



March/April 2024

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Message from the Pastor

Again and Again we have a Beautiful, Terrible Day.

“The grace of God means something like: ‘Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are, because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you.’” - Frederick Buechner

We are in the midst of the Lenten season, earlier than usual with Easter still in March. Through this season at Barbecue, we are reflecting on two different things, “Again and Again,” which is a Sanctified Art worship series and “Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day,” a daily devotional book by Kate Bowler. Sundays we focus on how In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us, but again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward. On our Wednesday book studies we are focusing on almost the same thing, that while the world is broken and can be terrible, there is hope and beautiful things in the midst of it.

In short, during Lent we are invited to “pay attention,” pay attention to the beautiful and terrible things both, pay attention to the ways we reject God over and over but God accepts us anyway.

Barbecue is in a state of transition, and Lent is a good season to pay attention to that as we explore where Barbecue is going. What are the beautiful things about this church? There are a lot of them. What are the terrible things about this church? Maybe there are some things that we just haven't been able to admit. Where is God at work, showing us that “again and again,” God accepts us, and we can move forward. As the “Bridge Interim,” I'm blessed to be with you all in this season as a church, in the Christian life, as we explore the ways we may move forward and where we see God in the midst..

So therefore, I invite you to pay attention, pay attention to where God is in the midst of your life, in the life of this church, and where God may be leading us together.

Events/ Activities

March 12: Deacon's Meeting
6:30 pm

March 19: Food Pantry
10:00 am

March 24: Palm Sunday/Session
Meeting
11:00 am

March 29: Good Friday/Tenebrae
Service
7:00 pm

March 31: Easter services
7:30 am Sunrise Service/11:00
am regular service

April 1: Worship Committee
Meeting
5:30 pm

April 7: Session Meeting
12:00 pm

April 14: Presbyterian Women
Meeting
12:00 pm

Bible Study &
Light Lunch

**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN'S
MEETING**

**MAR 10TH &
APR 14TH**

Presbyterian
Women's

Beginning
March 17th

EASTER

**CHOCOLATE
SALE**

Following
Worship

CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUT
BUTTER EGGS & BALLS
CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTERS
CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Congregational Family

Connie Ahlvers, Pamela Cameron, Shelia Funderburk, Joe Holmes, Peggy Howard, Larry Howard, Betty Pace, Janice Pace, Anne Raber, Helen Rogers, Richard Roller, Jim and Hetty Schaefer, Carolyn Self, Betty Lou Godfrey Thomas, John Wells, and Deborah Womble.

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Richard Angel, Erin Jane Allen, Abena Ampofo and her son Kaison, Ian Bristow, Jarrett Blockwell and Family, Don Cseh, Nathan Davis Clifton, Marlys Daugherty, Will Dixon, Faye Ellis, Valarie Fields, Delores Fuzzell, Gerald Galloway, Jackie Gore, Fran and Roger Ivy, Glenda Johnston, Kim Knowles, Will Manning, Randall McCormick, Anne McDonald, Belinda McGugan, Tim McNeill, Judy McNeill, Kathleen McNeill, Ted McNeill, Jane Morrison, Ladoris Riley, Douglas Robertson IV, Barbara Severin, Robin Thompson, Betty Lou White, DeEtta Wood, Cristian Wood, Jon Woods, and Jim and Teresa Wood

Missionaries

Titus and Kathy Gall



Food Pantry

*The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates the generosity of our congregation in supporting the Food Pantry ministry. There is a collection basket in the narthex to receive any food donations, such as "dry" good foods (i.e. canned foods, cereals, pastas). Food bags are distributed on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our congregation in supporting this program. Our next distribution will be **March 19th & April 16th @ 10AM.** Come early and help with distribution!*



Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership Award

Congratulations to member Sue Holland who was awarded the "Honorary Life Membership" from the Presbyterian Women. Cindy is the Moderator of Presbyterian Women and has been serving in this role for several years. She continues to be a leader in our church and serves as both an Elder and Choir member, and on countless committees through the years. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do here at Barbecue.



Summer Camp Schedule 2024

Age Ranges: Day Camp 6-14 Discovery Camp 8-11
CIT 14-16 Explorer Camp 12-16
Mini Camp 6-8

<u>Week 1: June 9-14</u>	<u>Week 4: July 7-12</u>	<u>Week 7: July 28-August 2</u>
Day Camp	Day Camp	Day Camp
Discovery Camp	Discovery Camp - Night Owls	Mini Camp Session 3
Explorer Camp	Explorer Camp - Night Owls	Mini Camp Session 4
CIT Week 1 of 2		Discovery Camp
Operation Fun		Explorer Camp
	<u>Week 5: July 14-19</u>	CIT Week 2 of 2
	Day Camp	
<u>Week 2: June 16-21</u>	Wet & Wild Travel Camp	<u>Week 8: August 5-9</u>
Day Camp	Beach Camp (NEW 2024)	Day Camp
Discovery Camp		
Explorer Camp	<u>Week 6: July 21-26</u>	<u>Week 9: August 12-16</u>
CIT Week 2 of 2	Day Camp	Day Camp
	Discovery Camp	
<u>Week 3: June 23-28</u>	Explorer Camp	
Day Camp	CIT Week 1 of 2	
Mini Camp Session 1		
Mini Camp Session 2		
Discovery Camp		
Explorer Camp		
Scuba Camp		
(NEW 2024 Ages 10+)		

Provide children the opportunity to experience the thrill of summer camp! Your gift provides camperships and summer supplies! Give now at www.MonroeCamp.org

Register for Camp Monroe at:
www.MonroeCamp.org

We offer scholarships for children at Barbecue to attend Camp Monroe and Montreat in the summertime. Applications are available in the office.

AN INVITATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Members of the Diaconate acknowledging their responsibility of "...sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress." (G-2.0201, *Book of Order*) invite you to inform them of people who because of physical and/or financial limitations...cannot do their own yard or housework; need transportation to and from the doctor's office and/or the grocery store; need food and/or clothing. The deacon who is head usher in a given month will act as the contact person for the Board of Deacons. During the month of March or April if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, Donna Shaw (615) 812-0854.

EASTER FLOWERS

In the past we have had Easter Lilies to purchase for Easter, this year we are switching to Peace plants. There will only be a limited number to purchase (10) and if you are interested, please see Sue Holland.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY



**GOOD TENEBRAE
FRIDAY SERVICE**

MARCH 29 / 7:00 PM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The women of the church will be gathering on Friday, March 17th at 9:00 am and everyone is welcome to come and help as they put together Easter baskets for the underprivileged community children and make chocolate products to sell before Easter.

Please come and help however you can!

A colorful poster for a community event. The background is white with a pattern of colorful, stylized Easter eggs in shades of blue, green, yellow, and pink. A large, dark brown chocolate bunny is positioned on the right side. The text is arranged as follows:

- Top left: "Presbyterian Women's Group" in a pink box.
- Center: "Join us as Chocolatiers Friday, March 17th 9:00 am" in a handwritten font.
- Right side: "Making Chocolate Eggs" in large, bold, green letters.
- Below that: "CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUT BUTTER EGGS & BALLS" in a smaller, all-caps font.
- Bottom center: "Easter Baskets" in large, bold, green letters.
- Bottom right: "Putting together community Easter Baskets" in a smaller, handwritten font.

Birthdays

March 2	Virginia Howsden
March 4	Cindy Warcup
March 7	Isabell Necessary
March 8	Frankie Spivey
March 12	Steve Clabaugh Sr.
March 19	Daniel Cameron, Carla Pace
March 20	Sheila Funderburk
March 24	Mart Thomas
March 26	Brandon Spivey
April 1	Melissa Hinkle
April 3	Jimmy McCormick
April 4	Harriett Holder
April 6	Candy Mainor
April 13	Emily Williams, Jennifer Hege
April 15	Janice Pace, Hetty Schaefer
April 18	Kirsten Morris Wylie
April 19	Sandy Williams
April 28	Boyd Brafford, Jr.



Sanctuary Flowers

Dates Available!

*The 2024 **Flower Calendar** is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Sunday School Office. If you wish to give flowers on a particular date, please sign your name and the name of the person you wish to honor or remember.*



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<http://www.barbecuech1758.org/>