

The  
Road  
to the  
Cross

MARCH



# The Church Mouse



March, 2020

## *Walking with Walter*

**I**t is springtime again. The flowers will be blooming, the trees will be producing new leaves. What beauty we see around us in the springtime. Hopefully, this spring will be a true spring—not too hot and not too cold. Springtime to me reminds me of new life. Lent is upon us and we are examining ourselves as we look towards Easter.

When it comes to Weirsdale Church, we also are in the springtime of our church's life. This year has been a remarkable year so far. You can feel the love in the air that people share with one another. What makes Weirsdale Church the church that she is—each of you!

Every Sunday, except one, we have had over 100 people in attendance. That to me is amazing and humbling. We have new people coming every Sunday morning. That is because of you. The great thing that I have noticed is that none of you claim a pew as your own. When I look out into the congregation, I see people who are sitting in different places every Sunday because the pews get full quickly.

You are making this happen. As your pastor, I am so proud of every one of you. Not only are



you a friendly group of people, you are a people who love the Lord. In doing so, people want to be a part of this wonderful church.

This month we will be adding six new members to the congregation. Not only are we adding six new ones this month, but we already have two more for our next new members class. I cannot brag enough about each of you.

One of the great things about being here is that when someone asks you to do something, most often, you will do it without hesitation. It is always difficult to get volunteers to do things around the church—or even in a civic organization. But folks, you are outstanding.

I pray that the Spirit of God will continue to bless us the way he has. Almost everything about Weirsdale Church shines the light of Jesus Christ to the world around us. The Lord only knows what is ahead for us in the year to come. But I must say, in the last two years, he has done more than I could ever have imagined!

I thank God for you, and may the Lord bless each of you as we face the days ahead!

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



## APPRECIATION DAY FOR JO ANN

On Sunday, Feb. 16th, we celebrated Jo Ann Hanebrink. Jo has blessed us with music since 2004.

Thank you, Jo, for your dedication to our church family.



To my WPC Family:  
God bless you for all  
your kindness to me on  
my Day of Appreciation  
on Feb. 16, and I look  
forward to praising God  
in song with you for  
many years to come.

Jo



A few of the wonderful people who put this day of appreciation together for Jo Ann.



The Presentation



## DEACONS' STANTON WEIRSDALE TEACHER'S SOCIAL

On Friday, March 6th, the deacons surprised the staff and teachers at SWES with a Social serving home made treats and desserts. The staff was very appreciative and said they really needed it!



## TUESDAY TIME OUT SCHEDULE

TTO meets every Tuesday at 11:30 with singing; lunch is served at noon and is only \$4.00. Every 4th Tuesday of the month is BINGO Day.

Mar 17: St. Patty's

Mar 24: Cruisin'

Apr 14: April in Paris

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

June 9: County Fair

Jul 14: Fish Fry

Jul 28: Beach Party

Closed in August

Sep 15: Luau

Oct 13: Oktoberfest

Oct 27: Halloween Party

Nov 10: Duck Day

Nov 24: Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec. 22: Christmas Dinner

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

The Fellowship Committee works at presenting special fellowships throughout the year. They are as follows:

Mar 22: Potluck

Apr 9: Maundy Thurs. Soup Dinner

Apr 12: Easter: TTO Hosts

Apr 26: Potluck

May 3: May Day Ice Cream Social  
& Art Show

May 10: Mother's Day Breakfast

May 24: Potluck / Corn Boil

Jun 7: Watermelon Sunday

Jun 21: Father's Day Meatloaf/Potluck

Jul 5: Sundae Sunday

Jul 26: Potluck

Aug 23: Cold Potluck

Sep 27: Picnic Potluck

Oct 25: Hobo soup

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day Potluck

Nov 29: Pie Sunday

Dec. 27: Christmas Cookies

**The Seniors Group** will dine at the Orange Blossom Country Club in the Villages this month. Meet there on Wed., March 18th, at 5PM. Please call Betty for a reservation. 352-245-9412



## POSTAGE STAMP MINISTRY

Diane McDonald heads up our church participation in the Alliance Stamp Ministry. The income from the sale of the cancelled stamps goes to support preparation, publication and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools of 40 different denominations in Spanish speaking countries in Latin America, Spain and the USA.

Please trim the stamps leaving a border of 1/4" to 1/3" around them. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT** since a close-cut stamp cannot be easily removed and retain its value. Place the stamps in plastic bags—do not paper clip or band together. Put them on the table in Douglas Hall.

Detailed information on the proper procedure for preparing stamps for donation can be picked up in the church office.

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MAY 3rd

A special fellowship is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th.

We are having a May Day Ice Cream Social with an Art Show!

If anyone has framed art work that could be donated for the event, please contact Diana Harris at 352-425-4351.

Proceeds from the art sale will go to Harvest Happenings.





## Presbyterianism in Scotland

Sunday, Feb. 16, we recognized the birth of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. Kilts and colors were worn in celebration.



Walter & Jim attended the Presbytery Meeting this month.



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

Out of respect for Dr. Laseter, the Liturgist, the Choir and the Congregation, please turn your cell phones off before the service begins. Ringing cell phones and game tweets and sounds are very distracting for those sitting around you.  
Thank you.



The Operation Shoebox sewing group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month. The next meetings will be on the 9th and 23rd of March.

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.



*We serve the God who designed the universe and set our world in motion. But those hands that hung stars in the heavens also wiped tears of the widow and the Leper. And they will wipe away your tears as well.*



### AT HOME WITH OUR LORD

Marilyn McGuire went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 9th.  
We hold Stan Martin and family in our prayers.

### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

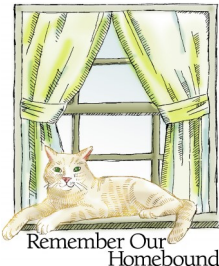
If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please contact Barbara West.

734-558-1878 (Cell)

Email: [barbwest26@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwest26@yahoo.com)



**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

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

April, 2020



Head Usher: Kim Bishop  
Liturgist: Bill Matthews

Communion Set-up: Apr 9: *Maundy Thursday* Ilene Newton & Jane Williams

Communion Servers: Apr 9: Axie Grimes, Debbi McCloskey, Linda Spence,  
Barbara West

Communion Set-up: Apr 12: *Easter Sunday* Diana McDonald & Debby Rynak

Communion Servers: Apr 12: Kaye Boyer, Glenda Bucklew, Margo French,  
Tom Hagle, Diana Harris

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!

Chester

Lee

Paul

Stan

Bob

Ester

Sandy

Doris

Wayne & Mary

Dave & Marlys

Warren

George

George

Anita

Marty

Nikko

Cheryl

Ed

Freddie & Maria

Chopper Dave

Steven & Jane

Yvie

Janet Woody's  
Sister



Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> Food Pantry Sunday 10:30AM Worship & Communion 11:30AM Fellowship 3PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor Redmond P. Farrell		11:30AM TTO	10AM Bible Study Grp. 7:30PM BSA	10AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal		9AM Deacons Meet
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> SWES School Clothing Drive 9AM New Members Class 10:30AM Worship & Recognition New Members 11:30AM Fellowship-Strawberries 11:45AM Worship Comm Mtg. 11:45AM Finance Comm. Mtg.	9AM Operation Shoebox Sewing Group	11:30AM TTO	10AM Bible Study Grp. 7:30PM BSA	10AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal		9AM Craft Room Clean Up & Reorganize
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship 11:45AM Session Meets		11:30AM TTO	10AM Bible Study Grp. 5PM Senior Grp Meets 7:30PM BSA	10AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship POTLUCK	9AM Operation Shoebox Sewing Group	11:30AM TTO	10AM Bible Study Grp. 7:30PM BSA	10AM Women's Bible Study 4:30PM Choir Rehearsal		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1-Apr</b>	<b>2-Apr</b>	<b>3-Apr</b>	<b>4-Apr</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Fellowship  LILY ORDER FORMS DUE		11:30AM TTO				9AM Deacons Meet





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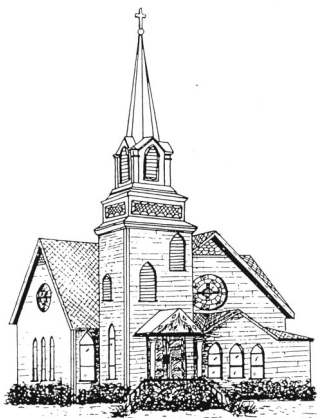
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**Our Mission:**  
**Bring People to Christ**  
**Develop our Discipleship**



**Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**  
**Fellowship: 11:30 AM**  
**Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10AM**