



JANUARY

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.

Dear Nazareth Family,

As we begin a new year, I can't help but think about Abraham. God called Abraham to leave everything familiar behind—his land, his family, his home and his customs—to begin anew. It took great faith to venture into the unknown as Abraham did. Yet, Abram, as he was then called, followed God into a future that was very uncertain. (Genesis 12)

While we are not making such extreme commitments, we are venturing into the unknown of a new year. Abraham offers a wonderful example of faithful discipleship as we begin new adventures and continue old ones. It takes faith to honor our financial commitments, especially when the economy is suffering. It takes faith to agree to serve on Committees, help with Vacation Bible School, volunteer to help with Youth, sing in the Youth Choir, say "yes" when asked. It is my prayer for all of us that we will seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, be willing to listen, and be faithful to the call of God.

You will be able to read about many opportunities for discipleship throughout the Meeting House News. The staff is always excited to hear about new ideas, too. The Youth choir would love to have some more male voices. And new members are always welcome in the adult choir too!

If you are 55+ and retired, Amy and I are having an organizational meeting to see if there is interest in reviving and even renaming the Friendship Club. As we prepared for the 250th Anniversary celebration, I noticed from pictures that the club used to take day trips and other activities "back in the day." We will have a catered luncheon Jan. 5th to determine interest in the idea of a more active group.

It is my honor to walk the path of discipleship with you all as we enter 2023 and seek to answer the call of God.

Blessings,

Julie

Worship



Worship in person or “Livestream” every Sunday.

Come and worship with us and bring a friend.

Special Events

January 1 Communion

January 8 Reception of New Members

January 22 Ordination/Installation of Elders

January 29 Handbells Ringing

Head Ushers for January– Grant and Sandy Brown

Session Highlights

Approvals:

- Approved motion (Gray/Respass) to accept changes to Membership Roll. Remove from active membership: Gerald (Jerry) Cook and Bob Hatchette (deceased); Mark & Cherie Oburg. Added to active membership in 2022: Reaffirmation of faith: Brandi & Courtney Aiken; Phyllis Irene (PJ) Earley; Transfer of Membership: Alex Jones, Andreas Maul, Anneke Warren Nave & Jason Nave; Confirmands: Mila Barath, Pressley Campbell, Nick Cansler, Eli Kern, Darcy Yarborough
- Approved motion from Admin Committee to Increase Amy Jackson’s paid hours from 20 to 25 per week effective January 1, 2023.

Other Items:

- Committee moderators let Debby know of any changes to meeting dates/times.
- Susan Baier distributed communion/usher assignments for 2023.
- Will be undecorating the church December 28 starting at 10:00.
- The Caldwell Cabin has been disassembled and moved.
- Thank you to BG&S and Worship for the teamwork in handling the recent funeral services.
- Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for the different activities during the Advent season.
- The Fellowship Committee will be exploring options for handling Fellowship Hour due to the Maul family’s move to Germany.
- Julie will contact the proposed list of names about participation on the Legacy Project Team.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Happy New Year! 2023 is bringing new activities to NPC. Five of our college students, along with Nancy Hughes, will (for the first time @ NPC) be going to Montreat for the **College Conference Jan 2-5**. Please pray for this group while they are away. Our High School students, along with Clara & Taylor, will be heading to **Mini Montreat Jan. 6-8**. Prayer is also requested for them.

NEW and exciting! We will start a **4K/5K Children's church on January 8th**. These young people will go to worship and after the "Time with Young Disciples", students will come back to the 4K/5K Sunday School classroom to learn about the sermon topic. **We are in need of volunteers** to help teach this class, roughly 30 minutes. Please call Amy if you would like to be added to the teaching rotation-864-525-0882.

VBS Committee needed! We are in the early stages of planning for VBS and **need committee members**. If you feel called to volunteer your time for positions like VBS Director, VBS Meals, Decorating/undecorating Committee lead, please let Amy know.

Youth Events

Jan 1. No Youth Group

Jan. 6-8 High School Mini Montreat. Please meet @ FLC at 6pm on Jan 6th.

Jan. 8- No Youth Group

Jan. 15- 4:30 Youth Choir Practice in Sanctuary

5:30 Youth Group @ FLC

Jan 22- 4:30 Youth Choir Practice in Sanctuary

5:30 Youth Group @ FLC

Jan. 29- 4:30 Youth Choir Practice in Sanctuary

5:30 Youth Group @ FLC

Elementary Kids Event

Sunday, Jan. 29, directly after worship-2:30pm

Big E in Gaffney: Lunch and Fun! (No cost)

SAVE THE DATE!
The Youth Bake Auction
will be on Sunday, February 5th. More information is coming soon!

Missions

The Missions focus for January is the [Feed the Future Backpack Ministry](#).



This month we are collecting items for the Feed the Future backpack ministry. This is going to be a **HUGE** need this year, as we are delivering backpack meals for 23+ kids every week.

We will begin packing the Feed the Future backpacks soon.

We will need two fruit and two dinner options and one drink option for each gallon Ziplock bag.

Items needed: individual sized ravioli, spaghetti, soup, mac & cheese, applesauce, fruit cups, juice boxes, kool-aid and Capri Sun.

We also need gallon sized Ziplocks and we can always use fun items like: suckers, candy, raisins or gum.

Please no peanut butter, nuts, Vienna Sausage or Ramen noodles.

Thank you so much for helping us fill the backpacks each week.
Together we make a difference in the lives of these children.

To demonstrate how much of these we actually need, if there are 23 children, each gets 2 cans of ravioli (or soup) and 2 cups of applesauce or fruit each week, and there are 21 weeks in the school semester. $21 \text{ weeks} * 23 \text{ students} * 2 \text{ cans each} = 966 \text{ cans of ravioli (or soup)}$ we will need this semester and 966 cups of applesauce or fruit. That's a lot of cans and cups! Please consider buying and donating some of these items this month!

Place needed items in the bins provided in the Fellowship Hall marked "Feed the Future."

Thank you for your participation!



Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, January 29th, and will go to the Feed the Future Backpack Ministry.

Missions, cont.

Other Nazareth Mission Opportunities

The Carpenter's Table

In 2023, our day to volunteer at the Carpenter's Table will switch to a five-week rotation. Our first day to serve will be on January 14th. The next will be 5 weeks later on February 18th, and so on.

Please make sure to keep an eye on the newsletter if you are not sure which day we will be serving.

Needs for Carpenter's Table: egg cartons and used grocery bags

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Taylor Nunamaker. (864-992-5708)

The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

Our next day to serve will be Saturday, January 28th, from 9-1.

If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Chuck Holmes. (864-556-9702)

Adult Mission Trip

We received some positive feedback on having an adult mission trip in 2023. If you are interested in helping to plan this trip,

there will be a meeting in the Session room on Sunday, January 15th at 11:45 AM (directly after church).

We will be deciding on where the trip will be and setting a target date. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings— as of 11/31/22 \$283,303.52

Expenses—as of 11/31/22 \$333,019.06

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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

Many of you have heard that Ashley and Andreas Maul will be relocating to Germany in April of this year. With many details to put in place for the move, they are stepping away from Coffee and Conversation beginning in January. They have done an amazing job for the past year!

The fellowship committee is grateful for all they have done to provide wonderful food and fellowship on Sunday mornings!



The fellowship committee will be meeting on January 11th to discuss plans for the future. We are looking for volunteers to help going forward. If you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings, please contact Sheryl Anderson prior to January 11th.

Until we have a new plan in place we will have coffee and juice available.

Save the date for our annual “Souper” Bowl Sunday.

**Bring a pot of soup for fun and fellowship on
February 12th after the worship service.**

**NPC is exploring the idea of organizing
a new version of the Friendship Club.**

If you are 55+ and are interested in this idea, please join us on Thursday, January 5 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch and informative, working meeting.

**Please RSVP to the church office by
Wed., Jan 4 before 2pm.**

Presbyterian Women



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Back Porch Circle

Back Porch Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 AM at Debbie Balltrip's home, 192 Woodridge Drive, Spartanburg. We will be discussing Lesson 5, Sabbath and Servitude, in our study guide. Make plans to join us...we would love to have you!!

Circle 3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at the home of Leslie Stuermann, 119 Riveredge Drive, Moore, at 7:00 PM. We will resume our Bible Study with Chapter 7 "A Reason to be Here" in Growing Older and Wiser.

Ladies Who Lunch

Twenty-or-so of us had the classiest Christmas luncheon at Dale Wright's lovely home.
She has more Santa Clauses than the North Pole!

We will be returning to our cozy back room at Apollo restaurant on Highway 29, on Friday, January 13th at 11:45. This will be a very lucky day for us. Keep on inviting new people!



Our dear Church family,

We cannot express the appreciation for the love extended to us following the death of our daughter and Abby's mother, Ellen. To see so many faces when we entered the Sanctuary was the ultimate expression of love and support from her friends and church family. The reception was wonderful. So many commented on the food, but even more importantly the warmth and friendship to the visitors and family members. The music and Julie's words were most comforting to us. Nazareth has been truly a gift to us—especially this year.

Thank you and God's blessing to you all. Lois, Dave and Abby

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

Katie Barath's parents, Robert and Linda Williams

Mike and Shirley Boone's family

Tom and Ann Brewer's granddaughter Madison, and family

Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam, and friend, Glen Stribling

Kathy Cothran's friends

Jane Cook's niece, Debbie Myers

Peden Cook

Margaret Culclasure

Marlene Cutler's sister, Jackie Fuller

Joe and Martha Fox

Abby Hatchette and family

Amy Hatley

Dean and Suzanne Hughes and family, in the passing of Dean's mother, Sara Hughes

Amy Jackson's sister-in-law, Theresa

Gayle Mason

Isaac and Hannah Melton and baby, Sailor Gladys Mills

Mark and Holly Onufer

JoAnn Robertson's niece, Stacey Lancaster

Amelia Senn's brother, Robert & wife, Sandy

Pat Smith's brother-in-law, Steve Semer

Dave and Marian Stephen

Jessica Sullens' friends, Mandie and Devin

Dave and Lois Weneck and Abby Reynolds

Cindy and Louis Womble



In the Armed Forces:

Lee Hughes

Reggie Hughes

Albert Bianco

Shelly Roberts

Ridgway Jackson

Joey Menendez

Dorothy Ellis

Eric Gallman

Mike Roberts

Jacob Schneider

CVN 76 USS Ronald Reagan

Unit 100197 Box 2898

FPO AP 96616

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams

Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World

Nations living in war and violence

Women in Iran

Homeless in cold weather

“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.

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

JANUARY

- 04 Mila Barath
- 04 Peggy Landers
- 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 Carol Tesh
- 28 Judy Taetz
- 29 Mandy Mathis
- 30 Susan Baier
- 30 Joan Cothran
- 31 Ginny 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

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- 06 David & Marian Stephen
- 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CE 8:30 No Youth	2 College Conference @ Montreat 2nd-5th	3	4 Choir 7:00	5 Friendship Club meeting 11:30	6 HS Mini Montreat 6th-8th	7
8 BG&S 8:30 Fellowship 8:30 Evan & N 9:00 Missions 9:00 Reception of New Members No Youth	9 Handbells 5:30	10 Back Porch Circle 10:00 Circle 3 7:00	11 Choir 7:00	12	13 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45	14 The Carpenter's Table 8-12
15 Worship Com 8:30 Adult Mission trip meeting 11:45 Youth Choir 4:30 Youth @ FLC 5:30	16 Handbells 5:30	17	18 Choir 7:00	19	20	21
22 Installation of Elders Youth Choir 4:30 Youth @ FLC 5:30	23 Handbells 5:30	24 Newsletter information due to Debby	25 Choir 7:00	26	27	28 The Soup Kitchen 9-1
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