



## THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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**JUNE  
2025**

### MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*To worship and glorify God and to make disciples for Christ.*

*Dear Nazareth Family,*

*By now, I am sure you have heard that I am taking a six-week Sabbatical starting Monday. Our denomination provides a 3-month Sabbath leave after seven years. Following the lead of my predecessor at Nazareth, I chose to break mine in half. My first leave was May-June of 2021. I will be spending my time this year from June 2 until July 14 resting, renewing and reimagining. I will enjoy some travel time, some family time, some time of doing nothing and four days of taking a class at Davidson college.*

*Full-time ministry is a demanding job that can take a toll physically, emotionally and spiritually on the pastor. According to Lifeway research, 1700 pastors leave the ministry every month! This is due to burnout. It's a big job, and that's why God established the sabbath. God first modeled the sabbath in Genesis 2:2-3 where He ceased working on the seventh day to rest. Jesus also modeled the sabbath when he went off many times to be alone with the Father. He then commanded his disciples to "come away and rest" (Mark 6:31) as a part of ministry.*

*I am so grateful for a church body that supports rest and renewal for their pastors. I am grateful for the many people who have wished me well and told me they would be praying for me. I am grateful for the leadership of the Session for providing me with this time and for the financial health of the church which will provide leadership in my absence. The Rev. Pressley Cox will lead worship every Sunday. She will also be available for major pastoral care events. Also, your CARE Elder will be keeping in touch with you so if you have a need, please contact them or Debby at the church office. Our Session is made up of strong leaders and I know the church will continue to flourish as the body of Christ in this place.*

*Just a reminder that, while I am away, I will not communicate or visit with anyone and ask that you please not contact me. Of course, I will continue to love each of you and pray for you—and I hope you will do the same for me— but the Sabbath Leave is intended to allow all of us to have a complete break for six weeks. During my time away, I know that Nazareth will continue to be the strong, uplifting and loving place that has become our distinction.*

*Blessings,*

*Julie*

# Worship



***Worship in person or “Livestream” every Sunday.  
Come and worship with us and bring a friend.***

***We begin worship in June by celebrating the Lord’s Supper and welcoming new Disciples. Hope to see you on June 1 at 10:30. This will be Julie’s last Sunday before she goes on Sabbatical. Then we will welcome the Rev. Pressley Cox for the next six weeks.***

**Head Ushers for June:  
Marian Stephen and Ashley Whitfield**

***We gathered in Nazareth Cemetery for our worship on Memorial Day Sunday as we honored those who served to give us freedom.***



## Session Minutes

### Approval:

- Approved motion from Fellowship Committee to offer two additional pickleball clinics on Tuesday June 10 from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM and Wednesday June 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Dates are clear on the calendar and do not interfere with other scheduled activities. If clinics are successful, request scheduling game days Tuesday from 10am-12am and Wednesday from 6pm-8pm during the summer months.
- Approved motion (Kotecha/Baier) to use \$41,250 in Dyal Funds to cover expenses for the bathroom renovation project
- Approved motion (Stidham/Hayes) to send \$700 from Youth fund to PYC.

### Other Items:

- Jeff Hayes, Joyce Oates and Kaushik Kotecha will serve as Session representatives on the Nominating Committee. Need 1 member from the Adult Sunday School classes, 1 member from the choir, 1 member from the Youth Group and 1 member at large.
- Nancy Hughes will send a written report from the May 17 Foothills Presbytery Meeting.
- Session has a called meeting scheduled for June 1 at 9:50am in the GIFT classroom to welcome new members.
- Thank you to the Peggy Robinson family for gifting Nazareth her Kitchen Aid mixer.
- The Mission Committee will have a School Supply collection for DR Hill Middle School as our VBS mission project. A list of items needed will be available soon.
- Mila Barath was commissioned as a member of PYC at the Foothills Presbytery Meeting on May 17.

Julie will preach June 1 and then be on Sabbatical Leave for six weeks until Monday July 14. Rev. Pressley Cox will preach and moderate Session while Julie is on leave. Rev. Cox will handle liturgy and time with young disciples. Laura Price & Nancy Hughes will select hymns during the Sabbatical Leave period. Care elders will be responsible for normal pastoral needs during the pastoral leave period.



# Christian Education



The Adult Sunday School Classes will combine for the summer and meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall from June 1 through August 3. We will go back to our regular Sunday School Classes on Sunday August 10. Our book we are studying is Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Amy has a few extra copies in her office if you would like one. For those of you who would like to teach a Sunday or two there is a sign up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Naz kids Sunday School, ages K3-5<sup>th</sup> will meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday school room with Amy from June 1<sup>st</sup> -August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**SAVE THE DATE! VBS will be July 20-22 from 5:30-8pm. We will start with dinner at the FLC from 5:30-6:00pm followed by VBS in the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is Jonah the fearful prophet.**

## YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

June 7- 7am-Noon TCT

June 8- 3:30-5pm Trash Pick up

5:15-5:45pm Dinner out

6-8pm Pickleball

June 22-27- Sr High-"Fun in the Son" @ St. Simons

July 12- 7am-Noon TCT

July 20-22- VBS: 5:30-8pm

July 27-31- Middle School- Great Escape- Smokies Retreat

August 10- Genesis Day

August 16- 7am-Noon TCT

August 17- 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Group of 2025-2026 School year-TBD



## NAZ KIDS SUMMER EVENTS



June 29- 12-2pm Lunch, slip n slide, Popsicles and the playground.  
(Please sign up if you are attending)

July 20-22- VBS 5:30-8pm

August 10- Lunch @ El Conquistador then bowling @ Paradise Lanes-  
(please sign up)





# Christian Education, cont.



## K5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Fellowship

This year we are offering two dates for Camp Fellowship:

**June 22-27 and/or July 27-30** (It's a shorter week).

When registering your young people, please use the case sensitive code:  
**Nazareth2025.**

Something different this year is that you will pay the church the camp fee per the number of kids in your family going to camp. See Summer Cost tier below. Also, a donor at First Presbyterian Anderson has offered scholarships for any children going to camp. Talk to Amy about this offer.

### Cost for Summer Retreats (Based on Total # of kids you have going to ANY retreat/camp in your family)

1 Youth= \$125

4 Youths= \$350 Total

2 Youths= \$225 Total

5 Youths= \$375 Total

3 Youths= \$300 Total

## Fellowship



### **The Fellowship Committee Invites You!**

**What:** Nazareth Pickleball Clinic.

**Why:** Learn the skills and rules of pickleball; bring your own paddle if you have one.

**When:** Sunday, June 8 from 6:00 to 8:00.

**Where:** Nazareth Presbyterian Church Family Life Center.

**Who:** "Young" teens to "older" seniors who want to have fun and enjoy fellowship time. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives. Come just to watch! Instructors from Nazareth, Sharon Methodist, and St. James Methodist will be helping us.

**We Look Forward To Seeing You There!!!!**

Many thanks to our Sunday School Classes and the Choir who will be serving Coffee and Conversation before our joint Sunday School meetings this summer in the Fellowship Hall!!!

**We appreciate you and your willingness to help!!**



**Welcome Summer! Hope this time of no school, traveling, pools and the opportunity to breathe a little easier is just what you need! Thank you for reading this information!**  
**Pat Smith, Missions Moderator**

### The Missions Focus for June is the [Middle Tyger Community Center](#).

Their needs are many and include: **peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, Ramen noodles, soup, canned fruits, canned peas, canned carrots, diapers and snack items for children.**

This will be a busy season for Mission Collections! *We have already filled a need to donate close to \$500 to help Middle Tyger Community Center restore their empty food pantry shelves. Barbara Melton and Amy ordered food from Walmart and had it delivered in time to help families with food over the weekend. We are truly blessed to have so many charitable people at Nazareth!*

We are planning to have a 'summer long collection for school supplies' to help the students at [D. R. Hill School](#) and [The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen](#). This list may grow, and so far we have **pencils, wide-ruled notebook paper, composition notebooks and spiral notebooks, gluesticks, 24 count box of Crayola crayons, and Crayola washable markers.** These usually go on sale in late June or early July for Back-To-School. This will also be our main focus for collection during our July VBS!



Our day to volunteer at the [Soup Kitchen](#) is Saturday, June 28th. There will be a great need for volunteers to help with [The Carpenter's Table](#) this summer. Our summer schedule is as follows: June 7, July 12 and August 16.

Many regular volunteers will be traveling, myself included on our July Saturday, and the uncertainty of help increases. If you feel a calling to help with this mission, please feel free to reach out to me via email, phone or in person at church:  
[palmettopat@hotmail.com](mailto:palmettopat@hotmail.com) or 330-417-3461.

The Mission Trip, coming up from August 4-8, is being finalized. A whopping THANK YOU to all who are planning to come help the Montreat area continue to recover from Hurricane Helene! Please feel free to reach out to Amy or me with any questions you may have.



#### PENNIES FOR HUNGER

June: Middle Tyger Community Center

July: Feed the Future

August: Carpenter's Table

#### MONTHLY ITEM COLLECTION

June: Middle Tyger Community Center

July: Feed the Future (school supplies)

August: St. Luke's Free Medical Center

# Presbyterian Women



## Ladies Who Lunch

Ladies who Lunch will gather Friday, June 13 at 11:45 in our cozy back room at Apollo restaurant. A favorite fact about our June meeting is that our Educators can finally join us. Pass the word and see you there.

Back Porch Circle  
will resume in September

## Circle 3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, June 10, at the home of Leslie Stuermann, 119 Riveredge Drive, Moore, at 6:15 PM. We will continue with our Bible Study "Fruit of the Spirit" with Chapter 6 Goodness. Visitors are always welcomed.



*~ Join us for this new ministry ~*

## The NOMEO Club

*(Nazareth Old Men Eating Out)*

will meet on Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00 pm.  
Location to be determined.

## Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 4/30/2025	\$117,412.68
Expenses as of 4/30/2025	<u>\$117,822.81</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ -410.13

*"Owe no man anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8*



## On your mark. Get set. JOG! (Journey of Generosity)

We'd like to take a minute and invite you all to go on a "jog" with us. And no, you can leave your tennis shoes at home, it's not that kind of jog. The J-O-G we're talking about is a Journey of Generosity!

The Legacy Partnership tasked us, the church, with changing our mindset around Stewardship and Generosity. Instead of only talking about giving our time, money, and talents during one month of the year, we'd like for you to go on a journey with us to think about how we can all be generous throughout the year in many different ways.

Your JOG team consists of 5 people, all from different generations. Marian Stephen is from the Builders generation. That's anyone born before 1945. Steve Balltrip represents the Baby Boomer generation, 1946 through 1964. Brian Kern is in the Gen X generation, 1965 through 1983. Ashley Whitfield is in the Millennial generation, 1984 through 1998. And last, but not least, Mila Barath is from the Gen Z generation, 1999 through 2010.

Generation Alpha is next, but we didn't think Leo was quite ready to serve on his first committee just yet! Maybe in a few years! You all will be hearing more from us in the coming months as we go on this JOG together.

*The mission of the JOG Team is  
to encourage Nazareth to live a life of generosity for Christ.*

### Proverbs 11:24-25

- 24 *"One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*
- 25 *A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."*

## Evangelism & Nurture

Are you interested? Since Spring Fling, several people have expressed an interest in a Line Dancing Class at the church. If you are interested, please let Cyndy Urquhart (864-590-6799) know and E&N will pursue it and see if it's feasible.

We are updating all the Nazareth Emergency Contact Information for our congregation. Please see Margie Dobbins or Gayle Mason during Coffee & Conversation or they may visit your classroom to check that your information is correct and up to date. The office thanks you for helping us with this!

# HISTORY

## *"The Rocking Chair"*



There's an old rocking chair, casting memories everywhere

On that old front porch across from Tipples Store.

You can see where the arm is worn, where my granddaddy rested his arm

On that old rocking chair that don't rock no more.

**If a rocking chair could read, all the thoughts on people's minds**

**Oh the stories they could tell, time after time.**

**Stories others never hear, about the thoughts one holds so dear.**

**Oh, how I wish I could have read my Grandpa's mind.**

I was born in a broken home, I was blinded by some things gone wrong

I had no vision of what the future held in store.

Just a baby, barely three, When my granddaddy came to me

And rocked me in his rocking chair that don't rock no more.

**If a rocking chair could read, all the thoughts on people's minds**

**Oh the stories they could tell, time after time.**

**Stories others never hear, about the thoughts one holds so dear.**

**Oh, how I wish I could have read my Grandpa's mind.**

Granddaddy lived the Christian way, truth and goodness he portrayed

He used to gather his thoughts as he rocked on the hard wood porch.

Yes, he loved to sit and rock, paying no attention to the time on the clock

In that old rocking chair that don't rock no more.

**If a rocking chair could read, all the thoughts on people's mind**

**Oh, the stories they could tell, time after time**

**Stories others never hear, About the thoughts one holds so dear.**

**Oh, how I wish I could have read my Grandpa's mind**

**As he rocked me in his rocking chair that don't rock no more!**



# CEMETERY

## Boom and Blast in the Cemetery



On Saturday, May 10th, no one was sleeping in, if they live near our cemetery. That day the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), honored the Revolutionary War veterans that rest in the cemetery with a dedication of plaques at each of their 23 graves. Reenactors dressed for the occasion and honored the veterans with traditional uniforms and weapons. Musket fire filled the air along with prayer, words from our own historian, Carroll Caldwell, and the sounding of TAPS. Finally, a 21 cannon salute was fired that filled the cemetery with flame and smoke.



# Our Church Family

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Please remember the following in your prayers.

## Members and Friends of Nazareth:

Jim and Marilyn Anderson  
Buddy Berry  
John and Martha Bainbridge  
Gerald Broome  
Carroll Caldwell's sister, Anita Edwards  
James Cantrell's brother, David  
Jane Cook  
Margaret Culclasure  
Jayne Duerksen's father, David Shults  
PJ Earley's brother, Charlie  
Candy Franklin's niece, Clarke Johnson  
Jean Glass' sister, Joan Myers  
Joe Fox  
Lisa Hayes' friend, Donna Sue  
Gail Johnson

Marion Johnson  
Rusty Kirkpatrick  
Kim Kotecha and family  
Barbara Melton's friend, Bob Kinard  
Gladys Mills  
Terry Mitchem  
Katie Morgenstern  
Phyllis Powers' aunt, Donna Cudd Young  
Laura Price's husband, David  
Julie Schaaf's parents, Bob & Becky Carter  
Amelia Senn's brother, Robert  
Jessica Schneider's Aunt Claudia  
Jessica Schneider's sister, Lori Cook  
Marian Stephen's sister-in-law, Trish



## In the Armed Forces:

Lee Hughes	Mike Roberts	Albert Bianco
Reggie Hughes	Dorothy Ellis	Ridgway Jackson
Albert Bianco	Eric Gallman	Shelly Roberts

## Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams  
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford  
Tim and Marcie Schaeffer

## Concerns of the World:

Those dealing with loss after storms

**“So, then, this is my very first command: God’s people should make petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings on behalf of all people – on behalf of kings, and all who hold high office, so that we may lead a tranquil and peaceful life, in all godliness and holiness.**

**This is good; it is acceptable with God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to know the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4**

Please call the church office when a concern needs to be added to or taken away from the list. Thank You.

## Committee Meetings for JUNE

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Sunday, June 1st at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom
Worship	Sunday, June 1st at 8:30 in the Session Room
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, June 1st at 8:45 in the MS Classroom
Christian Education	Tuesday, June 3rd at 5:30 in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, June 8th at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom
Missions	Sunday, June 8th at 8:45 in the Missions Room
Administrative	Monday, at 5:15 in the Session Room

### OFFICE HOURS

**Julie** is on Sabbatical until July 14.

**Debby** works in the office Monday-Thursday  
9:00am to 2:00pm.

**Amy** works in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

*In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the office or your Care Elder.*

### FLOWER CALENDAR

June 1	Communion
June 8	Nancy & Doug Hughes
June 15	Kim Kotecha
June 22	
June 29	
July 6	Communion
July 13	
July 20	Amy Jackson
July 27	Jessica Schneider



*Sign up on the 2025 Flower Calendar in the SS hallway if you would like to provide flowers.*

*You can donate to the Flower Fund so flowers can be provided for a Sunday when no one is signed up. To donate, you can write a check to NPC and memo it to the Flower Fund.*

The florist we order from that delivers orders to the church is Carolyn's Florals & Baskets  
864-439-7283 Hours: W-F 10-4,  
Sat. appt. Cell: 864-304-7844. anytime

### UPDATED WEBSITE

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### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the JULY NEWSLETTER

**will be due to Debby in the office by  
Monday, June 23rd.**

All moderators and others who contribute, please adhere to this date. Thank you!



**We have 2 Lost and Found items in the office:**

- a pair of gold rimmed reading glasses
- a Lands' End man's sport coat

Please claim  
if they belong to you!

# Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

## JUNE

08 Jennifer Hadden  
09 Karen Segrest  
13 Laura Price  
16 Kim Kotecha  
16 Mike Gwinn  
19 Jayne Duerksen  
21 Dave Weneck  
22 Mary Pergrem  
23 Clara Nunamaker  
25 John Yarborough



## JULY

02 Jenny Stidham  
04 Judy Hatchette  
04 Hannah Jackson  
04 Colin Urquhart  
06 Taylor Nunamaker  
11 Amelia Senn  
15 Petra Warren  
16 Katie Barath  
16 Chuck Holmes  
17 Vickie Gray  
18 Todd Jackson  
18 Russ Wright  
21 Gene Cothran  
24 Abby Jackson  
25 Steve Balltrip  
25 Jean Glass  
25 Cyndy Urquhart  
26 Emma Labelle  
27 Jacob Schneider  
29 Joe Fox  
31 Eli Kern

## JUNE

03 Kaushik & Kim Kotecha  
05 Doug & Nancy Hughes  
06 Terry & Carolyn Mitchem  
16 Mike & Ann Gwinn  
18 David & Candy Franklin  
19 Ed & Petra Warren  
20 Neil & Joan Houghton  
23 John & Cassie Yarborough



## JULY

03 Homer & Jan Ellis  
06 Joe & Katie Barath  
15 Dwayne & Mary Pergrem  
16 Mark & Elfriede Henry  
17 Mike & Susan Baier  
24 Richard & Joyce Dillard





# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> BG&S 8:30 Worship 8:30 Evang & N 8:45  Combined Sunday School begins	<b>2</b> <i>Julie begins Sabbath leave</i>	<b>3</b>  Christian Education 5:30	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  AA meeting 6:30	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Youth @ TCT 7—12:00  The Carpenter's Table 8-12
<b>8</b> Fellowship 8:30 Missions 8:45  Pickleball 6-8  Youth 3:30— Trash pick up 5:15—Dinner 6-8—Pickleball	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  NOMEO Club 6:00  Circle # 3 6:15	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  AA meeting 6:30	<b>13</b> Ladies Who Lunch 11:45	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Session 7:00	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  AA meeting 6:30	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  Youth Sr. High @ St. Simons 22nd-27th	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  AA meeting 6:30	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> The Soup Kitchen 9-1
<b>29</b> Pennies for Hunger offering  Naz Kids 12—2:00 Lunch and Slip-n-slide	<b>30</b>					