



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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Dear Paw Creek,

Last Thursday the Session of Paw Creek accepted a gift to the church that comes as a bequest in the will of life-long church member Flora Mae Love. Miss Flora Mae's generous gift to her church is \$54,083.50.

In this season of Thanksgiving, it is tempting to give thanks for this sum of money - and indeed we are very grateful to receive these resources and to imagine the work that they will allow us to do. But I think even more, my feelings of gratitude are for God's gift of people like Flora Mae. The sum of money that she left, as large as it is, is nothing compared to her 97 years of love and devotion.

Flora Mae was often heard to say "I luuue my church!" And love us she did - she loved the children she taught for so many years; she loved the youngsters who sat with her on the church steps to recite their catechism; she loved the friends with whom she served through the years in Sunday school and Women of the Church; she loved every single person who received a birthday call from her (with her spirited rendition of the birthday song) every single year. And in her church, she loved her God and led us all in the ways of faith and goodness.

Those are the things that I am grateful for, and the things that I hope we can all remember in our Thanksgiving prayers - a Christian life (in the best sense of the word) well lived, a shining example to us all.

With Flora Mae's legacy in mind, the Session has begun to envision creative opportunities to spend her gift in ways that honor her legacy, further the mission outreach of our church, and are faithful to God's call to build his kingdom. We will take the time we need to make the best decisions, and we will keep everyone informed as we go along. In the meantime, if you have an idea of something we can do that has "Flora Mae" written all over it, please don't hesitate to share it with me or with any of our elders.

And to everyone in our church family, Thanksgiving greetings: may you have a holy and scrumptious holiday on Thursday!

Blessings, Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Eddie Todd's back surgery went well on the 18th. He is happy to be home from the hospital. Please pray for continued healing and strength for Eddie and for strength and rest for Charlene.
- Jean Todd fell on the 14th, but thankfully didn't break any bones. She is sore and bruised.
- Carol Chapman is improving.
- Sandy Zinn, Emily Adkins' step-son-in-law, still needs prayers.
- Joy Tyler's sister-in-law, Linda Goodwin, is now in Charlotte and will be looking for permanent living arrangements here.
- Dorsie White is still in rehab in Ballantyne and has been up and walking. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: Pavillion Health Care of Brightmore, 10011 Providence Rd., West, Charlotte, NC 28277, Room 303.
- Please pray for Victoria Krebs and her family. JJ has been exposed to Covid again and they are all quarantined.
- Vickie Joy's sister, Lynn Joy Garris' son and fiancée both have Covid. Please keep them in prayer.
- Gene Pegram was hospitalized after a fall this week.



The Rev. Gary Bryant Memorial Prayer Garden Brick Pavers

We are still taking orders for Prayer Garden Brick Pavers.

These are a great gift idea! Great for Birthdays, Graduations, Weddings, Babies, Mother's/Father's Day, Anniversaries and Eagle Scouts! A wonderful way to celebrate a loved one & family with a beautiful memory that will last forever.

Each brick paver cost \$40.

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, and Website.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, November 24

*Newsletter
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 25

***Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!!**
8:00am Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 28

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship - 1st Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, November 30

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 1

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 2

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, December 5

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 2nd Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 7

9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

Wednesday, December 8

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 9

*Newsletter
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Sunday, December 12

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / 3rd Sunday of Advent / Stewardship Sunday

Tuesday, December 14

***Deadline for Poinsettia Donations**
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 15

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 16

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Saturday, December 18

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, December 19

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship / 4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas Joy Offering
12:00pm Churchwide Christmas Lunch

Monday, December 20

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 21

9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 22

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline for 12/26 & 1/2
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 23

*Newsletter
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Friday, December 24

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25

****Merry Christmas!!**

Sunday, December 26

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, December 27

***Church Office Closed for Christmas**

Tuesday, December 28

***Church Office Closed for Christmas**
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Wednesday, December 29

***Church Office Closed for Christmas**
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, December 30

***Church Office Closed for Christmas**
6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness

Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited for a simple service of Thanksgiving worship on Thursday morning at 8:00 am in the sanctuary. The service will be followed by biscuits and coffee in the Chapel (West Wing)



News from the Session

There is great news this month from our seminary students:

- On November 11, Jordan Loud was interviewed by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte, which voted to recommend him as an Inquirer under care of Presbytery, to be received by vote of the Presbytery at its February meeting. Jordan continues his studies at Columbia Theological Seminary, and in January will move to Decatur, GA for in-person classes on campus. Session has assigned elder Sam McCord to be Jordan's new liaison.
- On November 21, the Session interviewed Victoria Krebs and voted to endorse her to the Presbytery of Charlotte as an Inquirer for Ministry. Like Jordan, she will now be scheduled to meet with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and be voted on by the Presbytery. She continues her studies for the combined Christian Education/Divinity degree in the weekend program at the Charlotte campus of Union Theological Seminary. Session also assigned elder Barbara Ullem as Victoria's liaison.

Also, here are some upcoming dates in the life of the church to be aware of - more information on these events will be coming along soon: **Stewardship Response** Sunday, December 12; **Christmas Lunch** for the whole church, December 19 in the CFC (box lunches provided by the Fellowship Committee); **Installation** of elders elected by the congregation in November (Gene Hall, Jim Pinkston, David Turner), January 2.

Room in the Inn



We are still in need of volunteers to help with the transportation. Please prayerfully consider helping our neighbors. We will send out more information with Covid instructions once we get closer to the date.

Dates for this year are:

December: 3, 17, 31; **January:** 14, 28; **February:** 11, 25; **March:** 11, 25

If you are willing to help out or if you have any concerns, contact Stephanie Sudderth at suddetim@outlook.com

Thank you for your support!



Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting Tuesday, December 7th

Morning circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am

Evening circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm

We will meet in the Parlor.



Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in December!

December 3

Josh Watson

December 12

Miriam Childress

December 23

Alicia Miller

December 4

Cody Joy

December 16

Peggy Harrington
Judy Smith

December 24

Gerri Ann Shaw

December 5

Christy Corder
Tim Gray

December 18

David Padgett

December 27

Andrew Caldwell
Gloria Caldwell

December 7

Roy Helms

December 20

Craig Sharpe

December 28

Brandon Chapman
Oscar Sisk

December 9

Mike (Pea Dad) Caudill

December 21

Ashley Kenley

December 30

Steele Blankenship

December 10

Jimmy Torrence
Bill Wright

December 22

Vicki Ramsey
Jeff Smith
Cayleigh Tyler

December 31

Beth Mathews

December 11

Sherry Blevins



Christmas Poinsettias

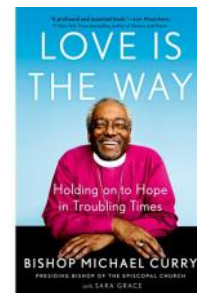
Poinsettias have been ordered and will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday, December 19th. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Order of Service for December 19th as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as "Poinsettia", and list who it is in memory or honor of. Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the poinsettias with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329.

Thank you!

Sunday School News - Fresh Start Class

Fresh Start Sunday School Class will begin in person gathering. Meeting once a month Nov and Dec, then more often in 2022.

We will be reading *Love is the Way* - by Bishop Michael Curry



Sunday, November 28th 5-6:30pm @ Eric & Patty Burns Home - Introduction & Chapter 1

Thursday, December 9th 6:30-8pm @ Traust Brewing - 128 S. Main Street Mt Holly, NC - Chapter 2

All are welcome

For more information, please contact Amy McGee [704-578-3908](tel:704-578-3908)



Mark Burleson in Concert

Hear a Joyful Noise

Join us Sunday, **December 5**, 4:00pm in the Sanctuary to enjoy *The Music of Christmas!* This annual celebration is a wonderful presentation of some of our favorite music of the season performed by the ensembles of the Soapstone Music Ministry including:

Chancel Choir

Covenant *a cappella* Ensemble

Cornerstone Ringers Adult Handbell Choir

Ole Time Gospel Group

Youth Handbell Choir

Praise Team Adult Praise Band

Set in Stone Youth Praise Band

Soapstone United Methodist Church

12837 Norwood Road

Raleigh, NC 27613



3rd Annual Christmas at the Garden

Saturday, December 4, 2021 8:am - 2:pm

Garden Memorial Evangelical Presbyterian Church

2324 Sam Wilson Rd., Charlotte, NC 28214

Kim's Diggity Dogs will be here for lunch between 11:00am and 1:00pm - it'll be one of the best hot dogs you'll ever eat. In support of the Weed family (missionaries serving in Honduras) Cultivate Life will once again have a table this year and will be selling donated baked goods. If you'd like to donate a baked good for this worthy cause, please contact Donna Johnston. We will also have a raffle for a beautiful framed quilt picture along with a D. Morgan framed print. All proceeds from the baked goods and raffle will be given to Cultivate Life (Joey & Kellie Wood)

We will comply with all local ordinances at the time of the event in order to keep everyone (participants & guests) safe by wearing masks, having separate entry and exit doors, maintaining safe distances and having plenty of sanitizer stations throughout the building. We currently still have spaces available and are soliciting vendors. If you'd be interested in participating or know someone who might be, please reach out to Donna Johnston for further details at 980-722-5064 / nanaj1958@twc.com

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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 contact Joy Tyler (phone captain - (704) 399-8040) - and- Ann Cashion (email captain - acatlake@gmail.com)

Know someone Who Needs a Visit? Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Elliott Hipp (704) 392-0329

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **December 9th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Tuesday, December 7th at noon.

Thank you! *Kem*

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Morning - 8:00 AM

Psalm 100, Joel 2: 21-27

“After the Locusts”

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

“Even the Tax Collectors?”

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36

“The Unexpected Day”

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

“The Blessing of Belief”