



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Log Meeting House



AUGUST

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To worship and glorify God and to make disciples for Christ.

Dear friends,

As we have studied about grace in the Old Testament in our joint Sunday School classes this summer, several of our excellent teachers have noted that sometimes a word cannot really be translated perfectly from one language to another. The word "hesed" is translated into English as "lovingkindness," but really implies a type of love that is accompanied by loyalty.

*In the same way, there is a beautiful word spoken by people in South Africa in the Nguni Bantu dialect that I read about this week. The word is "Ubuntu." It is a term that means "humanity," often translated as "I am because we are." However, this word can be used in a philosophical sense to convey "the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity," so would be better translated as, "I am human because I belong, I participate, I share." Bishop Desmond Tutu says that *Ubuntu* describes one who is "generous, hospitable, friendly, caring and compassionate." He says it as a state in which one's "humanity is caught up and inextricably bound" in others.*

*Well, I think *Ubuntu* describes the sense of community, dedication, worship and service that we experienced here last week during Vacation Bible School. Or maybe just our church family in general. To say "thank you" to all who organized, led and participated is almost inadequate but I am deeply grateful for the ways that our humanity is caught up with each other, in the ancient world of Jesus' day and everything in between.*

As we kick off a new school year, a new Sunday School year and resume activities that took a break over the summer, I look forward to the continued sense of excitement that seems to be prevalent at Nazareth Presbyterian Church. Blessings,

Julie

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." Ephesians 2:19-22

Worship



Lead Usher for August: Neil Houghton

Lead Usher for September: Youth

Many thanks to all who contribute flowers for worship. If you decide to leave them so we can share the flowers with our shut-ins, please let Jessica Sullens, Leslie Stuermann, or Julie Schaaf know. Several times recently, they have been left in the sanctuary after worship. Generally, we do not go back into the sanctuary until Thursday and the flowers had died. There are still some openings for August and September, if you would like to honor or remember someone. Thank you.

Fellowship

***The Friendship Club will not meet in August.
We will resume again in September.***

***“Ladies Who Lunch” meets Friday, August 10 at McAllister’s Deli at 11:45.
All are welcome!***

Session Highlights

- The Session did not meet in July.
- Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, August 12, for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee to choose Elders for the class of 2021. They are Jeff Hayes, Jennifer Hadden and Dale Wright from the Session; Jay Campbell, Jane Cook, Taylor Nunamaker and Angela Smith from the congregation.

\$ Finance Figures at Nazareth \$

August 2018

This month's topic is "kind'a sort'a" related to church finances, but finances are not the main reason for this writing.

You may or may not know that when a member of Nazareth joins the Communion of Saints, the church provides a reception for the friends and family without any obligation of the family to compensate the church or the volunteer hosts for consumables or time. Gayle Mason has put together a very detailed method / policy to make this happen when the occasion rises. Volunteer hosts give freely of their time to provide for the family and show their concern during this difficult time.

What you may not know is that Nazareth has recently formed another group of volunteers that will provide similar services to families who are not members of the church. How does this occur? Here's an example. The first instance of this situation occurred on July 28th. Mr. Gerald Hull's ashes were laid to rest in our cemetery. But he was not a member of Nazareth, nor did he ever have a direct connection to Nazareth. However, Evelyn Koues was an active member at Nazareth. Some of the older members may remember Evelyn. She purchased four plots in the cemetery many years ago. Her husband, her daughter, and she have rested there for some time. Her daughter's husband was Gerald Hull. Now Gerald rests in the 4th and final plot.

The cemetery committee felt that these families of a non-member being laid to rest at Nazareth should have an opportunity to have some hospitality available to them, should they choose. We are still fairly removed from many places where a family can gather nearby. So, we now make a simple but pleasant reception an option for them. The reception on the 28th was the first for this group of volunteers and it was very appreciated by Gerald's family. Much was learned in regards to the do's and don'ts, but there were no major problems.

I want to acknowledge the volunteers who helped make that event possible. Thanks goes out to Ann Campbell, Cyndie Womble, Marilyn Anderson, John and Martha Bainbridge, and Margie Dobbins for this initial success.

Any net proceeds from these events go into the Cemetery Fund for the perpetual care of the grounds.

This mission contributes greatly to enhance Nazareth's perception as being an inviting, giving and hospitable church. Thank you to all who made it a reality.

Mike Baier

Elder, Cemetery Trustee

Missions

- **The Carpenter's Table** is a great place of opportunity to enjoy fellowship while serving the needs of others. Our day to work is August 11, from 9:00-1:00.
- **The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen** is where Nazareth volunteers can lend a helping hand and make a difference in the lives of those in our community! Our day to serve is August 25, from 9:00 to 1:00.
- **The Mission Focus for August is the Backpack Ministry.** Please bring school items such as pencils, small scissors, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, crayons, markers, etc., for children to be able to start school with all the things they need!

Pennies for Hunger Offering will be received Sunday, August 26, and will go to the Backpack Ministry.



"And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God." Hebrews 13:16

Presbyterian Women

Circle # 3 will resume meeting this month with a summer fellowship time at the home of Abby Hatchette, 409 Richmond Court, Spartanburg, on Monday, August 13 at 6:30 pm. Please bring a finger food to share. Visitors are always welcome!

Nazareth Blood Drive

CHANGES IN REGISTERING FOR BLOOD DRIVE

The date of our next blood is **August 12**.

The Blood Connection has changed the sign-up process for donating blood and all sign-ups are now done on line.

If you are presently a blood donor, have been a blood donor, think you may give in the future, or just have a definite opinion about changing times – please respond to the question of whether or not to change day and time of blood drives for Nazareth Church. We currently have the Blood Drive on Sundays from 9 – 12.

Proposals are:

Keep the same.

Change to a Wednesday from 4-7 when the church has a program. Changing to a different day would eliminate any interference with Church or Sunday school.

Saturday Morning.

Any other suggestion.

Please vote for one or express an opinion and send to tcampbell7468@gmail.com.

Process for registration for Blood donation thru Blood Connection.

Online sign up through the Blood Connection web site allows you to reserve a time slot. This enables the Blood Connection to assign the necessary resources to be able to serve the correct number of people on the day of the Blood Drive.

Signing up online allows you to complete the questionnaire about your medical history in advance. That will save time at registration.

However; ***that must be completed the day of the Blood Drive***. Upon completion, a bar code will be generated which can be presented at registration. If you do it on your phone, you can take a screen shot of it so that you can show, or print a picture to take and show.

Repeat : ***that must be completed the day of the Blood Drive***.

You can access the Blood Connection through their website at :

donate.thebloodconnection.org. Type this in **OR- scan the QR code box on the flyers** which will be posted around the church to get to the site.

Place your phone camera over the box and it will open on the Blood connection site.

You can use this link to send you straight to sign up. Click on it and it will take you directly to the sign in sheet.

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/m/donor/schedules/available_drive_slots/112756/1534032000/1

There will be no more sign-up sheets on the tables. If you need help doing this the Mission Committee will have someone available with a computer on Sunday, August the 5th at the table where the sheets are usually placed to assist you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

First I want to thank everyone who made our VBS this year, "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid", so wonderful! I'm privileged to work in a church with so many great volunteers and brilliant staff! I hope you all had as much fun at VBS as I did!

As the Summer is winding down, we are preparing for a great Fall!
On Sunday August 5, Sunday School will return to their normal classrooms for the Adult classes!

Thanks also to Julie Schaaf, Dave Stephen, Bill Stuermann, Jan Ellis, Marian Stephen, Bob Hatchette and DJ Wall for teaching during our joint classes this summer.

Holy Huddle will be meeting at the Nunamaker's house **August 2nd** at 5:30 PM, or whenever you can make it!

Their address is 312 Trenchholm Way Woodruff, SC 29388.

Come for food, fellowship and conversation!

Clara and Taylor are asking that you bring a snack if you plan on attending.

We are looking forward to a great Fall season here at Nazareth!

In love and light,
DJ Wall
Christian Education
Coordinator

Great food.
Great company.
Great conversation.

**NAZARETH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**HOLY
HUDDLE**

**JOIN US AT 5:30 PM ON
THURSDAY AUGUST 2ND FOR
BIBLE STUDY AND A BEVERAGE.**

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG(ISH)
ADULTS OF NAZARETH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. OPEN
TO ALL!

*The Nunamaker's Home
312 Trenchholm Way
Woodruff, SC 29388*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER (cont.)

Genesis's Day

We are celebrating those moving into a new Sunday School Class! Children, Youth, and College-bound folks: Bring your backpacks to Sunday School! The "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be during our Time With Young Disciples! Youth will meet at 5:30 PM for a cookout and water balloons!

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August 19 Genesis Day

All school age children and youth will need to bring their backpacks with them to Sunday School, **August 19**, so we can honor those who are going into the next grade or next year in college.

During the **Sunday School** hour we will be honoring those who are moving up a class, and during the

Time With Young Disciples

we will have a

"Blessing of the Backpacks"

so be sure to bring your backpack with you!

Youth will be meeting that night at 5:30 for a cookout and water balloons!

August 26th Regular Youth

5:30 PM @ FLC - dinner/game/lesson

Hometown Nazareth VBS

We began with celebration and singing, we traveled to the Marketplace, ate food Jesus ate, met his mother Mary, and visited the shops of ancient Nazareth.



Hometown Nazareth VBS, (cont.)



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We Welcome our New Disciples



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Our Church Family

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Please remember the following in your prayers.

Members and Friends of Nazareth

Walter and Catherine Beach
Mary Brady
Kathy Bates and family
Margaret Culclasure
Fran Deer
Jayne Duerksen
Martha Fox
Vickie Gray's mother, Lib Culbertson
Jean Glass' friend, Dennis (Smiley) Howell
Amy Hatley
Dean Hughes' mother, Sarah
Peggy Landers' friends, the Kester family
Maureen Lannamann, friend of
Cindy Buttino

Caryl Localio
Irene Powers
Deb Ritzo and family
Peggy Robinson
Thomas and Alicia Rodgers
Catie Schaaf's grandfather, Ed Braun
Nancy Segrest
Lenny and Amelia Senn
Dave Stephen
Ruby Stone
Carol Tesh's brother, Bob Johnson
Wallwork family, friends of James Cantrell
Lois Weneck's sister, Maryanne
Ashley Whitfield's student, Ashton,
and his family



In the Armed Forces:

Steven Alverson	Andrew Caldwell
Doneven Derner	Victoria Derner
Dorothy Ellis	Eric Gallman
Joey Menendez	Mike Roberts
Shelly Roberts	

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World

Victims of wildfires in California Victims of shooting in New Orleans

Please call the church office when a concern needs to be added to or taken away from the list.



Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation

Time: 9:00 - 9:30

August—Wagner Class

September 2,9,16,23—Saturday Sisters

September 30 –GIFT



Thanks to everyone who shows up early on Sunday mornings to serve coffee and snacks. If you know someone who doesn't participate in this time of fellowship, reach out and invite them to join us.

OFFICE HOURS - Debby works in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. Julie is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Julie at 864-421-2750.

UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with weekly sermons available.

Please Like us on Facebook

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2018 flower calendar is hanging in the hall behind the sanctuary.

Please consider this wonderful way to honor someone as well as contribute to the beauty of worship.

FLOWER CALENDAR

August 5	Communion
August 12	
August 19	Herb & JoAnn Respass
August 26	Russ & Dale Wright
September 2	Communion
September 9	Bryan and Elaine McLeod
September 16	Lenny and Amelia Senn
September 23	
September 30	



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The deadline for the September newsletter for articles and information will be August 27th.

Please have all information to Debby (debby@nazarethpresbyterian.org) by that time.

Ample time is needed to complete the newsletter by the end of the month. Please adhere to this time frame. Thank you!

*Dear Church Family,
Your powerful prayers are working!
Lenny is getting stronger each day and has started walking with me to get the newspaper and even a bit farther up the street. He is getting around the house without his cane. The difference in his left hand is amazing. Today he was able to tie his shoes! He is scheduled for a PET scan on Aug. 6 and an MRI on Oct. 19. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls and food. Our Nazareth family is beyond wonderful. Love to you all,
Lenny and Amelia*



Thanks to all my friends at Nazareth for your prayers, messages and cards for my family in the loss of my sister.

Love to all, Gladys Mills

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST

01 Marilyn Anderson
02 Mark Henry
02 Robert Morgenstern
06 Tommy Campbell
09 Kimberly Baier
09 Margaret Wallis
13 Buddy Berry
18 Meagan Schall
20 Steve Collins
20 Julia Gail Mitchem
22 Andrew Gray
22 Carrie Wright
23 Cindy Womble
24 Thomas Barker
24 Shelby Barker
24 Lauren H. Willis
26 Laura Henderson
27 Gerald Broome
27 Jennifer Lindman
27 Darcy Schall
28 Stephen Frey
28 Lauren B. Guion
28 Dean Hughes
29 Jordan Burdick



SEPTEMBER

01 Jenny Collins
02 Mike Baier
02 James Cantrell
03 Kerry Henderson
04 Mary Caley
06 Ella Kern
07 Cassie Yarborough
09 Anne Brewer
09 Jan Ellis
10 Gladys Mills
11 Richard Cansler
12 Jacob Cansler
12 Dwayne Pergrem
14 Lenny Senn
17 Nicholas Cansler
18 Jim Anderson
19 Nancy Segrest
22 Dale Allen
24 Kathy Allen
28 Jeff Hayes
29 Debbie Balltrip
30 Kathryn Kotecha

AUGUST

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



SEPTEMBER

01 Kenneth & Jenny Collins
01 Paul & Tiffany Nobles
09 Bryan & Elaine McLeod
10 Steve & Debbie Balltrip
13 Thomas & Alicia Rodgers
16 Lenny & Amelia Senn
20 Tim & Angela Shiflet
20 Joel & Jessica Watts
26 Gene & Kathy Cothran
27 Larry & Robin Whitfield
29 Paul & Jane Harrington



AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Holy Huddle 5:30	3	4
5 Building & Gr 8:15 Christian Ed 8:15 Worship 8:30 Evang & Nur 8:45 No Youth	6	7 Administrative Committee Meeting 7:00	8	9	10 Ladies' Lunch @ McAllister's 11:45	11 The Carpenter's Table 9-1
12 Missions 8:45 Congregational Meeting Blood Drive No Youth	13 Circle # 3 6:30	14	15	16	17	18
19 Genesis Day 9:30 YOUTH 5:30 Cookout	20 Session 7:00	21	22	23	24	25 The Soup Kitchen 9-1
26 Pennies for Hunger YOUTH 5:30 FLC	27	28	29	30	31	