



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

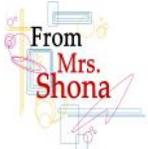


Topsail Presbyterian Church - Children and Youth Newsletter

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We would be remiss to dismiss the ugly truth that violence too often permeates our lives and world – yet we come week after week to hear about the Prince of Peace, the fleshly God who has dwelt among us. He taught us a new way to love and to serve, to act and to struggle toward a blessed peace. So, this Lenten season, as we journey with Jesus to the cross and beyond, let us practice his way of peace –

peace within our own hearts and with our neighbors, peace amidst the pews in which we sit and the places we find ourselves. And when all hope seems lost - let us seek peace by looking again to the lessons and stories that speak a word of peace into our own lives and push us to be the peacemakers Jesus calls us to be in the world. Blessed are the peacemakers, says Jesus. For they will inherit the kingdom of God. For they will inherit the kingdom of God. For they will inherit the kingdom of God.



### Dates to Remember



- 03/01 Early Church Service 8:15am  
Sunday School @ 9:15am (with childcare provided)  
Late Church Service 10:30am
- 03/03 Tuesday Night Children/Youth Programs @ 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 03/08 Early Church Service 8:15am  
Sunday School @ 9:15am (with childcare provided)  
Late Church Service 10:30am
- 03/10 Tuesday Night Children/Youth Programs @ 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 03/15 Early Church Service 8:15am  
Sunday School @ 9:15am (with childcare provided)  
Late Church Service 10:30am
- 03/17 Happy St Patrick's Day**
- 03/17 Tuesday Night Children/Youth Programs @ 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 03/22 Early Church Service 8:15am  
Sunday School @ 9:15am (with childcare provided)  
Late Church Service 10:30am
- 03/24 Tuesday Night Children/Youth Programs @ 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 03/29 Early Church Service 8:15am  
Sunday School @ 9:15am (with childcare provided)  
Late Church Service 10:30am
- Preschool Sunday**
- 03/31 Tuesday Night Children/Youth



### **What an awesome turn out for our youth annual chili/bake off!!!**

Thank you all for your generous donations of chili, desserts, and monetary donations. We had 17 pots of chili and 18 desserts to enter in this year's cook off. This year's **Winners** for chili cook off are 1st place Mrs. Beverly, 2nd place Mrs. Sharon and 3rd place Nikki . The **Winners** for the bake off are 1st place Clara (youth), 2nd place Mrs. Beverly , and 3rd place Jack (youth).



We raised a grand total of **\$1650.74** through tickets sells, and voting. This would have not been possible with out amazing youth, families and church family.

**BIG SHOUT OUT TO TOPSAIL STRINGS:** Thank you for sharing your music and talents with everyone during this event.



## **Kids Program Meal Sign-ups**

We need your help to prepare, cook, serve and clean up the meals each Tuesday evening.  
To volunteer, go to the link below to choose an evening to volunteer and sign-up.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545A4A82AABFE3-tuesday1>



Topsail Presbyterian Church has been generously endowed by church members who have, through gifts and memorials, established a scholarship fund that provides financial resources to be awarded to full-time undergraduate students each year. The value of each scholarship will be \$500.00. There is two scholarship available to be awarded on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Applications may be picked up at the church office or may be acquired from the church website.



We are inviting families and children to our Palm Sunday Worship Service, Sunday April 5th at 10:30am. Our worship committee has asked that our children/youth participate in this service by carrying and waving Palms down the aisle. Parents, this is a way for us not only yo celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection, but a chance for our church family that supports us weekly children/youth program to see you children participate in this wonderful service. Parents, please mark your calendars.



If your child/youth is sick it is most appropriate to keep him/her home from the Tuesday night program. A child who is sick will not be able to perform well and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff.

Our guidelines state that you should not send your child to the Tuesday night program if he/she has:

1. Fever in the past 24 hours 100 degrees or higher
2. Vomiting in the past 24 hours
3. Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
4. Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning)
5. Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night.
6. Head lice – live bugs or nits (lice eggs)
7. Rash
8. Pinkeye- (must be on antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours, which includes 4 doses)
9. Flu Symptoms



One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters.



Your children have read a story Gracie and Friends Use Their Gifts with their leaders. For the past number of years, the One Great Hour of Sharing has provided a "Fish Offering Box" to be used to help children/youth focus on this mission. As your children/youth "Feed the Fish" you are providing resources to "Feed the Sheep" as Jesus instructed in our scripture lesson John 21.

Your child/youth brought home a fish and the challenge for them is to – "Feed their Fish" and help in the One Great Hour of Sharing. "Feed your Fish" in gratitude to God for his gifts to us. We ask that all fish be returned by Tuesday, March 31st, so that we can display them in the Sanctuary. All monies raised will go to One Great Hour of Sharing. Parents, take a moment with your children/youth to give thanks to God for all that you have and to feel glad that YOU have joined with Presbyterians all over the world in supporting this great mission of help to others.



*"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."*

We could not make our Tuesday Night Kids Program work without the volunteers and assistants leading our kids' classes.

We thank everyone for sharing their valuable time and energy with us and this wonderful community outreach. The truth is that the structure and workings of a church are only as good as the church's volunteers. We serve an incredibly amazing God, but He builds His church with people who are willing to love and serve others.

Once again, Thank you for serving on Tuesday evenings "so that the children/youth can attend and experience God."

**Parents, if you are willing to share your time and talents with us on Tuesday nights. We would love to add you to our sub list, to assist when our regular volunteers are not available, please let Shona Talbert know.**

**Little Stars Leaders: 4 & 5 yr old**

Mrs. Laura Rucks

Mrs. Cheri VanCleave

Mrs. Mallory Broomsfield

**Jam Connection Leaders:K-1st**

Mrs. Mary Thomas

Mrs. Carla Strickland

Mrs. Jessica Chewning

**Jam Connection Leaders: 2nd-3rd**

Mrs. Kendall Tracy

Mrs. Diane Rand

Mrs. Mary Lou Hurst

**Jam Connection Leaders: 4th-5th**

Mrs. Anna Howard

Mrs. Kacie Stuart

**Journey Middle School Group: 6th-8th**

Pastor Cam Thomas

**Believe Youth Group: 9th-12th**

Mrs. Shona Talbert



We are excited to announce our upcoming Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Come out and celebrate the arrival of Spring and the Easter season at Topsail Presbyterian Church.

**Saturday, April 4th , 2020**

**2PM-4PM**

We will have a egg hunt, face painting, ice cream and even a special guest!!

Make sure to bring a basket or other container to use while gathering eggs. There is no cost to attend this event. We hope to see you on April 4th!





# March

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|--------|----------|
| 1<br>Communion Sunday<br>8:15 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday School: Children's<br>Teacher- Erica Talbert(3-1st) & Amy Coleman(2nd-5th)<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>1:30 PM Topsail Strings<br>2:30 PM Champions | 2<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>6:00 PM NA Meeting at 6:30<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm  | 3<br>5:15 AM Good Shepherd House<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Tuesday Night Kids Club              | 4<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>6:15 PM Handbells<br>7:00 PM Choir   | 5<br>8:00 AM Preschool<br>Book Fair 5th-12th<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>9:30 AM PS Chapel<br>10:00 AM Preschool Leadership Meeting<br>10:45 AM Christian Education Meeting<br>6:00 PM NA Mtg at 6:30pm<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm | 6      | 7        |
| 8<br>8:15 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday School: Children's<br>Teacher- Jodi Daniels(3yr-1st) & Kim Gougeon(2nd-5th)<br>10:30 AM Worship  | 9<br>8:00 AM Preschool<br>Book Fair 5th-12th<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>6:00 PM NA Meeting at 6:30<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm | 10<br>8:00 AM Preschool<br>Book Fair 5th-12th<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Tuesday Night Kids Club | 11<br>8:00 AM Preschool<br>Book Fair 5th-12th<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>11:15 AM Nick's Bible Study-Gospel of John<br>1:00 PM Men's Fellowship Luncheon-Jebby's on 17<br>6:00 PM GS T554<br>6:15 PM Handbells<br>7:00 PM Choir | 12<br>8:00 AM Preschool<br>Book Fair 5th-12th<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>9:30 AM PS Chapel<br>6:00 PM NA Mtg at 6:30pm<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm   | 13     | 14       |
| 15<br>8:15 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday School: Children's<br>Teacher- Maggie Consey(3yr-1st) & Shona(2nd-5th)<br>10:30 AM Worship  | 16<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>6:00 PM NA Meeting at 6:30<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm   | 17<br>11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Tuesday Night Kids Club   | 18<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>12:00 PM Women of the Church<br>6:15 PM Handbells<br>7:00 PM Choir  | 19<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>9:30 AM PS Chapel<br>6:00 PM NA Mtg at 6:30pm<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm  | 20     | 21       |
| 22<br>8:15 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday School: Children's<br>Teacher - Kim Gougeon(3yr-1st) & Amy Coleman(2nd-5th)<br>10:30 AM Worship   | 23<br>6:00 PM NA Meeting at 6:30<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm  | 24<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Tuesday Night Kids Club  | 25<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>1:00 PM Men's Fellowship Luncheon-Daddy Mac's Beach Grille<br>6:15 PM Handbells<br>7:00 PM Choir  | 26<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>9:30 AM PS Chapel<br>6:00 PM NA Mtg at 6:30pm<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm  | 27     | 28       |
| 29<br>PRESCHOOL SUNDAY<br>8:15 AM Worship<br>9:15 AM Sunday School: Children's<br>Teacher- Jodi Daniels(3yr-1st) & Erica Talbert(2nd-5th)<br>10:30 AM Worship   | 30<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>6:00 PM NA Meeting at 6:30<br>7:00 PM AA Mtg at 8pm   | 31<br>8:50 AM Preschool<br>11:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Tuesday Night Kids Club  |  |  |        |          |

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