Newsletter PRESBYTERIAN



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IMPORTANT DATES

April 19 - Game Day in **Fellowship Hall**

April 20 - Ruth Best Memorial Service 11:00AM

April 21 - New Officer Installement (During 10:30 worship) & **Employee Appreciation**

April 30 - NO Kids Club & Youth Group

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: WE'VE GOT A SPRING IN OUR STEP!



What a beautiful start to Spring we have had in our Children's Ministry! Our Sunday School rooms have been bustling with activity and the sounds of joyful fellowship fills our Tuesday evenings each week at Super Tuesdays Kids Club!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONTINUED FROM P. 1

Holy Week began with the children and youth waving their palm branches high with our Palm Sunday Parade and singing "Sing Hosanna!" The Joyful Noise Children's Choir concluded Holy Week by joyfully singing "Praise Ye the Lord, Alleluia!". Our 10:30 am Easter Service was followed by our Easter Egg Hunt that was enjoyed by all! It was such a special way for our families to spend Easter celebrating together as a congregation!

The children will have the opportunity to sing once more on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th at our 10:30 a.m. service. The children will be practicing each week in Sunday School and at Super Tuesdays Kids Club.

We are so excited about the weeks and months ahead! Our sights are set on busily preparing for Kirkwood Creation Camp "Counting on Jesus" June 2nd - 6th! It's not too late to register, however the deadline is rapidly approaching on Sunday, April 28th. We are also busily planning for this year's VBS - Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus Was a Kid, August 12th - 15th. VBS registration opens May 1st. For more information on Kirkwood or VBS, as well as opportunities to be involved or volunteer, please see the enclosed flyers or you may contact Dawn Frazier, Children's Ministry Director at christianedtpc@yahoo.com or 910-270-2315.

In closing, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to our families and to all those on and behind the scenes that make our Children's Ministry programs and events successful! We couldn't do it without you!





In the tapestry of communal gatherings, a symphony of upcoming events beckons:

- On April 19th, a day of games awaits! Secure a Table for 4 or 8, accompanied by a Morning Snack and Lunch. Reach out to Diane Hughes at 910-232-8596 or Joanne Foster at 910-270-7050 for tickets priced at \$15.00 per soul.
- April 21st heralds Employee Recognition Sunday! Let us unite in reverence for the TPC Staff with a Potluck feast post worship. Kindly bring a side dish or salad, as fried chicken and dessert shall grace the banquet.
- May 12th, a day to honor all Mothers with delectable Cupcakes on The Patio.
- Finally, on May 26th, a Community Picnic unfurls its splendor.

Come be a part of our Spring Time events and celebrations!

SPRING MISSIONS INITIATIVE

Be a part of something impactful and meaningful by contributing to the Topsail Presbyterian Church Missions Committee's Spring campaign for the 4C's Food Pantry. Throughout the entire month of April, we are collecting non-perishables, canned goods, personal hygiene items, and pet food. Your donations can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Simply drop off your items in one of the conveniently located Shepherds boxes at the church's narthex or gathering room. Let's come together as a community to provide support and nourishment to those who require it the most.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU - STAY IN TOUCH

Staying connected to faith is more important than ever. At Topsail Presbyterian Church, we strive to make sharing, and worshipping with us easy. We gather to encourage each other, connect with friends, & learn From God's Word through our website, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, email, newsletter and of course in-person. Connect with us, we're here for you!



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STAND BY FOR THE CHILDREN

When a child is baptized at TPC there are questions posed to the parents as well as to the members of the congregation. The question to the congregation is Will you the congregation of TPC undertake the responsibility for the Christian nurture of this child? We answer WE WILL.

The Nursery is the beginning of this Christian nurturing of a child and the continued nurturing of the parents. The Nursery allows the parent(s) to attend church regularly and hear the word of God which is then passed on to their child.

TPC currently has two teens and one adult who are paid to staff our Nursery. This is a big commitment. There will be occasions when one or two of the paid staff are not able to fulfill their schedule. That is where our STANDBY VOLUNTEER LIST comes into play. The Standby List is utilized to make sure our nursery is fully staffed. As a Standby Volunteer you are notified if the paid staff person is unble to be there on a Sunday and you are asked to volunteer. We are asking if your child is in the nursery that you volunteer to be on our Standby List. This means once every 6 weeks you would be asked to be the standby volunteer. If you can not cover, then we go to another volunteer and so on.

We are currently seeking at least 3 more participants mother or father to be on our Standby List. The more the merrier!

Please consider being a volunteer who starts the Christian nurture of our youngest members at TPC.

Contact Laurie Rucks at <u>laurie.rucks@gmail.com</u>, or 410-627-4671, or visit the nursery on a Sunday to sign up.



PRESCHOOL IS READY FOR SPRING!

We have been learning about the life cycle of plants and recently our TK class learned what seeds and plants need to grow, by completing a greenhouse experiment. γ

The students recently started a unit learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly and the life cycle

of a lady bug. We are watching the life cycle in real time with real life caterpillars and lady bug larvae.

We spent all of March into April celebrating Read Across America with mystery readers and our Pre-K and TK students are working on mastering their site word lists.

We were super excited for the solar eclipse and learned all about it this past Monday (4/8)!

The book fair will run 4/29-5/2 and we are super excited to shop, while earning free books for our school.

There are still spaces avail for 4yrs- 9yr old in our summer camp program and availability for the 24-25 school year for children ages 4-5yrs old.



Contact Marissa for details! 910-270-2315



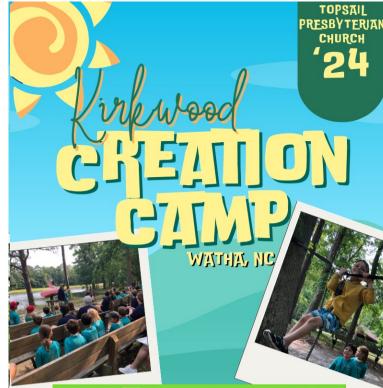










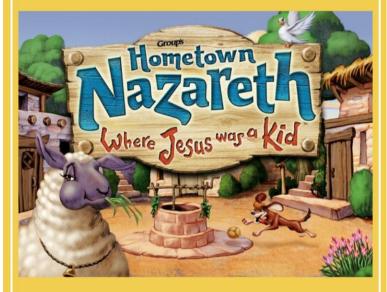


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APRIL 28

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FOR CHILDREN & ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION CONTACT: DAWN FRAZIER, CHILDRENS MINISTRY DIRECTOR AT CHRISTIANEDTPC@YAHOO.COM 910-270-2312 CALLING ALL VBS FAMILIES TO SAVE THE DATES! AUGUST 12TH - 15TH, 2024



EACH DAY VBS PARTICIPANTS WILL GET TO IMAGINE AND EXPLORE WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO LIVE IN THE TOWN OF NAZARETH JUST AS JESUS WAS BEGINNING HIS MINISTRY AROUND GALILEE! AGES PRE-K (MUST BE COMPLETED) - 5TH GRADE YOUTH LEADERS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1ST STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN OUR VBS TEAM CONTACT: DAWN FRAZIER, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR AT CHRISTIANEDTPC@YAHOO.COM OR 910-270-2315



KENNEDY JOHNSON AS THE EASTER BUNNY (WITH BEVERLY DELUISE)

MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

Monthly income goal to meet our operating budget in 2024 is \$31,460.

March income for budget was \$23,643.

The monthly average income for the budget year to date is \$28,666.



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS & FAMILIES IN CHRIST

Bobbie Ruegner, Bonnie Carpenter, Glenn Piver, Carolyn Rice, Sue Newton, Bruce Filer, Fleur McKnight, Tom Lowell, Mary Anne Matherly, Christine Sanders, John DiBiase, Judy Graves, Ginger & Charlie Hardee, Austin Padgett, Ricky Hurst, Ann Rogish, Bonnie Miller, Sandy Minnich, Nancy Lockamy, Joseph Rogish, Betty Anzalone, Janice Thomas, Tom Berry, Tom Feller, Brian Jones & family, Sharon Egan, Ruth Best, Jack Crouch, the family of Dixie Britton, Kristina Polk, Donna Kraynick, Savannah Hyde, Pete & Susan Brunsvold, Isla Mayes, Amy Coleman & the family of Ruth Best.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS BIRTHDAYS

April Birthdays

Lillian Garner	April 3
Susan Newton	April 8
Teresa B Capps	April 9
Mina Alford	April 13
Kristina Polk	April 15
Brian Douglas Austin	April 19
Sheila Eller	April 19
Kim Morton	April 19
Katelyn Talbert	April 19
Chris Lee White	April 21
Margot Jane Wessner	April 22
Patricia Ann Barnes	April 23
Mike Powell	April 24
Diane Rand	April 24
Erica Wooten Talbert	April 27
Jeanie Parkes	April 29
Nathan Polk	April 29

May Birthdays

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Mary Layman	May 3
Ann Henry	May 5
Chuck McKnight	May 5
Jeannine Smith	May 5
Anita Surratt	May 5
Olivia Grace Chewning	May 7
Jay Boyce	May 8
Ken Rice	May 9
Mitch Jenkins	May 11
Kathryn Rand	May 11
Thomas Sabatura	May 11
Jessica Chewning	May 13
Mark Elder	May 14
Gary Barnes	May 15
Bruce Filer	May 15
Skip Haight	May 15
Charlie Hardee	May 15
Allison Wessner	May 15
Wilson Sessions	May 16
Logan Smith	May 21
Mallory Broomfield	May 24
Jenny Bryant	May 25
Nanci Rice	May 25
Greyson Temple	May 25
Carolyn Combs	May 28
Patty Bowdoin	May 30
Avery Fair	May 30
John Kennedy	May 30
Cathy Padgett	May 31
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Members of Session <u>2024</u> Sally Ferrante - Clerk of Session Cheri VanCleave - Worship

<u>2025</u>

Cody Chewning - **Buildings & Grounds** Joanne Foster - **Congregational Life-Fellowship** Chris Thomas - **Congregational Life-Membership** Richard Grace - **Digital Ministry-IT** Beverly DeLuise - **Christian Education** Mike Steed - **Finance**

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Russ Layman - **Stewardship** Jennifer Schwarz - **Digital Ministry-Data** Shona Talbert - **Personnel** Kathy Tobin - **Missions**

<u>Deacons</u>

Mary Rogers-Ellsworth - **Parrish Associate** Jay Heidel - **Chair** Bryna Fair - **Secretary** Jimmy Smith Patty Bowdoin MaryLou Hurst