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MARCH WORSHIP INFORMATION

MARCH 6, 2016

Luke 10:1-11

“Jesus Is Sending You”

MARCH 13, 2016

Mark 8:31-38

“Jesus Is Dying for You”

MARCH 20, 2016

Matthew 21:1-11

“Jesus Is Entering Your Life”

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Acts 10:34-43

“Are Your Eyes Open?”

EASTER SERVICE

John 20:1-18

“Victory in Defeat”

CD's of the worship service are available on the table outside the office, or by contacting the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

- In the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19, Jesus told his disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations.” That charge was not limited to those original disciples...but is extended to us as well. But all too often we are unsure of the best way to go about this. But it really doesn't have to be that difficult...it starts with one simple question: “Would you like to go to church with me?”

Ask yourself, “Who do I know—friend, neighbor, co-worker, family member, acquaintance—that God is putting on my heart to invite to church?” Then pray for that person...pray that God would provide an opportunity to extend an invitation. Then do it! Some people need to warm up to the idea and need to be asked more than once. One important thing is not to give up. The invitation can be to one of our worship services, but it could also be to Sunday School, special social gatherings/events, Bible Study, movie nights, or any event we are offering.

So, who are you going to invite to church?

- Maundy Thursday: Our Maundy Thursday service is a rather unique worship experience. The service is built around the movement of Jesus during Holy Week...from the joy of Palm Sunday, to the upper room, to the cross, and ultimately to the agony of the cross. The design of this service is built around the hope that we will do more than sit through a worship service or simply hear the story of Jesus' last week, but that we might enter in and experience holy week as one of the disciples. If you've never been I hope you will make an effort this year to join us on March 24 at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

Thank You! On behalf of my family, I would like to say thank you for all the prayers and support during the time Angela was in the hospital. We really appreciate all the ways you reached out to show love and concern. Beyond the concern shown for us personally, I give thanks for the community of the Church...for the ways we are there for one another and seek to support and encourage one another.

Pastor Joe

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 a.m. (breakfast to follow)

Easter Worship Celebration: March 27 at 11:00 a.m.





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Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Easter story – crafts -- egg hunt -- pizza
Please join us and invite a friend!!



We would like to ask for candy donations for our egg hunt
(individually wrapped candy).
Please drop off to kitchen anytime.

Thanks for your help!!!!

FINANCE MINISTRY NEWS

The Finance Ministry meets on the first Sunday evening of every month. This schedule allows us the opportunity to review the church finances for the previous month and year to date. We discuss the status of each of the Church's six ministries and the current financial condition of the church. We have some lively discussions that help us make important decisions and recommendations to the Session. Serving on the Finance Ministry is very challenging. It is not for everyone, but we still need dedicated members to volunteer their time to to serve.

Over the last several years, the Finance Ministry has worked diligently to keep our membership informed of the financial condition of the church. We started with making copies of the finances available at the office or by request. This was done for many years but it became clear that this information was only reaching a few members. It is nearly impossible to find one method that will reach all of our membership. As a result, we have tried a combination of methods, including the monthly newsletter and the church bulletin. In the bulletin, we include an insert once a month with a summary of our finances. We also include a "Stewardship Statement" in the bulletin each week. This is the quickest and easiest way to track our church finances on a regular basis. We have made some changes to the "Stewardship Statement" recently. Our goal is to provide you with enough information to be useful, and in the most simple format as possible. Please provide feedback to the members of the Finance Ministry or the Session. Let us know what financial information you would like to see in the bulletin each week.

In Christ,

Mark Thompson

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Harvest Festival Crafters met again on Saturday, February 27 to learn to make "Blue Jean Wreaths" and to share project samples and brainstorm ideas. Think about bringing your creative ideas and join them next time. Contact Darlene Valitutto or Connie Barber for more info!

Spring cleaning is around the corner! Don't forget to select good, gently used items to donate to the Harvest Festival auctions. Contact June Stewart, Robin McKenzie or the church office to arrange for your chosen items to be stored in our trailer. If you are interested in leading or volunteering in a particular area of our Harvest Festival, please let us know! Planning can't start too early!!

Men and women in the congregation are encouraged to join our committee and be part of planning and carrying out our activities!

June Stewart and Robin McKenzie

SHUT-IN VISITATION MINISTRY

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4)

"Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
(Matthew 25:40)

Congregational Care is looking for church members who may be interested in visiting our sick and shut-ins. We have approximately 18 members who would benefit from this special ministry. If you have the time and feel led in this direction, please contact Connie Marion at 947-2993, Mary Ruth Whitaker at 947-2703, or the church office at 294-61

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carson Dennis	01
Lydia Craven	02
Carolyn Smith	03
Parker McKenzie	03
McKenzie Cox	03
Haley Dick (Cuff)	04
Vickie Blue	05
Amber Clayton	06
Steve Cox	07
Cathy McKenzie	10
Carolyn McKenzie	12
Leigh McKenzie	12
Debby Fields	12
Molly Sims	12
Morgan Jackson	13
Mitchell Whitesell	14
LeAnn Bailey	15
Mary Ruth Whitaker	16
Sylvia Balboni	17
Sue Black	17
Carter Cuff	18
Evelyn Caddell	19
Addie Bailey	20
Natalie Cox	21
Noreen Oakman	21
Chad Smith	22
Bailey Blue	22
Greg Bohlander	23
Timothy Patterson	23
Erica Tolbert	24
Debbie Halverstadt	24
Scott Bullard	28
Beverly Furr	28
Gerri Abrahamsen	28
Georgia Blue	29
Kimberly White	29
Payton Savage	30
Scotty Pate	30
Jonathan Craven	31
Riley Seawell	31

**Mark your calendars!
Vacation Bible School
July 24 – 28**

**Invite friends and
neighbors.**

**Let's ask our community to join
us for this fun week!!**

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

There will be no Presbyterian Men's meeting this month due to the Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm on March 24th. However, the men will be cooking breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 27th which everyone is invited to after the Sunrise Service, which is at 7:00 am.

Wade Garner, PM President

CEMETERY NEWS

Please remove any Christmas flowers, etc. from graves by March 10. Any questions about graves call Wade Garner at 910-295-6990.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

March: Local Missions Baked Spaghetti Luncheon will be held on March 13th following the 11:00 Worship service. If you can bake a spaghetti and/or dessert, please see the sign-up sheet in the kitchen, along with the recipe.

Circle 3 is in charge of preparation and Circle 1 will be in charge of clean-up. Hope all will come and enjoy the food and the fellowship!

Circle 2 has the nursery in March and the Day Circle is in charge of the flowers.

God bless you all,

Robin McKenzie (Women's Moderator)

BLANKETS+ PROGRAM

A big THANK YOU to Peggy Gibbs for doing an outstanding job on the Blanket Fund. Once again Culdee has answered the call for a great mission.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Just a reminder the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering is fast approaching. It is April 9 at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Sanford. Since it is so close, hope we will have a good attendance.

March 2016

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