



## THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House



**APRIL  
2025**

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Dear Nazareth Family,*

*As we transition into April, a month brimming with the promise of renewal and rebirth, let us also prepare our hearts for the profound journey of Holy Week and the triumphant celebration of Easter. This season offers a unique opportunity for reflection, prayer, and a deeper connection with the love of God. Let us embrace this time with open hearts and minds, seeking to grow in faith and service.*

*We will continue our theme of “Leaning into the Light of Christ” on Sundays, and with our Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study on Light-seekers. While Lent calls for penitence and self-reflection, it is also a time to seek the light of Christ to help you walk through the darkness of sin and regret. That is how the Holy Spirit helped me arrive at this theme. After all, while Lent can be somber, it leads to the most joyous day of all—the Day of Resurrection!*

*It was a real joy to welcome our Confirmands into the church last Sunday. We have watched most of them grow up and their faith and understanding of the church is very heartwarming. Many thanks to the parents, mentors, and especially Amy Jackson for guiding through this important part of their faith journeys.*

*I will close with a beautiful prayer from Jill J. Duffield that speaks to our theme of light this year during Lent.*

**Prince of Peace, as your followers we know our call is to not only proclaim the gospel of peace, but also to embody it in every interaction and word. You have given us all we need to be makers of peace and bearers of light. As we don the whole armor of God, may others see us and be not only comforted but also inspired to join your grace-filled revolution of reconciliation. Amen.**

*Blessings,*

*Julie*

# Worship



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

***Palm Sunday—April 13th***

***Maundy Thursday Service—April 17th at 7:00 pm***

***Easter Sunday—April 20th***



**Handbell quartet will ring on Sunday, April 27th.**

**Head Ushers for APRIL are Grant & Sandy Brown**

## Session Minutes

### Approval:

- Approved motion (Dobbins/Hayes) to sustain the examination of the 2025 Confirmation Class.
- Approved motion (Cash/Hayes) to accept with regret the resignation of John Yarborough from Session.
- Approved motion from Admin Committee to accept revised position descriptions for Director of Music, Handbell Director and Pianist.
- Approved motion from the Admin Committee to accept the 2024 Independent Financial Review Report.
- Approved motion from the Admin Committee to use \$3,800 in Dyal Funds to cover expenses for the class at Davidson for Julie's sabbatical leave.
- Approved motion (Yarborough/Hughes) to call a congregational meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> to vote on Sabbatical Leave.

### Other Items:

- Will reconvene Nominating Committee to elect elder to class of 2025 to fill vacant slot on BG&S Committee. Kaushik Kotecha will fill John Yarborough's vacant slot on the committee.
- Commissioner Mike Baier gave a report from the 128<sup>th</sup> meeting of Foothills Presbytery held February 18, 2025 at Eleo's Ministry.
- Amy is continuing to gather details about the Mission Trip to help with recovery efforts in the Montreat area August 4-8. Final details about this trip should be available in early April.
- Communion server schedule has been emailed. Elders are reminded to schedule coverage if there is an issue with their listed coverage date.
- Admin Committee is gathering information about a possible cell tower on Nazareth property. Foothills Presbytery (Property Advisory Committee) will need to be involved in the decision making process if this moves forward.
- We have two new security officers: Charles Benjamin Diffie and Christopher McMahan. Hunter is available as needed.
- VBS will be July 20-22. Theme is Jonah.
- Spring Fling is Sunday March 30 from 6:00-7:30pm at the FLC. Lots of fun activities; line dancing, bingo, games, bouncy house. Food will include hot dogs, chili, slaw, chips. May get a banner to help advertise the event. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring friends.
- Revising office access for Session members. Let BG&S know if you have any problems.



# Christian Education



*In this season of rebirth and renewed life, I hope you find that your faith is renewed and your heart made whole during this Easter season. I hope the love and sacrifice of God's son, Jesus, fills you with a renewed sense of purpose. Peace Be With You!*

*Amy Jackson, Director of Christian Education*

## Nazareth Kids

**NPC's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, April 13 after church. Naz kids and family will eat in the Fellowship Hall (while the Youth hide Easter eggs), then after lunch the Naz kids will find their Easter eggs in designated areas. 1<sup>st</sup> grade and under will be around the courtyard and Nazareth sign/bell area and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will find their eggs in the old part of the cemetery. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.**



**On Sunday, April 30 Nazareth kids will go to the Greenville Zoo! Please sign up by April 2 on sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall.**

## APRIL YOUTH EVENTS

- April 6** No Youth Group: Have a great Spring Break
- April 12** (Sat) 10-1pm-We will stuff Easter eggs for the egg hunt on Sunday, April 13, then go out to lunch.
- April 13** Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch-directly after church hide Easter eggs, then lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- April 20** No Youth Group: Happy Easter
- April 27** 6:00-7:30pm Youth Group- Format



**Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study continues April 2nd and 9th.  
Dinner is at 5:30pm followed by Bible Study from 6:00-6:55pm.**

**Menu: Wednesday, April 2nd—Taco Bar**

**Wednesday, April 9th—Lasagna and Salad**

**Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you plan on eating.**

Julie is teaching "Light Seekers" for the adults, Amy is teaching the youth, and Lara has the littles and elementary-aged kids (but please let Amy know if they plan on coming). Nursery is provided also if you let Amy know in advance.



# 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.

## Kids Camp

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

1 Youth= \$125

2 Youths= \$225 Total

3 Youths= \$300 Total

4 Youths= \$350 Total

5 Youths= \$375 Total

**Payment is due by, Sunday, May 25.** Checks made payable to NPC, please.



**Wagner Sunday School  
Class celebrates  
Birthdays at Bangkok Express!**



**Elaine Kirkpatrick  
Lois Weneck  
& our late friend, JoAnn Respass**





# 2025 Confirmation Class



**Our 2025 Confirmands: Ella Yarborough, Liam Maul, Ella Kern, Ean Kern, & Peyton Allen**



**Thank you to all who provided and supported a special breakfast to honor their accomplishments!**



**The MISSIONS focus for APRIL is The Carpenter's Table.**

**Items needed are:   diapers (sizes newborn - size 6),  
shampoo, conditioner, clothes detergent,  
dish detergent, deodorant and toothpaste.**

***Thanks for you help in collecting these items!***

***There are bins available in the Fellowship Hall.***

**There will not be a volunteer day in April for The Carpenter's Table.  
Our next day will be Saturday, May 3rd.**

Our Saturday on February 22 was brutally cold, and we served 187 families. I want to thank all the volunteers who were able to help on that chilly morning. May 3 should be a much warmer morning!

Amy and the Missions Committee are planning a Mission's trip to the Montreat area. This trip will occur from August 4-8. South Carolina Inn has offered 36 rooms at half the normal cost for volunteers. There will be several options for volunteers to help in this area so affected by Hurricane Helene. Volunteers can help organize collection donations, gardening work and arranging boxes of food for sale at open markets, and physically cleaning up debris around Montreat. Having choices will help participants choose activities that suit their age and physical abilities. The South Carolina Inn's kitchen will be open for us to cook meals. Be listening for details!

Have a wonderful South Carolina Spring! Pat Smith, Missions Moderator



**Our next Saturday to volunteer at the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen will be April 26th, from 9:00—1:00.**

**Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, April 27th and will benefit Th Carpenter's Table. Our Pennies Collection at the end of February for Mobile Meals was a total of \$642.**



### **Offerings for General Giving**

Offerings as of 2/28/25	\$58,892.34
<u>Expenses as of 2/28/25</u>	<u>\$64,021.98</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ -5,129.64

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



# Presbyterian Women



## Ladies Who Lunch

*There were 18 of us enjoying wearing green last month at Apollo's. Difficult to choose the one prize winner. Let's gather again Friday, April 11, around 11:45.*



## Back Porch Circle

*The Back Porch Circle will meet at Nazareth on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Lesson 8, Intergenerational Justice, will be the chapter we study. Come and enjoy the lesson and camaraderie!*



## Circle 3

*Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, April 8, at the home of Kim Kotecha, 312 Grayson Drive, Moore, at 6:15 PM. We will continue with our Bible study "Fruit of the Spirit" with Chapter 4, Patience. Visitors are always welcomed.*



**Fellowship**

*~ Join us for this new ministry ~*

## The NOMEO Club

*(Nazareth Old Men Eating Out)*

*will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 pm.  
The location will be announced.*



*Colonel Benjamin Roebuck*

*1755-1788*

**Benjamin Roebuck, the Son of George Roebuck and Mary Warren, was born in Virginia. George and his family settled on the Tyger River near Blackstock Ford. The Roebuck family was originally from Yorkshire, England. Benjamin had a distinguished military career. He entered the Patriot militia and was made 1st Lieutenant in the Company of Captain William Smith. He served with General Lincoln in Georgia and participated in several campaigns until the fall of Charleston when, to avoid capture, fled to North Carolina. Benjamin was appointed major in the 1st Spartan Regiment of which Colonel John Thomas Jr. was Colonel. Benjamin was a Lieutenant Colonel at the Battle of Cowpens. Soon after that event Colonel John Thomas Jr. received a Colonel's commission in a different department of service and Roebuck succeeded in Command of the 12 Spartan Regiment. Roebuck saw service in the Little River District of what is now Laurens County and was wounded and captured at Mudlick Creek in 1781. Benjamin Roebuck died young in the Spartan District. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had two children, Elizabeth and Aaron Roebuck. Some of the Roebuck descendants' graves are in the old Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Woodruff, SC. The village of Roebuck formally known as "Becca" was named for Colonel Benjamin Roebuck Patriot!**

**Welshman John Thomas came with his wife, Jane Black, to South Carolina and moved to Fairforest Creek about 1760. Their homestead was in the southern part of today's Camp Croft State Park. John Thomas Sr. was a military man and had served with George Washington at "Braddocks Defeat" in 1775. The Spartan Regiment included three of John Thomas' sons and the wives were very close to the patriot cause and their husbands. In 1780, Jane Black Thomas' husband and two sons were captured and imprisoned in the jail at Ninety Six. Jane was allowed to visit them and overheard the loyalist plan to attack Cedar Springs in the Spartan district. John Thomas Jr. was there commanding in his Father's absence. Jane rode a horse all night to warn her son of the planned attack and resulted in a Patriot Victory.**



# 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:

Buddy Berry  
John and Martha Bainbridge  
Katie Barath's parents, Robert and Linda Williams  
Gerald Broome  
Kriss Budno  
Carroll Caldwell's son, Aaron  
Jane Cook  
Margaret Culclasure  
Margie Dobbins' family, Jimmy & Kathy Tindal  
Janice and David Douglas, friends at Mt. Nebo  
Jean Glass' sister, Joan Myers

Joe Fox  
Lisa Hayes' friend, Donna Sue  
Amy Jackson's mother, Kathy Schonhar  
Gail Johnson  
Barbara Melton's friend, Bob Kinard  
Gladys Mills  
Ted and Joann Robertson  
Julie Schaaf's parents, Bob & Becky Carter  
Amelia Senn's brother, Robert  
Marian Stephen's sister-in-law, Trish  
Jessica Sullens' sister, Lori Cook  
Lois Weneck's friend, Debbie  
Russ and Dale Wright's granddaughter, Claudia, and friend, Dianna



## 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:

Wild fires in our area

**“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 APRIL**

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Sunday, April 6th at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom
Worship	Sunday, April 6th at 8:30 in the Session Room
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, April 6th at 8:45 in the MS Classroom
Christian Education	Monday, April 1st at 5:30 in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, April 13th at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom
Missions	Sunday, April 13th at 8:45 in the Missions Room
Administrative	Monday, April 14th at 5:15 in the Session Room

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Julie** is in the office Monday-Thursday  
9:00am to 4:00pm

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

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

*In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Julie at 864-421-4750*

### **UPDATED WEBSITE**

Check out our updated website with weekly sermons available and directory.  
Please Like us on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765](http://www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765)

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the**

#### **MAY NEWSLETTER**

**will be due to Debby in the office by Thursday, April 24th.**

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

### **FLOWER CALENDAR**



April 6	Cyndy Urquhart
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 27	Roy & Joyce Oates
May 4	Communion
May 11	
May 18	Judy & Ross McClellan
May 25	Ashley Maul

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*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

**Dear Church Family,**

**Our sincere appreciation to our Nazareth family, for the calls, cards, prayers and love during my surgery and rehab. You will always be dear in our hearts. We enjoy joining you online each Sunday.**

**Frances Lynch**



**Dear Nazareth Family,**

**Many thanks for all the prayers for my family during this time of change for my parents. We are blessed to have each of you as prayer warriors and we all feel your love and concern.**

**Love, Julie Schaaf**

# Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

## APRIL

02 Ella Yarborough  
03 Jean Gosnell  
04 Marjorie Warren  
06 Larry Whitfield  
06 Ashley Royle Allen  
07 Noah Melton  
08 Simon Cairns  
08 Ashley Melton Maul  
08 Darcy Yarborough  
11 Jay Campbell  
13 Carroll Caldwell  
13 Jeremy Houghton  
13 Rusty Kirkpatrick  
14 Katharina Morgenstern  
17 PJ Earley  
17 Katie Friday  
17 Betty Hoenig  
18 Susan Collins  
18 Wendell Stidham  
20 Bailey Segrest  
21 Candy Franklin  
23 Stephen Gray  
24 Robin Whitfield  
24 Sheila Smith  
25 Brenda Roberts  
28 Ann Campbell  
28 Joyce Dillard  
30 Gwen Yarborough



## MAY

01 Karen Holmes  
07 Donna Cook  
07 John Hayes  
08 Jessica Sullens  
08 Jessica Henry Watts  
09 Peden Cook  
11 Chris Cash  
11 Tina Cantrell  
15 Cindy Buttino  
17 Homer Ellis  
18 Ed Warren  
19 Heather Gwinn  
19 JoAnn Robertson  
20 Herb Respass  
21 Margaret Culclasure  
22 Mark Roberts  
23 Martha Bainbridge  
23 Pressley Campbell  
25 Seth Hoffman  
27 Richard Dillard  
27 Faith Rodgers  
27 Zach Rodgers  
30 Ben Smart  
31 Ean Kern

## APRIL

09 John & Martha Bainbridge  
13 Chris & Paula Cash  
14 Wendell & Jenny Stidham  
16 Neal & Karen Segrest  
17 Nelson & Betty Hoenig  
26 George & Pat Sykes  
27 Robert & Kay Morgenstern



## MAY



11 Seth & Allison Hoffman  
15 Danny & Julie Schaaf  
19 Steve & Susan Collins  
21 Andreas & Ashley Maul  
21 Ken & Sheila Smith  
21 Colin & Cyndy Urquhart





# APRIL



| Sun                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                     | Tue                                                                   | Wed                                                                | Thu                                                                | Fri                                                                                                         | Sat                                                                           |
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|                                                                                                                        |                                                         | 1<br><br>Christian Education 5:30                                     | 2<br><br>Choir practice 7:00                                       | 3<br><br>AA meeting 6:30                                           | 4                                                                                                           | 5                                                                             |
| 6<br>BG&S 8:30<br>Worship 8:30<br>Evang & N 8:45<br><br>No Youth                                                       | 7<br><br>Handbells 5:30                                 | 8<br>Back Porch Circle 10:00<br><br>NOMEO Club 6:00<br>Circle #3 6:15 | 9<br><br>Choir practice 7:00                                       | 10<br><br>AA meeting 6:30                                          | 11<br><br>Ladies Who Lunch 11:45                                                                            | 12<br><br>10—1:00 Youth stuff<br>Easter Eggs/ Lunch                           |
| 13 PALM SUNDAY<br><br>Fellowship 8:30<br>Missions 8:45<br><br>Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch after church<br>Youth & Kids     | 14<br><br>Administrative Meeting 5:15<br>Handbells 5:30 | 15                                                                    | 16<br><br>Choir practice 6:45                                      | 17<br><br><u>No AA meeting</u><br><br>Maundy Thursday service 7:00 | 18 GOOD FRIDAY<br><br> | 19                                                                            |
| 20 EASTER SUNDAY<br><br><br>No Youth | 21<br><br>Handbells 5:30<br>Session 7:00                | 22                                                                    | 23<br><br>Choir practice 6:45                                      | 24<br><br>Newsletter info due to Debby<br><br>AA meeting 6:30      | 25                                                                                                          | 26<br>The Soup Kitchen 9-1<br><br>Youth & Naz Kids<br>Family night @ SPB game |
| 27<br>Pennies for Hunger offering<br><br>Handbells ring<br><br>Youth @ FLC 6:00—7:30                                   | 28<br><br>Handbells 5:30                                | 29                                                                    | 30<br><br>Naz Kids go to Greenville Zoo<br><br>Choir practice 6:45 |                                                                    |                                                                                                             |                                                                               |