





The Church Mouse



February, 2020
Walking with Walter



We have so much to celebrate this year. Last year was an adventure and this year appears to be much the same. Due to your efforts, the church is growing. Our attendance this year has been amazing. We've had 109, 114, 111 and 113 in worship. That's the attendance just for January of this year.

I have never seen a church accomplish what you all have. Over my years in ministry, I have served seven different churches not counting Weirsdale. In each one of those churches, I have seen growth but nothing like we have seen here. We could give all sorts of reasons for why this is happening. In reality, there is really only one reason, and that one reason is God. God has blessed us; that's why it's all taking place.

No one knows what we are faced with this coming year. But no matter what it is, we can be assured that God will be faithful. Our responsibility is to remain faithful to him. One of the things that makes this church what it is, is the unity found within our congregation. When I say unity, I do not mean that we always agree on everything, but whenever we do disagree, we disagree agreeably.

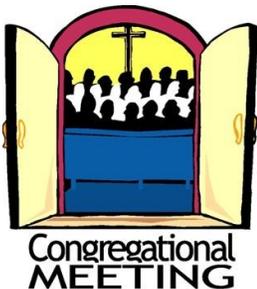
One of the things that I hear constantly is how friendly you all are. People feel like they are a part of the family just by visiting. A great thing about Weirsdale is that no one seems to have a claim on a certain pew. In some of the churches I have pastored, if someone sat in their seat, they would let them know immediately to move. But I have watched and that does not happen here. If someone is sitting where you generally set, it appears to be no big deal to find another seat!

When I look at Weirsdale church, I believe that you're the closest thing, even in our imperfections, to what Jesus meant for the church to be. I praise the Lord for being a part of you.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from January 19, 2019, meeting:

- ◆ A training class for ushers and Communion servers is scheduled for Feb. 23 following the church service.
- ◆ A new members class will be held at 9AM on March 8 in Douglas Hall.
- ◆ Food and bread donations continue to be delivered to Community of Gratitude and Shepherd's Lighthouse weekly.
- ◆ Jim Bowers provides security for the facility on Sunday mornings and Tuesday mornings.
- ◆ Training class for the AED's took place. One is installed in the church parlor; the other is in Douglas Hall.
- ◆ Good attendance has been reported for both TTO and Fellowship.
- ◆ Commissioners to the Presbytery meetings are Angela Pecor and Jim Bowers along with Dr. Walter Laseter.
- ◆ The collection of offerings during special services (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday) will discontinue.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of all active members will be held Feb. 9th right after the church service to receive the financial report for 2019, the 2020 budget and the annual reports from the church committees. All active members are requested to attend. A copy of the report can be picked up in the back of the sanctuary.



The Operation Shoebox sewing group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month. The next meetings will be on the 10 and 24th of February.

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.

SCOUT SUNDAY--ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The boy scouts of Troop #113 did a fantastic job leading our worship service Sunday morning. The troop along with the leaders, parents and so many others provided another spaghetti dinner for 2076 people this year!

The lines at Douglas Hall were long but moved quickly while many others opted to line up in their cars at the Scout Hut and take their meals home.

The entire event was very well organized and flowed smoothly so that everyone had a great meal and a good time.

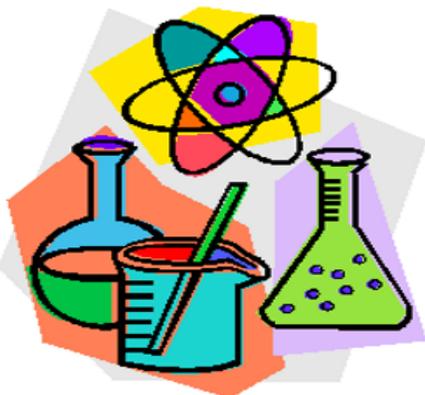
Unfortunately there is not enough room to recognize all who were involved preparing and serving the dinner but here are a few pictures I was able to get early in the morning.

Good job, Troop #113! Thank you.



SCIENCE NIGHT AT STANTON WEIRSDALE

SWES had their annual science night and the children rotated to different stations which were set up to demonstrate different aspects of science. WPC sent six volunteers who worked some of the stations. From what was said, they all had a great time. The school always appreciates our participation in their functions. We thank our volunteers for contributing their evening and representing WPS in such a giving manner.



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.

Feb 11: Valentines
 Feb 25: Mardi Gras
 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:

Feb 16: Potluck--
 Jo Ann Appreciation Day
 Feb 26: Ash Wed. Soup dinner
 Mar 8: Strawberry Shortcake
 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



IT'S LEAP YEAR!

The Seniors Group will dine at Sony's Barbeque in Belleview this month.

Meet there on Wed., Feb. 19, at 5PM. Call Betty for a reservation. 352-245-9412



PERFUMES AND COLOGNES

There are people sitting around you who are sensitive to fragrances. Please consider using yours sparingly on Sunday mornings.



FIGHT THOSE GERMS!

A hand sanitizing system is placed in the Narthex for your use. If you are concerned about germs, please feel free to walk back and use it.



**PLEASE
 TURN OFF
 YOUR
 PHONES
 DURING THE
 WORSHIP
 SERVICE.**

JUMP OFF THE MAILING LIST!

Are you a previous church visitor who is receiving the Church Mouse Newsletter each month?

If you are no longer interested, you can be removed from the mailing list by calling or emailing the church office at

352-821-2757 or

weirsdalepres@gmail.com

We hate to see you go but do not want to fill your postal box with unwanted mail.



JO ANN HANEBRINK APPRECIATION DAY



Sunday, Feb. 16th, we will honor Jo Ann for her dedicated and loyal service to our church.

Jo Ann has been our organist since June, 2004, and provides an inspirational as well as professional level of music for our Sunday morning worship service.

A special POTUCK Fellowship is planned so please remember to bring a dish for the celebration that Sunday morning.

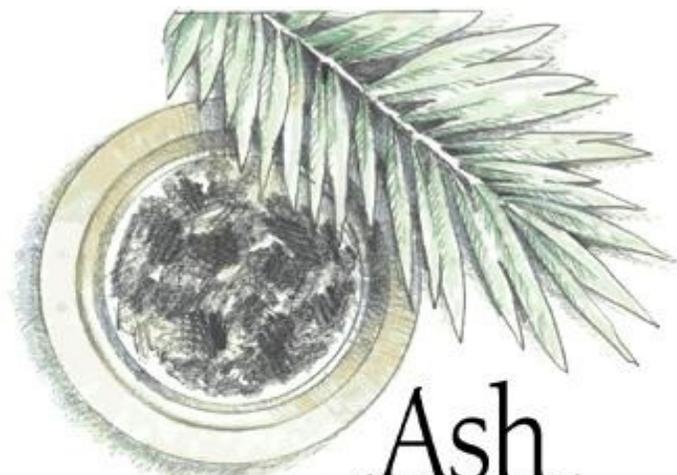
Since we are having a potluck on Feb. 16th, we will not have one on the 4th Sunday in February.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SCOTLAND

You are invited to wear your kilts to church on Sunday, Feb. 16th, to commemorate the birth of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland.

The roots of Presbyterianism trace back to the mid-16th century when John Calvin left Catholicism and joined the Reformation Movement. He became a minister and theologian who revolutionized the Christian church in Europe, America and eventually all over the world.

John Knox lived in Scotland and in the mid-1500's, he led the Reformation in Scotland following Calvin's principles. His ideas set the moral tone for the Church of Scotland. The Presbyterian form of church government and Reformed theology were formally adopted as the national Church of Scotland in 1690 and it remains Presbyterian today.



Ash
Wednesday
Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:00PM Soup & Bread Supper

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship



Our problems may seem overwhelming, but God's power is stronger than any obstacle we may face. When God decides to bless you, He will always cause situations to come together in your favor.

PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

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

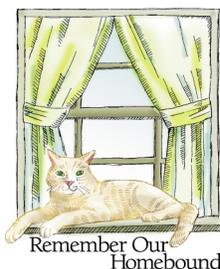
734-558-1878 (Cell)

Email: barbwest26@yahoo.com



- Warren Warriner family
- Wiloby family
- McClure family
- McClain family
- Steve
- Marsha
- Becky
- Ed
- Paul
- Jim
- Esther
- Sandy
- Doris
- Madge
- Wayne and Mary
- Dave and Marlys
- Marty
- Nikko
- Max
- Lynell
- Joyce
- Nikki
- Jared, Sarah and family
- Mandy
- Jesse
- George
- George
- Kathy
- Robin
- Mel
- Don and Glenda
- Mike
- Nancy
- RJ

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

February, 2020

Head Usher:	Cindy Strategos
Liturgist:	Jane Williams
Communion Set-up	Glenda Bucklew
Communion Servers:	Axie Grimes, Tom Hagle, Ilene Newton, Linda Spence, Barbara West



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!

COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE

The Food Pantry appreciates all that Weirsdale Presbyterian Church does in supporting their mission. In the last quarter of 2019, the C.O.G. served 931 households and assisted 2,642 individuals--that included 737 children between the ages of 0-17. Food was provided equaling 23,778 meals!.

They continue to appreciate our food, bread and financial donations. Remember they are always in need of All-in-One boxed meals, peanut butter and jelly, canned food and other non-perishables. They also accept pet food. Thank you for all you do to help feed the areas of Ocklawaha, Weirsdale, East Lake Weir and Umatilla.



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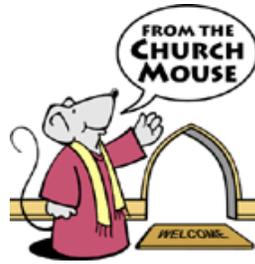
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**Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship**



Weirsdale Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Fellowship: 11:30 AM

Bible Study: Wednesdays 10:30 AM