

TRYON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE TRYON TRUMPET

JANUARY 2017
NEW YEAR 2017

Every New Year emerges out of the end of the previous year. New beginnings come from endings. Every new breath comes as we exhale. Every new sight comes as we remove our eyes from another vision. Each year we leave one year and anticipate another, sometimes with sorrow and regret, sometimes with celebration, and sometimes even with dread.

A New Year may sound good, but it's also scary. No one ever knows what tomorrow will bring. Resolutions and dreams are different than bank statements or pathology reports. Images from our imagination are very different from photographs. Yet it is our dreams and imagination that actually energize our future, always. Faith is how we act on our dreams and live our hopes. If "hope is to hear the melody of the future, faith is to dance to it."

So what's going on in your imagination as 2016 ends and 2017 begins? How might 2017 be different from 2016? What

are you going to do? Or not do? Howard Thurman, a prominent African American author, preacher, educator, and civil rights leader once wrote: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." What parts of your life give you energy? Or inspiration? Or a sense of meaning and purpose? I believe that those are the places where God's Holy Spirit is working to call us to new life. Your life is like a work of art; it is created one day at a time. And Jesus wants you to live it abundantly (John 10:10). What would that mean for you in 2017?

Of course, what we do in life is not all up to us to decide. Some things happen beyond our control. But sometimes even those experiences can lead us to new life in unexpected ways.

So whatever is happening in your life right now, perhaps the most important message of the New Year is that we can trust that we are a part of a future

greater than we can ever imagine. As Jeremiah wrote: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). The path may be rocky or smooth, but the future is always open to new possibility. That is the message of Jesus' birth, and life, and death, and resurrection. So have courage and step out. Trust the God who has made all the days of our lives, and all the days we can ever imagine. It is a New Year.

Grace and Peace,

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USHER LIST FOR JANUARY

January 1

10:00 am

Caroline Brown
Susan Woodcock
Rodger Walker
John Hill

January 8

8:30 am

Jim Raney
Ken Shull

11:00 am

Bill Daniel
Jeanie Daniel
Reggie Drake
Dale Drake

January 15

8:30 am

Ralph Keuther
Les Stobbe

11:00 am

Bill Daniel
Jeanie Daniel
Reggie Drake
Dale Drake

January 22

8:30 am

Les Stobbe

11:00 am

Bill Daniel
Jeanie Daniel
Reggie Drake
Dale Drake

January 29

8:30 am

Al Dempsey
Anne Dempsey

11:00 am

Bill Daniel
Jeanie Daniel
Reggie Drake
Dale Drake

Communion Servers - January 1

10:00 am - Hugh & Sally Hursey, Betsy Zeek, Bruce Fritz

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



1 Dot Gwinn
1 David Cornelius
2 Peggy Woodward
2 Grayson Pritchard
5 Lesley Bush
7 Elaine Gilman
9 Carolyn Hicks
11 Reggie Drake
12 Margaret Howe
12 Anne Dempsey
12 Virginia Smith
13 Virginia Graves
16 Rosemary Smith
21 Byron Brewer
21 Jan Impey

22 Marcy Hagen
25 Jim Heelan
26 Dana Motley
31 Al Creasy

1 Ed & Petra Harrelson
6 Tom & Doris Clark



SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY SCHEDULE

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 am with a kick-off event for the new year. On Sunday, January 15, the following classes will begin:

Forum Class

Taught by Dr. Gloria Underwood

For this class I've selected a book by Barbara Brown Taylor. In *Learning to Walk in the Dark* (2014) she teaches us ways to find God in literal darkness and in spiritual and emotional darkness. She explores ways we can let darkness teach us how to walk more closely with God.

Barbara Brown Taylor spent fifteen years in parish ministry before becoming a professor of religion. You may be familiar with one of her earlier works: *An Altar in the World* for which she received the Silver Nautilus Award in 2012 or *Leaving Church*, an earlier memoir for which she received Author of the Year Award from the Georgia Writers Association.

Learning to Walk in the Dark is divided into nine chapters; we will discuss a couple of chapters during each session.

Elective Class

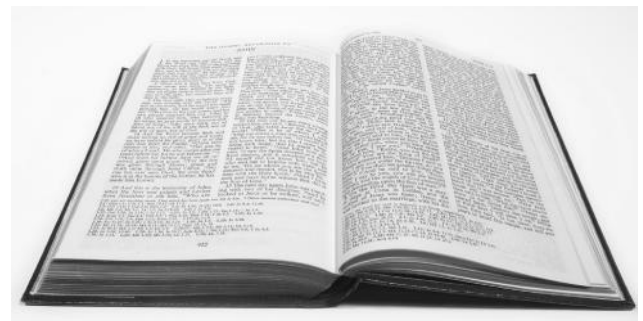
Taught by Donald Hawthorne

I will be basing my presentation on three subjects as follows: The Canon of Scripture: How we came to have the present collection of books of the Bible and why we don't have some others. Translation of the Bible: Why it is important but also why it is so difficult and can never be perfect. Printing the Bible: Gutenberg and the changes that followed, all of which brought the Scriptures to ordinary people.

Bible Study Class

Taught by Betsy Zeek

The topic for this semester will be "Finding God in Genesis." The focus will be a little different as we work our way through the book seeking to find God as Creator, Judge, Covenant Maker, the LORD who sees, the LORD who provides, etc.



STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM ~ CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN 2017! ~

Our church's Stephen Ministry is looking for our congregation members who would like to become a Stephen Minister. We are a caring group of Caregivers. We will be starting a training class beginning the first of the year 2017. If you are interested in knowing about our ministry, please contact Charles Drawdy at 828-817-3893, or Gail Muir at 828-859-2857. We look forward to hearing from you.



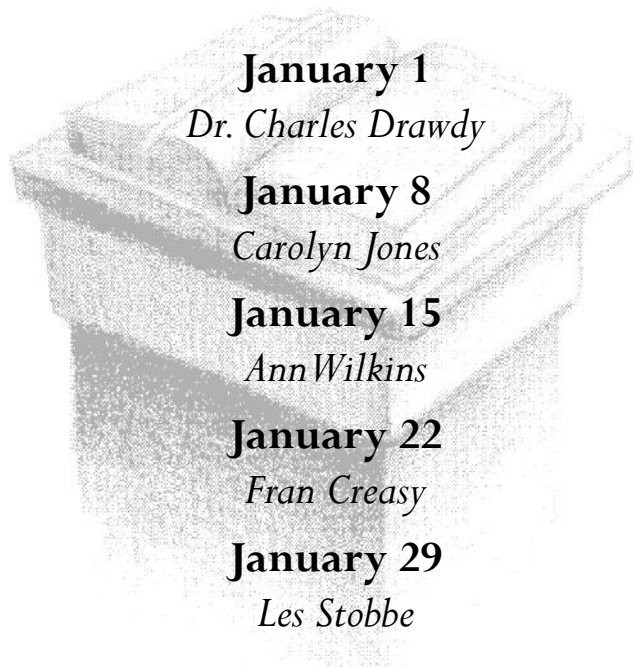
Gail Muir

Stephen Minister Leader

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 4 - 10:00 am Peer Support and Continuing Education (Note new time!)
All Stephen Ministers are asked to please attend.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE



January 1

Dr. Charles Drawdy

January 8

Carolyn Jones

January 15

Ann Wilkins

January 22

Fran Creasy

January 29

Les Stobbe

MEN'S B&B

(Bible and Breakfast)

Thursday, January 5

8:00 am

Fellowship Hall





JANUARY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 2

Lydia Circle 10:30 am
at Tryon Estates Private Dining Room

Sunday, January 8

Glory Girls Circle 6:00 pm
at TPC - fellowship hall

Monday, January 9

Naomi Circle 10:30 am
at TPC - Jones Conference Room

Ruth Circle 3:00 pm
at White Oak Village Lounge

Monday, January 30

Co-Team Meeting 10:30 am
at TPC - Jones Conference Room

as you sit at your desk and work on your balance sheet.

We may prefer to have stability in our daily lives, which makes change a greater challenge. However, we are living in an age of change that comes at us faster than it did 25 years ago.

There is another meaning to the world stable and we find it a lot in Polk County. It is a place to house your horse.

Another stable, or a cave, was used as the birthplace for the most important baby ever born, Jesus. If He is the source of your balance in life, your stability, you are in a good position. Reliance on the Triune God will help you meet the changes that come to meet you on a daily basis.

Proverbs 3:5,6

STABILITY

BY **BETSY ZEEK, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPIRITUAL NURTURER**

The root of the word stability is stable...not likely to change or fail, firmly established. After surgery or an injury, the hospital could report that the patient is in stable condition. The term also shows up in the worlds of finances and politics.

As we mature, stability and balance become more important. One way of improving stability in the workplace is to trade your desk chair in for a stability ball, a very large, firm ball that helps you to work on your balance

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

**Save the Date for
2017 Women's Retreat**

April 21-22, 2017

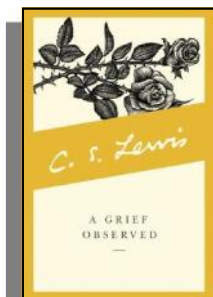
Kanuga Conference Center

(Details coming soon)

SNIPPETS FROM THE LIBRARY / MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

A Grief Observed

By: C. S. Lewis

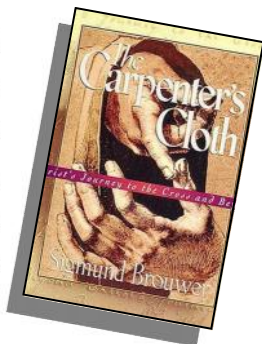


In describing the death of his wife, Lewis writes, “No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.” Lewis was born in Belfast of middle-class Irish and English parents; Helen was from lower middle-class Jewish second generation immigrants, born in the Bronx. Their only similarities were their intelligence and the way they came to Christ. Lewis’ stepson writes, “To understand even a little of the agony which this book contains, and the courage it demonstrates, we must first acknowledge [the] love between them. This book is a man emotionally naked in his own Gethsemane. It tells of the agony and the emptiness of a grief such as few of us have to bear, for the greater love the greater grief, and the stronger the faith the more savagely will Satan storm it’s fortress.”

The Carpenter’s Cloth

By: Sigmund Brouwer

This is a beautiful book. It presents the last days of Jesus’ life before His death on the cross. Bible passages, songs, pictures/paintings, and historical explanations give deeper meaning and understanding to events.



New questions are asked that may not have been considered. The awe and wonder of scenes described with such color and clarity may create a better theater in which to experience God’s journey, and perhaps also, His path for us.

Dissing God: The Myth of Religious Neutrality in a Secular Progressive Culture

By: Wallace Auser

Very applicable, especially in today’s political turmoil, Auser, a practicing lawyer for over 30 years states, “God has as much right to be heard on public issues as does secularism and other non-theistic ideas.” He believes that Christianity provides the best foundation for a civil society to promote quality of life, choice and opportunity for everyone. Just laws require a higher standard on which to base them. “Freedom to make our own standards becomes the vaporous freedom of anarchy, chaos, and meaningless.” He offers the reader suggestions for speaking intelligently and convincingly in presenting ethical or political views based on Christian beliefs.



January 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <p>1 10a Worship</p> <p><i>New Year's Day</i></p> | <p>2 10:30a Lydia Circle</p> <p>Office Closed</p> | <p>3</p> <p>3p Communion at Tryon Estates</p> | <p>4 10a Stephen Ministers</p> <p>6p Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>5 8a Men's B&B 12p Tryon Rotary Club</p> | <p>6 Year End Reports are due</p> <p><i>Epiphany of the Lord</i></p> | <p>7</p> |
| <p>8 8:30a Worship 9:30a SS Kick-Off 11a Worship 6p Glory Girls</p> | <p>9 10:30a Naomi Circle 1p Staff Meeting 2:30p Music/Worship 3p Ruth PW Circle 4p Administrative Committee</p> | <p>10</p> <p>4:30p Square</p> | <p>11</p> <p>6p Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>12 12p Tryon Rotary Club</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Session Meeting</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</i></p> | <p>17</p> <p>12p Thermal Belt Ministerial Assoc.</p> <p>6p Staff Dinner at the Manse</p> | <p>18</p> <p>6p Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>19 12p Tryon Rotary Club</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship</p> | <p>23 1p Staff Meeting 1:30p AAUW</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>6p Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>26 12p Tryon Rotary Club</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 12p Annual Congregational Meeting</p> | <p>30 10:30a PW Co-Team 1p Staff</p> | <p>31</p> | | | | |

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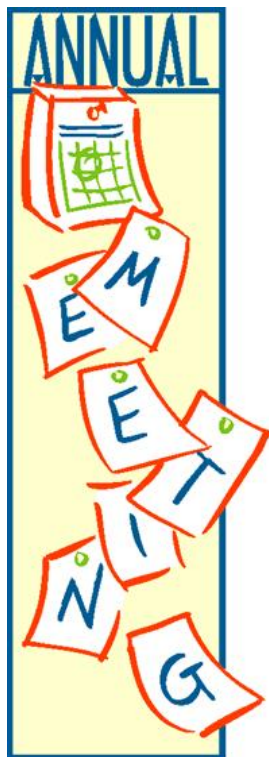
Scott Dadson

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Sunday, January 29
following the
11:00 am Worship Service

Winter Weather Closing Notifications

During the winter months, Tryon Presbyterian Church will notify you concerning any cancellation of worship services by sending an email to the congregation and by posting information on our website. If you do not have email, closing information will also be posted with WSPA-TV channel 7 in Spartanburg, SC.

NOTE: Please use caution in travelling to and from church, especially while walking through the parking lot after a winter storm and especially when the renovation of our sanctuary begins.

Tryon Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who love God and their neighbor.