

NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

March 2018

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

New River District Lenten Revival

Travel around the district for worship and preaching with Bishop Richard C. Looney. Services begin each evening at 7pm and you are encouraged to attend each night.

Locations:

Sunday, March 18 – St Paul, Wytheville
 Monday, March 19 – Mt Olivet, Galax
 Tuesday, March 20 – Rocky Gap UMC, Rocky Gap
 Wednesday, March 21 – Dublin UMC, Dublin

Community Lenten Services

Join us at 12:05 pm at Christ Episcopal Church for worship and a light lunch afterwards.

March 7th – Phil Vickers, Pearisburg Christ Fellowship

March 14th – Lynn Garrison, Eggleston UM Circuit

March 21st – Morris Fleischer, Newport-Mt. Olivet UMC

March 28th – Lane Spigener, Pembroke UMC

Good Friday Noon

As Jesus hung on the cross, he made seven final statements. Hear these read again and reflections from local pastors. The service is from 12-1 pm on March 30 at Christ Episcopal Church.

Good Friday 7 pm

In the midst of waxing the floor behind the sanctuary last summer, a discovery was made. Our church owns stunning paraments, the colored clothes for the altar, designed just for Good Friday services. With these in place the worship team is preparing a powerful service for Friday, March 30. Look forward to seeing you on this sacred day.

Easter Egg Hunt

2pm on Sunday, March 25 is the time for our community children's hunt for Easter Eggs. Nick & Jackie Clark are the prime organizers this year. Children will need to bring their own basket and plenty of energy. Your donations of candy and food make a huge difference. Our desire is that in the midst of all the fun, we can tell the Resurrection story to all present in a way that makes them want to say "Yes" to being a follower of Christ.

Worship in March

Your worship team is focusing on making every Sunday special. So, get ready to pause for Employee Appreciation Day, St. Patrick's Day, 1st Day of Spring and Palm Sunday. Pastor Brian continues our study of the Articles of Religion. Portions of this date back to 1571; yet they contain the power to bring life to our faith. They also define us a United Methodists. Sermon titles are: The Fine Print, Patrick's Community, What will You Plant? And The Foundation Trilogy.

MARCH

- Mar 7 – Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Mar 14 – Lydia-Susanna Circle – 10am
- Mar 15 – Young at Heart Lunch – 12pm
- Mar 15 – New Friendship Circle – 7pm
- Mar 19 – Lord's Acre Dinner/Meeting-6pm
- Mar 20 – Prime Timers Dinner – 6pm
- Mar 29 – Stations of the Cross
- Mar 30 – Good Friday Service – 7pm

Every Wednesday:

Take TWO – 3:15pm

Handbell Ringers – 6 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 29: Youth from a number of churches gather for live dramatization of the final events of Christ's life. As you drive through and listen to the CD sharing the message of the trial, crucifixion and burial of Christ, you can begin to envision what happened for your salvation.

Jubilation 2018

April 30, 2018 - May 2, 2018 Main Stay Suites - Pigeon Forge, TN We all have been richly blessed! Join us at Jubilation 2018 as we explore ways we can anchor our souls. The Rev. Kim Goddard, our own District Superintendent, will lead us in our general sessions. See Nancy Haynie now if you want to take part.

Flowers for Easter

You are invited to bring fresh cut flowers for the "Living Cross" that will be outside the church on Easter Morning. With the crocuses already blooming we have a spring bursting with color for you to share. The church altar will also be filled with pink and blue hydrangeas. Place one in memory or in honor of a loved one. Our cost is \$15 per plant.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart lunch will be Thursday, March 15 at noon. On the menu is potato soup, veggie soup, grilled cheese sandwich, macaroni salad and dessert. Seniors are welcome to come by and have a delicious meal and visit with others in the community.

Trustees Busy Month

The empty lot next the church is in the midst of the final legal work so that we can close on the sale by the end of March. New LED lights are being installed in many classrooms, small fellowship hall, choir room, offices and kitchen. They are taking bids now on heating and cooling for the small fellowship hall and parlor. Your donations to the Capital Fund are truly making a difference.



Remember to move your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00am for Daylight Savings Time.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

*Thomas W. Fuller
Ann Morris
Mullie Mulheren*

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received February a year ago.....	\$ 17,251.34
Received February.....	\$ 16,668.00
Received Y-T-D a year ago	\$ 38,674.86
Received Y-T-D	\$ 34,412.50

New Office Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30-9:30 am and 3-4:30 pm.
You are welcome to leave a message on the answering machine, 921-1021, or send an email to Sherry Fleeman at pburgfumc@gmail.com

Hands on Mission for Liberia

- 1 - 12" ruler
 - 1 coloring book
 - 1 small solar powered calculator
 - 1 dictionary
 - 1 - 10 or 12 pack pens (blue or black)
 - 1- 10 or 12 pack pencils
 - 1 pack erasers
 - 1 box 24 count crayons
 - 3 spiral notebooks (70 sheet count)
 - 1 pair flip flops
 - 1 poncho
 - 1 pack 100-150 sheet notebook paper (wide ruled)
- \$5

Due by the end of May

Camping in Giles

Do you know an elementary age child who does not go to church yet? Invite them to take part in "Camp in the Community." We are looking for sixty of these children who would enjoy a chance to do everything you normally do at a Methodist Church Camp without leaving the county. The dates are July 16-20 and this day camp runs from 9-3 daily. Eight Jr. Counselors from area churches are needed as well. Training will take place at the new Camp Bays Mountain in Kingsport on either April 13-15 or May 4-6.

Youth News

The youth would like to say a HUGE thank you to our church family for all of the support, prayers, donations given to us always, and for enabling us to attend Resurrection each year. A HUGE thanks to our leaders who went, you helped us through one of the toughest years that we've had with so many getting sick there. We are finally well & ready to get rolling with 2018!

Our Annual Polar Plunge: Yes, let's go swimming this winter. March 3, we are heading to an indoor pool in Christiansburg. We will meet at the church by 1:30 pm. Cost will be \$15 & that will cover going out to eat afterwards.

Laser Tag & Bowling: March 10 is the date for this big adventure.

Stations of the Cross: We will be participants in this living diorama on Thursday, March 30 (Maundy Thursday). Afterwards, we will catch a 2nd supper before returning home from Camp Success in Narrows.

VBS

It's already time to start thinking about VBS! This year we will explore how the Lord uses water as a vessel to speak to his people. Please consider joining us June 10-16 as either a crew leader, station leader, or helping "behind the scenes". If you are interested in volunteering, you may contact either Kim Mills or Emily Moyer. Help us get the word out to all of our children ages Preschool-5th Grade! We are getting excited to see what the Lord has planned for us during this special time.

Giles Christian Mission

Can the power of Christ working through us resurrect a dead building to life by Easter Morning? The February workdays have completed the needed demolition. Now it is time to put everything together again. We are installing a new heat pump. We are installing new lights, insulation and ceiling tiles. A new electrical box is being installed. Two new doors are ready to go in place. Our two renovation projects in 2017 greatly multiplied the scope of work taking place dedicated to helping the needy in our community. Anticipating even more blessings when this project is complete. Donations of time, skills and money are greatly appreciated. Contact Pastor Brian Burch if you would like to be a part of something God is using.

I want to thank everyone for all the phone calls, cards, prayers and visits after my recent surgery. I appreciate them all and I am truly blessed.

Carl Adams

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