



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House



APRIL

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear friends,

*This has been a truly joyous Lenten season for me! Part of me wants to say we picked right up where we left off in 2020 and yet, I don't think that is God's will for us. After in-person worship came to an abrupt halt during the 3rd week of Lent 2020, and picked back up this year as Lent began, it might be tempting for all of us to feel that way. However, I believe the Lord does not want us to go back to "life as usual" once the real COVID crisis has been truly minimized. I believe that God would have us **BE** better, **WORSHIP** better, **FOLLOW** better. Surely we have learned some things about compassion and safety and taking care of one another, ourselves and our world, that can make 2021 and the years to follow better and also make us better disciples. May Easter Sunday help us discover an even deeper joy as we celebrate that our Lord has risen again and that God is with us, bringing new life!*

Moving in to the next step in our walk together at Nazareth, two exciting things are happening. The first is the addition of Amy Jackson as our Christian Education Coordinator. Amy comes to us with years of experience, most recently as Director of Children and Youth ministry at St. Andrews Presbyterian in Taylors. While she will not be fully on board until June 1, she and her family have already become a part of the Nazareth family. We hope to meet Amy's husband Todd soon and their daughters, Hannah and Abby, have already become a part of the Youth Group and attended the weekend retreat!

Amy's start date is delayed because of this next exciting thing. The Foothills Presbytery recognizes the importance of Sabbath for pastors. Knowing that ministers are called upon to be spiritual leaders around the clock, the Presbytery adopted a Sabbath Leave policy for ministers, based on the Biblical principles that even God rested after six days of creating the universe! The policy provides for a three month Sabbath Leave after seven years of service.

When I accepted the call to Nazareth as Pastor, I asked to follow the wise example of my predecessor, David Sutton, and take a six-week leave after three and a half years. Another six weeks after three and a half more will follow. It is hard to believe that the time for the first Sabbath Leave has arrived. Yet, after serving as a pastor during the difficult year we have all had, I believe God's timing is very providential.

I will preach through April 18, enjoy the church wide lunch with you all, and then begin leave on April 19 and return June 1. I will be sending a separate communication before then to explain what will take place for all of us during that time, but wanted to go ahead and let you know now.

I hope to see you all at the Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 and again on Easter Sunday. Please remember to bring fresh flowers from your yard or that you purchase, to flower the cross, which will be outside the sanctuary.

Blessings, Julie

Worship



Holy Week
Worship
Schedule

Thursday, April 1st - Maundy Thursday service @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday service @ 10:30 am

Please remember to bring fresh flowers to
flower the cross outside the sanctuary.

We will be receiving our annual
One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, April 4th.

Head Ushers for April will be Chuck Holmes and Steve Balltrip

We are "Livestreaming" worship every Sunday as well as having
in-person worship.

Session Highlights

The Session agreed on the following actions at our March meeting:

Approvals:

- Denied motion to allow the ushers to utilize the pews not currently being used for seating to walk and collect offering during Worship Service. (5 Yes, 10 No).
- Approved motion to have children return to collecting "Pennies for Hunger" offering beginning the last Sunday of April. (10 Yes, 4 No).
- Approved motion to pay Pressley Cox \$2500 to serve as Pastor from April 19th-May 31st. A covenant will be drawn up and signed outlining duties for Rev. Cox during the sabbatical period.
- Approved recommendation from Personnel Committee to hire Amy Jackson to serve as Christian Education Coordinator. Salary will be \$20,000 per year. Work week will be 20 hours per week.
- Approved motion to have Amy Jackson start her 20 hours per week on June 1 when Julie returns from Sabbatical. Agreed to pay Amy Jackson an hourly rate of \$20 per hour for participation in any church related activities prior to her official start date of June 1.
- Approved motion for Fellowship to hold lunch in the FLC following Worship Service on April 18. Meal will be boxed, will observe social distancing protocols and masks will be required.

Other information

- Julie reminded new Session members to contact their CARE group members and inform them of the change in their Elder.
- Old choir robes will be donated to theatre group since there has not been any response from churches that would like to have them.
- Accepting donations of pre-filled eggs (no chocolate please!) for the Easter Egg hunt on March 28.
- Julie will send letter to congregation explaining upcoming Sabbath Leave.
- Rev. Pressley Cox will moderate next 2 Session meetings.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

March was a month for growth! We welcomed 4 new youth, as well as our Christian Education Coordinator - Amy Jackson! We are looking forward to continuing to fellowship together and grow in faith in April and beyond.

Our April Youth Calendar is shown below, along with a Signup Genius link to volunteer to provide meals and an additional chaperone as needed. If you sign-up, you will receive an email reminder when your date approaches. We greatly appreciate any and all support from the congregation! This is a great way to get to know the Youth better if you don't have any youth in your home!

Click [HERE](#) to sign-up for dinner & chaperoning.

April 4 - No Youth, Happy Easter!

April 11 - Youth @ FLC, 5:30-7 PM

April 18 - Youth @ FLC, 5:30-7 PM

April 25 - Youth @ Tyger River Park



Summer Save the Dates!

HIGH SCHOOL Montreat Youth Conference - July 11-17

Details to follow.

MIDDLE & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camp Fellowship - July 11-16 (Nazareth Week, with sessions all summer!)

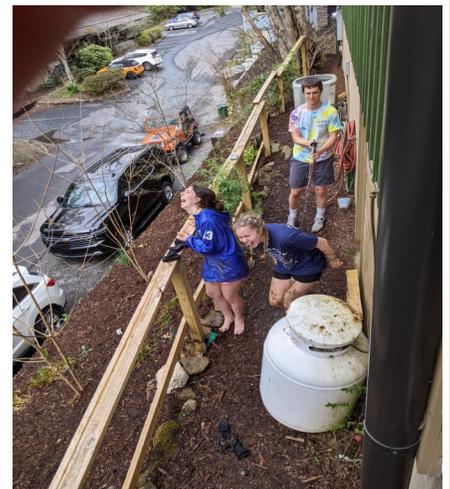
Camp is an investment in your child, and Nazareth would like to invest in your child as well by contributing \$250 towards each child's camp fee. Scholarships are also available.

Thank you! Clara & Taylor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—YOUTH



Nazareth Youth High School Retreat at Montreat



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION- Naz Kids

EASTER EGG HUNT



Our Middle School Helpers





Missions



The Missions Focus for APRIL The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.

We will resume our volunteer service to the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Our day to serve will be Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 to 1:00.

Interested volunteers can contact Chuck Holmes.

Items needed for SSK: Dawn dish detergent

Hand sanitizer (the larger the better)

Plain Dish towels and washcloths for cleaning up.

Clorox or other bleach



The Carpenter's Table is another great place of opportunity that we serve and enjoy fellowship while serving the needs of others.

Our day to serve at TCT will be Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 to 1:00.

Items needed for TCT: small cans of fruit

Ravioli

Dry cat and dog food

Other canned items



* All donations can be brought to the church and placed in the Fellowship Hall in the bins marked for *Soup Kitchen* or *The Carpenter's Table*.

* Also, please make all checks for these ministries payable to Nazareth Presbyterian Church and designate for the Soup Kitchen or The Carpenter's Table.



PENNIES FOR HUNGER will be received on Sunday, April 25th, and will go to the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings - as of 2/28/21 \$ 44,957.36

Expenses - as of 2/28/21 \$ 45,482.76

Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a luncheon after service on Sunday, April 18. This will be a catered luncheon with boxed meals being served. We will set up tables in a socially distanced fashion and masks will be required to be worn except when people are seated and eating.



Join us for our [Spring Luncheon](#)

WHEN: Sunday April 18, 2021 in the FLC after church.

MENU: TBD and will be served as a boxed lunch.

A sign up sheet will be located in the Fellowship Hall on March 28, 2021, or email Debby at debby@nazarethpresbyterian.org by Thursday April 8, 2021 with your name and number attending so we can order food.

Buildings, Grounds & Safety

Spring is in the air! To complement our new landscaping, we had all the walkways cleaned around the church and Sunday School building. Thank you to Image Pro Wash and the Heaths for making this possible. Please admire as you walk around our campus!

Safety tip: Shelter Areas

Should sheltering become necessary due to severe weather, shelter areas have been designated in the interior hallways of the children's and adult Sunday School areas. Signs reading "Storm Shelter Area" are posted in these locations. Shelter areas in the FLC are: the women's restroom, the meeting room between the entrance hall and kitchen, the area inside the door to the stairway, and the area under the stairs. *The Safety Team*

If you have a concern or see something that needs done, please come by the office and fill out a form that will be given to the BG&S committee.

Presbyterian Women



We're Back!

Ladies who Lunch were finally together in March.

17 of us gathered safely in the Fellowship Hall and were so glad to be together!

We'll plan to do it again on April 9th, but we want YOU to help us choose a location. Ideas please to marianstephen@gmail.com.

Nametags R Us!

Now that God has sent us a fabulous new Christian Education Coordinator named Amy Jackson, there's an easy way we can help her feel welcome. Yes: **Nametags!!!** Let's all wear our nametags to morning worship and to any other group events. If you have trouble finding yours in your glove compartment or under the facemasks on your back seat, just ask Debby in the office to make you a new one. Two other compelling reasons for nametags now are: (1) it is harder to recognize each other behind face masks, so nametags help, and (2) friends we might not have seen in past months are likely be back worshipping with us the next few Sundays. Many of us of a certain age (11 to 111) appreciate any aids to our memories of important details.....,

like someone's name.

Attention to our parents with small children:

[The Nazareth Church Nursery Policy](#)

The Nazareth Church Nursery Policy, as well as our Nursery documentation forms, have been revised to ensure the safety of our children. The policy requires that an authorized **adult** drop off and pick up the child at the Nursery door in the Sunday School hall. The authorized adult will be required to sign the child in and out, and initial beside the time they are dropped off and picked up.

In addition, we are asking parents to update our Nursery Child Records to be certain we have accurate and current information related to parent/emergency contact information, medical needs, allergies, dietary restrictions, and other information, to ensure proper care of children while they are under the care of the Nursery.

Thank you in advance for following our efforts to ensure the safety of our children.

Bob Hatchette, Chair of Personnel Committee

History

Sometimes a song, a sound or even a smell can trigger a memory or help us recall a place in time that hasn't been visited in years. Before Amazon, shopping malls and big box stores, folks went downtown to do their shopping. Main Street Spartanburg bustled with activity, especially on the weekend. Movie-goers had their choice of theaters like The Palmetto Theater, the State Theater on Main Street and the Carolina in the Montgomery Building. A variety of department stores such as Aug W. Smiths, Jonathan Logan, J.C. Penney, Montgomery Ward, Belk Hudson and Greenwalds. But the most frequented were the 'dime stores". There was Silvers, Kresses and Woolworths. Walking into a Woolworths store was like being in a wonderland. Giant ceiling fans that looked like propellers and displays of every kind. The latest TV sets like Zenith, RCA Victor and Motorola all tuned into American Bandstand, while teenagers searched for the latest 45's in the record bin. The smell of the store was like popcorn and bubblegum rubbed together on the bottom of a leather-soled shoe. Going to town was not complete until you went to the Barber Shop. Walking inside, you would find a row of porcelain, chrome and leather barber chairs with adjustable head rests. Next to the chair, the barber stood in his white tunic, comb in pocket, with his pencil thin mustache. Behind him and in front of the mirror would be a shelf that supported the tools of his trade. Multiple scissors, electric clippers, razors and hair tonics like Shur-Lay, Lucky Tiger, Vitalis and Brill Crème. Then there was Butch Wax if you wore a flat top. A boy knew that he had come of age the first time that the barber lathered his neck with his shaving brush and trimmed white walls around his ears with a straight razor. The slapping sound of the razor on the leather strap that hung from the chair and the burn of the hair tonic and styptic sticks, let you know that the barber was almost finished. As he pulled away the pin-striped smock, six weeks growth fell to the floor and mingled with the blondes, browns and grays on the floor, as old men thumbing through National Geographics sat in anticipation of "Who's Next"! A shoe shine was 35 cents, but not today. Instead, a 6 1/2 ounce Coca-Cola from the icebox was 10 cents, and now my downtown adventure had just about come to an end. It was back to our '57 Buick and home. I had homework and a history test to study for.

And so the song goes ... "Doesn't it always seem as though you don't know what you've got, till it's gone. They paved Paradise and put up a Parking Lot!" , by Joni Mitchell.

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

John and Mary Brady
Carroll Caldwell
Tommy Campbell
Jerry and Jane Cook's friend,
Marvin Woodson
Margaret Culclasure
Marlene Cutler's sister, Jackie Fuller
Joe and Martha Fox
Vickie Gray's granddaughter, Emma
Amy Hatley
Doug Hughes' parents, Tom and Betty

Rusty Kirkpatrick's friends,
Glenn and Susan Silver
Iris Menendez's sister, Vicki Justice
Gladys Mills
Larry Powers
Amelia Senn's friend, Stacey Ray
Jessica Sullens' sister, Lori
Jessica Sullens' friend, Neil
Robin Whitfield's sister, Lisa
Cindy Womble's cousin's husband, David

In the Armed Forces:



Lee Hughes
Reggie Hughes
Albert Bianco
Shelly Roberts
Joey Menendez
Dorothy Ellis
Eric Gallman
Mike Roberts

Jacob Schneider

SVM Schneider, Jacob T
TSC Great Lakes
USS Preble Bld 635
320 A Dewey Avenue
Great Lakes, Illinois
60088

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World

Prayers for continued distribution and administration of COVID vaccine

Victims of tornadoes in the South

Those affected by shootings in Atlanta and Colorado

Suez Canal

“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 in APRIL 2021

Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, April 4th @ 9:00 am in the GIFT Classroom
Christian Education	Monday, April 5th @ 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Buildings & Grounds	Sunday, April 11th @ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
Worship	Sunday, April 11th @ 8:30 pm in the Session Room
Missions	Sunday, April 11th @ 9:00 am in the GIFT Classroom
Fellowship	Monday, April 12th @ 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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
www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765



FLOWER CALENDAR
The 2021 Flower Calendar is posted outside the sanctuary.

We hope to see it filled in! Please consider this wonderful way to honor someone as well as contribute to the beauty of worship.

You can call Debby to sign up.

Flower Schedule

April	4	Communion
April	11	James & Tina Cantrell
April	18	Julie Schaaf
April	25	
May	2	Communion
May	9	
May	16	
May	23	Colin & Cyndy Urquhart
May	30	Jay & Melanie Campbell



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information for the next Newsletter, please send it to:

debby@nazarethpresbyterian.org.

To Committee Moderators: It is very important that your information is received in ample time. Please send all your news for next month's **MAY** Newsletter to me by **Monday, April 26th.** Thank you for your help!

Dear Nazareth Family, I have to say one more time, thank you to the dedicated musicians who have carried us through this time of worshipping while COVID numbers were so high and to the faithful who attended every week, no matter what, to help keep the church going. The viewing attendance and behind the scenes work is very important, but I will ever be grateful to those who filled the pews to provide a more realistic feel to our worship. And KUDOS forever to Vickie Gray for insisting on streaming worship in spite of my hesitation!

Love to all, Julie



Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

APRIL

02 Ella Yarborough
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 Gwen Yarborough



MAY

01 Karen Holmes
01 Kate Morgenstern
02 Marcus Henry
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
31 Ean Kern

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



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	2	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY E & N 9:00 SS—9:30 Worship—10:30 No Youth	5 Christian Education 6:00	6	7 Choir—7:00	8 Cemetery Committee 7:00	9 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45	10 The Carpenter's Table 9—1
11 BG & S 8:30 Worship 8:30 Missions 9:00 SS—9:30 Worship—10:30 Youth @ FLC 5:30—7:00	12 Fellowship 6:00	13	14 Choir—7:00	15	16	17
18 SS—9:30 Worship—10:30 Church Lunch FLC Youth @ FLC 5:30—7:00	19 Julie begins Sabbatical Session 7:00	20	21 Choir—7:00	22	23	24 The Soup Kitchen 9—1
25 SS—9:30 Worship—10:30 Pennies for Hunger Youth @ Tyger River Park	26 Last day to send NEWSLETTER Information to Debby	27	28 Choir—7:00	29	30	