



March 6: **Ash Wednesday:**
6PM Soup & Bread Supper
7PM Ash Wednesday Service

April 14: **Palm Sunday**

April 18: **Maundy Thursday**
6PM Soup & Bread Supper
7PM Maundy Thursday Service

April 19: **Good Friday**

April 21 EASTER SUNDAY



The Church Mouse



March, 2019

Walking with Walter



Greetings one and all! It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of March. It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas, the New Year, Valentine's Day. and on March 6 we begin the season of Lent by celebrating Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for us to examine ourselves and to draw nearer to God. Many people, during Lent, give up certain things. Others use this time for prayer and fasting. There are also those who use Lent as a time for reflection, confession and prayer. Whichever way you seek to remember the season of Lent, it is important to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.

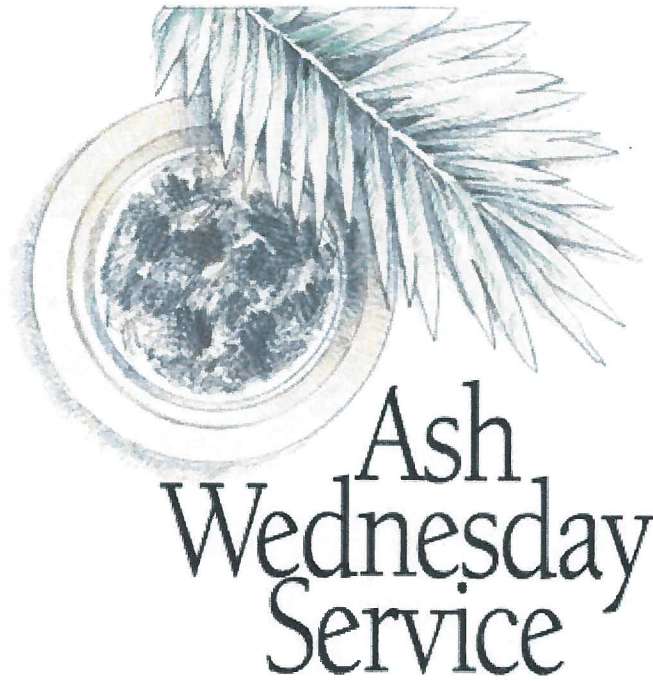
On Wednesday, March 6, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday here at Weirsdale Church. It will begin with the soup supper at 6:00 and the actual service at 7:00. The worship service will last probably about 30 to 45 minutes, and we will have the imposition of ashes. This is a service that is open to everyone and I hope that you will make plans to be a part of this worship time.

Our committees have been very busy this year. I hope all of you have had a chance to look at the display tables that are in Douglas Hall. As you can see by the display tables, the committees have done a great deal of work to show you what's going on. These displays are there so that you will know some of the ministries that our church does. Because we have such active people, it seems as if something is going on here all the time.

I am proud of all of you. You all are a church who seeks unity and peace in our fellowship with one another. That is so important for any church to be able to share the love of Christ amongst themselves. Whenever there is controversy, often it leads to division which is not glorifying to God. That is what makes me happy to be your pastor because you all seek to love one another. There have been churches that I have served, which every time I turned around there was someone who stirred up trouble. Thankfully, at least presently, we are blessed to be such a friendly church.

I'm also proud of you for inviting your friends to attend here at Weirsdale. Each Sunday as I look out on the congregation, I am seeing people that I've not seen before. Since the beginning of this year, due to your enthusiasm, we are averaging around 100 each Sunday morning. Many times, I've been told that it's because of me that this is happening. While I do agree in a sense, nothing happens without you asking others to come. You deserve to be praised for your efforts. So from the bottom of my heart, I praise God for each and every one of you!

DR. WALTER G. LASETER is available for pastoral care and can be reached at 352-598-5767.



WEDNESDAY, March 6

6:00PM Soup & Bread Supper

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship

2019 HARVEST HAPPENINGS CRAFT BAZAAR

Debbi McCloskey is organizing Harvest Happenings for the Fall of 2019.

Crafters are needed for the many craft projects. The group is meeting on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month from 9AM to noon in the craft room downstairs in Douglas Hall. Debbi can be reached at 330-461-4286 for further information.

Here is an **updated** list of items requested for the Harvest Happenings Craft Fair:

Glass Blocks

Fan Blades

Glass Jugs/Jars

Old Windows

Denim Jackets

Wood Pieces

Old Furniture

Old Iron Skillets

Ice Skates

Wooden Spindles

Coffee Cans

Tin Cans

Paint

Picture Frames

Paddles & Oars

Cutting Boards

Used Large Paint Brushes

Solid Bricks (no holes)

Christmas Decorations

Christmas & Decorative Ribbon

Jewelry

Yarn—orange & apple red (Fall Colors)

Antlers

Outdoor Candy Cane Sidewalk Lights

Old Fashioned Christmas Light Bulbs

Decorative Pumpkins

Shepherd Hooks





Boy Scout Sunday with the spaghetti dinner was wonderful as always. The scouts did a remarkable job leading our worship service! The spaghetti dinner was excellent, and you could not beat the price of \$5.00!! The scouts sold 4000 tickets and out of that, 2108 meals were served. In the allotted time frame, that was a meal every 6.8 seconds!! We are already looking forward to February 2, 2020!

Unfortunately there is not enough room to recognize all the parents and friends who work hard each year to put this event together, but let it be known that the kitchen at Douglas Hall and the carry-out tent and scout hut were all buzzing with people working for the scouts. Thank you to all!

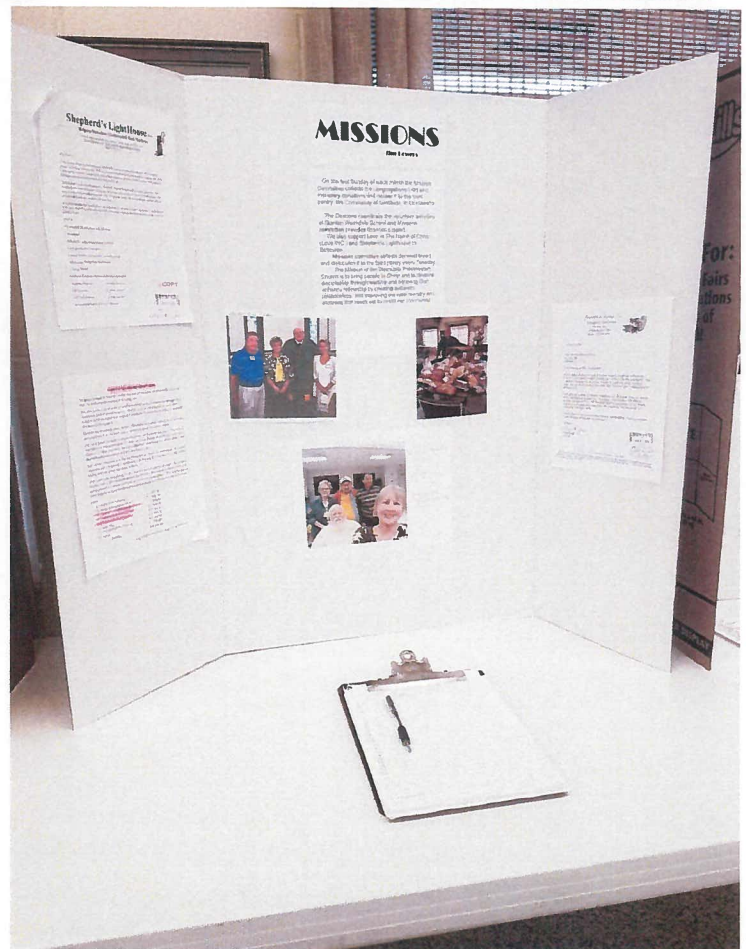
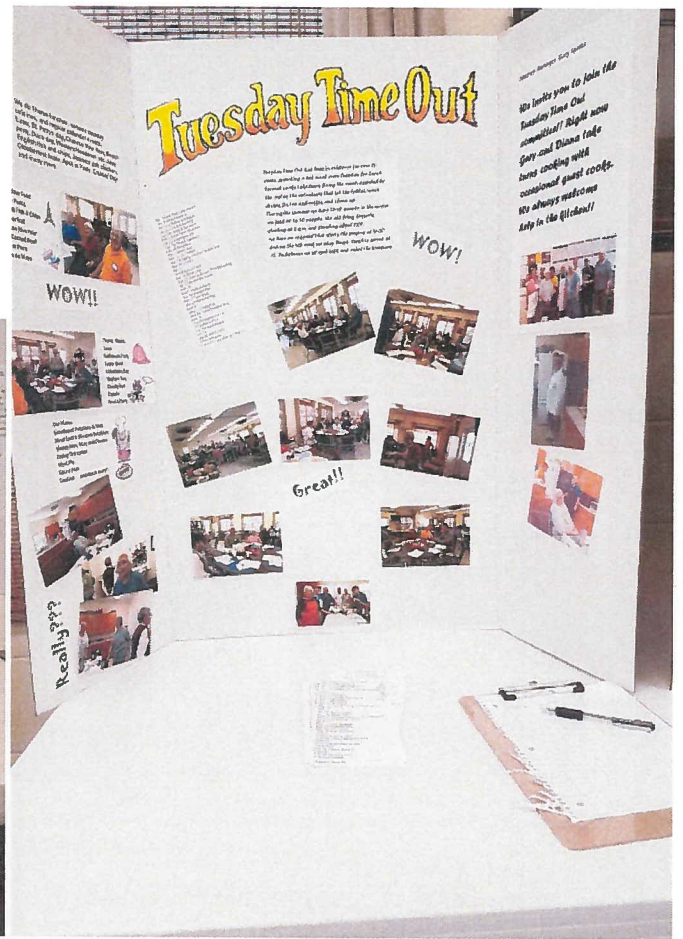
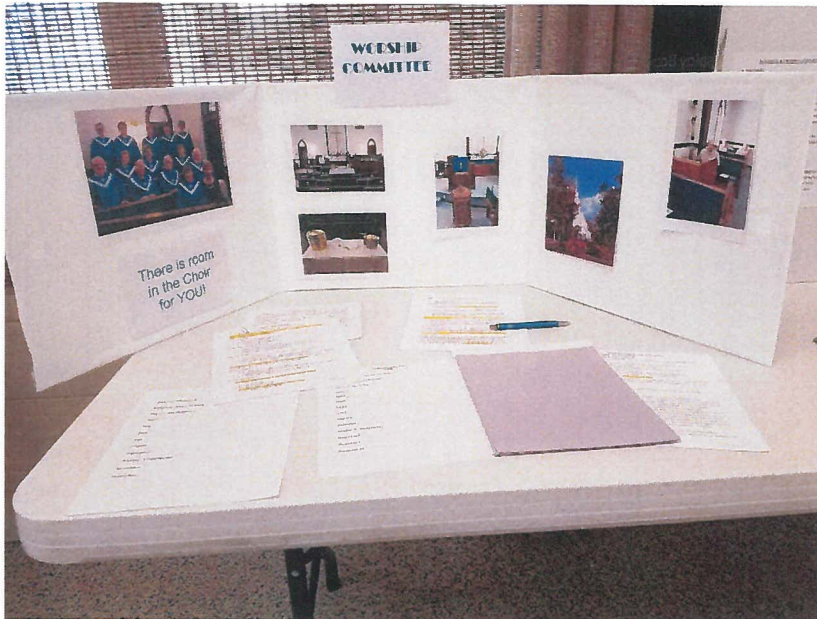
The leadership for Boy Scout Troop #113 is outstanding and was recognized for their years of service during the worship service on Scout Sunday.

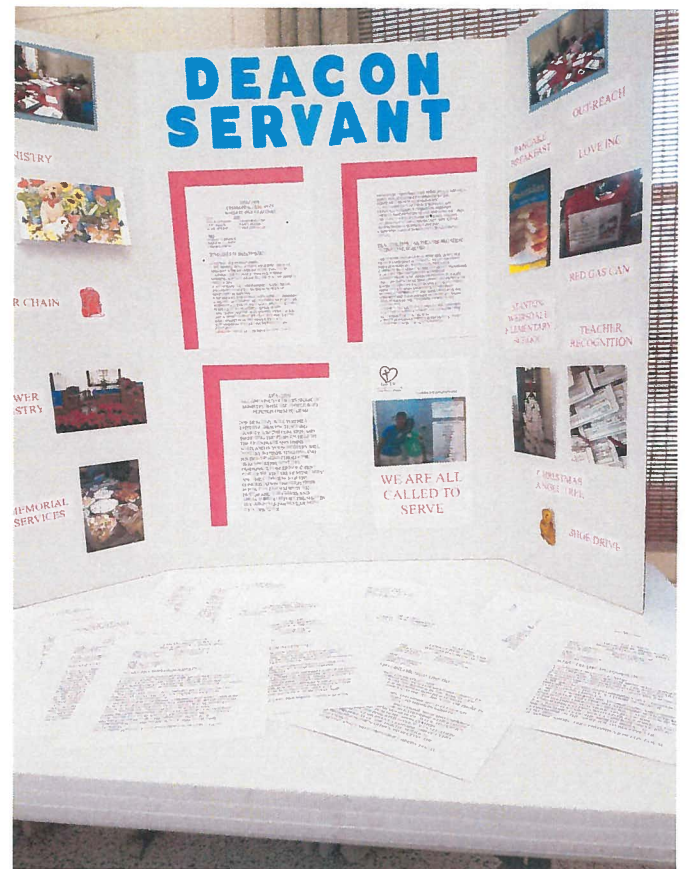
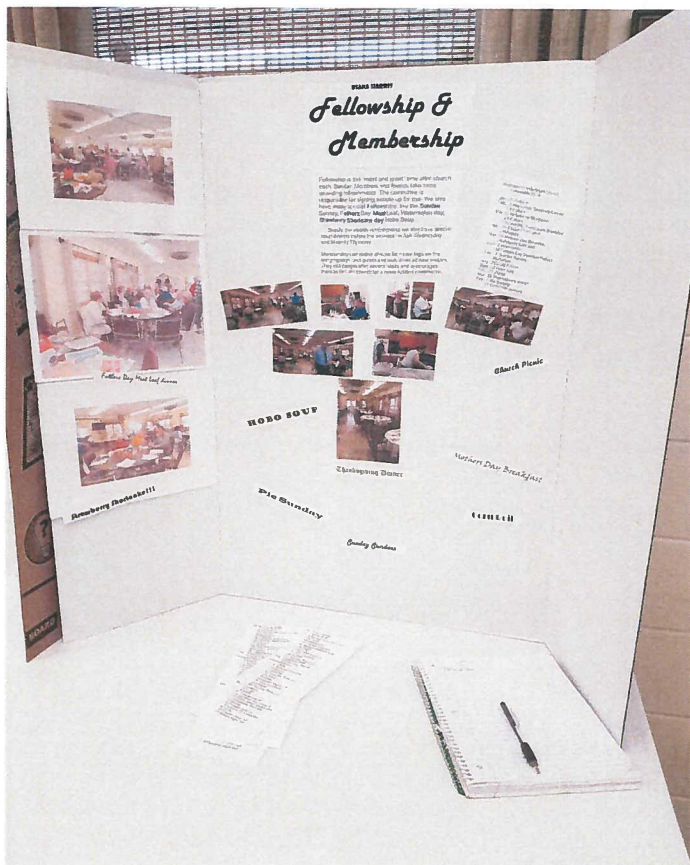


Boy Scout Troop #113

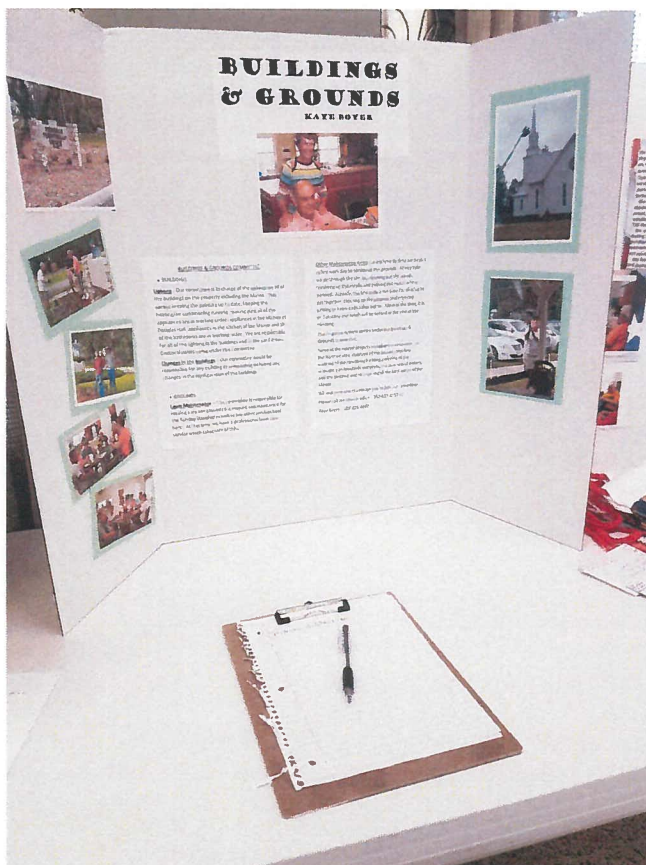


Sunday, Feb. 24th, was Committee Awareness Day at Weirsdale Presbyterian Church. Many committees active in the church put together these wonderful, informative picture boards to increase the congregation's awareness of groups that work to help make our church the blessed place it is for all of us.





The pictures of Committee Awareness Day are wonderful but due to their small size in the newsletter, they do not do justice to the detail and all the information contained on each board. Make sure you stop by Douglas Hall and take an "in person" view of each committee represented. They are very informative.





Operation Shoebox is in full swing downstairs in Douglas Hall. The group is cutting, sewing, knitting, and crocheting ditty bags for the troops overseas. Come join them; they are working for a church mission that reaches thousands. They meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 9AM to 12PM. Diana Harris is the coordinator for the sewing group and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox.

For further information, she can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS "FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY" **COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

The Community of Gratitude is grateful for our monetary support and food donations.

During the last quarter of 2018, they served 899 households and assisted 2617 individuals which included 793 children. They provided food that was equivalent to 23,553 meals!

There is always a need for non-perishable staples such as soups, peanut butter and jelly, bread, All-in-One boxed meals, personal toiletries and also pet food.



SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH IS THE "SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE" **FOR STANTON-WEIRSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Every second Sunday of the month is designated for the school clothing drive. Please consider bringing new clothing, sizes 6-12, for the school closet. SWES is also requesting shoes, sizes 13, 1, 2 & 3. Parents will be permitted to walk through and pick out needed items for their children.

The school is very thankful for our financial support for the educational needs of the children as well. Our continued commitment to Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary School is appreciated by the entire Stanton-Weirsdale community.

YOUR SHARING IS A BLESSING

These dates in are open for altar flowers and fellowship. Please consider signing up for one or the other.

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 24

May 12 & 19

June 30

FELLOWSHIP HOST

May 19

June 9, 23 & 30



*Why ask if soul lives on when body dies--
Do caterpillars recognize their angel selves in butterflies?*

Bill
Lee
Dottie
Linda
Wayne
Nancy
Josh
Sandy
Michelle
Mike Jr.
Anna
August
Charles
Steve
Judy
Bill
Darlene
Bob
Becky
Cassie
Reiley
Bill B
Rose
Barry
Jessica
Ava
Dwight
Glenda & Don

WE LOST FRIENDS THIS MONTH



Dora Cunningham went home to be with the Lord on January 28th, and her Memorial Service was held here on February 16th.

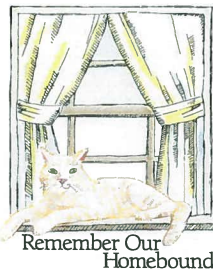
We were also informed that long time member Don Kroes who was living in Gainesville passed on Tuesday, February 19th. There will be no service at our church for Don. Our hearts go out to Mary Ann and the family. Please keep both families in your prayers.

PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please call **Marlys Forbrook** at 352-430-1727 or **Axie Grimes** at 352-537-0854.



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



Robert Lipsner
800 Lake Port Blvd. Apt C505
Leesburg, FL 34748

Betts Mengel
ATRIA Lady Lake
930 County Road 466
Lady Lake, FL 32159

James & Audrey Stangle
4680 Bellwether Ln. Apt. 113
Oxford, FL 34484

MARCH WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher:
Liturgist:

Starr Patterson
Bill Matthews

Communion Setup:
Communion Servers Feb 10

Sue Farley
Jim Bowers, Marlys Forbrook, Lorna McKenzie,
Angela Pecor, Cindy Strategos

As always, if you are unable to serve as listed above,
PLEASE find a substitute.

And, thank you for your willingness to serve our church!



March 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26		28	1	2 DEACONS Meet 9AM
3 Food Pantry Sunday Sunday School Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30AM Fellowship 11:30AM	4 Harvest Happenings Crafters 9AM	5 TTO 11:30AM	6 ASH WEDNESDAY Soup Supper 6PM Ash Service 7PM BSA 7:30PM	7 Women's Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM	8	9
10 CLOCKS FORWARD! FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT School Clothing Drive Sunday 9AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship	11 Operation Shoebox 9AM	12 TTO 11:30AM	13 BSA 7:30PM	14 Women's Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM	15	16
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31 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Worship 10:30AM Fellowship 11:30AM Easter Lily Order Forms Due	1	2	3	4	5	6

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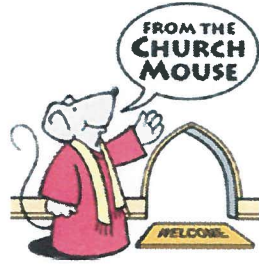
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Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship



Weirsdale Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Fellowship: 11:30 AM

Sunday School:

9:00 AM

(October through April)