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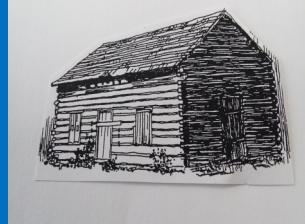
THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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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,

Lent is my favorite season of the Christian year. The quiet pace of Lent as opposed to the frenzied rush of Advent always steadies me a bit and helps me strengthen my relationship with the Holy Trinity. This year, I resumed my Lenten practice of placing the names of forty people in a bag and drawing one out each day to be the focus of my prayers for that day. I suspect this is even more meaningful to me than the person I am praying for as it helps me feel more "God-centered" all day long.

As you already know, I will be preaching a Lenten Sermon Series entitled, "Meeting Jesus at the Table" based on passages from the Gospels where Jesus was sharing a meal. This is a lead-in to the Maundy Thursday Service, commemorating the night that Jesus and his disciples shared the first Holy Communion and he commanded them to go and serve one another. There will be more about our Holy Week celebrations in the April Meeting House News.

On Wednesday evenings, we will examine Biblical stories of forgiveness and how that applies to our lives today. I have been collecting "Forgiveness Quotes" in preparation and one of my favorites so far is: "Forgiveness cuts vertically and it splinters horizontally. Our faith trusts that it runs downward from God to this world and us and then spiders outward, horizontally, as one forgiven soul forgives another." (Michael Lindvall) I hope you will join us each Wednesday night at 5:30 for supper and 6:00 for the study.

The great Jewish scholar and author Amy-Jill Levine writes: "During Lent you have the opportunity to think about your life alongside the life of Jesus, inviting transformation and then outward action." This is my Lenten prayer for us all.

Blessings,

Julie

Worship



**Worship in person or “Livestream” every Sunday.
Come and worship with us and bring a friend.**

During Lent, we are invited to recall what it means to be disciples of Christ, followers of Jesus, each and every day. Since mealtime is both daily and intimate, we will “Meet Jesus at the Table” each Sunday. The sermons will be based on passages in the New Testament that involve Jesus sharing meals with his disciples.

**Head Ushers for March: Wendell Stidham and Steve Balltrip
Handbell Choir will ring on March 19th.**

Session Highlights

Approvals:

- Approved motion (Sullens/Melton) to request special offerings be collected for Mobile Meals on March 5 and March 12 to assist with the cost of materials needed to repair the flood-damaged driveways of its clients to improve access.
- Approved motion from Christian Education Committee for new Sunday School materials “Unclobbered by C. Martin for the Bridges class and “The Apostles Creed” by M. Chandler for the GIFT class.
- Approved motion from Christian Education Committee to hold prayer walk March 19 following New Disciple Luncheon.
- Defeated motion from Christian Education Committee to hold communion following New Disciple Luncheon on March 19.
- Approved motion (Balltrip/Sullens) to select Steve Balltrip, Tina Cantrell, Paula Cash, Jamison Franklin, Ben Friday, Nancy Hughes, Susan Kern, Julie Schaaf to serve on the Legacy Partnership Team.
- Approved motion (Balltrip/Stidham) to purchase copies of “The Sailboat Church” for members of the Session to read as part of the Legacy Partnership Project. Members of the congregation will also be invited to read “The Sailboat Church” by purchasing their own copy of the book.

Other Items:

- Memorial donations from Bob Hatchette’s funeral will be donated to Mobile Meals project per approval from Bob’s family. Another church will be providing the equipment and labor. Our donations will help support materials costs.
- A pass-through fund for sanctuary flowers is being created. This will be utilized to purchase flowers in the event no one has signed up for flowers.
- 2 new banners have been ordered to replace soiled and worn out felt banners.
- Admin Chairperson Barbara Melton gave Session members an overview of the various financial statements that are distributed to members.
- The revised Investment Policy should be ready to present to Session at the March meeting.
- A new phone system for the church is long overdue and work is underway to procure a new system.
- Thank you to Judy Hatchette for the beautiful, framed puzzle in the Session Room.
- An attorney has been located to contact encroaching neighbors adjacent to the FLC.
- The AA meeting has been well received with attendance thus far of 13, 11, 8. A request for Al-Anon meetings has been expressed.
- Julie will notify Pressley Cox that our Legacy Partnership Team has been selected and we are ready to move forward with the project after Easter.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

God's handiwork is on display as the flowers emerge and the trees are reborn with growth. Our days are longer, our temperature is warmer and we all are catching Spring fever, especially our young people! As Spring approaches, it revitalizes us with new life, new growth, and a fresh appreciation of Jesus' time on Earth as well as his impending sacrifice. In celebration of God, the Father, we have many events planned for the next few weeks and we hope you will be a part of them.

On Sunday, March 19 we will have a prayer walk directly after the newcomers lunch. Our walk will focus on The Way of the Cross; from the moment Jesus was condemned to death until his burial in the tomb. There will be "stations" scattered throughout the walk. At each station there will be scripture for you to read, reflection time and a prayer for you to pray. The Way of the Cross is meant to bring back the meaning of Holy Week and make it a truly significant period for all Christians. **Please be sure to bring your walking shoes that day.**

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, Palm Sunday after worship. **We need volunteers to take prepared bags of 24 eggs now and fill them with candy, then bring them back by Sunday, March 26. Bags can be found in Amy's office.**

Youth Calendar

Sun. Mar. 5 @4:30 Youth Choir Practice-Choir Rm.

5:30-7:15 Dinner & Game night @ FLC

Sun. March 12- Movie @ Theater- Info TBA

Sun. March 19- Prayer walk after lunch.

3:00pm Youth Choir Practice-Choir Rm

Sat. March 25- 8:30am-12:30pm youth @The Carpenter's Table

Sun. March 26- NO YG

Naz Kids

Sunday, March 5 we will go to see Lion King Jr at the Greer Children's Little Theatre. (Darcy & Gwen Yarborough are in it!) We will meet at the Little Theatre at 1:40pm. Please sign up if you plan on attending on sheet provided in Fellowship Hall (We only have 20 tickets for this sold-out performance.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION cont.

Bible Study



Lenten Season Bible Study and Dinner will be every Wednesday evening in March.

Julie will be teaching about “Forgiveness” for 6th grade through adults in the Fellowship Hall and Amy will teach the 1st-5th graders in the 3-5th grade Sunday School classroom.

Dinner will be at 5:30 pm and Bible Study at 6:00.

Meals are \$7 a person or a cap of \$25 per family.

Menu:

March 1- Publix chicken tenders, green beans, mac n'cheese, rolls , dessert and drinks

March 8- Jason’s lunch box- choice of sandwich, chips, pickle and a cookie and drinks

March 15- Bubba’s BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, slaw and sweet potato casserole, desserts & drinks

March 22- Baked Potato bar and Salad Bar, desserts & drinks

March 29- Wade’s Turkey, Dressing and Gravy, green beans, sweet potato souffle, rolls, dessert & drinks

Sign-up sheets are provided for you to sign up for the dinner meal each Wednesday, in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend and join us for dinner, PLEASE SIGN UP, so we will know how many to order for. Thank you!

A nursery will be provided for 5K and under. Please let Amy Jackson know ahead of time, if you will be in need of the nursery.

Missions



The Missions focus for March is the **THORNWELL Children's Home** in Clinton, SC. Thornwell serves to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

We will be collecting items for the male and female teens at Thornwell in March. Collection bin is in the Fellowship Hall. A few requested items are: **razors, shaving cream, body lotion, body wash, deodorant, pump hand soap, feminine hygiene products, African American hair products (Cantu brand is a good one), brownie mix, microwave popcorn, granola bars, individually wrapped chips and crackers, and Little Debbie snacks.**

Mobile Meals Driveway Repair Project

Heavy rains severely damaged the driveways of five clients of Mobile Meals, leaving driveways nearly impassable. Someone has volunteered labor and equipment for repairs, but materials are needed. On February 20th, the Session approved special offerings on March 5 and March 12 for Mobile Meals to assist with the purchase of materials for driveway repairs.

Other Nazareth Mission Opportunities:

The Carpenter's Table

Our day to serve this month is Saturday, March 25th, from 8-12.

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, March 25th from 9-1.

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

The Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, March 26th, and will go to the Rise Against Hunger ministry.

From Missions Committee and Sandra Brown, Missions Moderator:

“Thanks to Nazareth Presbyterian Church family for your generosity!

The Feed the Future backpack ministry is well stocked for the next couple of months!

Cards have been received from the Soup Kitchen, expressing thanks for the Angel Tree gifts, and letters thanking us for our support, from St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic and Frontera de Cristo Binational Border Ministry, with Mark Adams.

You are making a difference!”

Fellowship / Evangelism & Nurture



Annual Irish Pot Luck and New Member Luncheon

The Fellowship and Evangelism and Nurture committees are sponsoring a Pot Luck Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, March 19th after worship.

Bring a dish to share and a dish to spare!

We will welcome our NEW Disciples who have become a part of the Nazareth Family since last March.

Our new disciples are: PJ Earley, Andreas Maul, Judy Hachette, Alex Jones, and the Nave family: Jason, Anneke, Edward and Henry.

Confirmands: Mila Barath, Darcy Yarborough, Pressley Campbell, Nick Cansler, and Eli Kern



The JOY Club (Just Older Youth)
will have a game day
on Monday, March 13, from 1:00 to 3:00
in the Fellowship Hall.

DON'T FORGET....

On Sunday, March 12th, Daylight savings time begins!

Set your clocks ahead to be at church on time!



Presbyterian Women



Ladies Who Lunch



Ladies Who Lunch in March will gather Friday, March 10, at 11:45 in our very own special nook at Apollo's restaurant on Highway 29. If you're not away at some resort for Spring Break, by all means join us. And bring someone you like.

Back Porch Circle

Back Porch Circle will meet March 14th at 10:00 at the home of Debby Balltrip, 192 Woodridge Drive, Spartanburg. Please join us as we continue our study on the importance of Celebrating Sabbath. If you do not already belong to a circle, please consider joining us!

Circle 3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at the home of Pat Sykes, 205 Woodgrove Trace, Spartanburg, at 7:00 PM. We will begin a new Bible study called "Heaven, Finding Our True Home" by Douglas Connelly. Visitors are always welcomed.

Offerings for General Giving

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| Offerings as of 1/31/23 | \$ 22,766.14 |
| Expenses as of 1/31/23 | \$ <u>27,756.07</u> |
| | < \$ 4,989.93 > |

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

History ~ Reflections

Willie and Laura Mae Jones were our neighbors a long time back.

*They lived right down the road from us in a shack just like our shack.
We worked in the fields together and we learned to count on each other.*

*When you live off the land you don't have time
To think about another man's color.*

*The cotton was high and the corn was growing fine
But that was another place and another time.*

*We sat out on the front porch in the evening when the sun went down
Willie would play and Laura would sing and the children would dance around.*

*I'd bring over my guitar and we'd play into the night
And every now and then, Willie would grin and say,
"Boy, You play alright", and that made me feel so good!*

*I remember we'd hitch up the mules when Saturday rolled around
We'd stop by Willie's house and say, "Do y'all need anything from town?"
He'd say, No, but why don't y'all stop on your way back home
And I'll get Laura Mae to cook up some corn pones.*

You know they're good!

*Lord, the cotton was high and the corn was growing fine
But that was another place and another time.*

*The years rolled past our land, they took back what they'd given
And we all knew we'd have to move, if we was going to make a living.*

*So we all moved off and went our separate ways
And it sure was hard to say goodbye to Willie and Laura Mae.
The years rolled past our door and we heard from them no more*

*"Till I saw Willie down town the other day
I said, "Just stop by tonight, and we can sit down and eat a bite.
We'd love to see the children and Laura Mae".*

*He shook his head real slow and spoke with his eyes so kind.
This is another place and another time.*

*Lord, Lord, the cotton was high and the corn was growing fine.
But, that was another place and another time.*

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

Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam

Donna Cook and family

Jane Cook

Margaret Culclasure

Marlene Cutler's sister, Jackie Fuller

PJ Earley's friend, Dani Clark

Joe and Martha Fox

Abby Hatchette

Amy Hatley

Charles and Stephanie Heath in the loss of
Charles' mother

Amy Jackson's sister-in-law, Theresa

Kim and Kaushik Kotecha's son and family

Elaine McLeod and family

Gladys Mills

Ted Robertson

Peggy Robinson

Julie Schaaf's mother, Becky Carter

Amelia Senn's brother, Robert & wife, Sandy

Amelia Senns' cousin Kathy and Gary
Packard

Ben Smart

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

Dave and Marian Stephen



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

“So, then, this is my very first command: God's people should make petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings on behalf of all people – on behalf of kings, and all who hold high office, so that we may lead a tranquil and peaceful life, in all godliness and holiness. This is good; it is acceptable with God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to know the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Please call the church office when a concern needs to be added to
or taken away from the list. Thank You.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS for March

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| Buildings, Grounds & Safety | Sunday, March 5th @ 8:30 AM in the Wagner Classroom |
| Christian Education | Sunday, March 5th @ 8:30 AM in the GIFT Classroom |
| Evangelism & Nurture | Sunday, March 5th @ 9:00 AM in the Bridges Classroom |
| Fellowship | Sunday, March 12th @ 8:30 AM in the Session Room |
| Missions | Sunday, March 12th @ 9:00 AM in the Missions Room |
| Worship | Sunday, March 19th @ 8:15 AM in the Session Room |

OFFICE HOURS

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

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 864-421-4750.**

UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with
weekly sermons available and directory.

Please Like us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765

**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the
APRIL NEWSLETTER**
will be due to Debby in the office by
Wednesday, March 22nd.

**Moderators and all others, please adhere to this
date. Thank you!**

Flower Schedule



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| March 5 | Comm/Stephanie Heath |
| March 12 | Cyndy and Colin Urquhart |
| March 19 | Jean Gosnell |
| March 26 | Stephanie Heath |
| April 2 | Communion |
| April 9 | Leslie Stuermann |
| April 16 | Chris and Paula Cash |
| April 23 | James and Tina Cantrell |
| April 30 | Gerald Broome |

**Please sign-up on the Flower Calendar,
posted outside the sanctuary in the SS
hallway, to supply the flowers for a
Sunday.**

**If you prefer, we now have a “Flower
Fund”. You can donate to the fund and
when we have a week without any flowers,
a worship committee member will order
from a florist using those funds. If you
write a check for this fund, note flowers on
the memo line. Flower choices need to be
made by Wednesday of the week they are
being supplied.**



Dear Church Family,

**I really appreciate all the
letters, cards and prayers and also the
“These Days” devotions that I receive
from the Nazareth Church family.**

Adam Broome

**Thanks to the Nazareth Session and
Church for making it possible for
Alcoholics Anonymous to hold a weekly
meeting on the campus.**

**Many thanks to the “Secret Decorating Fairy”
who beautified both of the Ladies Rooms in our
church!**

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH

- 02 Thomas Rodgers
- 03 Dorothy Ellis
- 03 Ann Gwinn
- 07 Tommy Lynch
- 07 Kay Morgenstern
- 14 Annabelle Smith
- 18 Frances Lynch
- 20 Allison H. Hoffman
- 21 John Henry Yarborough
- 22 Beth Smart
- 23 Ken Smith
- 24 JoAnn Respess
- 24 Lois Weneck
- 25 Charles Heath
- 25 Elaine McLeod



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- 07 Barry & Deb Gray
- 24 Brian & Susan Kern
- 27 Tom & Anne Brewer
- 31 Benjamin & Katie Friday



APRIL

- 02 Ella Yarborough
- 03 Jean Gosnell
- 04 Marjorie Warren
- 06 Larry Whitfield
- 06 Ashley Royle Allen
- 07 Noah Melton
- 08 Simon Cairns
- 08 Ashley Melton Maul
- 08 Darcy Yarborough
- 11 Jay Campbell
- 13 Carroll Caldwell
- 13 Jeremy Houghton
- 13 Rusty Kirkpatrick
- 14 Katharina Morgenstern
- 17 PJ Earley
- 17 Katie Friday
- 17 Betty Hoenig
- 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

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



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 BG&S 8:30 CE 8:30 E & N 9:00 Youth Choir 4:30 Youth @ FLC 5:30 | 6 Handbells 5:30 | 7 | 8 Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 9 | 10 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45 | 11 Change your clocks! |
| 12 Fellowship 8:30 Missions 9:00 Youth—Movie TBA | 13 Handbells 5:30 | 14 Back Porch Circle 10:00 Circle 3 7:00 | 15 Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 16 | 17 | 18 Fellowship Set up for luncheon 9:00 |
| 19 Worship 8:15 Irish Pot Luck New Member Luncheon Youth Prayer Walk after Lunch Youth Choir 3:00 | 20 Handbells 5:30 | 21 Session 7:00 | 22 Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 23 | 24 | 25 TCT 8-12 Youth Soup Kitchen 9-1 |
| 26 Pennies for Hunger Offering for Rise Against Hunger No Youth | 27 Handbells 5:30 | 28 | 29 Dinner 5:30 Bible Study 6:00 Choir 7:00 | 30 | | |