



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

680 Nazareth Church Road, Moore, SC 29369

864-576-8034 nazareth@nazarethpresbyterian.org

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

1765 Meeting House



APRIL

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Nazareth Family,

Most of you know that my favorite birth narrative for Jesus is found in the Gospel of John. “And the Word was made flesh and lived among us.” Unlike Luke, who places Jesus in the manger, John places him in the world, where we need him most. Imagine my surprise when I pulled out my favorite Lenten devotion book entitled Shadows, Darkness and Dawn by Thomas Steagald. Because I have traditionally used it for Lent, I had never actually read the devotion for Easter Sunday. It begins: “The Light shines in the darkness.” I have always considered this a Christmas message but it really is a summary of the resurrection.

As the news in Ukraine gets harder and harder to watch, this is the message that we must hold on to. That even when the day or the event or the illness or the depression or the addiction or the empty cross seems to leave us in the dark, THE LIGHT will always shine. Usually when we need it most. This is the message of Easter. And we are Easter people, called to live out this message for others.

I hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities to praise, sing, pray, rejoice and play with us during this Holy time.

Rev. Steagald, a United Methodist pastor, ends his book this way.

The light shines in the darkness. We believe and proclaim that the shadows of the world and in our hearts are dispelled by the Day. And so may God grant us to see the moments and the lives that burn with Easter fire. And may God grant us the Spirit to bear witness to what we see and have heard, even when others do not believe.

To this I say . . . Amen and Amen.

Blessings,

Julie

Worship

Worship in person or “Livestream” every Sunday.

Come and worship with us and bring a friend.

Palm/Passion Sunday—April 10

Youth Choir singing with Adult Choir

Maundy Thursday—April 14, service at 7:00pm

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day—April 17

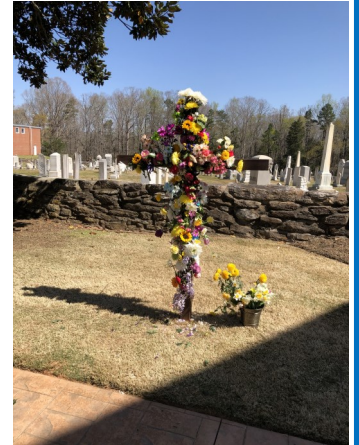
One Great Hour of Sharing offering

Nazareth Handbell Choir



**Don't forget to bring fresh flowers
on Easter Sunday to flower the cross.**

Head Ushers for April Brian and Susan Kern



March Session Highlights

Approvals:

- **Approved motion to hold confirmation service for Spring 2022 class on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022. Confirmands will be examined by Session at the April 18th Session meeting.**
- **Approved motion to take up an offering on 4/3 and 4/10 to go to Calvary Chapel in Greer to help the people and refugees of Ukraine.**

Other Items:

- The Finance Committee is closely monitoring our investment accounts during this period of economic uncertainty. Investments are still ahead of where they were in February 2021.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Scavenger Hunt project. This was an extremely successful event with 5 pick-up trucks of items donated to the Middle Tyger Community Center. Thank you to Amy Jackson for her enthusiasm in spearheading this project.
- The 250th Anniversary Committee is hard at work and finalizing plans and schedules for the celebration events the weekend of May 21 & 22. Painting and sprucing up of our campus buildings will begin soon.
- Julie will be on vacation starting after the Session Meeting on Monday, April 18 and will return Monday, April 25. Rev. Christi Brown will preach Sunday, April 24.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER



HOPPY SPRING! We're going on an egg hunt, Sunday, April 10 directly after worship. This will be for those 5th grade and under kids. We will start off eating lunch in the FLC, followed by creating a few crafts and then go on our egg hunts!

Please sign up on the sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall.

Also-on April 3rd, after church in the fellowship hall- we need egg stuffers! If your hands can place candy in a plastic egg- then I need you!
Thanks! Amy

April Events

- April 1-3 - Middle School Retreat @ Asbury Hills.
- Wednesday, April 6 - Youth Choir practice 7:00-7:30 PM
- Sunday, April 10 - Youth Choir Sing during service.
 - 5th grade and under—Easter Egg Hunt after service
 - Youth @ FLC || 5:30-7:15 PM
- Sunday, April 17 - NO YOUTH, Happy Easter!
- Sunday, April 24 - Summer Trip Meeting @ FLC, 5 PM, **PARENTS** please attend..
 - Youth @ FLC || 5:30-7:15 PM

Upcoming....

Sunday, May 1st will be **Senior Sunday!** Seniors wear cap & gown at service.
Church-wide breakfast. Evening celebration during Youth @ FLC.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2022

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: Monday, July 11th to Friday, July 15th

Who: Kindergarten through 8th graders

***Registration code word: NPC2022**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION cont.



Retreat at Camp Fellowship



Fellowship & Evangelism and Nurture



Save the Date!

Nazareth is turning 250 years old!
We are older than America!



The grand 250th Anniversary Celebration
Weekend will be May 21st and 22nd, 2022.

In good Presbyterian tradition, we have a committee working hard to make sure this will be a weekend full of history and fun for all. So this means we need your help too!

We're planning a special video to celebrate this historic event. Look for sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Starting soon, we'll be capturing your favorite memories for the video. More details to follow!

We also need photos. We would like to create displays in the Family Life Center showing our members throughout the years. Old photos, current photos, wedding photos, Bible school photos- basically any and all photos you are willing to share. Please make sure you put your name on the back of any photo that you want returned to you- copies of photos are also fine. It would also be helpful to know the year the photo was taken. Group up to 15 and put them in a ziploc bag with your name on the bag and drop them in the box labeled "photos for 250th" in the fellowship hall by April 17th!

~~~~~

**Evangelism and Nurture is updating the list of those willing to help provide food/ refreshments for occasional congregational needs. Please contact Margie Dobbins (680-1957) or Cyndy Urquhart (590-6799) if interested. Thanks!!**

### Safety Tip from the Safety Committee

Of the several potential disasters that could befall our church, fire likely would be the most devastating. The Safety team urges all members to be alert and aware of the condition of all electrical cords, switches, and outlets, and to report any problems without delay. No use of open flame is permitted in the sanctuary.

If a fire should break out on church premises, move quickly to the nearest exit and assemble in the closest parking lot for a headcount. Follow instructions from a safety team member.

# Missions

## **Missions Focus for APRIL is the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.**

The Soup Kitchen's mission is: We Believe That...

- Every human being should be treated with dignity and respect, therefore we treat all people that eat at the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen as our guests and everyone is welcome at our table.
- Feeding a hungry person is the first step in addressing their needs.
- People who are hungry may have broader issues and needs that should be recognized.
- Our volunteers and supporters are a valued asset and we know that they are essential to our success.

We continue to strive to ensure every volunteer and guest has a positive and safe experience with our Soup Kitchen.

***Items needed: Canned fruit (big cans), Cleaning supplies***

***Our day to serve at the Soup Kitchen will be Saturday, April 23rd, from 9-1. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Chuck Holmes ( 864-556-9702).***

**Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, April 24th, and will be going to the Soup Kitchen.**



## **Other Nazareth Mission Opportunities**

***The Carpenter's Table - Our day to serve at TCT will be Saturday, April 2nd, from 8-12. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Taylor Nunamaker at (864-992-5708). Nazareth served approximately 130 families in March!***

**A Special offering will be taken up through April 10 to send to Calvary Chapel in Greer and their ongoing ministry with the people of Ukraine and refugees in Poland. This congregation, which includes a neighbor of Amelia Senn, has had an ongoing relationship with Christian churches in Ukraine for years and is planning a mission trip to deliver needed supplies. Make checks to Nazareth and write "Ukraine" on the memo line.**

***Save the date for Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, November 6th in the FLC. This year we plan to package 30,000 meals. Be on the lookout for more information at the end of the summer.***

# Presbyterian Women



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN



## Ladies who Lunch

will meet on Friday, April 8, 1145 @  
Apollo's restaurant on Highway 29. Last month 13 of  
us met, including two who had not come before!  
**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED** to get to know one another  
in this informal setting.

We are also open to changing or rotating venues.  
If you know of a nearby restaurant that has a private room  
with NO STEPS, come share it with us.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN



## Back Porch Circle

We will meet on Tuesday, April 12th, at 10:00 AM at the  
\*\*Nazareth Church Fellowship Hall. We will continue in our Book,  
What My Grandmother Taught Me,  
based on the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.  
New members welcome!



## Circle 3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, April 12,  
at the home of Shirley Boone,  
134 Poplar Knoll Drive, Moore, at 7:00 PM.  
We will continue with Chapter 2 "Wisdom Hunt" of our Bible Study.  
Visitors are always welcome.

### Offerings for General Giving

Offerings - as of 2/28/22 \$ 49,522.47

Expenses - as of 2/28/22 \$ 59,662.65

< \$ 10,140.18 >

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

## Staff News

### Staff Spotlight



*Debby Keaton just completed her 5th year as our Administrative Assistant. She has been a blessing to us all. Every day, we are enriched by her faith, her dedication, her professionalism and her willingness to help everyone who needs it. Thank you Debby for all that you do!*

### THE SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY POSITION IS OPEN.

**Until we hire someone, we will need a rotation of volunteers from about 9:15-11:45. If you can help, please call Amy in the office at 864-576-8034. If you know someone who should apply for the permanent job, please have them call the office as well and we will set up an interview.**

### Cemetery news

**I have been collecting and entering information into our cemetery records for several years now, but there is still a lot of missing information especially for our veterans. If you have a veteran resting at Nazareth, they should be on this list. Please add their information to the list. If you know of someone who is not on this list and should be, please let us know.**

**The list DOES NOT include veterans in the old section of the cemetery. Those still need to be cataloged at a later date.**

**A list is located on the cemetery bulletin board outside the office. Either fill in the missing information or contact me directly at 864-316-1153 or email [mfbaier@gmail.com](mailto:mfbaier@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your help with this project.**

**Thank you, Mike Baier, Cemetery Trustee**



# HISTORY



*Oh, come, come, come, come...Come to the church in the wildwood  
Oh come to the church in the dale.  
No place is so dear to my childhood,  
than the little brown church in the vale!*

*They came from near and far, down the winding path between the two rivers, along the stony ridge and through the forest, stopping at the spring to refresh themselves before climbing the steep hill to their destination. Some were on horseback, others inside buckboard wagons, but most were on foot enjoying conversation as they walked along. Passing by their neighbor's farms and houses while recruiting new members along the way. It was Sunday morning, and at Nazareth they would congregate. The joy of children's laughter could be heard upon their approach. The clicking and snapping of leather harnesses, the rattle of wagon wheels, and the clip clop of horses' hooves created a great commotion as the men folk secured their transportation.*

*Some hummed a melody, while others softly sang the old standard hymns of the day as they entered the open doors of the church. Heads began to turn, as familiar faces appeared in the doorway that were greeted by smiles and nods of those already seated. Look! There's Uncle John and Aunt Martha! And there's Jim and Salley and the twins! My, how they have grown! The ladies wore their bonnets and aprons and the gentlemen appeared in their vests with pocket watches. Boys in their knicker breeches and little girls wearing cotton dresses. Hand held fans and horned hearing aids adorned the well worn popular pews. The old pump organ created an atmosphere of calm and peace. 'God is in his Holy Temple. His presence is felt and is alive in this little church! A feeling of safety and brotherhood enters the sanctuary as the Pastor prepares his sermon.'*

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God! Trust also in me! In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me, that you may also be where I am. You know the place to where I am going. I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."*

*Many, overcome with the Spirit, praise God and proclaim His divinity! Love permeates the air! We are one in this place. Faith has been restored, friendships have been strengthened, troubles have faded and life has new meaning.*

*For two and one half centuries, Nazareth Church has nurtured and blessed those who have graced her doorway. May the Spirit of the Lord forever dwell among us and inside these walls.*

*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

Shirley and Mike Boone's great grandbabies and family

Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam

Tina Cantrell's friend, Melinda Duckett and her family

Kathy Cothran

Margaret Culclasure

Marlene Cutler's sister, Jackie Fuller

Joe and Martha Fox

Jean Glass' daughter's friend, Laura and her daughter, Hadley

Barry Gray

Amy Jackson's mother, Kathy Schonhar

Bob and Abby Hatchette

Amy Hatley

Peggy Landers' friend, Mary

Tommy Lynch's brother, Jack

Elaine McLeod's sister, Lois

Julia Gail Mitchem and Ricardo and baby, Leo

Gladys Mills

Katie Morgenstern

Deb Ritzo's family and cousins

Faith Rodgers

Danny Schaaf's brother, Dallas

Bill, Sierra, Darcy, Derrick and Sadie Schall

Ben Smart's friends, Robert Hendrix and Jimmy Lee



### In the Armed Forces:

Lee Hughes

Joey Menendez

Reggie Hughes

Dorothy Ellis

Albert Bianco

Eric Gallman

Shelly Roberts

Mike Roberts

Ridgway Jackson

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

Please pray for the people of Ukraine and for the wisdom of our world leaders.

For those in Texas and Colorado experiencing wild fires

"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 APRIL

|                            |                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Buildings Grounds & Safety | Sunday, April 3rd @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall   |
| Worship                    | Sunday, April 3rd @ 8:30 AM in the Session Room      |
| Christian Education        | Sunday, April 3rd @ 8:30 AM in the GIFT Classroom    |
| Evangelism & Nurture       | Sunday, April 3rd @ 9:00 AM in the Bridges Classroom |
| Fellowship                 | Sunday, April 10th @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall  |
| Missions                   | Sunday, April 10th @ 9:00 AM in the Missions Room    |

### OFFICE HOURS

*Julie* is in the office Monday-Thursday  
9:00am to 4:30pm.

*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  
Julie at 864-421-2750.*

### 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 on Monday, April 25th.

Committee Moderators, please adhere to this date  
as much as possible for the office to get the  
newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!



### FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2022 Flower Calendar  
is 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

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| April 3  | Communion               |
| April 10 | Russ and Dale Wright    |
| April 17 |                         |
| April 24 | James and Tina Cantrell |
| May 1    | Communion               |
| May 8    |                         |
| May 15   |                         |
| May 22   |                         |
| May 29   |                         |



*Dear Church Family,*

*This will mark the end of  
my 5th year of being here  
with you at Nazareth as the  
administrative assistant.*



*I am so appreciative of Julie and the  
Personnel committee for their support  
and for allowing me to continue to  
serve this pastor and congregation. I  
love my job!!*

*Thanks to everyone for all your  
kind words! I thank my God upon  
every remembrance of you!*

*Debby Keaton*



# Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

## APRIL

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



## MAY

01 Karen Holmes  
01 Kate Morgenstern  
02 Marcus Henry  
03 Elizabeth Henry  
05 Bryce Collins  
05 Amy Hatley  
07 Donna Cook  
07 John Hayes  
08 Jessica Sullens  
08 Jessica Henry Watts  
09 Peden Cook  
10 Molly Duerksen  
11 Chris Cash  
11 Tina Cantrell  
15 Cindy Buttino  
17 Homer Ellis  
18 Ed Warren  
19 JoAnn Robertson  
20 Herb Respass  
21 Margaret Culclasure  
22 Mark Roberts  
23 Martha Bainbridge  
23 Pressley Campbell  
25 Seth Hoffman  
26 Glenn Lindman  
27 Richard Dillard  
27 Faith Rodgers  
27 Zach Rodgers  
30 Ben Smart  
31 Ean Kern

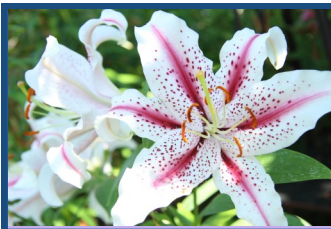
## APRIL

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

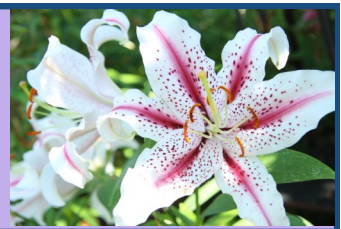


## MAY

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



# APRIL



| Sun                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                    | Tue                                                  | Wed                                                    | Thu                                              | Fri                                 | Sat                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                        |                                                        |                                                      |                                                        |                                                  | 1<br>Middle School Retreat<br>4/1-3 | 2<br>The Carpenter's Table<br>8-12 |
| 3<br>BG&S 8:30<br>CE 8:30<br>E & N 9:00<br>Worship 8:30                                                                | 4<br><br>Handbells 5:30                                | 5                                                    | 6<br><br>YOUTH choir practice 7-7:30<br><br>Choir 7:00 | 7                                                | 8<br>Ladies Who Lunch 11:45         | 9                                  |
| 10<br>PALM SUNDAY<br>Fellowship 8:30<br>Missions 9:00<br>Youth Choir<br><br>EASTER<br>Egg Hunt<br><br>Youth @ FLC 5:30 | 11<br><br>Handbells 5:30                               | 12<br>Back Porch Circle 10:00<br><br>Circle # 3 7:00 | 13<br><br>Choir 7:00                                   | 14<br><br>Maundy Thursday Communion service 7:00 | 15                                  | 16                                 |
| 17 EASTER<br>Resurrection of our Lord<br><br>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering<br><br>No Youth                        | 18<br><br>Handbells 5:30<br><br>Session 7:00           | 19                                                   | 20<br><br>Choir 7:00                                   | 21                                               | 22                                  | 23<br>The Soup Kitchen 9-1         |
| 24<br>Pennies for Hunger offering<br><br>Youth @ FLC Summer trip meeting at 5:00<br>Lesson at 5:30                     | 25<br>NEWSLETTER Information due<br><br>Handbells 5:30 | 26                                                   | 27<br><br>Choir 7:00                                   | 28                                               | 29                                  | 30                                 |
|                                                                                                                        |                                                        |                                                      |                                                        |                                                  |                                     |                                    |