



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

One of the things for which I am grateful here at Paw Creek Church is music in all its forms. None of us will ever be able to adequately say how much we cherish Mark, Andy and our talented, enthusiastic choir! Though scripture may be the brains of our worship, music is its very soul.

But I wonder if you have noticed how music is taking on an increasing importance for us in the congregation as well? Through our willingness to sing joyfully, we now have a weekly worship service in which we continually weave back and forth between music and spoken word. Even as the instrumental and choral music shine out, it's also true that a large portion of our music is provided by all of us in the form of hymns and "responses" (which are short excerpts from the hymnbook that help us transition from place to place in the service.) You've probably also noticed that these "responses" stay the same for a few weeks at a time, and helps us to learn new songs and feel the continuity of worship from week to week.

Have you ever wondered where some of these songs come from, or why we have chosen them? If so, I encourage you to take a look at the short description that is included beneath every hymn in our hymnal "Glory to God". These were provided by the hymnbook editors to help us be more aware of our music, both familiar and brand new.

For example, beginning this Sunday, February 26, we will sing new responses after the Prayer of the Day and the Benediction. These songs, "Stay With Me" (#204) and "Jesus, Remember Me" (#227) are both taken from the Taizé monastic community in France. The descriptions explain that in both cases the words come from the biblical story of Holy Week, and the music is intended to be slow and repetitious, like chanting. And for that reason, both songs are quite appropriate to the mood of the Lenten season that begins this week.

Please have a look at the bottom of the page next time you open a hymnbook, and see what's there to be learned. And notice how music and words together provide so much of the spiritual magic that makes worship come alive!

Blessings,
Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- David Turner had open heart surgery on the 16th (previously scheduled last fall) He did well and is in cardiac ICU at Atrium hospital. Next step will be moving to a regular room.
- Chad McArver continues to improve and is now in a regular room doing rehab at the hospital in New York.
- Kinah Sanders had two surgeries on Fri. 17th. To remove a cyst on her back that was pressing on nerves and do a cervical fusion. Surgeries were successful and she is walking without pain (Amber Cathey's Mom)
- Hannah-Ashland McCord' brain tumor is now responding to a new treatment and is shrinking.
- Amy Broome had a light stroke on January 27th. She is home and making good progress. Her prognosis is very good. Please pray for continued healing (Donna Todd Joyner's daughter).
- Jane McArver's sister-in-law, Barbara Hawkins died on January 29th. Please keep the family in prayer.
- Sarah Taylor's former husband died on Feb. 1st. Please keep the Sarah and her sons in prayer.
- Wendy Hall was admitted to the hospital Thursday night with a blood clot in her leg and both lungs. (Heather Ramsey's mother)

Celebrations:

- Autumn Ballenger made the Dean's List in her first semester of college!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The McArver family is overwhelmed with the expressions of love, support, cards, phone calls, texts, financial support, and most of all the PRAYERS during Chad's sickness and heart surgery. Words can't explain how much your support means to us!

Thank you, Tommy Cashion, for the suggestion of a prayer service for Chad! Thank you, Elliott, Mark, Larry and Hannah Ashland for the message, music, and inspiring candlelight service! We watched with tears and joy as the congregation turned around to us with their candles. Thank you for the ones attending the service and the ones attending virtually!

Chad is in acute rehab and continues to get stronger each day. Doctors are pleased with his progress. KEEP THE PRAYERS COMING!

PRAYER IS POWERFUL! MIRACLES DO HAPPEN! GOD IS GOOD!



Overflowing With Thanks

Church Calendar

Wednesday, February 22

***Newsletter**

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

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 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, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 12

***Daylight Saving Time begins**

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

Monday, March 13

6:30pm Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 18

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, March 19

9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Congregational Meeting

Monday, March 20

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 21

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

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Thursday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 28

8:45am Happy Hearts—Woodmill Winery Tour
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

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



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to set your clocks forward on March 12!

Schedule of Lenten Services 2023

Ash Wednesday:	February 22 at 6:30 pm	Quiet service of prayer and singing with imposition of ashes
Sundays in Lent:	March 5 - March 26	
Lenten Bible Study:		Wednesdays beginning March 1, 10:00 in the parlor
Passion/Palm Sunday:	April 2	Service of Palm and Service of Salvation - the life of Jesus as depicted in the Sanctuary windows, in scripture and music
Maundy Thursday:	April 6 at 7:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Supper at table (CFC Dining Room)
Good Friday:	April 7 at 7:00 pm	Tenebrae Service of Shadows
Easter Sunday:	April 9	From the Empty Tomb to the Coming Christ - scripture, music and celebration of the Lord's Supper

Seasonal Choir

Dear Paw Creek,

With Lent, Holy Week, and Easter fast approaching, it is time, once again, to prepare special music. And with that, we are opening up yet another seasonal choir!

Starting on Thursday, March 2nd, from 7:00-8:00, we will be rehearsing special music for Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter (April 9). If you would like to join us for one hour per week for just a few weeks, we would love to have you sing with us!

Our seasonal choir for Christmas was such a huge success! If you used to sing in the choir, or have never sung before, but would like to try it out, now is a great time!

Thank you all so much for the amazing first year I've had, and I can't wait to show you what we have in store for you for Easter.

See you Sunday,
Andy Cumbow
Director of Music

For All Men of the Church

Come join us as we mark the 15th anniversary of The Ken Lowrance Men's Bible Study Group. We still meet at 6:30 am every Thursday morning for coffee, a Bible lesson and fellowship. Then if you have time to join us we enjoy breakfast together at the Circle G. All are welcome and we would like to have you with us.



Paw Creek will be decorating the sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, April 9. Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Bulletin for Easter as well. Please be sure to mark your check in the memo section as “Easter Flowers”, and list who it is in memory or honor of. Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, April 4. The flowers will be planted in the Prayer Garden and surrounding area sometime after Easter. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the Easter flowers 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!



Annual Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, **April 8, 2023** 9:30 am – 11:00 am
Clubhouse, 506 Coulwood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28214

Easter egg hunt will start promptly at 10:30 am. Other family friendly activities include crafts and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Paw Creek will be partnering with the Coulwood Community for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

They are looking for volunteers to assist. Here is an incomplete list of how you can participate.

- Stuff plastic eggs one of the weekends prior to the event.
- Be at Clubhouse at 8 am on April 8th to hide plastic eggs.
- Donate small candies that will fit inside eggs/preferably ones that won't melt. (Deadline 4/2)
 - Lead or assist in outdoor games with the children.
 - Lead or assist with a craft project with an Easter theme.

See Celia Gray (704-756-9697) or Amy McGee (704-578-39080 for more details or to volunteer.

Congregational Care

Congregational Care is made up of several teams. If you have been part of one of these (list below) and feel you need to rotate off to do a different committee please call Joy Tyler at 704-399-8040.

- Prayer Team/ phone or email
- Visitation Team
- Food for Bereaved families
- Pastor's aide (sends cards on special occasions to special friends)

If you aren't currently serving on any of these, I would love for you to call Joy Tyler to volunteer. We have a very caring Church and as you can see there are lots of opportunities for all of us to show our Christian Love by serving on one of these teams.

Thanks,
~Joy Tyler
Congregational Care Chair



Presbyterian Women

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



Happy Hearts

Tuesday, March 28th
Woodmill Winery tour and tasting
8:45 - 3:00

We will leave at 9:00 for Woodmill Winery.

10:00 tour with talk about benefits of muscadines and wine tasting.

12:15 leave for lunch BBQ King E Main St, Lincolnton. Then return to the church.

Cost is \$10 per person which includes, gas, tour and wine tasting (6 samples, a Woodmill logo glass and half a glass of wine of your choice). If you do not want to do the tasting cost is \$2. Everyone will pay for their own lunch.

Deadline to sign up Friday, March 24th. Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey (704)393-8697 or (704)281-2836.

Read Across America Day at Paw Creek Elementary School

Thursday, **March 2**. Volunteers needed to come to the school and read a book to one of the classes. Bring your own book or ask the school to provide one. Please sign up by Friday, February 24.
mail Lindsay Habicht at lindsaym.bolton@cms.k12.nc.us or call 980-343-6088.



Be Our Guest! Read Across America Day March 2, 2023



Paw Creek Elementary School
1300 Cathey Rd. Charlotte, NC 28214
(980) 343-6088

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,
To pick up a book and read with a child.
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,
To pick up a book and share what you've got.

In schools and communities,
Let's gather around,
Let's pick up a book,
Let's pass it around.

There are kids all around you,
Kids who will need
Someone to hug,
Someone to read.

Come join us March 2nd
Your own special way
and make this America's
Read to Kids Day.

We are looking for volunteers to come read aloud to our Paw Creek Elementary students for Read Across America Day, March 2, 2023. We have open reading times from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please return to Lindsay Habicht by February 24th, 2023.

Email: Lindsaym.bolton@cms.k12.nc.us or Call: (980) 343-6088

Volunteer Name: _____

Best way to contact me:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Times Available to Volunteer: _____ to _____

Class or Grade Level Preferred: _____

I'll bring my own book

Please provide a book for me to read



www.nea.org/readacross





Stitches for Missions Open Call for Homemade Preemie Baby Goods

Stitches for Missions will be working on making preemie baby items such as blankets, hats, and booties for the next few months. We will be providing these goods to Preemies of the Carolinas, which is a nonprofit group located in Fort Mill. Preemies of the Carolinas provides handmade goods to neonatal departments at hospitals or directly to mothers of preemies in the local areas of NC and SC. They need sewn, quilted, crocheted, or knitted goods for preemies of various sizes. (Blankets must be at least a minimum of 20"X 20".) We hope to have a shipment ready for them by May. If you can help to provide such goods and have any questions, please contact Teresa Painter or Dina Salvo.

You may also attend the next Stitches meeting on **Saturday, February 18th, at 10:30am in the Parlor** for more information. (You can also check their website on the internet....the link is the same as their name with no spaces.)

Pleasant Grove Presbyterian

Home cooked BBQ

Held at the American Legion

5651 Brookshire Blvd

Friday, February 24th

11AM - 8PM

\$10 plate or 3 sandwiches

\$4 Brunswick stew pint

BBQ

Annual Woodland BBQ Fundraiser

March 3rd, 4th & 5th beginning 11:00 am each day.

Take-out only.

\$14 per plate, choice of chicken or pulled pork.

Special Treat: Paw Creek will place a group order for Sunday, **March 5** to be delivered for us to enjoy together in the CFC after worship. Enjoy good food and support our sister congregation at the same time!

Orders will be taken after worship on February 26, or speak to Amy McGee, Debbie Taylor, Donna Hall, Celia Gray or Sam McCord.



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



Marie Love's 100th Birthday Party



Deborah Hobbs (step-daughter) with Marie.



Debbie McCord, Amy McGee, Glenda Hall (daughter), Frances Lyerly, and Karen Cathey with Marie.

To Paw Creek Members:

The family of Marie Love is very grateful for the love and support shown to her on her 100th birthday! Thanks to several of you for attending the party in Laurinburg, and, thanks to MANY others for sending beautiful cards. You really helped to make the day special!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those
Celebrating in March!

March 2

Jordan Loud

March 16

Jenn Caldwell

March 23

Carlina Padgett
Angie Ross

March 4

Barbara Blankenship

March 17

Jane Dorton
Melissa Mullis
Sarah Hansley

March 25

Judy Pinkston

March 7

Cambell Brown
Parker Brown
Tyler Brown
George Taylor

March 18

Seth Penna

March 26

Elizabeth Kincaid

March 8

Danny McClure, Jr.

March 20

Max Sudderth

March 27

Dillon Joy

March 13

David Turner

March 22

Beth Joy
John Burns

March 28

Chris Normand

March 15

Cole Caudill

March 31

Jane Scott
Ellie Reese Helms

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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 **March 22nd**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, March 20th at noon. **This Newsletter will be for anything happening in April. 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, March 5

Second Sunday in Lent
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
John 3: 1-17
"A Pharisee Sees Jesus"

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday in Lent
John 4: 5-42
"A Samaritan Woman Sees Jesus"

Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent
John 9: 1-41
"A Blind Man Sees Jesus"

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent
John 11: 1-45
"A Dead Man Sees Jesus"