



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.



MARCH

Dear friends,

Pope Francis says, "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." That is such an appropriate description of why we need Lent. After the chaos of the Christmas season, in which sometimes the birth of Christ gets completely lost, I much prefer Lent as a time to focus on our walks with God. It is a time of Spiritual renewal for me every year. Even with the extra worship services and solemn Lenten hymns, the forty days leading up to Easter are for me, a time of beauty and a time to place my soul into the hands of God in ways that I am too busy to focus on throughout the rest of the year. I also find that if I am intentional about 'focusing on Jesus' suffering on my behalf, the joy of Easter Sunday and the empty tomb is all the more glorious.

If you have not chosen a way to observe a Holy Lent, there is an opportunity here for you at Nazareth. We have placed the prayer banner on a stand in the Fellowship Hall and will move it to the sanctuary for worship. As part of our Year of the Child, each heart will have a detachable oval with the name of one of our children from cradle to college on it. Please take a name and pray intentionally for that child each day during Lent. It is up to you whether or not you would like to tell the child, or the parents, depending on their age, and find out any specific joys or challenges that you could include in your prayers.

The ultimate goal of the Year of the Child is to make each child of Nazareth feel truly like a member of the family, knowing they can turn to adults other than their own parents or grandparents for support, encouragement, and guidance. In other words, it is a way to put our baptismal vows that we make when each child is baptized into action!

I will be preaching a series of sermons during Lent entitled "Called to More". This Sunday will be "Called to Pray More" and will center on Matthew 4:1-11.

Please make every effort to attend the benefit concert for our Choir on March 14 and invite a friend. We are so blessed to have such beautiful music each and every time we worship here and the concert will feature our choir, Dean Hughes, soloists and other instrumentalists. Tickets will help raise money for much needed new choir robes.

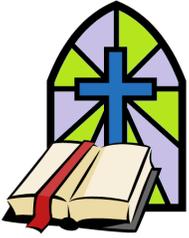
I look forward to worshipping with you this Lent. Please read the ENTIRE Meeting House News to be able to participate in the many worship service and learning events that are planned here.

Blessings,

Julie

"Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." – Luke 9:23 (Jesus of Nazareth)

WORSHIP



New Choir Robes

Nazareth Adult Choir and music staff are presenting a *BENEFIT CONCERT* to raise funds for new choir robes.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th at 3:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, students ages 6-17 are \$5.00, children 5 and under are free.

A table will be set up to purchase tickets before Sunday School and after service on Sundays. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact Jessica Sullens for more information. jdsullens@gmail.com / 864-249-0942.

Also, individuals may purchase robes in honor or memory of choir members, past and present. Each robe, with two reversible stoles, will cost around \$285 each. Stay tuned for updates or see Jessica Sullens, Leslie Stuermann or James Cantrell if you are interested in helping. Let's all show our wonderful choir how much we value and appreciate them!



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"We have to do something about these old, smelly choir robes. No matter how many times I wash mine, my dog still wants to roll around on it."

Session Highlights

- Approved motion to designate funds currently earmarked as youth funds to be available for use by children and youth at Nazareth.
- The Session has approved new members for the Dyal Committee. The committee members at large for 2020 are Homer Ellis, Bill Stuermann, and Robin Whitfield. In order to stagger terms, Ellis will serve 6 years, Stuermann will serve 4 years and Whitfield 2 years. Future terms will be six-year terms.
- Annual Statistical Report submitted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Nazareth Family,

It has been said time and again, but it still rings true: Nazareth is one of the most generous churches out there! With your help, we raised over \$5,000 at the Youth Bake Auction! What an amazing way to ring in The Year of the Child!

The youth had an amazing time snow tubing, we bonded over bruises and sore bodies and *snow* much fun! Fundraisers like the Bake Auction make trips like these possible, so we would like to thank you for allowing us to take some time as a group to grow closer together through the worship of God outside of the church walls.

Last month, I attended the APCE conference in Little Rock where I learned many strategies for Christian Education that are already being implemented. I cannot wait to share some of the resources and tools I learned as the year progresses.

March carries many things with its arrival; the end of Winter, Lent has begun, Spring is right around the corner, and Easter is coming. There is a beautiful "in between" in March: on one side are the cold and dreary days of Winter, on the other is the anticipation of Spring flowers. We are also in the middle of our walk with Jesus on His way to the cross. As it is natural to yearn for Spring and anticipate warmer days, I urge us all to take a moment and live exactly where we are - the in between.

Appreciate today's bitter weather, because we know warmer days are ahead. Too often we rush through life and miss God in the simple moments. Be comfortable being in the middle. Take time to pray for someone else. Do something kind for another. Call that person you have not talked to in a long time. See where your star word is leading you. Be with God.

With Joy,

DJ Wall,

Director of Christian Education

Parents of K5–7th grade are invited to an informational class this Sunday, March 1, in the GIFT class at 9:30.

CE Meeting
March 9th @ 6 PM

Save the Dates:
Camp Fellowship
(K5-7th grade) July 12-17

Confirmation Classes
Sundays- 9:30 AM FLC
Wednesdays- 6-6:45 PM FLC

Nazareth Youth Schedule

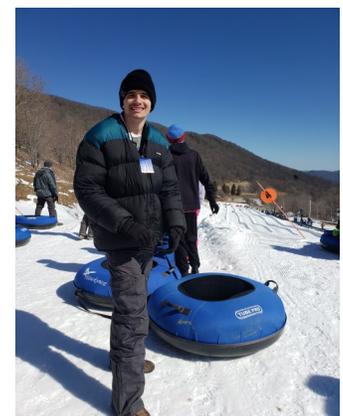
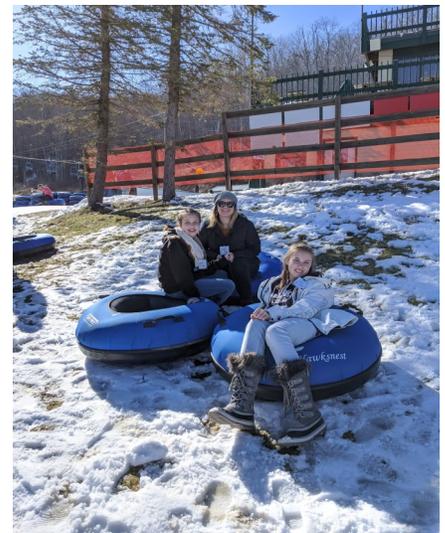
MARCH	1	Lesson 5:30 PM @ FLC
MARCH	7	The Carpenter's Table 8:45 @ TCT
MARCH	8	Bowling - Meet at 4:30 PM @ FLC
MARCH	15	Mission 5:30 PM @ FLC
MARCH	22	Lesson 5:30 PM @ FLC
MARCH	27-28	Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Fellowship (7th & 8th grade)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION cont.

The Youth Bake Auction
was a great success! Thank you to everyone who worked hard and gave to support our youth! We raised \$5,240!



SNOWTUBING



Provide a Dinner for the Youth in 2020

There is a sign-up sheet on the YOUTH bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

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 March 7th from 9:00 to 1:00.**



The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

is where Nazareth volunteers can lend a helping hand and make a difference in the lives of those in our community! Our day to serve is Saturday, March 28th, from 9:00 to 1:00.



The MISSION FOCUS for MARCH will be a joint effort with our Youth in carrying out their **YOUTH MISSION: Homeless Project**

The youth will be assembling kits for homeless people. The gallon-filled bags will be available for church members to pick up and keep in their cars to give out to people asking for money.

Items that are needed:

gallon Ziploc bags

Toiletries such as toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, deodorant, shampoo

Socks, water bottles, unscented wet wipes, feminine hygiene products

Non-perishable snacks: nuts, crackers, dried fruit, trail mix, granola bars, beef jerky, fruit, fruit products, juices

Place items in the red bin in the Fellowship Hall marked YOUTH MISSION.

PENNIES FOR HUNGER offering will be received on Sunday, March 29, and will go to the Homeless Project. Thank you to all who faithfully serve to those in need!



**Nazareth Blood Drive is coming
Wednesday, April 22, from 2:45 to 6:15.**

Presbyterian Women



Back Porch Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 10 AM at the home of Debbie Balltrip, 192 Woodridge Dr., Spartanburg.

Circle # 3 will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 7 PM at the home of Deb Gray, 428 Pendernale Dr., Moore.

Marian Stephen will begin a study/discussion of the Bible Book of Joel. Any ladies are welcome to join us!

Ladies Who Lunch will meet Friday, March 13, at 11:45 at McAlister's Deli. Come, enjoy the fellowship and bring a friend!



SAVE THE DATE! Calling all brave and not so brave Nazareth Women! It's time for our annual Retreat! Mark your calendars for April 24 thru April 25. We will have sign up tables in the Fellowship Hall on March 8, 15, 22, and 29.

The cut-off for reservations is March 29th.

We have an action packed 24 hours planned just for you so grab your bags and head for the hills at the beautiful Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC. Can't wait to see you there!

Courageous Women

Drawing on Dr. Brené Brown's cutting-edge work on being brave, daring and courageous, we will explore the stories and impact of several Biblical and modern day women from this perspective. In addition, we will examine and celebrate our own courageousness. Come join us in this enriching time together.

Our retreat leader this year is the Rev. Christi O. Brown. She holds degrees from Wofford College, Clemson University and Princeton Theological Seminary. Christi most recently served as pastor for young adults and missions at FPC Spartanburg. She currently serves as co-chair of the Spartanburg InterFaith Alliance. Outside of work, Christi loves spending time with her husband Kelan and daughters Lettie (9) and Ella Jane (5.5). She also enjoys playing tennis, reading good books, and almost all outdoor recreation activities, including hiking and playing on the lake. And when she's ready for down time, she loves sitting on her back porch or swinging in the hammock.

Fellowship



The FRIENDSHIP CLUB

will meet on Wednesday, March 18th at 11:45, in the Fellowship Hall.

Bailey Parker from the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs will speak about identity theft and scams. Put this date on your calendar, so you won't miss it!

Bring a friend and a favorite dish or two to share!

Come and show your support and be a part of a wonderful group!

You won't be disappointed!

If you have any ideas for a speaker, please let us know.



Fellowship along with Evangelism and Nurture will host a *Pot Luck of the Irish/New Disciple Luncheon on March 15, 2020*, immediately after service in the Family Life Center. The congregation is asked to bring a "Pot Luck" dish or dessert to share. A signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 3/1/20.

St. Patrick's Day Bingo will be held on Tuesday 3/17/20 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by everyone's favorite Leprechaun. So grab your lucky four leaf clover and join us for some fun and fellowship.



Basketball in the Family Life Center are on Wednesdays from 5:30—8:00 If you are interested contact Taylor Nunamaker at TaylorYNunamaker@gmail.com

SAFETY

Safety Tip for this month:

The Nazareth intrusion alarm system arms itself at 10:00 PM and disarms at 7:00 AM. If you enter outside of these hours or accidentally trigger the alarm do the following: find the alarm box/keypad on the wall to the right inside the back door, then enter your same 4-digit code that is used on the keypad outside, then press the ON/OFF button. Before leaving the building, reenter your 4-digit code and press the ON/OFF button again to reactivate the alarm system. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Herb Respass or call Debby at the church office.

Thank you, Herb Respass

Administration

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Debby Keaton has been with us for 3 years.

She serves as our Office Administrative Assistant. Debby has been a wonderful addition to our Nazareth Family and we are blessed to have her professionalism and caring.

Buildings and Grounds

Spring Cleanup!

Building and Grounds will be having a workday in the spring and we need a list of projects for our volunteers to tackle during that day. Please give us your ideas by filling out a work request form that you can find in the office or sending an email to: chuckkaren1014@gmail.com.

If you see things around Nazareth that you think need attention, please fill out one of the slips for B&G, so we can take a look at it. The slips can be found in the church office or on the table at the back door of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Finance

Dyal Fund Gets New By-Laws

To refresh your memory, the Dyal Fund is a gift to the church given about 15 years ago. It was a substantial amount of money at around \$1.0 million dollars. Over time the fund has increased in value due to a very good economy and investment market. During this period the controls that were initiated at the fund's inception have gradually become obsolete. Because of this, the Dyal Committee has undertaken the task of rewriting the By-Laws and procedures for the fund.

Because the fund value has grown to over \$1.7 million, it has become self-sustaining and is truly an endowment fund. The Committee has agreed that we are not a bank and would like to make more of the funds available for use while being judicious about preserving a principle amount.

There have been several meetings to consolidate and refine the new by-laws. The proposal should be ready to present to Session at the March Meeting. If successfully approved, there will more funds available to use for building maintenance and care. Funds will eventually be available for an expanded scope of use for other activities within the mission of the church.

The Fund is true evidence of God's providence to his people. We must now prove ourselves to be good stewards of these gifts.

Michael Baier

Administrative Committee Moderator

Evangelism and Nurture

The Evangelism & Nurture Committee works to make sure new disciples are mentored and assimilated into the life of Nazareth. Mentors are assigned and follow each family. Look at the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for pictures of our new disciples and introduce yourselves to them. We also acknowledge them at our annual New Disciples' luncheon. Our committee also assists Julie in providing communion to those who can no longer worship with us. We also make periodic visits and send cards through our card ministry to members who are hospitalized, grieving or sick, and to our college students.

The Front Porch committee: We meet and greet first time visitors by taking bread and jam after their visit. We also provide information about our church and a letter of welcome. The name front porch describes our visit; meant to be brief and nonintrusive.

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
Katie Barath's uncle, Gary Brinson
Family of Lois Beach
Catherine Beach
Mary Brady
Buddy and Angelee Berry
Simon Cairns' sister, Grace Dalhoff
Carroll Caldwell's son, Aaron Caldwell
Paul Cash and family, in the death of her
brother-in-law, Mark Franke
Jenny Collins
Margaret Culclasure
Family of Fran Deer
Jan and Homer Ellis' friend,
Baby Jack
Joe and Martha Fox

Lisa Hayes
Doug Hughes parents, Tom and Betty
Bryan and Elaine McLeod's family
Gladys Mills
Family of Lee Orr
Irene Powers
Deb Ritzo and family
Amelia Senn's cousin, Kathy
Carter Smith's mother, and family
Dave and Marian Stephen's in the death of
Dave's sister, Jane

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



In the Armed Forces:

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

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World

Wisdom in dealing with the Coronavirus

“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.



Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation

Time: 9:00 - 9:30

MARCH 1,8,15,22—CIRCLE 3

MARCH 29—GIFT Class



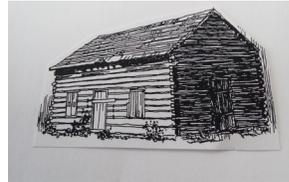
Thanks to everyone who shows up early on Sunday mornings to serve coffee and snacks. If you know someone who doesn't participate in this time of fellowship, reach out and invite them to join us.

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



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The deadline for the APRIL Newsletter is Monday, March 23rd.

Please have all of your information to Debby (debby@nazarethpresbyterian.org) by that time.

Ample time is needed to complete the newsletter and have it ready to send to you by the end of the month.

Please adhere to this time frame.

Thank you!

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.

Dear Church Family,



Please join us for the Opening of the Shane Urquhart Glass and Metal Studio

*Tryon Arts and Crafts School,
373 Harmon Field Road,
Tryon, NC 28782*

*4:00-6:00 Friday, April 3, 2020
(Rain date April 4)*

*Thanks to you,
"A New Fire Burns"*

The Urquharts

FLOWER CALENDAR



March	1	Communion
March	8	Colin & Cyndy Urquhart
March	15	
March	22	
March	29	
April	5	Communion
April	12	
April	19	
April	26	

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH

02 Thomas Rodgers
03 Dorothy Ellis
03 Ann Gwinn
07 Tommy Lynch
07 Kay Morgenstern
09 Bryan McLeod
14 Annabelle Smith
18 Frances Lynch
20 Allison H. Hoffman
21 John Henry Yarborough
23 Ken Smith
24 Gerald Cook
24 JoAnn Respass
24 Lois Weneck
25 Charles Heath
25 Elaine McLeod



APRIL

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

MARCH

02 David & Barbara Melton
07 Barry & Deb Gray
15 Julie and Danny Schaaf
24 Brian & Susan Kern
26 Randy & Tammy Muise
27 Tom & Anne Brewer
31 Benjamin & Katie Friday



APRIL

09 John & Martha Bainbridge
13 Chris & Paula Cash
14 Wendell & Jenny Stidham
16 Neal & Karen Segrest
26 George & Pat Sykes
27 Robert & Kay Morgenstern

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 B & Gr 8:15 Worship 8:30 Evang & N 8:30 Youth Lesson 5:30 PM @ FLC	2	3	4 Basketball in the FLC 5:30 Choir 7:00	5	6	7 The Carpenter's Table 9-1 Youth 8:45
8 Fellowship 8:30 Missions 8:30 Youth Bowling Meet 4:30 @ FLC	9 Christian Education 6:00 Handbells 6:00	10 Backporch Circle 10:00 Circle # 3 7:00	11 Basketball in the FLC 5:30 Choir 7:00	12 Cemetery Committee 6:00	13 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45 @ McAlister's	14 Choir Benefit Concert 3:00
15 New Member Luncheon Pot Luck of the Irish Youth Mission 5:30 @ FLC	16 Handbells 6:00 Session 7:00	17 St. Patrick's Day BINGO 6:00	18 Friendship Club 11:45 @ FH Basketball in the FLC 5:30 Choir 7:00	19	20	21
22 Youth Lesson 5:30 @ FLC	23 Handbells 6:00	24	25 Dream Team Meeting 4:30 Basketball in the FLC 5:30 Choir 7:00	26	27 Confirmation Retreat	28 The Soup Kitchen 9-1 Confirmation Retreat
29 Pennies for Hunger Cut-off for reservations for Women's Retreat	30 Handbells 6:00	31				