

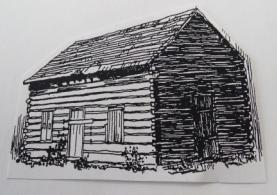


JANUARY

THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

1765 Meeting House

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Nazareth Family,

As some of us stood together on Christmas Eve outside of the sanctuary and held the light of Christ up for the world, I felt a hope and peace surge through me that I have not felt in several years. How beautiful the night was—both physically and symbolically—as we celebrated the light that Christ brings to us all! While our congregation sang “Silent Night” and the faces of the faithful shone in the light of the candles, I was filled with gratitude for our church family, for the disciples that God has placed on my path to experience the faith journey with, for the blessings of faith, family and friends.

As we begin a new year together, it is my prayer that this light will sustain us throughout the year, especially in times of literal, physical, emotional and spiritual darkness. The light of Christ is always with us and available. It is our call as Jesus’ disciples today to stay close to that light and to make sure the light shines from within us to others.

This Sunday, we will celebrate Epiphany Sunday. This is a remembrance of the light of the star that led those seeking something new to the manger. It was the beginning of the spread of the Gospel to nations other than Israel and the beginning of our call to carry the light. (Matthew 2:1-12) As we begin 2022 and the celebration of 250 years as the body of Christ at Nazareth, may the light be ever bright.

Blessings,
Julie



Worship



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

January 2 Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

January 23 Installation/Ordination of Elders

Choir practice will resume on January 5th.

No Handbells practice on Monday, January 3rd.

Head Ushers for January—Mike and Susan Baier.



**Winter Confirmation Class
Emma Labelle, Jake Cansler,
Lillie Underwood, Abby Jackson,
Mason Barath, Henry Cox**

December Session Highlights

Approvals:

- Approved request to transfer membership for Meagan Griffin (Schall) to Pelham Road Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.
- Motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold Annual Congregational Meeting on January 16, 2022.
- Approved request for paving project in cemetery. Cost is \$40,000. Will use Dyal funds for this project.
- Motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow the Cemetery Committee to buy back cemetery plots. No cash to be exchanged, buy back will release plot and provide tax deduction.
- Approved request to use \$3,500 from manse rental funds to clean up/improve landscaping at the manse.

Other Items:

- Committee chairs to submit annual report information to Julie by January 9, 2022.
- The 250th anniversary celebration is May 21-22, 2022. The planning task force is meeting and developing the framework for this celebration as well as discussing possible fundraiser opportunities.
- Spring confirmation class starts January 23.
- Bake Sale Fundraiser for Youth is February 6.
- Tentative date for Youth Mission trip is 6/19-6/24.
- Thank you to Amy Jackson, the confirmand mentors and parents and everyone who played a part in preparing the confirmands. They are a very confident, grounded, and enthusiastic group of young disciples.
- Training for new elders will be January 2, 9 & 16. Examination will be at the Session meeting January 17 and installation of the Class of 2024 will be during worship service on January 24.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

As we enter not only a new month (Did you know that January is named for the Roman god of new beginnings-Janus?), but a new year, we also enter the time of Epiphany; the January 6th celebration of the Wise Men's visit to the baby Jesus. “**But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.**” Matthew 2: 6, NIV.

We have a few time-sensitive events coming up. First, we are planning on taking the Elementary aged children and their families plus ANYONE who wants to join us, to a Swamp Rabbit game on Sunday, January 30th. It's princess and pirates' day, so be sure to dress up!!! Game is at 3:05pm and cost is \$21.50 (The church will pay for the young people.) It's a great time, even if you don't understand the game!!

Please RSVP to Amy by Sunday, January 9th.

Second, everyone is invited to go snow tubing at the Hawksnest in Seven Devils, NC on Saturday, February 12 from 2-4pm. Cost is \$42 per person (church will pay for the young people.) **Please RSVP to Amy by January 16th.** We plan to drive as a caravan up and back, stopping for lunch before we tube.

Month	Date	Event	Event Details
January	2	No Youth - New Year's	
	9	Youth @ FLC	5:30-7:15 PM
	16	Prep for Bake Auction	5:30-7:15 PM
	23	Youth @ FLC	5:30-7:15 PM
	30	Youth @ FLC	5:30-7:15 PM

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2022

High School Mini-Montreat: Friday, March 4th to Sunday, March 6th

Who: current 9-12th graders

Spring Confirmation Retreat: Friday, March 25th to Saturday, March 26th

Who: youth & mentors participating in Spring confirmation

Middle School Retreat @ Asbury Hills: Friday, April 1st to Sunday, April 3rd

Who: current 6th, 7th, & 8th graders

Mission Trip @ Sunset Gap, TN: Sunday, June 19th to Friday, June 24th

Who: rising 7th graders through graduated seniors

Montreat Youth Conference: Sunday, July 10th to Saturday, July 16th

Who: rising 9th graders through graduated seniors

Camp Fellowship: Sunday, July 11th to Friday, July 15th **Who:** Kindergarten through 8th graders

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Missions

Missions Focus for JANUARY is Feed the Future (Backpack Ministry)

In January we will collect items for Feed the Future (the backpack ministry), which is organized by Tyger River Presbyterian Church.

Items Needed For Feed The Future:

Weekend Backpacks

Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Pasta or Kid Friendly Soups

packets of Instant Grits & Oatmeal

Small boxes of raisins (come in six box packs)

Individual Boxes of Dry Cereal

Rice Crispy Treats

Fruit Cups

Applesauce Cups or Pouches

Pudding cups

packets of Goldfish, Cheeze-its, or Nutrigrain Kids

Boxed Juices

Fruit in gelatin



**Many of these items come in cases at Sam's and Costco, or 4 to 6 packs at other grocers. Often you can catch a BOGO on many items. Things to avoid: Vienna Sausages & Peanut Butter Snacks*

Nazareth Mission Opportunities

The Carpenter's Table—PLEASE NOTE: Our day to serve has been changed to the 1st Saturday of each month. Our day would be January 1st, but serving was done on 12/31 because of the holiday. Plan to be a volunteer on February 5th, from 8:00-12:00.

The Soup Kitchen

We will volunteer at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, January 22nd from 9-1.

The Pennies for Hunger offering for January will be received on Sunday, January 30th and will go to the Feed the Future ministry.

STAFF MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



We want to recognize Dean Hughes, our awesome pianist here at Nazareth. He has been with us for 6 years this month. Dean's talent, professionalism and deep faith make him a huge asset to our staff. Beginning in 2022, Dean's job title will be Assistant Director of Music.

Nazareth Cemetery

Church Family,

I think that every family goes through many unanticipated changes. Job changes, moving for that job change, marriage, children, and much more. Sometimes when planning for the future, an older generation will make a decision to purchase burial plots for themselves. Then, feeling generous they may buy more plots for their children and beyond. I can see that this has happened many times with different families who have a long history at Nazareth. Now, many of the children and children's children have moved away and made lives far away. They won't be coming back. But that's life.

Rather than leave many of these plots empty, the Cemetery Trustees have decided to make an offer for them. It will not be a buy-back because most families have no idea what was paid for the plots many years ago. The offer is to take back the plots as a **charitable tax deduction**. A letter will be given that describes the contribution and contains the information necessary for the IRS to recognize the contribution as compliant to their codes.

Each plot that is contributed will be valued at today's price of **\$1,400.00**.

We hope that this will be a valuable tax deduction for many of the families that have blocks or groups of plots that they have no plan of using. If you are interested, contact the church office or one of the trustees to have the process initiated. It is very easy with minimal documentation necessary.

We hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity. Please spread the word to people who are not currently part of our church family, but may have plots at Nazareth.

Cemetery Trustees

Mike Baier
Bill Berry
Gene Cothran
Homer Ellis
Kerry Henderson

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings - as of 11/30/21 \$ 291,366.74

Expenses - as of 11/30/21 \$ 292,634.11

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

Fellowship

Christmas Bingo



Nazareth Intergenerational CAROLING to our shut-ins.



SAVE THIS DATE!

Gladys Mills

Gerald Cook

Nazareth is turning 250 years old! We are older than America! The grand 250th Anniversary Celebration Weekend will be May 21st and 22nd, 2022. Additional details will be coming out over the next few weeks!!



Buildings, Grounds & Safety

BGS is overseeing a project to update the shrubbery and grounds at the manse. Watch the progress.

Your help is needed. If you see something that needs our attention around the church, let us know. There are slips in the office and the Fellowship Hall that can be filled out or you can email Debby in the office and she will pass it on.

Ladies who Lunch

We enjoyed a Festive Christmas Lunch in December at Julie Schaaf's home! Thank you to Julie for welcoming us and for inviting Santa to our party!

January Ladies Who Lunch will meet on Friday, January 14th at 11:45. We will meet back in our private room at Apollo's restaurant on Highway 29, between Target and IHOP. Invite more women to enjoy this very informal gathering of 'Way Cool Women'.



Back Porch Circle

We will meet on Tuesday, January 11th at 10:00 AM at the home of Debbie Balltrip. We will continue in our new book, What My Grandmother Taught Me, based on the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. Books are \$10. Dress for weather since we will meet on the porch! New members are welcome!

Circle 3

We will meet Tuesday, January 11, at the home of Aletha Misenheimer, 148 Brookhaven Dr., Moore, at 7:00 PM.

New Disciples

Nazareth has welcomed 10 new disciples recently!

They will be added to a Care Team and we encourage each Care Team Leader to reach out to those in your group to encourage and help them. This is a wonderful ministry!



Our newest disciple:

Ronda Woodall

436 South Penderdale Drive

Moore, SC 29369

Ph: 864-494-8389

Email: bmhswoodall@yahoo.com

Please note all other new disciples' information below.

Todd and Amy Jackson, Hannah and Abby

3744 N. Hwy 101

Greer, SC 29651

C: 864-525-1796 (T) C: 864-525-0882 (A)

Email: Toddj864@gmail.com (T)

Email: amyjojackson864@gmail.com (A)

Nelson and Betty Hoenig

418 Meathward Circle

Moore, SC 29369

C: 803-206-1681 (Betty)

Jean Gosnell

133 Kingsley Park Dr.

Moore, SC 29369

H: 864-574-5915

C: 864-978-6424

Email: jean.gosnell@charter.net

Mike and Shirley Boone

134 Poplar Knoll Dr.

Moore, SC 29369

C: 803-984-0528 (Shirley)

C: 803-984-0529 (Mike)

Email: campboone@yahoo.com

An updated hard copy Directory is available to anyone from Debby at the office.

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

Sheryl Anderson's friends, Brandi & Jake
McKelvey and baby Hendric
Cindy Buttino's friend, Jerry Beheler
Melanie Campbell & family and mother,
Linda Goings
James Cantrell's mother, Peggy Eash
Margaret Culclasure
Marlene Cutler's sister, Jackie Fuller
Rick and Jayne Duerksen and family
Joe and Martha Fox
Pam Hames
Bob and Abby Hatchette
Amy Hatley
Jeff Hayes' friend, Pete Vanderkam
Peggy Landers' friend, Mary
Frances Lynch

Gayle Mason's friend with cancer
Gladys Mills
Leo Misenheimer's cousin, Lenora
Katie Morgenstern
Oates family
Deb Ritzo and family
Faith Rodgers
Danny Schaaf's brother, Dallas
Ben Smart's friends, Robert Hendrix and
Jimmy Lee
Angela Smith
Cassie Yarborough's friend's daughter

Christian sympathy is extended to Rick and Jayne Duerksen in the passing of his mother, Molly Duerksen.



In the Armed Forces:

Lee Hughes Joey Menendez
Reggie Hughes Dorothy Ellis
Albert Bianco Eric Gallman
Shelly Roberts Mike Roberts

Jacob Schneider

MMFA Jacob Schneider
USS Ronald Reagan
Unit 100197 Box 2898
FPO AP 966 16

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World

Mayfield, Kentucky and other areas affected by storms

Continued wisdom for COVID as new variants develop, safety for healthcare workers, teachers and students

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
2 Chron 7:14

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

Committee Meetings for JANUARY

Buildings Grounds & Safety	Sunday, January 2nd @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Christian Education	Sunday, January 9th @ 8:30 AM in the GIFT Classroom
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, January 9th @ 9:00 AM in the Bridges Classroom
Worship	Sunday, January 9th @ 8:30 AM in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, January 9th @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Missions	Sunday, January 9th @ 9:00 AM in the Missions Room

OFFICE HOURS - Debby works in the office Monday—Thursday from 9am-2pm. Julie is in the office Monday—Thursday from 9am-4:30pm. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Julie at 864-421-2750. Amy is in the office on Tu and Th from 9am-3pm.

UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with weekly sermons available and a church directory. Please Like us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765



FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2022 Flower Calendar is now posted outside the sanctuary in the SS hall. Please consider signing up for this wonderful way to honor someone as well as contribute to the beauty of worship. **You can also call Debby to sign up.**



Flower Schedule

January	2	Dave & Marian Stephen
January	9	Stephanie Heath
January	16	Ashley & Wells Allen
January	23	Julie Schaaf
January	30	
February	6	Todd & Amy Jackson
February	13	
February	20	
February	27	

Dear Church Family,



Thank you for the prayers, flowers and cards. I truly felt your prayers and thoughtfulness. I am now home recovering and appreciate your continued prayers.

Frances Lynch

Abby and I would like to say a very special "Thank You" to the Nazareth Church family for all the cards, visits, meals, and especially the prayers that have been offered on our behalf. Each one has been an uplifting gift and has brightened our spirits in these challenging times. From the first day we visited Nazareth Presbyterian Church we have felt the friendship and love extended to us by the church family. We are indeed fortunate to be part of this wonderful congregation that exemplifies the teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Blessings to All,
Bob and Abby Hatchette*

I wish to thank Julie and the Nazareth Church carolers for the visit and good entertainment on December 12th. My son, Joey and I really appreciated it and I pray that each one will have a blessed New Year.

Gladys Mills

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

JANUARY

- 04 Mila Barath
- 04 Peggy Landers
- 05 Bob Hatchette
- 13 Liam David Maul
- 14 Abby Reynolds
- 15 Aletha Misenheimer
- 18 Neil Houghton
- 18 Doug Hughes
- 19 Jamison Franklin
- 20 Leslie Stuermann
- 21 Carolyn Berry
- 22 Marian Stephen
- 23 Roy Oates
- 23 Pat Sykes
- 25 Ashley Whitfield
- 27 Drew Cash
- 27 Carol Tesh
- 28 Judy Taetz
- 29 Mandy Mathis
- 30 Susan Baier
- 30 Joan Cothran
- 31 Virginia Friday
- 31 Kaushik Kotecha



FEBRUARY

- 01 Nelson Hoenig
- 03 AJ Cansler
- 07 Jane Cook
- 07 Janie Guffey
- 09 Bill Berry
- 10 Mac Broome
- 12 Grant Brown
- 14 Shalynn Smith Crawford
- 16 Suzanne Hughes
- 17 Susan Kern
- 21 Trenton Cook
- 23 Stephanie Heath
- 27 Gail Johnson
- 28 John Bainbridge
- 28 David Franklin
- 28 George Sykes

JANUARY

- 06 David & Marian Stephen
- 07 Jerry & Marian Johnson
- 17 Larry & Phyllis Powers



FEBRUARY

- 05 Todd & Amy Jackson
- 16 William & Carolyn Berry
- 16 Glenn & Jennie Lindman
- 20 Tommy & Frances Lynch
- 28 Rick & Jayne Duerksen

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 BG&S 8:30 Epiphany Sunday No Youth	3 NO Handbells practice	4	5 Choir 7:00	6	7	8
9 Worship 8:30 CE 8:30 Fellowship 8:30 Missions 9:00 E & N 9:00 Youth-FLC 5:30	10 Handbells 5:50	11 Backporch Circle 10:00 Circle 3 7:00	12 Choir 7:00	13 NPC Anniversary Planning Committee 6:00	14 Ladies who Lunch 11:45	15
16 Annual Congregational Meeting during worship Youth—Prep for Bake Auction	17 Handbells 5:50 Session 7:00 examination of new Elders	18	19 Choir 7:00	20	21	22 Soup Kitchen 9-1
23 Installation of New Elders Youth-FLC 5:30	24 Handbells 5:50	25	26 Choir 7:00	27	28	29
30 Pennies for Hunger offering Naz Kids-Swamp Rabbit game 3:05 Youth-FLC 5:30	31 Handbells 5:50					