

The background of the entire graphic is a photograph of three crosses on a dark, silhouetted hill. The sky is a vibrant mix of purple, pink, and orange, with a bright sun setting on the horizon over a body of water. The crosses are black and stand out against the colorful sky.

IN HIS GREAT MERCY

he has given us  
**new birth** into a  
**living hope**  
through the resurrection  
of **Jesus Christ...**

1 PETER 1:3, NIV



# The Church Mouse



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## Chatting with Charlie – March, 2015

As you read this we will have celebrated Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. As Holy Week progresses we will remember Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples on Maundy Thursday prior to His death on the Cross on Good Friday. And then we will celebrate the most glorious day of the year, Easter Sunday.

The meaning of Easter is twofold. First, Jesus lives; and second, Jesus is Lord. "Jesus lives." He is not simply dead and gone. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, has raised Him to God's right hand and has made Jesus one with God. This meaning is expressed in John's gospel when the risen Jesus appears to Thomas, who exclaims "My Lord and my God!" "Jesus is Lord" is the constant affirmation of the New Testament. God has vindicated Jesus, said "Yes" to Jesus and "No" to the powers that killed him.

Easter celebrates not only the resurrection of one man, but the resurrection of the whole human race. Jesus is the new perfect humanity. By proclaiming his resurrection now, the whole human race is invited to walk in newness of life with him. We can all put our old sinful, selfish humanity behind us and put on Christ's new humanity.

Paul lists its characteristics as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). He echoes Christ's list of poor in spirit, remorseful, humble, hungry and thirsty for justice, merciful, pure in heart, peaceable and willing to suffer for what's right (Mt 5:1-10).

It has been written, "You won't find Jesus in the land of the dead. He is still with us. The powers killed him – but they couldn't stop him. They crucified him and buried him in a rich man's tomb. But imperial execution and a tomb couldn't hold him. He's still loose in the world. He's still out there, still here, still recruiting people to share his passion for the Kingdom of God – a transformed world here and now. It's not over."

Easter is about participating in what we see in Jesus Christ, our living Lord and Savior. May we focus on being His new creations as we seek to obediently glorify God and walk by faith as guided by the Holy Spirit during this Easter season and forevermore. Amen.

Your brother in Christ,  
Charlie



**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 2nd**  
**Soup & Bread Supper: 6:00 PM**  
**Service with Holy Communion: 7:00 PM**  
**Contact Betty McEuen if you'd like to help with the supper. 245-9412**



**Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion**  
**April 5th 10:30 AM**  
**Fellowship follows at 11:30 AM**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF STATED SESSION MEETING March, 2015**

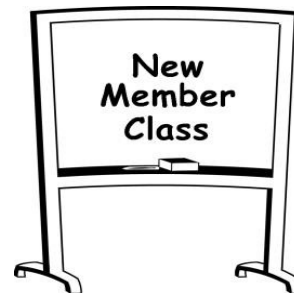
- We are in the process of updating our membership roll.
- A new lawn service and contract for the service was approved.
- A plaque was placed near the camellia bush in honor of Gertie Parise by the Ocala Garden Club.
- Fellowship hosts are covered through Easter.
- We are sponsoring Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School Day on Friday, May 15.
- We voted to allow a representative from LOVE, INC to use our facilities, during Church office hours with the purpose of them helping their clients sign up for help.
- After the meeting, we participated in an informal discussion with three representatives from Churches within the Presbytery, to communicate with them of what we are doing within the Church for our members, within the community and within the Presbytery. All Churches within the Presbytery will be participating in similar discussions.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle, Clerk of Session

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

If you have been attending Weirsdale Presbyterian Church, we would love to have you join our church family. A class for new active and affiliate members will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning, April 11th, with new members being received on Sunday morning, April 19th.

If you are interested, please talk to Elder Betty McEuen at 245-9412 or Pastor Charlie at 821-0055.



## CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, March 14th, was a church work day. Did you notice how clean the walk-ways and the fencing are? Also the Church Library is no longer a “catch-all” place for miscellaneous items. It is cleaned out, organized and ready for your enjoyment. Other projects included the general cleaning of the church and Douglas Hall. We sure appreciate all the people who came out to help.



Eleven workers were rewarded with a delicious lunch of sloppy joes, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw and cold drinks.

Also, thank you to Sam Redding for the application of herbicide to the orange grove. Sam does this every year at no cost to the church—just one more person caring for God’s house and grounds to show their love and dedication.

## CRAFT BAZAAR MEETING

We are meeting every other Saturday at 9:30 AM to work on our crafts in the craft room downstairs in Douglas Hall. Those who don’t craft can help by packing and labeling crafts from our last show.



Upcoming meetings will be March 28th, April 11th & 25th.

Come enjoy the excitement and creativity!

Elaine Rumpel 821-0055

## PROJECT: WPC COOKBOOK

Weirsdale Crafters are creating a new church cookbook full of Weirsdale Presbyterian Church recipes.



This will be ready to sell at our upcoming Craft Fair on November 13th. Please gather your favorite recipes and turn them in to Diana Harris. If you are leaving for the summer, try to get

them to her **BEFORE** you go.

Diana Harris’s email address is [tashamarie770@aol.com](mailto:tashamarie770@aol.com).


You can also turn them into the office or mail them to the post office box and Linda will make sure Diana gets them.

## Lost & Found



There is a new  
Lost & Found Box  
in the Narthex.

Please check it periodically as you are coming or going.



He has  
given us a new  
birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ  
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

**COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE  
REPORT**

<b>January, 2015</b>		<b>February, 2015</b>	
Total Individuals:	867	Total Individuals:	623
Number of Households:	340	Number of Households:	258
Equivalent:	7803 meals	Equivalent	5607 meals
Children 0-17:	227	Children 0-17	140





The sewing group which makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops stationed overseas is meeting in Douglas Hall on the second and fourth Mondays each month. April meetings will be on the 13th & 27th.

Your help is needed no matter what level of skill you have. Some tasks include cutting, sewing, and crocheting.

Diana Harris coordinates sewing sessions at church and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. She can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

## God Bless America



Receiving news from our troops is always a heart warming experience. They love the ditty bags and Christmas stockings that are put together with such care and love for them, and they return their gratefulness with wonderful letters. Here is one from Spring, 2014.

*Dear Volunteers,*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart, so much, for your gifts, your thoughts and your wishes. I will pay it forward once I get home.*

*I wish you the best this upcoming new year.*

*Thank you for everything. HOOAH!*

*CPT Isuaia Giverren*

*(Signature difficult to read)*

*Greetings from Afghanistan!*

*The platoon and I appreciate the care package you sent. The "ditty bag" arrived in time to bring the goodies on mission to help us stay awake during our long days.*

*Thanks again.*

*SPC Brian Wunderlich*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Renee & Chuck Owens, may they find healing, strength and peace.
- Dylan Cordle who is recovering from surgery to his ankle.
- Sandy & Dick Hendren for peace and healing
- Donna & Lee McNutt for peace and healing



For further prayer requests, contact the following:  
Ann Myers 352-653-3319  
Robbie Bourque (H) 352-391-9538 (C) 352-350-3750

## PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request, please call **Ann Myers** at 653-3319 or **Robbie Bourque** on her cell at 350-3750 or at home at 391-9538.

Also, if you would be interested in helping on the prayer chain, call either Ann or Robbie and let them know.



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

Al Bunce  
1626 Bay Meadows Lane  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Gene Pratt  
3131 TCU Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32817

Eleanor Redding  
P.O. Box 96  
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Marilyn Smith  
15020 SE 140th Ave. Rd.  
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## GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The forms for **Altar Flowers** are in the Narthex. If you are so moved to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday service, please fill out a form and return it to the office or put in the collection plate on Sundays. The flowers are only \$25.00 and add to the beauty of the sanctuary and service.
2. The **Love INC** gas cans are always conveniently located in the Narthex and Douglas Hall so you can drop your change in them as you are coming or going. The little amounts that you leave are make such a big difference to those in need of your help.
3. The first Sunday of each month is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Please put your items in Douglas Hall in the designated area. They are always in extra need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, applesauce and personal toiletries.

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**Our Mission:**  
**Bring People to Christ**  
**Develop our Discipleship**

## Dates to Remember

Apr 1, Small Group, 2:00 PM  
Apr 1, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 PM  
Apr 1, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Apr 2, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM  
Apr 2, Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, 6:00 PM  
Apr 2, Maundy Thursday Service & Communion, 7:00 PM  
Apr 3, GOOD FRIDAY  
Apr 4, DEACONS Meet  
  
Apr 5, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
Apr 5, EASTER Sunday Worship & Communion, 10:30 AM  
Apr 5, Food Pantry Sunday  
Apr 5, Fellowship, 11:30 AM  
Apr 7, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM  
Apr 8, Small Group, 2:00 PM  
Apr 8, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 AM  
Apr 8, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Apr 9, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM  
Apr 11, Crafters, 9:00 AM  
  
Apr 12, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
Apr 12, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM  
Apr 12, Fellowship, 11:30 AM  
Apr 13, Sewing Group, Operation Shoebox, 9:00 AM  
Apr 14, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM  
Apr 15, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 AM  
Apr 15, Senior Singles, 5:00 PM, Place TBD  
Apr 15, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Apr 16, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM  
  
Apr 19, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
Apr 19, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM  
Apr 19, Fellowship, 11:30 AM  
Apr 19, SESSION Meets, 11:45 AM  
Apr 21, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM  
Apr 21, DEADLINE-Newsletter Announcements, 12:00 PM  
Apr 22, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 AM  
Apr 22, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Apr 23, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM  
Apr 25, Crafters, 9:00 AM  
Apr 26, Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
Apr 26, Sunday Worship, 10:30  
Apr 26, Fellowship, 11:30 AM

Apr 27, Sewing Group, Operation Shoebox, 9:00 AM  
Apr 28, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM  
Apr 29, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 AM  
Apr 29, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Apr 30, Women's Bible Study, Douglas Hall, 10:00 AM

**Check Us Out—Keep in Touch!**  
[www.weirsdalepresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.weirsdalepresbyterianchurch.org)  
[weirsdalepres@gmail.com](mailto:weirsdalepres@gmail.com)

### Love INC

Help with bills, housing, clothing and food  
Monday—Thursday: 9 AM to Noon  
352-245-8774 or 352-245-5632

### Community of Gratitude

Emergency Food Pantry  
Tuesday 10AM to Noon  
Thursday 1PM to 3PM  
Saturday 10AM to Noon  
352-288-3499

**PRAY for  
the Military**

