

THE ISLANDER

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

LENT 2017 *Stories of Stones*

As we journey together through Lent this year, we will draw upon the rich imagery of rocks and stones in scripture. Powerful images and compelling metaphors invite us to consider our sin in the form of those hard objects and ask if we will persist to hold onto them or are willing to cast them away! Each week we will consider a passage or two, prayerfully meditate on repentance, and cast our stones to the foot of the cross. Join us for this Lenten Journey.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 1st at 6PM

Written in Stone

Exodus 32:1-24

Worship and the Imposition of Ashes

Followed by Soup and Cornbread
in the Fellowship Hall

Lenten Reflections

Stories of Stones

Wednesdays at 6PM

Followed by Soup and Cornbread
in the Fellowship Hall

March 8th

Rejected Stones

Psalm 118 & Mark 12:1-2

March 15th

Sticks and Stones

John 8:1-12

March 22nd

Hearts of Stones

Luke 11:37-52



March 29th

Upon This Rock

Matthew 16:13-20

April 5th

Crying Stones

Luke 19:29-40

PASSING THE PEACE

During our Lenten Services on Wednesday Evenings, we will include the Passing the Peace into our liturgy. In other congregations where we have done this, I used the words, "Since we have been forgiven by Christ, so let us forgive one another" as the words of introduction for this part of worship. And that's what it is - worship. Passing the Peace is not a social hour or time to talk about the weather. It is an intentional act where "people are invited to share signs of reconciliation, unity, and love that come only from God"¹ During Lent, we focus on the ways in which we keep ourselves and others from God's love, ask for forgiveness of those ways, and declare to ourselves and the world Christ's great redeeming grace. There is no better time of the liturgical year to Pass the Peace as we discern and worship together. Please join me in this profound part of worship. We will exchange the words, "*The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you,*" as we extend the right hand of fellowship to others immediately around us.



¹*Book of Common Worship*. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville: 1993. pg. 36

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Please sign up to provide soup and cornbread for the suppers that follow the Lenten services each Wednesday in March. Eight soups and pans of cornbread are needed each week. Also, volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. A chart will be on the front porch on Sundays and in the Fellowship Hall during the week.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Today I sit writing this article as I prepare for the Season of Lent that begins on March 1st but also in reflection of the two funeral services we have just celebrated for the lives of Bill Partenheimer and Pete Blair. Those words we hear on Ash Wednesday resound, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). I am reminded of how very finite, how very human we are. God created us out of the dust, called us into being, and gave us life. The ashes that we will bear on our foreheads are a visible sign that we are no more than mortals; we are born and we die. And, more likely than not, in between we will experience joy and sorrow, good times and bad, sickness and health. During this season of ashes, along with these words of our humanity, let us also hear again the promise that our lives, that time in between dust, are always in the hands of God who is with us in joy and in sorrow, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.

Lent seems a somber, reflective time. And it is. Yet, the story, our story, does not end in Lent. Just as we hear the promise of God with us from Christmas through Lent, we shout the promise of God for us as we end up at the cross, the grave, and the empty tomb. Jesus promises that though we die, yet shall we live! And so I will wear my ashes on Ash Wednesday, not as a sign of defeat, but as a proclamation that I am dust, yet thanks be to God, yet will I live. This is what we declare each time we gather for a funeral. This is where we hope during Lent.

As I remember those that I have loved who have found their way back to the grave, as I mourn the difficult times in life, and as I make ready to begin our Lenten journey, I pray that God will strengthen our hearts and minds through his bountiful love, make us ready to acknowledge our sins and weaknesses, and remove our hearts of stone to create in us hearts and minds ready to hear the words of Christ's forgiveness and acceptance. Though we die, yet shall we live. Amen.

Pastor Ashley

During Lent, the Pastor's Bible study will not meet. Please join us Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the Sanctuary for worship, and afterward for Soup and Cornbread Supper in the Fellowship Hall.

SESSION NEWS

We received new and affiliate members. It is a wonderful pleasure for the Session to meet and welcome members into our fellowship.

There are many ways that members can get involved in the missions of the church. Please attend Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. We are looking forward to enhanced Food Pantry services and to the Preschool "yard sale". Help will be needed. Volunteer, please, as we assist Pantry families and Preschool children.

The Preschool is full. The 2016 financial audit was completed without discrepancy.

RE-CONFIGURATION COMMITTEE

We met the architect mid-February and discussed the conceptual master plan. The committee will review the information and present information to the congregation in late March. Progress!



IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest Christian sympathy to:

The Blair family for the loss of
Pete Blair of Edisto Island, SC.

The Partenheimer family for the loss of
Bill Partenheimer of Edisto Island, SC.

The Rooney family for the loss of
Jim Rooney of Edisto Island, SC

*Please keep these families
in your thoughts and prayers.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

We had a great February Wednesday Night Family Supper. We were greeted with beautiful Valentine decorations by Irene and Rick Ackerman, assisted by Okie Murray. We were then entertained by our own Jim Hyatt, hosting a musical contest: "Name that Tune—If You Can". It was a very competitive event that everyone enjoyed. This congregation knows songs!! Many thanks to Jim!!

We will not hold our Suppers during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service that evening at 6PM. It will be followed by our traditional soup and cornbread supper. **Please volunteer to provide soup and cornbread for our suppers.** We will resume our regular monthly Family Night Suppers on May 10th.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brian and Mary Lee Evans have lived on Edisto for one and one half years. Brian is a retired Attorney and Mary Lee a retired Harpist. They have two children and five grandchildren and enjoy turtle volunteering, gardening and swimming.

Bob Ringer first visited Edisto while dating wife, Jo, in 1973. Since retirement in July, he has at last become a permanent resident. Bob has a son and two granddaughters and enjoys USC sports and working on old houses.

Bill and Carolyn Franklin have lived on Edisto for three and one half years. Bill retired after 30+ years as a CPA and Carolyn as an Administrative Assistant. They have two sons and three grandchildren, and they enjoy gardening, water sports, and reading.



The Presbyterian Women met on February 6 with 19 members present. Vicki George led the Bible lesson, which continues our study of "Who is Jesus?" This month the emphasis was on Jesus through the eyes of the Hebrew people. It helps us focus on encouraging others as we travel our journey of faith.

We thanked our Men's Breakfast Group for a donation which will help in our outreach work.

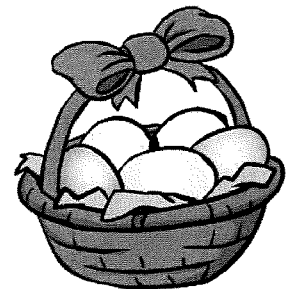
The Women hosted a reception for the Partenheimer family after the Memorial Service on Saturday, February 11. Betty Partenheimer, chair of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, has told us that Bill wore his shawl during his illness and she continues to wear hers.

Plans for the next few months include: At the March meeting, we will prepare the Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on April 15. Please bring individually wrapped candy and toys to stuff after the March meeting. We hope to have an outing to Botany Bay with the Edisto PW sometime in April. In May we will have our Birthday meeting with residents from the Summerville Home.

All ladies in our church are welcomed and encouraged to join us for these events.

HELP NEEDED FOR EGG HUNT

Once again, the grounds of the Manse will be bustling with bunnies hiding eggs and baking biscuits on Saturday morning, April 15th. If you can be an egg hiding, biscuit baking bunny, please let us know at 869-2326. We really need your help.



MISSIONS

Volunteers honored: The Mission Committee honored the volunteers for the Edisto Island Food Pantry with a luncheon in the



E&F on January 26th. All enjoyed soup, sandwiches and desserts provided by the committee and Boochie Fontaine! Special guest was Mr. Terry Acker, who is the Agency

Relations Manager of the Low Country Food Bank. Terry gave an informative talk to us about the Low Country Food Bank (LCFB) and its role in the 10 coastal counties of South Carolina. Since we purchase much of the food for our food pantry from LCFB, it was educational to learn about the many programs provided by LCFB. One is Fresh X-Press that will be introduced to our community this month.

Mr. Acker learned that Edisto Island Food Pantry is unique in delivering food to the families' homes. We explained that by doing this, we are able to find out other needs that they may have and make referrals to other agencies. For example, a leaking roof or broken steps, a call to the Edisto Island Mission Team; no way to get to a medical appointment, to the Good Samaritan Clinic or the Clothes Closet, a call to L.I.F.T. The 42 volunteers for the Food Pantry do make a difference in the lives of those in need on Edisto Island and we value their time and energy in making Edisto Island Food Pantry a success for 19 years.



Fresh X-Press is free produce for island residents! Five pallets of produce will be delivered to our church once a month by Low Country Food Bank and is overseen by Edisto Island Food Pantry. Fresh X-Press is seasonal vegetables grown by local farmers.

The first delivery, Thursday, March 23rd from 1:00PM to 5:00PM, will be located on the walk-way in front of the E&F. One needs to "Pick-up" the produce at the church. Food Pantry Volunteers may deliver some fresh vegetables to their "families", if needed, since many do not have transportation.

Fresh X-Press will be **one** Thursday each month with a sign in front of the church announcing the event at the beginning of that week. For example: **Fresh X-Press - This Thursday 1:00 to 5:00.**



One Great Hour of Sharing: Presbyterians share God's love by giving financially to *One Great Hour of Sharing* to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, to those who are hungry, and to give support to the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

Here at the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island, we will give 90% of our contribution to help communities as they recover from natural or human-caused disasters. We know first hand the devastation caused by hurricanes and flooding that recently occurred in our state. It is a comfort to know that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is helping give financial support and hope for communities to rebuild and repair. Please, consider giving a financial contribution to *One Great Hour of Sharing* on Easter Sunday.

LENTEN SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Readings from the Gospels for the 40 days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Resurrection
Sunday not including Sundays.

S	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Matthew 21:1-11	2 John 12:1-11	3 John 12:12-19	4 Mark 11:12-26
5	6 Matthew 21:23-32	7 Mark 12:1-12	8 Matthew 22:1-14	9 Luke 20:9-26	10 Luke 20:27-40	11 Matthew 22:34-46
12	13 Matthew 23:1-39	14 Mark 12:41-44	15 Mark 13:1-13	16 Matthew 24:15-35	17 Matthew 24:36-51	18 Matthew 25:1-13
19	20 Matthew 25:14-30	21 Matthew 25:31-46	22 John 12:20-50	23 Mark 14:12-26	24 John 13:1-17	25 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
26	27 John 13:18-38	28 Luke 22:24-38	29 Matthew 26:31-35	30 John 14:1-31	31 John 15:1-27, 16:1-4	1 John 16:5-33
2	3 John 17:1-26	4 Matthew 26:36-56	5 John 18:1-18	6 Mark 14:32-72	7 Luke 22:39-62	8 John 18:19-40
9	10 John 19:1-16	11 Matthew 27:27-44	12 Luke 23:26-49	13 John 19:16-27	14 John 19:28-42	15 John 20:1-31

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

(Members/Affiliates/Friends of the Church): John Moseley, Jim Heaton, Caroline Boineau, Betsy Thrash, Jake & Duck Lomas, Newton Hornsby, Bunny Perkins, Sam Lybrand, Sam Todd, Paula Burns, Brenda Hanes, Arlene Rosheim and Vera Klotzberger.

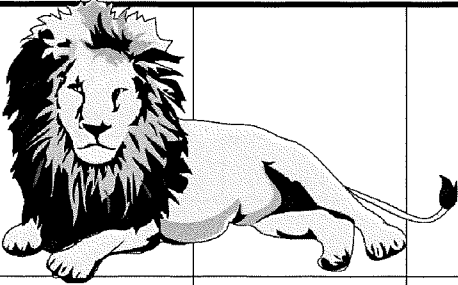
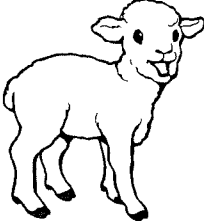
(Friends, Family, and Loved Ones of Church Members): Shelly Myers (Sandra Collins), Samuel DuPree Lybrand (Sam Lybrand), Vivian and Frank Fidler (Betty Partenheimer), Sharon and Mike Eubanks, (Brenda Barnes), Sandra Leshner (Stan and Linda Manus), Joseph Daniel Barteet, Arthur Black, Fran Holcombe, Ryan Nettles (Carla Tumbleston), Ray Fisk, Lamar Godley (Charles Hallex), Joel Mashburn (Joe Low), Luke Herndon (Okie Murray), Will Myers (Pat Moseley), Vivian Good (Weldon Burns), Eleanor Tillman, Susan Braff, Ruth Samuelson, Drew Mims (Maxine Clay), Mac McCord, Katie Budds (Jim and Margaret McCord), Chris King (Buddy and Dianne Watson), Marilyn Myers (Paula Burns), Mott Parker, Eliza Messersmith, Mike Ruff (Bess Kellett), Gordon Locatis, Donald McTeer (Elaine Freeman), Harold Green, Patrick Panzicka (Lois Anderson), William Wowk (Bonnie Lee), Betty Robinson, Michaela Barnes Busch (Ann and Eddie Robinson), JoAnne Ross (Susan Roberts), Ben Whaley (Rick and Irene Ackerman), Dr. Henry Frierson (Dwight Frierson), and Pat Myers (Libba Johnson).

Serving in the Military: Captain Erik Burg, Combat Engineers (Pete Blair), L. Corporal Albert Moriarty, Japan (Janet and David Ronk), and Lieutenant Joe Low, III, Afghanistan.

*Please contact the church office with updates
at 843-869-2326 or pcedistoisland@gmail.com.*



MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Choir Practice 4:30PM Lenten Service 6PM with Soup & Cornbread	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast 8AM
5 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship & Communion: 10AM	6 Presbyterian Women 10AM Home Communion Served	7 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM Session 5PM	8 Choir Practice 4:30PM Lenten Service 6PM with Soup & Cornbread	9	10	11
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19 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM	20	21 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM	22 Choir Practice 4:30PM Lenten Service 6PM with Soup & Cornbread	23 Fresh Express 1PM-5PM	24	25
26 Breakfast: 8:30 SS: 9:00 AM Worship: 10 AM	27	28 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM	29 Choir Practice 4:30PM Lenten Service 6PM with Soup & Cornbread	30	31	

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

LENT:

March 1st is the first day of Lent. During Lent we will replace the *Doxology* with *All Things Come of Thee*, and omit *Alleluias* and the *Gloria*, as is our custom.

Musical Magnets:

In a previous writing I discussed/explained how certain chords [groups of notes] "pull" [like a magnet] the ear to a particular chord or sound. These "musical magnets" are the foundation of Western Music [music based on the half step or semi-tone]. In our system of music the notes have been given names which are as follows: A, B, C, D, E, F and G. After these are used up they repeat endlessly. The first note on a regular piano is A while the first note on an organ is C.

From these 7 note names we have constructed scales, a series of 8 notes in a row from which all chords are based. Let us take the simplest scale of C major. The notes are C, D, E, F, G, A, B, and then C repeats, but this latter one is exactly an octave higher. From this scale we have these chords: CEG, DFA, EGB, FAC, GBD, ACE, BDF, and finally another CEG [an octave higher].

For simplicity, we assign Roman numerals to the chords. CEG is I, DFA is ii, EGB is iii, and so on. Note that some of the numerals are in lower case. This indicates that the chord is a minor chord as opposed to a major chord [the distance between notes is different]. Now, some of our "musical magnets" are as follows: V > I [GBD pulls our ear to CEG]; IV > V > I [FAC pulls us to GBD then it in turn pulls us to CEG]. These are called progressions. Finally, in this very basic explanation, there are "resting" chords which exhibit [sound like] there is little or no PULL to another chord. The I chord is [99.99% of the time] the last chord in a piece of music.

This "magnetism" is a natural phenomenon inherent in the sound waves themselves that make up chords and thereby affect the selection of the progression of chords. Below is an example of the first line of *Blest Be the Tie* with the chord progression indicated below the words. *Blest be the tie that binds*

I-----V-----I-----

We can thank Pythagoras, the great mathematician of ancient Greece, who first experimented scientifically to discover the nature of sound/music. Music was, at that time, considered a Science and it is to him we owe our understanding and gift of music.

Mr. Choir:

Last October I was thinking about the wonderful progress our choir has made over the years. One person came to mind whose love of music rivaled my own. . . Mr. William Parteneheimer. He was on the search committee which chose to call me to serve as Music Director more than 11 years ago. We quickly became friends and I started calling him Mr. Bill. He was at all times very supportive of my efforts with plenty of encouragement all along the way. Mr. Bill was seldom absent from Choir, which he thoroughly enjoyed and seemed to be energized by. He entered the Church singing when arriving for rehearsal and often left the same way. Betty has told me that he was always singing at home. Many told me that he was always singing or humming when they were around him. He was quick to thank me for playing Bach during Church as well as any new piece that he judged to be of a high and noble character...worthy of a worship service.

In December I began to ask around about presenting Mr. Bill with an award entitled MR. CHOIR. The choir unanimously agreed [as did others] to the idea which would include a plaque attesting to his dedication, support and love of the music of the Church.

When Mr. Bill fell ill in January, I visited him in his room and told him of our intentions to honor him and his service to the Church with a plaque and the title of MR. CHOIR. He was pleased.

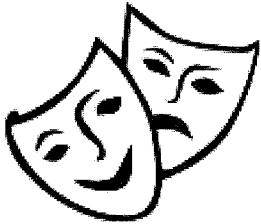
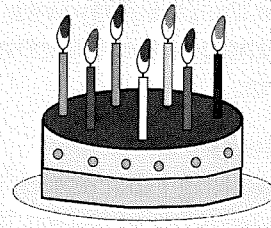
I am honored to have known and worked with him.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 2- Susan Frick | 11- Jeremy Blomgren |
| 5- Marsh Elliott
Jim McCord | 15- Betty Bryan
Tom Yeargin |
| 6- Ed Wylie | 22- Billy Hills |
| 8- Jim Murray
Linda Kolmar | 23- Bill Johnston
27- John Roberts |
| 10- Carla Tumbleston | 29- Mary Bost Howse |



THE EDISTO PLAYERS

The Edisto Art Guild presents The Edisto Players in "Till Beth Do Us Part", a Jones Hope Wooten comedy. Shows at the Edisto Beach Civic Center on Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, at 7:30PM, and on Sunday, March 26, at 3PM. Tickets \$15.00 in advance at The Edistonian, Chamber of Commerce, True Value Hardware or Beachcombers. Tickets at the door \$18.00.

HOLY LAND TOUR

Pray - Learn - Connect
September 18-27, 2017

Join members of our church and the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery on a 10 day journey to the Holy Land. Have close encounters with the land of ancient Judaism and Christianity. Watch the scriptures come to life as you walk through the wilderness and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Experience modern religious traditions as we celebrate Shabbat with Jewish Israelis and walk down the Mount of Olives. \$3,750 per person includes airfare from Charleston, deluxe hotels, all meals, ground transportation, entry fees, expert guides and more. For more information visit www.progressivepilgrimage.com/cap.



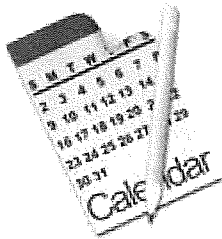
JANE EDWARDS

Did you know that Jane Edwards Elementary School has a basketball team that PCEI supports? The children use the Omni twice a week for practice with coaches Jack DiLuna, Jim Maxon, and Geno Middleton. During the month of February, we hosted 3 games for Charleston County Sports and Recreation so that the kids could have the "home court" advantage. It was great fun for all! Thanks to all who volunteer with this program.



Jane Edwards Elementary School needs volunteers. Can you be a mentor to the children of Jane Edwards? If so, please contact Peter Beck (pbeck4485@gmail.com or 517-398-5506). Peter leads the group, "Friends of Jane Edwards", and the need is great. Please help.

Save The Date!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 10-13, 2017

Children ages 4 and up

Grandchildren, neighbors, and friends are welcome to join us as we

"Journey to Jerusalem!"
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Ashley or Chris Rogillio.

PRESCHOOL YARD SALE

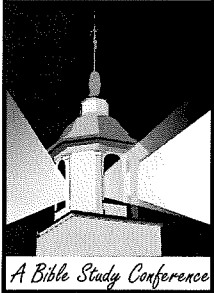
April 8, 2017

Our church sponsored Preschool yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 8th. Please save items that you would like to donate for this worthy cause



and deliver them to the Omni anytime after March 20th. **Please do not bring anything prior to March 20th**, as we have other events in the Omni that require the full space. Contact Mike Atchley if you have any questions or you would like to help!

Light Unto the Island



LIGHT UNTO THE ISLAND

May 7, 2017

We are pleased to announce that Professor Peter Hobbie, recently retired professor of church history at Presbyterian College, will be our guest Bible teacher for this year's edition of Light Unto the Island (LUTI). He is highly regarded by the many future pastors who studied under him and by the many lay Presbyterians who studied church history under him as part of the South Carolina Lay Theology School program. The theme for the day's Bible study will be Paul's Letter to the Romans. The program will begin with breakfast for all on Sunday, May 7, followed by a joint Sunday School class (open to all comers) taught by Dr. Hobbie. The worship service will also be led by Dr. Hobbie. After the service a lunch will be served and our study of Romans will conclude with a final presentation by our guest teacher.

Please make every effort to be part of this year's LUTI study. Romans is a mainstay of the Reformed faith and we will be blessed with a gifted teacher to guide us through the highlights. See you there!

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| | Session Mtg. 5PM | 28th - | Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM |
| 8th - | Choir Practice 4:30PM | 29th - | Choir Practice 4:30PM |
| | Lenten Service 6PM | | Lenten Service 6PM |
| 12th - | Daylight Savings Time Begins | | |
| | Mission Committee Mtg. 11:15AM | | |
| 14th - | Prayer Shawl Ministry 10AM | | |

