

TRYON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE TRYON TRUMPET

MARCH 2017

LENT

Ours is a busy world. It is easy to get distracted. Sometimes life is so full we can't keep up with it, and sometimes it feels empty. Traditionally Lent is a time when Christians work to intentionally focus their spiritual lives to gain a clearer sense of God's direction, and help clarify their sense of life's meaning.

Although the season of Lent was not widely practiced until long after Jesus' time, the practices themselves are quite old. Jesus' life is like a template for what it might mean to practice Lent. His experience of temptation in the wilderness is a great example (Matthew 4:1-11). Jesus also regularly stepped out of his daily routines to focus on the presence of God. Lent

lasts forty days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (this year March 1), and ending with Easter (this year April 16).

So how can we use the season of Lent to focus? Many ways. Some people "fast," giving up something that may distract them from God. Traditionally that involved a food like meat, but it could be anything. Some engage in a different kind of service. Some make sacrificial gifts to help those in need. For some a focus on intentional learning is important, perhaps a new class or a retreat. Many engage in prayer, sometimes emphasizing a different form of prayer, perhaps fewer words and more silence. The purpose of any of these practices is to "stretch" our minds and hearts so we might more fully experience God's presence. A part

of the challenge of Lent is for each of us to decide how we might benefit from this time.

Lent is a season of reflection and repentance. A part of the meaning of "repent" is to "turn" to God in order to re-focus our lives. In a way, it's like an opportunity to go to the car dealer and pick out a brand new car and drive it free for 40 days to see if we like it. Lent is like a 40-day trial run in changing our spiritual lifestyle. What will the forty days of Lent look like for you this year?

Grace and Peace,
Dent



USHER LIST FOR MARCH

March 5

8:30 am

*Glenn LeFeber
Bret Diedrich*

March 12

8:30 am

*Jim Raney
Ken Shull*

March 19

8:30 am

*Ralph Kuether
Al Creasy*

March 26

8:30 am

*Betsy Zeek
Rob Leidheiser*

10:00 am

*Caroline Brown
Susan Woodcock
Rodger Walker
Denny Hill*

11:00 am

*Jeanie Daniel
Caroline Brown
Kerry Austin
Dale Drake*

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Communion Servers - March 5

8:30 am - Bret Diedrich, Glenn LeFeber

11:00 am - Larry & Alex Poe, Charles & Ann Wilkins, Fran Creasy

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



3 Pat Fiol
5 Bill Cline
5 Ronnie Osborne
6 Claire Cashau
6 Lila Corpening
7 Sandy Elliot
9 Elizabeth Landrum
11 Gail Wilson
12 Dona Jean Dacey
12 Ann Denton
16 Jon Austin
16 Ruth Sutherin
19 Elizabeth Habel
22 Lee Heelan



24 Marcus Prince
26 Nell Deaver
26 Richard Kennedy
28 Caroline Brown
28 Bryson Nager
29 Bailey Nager
29 Joan Post

18 Charles & Ann Wilkins
20 David & Gail Cornelius
29 Larry & Alex Poe
30 Byron & Betty Brewer

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES DURING LENT

During the Sundays in Lent, all of our adult Sunday School classes will meet together in one class.

The topic for the four Sundays in March is “The Passion Narratives - Alike, but Different.” This study will offer a careful look at the Passion narratives (from Gethsemane through the death and burial of Jesus) in each of the four Gospels. We will focus on one Gospel each week. We will look at the common features in all the accounts, but focus on the distinctive features of the Gospel under consideration each week.

The study will be based on Raymond Brown’s book, *A Crucified Christ in Holy Week*. Handouts will summarize the relevant material from the book for each Gospel.

Leader: Dr. Tom Malone

March 5 - Mark 14:26-15:47

March 12 - Matthew 26:30-27:66

March 19 - Luke 22:39-23:56

March 26 - John 18:1-19:42

STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM

~ CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN 2017! ~

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

10:00 am

Peer Support and Continuing Education

All Stephen Ministers are asked to please attend.

Last Call!

Our church’s Stephen Ministry is looking for our

congregational members who would like to become a Stephen Minister. We are a caring group of Caregivers. We will be starting a training class beginning in March, If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact,

Charles Drawdy
828-817-3893

or

Gail Muir
828-859-2857

GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIPS



As part of our Church-to-Church relationship with El Mesias in Guatemala, Tryon Presbyterian has agreed to annually send \$5,000 to be used to pay tuition, provide uniforms and supplies to area children. Education in Guatemala is mainly the responsibility of parents/community as the teachers and schools receive minimal funding from the government. Over the years, the generous members and friends of Tryon Presbyterian have educated hundreds of these children.

In prior years, Tryon Presbyterian Church has requested members to support the Guatemala Scholarship Fund in the fall. This schedule always seems to conflict with other stewardship events and activities in the life of the church. So, in 2017, the Missions Committee has decided to move up this campaign to begin in **March and run through May**. The committee hopes that making this change will allow more members and friends to support this very worthy cause and not put a budgetary strain on anyone wishing to give. So, please consider this prayerfully and give generously by placing your check in the collection plate with “Scholarships” written on the “For” any Sunday this spring!

A SEASON OF PREPARATION

BY BETSY ZEEK, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPIRITUAL NURTURER

The church calendar gives us two seasons of preparation—Advent and Lent.

Advent is when we remember, and prepare, to celebrate the LORD's first Advent, His coming into His creation as one of us. He came to live, to teach and to die as the perfect, sinless lamb, the perfect sacrifice in payment for our sins.

The second season of preparation is Lent. This time it is a preparation of our hearts to receive, accept or remember the last week of His earthly life when Jesus, the man, would give His life for our salvation. It was a week of joy, distress, anger, compassion, and suffering, all before the cross.

In the long past, this preparation took many forms - 40 days of prayer and instruction before joining the church. This was at a time when being a Christian was not popular and there was frequently a great personal loss - but with an eternal gain.

More recently, it might include classes that lasted up to three years so that the new member was well aware of the call of God and the commitment that it called for.

How to prepare in the world of today? Sacrifice your most valuable thing, your time, and spend part of the day reading a special Lenten devotional or the passages in the gospels that deal with the week from the Triumphal Entry to the Resurrection. Add some more minutes to your prayer time to ask Him to move in your heart in a special way this Season of Preparation.

TPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

"The Resurrection Promise: Community of Hope"

Join us for fun, fellowship, and spiritual nurture

at the

Tryon Presbyterian

Women's Retreat

April 21-22, 2017

at

Kanuga

Conference Center



Lynn Bledsoe will facilitate this year's retreat. Lynn was ordained (PCUSA) in 2002 to ministry with older adults. Through that ministry she and Reverend Mary Porter co-founded the non-profit organization, *Ruth and Naomi Senior Outreach*, affectionately known as "Two

Harps and A Dog." Along with a cadre of volunteers and one standard poodle, they ministered to the elderly by playing the harp. This experience led them to explore *meaning-making in the second half of life* - for themselves and others. Lynn is a certified leader for Sage-ing International and is equipped to share in the art of conscious aging with others. Lynn and her husband Bill moved to Asheville in 2013 and Lynn served for two years as a visitation pastor at First Presbyterian.

Brochures with registration have been mailed. If you have not received one, please contact Susan Speight (828-894-6511) or scspeight@windstream.net



LITURGIST SCHEDULE

MARCH SCHEDULE

Monday, March 6

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

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

Sunday, March 12

- *Gifts of Women Sunday* -
Glory Girls Circle 6:00 pm
at TPC - fellowship hall

Monday, March 13

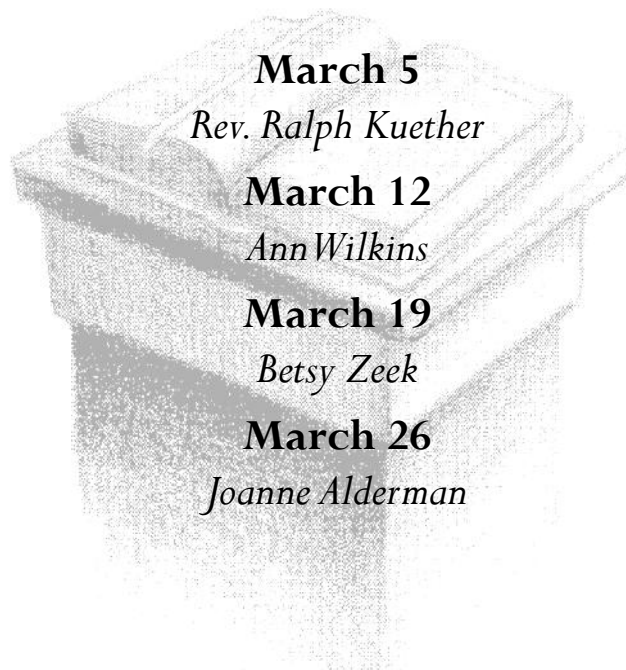
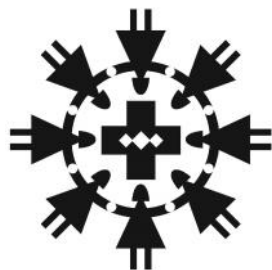
Ruth Circle 3:00 pm
at White Oak Village Lounge

Monday, March 27

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

GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 12, the Presbyterian Women will be hosting a special service, “**Celebrating the Gifts of Women.**” Sandy Sibley, PW Moderator, will speak on being “Called to Serve.”



March 5

Rev. Ralph Kuether

March 12

Ann Wilkins

March 19

Betsy Zeek

March 26

Joanne Alderman

MEN'S B&B

(Bible and Breakfast)

Thursday, March 2

8:00 am

Fellowship Hall

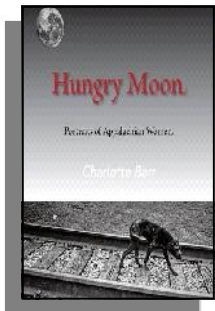


SNIPPETS FROM THE LIBRARY / MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

Hungry Moon: Portraits of Appalachian Women

By: Charlotte Barr

Having been inspired by Father Howard Bishop, a group of convent sisters left to “realize the powerful good coming from living the collective experience of their identity with nature.” Father Bishop said the great gifts of the rural people would be important to the sisters, and they could become one in faith. Charity and conversion of the people had been the sisters’ mission from 1940-1967; then the focus shifted. Impoverished, powerless people, and the environment in which they lived, were up against giant corporations with lots of money. The sisters became impoverished with the people, eventually empowering them, forming communities of action and understanding. Government and God, maybe not at the same time, are overwhelmingly involved. True accounts of Appalachian women, their personal expressions graphically expressed in words and photographs, provide lessons for those of us willing to listen.

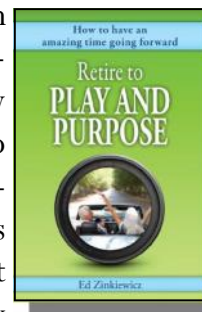


-earth approaches for helping hurting people. As the Scripture suggests, there are right and wrong ways of helping. Good intentions, however heartfelt, may instead be hurtful to the recipient. Dr. Haugk considers how words and actions can effect others and gives ideas of what to say and do, and what not to say and do.

Retire to Play and Purpose: How to have an amazing time going forward

By: Ed Zinkiewicz

When changing anything a positive outcome requires preparation. Preparing to retire is no exception. Lack of preparation can pose any number of obstacles - too much time, loss of importance or status, or having a previously loved activity become not so exciting anymore - are examples. “I’ve even heard rumors that some people actually get tired of golf! I know that may sound absurd to some, but there you have it: I’ve heard rumors.” Retirees want to feel worthwhile and to have a purpose in life. This very practical guide discusses common concerns and offers helpful ideas for making a personalized retirement guide including suggestions for detours along the way. Individuality in planning for, and living in, retirement is stressed. A useful website and appendices are given.



Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering

By: Kenneth Haugk

Proverbs 25:20 “Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” Using his own personal painful experiences and researching thousands of other individual accounts, Dr. Haugk provides down-to-



The complete 12 volume set of New Interpreter’s Bible has been donated to the library by Donald Hawthorne. TPC thanks Don for this generous gift!

March 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 10a Stephen Ministers 11:30a Ash Wednesday Service 6:30p Choir Rehearsal <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	2 8a Men's B&B 12p Tryon Rotary Club	3	4
5 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	6 10:30a Lydia Circle 10:30a Naomi Circle 1p Staff 7p Community Chorus	7	8 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 9a Youth Event Move Clocks FORWARD before bedtime
12 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Glory Girls Circle <i>2nd Sunday in Lent Gifts of Women Sunday</i>	13 1p Staff 3p Ruth Circle 7p Community Chorus	14 4:30p Square Study	15 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	16	17 3:30p Youth Event	18 7:30a Youth Event
19 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:30p Session <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	20 1p Staff 7p Community Chorus	21 12p Thermal Belt Ministerial Association	22 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 8:30a Worship 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Youth <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	27 1p Staff 7p Community Chorus	28	29 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	30	31	

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Class of 2019

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Les Stobbe



MARCH YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 5

Cookout at TPC

6 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 11

Thermal Belt Outreach Firewood Program

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, March 17

Children's Theater Festival Set-Up

3:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 18

"Super Saturday"

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 26

Dinner and Movie

6:00 - 8:00 pm

PYPS SCHOLARSHIP

Anyone interested in applying for a PYPS/Church Scholarship should pick up instructions and application form from the church office. Please remember that the completed form must be returned by April 15th.

Zereta Lloyd

PYPS Chair

Tryon Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:
To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who love God and their neighbor.