 20

Harvey Meier, Jr.
Mandy Meier
Jim Meier

April 21

Austin Edwards

April 22

Garrett Joy
Betty Pinkston

April 24

Kevin Joy

April 25

Patty Burns

April 26

Sean Glover
Emily Normand

April 27

Jerry Mullis

April 28

Karen Cathey
Lexi Torrence

April 30

Doug Edwards



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



Dear Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Family,

Words always fall short when I am trying to express a deep felt gratitude. Somewhere I read that this is why we have music - to express what is felt when words are inadequate. So it is with much gratitude when I think of all the prayers, cards, food, thoughts, visits and love shown to me and my family during Mom's illness and death. She loved Paw Creek...even though she did attend a Baptist church in Kernersville!! I am always humbled by the genuine caring nature of the Paw Creek congregation, but to be on the receiving end of it is really special. Thank you, Elliott, for taking the time to get to know Mom, and thank you Frances, Jane and "the birthday friends" for staying in touch. She often commented that it was so nice not to be forgotten by her church friends. Thank you so much for everything and know that each one of you is greatly loved and appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Barbara and Ed Geer and Susan Geer-Fickling

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



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.



New Bible Study Series

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 21/22
March 28/29
April 4/5
April 11/12

Mark 11: 1-11
No Class (Holy Week)
John 20: 19-31
Women's Sunday - TBA



Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
Annual Fish Fry & Bake Sale

Saturday, **May 5, 2018**, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Adults - \$9, Kids - \$4

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



Mark Your Calendar

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

April 3rd

May 1st - Combined meeting/dinner 4-9pm - CFC



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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 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

SUNDAY, APRIL 22
"GOD'S SHEPHERD"
PSALM 23

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
"JUMP IN THE WATER"
ACTS 8: 26-40

Church Calendar

Each Week...

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Youth (Every other Week)

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 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 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

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm CCC
*No Adult Bible Study (Holy Week)

Thursday, March 29

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
**No Adult Bible Study (Holy Week)

Friday, March 30

7:00pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 1

11:00am Easter Service / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

Monday, April 2

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 4

10:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
*No CCC Spring Break
*Newsletter

Thursday, April 5

5:30pm Adult Bible Study

Sunday, April 8

10:00am Youth Breakfast @ Bojangles

Tuesday, April 10

5:30pm Book Club @ Heirloom

Wednesday, April 11

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