



# News at Paw Creek

## Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

January 25, 2023

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Paw Creek Presbyterian

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Online Giving is available on  
our Website

### From the Pastor....

Dear Friends,

Recently I ran across a compelling image to help us think about how God works in our lives. It suggests that we imagine experiencing God's presence as if we were a wind constantly blowing towards the direction of everything that is good and loving and kind. And it further suggests we imagine that each of us has a sail. Our sails come in different shapes and sizes and are made from different materials. But each of us, if we choose, can trim our sails in such a way that we catch the wind of God and move closer to become as he wants us to be.

Although this is just an image, I think it works. Each of us, through the different stages of our lives, can tell by instinct whether we are closer or further from God. It's not a question of having perfect lives filled with good fortune. Rather, it has to do with knowing that we are headed in God's direction, no matter how hard or easy the way may be. And it has to do with trimming our sails, getting a feel for the direction of the wind and leaning into the places where God seems to be most at our side.

We might want to ask ourselves: how do I experience the wind of God at this time in my life? Is it at my back, pushing me along - or am I trying to walk into it with difficulty and unease? Are there ways that I can trim my sail so that the way becomes easier? Again, the question is not whether life is perfect, but whether it seems filled with God's purpose and support.

Why not try this image on for size - see if it helps make the way a bit more clear. I hope it does!

Blessings, Elliott



# Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



## Prayer Requests:

- Amber Cathey's mom, Kinah Sanders is in a lot of pain and needs 2 back surgeries and is also undergoing plasmapheresis for kidney disease. Please pray surgeries will be scheduled very soon and protein levels will come down.
- Dina Salvo's friend, Norma Mosley was recently diagnosed with cancer and has been admitted for hospice care.
- Oscar Sisk's friend, Larry Cagle's daughter, Beth Cagle is not doing well following surgery
- Eddie Chapman's friend's daughter, Amy was diagnose with thyroid cancer this week.
- Barbara Rumble's sister, Pauline Jones died on January 17. There was a private graveside service last Sunday.
- Eddie & Jane McArver's son, Chad McArver has been hospitalized and is responding to treatment and will continue treatments once released.
- Eddie & Jan Chapman's daughter, Carrie has improved from Bell's Palsy, and the biopsy on her thyroid was negative.
- Shelby Alexander's sister, Patricia Echerd died on January 3rd. Her funeral was in Taylorsville.
- Sarah Cox is home and continuing to improve.

# Church Calendar

## Wednesday, January 25

### **\*Newsletter**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline

## Thursday, January 26

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, January 28

10:30am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, January 29

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

## Tuesday, January 31

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
11:00am Happy Hearts—Bingo  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, February 1

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, February 2

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, February 5

9:45am Sunday School Classes  
11:00am Worship / Lord's Supper / 10¢ Hunger

## Tuesday, February 7

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
10:00am PW Go & Grow Circle  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, February 8

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, February 9

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Sunday, February 12

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

## Monday, February 13

6:30pm Mission Team Meeting

## Tuesday, February 14

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, February 15

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)

## Thursday, February 16

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, February 18

10:30am Stitches for Missions

## Sunday, February 19

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

## Monday, February 20

**\*Church Office Closed—Presidents' Day**  
12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

## Tuesday, February 21

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, February 22

### **\*Newsletter**

10:00am Bible Study  
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline  
5:30pm Children Connecting w/Christ (CCC)  
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

## Thursday, February 23

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

## Saturday, February 25

10:30am PW Ecumenical Luncheon

## Sunday, February 26

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

## Tuesday, February 28

9:00am Cardio Fitness  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
7:00pm Boy Scouts



## Session Report

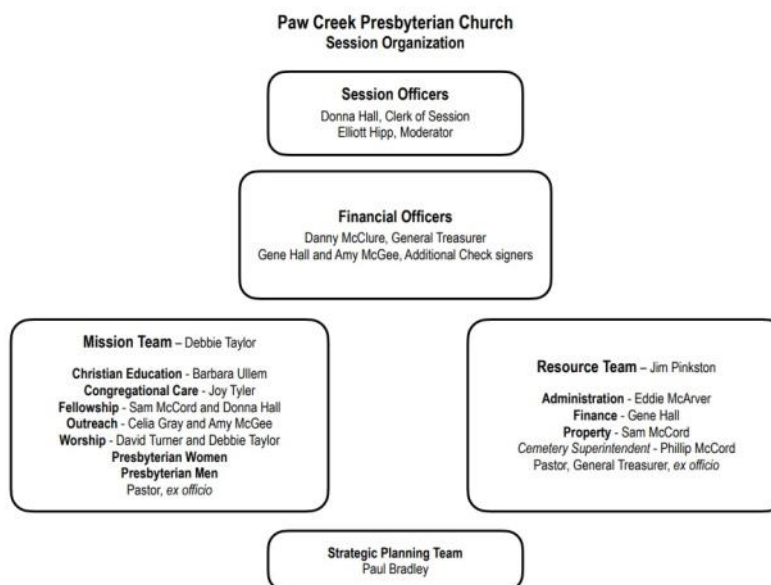
The Session held its annual organizational meeting on January 23 and welcomed newly installed elders: Debbie Taylor, Donna Hall, Eddie McArver, Amy McGee and Joy Tyler.

At the meeting the Session elected officers and committee leaders for the new year - the chart is printed below. Please be sure and contact any of our committee leaders if you have ideas or need help in their areas. In addition, all committees are happy to welcome new members. If a particular area interests you, please let one of the leaders know.

In addition, the Session took these actions:

- Approved final Session minutes from 2023. These included called meetings in which Session met with our two seminary students, Jordan Loud and Victoria Krebs, and endorsed them the Presbytery of Charlotte to continue become candidates for ministry.
- Heard a report from the clerk about a communication from the Daughters of the American Revolution. They have determined that General Michael McLeary, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, is buried in our cemetery. He was a Paw Creek resident until his death in 1846, and after the war represented Mecklenburg County in the State Senate. The DAR will place a memorial at a later date.
- Received financial reports for November and December. The Finance Committee is finalizing a draft budget for Session approval. Once adopted, the budget will be present for information to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting, which has been scheduled for March 19 after worship.
- Received written and oral reports from church committees as they organize themselves for the new year.
- Elected Donna Hall and Debbie Taylor to serve as commissioners to the meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte on February 11 at Covenant Church.

Selected the second Monday of alternate months as the regular date for stated session meetings in 2023. The next meeting will be February 13 at 6:30



## **5th Sunday**

Please join us on Sunday, **January 29, 2023**  
for a 5th Sunday Combined Sunday School Class in the CFC  
Fellowship Breakfast 9:00-9:30  
Prayer 9:30-9:45  
Combined class 9:45-10:30

Friends from Cook's Pres, Church will present a program about the Kajiado Children's Home in Kenya, East Africa.

Children, Youth and Adults please join us!

Thank you, Christian Education Committee



## **Presbyterian Women**

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, February 7th**  
Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am  
Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm  
We will meet in the Parlor.



Happy Hearts Senior Group

## **Happy Hearts**

Tuesday, **January 31, 2023**  
11:00am

BINGO \* FOOD \* FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too!  
Cost \$1 per game card. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 27, 2023 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!



## **Stitches for Missions**

Our next meeting will be on **February 18th**, at 10:30am in the Parlor.



The Family of Jonathan S. Griffin acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thanks for the food, cards, & your prayers.

To: PCPC Members & Attendees,

The Todd Family would like to extend our gratitude for the prayers, concerns, emails, phone calls and sympathy cards during the time that Skip Todd's & Carolyn Todd Summerlin's sister, Susan Gustafson was in the hospital, followed by her death. All of this really meant a lot to us. Also, Thank you for your donations to the church in her memory. God Bless all of you!

A special thanks to Mark Burleson for his beautiful music!

Thank you so much for your generous donation to CHA We appreciate you and your kind heart—Happy New Year!

~Children's Hope Alliance

Thank you for being a generous soul and a beautiful spirit in a world that could use a million more people just like you. Thanks so much for everything you've done and for all that you continue to do. You're the best, and you're appreciated more than words can say.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

~Paw Creek Elementary School

Thank you Paw Creek for your Holiday Giving to the Community!

Thirty-three (33) **Thanksgiving Food boxes** and thirty-five (35) **Turkeys** to **Charlotte Rescue Mission** and over thirty (30) **coats** for **Paw Creek Elementary students** and many **bags of canned food** for **Loaves and Fishes**.



The Women of Paw Creek Presbyterian Church  
Invite You to Attend the

31st Ecumenical Luncheon  
on Saturday, February 25, 2023

Registration from 10:30-11:00  
Salad Luncheon from 11:00-12:00  
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church  
7400 Mt Holly Road  
Charlotte, NC 28214

Speaker: Kristan Seaford

Please bring a salad, \$1.00 & a canned good for a local food pantry.

We hope you can join us in fellowship, prayer, and a celebration of  
women on this special day.

[knoturner@gmail.com](mailto:knoturner@gmail.com)







# **A Special Birthday**

**Marie Love turns 100 on her birthday this year!**

You are invited to a Drop-in Birthday party for her on  
**Saturday, February the 11th**  
from 2-4pm  
at Scotia Village  
2200 Elm Avenue  
Laurinburg, NC 28352  
(In the Morris Morgan Room)

If you would like to mail her a card, you may do so at:  
Marie Love  
C/O Deborah Hobbs  
12421 Old Farm Circle  
Laurinburg, NC 28352

**Happy Birthday Marie!**





# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those  
Celebrating in February!

**February 1**

Richard Rumpke

**February 12**

Luke Reel

**February 19**

Emily Kenley

**February 2**

John Riggins

**February 14**

Madelyn Sudderth

**February 22**

Aubree Huffstickler

**February 4**

Tim Sudderth  
Kevin Cashion

**February 15**

Anastasia Hamby  
Dale Redding

**February 23**

Leslie Helms

**February 9**

Colby Miller

**February 16**

Grady Cathey

**February 25**

Mitch Sutton  
Debbie Taylor

**February 11**

Marie Love (100th)  
Greg Bethune

**February 17**

Belinda Springs

**February 27**

David Wallace

**February 29**

Clayton Caudill

## **Paw Creek Presbyterian Church**

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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 **February 22nd**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, February 20th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in March. Please make sure you have your submissions in on time to make sure they are in for the next month.**

Thank you! Kim

### **Upcoming Sermon Titles**

#### **Sunday, February 5**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
Isaiah 58: 1-12  
"What Does God Want?"

#### **Sunday, February 12**

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*  
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20  
"The Only Choice That Matters"

#### **Sunday, February 19**

*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*  
Matthew 6: 25-34  
"A Covenant of Abundance"

#### **Wednesday, February 22**

Ash Wednesday Service—6:30pm

#### **Sunday, February 26**

*First Sunday in Lent*  
Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7  
"Where it all Began"