



MARCH 2019

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Tom Dendy

"Adding In" a Lenten Discipline

Instead of, or in addition to fasting, or "giving up" something during Lent, you might want to "add in" a spiritual exercise or discipline to your life. Participate in some act of kindness, such as feeding people at Community Kitchen in Myrtle Beach or Shepherd's Table in Conway. I like to add in something that I can do every day and it needs to be realistic, so as not to set myself up to fail. So, for example, it would be a bad idea if I decided to get up at 5:00 a.m. to pray for an hour each day of Lent. This would stretch me so far that I'd surely fail. But I am taking on additional Bible reading throughout Lent. Some years I've read one chapter of a gospel each day of Lent, taking it in slowly and meditating upon it. Other years I've used a Lenten devotional to focus my thought. Remember that we have an online devotional link on the church website (www.d365.org).

If you have no idea what to do during Lent, let me suggest the following. Set aside some quiet time to ask the Lord what he wants you to do. See if the Holy Spirit guides you to something. If nothing comes to mind, I'd recommend that you read a chapter of a gospel each day. If you start with the gospel of Mark, you'll have time to read all of Mark plus all of one other gospel during Lent.

As we enter the season of Lent, I am grateful for all the saints who have gone before us, some of whom discovered the blessings of "giving up" something in Lent, while others grew in their faith by "adding in" a Lenten discipline. What ever disciplines you choose during this Lenten season, I pray that God will draw you closer, and prepare you for a fresh experience of Good Friday (Christ's crucifixion) and Easter (Christ's resurrection).

May God's peace be with us all!

Pastor Tom



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A little LENTEN history from The Presbyterian Outlook - By Jennifer Lord

For some Presbyterians, celebrating Lent is not intuitive – it may not have been part of their family's pattern growing up. It is, however, connected to the way in which the Christian celebration of Easter evolved. "What is helpful for all Christians and Presbyterians in particular to remember is that the time of Lent came into being after Easter was decided upon as an annual celebration," said Jennifer Lord, a professor of homiletics and liturgical studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Jennifer Lord went on to say, "We think early on that the Christians celebrated Easter, celebrated resurrection, weekly." Every Sunday was understood as "Little Easter!"

The Council of Nicea, in 325, set Easter as an annual celebration tied to the timing of Passover – a link to the Jewish tradition of following the lunar calendar. **Easter is set for the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon after the spring equinox.** "The development of Lent was to prepare people to be baptized on Easter," Lord said. At that time, baptism was for adults, and Lent became 40 days of baptismal preparation – counting the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, except for the Sundays in Lent, because "Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection," Lord said, and thus Sundays are feast days not fast days and are excluded from the 40 days of Lent.



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

The church will host two fundraisers this year. The first fundraiser will be Thursday, May 16, at the Famous Toastery in Carolina Forest. Tickets will be \$10.

The second fundraiser will be in the fall on October 19; it will be similar to last year's event. We are looking for volunteers to help us coordinate these events.

A fundraising committee meeting will be held after church on March 3. If you cannot attend but would like to help, please let Cecilia know.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

By Jeanne Bredbeck and Ken Krenzer



The dinner for March is on TUESDAY, MARCH 19th NOT Wednesday---TUESDAY, March 19!

Hospitality is serving hot dogs with items to put on them, plus drinks.

Your task is to bring something that goes with the dogs and is easy to eat.

If you think picnic food it might help to come up with a delicious side or dessert or even "Main Thing" for all of us to enjoy.

The movie will be shown after we eat so we will be comfortably full and ready to view *Do You Believe*.

Come and enjoy the food and fun.

LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler



Our February luncheon took us to a new place—Michael's Pizza in Carolina Forest.

There were 10 Ladybugs in attendance and we welcomed our newest Ladybug, Anita Brooks. We're so happy to have her join us. Anita proudly showed off a picture of her newest twin grandchildren—Arlo and Juniper!!! Also, Norma Jean announced that she will be expecting her first great, great grandchild!!! Congrats to both ladies.

We collected \$50.00 for charity. Thank you, ladies, as always for your generosity.

There was, again, lots of Italian food to go around—pastas and sandwiches—but not a single "pizza".

As always the friendship, camaraderie and laughter make for a fun outing.

Our next lunch will be Thursday, March 7, 2019 at noon at Crepe Creations in Market Common. If you plan to attend, the sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Let me know if you need a ride. All Ladybugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited—hope to see you there. Come join a bunch of fun Ladybugs!

SESSION REPORT

By Cecilia Evans

Session Meeting Report January 27, 2019

The session was pleased to review and approve for ordination to serve as elders Kathy Wechter, Myra Burrows, Ken Krenzer, Terri Pettijohn, and Katrena White.

The church budget for 2019 was approved and will be presented to the congregation at the February 17 called Annual Congregational meeting. The preschool will increase tuition by \$5.00 for the 2019-20 school year. Lunch bunch will be increased to \$12 a day for the school year.

Pastor Tom presented information on his continued education and mission trip to the Abaco Islands. In the summer he will be taking his clergy renewal leave June 22- July 31. This is part of his Terms of Call.

The session accepted the resignation of Ben Taylor. The bookkeeping position will be filled through an interview process. A motion passed to increase the bookkeeper's salary up to \$300 a month. The compensation will be based on the bookkeeper's experience. (Update: The Session hired Ann Marcello as our new bookkeeper.)

Session Meeting Report February 17, 2019

The session met to review the ongoing mission and ministries of Celebration. There was a motion presented to review adding cameras and an intercom to the outside of the building. This motion was referred to committee for further research. There was a motion to support the preschool fundraiser on March 18. The Preschool Board will sell raffle tickets at church on March 3 and 10. This motion passed.

Offering envelopes have been well received in 2019 and we will reorder for the 2020 year prior to a price increase.

The Statistical report for 2018 was reviewed and approved by Session.

Other items discussed were:

- March 6 Drive Thru Ashes 4:30-6pm
- March 19 Dinner and Drive Thru Movie 5:30pm
- April 21 we will have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am followed by light breakfast and Easter morning worship at 11am.



We are so excited to continue our partnership with Habitat. Habitat helps to bring affordable housing to our community. In partnership with Habitat's College Build, Celebration provided

lunches to 25 hungry college students from around the US who came to Myrtle Beach to spend their spring break. The team made and delivered a tasty lunch of pulled pork, baked beans, slaw and cookies. Thanks to Ken, Jeanne, Leslie and Carol for supporting our community.

On March 12, Steve Meeks will lead a new project for Celebration.

Habitat is offering financial literacy classes for their prospective home buyers. This helps to establish a foundation for all members of the family on responsible money management and budgeting. Steve will be coordinating a team to feed Habitat's clients prior to the literacy meeting.

Habitat provided \$250 and asks for volunteers to provide, deliver and serve a meal for their clients. The class and dinner will be held at Beach Church in the Adventure room on George Bishop Parkway. Steve needs assistance with serving the meal. The schedule is to arrive at 4:30pm to set-up, serve from 5-6pm and then clean-up. Please connect with Steve Meeks, (703) 930-6254, if you are interested in assisting.





CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL ART SHOW AND BASKET RAFFLE MONDAY, MARCH 18, 5-7PM

The Preschool Art Show and Basket Raffle is just around the corner. You may be asking yourself just what exactly is a basket raffle? A basket raffle is a great way to raise money for our school. Each class chose a theme for their basket and our preschool families donated items to fill those baskets. We also reached out to the community and gathered donations from local businesses.

The baskets and other items will be raffled off the night of the Art Show on March 18. We will sell raffle tickets for \$1 each or 25 for \$20. We will begin selling tickets on March 5. Tickets can be purchased in the preschool office during regular preschool hours, on Sundays, March 10 and 17 before church services or the night of the Art Show, Monday, March 18. If you have friends or family that would be interested in purchasing raffle tickets, please feel free to sell as many as you like. You will need to write your name and phone number on the back of each ticket before placing in the container specific to the basket you are trying to win. We will have the baskets on display several times before the night of the Art Show. At the end of the Art Show, we will draw a ticket from the container of each basket and announce the winner. You do NOT have to be present to win. If the winner is not present at the time of the drawing, the item will be placed in the preschool office and the winner will be notified the next day.

There will also be a silent auction to bid on for a Myrtle Beach vacation which includes a 2-night condo stay, various restaurant gift cards and entertainment for the family. This will be held the night of the art show.

Our eight classroom theme baskets are: Disney, Relaxation, CCU Sports, Chocolate, Coffee, Family Movie Night, A Day at the Beach, and Family Game Night.

We have received donations from the following businesses:

Buffalo Wild Wing, Handley's Pub, Legends Golf, Myrtle Beach Family Golf, Hungry Howie's, Ridemakerz, Ripley's Aquarium, Dairy Queen, Mystical Golf, Mellow Mushroom, Wonderworks, CCU Athletics, The Carolina Opry, Picaboo, Chesapeake House, Kilwins, Tavern in the Forest, Jersey Bagel, Michael's Pizza, Pelicans, Umberto's, Hard Rock Café, Erin Brown Massage Therapy, Black Optix, Stone Theaters, Beautycounter (Leslie Menich), Living Essentials (Liz Fusaro), Elliott Realty (Kyle Thomas), Morgan Rhea, Be the Light Press (Liz and Dave Fusaro), Premier Jewelry (Carolyn Cloutier), Vera Bradley, Alabama Theatre, Ivory Row Photography (Lauren Harrah)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, THIS WILL BE A NIGHT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!!!!

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR CELEBRATION YOUTH

Members of our Celebration Youth will be participating in an upcoming Confirmation Class that will be offered on Saturday, March 16 and March 30, 9am—2pm. They will be learning about the history of the Presbyterian Church and the meaning of membership. Following their successful completion of the class, those desiring to join the church will be invited to meet with the Session to profess their faith and confirm their membership.

PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker

This month will be a very busy one for our preschoolers. There is a rumor that a surprise visit from a tiny leprechaun is a possibility. Every year we try to set a trap to catch that sneaky fella, but he always seems to outsmart us. As soon as we turn our back he sneaks in and makes a mess everywhere.

Last month ended with our registration for the fall 2019-2020 school year. We registered more children than ever before. However, we do still have some afternoon preschool openings for the fall, so tell all your friends. Word of mouth is our best form of advertising.

This year for the first time, we are having a basket raffle fundraiser along with our annual art show. We have collected donations from preschool families, as well as local businesses, and have made theme baskets to raffle. I must say these baskets are quite impressive! The baskets will be displayed starting March 5 until the night of the Art Show, March 18. Tickets can be purchased in the preschool office daily. You DO NOT need to be present to win. This is a great opportunity to win some fantastic prizes. You don't want to miss out!! Have a great month!

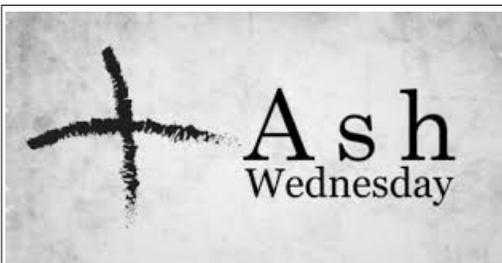
THE SHEPHERD'S TABLE

By Cecilia Evans

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
Nancy Torcivia Dom Torcivia Margaret Reeder Beth Bruton Marsha Meek Steve Meek	Roy Andrews Laurie Andrews Nancy Thornburgh Rick Thornburgh Doug Larson	Kathy Wechter Bob Stepanek Carol Butler Anthony Tiani Lois Storms Pat Himes	Anne Brallier Sara Bamrick Donna Woodard Gerri Byrne Ken Krenzer Sharon Mook	Leslie Eckert Mike Kotora Joann Piazza Rosie Rashid Jerry Rashid Paul Youngblood Patty Youngblood
January 10	February 14	March 21	January 17	February 21
April 11	May 9	June 20	April 18	May 16
July 11	August 8	September 19	July 18	August 15
October 10	November 14	December 19	October 17	November 21
Sub: Cindy Smith				

5th Sunday Offering

The 5th Sunday Special Offering will be received on March 31, 2019. This offering allows for the care, upkeep and improvement of our property.



For the 2nd year, Celebration Presbyterian Church is offering a drive-thru service for ashes on Wednesday, March 6, from 4:30-6pm. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing a cross with a blessing on the heads of participants.

Ash Wednesday starts the Lenten season, which is an observance of the 40 days before Easter Sunday and represents the time Jesus fasted in the wilderness before being tempted by Satan.

Often people are too busy to take time for spiritual renewal but with Drive-Thru Ashes we are offering a way for the community to take a few minutes and reflect and renew.

With the busy community in Carolina Forest, we reached not only our church members last year but members of the community. All are welcome to participate.

For those who want to help set-up and distribute ashes please arrive at Celebration at 3:30pm on March 6 to set-up and to have a brief training on the prayer and blessing we will offer the participants.

Looking forward to sharing the message – “From dust I come and to dust I return” with those who participate.

If you have any questions, please contact the Church office at 843-903-0308.

Drive-Thru Ashes will be held on Wednesday, March 6th 4:30-6pm in the church parking lot.

From Elder Terry Pettijohn **History of the Presbyterian Church -- Early History of Christianity**
(from the Presbyterian Church (USA) website)

The Christian church's birth was at Pentecost, as described in the Book of Acts. At Pentecost the Jewish disciples of Jesus proclaimed the Gospel to people of many cultures and languages. By the middle of the first century, the church was made up of Jewish and Gentile believers who worshiped God, in the name of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. The church began to grow rapidly throughout the region we now know as the Middle East, even through hardship and persecution from the Roman Empire.

During the fourth century, after more than 300 years of persecution under various Roman emperors, the church became established as a political as well as a spiritual power under the Emperor Constantine. The church became strong in the east (Greek-speaking) and the west (Latin-speaking) regions of the Roman Empire and beyond.

Among the greats of the east was Athanasius and among the greats of the west was Augustine. Eventually the western portions of Europe came under the religious and political authority of the Roman Catholic Church. Eastern Europe and parts of Asia came under the authority of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

During the Middle Ages a number of mystics emerged, including Julian of Norwich, who have shaped the spirituality of many Christians.

In western Europe, the authority of the Roman Catholic Church remained largely unquestioned until the Renaissance in the 15th century. The invention of the printing press in Germany around 1440 made it possible for common people to have access to printed materials including the Bible. This, in turn, enabled many to discover religious thinkers who had begun to question the authority of the Roman Catholic Church. One such figure, Martin Luther, a German priest and professor, started the movement known as the Protestant Reformation when he posted a list of 95 grievances against the Roman Catholic Church on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517.

Some 20 years later, a French/Swiss theologian, John Calvin, further refined the reformers' new way of thinking about the nature of God and God's relationship with humanity in what came to be known as Reformed theology.

John Knox, a Scotsman who studied with Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, took Calvin's teachings back to Scotland. Other Reformed communities developed in England, Holland and France. The Presbyterian church traces its ancestry back primarily to Scotland and England.

CHURCH WORK DAY

By Rick Thornburgh

Warm weather is upon us and it's time once again to beautify our church with some weeding, pruning, and general grounds cleanup. Please join us for a little exercise and some fresh air on Saturday, March 23 starting at 9:00 a.m. In the past, we have usually been done by noon—rain date will be April 6, same time. The church has some tools available, but any rakes, pruners, branch cutters, shovels, etc. that you could bring would be appreciated. Don't forget your gloves!

Following our Spring cleanup, the flower beds and gardens always look amazing. Many hands make light work of this annual task. But these same areas need to be kept up throughout the growing season. This is where we could use some help.

Adopt-A-Garden—In an effort to spread the work involved, we will "divide" the gardens into smaller, more manageable areas. An individual, family or team can "adopt" an area that they would be responsible for. Responsibilities would include weeding, pruning, fertilizing and watering. Work could be done on your own schedule. Please consider this and adopt an area of your own. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.

Lawn Mowing—This is another area that needs ongoing upkeep and is best suited to a team approach. We're looking for volunteers to mow and trim on a regular basis. With enough volunteers, we can set up rotating teams so the work load can be spread out. The church has a nice one-year old riding mower, weed eater and all the necessary tools. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to help in the physical upkeep and well-being of our church. We have a beautiful church and can show our pride in it by keeping its appearance welcoming and inviting to all. Please contact Rick Thornburgh with any questions.

MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Holy Communion Fundraising Committee meeting 12:15pm	4	5 Quilters 10:00 am Girl Scouts	6 Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru Ashes 4:30-6pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	7 LadyBug Luncheon Crepe Creations 12noon	8	9
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31 Choir Rehearsal 10 am Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am Children's Church Nursery Fifth Sunday Offering	<h1>5th Sunday Offering</h1>					



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT
We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH		
2—Mary Biellak	6—Karen Williams	23—Nanette Kelly
2—Cherie Hall	12—Wayne Mook	25—Don Speidel
	17—Lou Brooks	26—Barbara Bruno Walters
	18—Sarah Abushakra	28—Dalton Cicala



VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

<p>Elder of the Week Mar 3—Kathy Wechter Mar 10—Myra Burrows Mar 17—Priscilla Mulligan Mar 24—Terry Pettijohn Mar 31— Nancy Resnick</p> <p>Liturgist Mar 3—Sara Bamrick Mar 10—Nancy Thornburgh Mar 17—Carla Baker Mar 24—Anthony Tiani Mar 31— Kathy Wechter</p> <p>Visitors Table/Greeter Mar 3—Betsy Hughes Mar 10—Heidi Cherry Mar 17—Linda Miller Mar 24—Nanette Kelly Mar 31— Joseph Mehalick</p>	<p>Pre K –Kindergarten Children’s Church– Tonja Paolini</p> <p>Children’s Church Grades 1-5 Trudy Miller</p> <p>Nursery Mar 3—Leslie Eckert Mar 10—Betsy Hughes Mar 17—Vicki Jacobs Mar 24—Vicki Simon Mar 31—Donna Woodard</p> <p>Media Shout Mar 3—Donna Woodard Mar 10—Bernadine Lamar Mar 17—Katrena White Mar 24—Donna Woodard Mar 31— Bernadine Lamar</p>	<p>Sound Booth Mar 3—Carol Butler Mar 10—Katrena White Mar 17—Carol Butler Mar 24—Bernadine Lamar Mar 31— Carol Butler</p> <p>Ushers for the month of March Mar 3, 10 17, 31—Sharon Mook, Bob and Linda Miller, Anthony Tiani Mar 24—Sharon Mook, Bob and Linda Miller, Marsha Meek</p> <p>Communion Elders for March Kathy Wechter, Bernadine Lamar, Priscilla Mulligan, Bob Miller, Nancy Resnick</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: #008080; font-weight: bold;"> WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS </p>
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