



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House

JUNE

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear friends,

One of the resources I receive is from Rev. Nadia Bolz Weber, an Evangelical Lutheran pastor, author and speaker who never fails to touch my heart. This week she sent out the question, "What line from a hymn always brings tears to your eyes." Having just observed Memorial Day, I immediately thought of "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" but the hymn that has brought me the most comfort during these last weeks of dealing with the COVID crisis is "Great is thy Faithfulness." Just to think that I am personally made and loved by a God of whom I can sing, "All that I needed thy hand hath provided" is a great source of comfort and strength to me. It might be a question for you to consider, too, as a way of healing.

One thing was apparent to me this past Sunday and from the answers in the survey that was sent out: Nazareth is ready to get back to church! Please pray for our Session to have wisdom as we choose the safest and best way to do this. We will meet on June 15 for our regularly scheduled meeting and make the decision then.

This Sunday is Pentecost and I will miss seeing everyone in their red, yellow and orange. Please continue to worship on You Tube with us. We will get to hear an encore performance of Judy Hatchette's bell solo for the special music. Again, I cannot thank our musicians, both paid and volunteer, enough for sharing their talents and gifts with us during this time. Music is to me like praying and I have learned more of my theology and faith from hymns than I have from sermons. We are very blessed!

Debby, DJ and I continue to be at church so please stop by if you feel safe or call us for any need that you have. As I have called different disciples of the Nazareth family to check in on them, I often find that other folks have been doing the same. That is what makes Nazareth special. Thanks to all of you for everything you do and keep up the good work.

Blessings,

Julie

WORSHIP

All Nazareth services can be seen on You Tube through the Nazareth Website through at least June 14. They will be ready to view by Sunday mornings at 10:30 and any time after. Many thanks to our videographer, Jim Fisk, our musicians, both staff and volunteers and Vickie Gray for her continued help with audio and video taping. Below are pictures from our wonderful worship on Memorial Day Sunday. Special thanks to James and Tina Cantrell, Leslie and Bill Stuermann, Colin and Cyndy Urquhart, Jessica Sullens, Chuck Holmes, Homer Ellis, AJ, Jake and Nick Cansler, Emma Labelle, and Mila and Mason Barth for all their help.



April Session Highlights

Approvals:

- Approved Dyal Fund Request #2940. Attic Stairs, \$4,250, Replace and install. (Admin Unanimous)
- Approved Dyal Fund Request #2941. FLC Floor Crack Covered, \$2,200, Fill and cover floor cracks near exterior walls in gym area. (Admin Unanimous)
- Approved Dyal Fund Request #2942. SS Hallways Painted, \$6,700, Paint walls and trim in new SS building. Paint trim in old SS halls. Paint office and touch up spots in classrooms. (Admin Unanimous)
- Approved motion to say no to the use of our gym for basketball at this time. Will review and reconsider this request monthly. (B&G Unanimous)
- Approved motion to allow Scouts to use facility, once the National Scouting body approves meetings. We recommend following all state mandates, meeting outside as much as possible, adhering to social distancing recommendations and requiring cleaning of the facility following specifications from the Buildings and Grounds committee. (B&G) 2 opposed)
- Approved motion to continue suspension of all church activities until June 14. Will reevaluate at next Session meeting on June 15. (2 opposed)
- Approved motion to continue to pay staff through June 14. (Unanimous)

Action Items:

- Session members read Presbytery documentation from Presbytery sent from Julie concerning COVID.
- Be in prayer for our staff during these difficult times.
- Be in prayer for discernment about how to proceed with possible reopening of the church.
- Committees are meeting and continuing their work.
- Worship Committee and select members of B&G will meet using Zoom on June 7 to develop detailed and specific recommendations for reopening the church.



PENTECOST OFFERING

will be received this month. This offering helps the church encourage, develop and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. Be in prayer for what the Lord would have you to do for this cause!

While activities are suspended, the Administrative Committee wants to remind everyone that we still have expenses. Kindly remember your financial commitments to the work and mission of the church.

Thank you so much for your giving!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Hi Nazareth families!

We are so excited to announce that VBS WILL BE HAPPENING this year! With one modification, though. Instead of you bringing your kids to VBS, we're bringing VBS to your kids.

This summer, on July 1, 8, and 15, we'll be using a quarantine-friendly VBS called BOLT. With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads you and your kids step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed for you to perform with your family at home. It's so simple!

During BOLT, your family will participate in fun games that illustrate what it means to listen to, focus on, and follow Jesus. Depending on your pace, you can expect that each day's experience will last about an hour and a half. It's great for kids 5 and up. Even middle and high school kids can enjoy it! We will be providing a Bolt Box to go along with VBS. Each week, you will pick up a box from the church that includes supplies for crafts, games, and stories so you can follow along and have all supplies at your fingertips!

There's something else we're really excited about—this could also be an amazing outreach opportunity. If you feel comfortable gathering with more people, you can invite as many neighbors, friends, and family to your house for BOLT as you would like. It's such an easy and fun way to share the good news of Jesus with our community.

We'll be sending you more information as we get closer to July. In the meantime, get your family excited about BOLT. This is going to be SO MUCH FUN!

Don't forget to send in pictures from the May Bible Study lessons! It is my hope that I can put together all the pictures to make something special for when we all meet together again, your participation makes this possible.

Worship Anywhere with the resources available in the link found in the Thursday e-blast sent out by Julie. This resource includes the scripture, discussion questions about the passage, sermon notes, crafts, and practices to help you find hope in the midst of chaos. I hope you enjoy and utilize this resource!

DJ Wall

Director of Christian Education

**CE Meeting: June 8th @ 6 PM
in the Session Room.**

Missions



The Carpenter's Table

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

Our day to work is now the first Saturday of each month
and will be this Saturday, June 6th, 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 individual packets of instant grits and canned fruits. If you would like to help, please drop them at TCT on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30-11:30 am.

We are invited to participate in the **PENTECOST SUNDAY BLOOD DRIVE** at Tyger River Church, Sunday, May 31 from 8:00am - 1:00pm.

You can schedule a donation time using this link:https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/146659

Giving blood is a vital response to the COVID-19 crisis. But as even more incentive, for every donor on the 31st, The Blood Connection will donate \$20 to The Carpenter's Table!!



PENNIES FOR HUNGER offering for JUNE will be received on Sunday, June 28, and will go to MOBILE MEALS.

Items needed: cash, dog and cat food.

During this time, you can send your offerings or bring items and offerings to the church office.

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

Buildings and Grounds



WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH

Work day at the church

Building and Grounds had planned to have a work day at the church which of course, got postponed with COVID. There are STILL projects that could be done by individuals or small groups. Please look at the list below and sign up for the opportunities to serve. Please call Chuck Holmes (864-556-9702) or Dwayne Pergrem (864-327-8018) or call the church office to sign up for a job!

- Scrape and paint window sills in fellowship hall.
- Paint the baseboards on the steps of the FLC.
- Move the storage cabinet from the old garden area to the basement.
- Identify paint in basement and store or discard.
- Wash outside windows and doors around the building.
- Straighten and clean out the attic. Make the old pew into a shelf in attic.
- Clean out around the Scout cabin.
- Planting some small perennials in around the church.

See Stephanie Heath

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

Ethel Anderson

Mary Brady

Simon Cairns' sister, Grace Dalhoff

Jenny Collins

Margaret Culclasure

Joe and Martha Fox

Stephanie and Charles Heath

Doug Hughes parents, Tom and Betty

Elaine McLeod's brother-in-law

Barbara Melton and family

Gladys Mills

Aletha Misenheimer's sister, Lola Taylor

Irene Powers

Amelia Senn's cousin, Kathy

Ashley Whitfield's student, Kinsley, who had open heart surgery

Please pray for our Confirmands: Mason Barath, Jake Cansler, Emma LaBelle and Abby Reynolds

Please pray for the wisdom of the Session as we seek to open the church in the safest manner possible



In the Armed Forces:

Steven Alverson

Albert Bianco

Joey Menendez

Mike Roberts

Shelly Roberts

Reggie Hughes

Lee Hughes

Dorothy Ellis

Eric Gallman

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams

Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World

**Wisdom in dealing with the Coronavirus Doctors, Nurses and First Responders to the Virus
Our President, Governor, Mayor and all elected officials**

"If my people who are called by my name 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.



JUNE dates to remember

- June 6 The Carpenter's Table
- June 7 Communion Sunday
- June 8 Christian Education meeting @ 6:00 PM
in the Session Room
- June 15 Session Meeting
- June 28 Pennies for Hunger

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



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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
to all of our fathers
at Nazareth!
We celebrate you!

Dear Nazareth Family,



It is hard to find the words to express our gratitude to all of you for the support, love, and prayers for our family over the last weeks. David's illness and passing during this pandemic could have been so much more difficult but so many of you reached out with prayers, cards, calls, emails, texts, food, flowers, and visits. We are blessed to be part of such a faithful, loving, and compassionate church. The love of God was shown through all of you! Much love and thanks,

Barbara Melton

The Maul family

The Mathis family

Thank you Nazareth prayer warriors, for all your prayers over the last few months for Baby Jack. Continue to pray for the family as they will miss this precious little one.

Jan Ellis

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

JUNE

- 08 Jennifer Hadden
- 09 Karen Segrest
- 13 Laura Price
- 16 Kim Kotecha
- 16 Mike Gwinn
- 19 Jayne Duerksen
- 21 Dave Weneck
- 22 Mary Pergrem
- 23 Clara Nunamaker
- 25 John Yarborough
- 30 Paul Nobles



JUNE

- 03 Kaushik & Kim Kotecha
- 05 Doug & Nancy Hughes
- 06 Terry & Carolyn Mitchem
- 12 Stephen & Liz Frey
- 16 Mike & Ann Gwinn
- 16 Marc & Cherie Oburg
- 18 David & Candy Franklin
- 19 Ed & Petra Warren
- 20 Neil & Joan Houghton
- 23 John & Cassie Yarborough
- 28 Joe & Iris Menendez



JULY

- 02 Jenny Stidham
- 04 Judy Hatchette
- 05 Jerry Johnson
- 06 Taylor Nunamaker
- 08 Jessica Johnson
- 11 Amelia Senn
- 15 Petra Warren
- 16 Katie Barath
- 16 Angela Shiflet
- 16 Chuck Holmes
- 17 Vickie Gray
- 18 Russ Wright
- 21 Gene Cothran
- 22 Brandon Collins
- 25 Steve Balltrip
- 25 Jean Glass
- 26 Emma Labelle
- 27 Noah Nobles
- 27 Jacob Schneider
- 28 Liz Frey
- 29 Joe Fox
- 31 Eli Kern

JULY

- 03 Homer & Jan Ellis
- 06 Joe & Katie Barath
- 15 Dwayne & Mary Pergrem
- 16 Mark & Elfriede Henry
- 17 Mike & Susan Baier
- 17 Steven & Megan Kranz
- 24 Richard & Joyce Dillard
- 24 Joey & Sina Guffey



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 Communion Sunday	8 Christian Ed 6:00 in the Session Room	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Session 7:00	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pennies for Hunger	29	30				