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The Church Mouse



Chatting with Charlie – April, 2015

As I write this Elaine, Streeter and I are preparing to head out for a beach vacation near Tampa. We look forward to some time for rest and relaxation and to reflect on life and our walk with the Lord. On Sunday, May 3rd, Rev. Don Clarke will be leading worship.

Looking ahead to May we will be celebrating the festival of the ascension of our Lord on Sunday, May 17th. *Ascension Day* is observed on the fortieth day after the resurrection (the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter), or on the Sunday following. Presbyterian theology places great importance on the ascension of our Lord. If Christ has ascended, then Christ's word rules the world as well as the church. If Christ has ascended, then there are no other rulers—all others are merely pretenders. Christ reigns supreme. With the raising of Christ to a position above all worldly powers, the earthly ministry of Christ that began at Christmas's incarnation now concludes.

The following Sunday we will celebrate the *Day of Pentecost* which is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It is when God gave the Church the gift of the Holy Spirit to draw us together as one people, help us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empower us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ. We are the body of Christ—the Church.

Then on *Trinity Sunday* we will celebrate the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God. The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we were baptized. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of our triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers—we pray to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds the central place in our faith. We will also be recognizing the 3 Boy Scouts and their parent mentors who faithfully completed the God and Country program with me. The scouts will serve as our liturgists that day.

It will be an exciting time of worship and fellowship. May the Peace of God with you until we meet again.

Your brother in Christ, Charlie

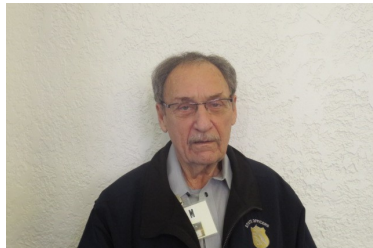
HIGHLIGHTS OF STATED SESSION MEETING April, 2015

- We welcomed three new members into the life of our Church.
- It was approved to move forward with the repainting projects around Douglas Hall.
- Stanton Weirsdale School will need volunteers to help with their celebration on May 15th.
- A new usher schedule is being planned.
- We approved a new lease agreement for Xerox to provide a printer/copier/scanner for the Church office beginning in May.
- Love, INC accepted our proposed guidelines for them to use our building periodically for their client sign ups.
- Charlie will be on vacation from April 26th through May 6th. Rev. Don Clarke will lead worship on May 3rd.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle, Clerk of Session

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members Jim Bowers and Walt and Pam Roland were received into our church family on April 19th.



THANKS TO THE LADIES!

Hats off to the ladies who provided soup and cornbread for Maundy Thursday supper! Your soups were delicious and appreciated.

Those ladies include:

Mary Ann Correll—Taco Soup

Ann Myers—Corn Chowder

Pam Roland—Mixed Bean Soup

Marie Beeler—Cheese Broccoli

Diana Harris—Chicken Noodle

The Fellowship Committee furnished the crackers and bread.

A great time was had by all!

Betty McEuen





Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School Day

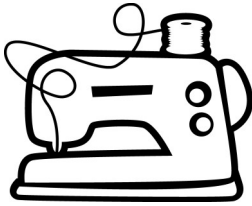
Again this year, we are the sponsor of this event which will be held on Friday, May 15th, beginning at 9:00 am. There will be lots of fun, games and food both inside and outside including popcorn and cotton candy for kids of all ages.

We have been asked to provide the following food for 100 people: green salad and salad dressings; baked beans and other side items, hamburger rolls and of course various desserts (but no Jell-O or whipped cream). We also need 6 volunteers to set up the buffet line and keep an eye on things. Lastly we need 2-3 volunteers to lead the “guessing games”. All of our activities are inside, and the food and the volunteers need to arrive by 9:30.

Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School is only a “stone’s throw” from the church right off Highway 42 so it is easy to get to. The dedicated staff and students always look forward to community volunteers coming. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Linda at the church office (821-2757) to let us know how you would like to help out.

Thanks for caring about our kids.





FABRIC For OPERATION SHOEBOX

The sewing group that makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for the troops needs fabric. Anything printed or plain is acceptable—even bed linens. Bring your donations, and we will get them to Diana Harris for distribution to the cutters and sewers.

SEEKING TTO VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday Time Out is looking for people who would like to COOK for 40 to 90 people any Tuesday throughout the year. We are not asking for a permanent or regular volunteer but for someone who might enjoy cooking on occasion. There is no expense to the chef, and there will be assistants to help.

Please contact Gary at 561-929-6210 to pick a Tuesday and plan the menu.

Tuesday Time Out will take a break for the month of August.



CRAFT BAZAAR MEETING

The Crafters are meeting every other Saturday at 9:30 AM to work on the 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 May 16th & 30th. Come enjoy the excitement and creativity!

Elaine Rumpel 821-0055



PROJECT: WPC COOKBOOK



Diana Harris continues to collect your recipes for the new church cookbook being published for the Craft Bazaar in November. She currently has about 120 recipes and could use more for appetizers, breads and salads.

She would love to include your favorites so email them to her at tashamarie770@aol.com or send them to the church office.

Mid October is the deadline for receipt of the recipes but don't procrastinate—send them now!

COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE REPORT

March, 2015

Total Individuals	724
Number of Households	304
Equivalent:	6516 meals
Children 0-17:	170
Seniors 60 +	166

The Lost & Found Box is now in the Narthex.
Please check it periodically as you are coming or going.





The sewing group which makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops stationed over seas is meeting in Douglas Hall on the second and fourth Mondays each month.

The group is taking a break and will not be meeting in May.

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.



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,

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

Hello my name is Travis and I am currently deployed in Kabul Afghanistan. My office (Foreign Military Sales) received a bunch of care packages from Operation Shoe Box. I just wanted to thank you so much! Every little bit of support we receive really brightens our days, especially over the holidays! From all of us here, Happy New Year's, Thank you and God Bless!

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*Travis Kennebeck, Capt, USAF
RS HQ, Kabul AFghanistan*



*There are no prayer requests for the prayer chain at this time.
Pray for continued peace and good health amongst all God's children.*

For 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.
Weirsdale, FL 32195

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

May 2, Deacons Meet, 9:00 AM
May 3, Sunday Worship (Rev. Don Clarke) with
Holy Communion, 10:30 AM
May 3, Fellowship after Worship, 11:30 AM
May 5, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall
May 6, Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
May 6, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
May 7, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall

May 10, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
May 10, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
May 10, Fellowship Mother's Day Breakfast, 11:30 AM
May 12, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall
May 13, Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
May 13, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
May 14, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall
May 15, Stanton Weirsdale Fun Day, 8AM
May 16, Crafters for Craft Bazaar Meet, 9:30 AM

May 17, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
May 17, Fellowship after Worship, 11:30 AM
May 17, Session Meets
May 19, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall
May 19, DEADLINE Newsletter Announcements
May 20, Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
May 20, Senior Singles, 5:00 PM, Douglas Hall
May 20, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
May 21, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall

May 24, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM
May 24, Fellowship **POTLUCK**, 11:30 AM
May 25, MEMORIAL DAY—Office is closed.
May 26, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall
May 27, Choir Practice, 4:30 PM
May 27, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM
May 28, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall
May 30, Crafters for Craft Bazaar Meet, 9:30 AM

May 31, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM Including
Boy Scouts God & Country Recognition
May 31, Fellowship, 11:30



MAY 10TH

Check Us Out—Keep in Touch!
www.weirsdalepresbyterianchurch.org
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**

