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NAZARETH NEWS

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NAZARETH AT 250 YEARS – SOME FAMILY NAMES WE KNOW!

“...the Word of God was precious to them.”

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we are moving closer to our 250th anniversary celebration on September 20, I am enjoying reading early histories of Nazareth's life. Scotch-Irish folk settled southeast of us a decade or so before our church was begun, establishing a Presbyterian congregation called Grassy Spring Church where the Tyger and Enoree rivers join. Several names of families who worship God at Nazareth today are listed among those who established our church a decade later, according to an address by Dr. George Howe in our sanctuary at the Nazareth Centennial Celebration in 1861:

(Grassy Spring Church's)... original founders, also, emigrated from Pennsylvania, were Scotch-Irish by race, and of the Presbyterian faith, and settled on the Enoree, Indian Creek, and Tyger River, which are near each other in this part of the State. This settlement was made from the years 1749 to 1758, and from these various localities they met together at the Grassy Spring Church to worship the God of their fathers. Duncan's Creek, in Laurens, (waters of the Enoree,) was not far off. The settlement upon it was by Scotch-Irish from Pennsylvania, chiefly, in the year 1758. They built a house of worship in 1763 or 1764.... and a few other Churches in the Up-Country date previous to the Revolution.

Among these Churches stands the Nazareth Church, in whose bounds we are now assembled. Eight, ten, or twelve families settled here, on the waters of Tyger River, near its source, between the years 1760 and 1765. The Word of God was precious to them, and, as early as 1766, they obtained supplies (supply preachers), who preached the Gospel among them, occasionally, at least, and, as an early but brief history of this Church informs us, was soon after organized. The more exact date of this organization is ascertained to be the Spring of 1772. The names of the families honored as the founders of this community are Anderson, Miller, Barry, Moore, Collins, Thompson, Vernon, Pearson, Jamison, Dodd, Ray, Penny, McMahan, Nichol, Nesbitt, and Patton. These were the names of the settlers migrating, directly or indirectly, from Pennsylvania, where their first homes in America were.

...The first settlers had the choice of lands in this part of the State, and it has been remarked that the Scotch-Irish from Pennsylvania, who had Borne experience of America, and were, also, first on the soil of these upper districts, were more favorably located than those who came afterwards, directly from the North of Ireland, through the port of Charleston. Whether it were so in this community, we know not. But in 1767 or 1768, other families came here direct from Ireland, receiving their head-right of one hundred acres, and supplied with the most indispensable implements of agriculture by the Colonial Government. These families bore the names of Caldwell, Coan, Snoddy, Peden, Alexander, Gaston, Norton, and others. The same was true elsewhere. The Irish element succeeded the first immigration of the Pennsylvania Irish.¹ (pp. 13-14)

¹First Settlements on the Tyger River and Other Neighboring Precincts In South Carolina. A Centennial Discourse delivered at Nazareth Church, Spartanburg District, S.C., September 14, 1861, By George Howe, D.D., Professor Of Biblical Literature, Theological Seminary, Columbia, S.C.

It is a joy today to be in the line of those faithful folk worshiping the God of our fathers and mothers, holding the Word of God front and center in our lives through weekly worship!

If you have family or friends who have been part of Nazareth's life, please invite them now to join us on Sunday, September 20, for a glad celebration of God's providence and grace through these 250 years.

Yours in Christ, David

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

St. Luke's is a free medical clinic for adults in Spartanburg. It was established in 1995 to meet the needs of the "working uninsured", but has since grown to encompass all uninsured people whether they are currently employed or not. It has broad based community support and is staffed by volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, clerical personnel, and pharmacists. It is supported by both local hospitals who provide lab and imaging services as well as support for their specialists who may be consulted to see our patients. The clinic is funded by donations from the United Way, both hospital foundations, numerous churches, many individual gifts, and numerous other philanthropic entities.

Even with the Affordable Care Act there are many people in our community who cannot afford insurance of any kind. As of the last statistics in 2014, 28% of the adult population in Spartanburg County does not have health insurance and 18% said they could not see a physician due to cost.

The clinic is open 5 days and 2 evenings a week. Speaking as a physician who works there, the patients at St Luke's get the same care that they would in a regular physician's office. Our patients are extremely grateful for this care and often contribute with donations of money or time when they are able. Through this effort we are able to help keep people out of the emergency room and hospital because people's medical problems are addressed in a timely and comprehensive manner.

Every donation to the clinic is valued and makes it possible for St. Luke's to continue with its mission.

Whether we receive paper goods (paper towels, computer paper, toilet paper), or other gifts it means we can spend that money on our patients. We appreciate very much the continued support of Nazareth Presbyterian Church.

Thank you, Rick Duerksen

FLOWER CALENDAR

July 5—Communion

July 12—

July 19—John and Deb Ritzo—Anniversary

July 26—

August 2—Communion

August 9—

August 16—

August 23—Tommy & Ann Campbell

August 30—Aletha and Leo Misenheimer

MOTHER EMANUEL AME CHURCH

Dear Members,

Thank you for your participation in the chime of solidarity for those who lost their lives at Mother Emanuel AME Church. Uniting our community during this difficult time with the ringing of the bells brought a message of hope to so many. The Charleston area is a special place indeed.

Respectfully

The Thankful Members and Staff at the Charleston Area Convention and Visitor Bureau.

COVENANT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY – Sign-ups soon!

Watch for sign-ups soon for small groups for COVENANT BIBLE STUDY.

In three, eight week sessions, COVENANT gives us the chance to consider scripture's story of God's covenant love from Genesis through the New Testament.

COVENANT SMALL GROUP participants will read the Bible daily, grow to know one another better, encourage and support one another in discipleship, and pray for and with one another.

COVENANT GROUPS will meet for one and a half hours weekly – with brief video presentations by leading Bible teachers and group discussion of Bible passages each week.

See more at www.covenantbiblestudy.com



Church Picnic

July 19th Summer Picnic

Join us for a summer picnic, Sunday July 19, at 4:30. Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. We will also have a slip-n-slide for the children and the young at heart! Sign up in the social hall.

Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation Time: 9:30 a.m.

July	Circle 3
August 2, 9, 16, 23	Wagner Class
August 30	Segrest Class

Thanks for your continued efforts with recycling the glass, plastic and paper items from the kitchen that helps us to take care of the wonderful planet Earth that God created.

The Segrest Fellowship Class supplies the coffee for our Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE COFFEE FROM THE MISSION ROOM. Judy Taetz and Amelia Senn will be checking the supply and will replenish it as needed. Thanks!

Also, thanks to everyone who shows up early on Sunday mornings to man the kitchen so that coffee and snacks are ready for our enjoyment!

If you really like the coffee that is offered on Sunday mornings, you can purchase it at church and support Just Coffee, one of our mission projects. It is available in both ground and whole beans. If you have questions about this project, see Judy Taetz or a member of the Mission Committee.

From the PW Coordinating Team:

Thanks to those who attended our 2015 PW Birthday Luncheon and shower for Thornwell. Also, thanks to all who contributed to these worthy mission objectives. Many will be blessed by your generosity.

Nazareth's Home Bound

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

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

Frannie Broome (Birthday 12-10)
Windsor House
850 John B. White Sr. Boulevard
Spartanburg, SC 29306

Fran Deer (Birthday 3-7)
113 Riveredge Drive
Moore, SC 29369

Lib Neuburger (Birthday 2-18)
110 Summit Hills Drive
Assisted Living, Room 205
Spartanburg, SC 29307

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

**Cards and visits are always
appreciated.**

NOTICE: For **June, July and August**, the office will be open from 9 am to 2 pm Monday to Thursday. The office will not be open on Friday. As always, our pastor and ruling elders are available for pastoral needs whenever they arise.

August NEWSLETTER - The deadline for the August newsletter articles and information will be July 22. Please have all information to Kay by that time. Ample time is needed to complete the newsletter by the end of the month. Thanks.

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
Christopher and Andrea Muns
Mike Roberts
Shelly Roberts
Joey Menendez



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— Everyone had a great time. To help us out, there was \$566 in donations for the meals.

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

The emergency contact list is in the drawer under the telephone, in the social hall and FLC. An additional copy is on Kay's desk in the office.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Secretary 4th of July day off	3 Office Closed	4
5 Finance 7:00 Worship—8:30 B & G—8:15 Evangelism 8:30 Mission 8:30	6 CE Committee 6:00	7	8	9	10 Office Closed	11 The Carpenter's Table 9–12:00
12 CE Committee—6:00 Finance—7:00 Cong Care—8:15	13	14	15	16	17 Office Closed	18
19 Church Picnic 4:30	20 Session 7:15	21	22—Newsletter articles due	23	24 Office Closed	25 Soup Kitchen 9-1
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JULY BIRTHDAYS

02 Catherine Beach
04 Adam Broome
05 Jerry Johnson
08 Jessica Johnson
08 Cherie Oburg
08 Carolyn Whiteford
11 Amelia Senn
13 Forrest Lindman
15 Petra Warren
16 Angela Shiflet
16 Chuck Holmes

17 Vickie Gray
18 Russ Wright
21 Gene Cothran
22 Brandon Collins
25 Steve Balltrip
25 Jean Glass
26 Emma Labelle
27 Noah Nobles
28 Liz Frey
29 Joe Fox

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 Mark Henry
02 Robert Morgenstern
06 Tommy Campbell
07 Lindsay Cash
07 Matthew Gray
09 Kimberly Baier
09 Margaret Wallis
13 Buddy Berry
16 Kathy Bates
18 Rebekah Bates
20 Steve Collins
20 Julia Mitchem

22 Andrew Gray
22 Carrie Wright
23 Cindy Womble
24 Lauren H. Willis
26 Laura Henderson
26 John Ritzo
27 Jennifer Lindman
27 Gerald Broome
28 Lauren Guillion
28 Stephen Frey
29 Jordan Burdick
31 Zach Gray

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

03 Homer & Jan Ellis
15 Dwayne & Mary Pergrem
16 Mark & Elfriede Henry
17 Mike & Susan Baier

17 John & Debbie Ritzo
17 Steven & Megan Kranz
24 Richard & Joyce Dillard
24 Joey & Sina Guffey

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

02 Grant & Sandy Brown
05 Richard & Kim Cansler
08 Dale & Kathy Allen
12 Gerald & Jane Cook
16 Roy & Joyce Oates
31 Russ & Dale Wright