

NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

March 2019

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

Talent Show This Sunday

No, it is more than a Talent Show. It is our children leading us in worship. Yes, this Sunday our children from Take TWO are taking over the entire service. This Sunday, March 3 at our 10:55 am worship service our children are going to sing, dance, read scripture, preach and share their talents with you for the glory of God.

Relay for Life Lunch

Enjoy an Italian meal and raise money to fight cancer. It all begins after worship, this Sunday (March 3). Your donations would make a positive difference. In the meantime, you get to feast and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Two opportunities for you to take part in this holy service.

12:05 pm at the Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Pearisburg. The Giles Ministerial Association is sponsoring a service. After a devotional by Rev. Doug Armstrong of Narrows UMC, and imposition of ashes you are invited to join in fellowship over a soup and sandwich meal.

5:30 pm as a part of our Take TWO children's program we will host a church-wide service. We gather both young and old and remind ourselves that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. We will also hear that by the power of Jesus we are forgiven.

2019 Lenten Services

These start at 12:05 pm and take place at Christ Episcopal Church by the Courthouse in Pearisburg. For your blessing each week you will be offered a devotional and a soup and sandwich meal. It all takes place in an hour. On March 20 and April 10 our church is in charge of the services.

March 6th – Rev. Doug Armstrong, Narrows First UMC

March 13th – Charlie Herbert, Christ Episcopal Church

March 20th – Kurt & Cynthia Zimmerman, Missionaries with World Gospel Missions

March 27th –Rev. Morris Fleischer, Newport-Mt. Olivet UMC

April 3rd – Rev. Buddy Butler, Rich Creek First UMC

April 10th – Rev. Brian Burch, Pearisburg First UMC

April 17th - Rev. Donna Webster, First Christian Church Newport



- Mar 3 – Relay for Life Italian Lunch – 12pm
- Mar 5 – Mason's Spaghetti Lunch – 11am
- Mar 6 – Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Mar 6 – Ash Wednesday Service – 5:30pm
- Mar 12 – Lydia-Susanna – 10am
- Mar 14 – New Friendship Circle – 7pm
- Mar 19 – Prime Timers Potluck – 6pm
- Mar 21 – Young at Heart Lunch – 12pm
- Mar 21 –Relay for Life Paint Night– 5:30 pm

Every Wednesday:

Take TWO–3:30-6:00pm

Handbell Ringers–6pm Choir Rehearsal–7:00pm

Prospective Member Gathering

Do you know someone who is ready to take a step of faith and declare their faith in Christ? On Sunday, March 10 during the Sunday school hour we are inviting over two dozen of these persons to a time of refreshments and time with Pastor Brian. If you are already a member, this is a tremendous opportunity to remember your own commitment to Christ and pray for others to take a "Step of Faith."

March Into Faith

Do you want to grow in your faith? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus? This month there are five Sundays. Science, scripture, tradition and experience all agree. Believers who regularly take part in a small group grow in their faith. When those groups that include times of prayer, scripture reading, and mutual support are the most effective. Would you accept the 5-week challenge and grow in your faith this month by setting aside five hours for Sunday school? Classes begin at 9:45 a.m. Six adult classes, a high school class, a nursery and children's classes are all available.

Giles Family Resurrection

Saturday April 6 is a day for children in our community. The 22 United Methodist churches in our county are working together to bring in nationally known speakers and musicians because we value the faith of our children. Puppets, illusions, and upbeat music are all planned for the day. It begins at 9 am and ends at 3 pm. Thanks to the Witten Outreach Fund and the New Ministries Fund and other givers this event is free. This is truly a day you can spend with your family and experience the joy of the resurrection. Yes, our church is blessed that our April 7 worship service will include the same leaders as well.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

*Marita Hoover Graham
Foster Martin
Eva Purnell McCormick
Mullie Mulheren
Chuck Salmon*

Stewardship Report-Budget

Received February a year ago.....	\$ 16,668.00
Received February.....	\$ 19,307.25
Received Y-T-D a year ago	\$ 34,412.50
Received Y-T-D	\$ 36,845.75

Chocolate Covered Eggs for Easter

The United Methodist Women will be selling chocolate covered Easter eggs.

Cost is **\$4.00** each with 4 flavors available:



**Peanut Butter
Cherry Nut
Coconut
Maple Nut**

Eggs will be ready on **April 10th**

Please call the church office to place an order.
540-921-1021

Texas-Mexican Border Missionaries

Yes, a missionary couple with World Gospel Missions is coming March 19-20 to share about their new work in McAllen, Texas. They are looking forward to being at the Prime Timers event, the Community Lenten Services and Take TWO. Kurt & Cynthia for the last three decades have been school teaches and Christian leaders in Bolivia. Now, they are heading to a new field. You can hear about their ministry and support their work. Cynthia and DeAnne Burch were prayer partners in college and have remained close friends even since.

In Memoriam

Mobery Foster Martin
February 15, 2019

Our condolences go out to Mabel Martin and family at the loss of her husband, Foster Martin. Foster was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since April 15, 1962.

Jubilation

Senior Adults mark your calendars now for May 6-8. Get ready to travel to Pigeon Forge to be like the youth: shop, eat and worship. This year's worship is led by retired Bishop Ken Carder. Bishop Carder was born in 1940 in Washington County, TN. In addition, there will be music and a guest appearance by "Forest Gump."

Discipleship NOW

Are you currently in the 6-12th grades? Would you be willing to set aside 42 hours for Jesus? Over the last weekend of March for \$35 you can experience a weekend away. Housing, food, joy and worship experiences are awaiting you. We start at 6 pm at Riverview Baptist Church and finish Sunday morning for Sunday school and worship in our facility. Sign up deadline is March 15. For more information contact Pastor Brian or Renee Williams.

Upcoming Youth Activities

March Highlights

2nd – Wohlfahrt Haus-Nonsense Amen! Tickets \$35

3rd – Kick-Start for Sunday School Class- 9:50am

5th – Shrove Tuesday-Fat Tuesday—meet at Sylvia's for dinner at 6 pm- \$10

Last week-end in March-Youth Retreat-\$35- Sessions at Riverview Baptist Church--- Housing at the Burch's---more info to follow--- let Renee know if you are interested.

April Highlights

6th – River Rat Rampage Summer Kick-Off. We will help with lunch & possibly with activities.

13th – Common Ground - back to church until 1

18th – Stations of the Cross

21st – Enjoy Easter with your family

Prime Timers

Prime Timers will meet on March 19th at 6:00 pm for a potluck dinner. Watch for more information on entertainment to follow.



Reminder: Turn your clocks ahead one hour before turning in on Saturday, March 9th.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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