

Welcome Home! Come Walk With Us!



Northside

NEWS

Northside Presbyterian Church

March 2017

Blacksburg, Virginia

From the Pastor's Desk

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There are many people who are endangered in our world these days, even (perhaps especially) in our own nation.




Many of us have felt ashamed of attempts to prohibit refugees and immigrants from entering our country, based on their national origin, and perhaps religion. We feel shame because these actions contradict our sacred scripture, which clearly tells us: "Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God." (Lev. 19:34)

We have other threats of discrimination among our own citizens as well—women, people of color, non-Christian religious traditions, LGBTQ people, the poor, the addicted, and probably others I have left out. It seems that there are just too many issues to confront them all right now.

Frankly, it feels overwhelming to be a follower of Jesus these days, and to keep seeking justice, peace, and equality in our country. I have found that, for me, choosing only one area for my efforts is "doable." I have chosen to focus on racial justice, and the effects of white privilege, and the ways that racism has skewed all of us, and has seriously harmed so many now and through our nation's history.

I have rejoined the NAACP and our local Dialogue on Race (White Privilege subgroup), and I have begun leading a book study (as suggested by our P.C.(U.S.A.) co-moderators): *Waking Up White*. I intend to host conversations about racism and white privilege in our church throughout the year. I hope you will find your "call" to action and begin the work. It is time for us to BE the church.

Peace,


SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M. – Morning Worship

11:15 A.M. – Sunday School

USHERS

Mar. 5: Sandi Webster &

Lucian Robinson

Mar. 12: Lisa Garcia & Ty Stephenson

Mar. 19: Sue & Ernie Bentley

Mar. 26: Jilk - Stowe Family

FLOWERS

COMMUNION ALL FIVE SUNDAYS OF LENT AND MAUNDY THURSDAY

Officers On Call

Feb. 26-Mar. 4: Paul Ruszler,

540-641-1439

Mar. 5-11: Clark Gaylord. 540-641-1439

Mar. 12-18: Heidi Harper, 540-392-0057

Mar. 19-25: Mary Lough, 540-250-5810

Mar. 26-Apr. 1: Paul Ruszler,

540-951-0123

It Depends on You

*If you want to be rich – give!
If you want to be poor – grasp!
If you want to be needy – hoard!
If you want abundance – scatter!*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR MARCH:

Mar. 5: Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Rom 5: 12-19
Matt. 4:1-11

Mar. 19: Ex. 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Rom. 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Mar. 12: Gen. 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Mar. 26: 1 Sam. 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Eph. 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

MARCH BIRTHDAYS !

- 3 Barbara McClintock
- 6 Ernie Bentley
Dwayne Kittle
- 8 Libby Meincke
- 9 Marilyn Kreis
Kurt Stephenson
- 13 Benjamin Orr
- 14 Edd Stoops
- 15 Jan Geyer
- 16 Stacy Pearson
- 17 Pat Kittle
Pat Fullen
Mark Frimpong
- 28 Traci McCoy
- 29 Marilyn Rio



If your birthday is not listed here, you probably have not given it to us. We want to have everyone's birthday on file. Please give us a call at the church office and tell us the date of your birthday. We promise not to ask the year!

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Interfaith Food Pantry needs help in stocking their pantry.

Let's remember to bring food to the church to fill our barrel and help those less fortunate

LENTEN LUNCHESES

At noon on Wednesdays during the 5 weeks of Lent you are invited to share a simple lunch of soup and bread with others at the church. Rev. Linda will help us focus on *"The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus,"* a DVD series by Adam Hamilton. Join us for this chance to share fellowship while preparing for the coming of Easter.

The first of this series will begin on March 8th.

LENTEN SUPPERS AND Worship Services 2017

March 8 – Ten Commandments – Mike Ellerbrock

Host Church – Luther Memorial, 600 Prices Fork Rd.

Suggested Text – Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28

Suggested Songs – "The Glory of These Forty Days,"
"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

March 15 - Creed – Joe Carson

Host Church – Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1301 Gladewood Dr. / Northside
Pres.

Suggested Text – Ezekiel 36:22-32

Suggested Songs – "Holy God, We Praise Your Name,"
"I Bind Unto Myself Today"

March 22 – Lord's Prayer – Bill King

Host Church – New Life Christian Fellowship, 130 Jackson St. NW

Suggested Text: Matthew 9:6-15

Suggested Songs – "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying,"
"O Love, How Deep"

March 29 - Baptism – Linda Dickerson

Host Church – Blacksburg Presbyterian, 701 Church St. SE

Suggested Text – Romans 6:1-14

Suggested Songs – "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land,"
"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

April 5 – Holy Communion – Joe Racek

Host Church – Blacksburg United Methodist Christian Life Center, 706 Harding Blvd.

Suggested Text: Matthew 26:26-29 or Luke 22:14-20

Suggested Songs – "Jesus, Still Lead On,"
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ATTENTION: Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12, 2017

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Notes from Session Meeting February 19, 2017

Our February Session meeting included many topics of discussion. These were:

Homebound communion,

Committee reports,

Worship service on Feb. 26 including the film "When God Left the Building",

Approval of the purchase of a new ice maker and a small bike rack,

Additions and changes needed in the bylaws, and

Use of the projector before and during worship on Sunday.

We also shared joys and concerns and prayers of praise and care for our church, community, and world.

Mary Lough, Acting Clerk

FAILURES ... BUT NOT QUITE

- * After Fred Astaire's first screen test, a 1933 memo from the MGM testing director said, "Can't act. Slightly bald. Can dance a little." Astaire kept that memo over the fireplace in his Beverly Hills home.
- * A relatively unsuccessful marketer of restaurant equipment, he didn't sell his first hamburger until age 52. At a time when many people prepare for retirement, Ray Kroc built McDonald's from a handful of hamburger stands into the world's largest food chain.
- * When his older brother was killed during WWII, he first withdrew into a shell. Then he began to listen to the radio to ease his pain. Soon he was dreaming about hosting his own radio show. That led Dick Clark to start American Bandstand.
- * Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper for lacking ideas. He also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN March:

- March**
- 1: ASH WEDNESDAY**
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
 - 3: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**
 - 5: COMMUNION**
 - 8: Lenten Lunch, 12 noon**
Lenten Supper & Worship, Luther Memorial Lutheran Church,
600 Prices Fork Rd.
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
 - 9: Women's Bible Study, 1:30 pm in the old Kitchen**
 - 12: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (Spring Forward 1 hour)**
COMMUNION
2 Cents-A-Meal Offering
Committees to Meet
 - 15: Lenten Lunch, 12 noon**
Lenten Supper & Worship, Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
1301 Gladewood Dr. / Northside
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
 - 19: COMMUNION**
Session Meeting following Sunday School
 - 22: Lenten Lunch, 12 noon**
Lenten Supper, New Life Christian Fellowship,
130 Jackson St. NW
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
 - 26: COMMUNION**
 - 29: Lenten Lunch, 12 noon**
Lenten Supper, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church,
701 Church Street SE

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