



**NOVEMBER
2024**

THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Nazareth Family,

One of the things that always excites me about Nazareth Presbyterian is our strong Missional Giving. This means our church's relationship with money and possessions is secondary to God's mission. Missional Giving is the practice of living in a way that prioritizes financial support for God's Kingdom. After meeting for over a year, the Legacy Partnership Team decided that we would rather be a church that focuses on "Generosity" rather than simply plans a one-a year "Stewardship Campaign." At our all-day retreat, the Session, including Elders elect, agreed to follow this recommendation to change our mindset from a church who practices stewardship to one who lives in generosity. To that end, you will be hearing a lot about "generosity" in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Generosity has to do with gratitude for God's abundance in many aspects of our lives. It has to do with joyous disciples thanking God by the way we live and the way we spend and share our gifts. The Session is in prayer for the Spirit to guide us all as we consider our own gratitude. We would also like to hear the stories from you—disciples at Nazareth church—about how you have experienced generosity from God, from the church and in other ways throughout your lifetime. God is calling us to be generous with our time, talents, treasures and influence. Throughout the year, you will be invited to share your stories with others at Nazareth.

However, the fact is that the church also operates on a budget. To that end, you will receive a letter in the coming week to ask you prayerfully to consider three questions.

1. What is your first memory of generosity?
2. Who taught you how to give?
3. Why do you give to your church?

Then you will have the opportunity to make a financial commitment to the ministry of God in this place. You will hear more about this as we work through the process. I pray and trust that the Holy Spirit is working in your lives to bring forth ministry that honors and serves our Lord, Jesus Christ. I also pray that our church will continue to be a rich blessing to each of us and to all those whom we serve in God's name. Blessings, Julie

Worship



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



The Worship Committee has ordered 40 poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for the month of December. The cost for a poinsettia is \$16.50. You are welcome to purchase one in honor or memory of a loved one. Order forms will be provided.



**Nazareth Handbells will ring on Sunday, Nov. 10th
Rehearsals will be on Nov. 4th and 25th.
There will be no rehearsals on the 11th & 18th.**

Head ushers for November—Grant and Sandy Brown

Session Minutes

Approvals:

- Approved motion from Admin Committee to hire Beowulf Technologies to manage our IT infrastructure and maintenance. Total cost per month will be \$325 .

Other Items:

- Celebration of life/reception for JoAnn Respass Saturday, October 26. Wagner Class will take the lead for the reception.
- The Fall Festival is October 27 from 4-6.
- Rise Against Hunger is Sunday, November 10th. We still need donations and volunteers.
- Decorating for Advent Season will be Sunday, November 24 following Worship Service. Youth will be asked to get boxes from the attic prior to November 24.
- The Admin Committee will email Session members the proposed budget for review prior to the November Session meeting. The proposed budget will be discussed at this meeting.
- Jennifer Hadden & Caroline Shiffer have joined Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs as affiliate members. Will remain on Nazareth membership roll.
- Will begin work immediately to transition from a stewardship mindset that focuses on one month a year to a generosity mindset that has an everyday/all year long mindset. Shift to more storytelling with emphasis on how God is working through the generous gifts the disciples at Nazareth willingly share, not just gifts of money but also gifts of time and talents.
- Session members to bring names of possible “Generosity Team” to November Session meeting.



Christian Education



November not only brings shorter days and cool, crisp nights but it also brings with it the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Thanksgiving starts off this season as families gather around the dinner table to feast on a traditional meal, while planning their Black Friday “attack.” But this holiday is more than that. According to Christianity.com, it sets the tone for the season.

“Thanksgiving is to glorify God as an act of worship, giving thanks for all things as part of God's providence.”

Allabouthistory.org gives a beautiful definition of Thanksgiving as primarily about relationships.

“The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon a relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings.”

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! “
Psalm 107:1



FOR YOUR CALENDAR... On Sunday, November 17 from 9:30-10:15am the young people (College age and under) will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to help!

YOUTH EVENTS:

- Nov. 3 & 4- Lock- in! Starts at 7pm on Sunday night and runs through until 11am on Monday.
Girls at the Hughes house & Boys at the Kerns house.
- Nov. 10- Rise Against Hunger Event- 1:30pm we will set up for event.
3-5pm is actual food packing and 5:00-5:30pm we will clean up.
- Nov. 17- 9:30-10:15am we are packing shoeboxes for OCC in Fellowship Hall
6pm-7:30 pm YG at FLC for dinner & games!
- Nov. 24- 5:30-8:00pm YG will go shopping for angel tree gifts, dinner out then back to the FLC to wrap presents.
- Dec. 1- NO Youth Group- Happy Thanksgiving!

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- Nov 10- 3-5pm Rise Against Hunger @ FLC
- Nov. 17- 9:30-10:15 Packing Shoeboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Missions



**The MISSIONS focus for November is
Mobile Meals Christmas Bags.**



The bags you fill and turn in will be passed out to those who receive meals from this vital community service. Your wonderful bag may be the best gift they receive at this Christmas Season. Some suggestions to fill these bags are:

A pair of socks, Wash Cloth, Bar of Regular Bath Soap, 12 Oz. Shampoo, Tooth Paste, Tooth Brush, Pieces of Peppermint Candy, Hand Lotion, Deodorant, Brush, Pen, Small Writing Tablet, Tissues

In order to keep all the bags similar, it is requested to fill each bag with the above items. It is also requested that each bag be closed with either pins or a rubber band. I will be delivering these bags to Mobile Meals at the end of the month. Thank you!



The next day for The Carpenter's Table will be on November 9th from 8:00-12:00. Anybody who enjoys getting up early can join us at 7:00 to put out tables and a tent and other necessities. Also computer savvy people are needed to help our clients get signed in for food. This will be our first Saturday without Taylor. Prayers will be needed and appreciated. For information or questions please email Pat Smith at palmettopat@hotmail.com or call 330-417-3461.

Volunteers are always needed on the 3rd Thursday of every month to help bag food at The Carpenter's Table. Abby Hatchette is the person to contact for this joyful activity.



The Soup Kitchen will need our volunteers on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00-1:00. If you have any questions, please call Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

Our November Pennies For Hunger Collection will be for Mobile Meals and will be received on Sunday, November 24th.



The "Angels" will be on the Angel Tree next Sunday, November 10th. The gifts are due back to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 15th. All gifts must be wrapped and have the child's name on each gift. Thank you! Rick and Jayne Duerksen



~ Join us for this new ministry ~

The NOMEO Club Nazareth Old Men Eating Out)
The Nomeo Club will meet on Nov 12 at 6:00 pm at Cribbs in the Publix shopping center.

Missions continued....



Congratulations Nazareth Family!! We have reached our \$8,400 Rise Against Hunger goal for preparing meals for 20,000 people!! In fact, we were a few hundred dollars beyond our goal, and this surplus will be given with our check to RAH to use in their mission. Thank you ALL for your gracious generosity and giving hearts to help other people in the world who need food.

Our Rise Against Hunger event will be on November 10th! There has been a huge response for volunteers and monetary support! We will be preparing meals to feed 20,000 people.

Set up time in the Family Life Center is at 1:30-3:00.

***7-8 strong people are needed to help lift 50# bags of rice and other supplies.**

The main event will start at 3:00 until 5:00.

***7-8 people will be needed again to spend about 45 minutes tearing down.**

We are grateful for any time you can give!



Thanks to all who donated socks for our clients at the Soup Kitchen and The Carpenter's Table during the month of October! Many people will be thankful for your generosity as the temperatures force us all to hang up our sandals and cover our feet for the Winter season.

As always your servant,

Pat Smith, Mission Moderator

Dear Missions Committee,

Thank you so much for letting us be a part of your meeting and listening to us share about our ministry in Tübingen. We are grateful for the faithful support Nazareth has given us for many years and continues to provide. Visiting Nazareth is always a highlight of our time in the states and it was wonderful to see all the ways faith is being shared through the missions committee!

**Shalynn and Tyler Crawford,
Missionaries to Germany**

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 9/30/24 \$ 262,485

Expenses as of 9/30/24 \$ 246,072

Net Ordinary Income YTD \$ 16,413

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



Friday, November 8 will be our last lunch in 2024 at Apollo restaurant! Since you might not know why, plan to show up around 11:45 so we can tell you our good news. We laugh. We dine. We pray. You'll fit right in.

Back Porch Circle

Back Porch Circle will meet at Nazareth in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12th. Join us!

Circle #3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at the home of Leslie Stuermann, 119 Riveredge Drive, Moore, at 6:15 PM. We will be finishing up our Bible Study of "Forgiveness" with Chapter 8 "Forgiving When We Don't Feel Like It." Visitors are always welcomed.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Dear Church Family,

The Advent season is fast approaching, and it's time to prepare our church for this special time of year.

On **Sunday, November 24th**, immediately after worship, we will be decorating the church to welcome the season of anticipation and joy!

We would love for as many hands as possible to help! Whether you have an eye for design or just want to pitch in, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, share some fellowship, and make our space beautiful for the Advent celebrations.

We hope to see you there!

Tina Cantrell & Jenny Stidham
Advent Committee Co-Chairs



HISTORY ~~ HEROES in NAZARETH CEMETERY



 **Alexander Vernon**, one of the founders of Nazareth Church had a daughter, Nancy, who fell in love with a young man named Michael Miller, who had started out as a soldier in the British Army in the American Revolution. Michael was also in love with Nancy, and soon deserted from the British Army and joined the Continental Army of America. Alexander, Nancy Vernon's father, wanted to be sure of Michael Miller's intentions, so he saddled his horse and rode all the way to Maryland to enquire into the young man's background. He must have met the "Vernon" requirements because Michael and Nancy were married and raised a large and influential family.

 **Sarah Breaken**, daughter of William Anderson and Rebecca, lived in Charleston, SC during her married life. She once entertained George Washington in her home. After her husband's death, she came to live with her nephew, James Mason (Tyger Jim) Anderson and taught the young ladies of the surrounding area how to sew. It was told that once in Charleston, when the British Soldiers were molding bullets and were using her water bucket as a receptacle to cool the hot lead, that Sarah discovered what they were doing and threw the bullets out saying, "No British bullets would go in my bucket!"

 **Billy West** was a celebrated Revolutionary War Soldier. Billy was a drummer who loved his drum. He was captured in a fracas, but to keep the British from using his drum, he cut holes in both ends. After he escaped, he replaced the heads with sheep skins. The rock wall around Nazareth Cemetery was built by Billy's son, Bobby West. Billy West is buried at Friendship Baptist Church in Walnut Grove, S.C.

Carroll Caldwell, Historian

~ "Heroes" to be continued in the coming months ~

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:

Debbie Balltrip	Amy Jackson’s brother, Mark and family
Buddy Berry	Debby Keaton’s husband, Rex Keaton
Anne and Tom Brewer and Jennifer	Caryle Marzke
Gerald Broome	Gladys Mills
Carroll Caldwell’s son, Aaron	Katie Morgenstern
Melanie Campbell	Herb Respass and family
Simon Carns and family	Deb Ritzo and family
Karen Carter’s mother, Laura	Ted and Joann Robertson
Margaret Culclasure	Amelia Senn’s brother, Robert
PJ Earley	Marian Stephen’s sister-in-law, Trish
Joe and Martha Fox	Jessica Sullens’ sister, Lori Cook
Amy Hatley	Judy Taetz
Stephanie and Charles Heath	Dave Weneck
Chuck Holmes	



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:

Wisdom during election Those living in warfare Those affected by Helene and Milton

“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 NOVEMBER

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Sunday, November 3rd at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom
Worship	Sunday, November 3rd at 8:30 in the Session Room
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, November 3rd at 8:45 in the Middle School Classroom
Christian Education	Wednesday, November 6th at 5:30 in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, November 10th at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom
Missions	Sunday, November 10th at 8:45 in the Missions Room
Administrative	Tuesday, November 12th 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

FLOWER CALENDAR

November 3 *Communion*



November 10 *Ross & Judy McClellan*

November 17 *Joyce and Roy Oates*

November 24 *Marian Stephen*



For the month of December we will beautify our sanctuary with poinsettias.

Consider ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone.

We have a Flower Fund that donations can be made to for purchasing flowers on 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.

UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with weekly sermons available and directory. Please Like us on Facebook

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

will be due to Debby in the office by Thursday, November 21st.

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

Dear Church Family,



Many thanks to all the NPC prayer warriors for all your thoughts and prayers !

*Stephanie and Charles Heath
Anne and Tom Brewer*

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

- 02 Peyton Allen
- 03 Caryl Marzke
- 06 Leigh Ann Powers
- 07 Anneke Warren
- 08 Abby Hatchette
- 09 Molly Barker
- 09 Angela Smith
- 10 Barry Gray
- 10 Isaac Melton
- 12 Carolyn Mitchem
- 12 Julie Schaaf
- 13 Lance Allen
- 15 Melanie Campbell
- 17 Sandy Brown
- 17 Benjamin Friday
- 17 Larry Powers
- 17 Neal Segrest
- 18 Caroline Shiffer
- 19 Nancy Hughes
- 20 Mike Boone
- 20 Carter Smith
- 22 Joyce Oates
- 27 Karen Carter
- 28 Hannah Rodgers



DECEMBER

- 02 Elfriede Henry
- 04 Paula Cash
- 05 Matthew Mathis
- 10 Rick Duerksen
- 13 Dale Wright
- 13 Brian Kern
- 16 Deb Gray
- 16 Bill Stuermann
- 21 Hannah Melton
- 23 Barbara Melton
- 24 Angela Jackson
- 25 Pat Smith
- 27 Lou Buttino
- 27 Lily Cairns
- 27 Phyllis Powers
- 31 Kathy Cothran

NOVEMBER

- 03 Peden & Donna Cook
- 19 Taylor & Clara Nunamaker
- 20 Mike and Shirley Boone
- 24 Joe & Martha Fox
- 26 Jeff & Lisa Hayes
- 27 Tommy & Ann Campbell



DECEMBER

- 01 Louis & Cindy Womble
- 10 Isaac & Hannah Melton
- 11 Jay & Melanie Campbell
- 16 Charles & Stephanie Heath
- 19 Lane & Molly Barker
- 19 Dave & Lois Weneck
- 21 James & Tina Cantrell

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 TIME CHANGE We fall back! 
3 BG&S 8:30 Worship 8:30 Ev & N 8:45 Peace & Global Witness offering	4 Handbell Practice 5:30	5 Christian Education 5:30 Choir practice 7:00	6 Christian Education 5:30 Choir practice 7:00	7 AA meeting 6:30	8 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45	9 The Carpenter's Table 8-12 Celebration of Life for Jim Fisk Fellowship Hall 2-5
10 Fellowship 8:30 Missions 8:30 Handbells Ring Angel Tree Rise Against Hunger event Setup 1:30 Event 3-5	11 NO Handbell practice	12 Back Porch Circle 10:00 Circle 3 6:15	13 Choir practice 7:00	14 AA meeting 6:30	15	16
17 Youth & Naz Kids 9:30 at FHall OCC packing Youth @ FLC	18 NO Handbell practice Session 7:00	19	20 Choir practice 7:00	21 NEWSLETTER info due to Debby for December	22	23 The Soup Kitchen 9-1
24 Pennies for Hunger Advent Decorating Youth 5:30-8:00 Shopping & Dinner	25 Handbell practice 5:30	26	27 Choir practice 7:00	28 Thanksgiving Day  Office closed	29	30