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Church Mouse



Chatting with Charlie – April, 2016

As I write this Elaine and I are preparing to head out for a beach vacation near Savannah. We look forward to some time for rest and relaxation and to reflect on life and our walk with the Lord. On Sunday April 24th, Rev. Bob Hekhuis will be leading worship.

Looking ahead to May we will be celebrating the festival of the ascension of our Lord on Sunday May 8th. *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.

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

be held on Friday, May 15, 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 10 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.



MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST FOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to a Mother’s Day breakfast for fellowship on May 8th after the worship service.

Wishing all Mom’s a very special Mother’s Day!

BOY SCOUT CARWASH

The Calendar says it is time to get your car washed again!

Get it cleaned at the Boy Scout Car Wash on Saturday, April 30th, and again on May 28th at Hubbard’s on 441. They will be in operation between 9AM and Noon.

The scouts are earning money to make their summer trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico and would appreciate your help.



FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

While Pastor Is Away

Pastor Charlie & Elaine will be on vacation from April 17th to the 28th. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact Betty McEuen at 352-245-9412.



SHOES FOR STANTON WEIRSDALE KIDS



Sunday, May 1st, is your last chance to drop off those shoes in the Narthex for the school children. We are looking especially for adult sizes 6-7.5.

Thank you for all of your donations.

PROTECT OUR SIDE WALKS



A lot of tire marks are being noticed on our sidewalks in the area where we park for Sunday church and other events.

Please remember that these walkways are not built for motor vehicles. Drive around and avoid them as you come and go.

COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE March, 2016

Total Individuals:	738
Number of Households:	290
Equivalent:	6,642 meals
Children 0-17:	199
Adults over 60:	162

The pantry is continuously low on All-in-Ones, pasta and sauce. The items depleted the most are canned meats, vegetables, All-in-Ones and soups. Also, don't forget the peanut butter, jelly, cereals and the pet food!

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher: Cindy Strategos

Liturgist: Cathy Vibber

Communion Set-up, May 1st: Linda Spatta

Communion Servers: Starr Patterson,
Axie Grimes, Ann Myers,
David & Sara Jane Vincent

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!



Special prayers for the family of Harman Jones, as he has gone home to be with our LORD.

For prayer requests, contact the following:

Ann Myers 352-653-3319
Marlys Forbrook 352-430-1727



PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request, please call **Ann Myers** at 352-653-3319 or **Marlys Forbrook** at 352-430-1727.

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



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

Robert & Maisie Lipsner
Brookdale Leesburg Assisted Living
700 S. Lake Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

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 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 need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, applesauce and personal toiletries

Please complete the following information to submit names of those active members who you feel are qualified to serve on the Session and the Board of Deacons. If you wish, you are encouraged to submit your own name. In addition, please feel free to make any comments that you believe the Nominating Committee should consider.

Please mail, drop off at the Church office, or put the completed form in the collection plate.

Session Elder: Elders are concerned with the governing body of the church and its spiritual life.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Deacon: Deacons serve the human needs of the congregation and community.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Thank you for your concern and response,
Sue Cordle on behalf of the 2016 Nominating Committee

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9 Sch. 9AM 0AM	31 TTO 11:30AM	1	2	3	4
30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed					

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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

Study Groups:

Sundays 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School