



News at Paw Creek

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

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our Website*

Dear Paw Creek,

Update from Session on Transitional Pastor Search

The Worship Committee has secured Supply Pastors for the months of February and March. The Rev. Betsy Williamson will be with us on February 2nd and 9th and March 2. The Rev. Fred Grosse will be with us on February 16th and 23rd and March 16th, 23rd and 30th. March 9th is Scout Sunday so we will not have a Supply Pastor that day.

Our next step is to hire a Transitional Pastor who will be with us for at least a year as we work together to discern where God is leading us and what qualifications we would look for in a permanent pastor. Please remember that the Session has full responsibility to elect a search committee and to hire a Transitional Pastor.

The following is where we stand and the work that has been and is being done to begin our search for a Transitional Pastor. The Session met on December 8, 2024, and approved the following: a job description for the Transitional Pastor, gave the Search Committee permission to offer compensation to the Transitional Pastor up to the amount of pastoral compensation on the 2024 budget and elected Wesley Johnston, Danny McClure and Debbie Taylor to be the Transitional Pastor Search Committee.

The Session completed their Exit Interview on December 30th with our General Presbyter, Jan Edmiston, as Moderator. The Job Description has already been sent to the Committee on Ministry and hopefully by the time you read this the financial information will have been sent to the Committee on Ministry and the Presbytery Comptroller so we can be approved by the Committee on Ministry to begin to interview Transitional pastors. This process seems to be much less burdensome than the last time we hired a Transitional (then called an Interim) Pastor. I am hopeful that we will have a Transitional Pastor shortly after the end of March.

Debbie Taylor
Clerk of Session

*Please see the attached Covenant of Closure from the Presbytery of Charlotte with information about relationships between former pastors and congregations.

Click here for the document

<https://www.pawcreekpc.org/former-pastor-covenant-of-closure-document/>

January Session Report

The Church Session held its first Stated Meeting of 2025 on January 13. New elders Peggy Harrington, Wesley Johnson, Danny McClure and Teresa Smith were ordained/installed on January 12 and were present for the Stated Meeting.

Session organized its work for 2025. Officers for the year were elected: Debbie Taylor, Clerk of Session and Danny McClure, General Treasurer (the position of Moderator will be vacant until a Transitional Pastor is hired later in the spring; Committee on Ministry can supply a temporary moderator if the need arises). Committee leaders for the year will be:

Mission Team Chair - Amy McGee

Congregational Care Co-chairs - Joy Tyler and Amy McGee

Fellowship Chair - Debbie McCord

Outreach Co-chairs - Ken Scott and Wesley Johnston

Worship Co-chairs - Debbie Taylor and Teresa Smith

Resource Team Chair - Peggy Harrington

Administration Co-chairs - Eddie McArver and Peggy Harrington

Finance Co-chairs - Gene Hall and Teresa Smith

Property Co-chairs - Dickie Chapman and Wesley Johnston

Session also updated representatives to work with our Truist Bank accounts, authorized dates for celebration of the Lord's Supper during the year, set the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for March 30, and set the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm as the date for regular meetings in March, May, July, September and November

In additional actions, Session approved minutes of past meeting and received Financial Statements for October and November (the December year-end statement is in process); directed the Finance Committee to seek guidance from the Comptroller of the Presbytery and recommend further action to schedule an annual Financial Review; reviewed and clarified the official church membership roll in preparation for the 2024 Statistical Report to the denomination; and reviewed Presbytery's "Covenant of Closure" for former pastors (information will be provided orally and in writing to the Congregation prior to the end of January - see elsewhere in this newsletter.) The Outreach Committee was authorized to seek donations to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as the need arises prior to the March Stated Meeting.

Paw Creek Commissioners to meetings of the Presbytery of Charlotte will be: Amy McGee and Ken Scott, February 8 at First Church; and Wesley Johnston and Debbie Taylor, May 20 here at Paw Creek in partnership with Woodland Church.

The next Stated Meeting of Session will be Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 pm.

Elliott's Retirement Luncheon

Everyone is Invited to join us for lunch after Worship on Sunday, January 26
to celebrate Elliott's Retirement.

Menu will be: Beef tips over rice, grilled chicken breast, green beans, broccoli casserole, potato salad, rolls, tea, and homemade desserts.

Church Calendar

Wednesday, January 22

*Newsletter

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

Thursday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 26

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Elliott's Retirement Luncheon

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

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

Sunday, February 2

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Betsy Williamson/Communion/10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 9

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Betsy Williamson

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 13

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

Saturday, February 15

10:30am Women's Ecumenical Luncheon

Sunday, February 16

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse

Monday, February 17

*Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

Room in the Inn

Sunday, February 23

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse

Monday, February 24

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

*Newsletter

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 27

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

Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be **February 26th**. The deadline for Newsletter submissions is Monday, February 24th 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

Disaster Relief

Dear Congregation,

A part of the Presbytery that helps victims of natural disasters is called the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA). This program has been on the ground helping people in the Western NC mountains since shortly after Hurricane Helene struck. The PDA is now on the ground in California, helping those people affected by the wildfires. Please consider a donation to the PDA; it will help support those in need. When writing a check, please make it out to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, and write Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on the memo line.

Thank You!

The Outreach Committee.

Happy Hearts

Monday, February 3, 2025 ***(Date Change)**

11:00am

BINGO * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for BINGO in the CFC! 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 29, 2025 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

We are in need of some great door prizes!

The Missions Class

Meets in the East Wing -Church parlor

New Study begins February 2, 2025

The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World

In this series, Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today, touching on Jesus' preaching including the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, and the "I am" sayings in John.

We are also looking for a leader for the 4th Sunday of the month. Anyone is welcome to join!



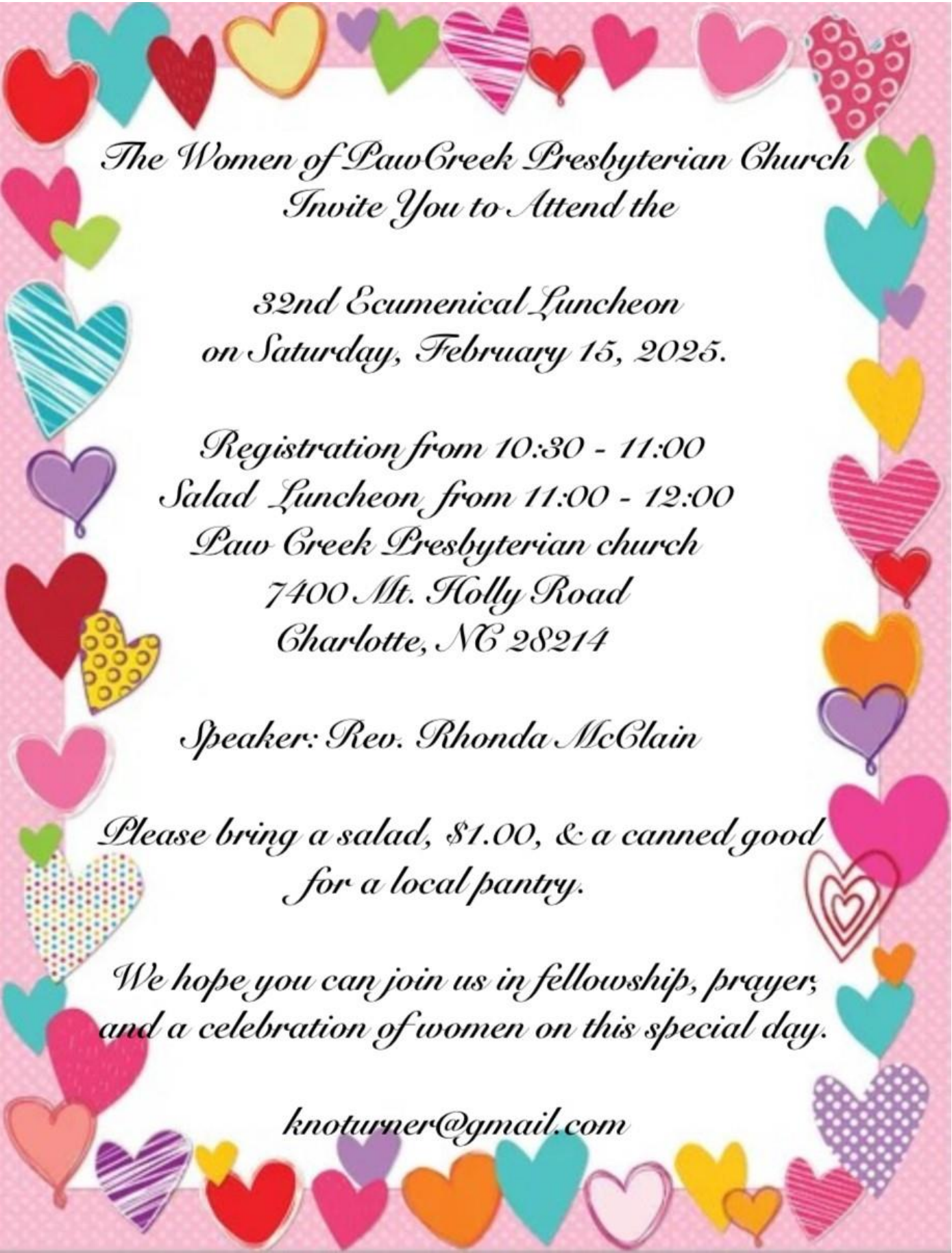
Dear Paw Creek Presbyterian Church~

Thank you for your continued and generous support for Alexander Youth Network. We are truly grateful to our amazing community. Thank you for helping the children and families heal.

Sincerely,

Crissy Humble

Alexander Youth Network



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

*32nd Ecumenical Luncheon
on Saturday, February 15, 2025.*

*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: Rev. Rhonda McClain

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

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

knoturner@gmail.com



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Those Celebrating in February!

February 1

Richard Rumble

February 2

John Riggins

February 4

Tim Sudderth
Kevin Cashion

February 8

Neecho Mosby

February 9

Colby Miller

February 10

John Drolet

February 11

Marie Love
Greg Bethune

February 12

Luke Reel

February 14

Maddie 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 29

Clayton Caudill

Prayer Requests:

- Anna Rettew passed away January 8 in her apartment at the Laurel's. Her funeral will be at the Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, NY where she and her husband Richard were music director and pastor for many years. Please keep the family in prayer at this time.
- Shelby Alexander spent some time in the hospital with a collapsed lung. She had successful surgery and is now home resting.
- Karen Turner had a successful hip replacement on Jan. 3rd. She is home doing well.
- Gene Hall's brother-in-law, George Wilson, died a few weeks ago in Florida. Please keep his wife Lois and the family in your prayers.
- Tony Harper, pastor at Calvary Baptist had a stroke and is in rehab.
- Ricky Joy, cousin of Vicki & Joy, died on Christmas Eve. Please keep the family in prayer.
- Angie Ross is at Presbyterian Main. Please keep her in prayer.
- Mike Kemp, a former member at Paw Creek lost his father, Bill Kemp last week. Mike's mother Sue also spent time the hospital, but is improving.
- David Turner's brother, Gerald died last week.
- Steven Hammaker passed away from complications due to heart surgery. (Close friend/Co-worker of Larry Ramsey)
- James Summerlin had surgery on Tuesday. All went well and he is recovering.
- Chad McArver was discharged from the hospital Tuesday afternoon after being treated for cellulitis. Continue to pray for Chad as he recovers.
- Tommy Cashion's check up with Pulmonologist about a spot found on his lung during heart issues is benign. Follow-up every 6 months, No treatment necessary!

Those We Continue to Pray For:

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| • Gretchen Holton Freeman | • Kristen Turner |
| • Angie Ross | • Jean Todd |
| • Sam McCord | • Hailey Venable |
| • Jane McArver | • Chad McArver |
| • Steve Wallace | • Hurricane/Wildfire Victims |

Upcoming Sermon Titles

Sunday, February 2

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Betsy Williamson

"The Scary Call" - Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Betsy Williamson

"Try, and Try, and Try Again" - Luke 5: 1-11

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Fred Grosse

Sunday, February 23

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Fred Grosse

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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

A Final Note From the Pastor....

Dear Paw Creek,

As I write this, we still have before us a worship service, a meal together and a few miscellaneous other gatherings between now and January 31. By the time those are behind us, all will have been said. And yet none of us will have found words to say everything.

On the assumption that words will not be enough, I will be as brief as I can. As I step away in the midst of my 34th year of being a pastor, I cannot imagine having had a better place to close out those years than here at Paw Creek. You always welcomed me as one of your own, and you continued to astound me with your energy, creativity and faithfulness to the work of the Gospel. None of us knows what the next years (or centuries) will hold for the Church of Jesus Christ, but I strongly imagine that at its best the Church that our grandchildren and their children will see will bear some resemblance to what we know here. The road ahead will not be easy, for surely in this generation God is “doing a new thing”. More than most, this flock has found the courage to meet God with open arms. For as many years as yet are granted to me, I will have an eye on Paw Creek to catch a glimpse of what is coming.

I thank you for your many good wishes and words of encouragement about the joys of retirement. And I thank you for everything else. May Godspeed be with us all.

Elliott