



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER

Dear friends,

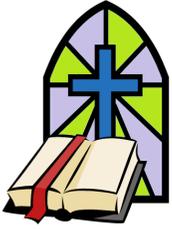
In order to be Ordained in the PC(USA) as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, one must pass five Ordination exams.: Worship, Sacraments, Theology, Polity and Exegesis. The last one involves being tested on your ability to write a sermon, using the original text. One may choose either Greek or Hebrew, but the passage is assigned from there. It is the only take-home exam and you have one week to complete it. For this reason, I have a certain standoffishness (I know that it's probably not a word) from the much loved passage Ecclesiastes 3:1-11.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time.”

During the last few months, this passage has come back into favor with me because, rather than reminding me of that awful exam, it reminds me of the wonderful cycle of life that God has made for us. It reminds me of God's sovereignty and wisdom. It reminds me to be grateful that the universe is governed by a loving and grace-filled God and not me! So even as we navigate the new way of doing church, of going to school and college, of grocery shopping and doctor visits and so much more, let us praise God every day that God's plan is so much better than ours.

*Blessings,
Julie*

WORSHIP



Our “Worship Live” has been going well with good attendance in view of our current challenges. We are “Livestreaming” worship which means that you can watch worship at the same time it occurs OR later in the day or week if that is more convenient. If you are watching by going to the Nazareth Website, and have trouble watching at 10:30, be sure to click the picture that says, “Not Currently Available” and that should gain you access. If you are using the You Tube app, make sure you are watching live videos. Vickie Gray will be setting up an A/V team so if you are interested in helping, let her know. We need her in the choir!

September Head Ushers : James & Tina Cantrell

Session Highlights

- Approved motion to call a congregational meeting on September 13 for the purpose of electing a nominating committee. Proposed Congregation members: Tommy Campbell, Homer Ellis, Clara Nunamaker, Jessica Sullens. Session members: Melanie Campbell, Margie Dobbins, Jeff Hayes.
- Approved motion to request \$2,500 from Dyal Fund to cover deductible costs for the roof project.
- Approved motion to request \$5,000 from Dyal Fund to purchase Phenomenal Aire system for Sanctuary and Main Office area.

The Session will continue to reevaluate our standards for all church activities as changes in the COVID situation occur and in keeping with recommendations from the CDC, Federal and State guidelines and the PC(USA) denomination. Please let us know if there is anything we can do that will make you feel safer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

A note from the CE Committee -

Please be in prayer with us as we explore opportunities to re-engage in COVID-approved activities as a church family! We are exploring options for bringing our children and congregation together in the coming months! We are sad to say good-bye to our leader DJ, but excited about the future of Christian Education at Nazareth, supported by our ministry teams identified to better serve our children and youth ministries.

Youth Updates -

We are so happy to be back together as a youth group! Our outdoor movie nights and water tag kick-off were so much fun! Although the year has started off anything but normal - first we have to navigate COVID-19 and now we are saying goodbye to DJ - we are excited to continue our regular youth gatherings in September!

We will continue to socially distance and will structure seating so that masks can be removed when seated. However, masks will be required when moving - you move, you mask! When relevant, food will be served to youth, rather than our typical buffet style dinners. Without DJ, we will be reaching out to you for support to make sure we have the needed resources to continue serving our youth group effectively. Please be on the look-out as we identify needs!

Please see our plans for September below -

Sunday, September 6th - No Youth (Labor Day Weekend)

Sunday, September 13th - Dinner, Lesson, Games || 5:30 - 7 PM @ FLC

Sunday, September 20th - Dinner + Mission (Homeless Helper Packs) || 5:30 - 7 PM @ FLC

September 25/26 - Stay tuned for an outdoor activity, either Friday or Saturday!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns! Our goal is for everyone to be comfortable sharing their youth with us, regardless of the current uncertainty!

Thank you!

Clara & Taylor



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER (cont.)



Nazareth Youth—fun
even with masks!



Paint wars!



Outdoor Movie night!

Our Youth Group Rocks!!



Administration



Laura Price came to Nazareth 6 years ago in 2014 to be our Director of Music. Laura has many talents. When she is not directing the choir, we often have the joy of hearing her sing, play the violin, the viola, the piano and even the organ! Laura is a blessing to all of us.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 13, for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee for Elders for the Class of 2023. Nominees are: Jeff Hayes, Chair, Melanie Campbell, Margie Dobbins, Tommy Campbell, Homer Ellis, Clara Nunamaker, and Jessica Sullens.

Buildings and Grounds

B&G will meet on Sunday September 6 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

- Our landscaping is almost complete around the church grounds. Many thanks to the special committee that helped plan and see their plans accomplished.
- The FLC now has all LED lighting throughout.
- Our Sunday School and sanctuary now have a new roof. The recent hail storms caused a good bit of damage and the roofs had to be replaced. Luckily we have a good insurance company and they took care of this.
- We have been working closely with the Worship committee to have our services be as safe as possible.

**New projects that are also in process are:
painting some hallways,
new attic stairs to be installed,
our security system,
our air handling system in the sanctuary,
and possible work on the Caldwell Cabin.**





Missions



The Carpenter's Table

is a great place of opportunity to enjoy fellowship while serving the needs of others.

Our day to work will be

this coming Saturday, September 5th, from 9:00—1:00.

The Carpenter's Table is always in need of donations of nonperishable foods and household goods. They are particularly in need of small cans of fruit, Ravioli and dry dog and cat food.

If you would like to help, please drop donations at TCT on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30-11:30 am, or bring them to the church.

The Missions Focus for September is St. Luke's Clinic

Items needed: copy paper, post it notes, paper towels, paper plates and cups, spiral notebooks.

PENNIES FOR HUNGER offering for September will be received on Sunday, September 27th and will go to the Backpack ministry.

Nazareth will not be volunteering at the Soup Kitchen until further notice.

Presbyterian Women

'LADIES WHO LUNCH'

Since the second Friday is our usual meeting day, here's how we can plan to safely gather on **September 11 at McAlister's at 11:45**. A couple of us will arrive at 11:30 to commandeer all the tables and chairs on the porch, which has its own entrance so you won't even have to go inside. One of us will cheerfully fetch your food and beverage and bring it to you. (With your money, of course.) **OR** you can bring your masked self into the dining room, place your order, and then join us on the porch. We will sit appropriate distances apart, and remain masked or not.

Most important: please ask God to show you clearly if this is or is not a safe outing for you at this time. Then, please phone or email me about whether you are or are not planning to be there. marianstephen@gmail.com. (801) 289-6472.

And let me know how we can be praying for you.



Finance News

Contributions vs. Expense Reporting

For those of you who like to see how the church is doing with its finances, the bulletin summary is going to be a little different starting in September. Currently, we have been reporting these numbers weekly. However, with the beginning of our on-line giving capability, these numbers are not available to us as quickly as before. By the time the previous month's contributions are deposited and recorded, it is usually sometime in the second week of each month. To allow time for these numbers to complete and accurate, the summary in the bulletin can only be accurately given once per month. These figures will now only appear on the third Sunday of the month.

We are confident that this will be sufficient to give the congregation timely and accurate reporting of our status. We are glad that many of you are interested in the status and progress of our operating finances. Everyone is welcome to review and ask questions about the church's operation expenses and investment activities. All our accounts and actions are transparent and open for review.

Nazareth Finance Committee

Important reminder:

At this time, if you would like to contribute to a special offering, such as Pennies for Hunger or any other offerings besides regular giving, it will have to be made directly to the church and not through the E-Giving App. (GIVE PLUS).

It is very cumbersome to add, change, or delete the funds that are available to contribute to on the app.

As we learn more about the app and its capabilities, or when the app is improved in different areas, we may then be able to make these changes more easily.

But for now, you will have to give directly to Nazareth for other donations and their causes. Thank you for adhering to this request.

Mike Baier, Elder/Finance Moderator

REMEMBERING IMAGINATION

I believe that one of the most beautiful things in the world is the innocence of youth. Especially that time in those formative years when wide-eyed *imagination* had no limitation and a child could pretend to be, and be, whatever or whomever he or she so desired until some distraction led them away. Whether it was catching lightning bugs at twilight and putting them in a jar or playing “fort” in the woods and pretending to be Davy Crockett, imagination carried the day.

Girls would play hopscotch and jump rope, and boys would wrestle and play marbles in the dirt. Crystals, cat eyes and clod knockers were the prize, eating muscadines or climbing a crab apple tree were engaging activities, even with the end result being torn britches and a stomach ache.

Running through the house like a “bunch of wild Indians” while Mama chased you with a fly swatter....The smell of clean bed sheets after drying in the sun on the clothes line....Using Mama’s clothespins to attach playing cards on the spokes of our bicycles, giving us a pretend motor and more horse power....Searching the road ditches for soda bottles and trading them at the country store for two-for-a-penny candy, like ‘Bit-O-Honey’, ‘Mary Janes’ and ‘BeeBee bats’....Ringer washing machines and telephone party lines....Top Value and S&H Green Stamps....NEHI Grape and Upper 10s....Saddle Oxfords and bobby socks...dress patterns and sewing machines...Wing Tips and Penny Loafers....Sir Walter Raleigh, Old Gold and Lucky Strikes....Half & Half, Prince Albert in a Can, and kitchen aprons....such great memories!

At Sunday School we would always sing, “This Little Light of Mine”, “I Shall Not Be Moved”, “Zacchaeus Was A Wee, Little Man”, “Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart” and “Do Lord, Oh Do Lord, Oh Do Remember Me.”

Imagination....I can’t imagine life without it!

Carroll Caldwell, Historian

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

John and Mary Brady
Anne Brewer's sister-in-law, Jan Young
Simon Cairns' sister, Grace Dalhoff
Margaret Culclasure
Margie Dobbins' friend, Leah Hanna
Joe and Martha Fox
Amy Hatley
Stephanie and Charles Heath's friend, Bill
Doug Hughes parents, Tom and Betty
Debby Keaton's sister and husband,
Bud and Judy Peterson
Jennie Lindman's sister, Margaret Kitchens
Andreas Maul and family
Elaine McLeod's sister and nephew
Barbara Melton and family

Gladys Mills
Irene Powers
Amelia Senn's cousin, Kathy and
friend, Stacey Ray

Please pray for the wisdom of the Session as we continue to seek to provide a safe atmosphere for worship and other activities in the future.

Please be in prayer if you are approached to serve as an Elder for the Class of 2023.



In the Armed Forces:

Steven Alverson	Reggie Hughes
Albert Bianco	Lee Hughes
Joey Menendez	Dorothy Ellis
Mike Roberts	Eric Gallman
Shelly Roberts	Jacob Schneider

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World

Doctors, Nurses and First Responders to the Virus; School officials, teachers and students

Our President, Governor, Mayor and all elected officials

“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 in September

September 6	Buildings and Grounds @ 9:00	in the Fellowship Hall
September 6	Worship @ 9:30	in the Session Room
September 6	Evangelism & Nurture @ 9:30	in the Wagner ClassR
September 14	Christian Education @ 6:00	in the Session Room
September 20	Missions @ 9:30	in the Session Room

OFFICE HOURS - Debby works in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. Julie is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Julie at 864-421-2750.

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 2020 flower calendar is hanging in the hall behind the sanctuary.

Please consider this wonderful way to honor someone as well as contribute to the beauty of worship. You can call Debby to sign up for any Sunday.

Flower Schedule

September	6
September	13
September	20
September	27
October	4
October	11
October	18
October	25



Dear Nazareth Family,

Thank you for all the prayers on behalf of Marlene Cutler. She is better and at home.

Lois Weneck

To all of our Nazareth friends,

We thank you for your thoughts and prayers during the illness and death of our niece, Debbie Lynch Stalvey.

Tommy and Frances Lynch

I want to send out a sincere thank you to all of my Nazareth family for your love and support during my sister's illness and death.

Thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts and cards, which has helped myself and my family during this difficult time.

Aletha and Leo Misenheimer

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

02 Mike Baier
02 James Cantrell
03 Kerry Henderson
04 Mary Caley
06 Ella Kern
07 Cassie Yarborough
09 Anne Brewer
09 Jan Ellis
10 Gladys Mills
11 Richard Cansler
12 Jacob Cansler
12 Dwayne Pergrem
17 Nicholas Cansler
22 Dale Allen
24 Kathy Allen
28 Jeff Hayes
29 Debbie Balltrip
30 Kathryn Kotecha



OCTOBER

02 Lane Barker
02 Emily Collins
07 Joan Houghton
10 Tom Brewer
10 Tyler Evans
10 Debbie Ritzo
18 Gayle Mason
18 Ginger Phillips
19 Mason Barath
20 Lea Elizabeth Allen
21 Joe Barath
21 Lisa Hayes
21 Ava Mathis
22 Emily Baker
23 Kim Evans
24 Robert Cook
25 Martha Fox
25 Margie Dobbins
26 Leo Misenheimer
27 Debby Keaton
27 Louis Womble
29 David Stephen
30 Dinnie Bibb
30 Drew Whitfield

SEPTEMBER

01 Paul & Tiffany Nobles
09 Bryan & Elaine McLeod
10 Steve & Debbie Balltrip
13 Thomas & Alicia Rodgers
20 Joel & Jessica Watts
26 Gene & Kathy Cothran
27 Larry & Robin Whitfield



OCTOBER

01 Lance Allen & Marjorie Warren
02 Leo & Aletha Misenheimer
10 Kerry & Laura Henderson
14 Chuck & Karen Holmes
17 Lou & Cindy Buttino



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 The Carpenter's Table 9-1
6 B & Gr 9:00 Worship 9:30 Evan & N 9:30 Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30 No Youth	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9	10	11 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45 @ McAlister's	12
13 Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30 Youth @ FLC 5:30	14 Christian Education 6:00	15	16	17	18	19
20 Missions 9:30 Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30 Youth @ FLC 5:30- 7:00	21 Session 7:00	22	23	24	25 Youth <u>Stay</u>	26 Youth <u>Tuned</u>
27 Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30 Pennies for Hunger offering	28	29	30			