



MARCH 2016

NAZARETH NEWS

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Dear Nazareth Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through our journey to Jerusalem and Easter Sunday. Yes, it is early this year. I challenge you to continue to observe a Holy Lent through a special time of devotion and prayer. One way to do this might be to turn to the "Seven Last Words from Jesus on the Cross", although they are actually seven phrases. How precious that our Lord not only bore the weight of our sins on his shoulders, but he also spoke words that are so beautiful to us in his death. Each phrase, while seeming to be uttered for him, are words of hopeful realism as we deal with life's struggles. A word of forgiveness. A word of promise. A word that builds the community that will carry on after Jesus leaves his disciples. Words that help us know in our hearts that Jesus understands fully every emotion that we are met with. And finally words of surrender to our Heavenly Father, whose will for us is better than we can imagine and whose care is so absolute. I encourage you to read each word as we approach Easter Sunday. They cannot be found in one Gospel so I will leave it to you to peruse the Scriptures to find them!

Palm Sunday will be a festive day as we ride into Jerusalem with Jesus. The Nazareth's Kid's Choir will have a special performance for us during the children's message. I will be away that Sunday as our son is getting married that weekend. Worship will be led by the Rev. Justin Cazal. I know you will enjoy his leadership. We will observe Maundy Thursday with a Communion service at 7:00, March 24th. And we will celebrate Resurrection together in worship on Easter Sunday, March 27th.

We have recently updated the website so check it out if you have time. I am also sending a weekly "Notes from Nazareth" each Thursday, so if you have a reminder or a prayer request that you would like sent out to the congregation, please get it to the office by 5:00 on Wednesday. (julie@nazarethpresbyterian.org or kay@nazarethpresbyterian.org)

I will close by saying what a blessing it has been for me to get to know you and to worship with you each week. What a special place the body of Christ we call Nazareth Presbyterian has become to me so quickly. Thank you for sharing your thoughts, your concerns, your laughter, your children, your beautiful music, your friendship, your delicious desserts (!) and your loving Spirit. Please do not hesitate to call or come see me any time.

I look forward to our continued journey together through Lent and beyond as we seek God's will together for Nazareth Presbyterian.

Blessings,
Julie

*"He is not here, for he is risen!"
Matthew 28:6"*



Worship Opportunities

*Palm Sunday, March 20th with
Special Music from the Nazareth
Children's Choir*



Palm Sunday



*Maundy Thursday Communion
March 24th at 7:00*

Easter Sunday March 27th , Worship 10:30

The Sanctuary choir invites anyone who has sung "The Hallelujah Chorus" to join us at the end of the worship service on Easter Sunday .



Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation Time: 9:00 - 9:30

March - Circle 3

April - Wagner Class

Thanks to everyone who shows up early on Sunday mornings to man the kitchen so that coffee and snacks are ready for everyone's enjoyment! Also, please help us take good care of the good earth that God created.

Please rinse and place recyclable items numbers ▲ 1 - 7 ▲ in the tote bag that is in the kitchen. Glass is no longer recyclable. Thanks!



Top 10 Reasons to Attend Nazareth

2016 Women's Retreat

**Friday April 29 to Saturday
April 30**

Camp Fellowship, Greenwood Lake

Number 10 – Find out about *guerilla compassion*.

Number 9 – Somebody else does all the cooking & cleaning up.

Number 8 – Freedom to walk, rest, sing, laugh, pray, cry, create, just BE.

Number 7 – Get to know new people, renew other long-time friendships.

Number 6 – Spend 24 hours responsibility-free, in your grubbies, with no make-up, if you want.

Number 5 – Experience new & creative ways to enjoy praying.

Number 4 – Purple sheets

(ask someone who's been at previous retreats).

Number 3 – Non-stop guilt-free snacking.

Number 2 – **KNOW**, down deep, how crazy God is about you, just as you are.

And finally, the Number 1 reason why you won't want to miss the 2016 Women's

Retreat is: Your faith will be renewed & strengthened while you're having amazing fun!

The Sailing Club (Nazareth's singles) will be going to the Chapman Center on March 18 to attend the production of "The Dixie Swim Club" performed by the Spartanburg Little Theater. Ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$24 for seniors. Please see or call Angela Smith if you are interested in attending.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Wednesday March 16th at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring soup, salad, bread OR dessert. Enjoy a time of good fellowship.

BINGO - March 22nd at 6:30 PM. Come play and win a prize.

CIRCLE #3—Circle # 3 will meet on Monday, March 14, at the home of Marian Stephen, 575 Ellsmere Way, Moore, at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing Part 2 of our Phillip Yancey book through page 48. Visitors are always welcomed.

SATURDAY Sisters will meet March 19th at 10 am at the Family Life Center. Jennie Lindman will be the host.



HOT DOG SUPPER

Sunday 5:30 March 20th, 2016

Hot dog and chips provided. Congregation please bring sides and dessert.

MISSIONS

Don't forget the **Spartanburg Soup Kitchen**. It is a great time of fellowship while serving the needs of the hungry. We are there March 26 from 9:00-1:00. Hope to see you there!

Our Mission focus for the month of March is the **Backpack Ministry**. We will be collecting snack pack items to place in backpacks for children of Spartanburg School District 5. Please check out the Mission Room Window for a list of the snack item we will be collecting.

Opportunities for service in our community:

The Carpenter's Table—March 12th from 9:00am—12 noon

Mark your calendars ! The **Blood Connection** will be at Nazareth April 17th from 8:00-12:00. Their goal for us is 18 donors. If you are willing and able, please help us to meet our goal.

We collected \$231 in our February **Pennies for Hunger** These gifts will be sent to the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. Thank you for making a difference in our community.

YOUTH NEWS

EASTER EGG HUNT—Tyger River Park for the Easter Egg Scramble. March 26, 2016 from 10:00—12:30. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11:00. Children must have a wristband: 0-2 years are \$2.00 and

3 years and up are \$4.00. Parents are free.

Attractions: caricature drawings, face painting, Easter Bunny, Ty the Tiger, live rabbits from Garden Gate Rabbit Park.



FLOWER CALENDAR

March 6	Communion
March 13	C. Urquart
March 20	NONE
March 27	Melton Family
April 3	Communion
April 10	None
April 17	None
April 24	None

Are you a woman not currently attending a Sunday School class here at Nazareth? Then this invitation is for you. We are organizing a **new class for women only (ages 18-100)** who need a place to study the Word of God while making relationships with other women. Please come to an informal meeting on Sunday March 6th at 9:30 am in the Social Hall. Be a part of the planning. We are very excited about this new class. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Melton at 415-3340 or Ashley Whitfield at 542-3674.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY MARCH 13TH. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING OUR ANNUAL MEETING.

Nazareth's Limited Mobility

Betty Anderson (Birthday: 9-17)
105 Nazareth Church Road
Moore SC 29369

Margaret Culclasure (Birthday 5-21)
345 Valley View Drive
Woodruff, SC 29388

Mary Brady (Birthday 4-8)
208 Club Meadows Court
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Ruby Stone (Birthday 4-28)
Windsor House
850 John B. White Sr. Boulevard
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Fran Deer (Birthday 3-7)
PO Box 96
Moore, SC 29369

**Cards and visits are
always appreciated.**

OFFICE NOTICE—Starting March, 2016, Kay will be working in the office Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. If you have any questions, please call Kay.

NOTICE—Kay Johnson's e-mail address
kay@nazarethpresbyterian.org
If you need to have anything notarized, Kay is a notary. Just come by the office during regular office hours.

UPDATED WEBSITE

**Check out our updated website with
weekly sermons available.**

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

Please pray for the members of Nazareth's family who are on active duty.

Steven Alverson
William J. Berry, IV
Andrew Caldwell
Dorothy Ellis
Eric Gallman
Mike Roberts
Shelly Roberts
Joey Menendez



Morgan Derner
Doneven Derner

APRIL NEWSLETTER - The deadline for the April articles and information will be March 25th. Please have all information to Kay by that time. Ample time is needed to complete the newsletter by the end of the month. Thanks.

PRAYER FOR THESE PEOPLE IS APPRECIATED:

Anna Elizabeth-Jim and Marilyn Anderson's granddaughter

Betty Anderson

Gerald Broome

Candy Franklin

Jane Cook's nephew

Margaret Culclasure

Gary Douglass – Gayle Mason's brother

Linda Kinley

Rusty Kirkpatrick

Glenn and Jennie Lindman

Mom - Marc Oburg's

Lois - Elaine McLeod's sister

Earl Melton, Gail Johnson's brother

Willie – Deb Ritzo's uncle

Nancy Segrest

Ron Tesh

Jerry Whiteford

Please notify Kay in the church office of any additions or changes.

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 Thomas Rodgers
03 Dorothy Ellis
03 Ann Gwinn
07 Fran Deer
07 Tommy Lynch
07 Kay Morgenstern
09 Bryan McLeod
12 Shelly Roberts
18 Frances Lynch
20 Allison Hoffman
23 Ken Smith
24 Gerald Cook
24 Lois Weneck
25 David Campbell
25 Elaine McLeod
27 Shawn Campbell

APRIL

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02 Ella Yarborough
03 Matthew Gray
03 Jerry Whiteford
06 Larry Whitfield
06 Ashley Royle
08 Ashley Melton
08 Ryan Smith
08 Mary Brady
08 Darcy Yarborough
10 Holly Elizabeth Collins
13 Carroll Caldwell
13 Rusty Kirkpatrick
14 Katharina Morgenstern
15 Joseph Rohrer
15 Jesse Tesh
17 Katie Powers
18 Susan Collins
21 Candy Franklin
23 Stephen Gray
24 Robin Whitfield
24 Sheila Smith
25 Cody Mason
25 Brenda Roberts
28 Ann Campbell
28 Joyce Dillard
28 Ruby Stone
30 Cindy Cook

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

02 David & Barbara Melton
07 Barry & Deb Gray
24 John & Sandy Hartnett
28 Brandon & Allison Collins
31 Rob & Cindy McCormick



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

13 Chris & Paula Cash
16 Jason & Stephanie G. Wells
19 John & Martha Bainbridge
26 George & Pat Sykes
27 Robert & Kay Morgenstern

MARCH-2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cub Scouts	2 Choir—7:00	3 Lenten Bible Study—7:00 pm	4	5 The Carpenter's Table 9-12:00
6 4th Sunday in Lent Worship 8:30 Mission 8:30 B & G—8:15 Evangelism —8:30 Youth	7 Boy scouts Hand Bells—6:00 CE Committee 6:00 Finance—7:00	8 Cub Scouts	9 Choir	10 Lenten Bible Study—7:00 pm	11	12
13 5th Sunday in Lent Annual Congregations Meeting Cong Care—8:30 Mission—8:30 Youth	14 Boy Scouts Hand Bells—6:00	15 Cub Scouts	16 Choir—7:00 Friendship Club 11:45	17	18 Sailing Club-Chapman Center	19 Saturday Sisters 10:00-12:00
20 Passion/Palm Sunday Hot Dog Supper 5:30 pm Youth—6:00	21 Boy Scouts Hand Bells—6:00	22 Cub Scouts Bingo—6:00 pm	23 Choir—7:00 Newsletter info due for March	24 Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00 PM	25 Good Friday	26 Soup Kitchen 9-1 Easter Egg Hunt-10:-12:30
27 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Youth—6:00	28 Boy Scouts Hand Bells—6:00 Easter Monday Office Closed Session 7:15	29 Cub Scouts	30 Choir	31		