



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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our Website*

From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

Over the past week I have been keeping tabs on a fountain that stands in front of an old Victorian house on Poplar Street. It is an ornate iron fountain that rises about six feet tall. Water spews in a gusher straight into the air and then cascades down three levels before it gathers in a pool at the bottom. The sound of the falling water can be heard from half-way down the block.

On the first really cold morning last week I was surprised to hear the familiar rush of water and I thought surely the fountain could not have been left running as the thermometer plunged well below freezing. But as I got closer I could see that it indeed was running freely, even as the basins at each level had begun to ice over. The next day, with the temperature by then down to the mid-teens, the entire fountain was like an ice sculpture, the water having frozen in mid-air as it tumbled down to each level. And yet at the top, the gusher continued to flow, strong and loud as ever.

By the middle of the week the overnight temperature is back well into the 40s and the fountain rushes on. The only sign that remains of its freezing weekend display is ice gathered around the edges of the pool at the bottom.

Lessons to be learned? The perseverance of the fountain in the face of adversity? Or maybe the stubborn decision of the homeowner to leave the fountain running? Or perhaps best, the simple joy of unexpected beauty when the world of nature and the world the we have manufactured for ourselves collide into something of wonder.

On each day, may we find simple pleasures with each other and in God's world.

Blessings, Elliott

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations



Prayer Requests:

- Kelley Blankenship passed away on January 21st after an aneurysm. The family will have a private service at a later time. Please keep Steele, Barbara, Kim and the family in prayer during this difficult time.
- Tim Sisk passed away on January 1st. His funeral was on 1/16 at Paw Creek. Please continue to keep the family in Prayer.
- Gretchen Holton Freeman asked us to continue to keep her in our prayer as she fights cancer.
- Shirley (Dee Dee) Elder has been in the hospital for a week with heart issues. Please pray for healing. (Woodland)
- June Call is better but still needs prayers. (Dickie & Carol's neighbor)
- Howie Wall (Debbie & Karen's Brother-in-law), is now home from the hospital. His oldest son, Ian Wall had emergency surgery on disks in his neck last Friday. Surgery was successful and prayers appreciated.
- Kevin Cashion's friend, Dean Rowell, is improving and appreciates the prayers.
- Frances Lyerly's 30 year old granddaughter, Hailey (Jill's daughter), will begin chemo this week. Pray for healing.
- Mary Ellen Edwards's friend, Monica Phillips, passed away last Saturday. Please keep the family in prayer.
- Joey Troutman had surgery to remove an infected knee replacement a few weeks ago. Please continue to keep him in prayer.

Celebrations:

- Tommy Cashion knitted hats for all the CCC kids and the Reading Program kids.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, January 24

*Newsletter
10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

*Room in the Inn

Sunday, January 28

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 4

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

Tuesday, February 6

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

Wednesday, February 7

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 8

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

Friday, February 9

*Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 11

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, February 12

6:30pm Mission Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

***Ash Wednesday**

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
12:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 17

10:30am Stitches for Missions

Sunday, February 18

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, January 19

***Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

*Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 25

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Monday, February 26

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

***Newsletter**

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 29

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



Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. On that day we prayerfully begin the forty-day journey of repentance that will bring us to the joy of Easter and Resurrection. We are invited to observe Ash Wednesday by receiving the sign of ashes in a quiet service of music and pray. Please join us on Wednesday, February 14 at 12:30 in the sanctuary.

The Wednesday Bible Study class will not meet that day.



Paw Creek Elementary School - Teacher Appreciation

Our church values our partnership with the Paw Creek school through the Woodland-Paw Creek reading program and other service opportunities during the year. On February 14, the Outreach Committee will provide lunch for the school staff in appreciation for all their hard work. When plans are finalized, the Committee will announce ways that we can all support this project.



Cook's Memorial Community Prayer Vigil

Cook's Memorial Church
3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd.

February 3, 2024

8am—Noon



Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, February 6th**

Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am

Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm

We will meet in the Parlor



Stitches for Missions

Our next meeting will be on **February 17th**, at 10:30am in the Parlor.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Session Organization • 2024

Session Officers

Donna Hall, Clerk of Session
Elliott Hipp, Moderator

Financial Officers

Danny McClure, General Treasurer
Gene Hall and Amy McGee, Additional Check signers

Mission Team – Debbie Taylor

Christian Education - Jim Pinkston
Congregational Care - Joy Tyler and Amy McGee
Fellowship - Donna Hall and Debbie McCord
Outreach - Ken Scott
Worship - David Turner and Debbie Taylor
Presbyterian Women
Presbyterian Men
Pastor, *ex officio*

Resource Team – Jim Pinkston

Administration - Eddie McArver
Finance - Gene Hall
Property - Dickie Chapman
Cemetery Superintendent - Phillip McCord
Pastor, General Treasurer, *ex officio*

Strategic Planning Team
Paul Bradley



Thanks for all you do to bring Hope, Health, and Healing for generations in North Carolina. Thank you for your generous gift to Children's Hope Alliance. I hope this new year brings blessings your way!

~Kilney Elkins
Children's Hope Alliance

Dear Paw Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your amazing dedication and support of Alexander Youth Network. We are truly grateful for our amazing community. Thank you for helping kids heal.

Sincerely,
~Crissy Humble
Alexander Youth Network

Thank you for your generous donation to Wrap the World with Quilts.

You quilts and financial donations have helped us to wrap those in need across the world: refugees in Ukraine and surrounding countries, earthquake survivors in Afghanistan, Turkey, and Syria, fire survivors in Maui and others displaced from their homes across the world and also in the United States. We just delivered our 40,000th quilt!

Thank you for helping us send some "comfort and warmth" in our effort to Wrap the World With Quilts.

We will continue to gather quilts indefinitely. Please share info about our quilt drive with your friends and family.

We post photos and updates almost daily on social media. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @wraptheworldwithquilts.

You might see a photo of your quilt wrapped around someone from across the world!

All our best to you,
~Gina Halladay
~Beth Hawkins

wrapquilts@gmail.com / WorkerBees at #WraptheWorldWithQuilts / WraptheWorldWithQuilts.com

Dear Friends,

Mahalo for the generous gift of \$620.00 received on 12/14/23 to the Catholic Charities Hawai'i Maui Relief Fund—and thank you to your organization, **Stitches for Missions**, for working tirelessly crocheting, knitting, and sewing products for your yearly craft fair! A special thank you to **Susan Bandel**, as well, who advocated for Catholic Charities Hawai'i, we are truly grateful and humbled! Through your partnership, we are able to provide vital relief efforts in recovery through services such as financial assistance, mental health counseling, supporting those with the greatest need, and more.

For over 75 years, Catholic Charities Hawai'i has carried out the social mission of the Church in Hawai'i by helping people in need to help themselves, regardless of their faith or culture. We provide a wide range of support and guidance, touching the lives of more than 100,000 people with dignity, social justice, and a commitment to excellence.

Your charitable donation enables us to assist those in need and carry out our mission. Every gift like yours is an investment in the future well-being of individuals and families. For more information on how to support Catholic Charities Hawai'i, please visit our website at catholiccharitieshawaii.org or contact Therese Gilbert at 808-527-4826 or therese.gilbert@catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

On Behalf of Catholic Charities Hawai'i and the people we serve, thank you for the impact your gift has allowed us to make. With your gift, we are able to help the people of Maui with the resources they need to overcome this tragedy and rebuild their lives.

A sincere mahalo for your thoughts, prayers, and kokua as we navigate through this challenging time together.

With Warm Aloha and Appreciation,
Be-Jay Kodama
Vice President—Philanthropy



February

BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to Those
Celebrating in February!**

February 1

Richard Rumble

February 2

John Riggins

February 4

Tim Sudderth
Kevin Cashion

February 9

Colby Miller

February 11

Marie Love
Greg Bethune

February 12

Luke Reel

February 14

Madelyn Sudderth

February 15

Anastasia Hamby
Dale Redding

February 16

Grady Cathey

February 17

Belinda Springs

February 19

Emily Kenley

February 22

Aubree Huffstickler

February 23

Leslie Helms

February 25

Debbie Taylor

February 27

David Wallace

February 29

Clayton Caudill

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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 28th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, February 26th 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 4

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
"The Life of a Grasshopper"
Isaiah 40: 21-31

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
"God is Always New"
Isaiah 43: 18-25

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent
"With You I Am Well Pleased"
Mark 1: 9-15

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent
"What's in a Name?"
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16