

THE ISLANDER

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

THE MOST FUN YOU WILL HAVE IN A HAIR NET!

Yes, it will be FUN being a part of the PACK-A-THON on Saturday, March 7th from 9:00-11:00 in the Omni. There's still time to sign up to help to assemble the nutritious packets of food, to place labels on the packets, and to move the filled boxes of meals to the truck! The cost of \$65.00 will give a hungry child in a Third World Country a nutritious school lunch for an entire school year! Donations are happily accepted! Contact Bess Kellett



743-8909 / libesswatson@gmail.com or Margaret McCord at jmmccord6@att.net / 889-2889.

PACK-A-THON SET-UP

Can you help to set up for the Pack-A-Thon? If you can, be at the church on **Friday afternoon, March 6th at 3:00** to assist in bringing in supplies from Feed the Hunger & arranging the tables...

OR

If you can, be at the church on **Friday morning, March 6th at 10:00** to assist in setting up chairs in the E&F and moving the partitions to hide the yard-sale items & set up tables in the Omni!

FOOD PANTRY

Bess Kellett, Director of the Edisto Island Food Pantry, reports that 72 island families are having food delivered by 37 volunteers.

Fourteen of the volunteers are from our congregation! Thanks to donations of

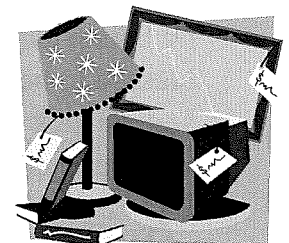


money from our church, other island churches, civic organizations, memorials and individuals, food is purchased from The Lowcountry Food Bank in North Charleston and from the Hollywood Piggly Wiggly.

More volunteers are needed to pick up the food from the Lowcountry Food Bank and the Piggly Wiggly. Call Jim McCord (209-2626) for information.

YARD SALE

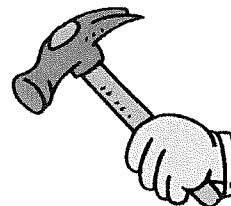
Our Preschool yard sale is March 21st. Donations can be dropped off and placed on the stage in the Omni anytime before March 20th. We also need



volunteers to set up Friday night starting about 5:30PM and salespeople on the 21st beginning at 7AM.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

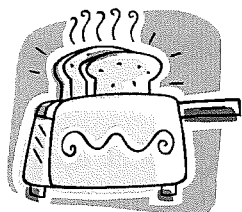
1) The Committee is looking for someone that will offer guidance with landscaping. Please volunteer! Contact Betty Bryan (we have 3 Betty's in the church) at church, cell or e--mail. 2) The Committee organized a subcommittee to look into the maintenance and building needs for now and in the future. As this vision progresses, input from the congregation will be needed, but the committee is in its infancy now. 3) Due to some wonderful, talented and hard working members, the Manse and yard have a new face. It is beautiful and I can't thank those dedicated members enough. 4) Watch the **PRESBYTERIAN FLASH** for dates for church and manse yard clean-up. We need to spruce up for the Easter Egg Hunt (Manse) and the glories of Easter Morn (church). Please come, as we need YOU! Are there opportunities for you to serve? Numerous, just contact Betty B!



MEN'S MARCH BREAKFAST

DATE CHANGED FROM MARCH 7TH TO MARCH 14TH

Due to a scheduling problem, we have had to change the men's breakfast from our normal 1st Saturday, March 7th, to the 2nd Saturday, March 14th. We will begin at our regular time of 8AM on March 14th in the E&F building. Our chef is Allen Woods. (He still needs someone to help him. Please call Allen if you can help, otherwise we may only have enough food for half of us!) ALL MEN ARE INVITED. In April we will be back at our regular 1st Saturday which is April 4th. After the March breakfast we will have ONLY 2 more before we take the summer off, so plan on attending.



THANK YOU

Thank you for your warm welcome to the family of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island. Don, Ross, and I are blessed to be a part of this fellowship and we look forward to ministering with you here on Edisto Island.



Peace,
Pastor Ashley



IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Anderson family for their recent loss. Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Lois' sister, Jean Stanley, of Illinois.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Trisha Anderson are former residents of Aiken, SC and both have been coming to Edisto since childhood. Tom was in construction and Trisha owned a Bed and Breakfast for 32 years. They were married in this church 22 years ago. They retired 2 years ago and moved to Edisto. They have a tuxedo cat named Bandit.

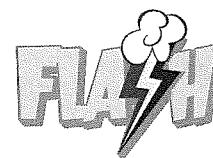
Tom and Drew Weeks grew up in Aiken, SC and have been coming to Edisto Beach since the 1950s. Tom practiced law in Barnwell, SC for 30 years, and Drew taught school at Barnwell High School. Tom retired and they moved to Edisto about 11 years ago. They have a daughter, Shannon Weeks Taylor (Charles), and a son, T. Warren Weeks (Lee Anne).

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The congregation greeted and welcomed our new Pastor, the Reverend Ashley Sanders, her husband Don and son Ross, with a reception on February 15th. Welcome Pastor Ashley!! A big thanks to all who provided food and drink.

We all enjoyed the Annual Oyster Roast and we appreciate the hospitality of Jim and Linda Murray for hosting the event at their beautiful home, Cypress Trees.

Your Session set a goal for 2015 of improving communications among our church family. To help achieve this goal, the Fellowship Committee has begun sending out a weekly email to the congregation; it's called the "PRESBYTERIAN FLASH". The goal is to keep you informed in a timely and informal way of the "happenings" in the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island.



If you haven't received the "PRESBYTERIAN FLASH" in your email inbox, email archiejohnston@hotmail.com and we will add you to the list!

SESSION POINTS OF CONTACT

Administration -- Sam Todd

Building and Grounds -- Betty Bryan

Christian Education -- Ann Robinson

Evangelism -- Sam Lybrand

Fellowship -- Archie Johnston


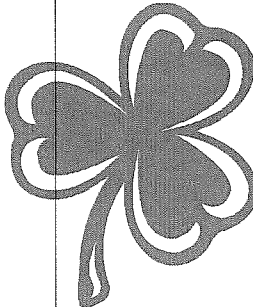
Finance/Treasurer -- Buddy Watson

Missions -- Margaret McCord

Worship -- Dottie Thomas

Clerk of Session -- Betty Bryan

MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship & Communion: 10AM	2 Presbyterian Women 10AM	3	4 Choir 4:30 Lenten Service 6PM Soup and Cornbread	5	6	7 Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon 9AM
8 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM Session Mtg. 11:15 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	9	10	11 Choir 4:30 Lenten Service 6PM Soup and Cornbread	12	13	14 Men's Breakfast 8AM
15 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM	16	17	18 Choir 4:30 Lenten Service 6PM Soup and Cornbread	19	20	21 Yard Sale for Preschool in Omni 7AM
22 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM	23	24	25 Choir 4:30 Lenten Service 6PM Soup and Cornbread	26	27	28
29 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM Palm Sunday  1st Congregational Church of LaGrange Mission Team in Omni	30	31				

PASTOR'S CORNER

Growing up we always had elaborate family Easter Egg hunts in our house. My folks would hide eggs and even our Easter Baskets. Early on Easter Sunday morning we would wake up and search until it was time to go to church. Most years we pretty much found all the treats and went to church with a chocolate buzz. One year, search as I might, I could not find my Easter Basket. I searched high and low and finally, defeated, I went to church.

I remember that Easter Sunday and how sad I was during worship that I had not found my goodie. Church seemed to last forever that day because I knew something new and exciting awaited me at home, but it was not yet mine to have.

In a way, this season of Lent is a bit like my Easter Sunday years ago. There is something new and exciting awaiting us at the end of this journey, but we have to do the hard work of searching to get there. Lent has often been labeled a time of reflection and repentance as we await the resurrection of Christ. As we reflect and repent we search deep within ourselves as we prepare to make that journey to the cross.

There are times I wish we could jump right to Easter and forget the messiness of exploring the deep dark caverns of ourselves and our relationship with Christ. Just like I had wanted my parents to just give in and let me have my basket without doing the hard work. Jesus prayed to his Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Let this cup pass from me." Yet Jesus had to endure the hard work of the passion in order to receive glory.

Lent can be a hard time of year, a difficult journey. Yet I promise that something new and exciting awaits us at the end. Join us on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings as we make our Lenten journey together. Ground your time of reflection in worship and scripture and be lifted up in the fellowship of the church. May we all experience this season as life-giving, even as Christ lays down his own life for us.

Peace,
Pastor Ashley

EASTER LILIES

We will again decorate our church front steps with lilies on Easter morning. This tribute to our risen Lord has been very well received and has become a symbol of the beauty of Easter and our church. The cost for each will remain \$8.00. You can bring checks by the office or mark the check for Easter lilies and drop it in the offering bag. There will be a form in the bulletin to place a dedication. A follow up call to the office would be helpful to insure the gift is properly recorded for the acknowledgment. The last day to order lilies is Palm Sunday, but the sooner you let us know, the better. Thank you for your support. Please pick up your lilies directly after Easter Service.



Hop on over to an Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th at 11AM
The Presbyterian Manse
8257 Manse Road



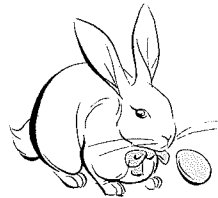
Bring the kids with their favorite baskets and join the fun!

For more information, please contact Jacque at 869-2326 or pcedisto@bellsouth.net

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HELP WANTED FOR EGG HUNT

Once again, the grounds of the Manse will be bustling with bunnies hiding eggs and baking biscuits on Saturday morning, April 4th. If you can be an egg hiding, biscuit baking bunny, please let me know at 869-2326. I could really use your help.



Thanks!
Jacque

THANK YOU

We are so thankful for all the help we have received during Bill's illness. The acts of kindness in bringing us delicious meals, visiting us, sending cards, phone calls, and doing all kinds of wonderful, caring things for us are so appreciated. What a blessing!

Thank you.
Bill and Betty



WEBSITE

Missed a Service? Misplaced *The Islander*? Check out our website www.pcedisto.org to view bulletins, newsletters and more.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Eric Dennis
- 4- Bill Partenheimer
- 5- Marsh Elliott
Jim McCord
- 8- Jim Murray
Linda Kolmar
- 10- Carla Tumbleston
- 11- Jeremy Blomgren
- 15- Betty Bryan
Tom Yeargin
- 22- Billy Hills
- 23- Bill Johnston
- 27- John Roberts
- 29- Mary Bost Howse



PRESCHOOL

Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for all the wonderful stuff you left in the Preschool box! It comes to good use! Also thank you to the Presbyterian Men and Women for your donations to the Preschool!! We are blessed! Can't believe it's already March! Now if it can just start feeling like it!!

Miss Krissy

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women met on February 2 with fifteen members present. After the opening prayer by Moderator Betty Bryan, the Bible lesson was presented by Margaret McCord. It was followed by a discussion on ways we can make God's presence visible in our individual lives and in our world. Hostess Mary Floyd and Dottie Thomas were thanked and prayer partners were chosen.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved. Copies of the budget from 2014 and the proposed budget for 2015 were distributed. The 2015 budget was approved. We were reminded to note information from Thornwell Home that is posted on our bulletin board.

Vice moderator Joyce Lybrand reported that several members of the PW prepared a reception following the memorial service for former member, Helen Williams. Joyce is working with the Fellowship committee to plan a reception for new pastor, Ashley Sanders, and her family which will follow the Worship service on February 15.

Corresponding secretary Beth Foster asked for suggestions of people who might like to receive cards.

The visitation committee reported on those who have been unable to attend services and meetings recently. There is a good communication beginning among these groups. Cards of thanks for Christmas visits to Jean Reid and Olivia Maxon were passed around.

Flower Chair Margaret McCord reported that there are still vacancies on the Flower Chart. She reminded us that only greenery is placed in the church during Lent. June McRoy has volunteered a plant that will be used.

Other items of business were plans for our May Birthday Party with guests from Summerville Presbyterian Home on May 4 and a joint meeting with the women of the Edisto Presbyterian Church which might be a trip to Botany Bay.

Moderator Betty Bryan announced that at our March meeting we will have a shower for our Preschool and we will also stay after the meeting to stuff Easter eggs for the egg hunt on April 4. We need to bring items for the Preschool that are listed on the donation box in the E&F building and small toys, stickers and wrapped candy for the Easter eggs.

We were asked to volunteer to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the Worship Service. The need is for someone to walk the young children to the E&F building after the Children's Time and remain there. Our paid helper, Beverly Brown, would like to attend her own church once a month, so on that day we need two volunteers. Beth Foster and Mary Floyd have agreed to help. However we need more volunteers.



Our meeting closed with the Benediction.

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March 2015

- 2nd - Presbyterian Women 10AM
- 4th - Lenten Services at 6PM followed by Soup and Cornbread
- 7th - Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon in the Omni at 9AM
- 8th - Session Meeting immediately after worship
Daylight Savings Time begins
- 11th - Lenten Services at 6PM followed by Soup and Cornbread
- 14th - Men's Breakfast 8AM
- 18th - Lenten Services at 6PM followed by Soup and Cornbread
- 21st - Yard Sale in Omni to Benefit the Preschool 7AM - 12PM
- 25th - Lenten Services at 6PM followed by Soup and Cornbread
- 29th - Palm Sunday

