



OCTOBER—2015

NAZARETH NEWS

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Dear sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ,

Preparing to depart from being Nazareth's pastor on November 1, there are many people and many experiences that rise up in my thanks to God, too many to name them all. But some...

Our youth! Nazareth has fine young people, from my first Sunday here – and through several sets of youth - they have been good, encouraging, friends to me!

Wise ones and their advice. It has been a privilege to serve with faithful and wise Christians here. Many times your counsel and perspective has been indispensable to me as a Christian, and as a pastor. Thank you!

Worship, with good musicians. It is rare for pastors and church musicians to have as good a working relationship as I have enjoyed with the musicians of Nazareth. The weekly planning, singing, exploring new music with colleagues Jim, Alicia, Judy, and now Laura, plus all you talented volunteer musicians who give so much to the church has been a delight!

Preaching. I have enjoyed preaching with faithful hearers of the Word through *The Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments, the beatitudes, Genesis, Jeremiah, James, Galatians, 1 Corinthians, the gospel of Mark, and a dozen other sermon series*, plus the regular preaching of the other scriptures. Living in the daily study of scripture in preparation for preaching has been deeply rewarding to me.

New households of faith and the many couples with whom I've done pre-marital work, your weddings, and then having the joy of baptizing many of your children. Joy! Gladness!

Small Groups and deepening relationships. For many years we've grown in small groups through five *Disciple Bible Studies*, the *Revelation Study*, reading *The Cost of Discipleship* and *Mere Christianity*, Prayer "Triads" and special summer studies. Your thoughtful and stimulating faith has helped my faith keep growing.

The folk who have entered the Church Triumphant in these years, and the ways they graciously welcomed and trusted my pastoral care. Alleluia! for all the saints resting from their labors, and the promise of a resurrection in Jesus Christ!

Those who have trusted me as their pastor in the deeply painful parts of your lives and faith, and those who allowed me to be present in your joy.

That innumerable people who have healed, grown, and known the transforming grace of God in this body of Christ.

Staff like my friend and colleague Joan Greene, who loves our youth and children and serves them well; capable and trusted administrative assistants Lavada and Kay.

The cadre of mission-doers who steadily reach out in Christ at *Carpenter's Table* and *Soup Kitchen* and *St. Luke's* and other hands-on Christian work. Mission trips to the Gulf Coast, Frontera de Cristo, and Edisto.

Watching the ready efforts of behind the scenes service, from you "door keepers in the house of the Lord" to you dedicated overseers of our finances, from you teachers of church school to you who have been ready to lead youth – webmasters and facility care, so much is done, quietly, faithfully. Thank you, good and faithful servants!

The commitment and wise faith of ruling elders who have made up Nazareth's session; clerks of session, committee chairs and workers; Presbyterian Women whose service is always willing and excellent.

The Psalmist says "I was glad when they said 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" I am glad I have had the privilege of serving you, the people who gather in God's house as Nazareth Presbyterians!

David

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CAN YOU SUGGEST A RESOURCE ON HOMOSEXUALITY, MARRIAGE, AND THE CHURCH?

I am frequently asked for suggestions by friends and church members for things to read to help their understanding of the scriptures and the reasoning behind changes in both our Presbyterian Church (USA) and other churches, and the changes occurring in society regarding marriage.

I recommend two recent books that I found worthwhile. Both tell of their authors' paths thinking through these issues; one is by a pastor, one by a teacher of theology. Both tell about how these evangelical Christians wrestled over these issues over years of prayerful reflection, including their serious study of the scriptures. Both include a good, readable, presentation of the scriptures that apply.

An evangelical pastor and leader in the Pentecostal-oriented Vineyard denomination:

Ken Wilson, *A Letter to My Congregation: An evangelical pastor's path to embracing people who are gay, lesbian, and transgendered into the company of Jesus*. David Crumm Media, LLC. 216 pages.

A Presbyterian evangelical, who in earlier years was a leader *opposing* ordaining gays and lesbians in the church:

Mark Achtemeier, *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart*. Westminster John Knox Press. 144 pages.

Either book is worth taking the time to read.

– David Sutton



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING – THIS SUNDAY

ALL Presbyterian Women are invited to the **Fall Gathering on Sunday, October 11, 2015** in the Social Hall following the Worship Service. **Lunch will be provided by the PW Coordinating Team!** Information on the recipients of the Thank Offering will be shared at the Fall Gathering, and you will have the opportunity to contribute to this offering at that time. **Our local emphasis is St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic.** A "Wish List" for St. Luke's is below.

Make plans now to attend this annual meeting of Presbyterian Women. If you have any questions, just ask one of the members of the Coordinating Team (Kim Cansler, Jan Ellis, Jean Glass, Vickie Gray, Barbara Melton, Aletha Misenheimer, Amelia Senn, Judy Taetz, or Dale Wright).

Please contribute to our "Shower for St. Luke's" sponsored by Nazareth's PW. St. Luke's is in need of:

- White copy paper (8 1/2 X 11)
- Gift cards to Office Depot, Office Max, Walmart
- Paper plates, drinking cups, and other paper products for break room
- Hand Sanitizer (large size)
- Hand soap in pump dispensers
- Paper towels
- Trash bags (large and small)
- Correction tape (not liquid)
- Computer CD's and Jump drives

You may bring your donations to the Fall Gathering on Sunday, October 11 at 11:45 or anytime during the month of October. Just leave your items on the table designated in the Social Hall.

MISSIONS:

We continue to welcome **snack items** for the children of the **Soup Kitchen**. We are looking for items such as cheese its, pudding, fruit cups, granola bars, ramen noodle, mac & /cheese, etc. Thank you for providing snack items for these children.

Our **Mission of focus for the month October** will be to collect dry and canned dog and cat food for Mobile Meals. Sometimes these recipients will forgo feeding themselves to feed their animals. Thanks for your participation.

Our **workday at the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen** will be October 24th. It is a great time of fellowship while serving the needs of the hungry. We are there from 9-1:00. Hope to see you there!

Circle # 3 will meet on Monday , October 12, at the home of Elfriede Henry, 115 Brookhaven Drive, Moore, at 7:00 PM.



FLOWER CALENDAR

October 4	Communion
October 11	Cyndy and Colin Urquhart
October 18	Chuck Holmes
October 25	Bill & Carolyn Berry
November 1	Communion
November 8	
November 15	
November 22	Tommy & Ann Campbell
November 29	Advent

Saturday Sisters invites all women of the church to a **drop-in-wedding shower** in celebration of the upcoming marriage of Forrest Lindman and Maryanna Dunbar. The shower will be Sunday, October 25 from 2:00 pm—3:30 pm in the Social Hall.

Nazareth children will have a tailgate supper in the FLC parking lot at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 31st and then go **trick or treating** in Cedar Bluff. Youth are also welcome.

Calling All Children—Children through the 6th grade are invited to come be a part of the Nazareth Kids Choir! We will meet in the choir room on the first and last Sunday of every month during the Sunday school hour.

YOUTH NEWS

Children in Worship class will be held 4:30—5:30 on the following Sundays: October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1. Children in grades 1-2 are invited to attend. Please contact: Joan Greene. 680-2370 or gjoan6@yahoo.com Ashley Whitfield 542-3674 or awhiield1332@att.net

Confirmation Class is being offered this fall for 7th grade and up. Please contact Joan Greene.



The Friendship Club will meet for a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday October 21st at 11:45 AM. Lasagna will be provided. Please bring tossed salad, bread OR dessert. and enjoy fellowship.



RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

Please join us on Sunday, **Nov. 1** as we honor **David and Finley** for their years of faithful service to Nazareth. The catered luncheon will follow the morning worship in the FLC. **Please sign up in the social hall by October 25th.**

From the PW Coordinating Team:

It is time to begin planning our Third Annual Women's Retreat. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact either Amelia Senn (439-4804) or Jan Ellis (266-4169).

Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation Time: 9:00 a.m.

October Bridges Class

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!

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 and leave it on the counter. Thanks!

Remember to buy your coffee from Just Coffee in support of our ministry in Mexico.



It's Fall so it's time for **Oktoberfest** on October 18, at 5:00, in the FLC Join us for authentic brats and music. Please bring a side dish or dessert. **Sign up in the social hall.**

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

Fran Deer (Birthday 3-7)
Po Box 96
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.

NOTE: Please don't forget to put your name on your offering envelope. If you give cash we cannot identify the donor without a name.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER - The deadline for the November newsletter articles and information will be October 23. Please have all information to Kay by that time. Ample time is needed to complete the newsletter by the end of the month.

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 Munsey
Mike Roberts
Shelly Roberts
Joey Menendez



Morgan Dernar
Doneven Dernar

PRAYER FOR THESE PEOPLE IS APPRECIATED

Rusty Kirkpatrick
Gerald Broome
Carroll Cardwell

The Evangelism committee is searching for a person who can help with the church website. The person needs to know the "word press" program. Please contact Gayle Mason at

587-0350
or tillimom@charter.net

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.

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Finance 7:00 Worship—8:30 B & G—8:15 Evangelism 8:30 Youth—6:00	5 Boy scouts Handbells	6 Cub Scouts	7 Choir	8	9	10 The Carpenter's Table 9—12:00
11 Cong Care—8:30 Mission 8:30 Youth—6:00 Congregational Mtg	12 Circle #3 Finance 7:00 CE Comm 6:00 Boy Scouts Handbells	13 Cub Scouts	14 Choir	15	16	17
18 Youth—6:00 Octoberfest 5:00 pm	19 Session 7:15 Boy Scouts Handbells	20 Cub Scouts	21 Choir Friendship Club 11:45 am	22 Newsletter info due	23	24 Soup Kitchen 9-1—Workday
25 Youth—6:00	26 Boy Scouts Handbells	27Cub Scouts	28 Choir	29	30	31

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Emily Collins
02 David Sutton
03 Margie Barklow
03 Jim Hawkins
08 Skylar Mason
10 Debbie Ritzo
13 Jacob Menendez
18 Gayle Mason
18 Ginger Phillips
20 Lea Elizabeth Allen
20 Heather Lister

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21 Lisa Hayes
24 Robert Cook
24 John Hartnett
25 Martha Fox
25 Margie Dobbins
26 Leo Misenheimer
27 Louis Womble
28 Joey Menendez
29 Gray Lister
29 David Stephen
30 Dinnie Bibb
30 Drew Whitfield

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Drew Campbell
03 Caryl Marzke
06 Leigh Ann Powers
07 Makayla Medina
09 Nat Bryson
09 Angela Smith
10 Barry Gray
10 Isaac Melton
12 Carolyn Mitchem
12 Jake Morgenstern
14 Harold Kinley
17 Sandy Brown
17 Larry Powers
17 Cory Vaughn
20 Carter Smith
22 Joyce Oates
23 Alicia Rodgers
24 Jimmy Snoddy
26 Lois Beach
28 Hannah Rodgers
29 Jackson Guffey

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02 Leo&Aletha Misenheimer
10 Kerry & Laura Henderson
14 Chuck & Karen Holmes
17 Lou & Cindy Buttino
20 Jerry&Carolyn Whiteford

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

03 Peden & Donna Cook
03 Joshua & Allison Hockman
17 David & Linda Campbell
24 Joe & Martha Fox
26 John & Mary Brady
26 Jeff & Lisa Hayes
27 Tommy & Ann Campbell
28 Ron & Carol Tesh