



FEBRUARY

NAZARETH NEWS

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Dear Nazareth friends,

It is hard to believe that we will begin the season of Lent in just a few days. Yes, Easter is early this year! I love the season of Lent – so much more than the season of Advent, perhaps because it is devoid of all the commercialism that accompanies Christmas.

The forty days of Lent begin Ash Wednesday and end at dusk the Saturday before Easter, not counting the Sundays in between. The Sundays during Lent, like every Sunday, are considered weekly celebrations of the resurrection. Lent is meant to be a time of self-reflection and penitence. In the wilderness between the Transfiguration and Calvary, Jesus had to decide if he would pray, "My will be done" or "Thy will be done". Lent is a good time for us to do the same.

Many denominations encourage disciples to renew and strengthen their faith during Lent by giving something up. Presbyterians do not. I try to observe a Holy Lent by **adding** something each year – reading through a specific book of the Bible, adding an act of service. For the past few years, I have had a Lenten prayer bag with the names of 40 people I love in it. Each morning I draw one name out and pray, very intentionally for that person throughout the day.

Another way to observe Lent is to attend the special events here at Nazareth. I find that the more I focus on the suffering of Christ on my behalf during Lent, the more joyous the Resurrection of Easter is for me. As has been the custom at Nazareth, there will be an Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary on February 10th at 7:00. Please make plans to join us that evening. I will also be offering an Adult Lenten Bible Study on four Thursdays during Lent at 7:00. The classes will meet Feb 18th, 25th, March 3rd and March 10th.

Thanks to you all for making me feel so welcome here as we begin the Interim journey. This is a wonderful place to worship, fellowship and grow in Spirit and I look forward to our time together. My plan is to work Monday – Thursday from 9:00 to 5:00ish and take Friday as my Sabbath. My door is always open and I look forward to knowing each of you better. Blessings,

Julie

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

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

Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation Time: 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.

February—Bridges Class

March—Circle #3

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. Thanks!

Sunday Morning Fellowship Time—2016

February

Bridges Class



WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 29 & 30

Ladies: You'll want to set aside for yourself the 24 hours between 4 PM Friday and 4 PM Saturday. You deserve the refreshment, recreation, renewal and relationships we can promise you. Oh yes, and 3 meals.

Gentlemen: Children & others who cherish our Women: Begin now to encourage your lady to take this time for herself. Promise her all the support she'll need. You'll all be glad you did.

We will be collecting **dog and cat food** for **Mobile Meals** for the month of February. So often Mobile Meal recipients will go without food so they can feed their beloved pets. Please place all donations in the Missions room. Thank you for your generous gifts.

Flower and Usher calendars for 2016 have been posted. Please select your preferred dates for these important ministries as soon as possible. Thank you – The Worship Committee.

Notice: 2016 Contribution envelopes are on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up when it is convenient for you.

Please **wear your name badge**. It will be very helpful for the new pastor and other visitors as well. If you do not have a name badge, please contact Kay in the office.

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 from 9-1:00. Hope to see you there! **February 27th.**



**FEBRUARY 14TH.
At 5:00 PM**

This is the absolute best fundraiser ever! First there is a **spaghetti dinner** which is free, then we will decorate for Valentine's Day, then we have an **awesome auction**. Don't forget the strawberry-rhubarb pie that Ed Warren makes. Steve Balltrip will be our auctioneer and Chuck Holmes will be the chef of the evening. Lily Cairns, a youth, will be playing her guitar during dinner.

Come and have fun. You will experience a fundraiser like never before!
Please make a special effort to bake some items and to attend this event. It is always an amazingly fun evening supporting the youth as they attend the Montreat High School and Middle School conferences, Foothills Presbytery Retreat, along with other activities throughout the year. Several youth, holding soup pots, will be at the church doors to receive your offering. Every penny that is given will go directly to The Carpenter's Table.

SATURDAY SISTERS at 10 AM will meet February 20th with Cindy Womble in the Family Life Center.

FLOWER CALENDAR

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| February 7 | Communion |
| February 14 | NONE |
| February 21 | NONE |
| February 28 | NONE |
| March 6 | Communion |
| March 13 | NONE |
| March 20 | NONE |
| March 27 | NONE |



YOUTH NEWS:

CALLING ALL CHILDREN—Children through the 6th grade are invited to be a part of the Nazareth Kid's Choir! We will meet in the choir room on the first and last Sunday of every month during the Sunday School hour.

SOUPER BOWL LUNCH

February 7th, at the Family Life Center after worship. Bring some soup or dessert and come celebrate with us. I am sure you are all rooting for the Carolina Panthers OR maybe for Peyton Manning because it is probably his last game???

Come have fun and celebrate with us.

BINGO IS BACK!!! February 23rd at 6:00 PM. Come play and win a prize.

CIRCLE #3 will meet on Monday, February 8 at the home of Aletha Misenheimer, 148 Brookhaven Drive, Moore, at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing the first chapter in Phillip Yancey's book. **The Question That Never Goes Away: WHY?**

Visitors are always welcomed to join us.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Wednesday February 17th at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Travis Hatcher, along with a colleague from the office on Aging in Greenville, will be our guest speakers. They will discuss services available through their office, such as Family Care Giving, insurance, counselors, medical transportation and more. This sounds very informative for all of us.

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.**

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. Thanks.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER - The deadline for the February newsletter articles and information will be February 22nd. 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
Mike Roberts
Shelly Roberts
Joey Menendez



Morgan Derner
Doneven Derner

PRAYER FOR THESE PEOPLE IS APPRECIATED:

Betty Anderson
Gerald Broome
Jane Cook's nephew
Margaret Culclasure
Gary Douglass – Gayle Mason's brother
Linda Kinley
Rusty Kirkpatrick
Glenn Lindman
Jennie Lindman
Mom - Marc Oburg's
Lois - Elaine McLeod's sister,
Willie – Deb Ritzo's uncle
Nancy Segrest
Jerry Whiteford

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.

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Irene Powers
- 03 A.J. Cansler
- 07 Jane Cook
- 09 Bill Berry
- 10 Mac Broome
- 10 Joe Menendez
- 12 Grant Brown
- 12 Jamie Collins
- 12 Iris Menendez
- 14 Shalynn Crawford
- 16 Jack Wallis
- 16 Jane Ullery
- 18 Madison Collins
- 19 Elizabeth Lindman
- 21 Trent Cook
- 27 Gail Johnson
- 28 John Bainbridge
- 28 David Franklin
- 28 George Sykes
- 28 Stephen Sykes

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 William & Carolyn Berry
- 16 Glenn & Jennie Lindman
- 20 Tommy & Frances Lynch
- 26 Jack & Margaret Wallis
- 28 Rick & Jayne Duerksen



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

FEBRUARY—2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Boy Scouts Hand Bells—6:00 | 2 Cub Scouts | 3 Choir—7:00 | 4 Covenant 10:00 Covenant 7:00 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Transfiguration of the Lord Cong Care—8:30 Worship 8:30 Mission 8:30 B & G—8:15 Evangelism —8:30 Souper Bowl Party | 8 Boy scouts Hand Bells—6:00 Circle #3—7:00 Aletha Misenheimer CE Committee 6:00 Finance—7:00 | 9 Cub Scouts | 10 Ash Wednesday 7:00 | 11 Covenant 10:00 Covenant 7:00 | 12 | 13 The Carpenter's Table 9 –12:00 Children's Valentine's Party 11-1 |
| 14 1st Sunday in Lent Cong Care—8:30 Mission—8:30 Youth Bake/ Auction and Spaghetti dinner— 5:00—FLC | 15 Boy Scouts Hand Bells—6:00 Presidents' Day | 16 Cub Scouts | 17 Choir—7:00 Friendship Club 11:45 | 18 Lenten Bible Study—7:00 | 19 | 20 Saturday Sisters 10:00 |
| 21 2nd Sunday in Lent Youth—6:00 | 22 Boy Scouts Hand Bells—6:00 Newsletter info due for March Session 7:15 | 23 Cub Scouts Bingo—6:00 PM | 24 Choir—7:00 | 25 Lenten Bible Study—7:00 | 26 | 27 Soup Kitchen 9-1 Wagner Class Social Hall 12-5 |
| 28 3rd Sunday in Lent Youth—6:00 | 29 Boy Scouts Hand Bells—6:00 | | | | | |
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