

March 2017 - Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30a.m. Breakfast & Sunday School 11:00a.m. Worship	7 a.m. Lenten Devotional 7p.m. Boy Scouts	7 a.m. Lenten Devotional 6p.m. Cub Scouts	7 a.m. Lenten Devotional 5:30p.m. KOW 5:45p.m. Chancel Bells 6:15p.m. Wed Night Supper 7p.m. Adult Study 7p.m. Chancel Choir 7p.m. SMASH	7 a.m. Lenten Devotional 11:00a.m. Bible Study	7 a.m. Lenten Devotional	7 a.m. Lenten Devotional
	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry	6p.m. Cub Scouts	7 a.m. Lenten Devotional Mark Micklon Cooking Team 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry	MOPS	
11:00 a.m. Communion Food Offerings	6	7	8	9	10	11
Noisy Offering	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry	14	Jan Hobson Cooking Team	6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry	Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby	Service Impact Breaks
4:30p.m. Session Meeting	13	14	Habitat Collegiate Challenge Debbie Hart Cooking Team	6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry	MOPS	Trinity Ladies & Girls Day Out
	20	21	Hoover/Radabaugh Cooking Team	6 p.m. BSA Banquet 6 - 7p.m. Food Pantry		
6:00p.m. Session Committee Night	27	21	Dupras/Wright Cooking Team		31	
	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry	11:00a.m. Dutch Lunch Bunch services Lunch at The Center @ VSU				
	19	20			24	25
	12	13				
	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry	12p.m. Dutch Lunch Bunch				
	26	27				
	10a.m. - 12p.m. Food Pantry					



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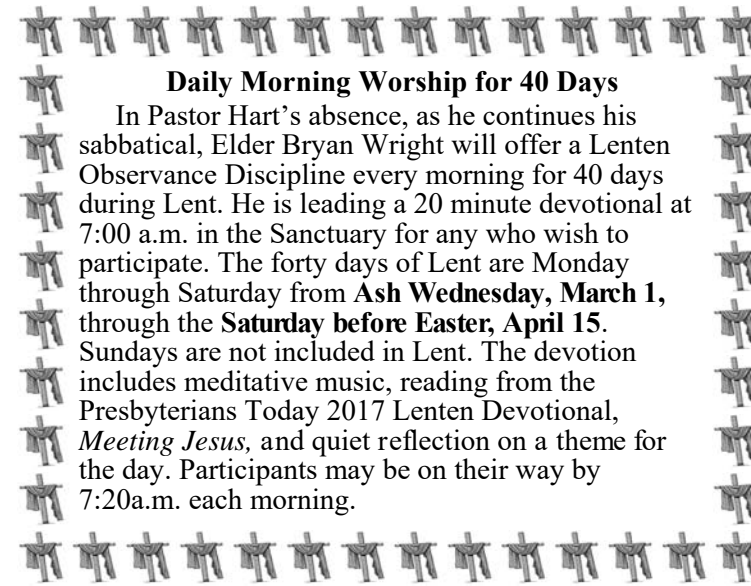
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Mission Statement

*As Believers, we will worship God by...
Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.*

*As Disciples, we will follow God by...
Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.*

*As Stewards, we will honor God by...
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.*



Daily Morning Worship for 40 Days

In Pastor Hart's absence, as he continues his sabbatical, Elder Bryan Wright will offer a Lenten Observance Discipline every morning for 40 days during Lent. He is leading a 20 minute devotional at 7:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for any who wish to participate. The forty days of Lent are Monday through Saturday from **Ash Wednesday, March 1**, through the **Saturday before Easter, April 15**. Sundays are not included in Lent. The devotion includes meditative music, reading from the Presbyterians Today 2017 Lenten Devotional, *Meeting Jesus*, and quiet reflection on a theme for the day. Participants may be on their way by 7:20a.m. each morning.



Deepen Your Lenten Journey in one of the following ways this week.

Through prayer: visit the Prayer Centers in the Sanctuary, on a day other than Sunday.

Through service: collect a dollar for every meal you eat this week and donate to the Food Pantry.

Through fasting: disconnect from Social Media for 7 days.

Through prayer: Read Psalm 51 everyday this week... maybe read a different translation each time.

Through service: Call a member of the congregation you've not seen in a while and check on them.

Through fasting: Pay attention to what you drink at meal time...choose water over soft drinks or tea.

Prayer Centers in Worship

This Lenten Season you will have the opportunity to experience prayer in a variety of ways. Each Sunday different Prayer Centers will be set up around the Sanctuary. During the service a time will be set aside when you can chose to visit one or more of the centers while our pianist, Edward Neeman, plays beautiful music. This time will be yours to center yourself either through coloring, drawing, listening, writing or more. The prayer centers will be introduced each Sunday and will stay in place through Thursday morning for anyone to come and visit while the church is open. Heighten your awareness of God through prayer this Lent by joining us in worship.

The 2017 Scotland and Presbyterian Heritage Customized Tour for 2017 is being re-introduced with new travel dates! **September 4-September 13, 2017.**

All-inclusive rate is \$3,870 per person, and includes air and ground transportation, lodging, and gratuities to the tour director and motor coach driver! Air will be round-trip Atlanta to Glasgow and returning Edinburgh to Atlanta. Please note that if a lower airfare rate is available or if someone plans to travel using mileage, air can be booked outside the group reservation.

Deposit is \$250 per person due March 15, 2017, and should be sent "ATTN: Jane Shelton" at:

South Georgia Travel
1300 Baytree Road
Valdosta, GA 31602

Final payment is June 1, 2017.

We need 20 passengers to have this group happen, since it is a customized tour for Flint River Presbytery; and based on comments, I believe we can reach that number fairly quickly! If we go over 24 passengers, the rate will drop by \$150 per person!!

For more information contact Jane Shelton at
(229) 244-2324 or 800-248-2324

FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER

The pastor and elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.



Members & Regular Participants

Nancy Barrett
Margaret Bruch
Marvin Bruch
Jansom Butts
Virginia Conner
Marie Hill
Clarence Parker
Dorothy Parker
Janet Wright

Jolie Denmark (Nellie & Frank Stoddard)
June Denney (Richard Hart)
Charles DeVane (Mary Beckett)
Chet Dreschel (Anghaarad Teague Dees)
Stephanie & Greg Eaves (Jan Hobson)
Lynn Ferguson (Kathy Roe)
Courtney Fleming (Brooke Webb)
Linda Fortenberry (Leta Cone)

Relatives

Eric Aiken, *grandson of Barbara Aiken*
Reed Armond, *brother of David Armond*
Bert Chancy, *son-in-law of Leta Cone*
Ben Chunn, *grandfather of Brooke Webb*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
John Luketic, *cousin of Sherry Stranahan*
Kathy Nichols, *aunt of Melissa Johnson*
Delores Oorlog, *mother of Linda Reinhard*
Herb Reinhard II, *father of Herb Reinhard III*
Jenny Roe, *niece of Kathy Roe*
Donald Schrecengost, *uncle of Sherry Stranahan*
Franna Taylor, *mother of Sonja Guilbeau*

John Gentry (Catherine Loveday)
Ami Guilliams (Libby Bickers)
Harry Haverkamp (Candy Wakefield)
Junior Herndon (Nellie Stoddard)
Marcia Hobbs (Nita Cross)
Eunice Jenkins (Winnie Dooly)
Chris Lang (Mary Beckett)
Carol Levere (Bernie Preyna)
Jeff Newbern (Glennie Wicks)
Haley Grace Peebles (Christal Dudley)
Madelyn Pitts (Brian Preyna)
Sean Richardson (Mary Beckett)
Andrea Scruggs (Leonard Mittelstadt)
Nathan Shaffer (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)
Andrea Shover (Brooke Webb)
Janie Spooner (Jerri-Kay Radabaugh)
Sharon Stalvey (Jeff Bickers)
Lizbeth Stevens (Bill & Ruth Stonestreet)
Mildred Thompson (Judy Bickers)
Maggie Tuten (Kathy Roe)
Nancy Vernon (Chris Roan)
Nick Whilse (Kathy Roe)
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Woods (Linda Brown)
Lettrice Zellars-Little (Andrea Micklon)

Friends (contact person)

Connie Benson (Jim & Marie Hill)
Elizabeth Boyd (Charlie Oliver)
Mary Marna Brady (Beverly Peters)
Katie Chappuis (Sonja Guilbeau)
Jackie Coxwell (Cindy Gallahan)
Allie Daugherty (Eric Micklon)
Betty Davis (Marcie Swank)

Pray for our Confirmation Class as they prepare to take on the role of member and claim the promises of baptism for themselves: Connor Bickers, David Preyna, Andrew Preyna, Faith Cockren, and Will Cockren. Thank you to Bill Wicks who is teaching these young people each week.

Please pray for victims of recent tornadoes, and strong thunderstorms in our immediate area.

Lectionary Scripture for Sunday, 5 March 2017 First Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalter: Psalm 32
New Testament: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Members Remembered in Prayer This Week

Linda Brown
Marvin and Margaret Bruch

Our Military Personnel
Missionaries
Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan,
Refugees fleeing oppression and countries that are offering those refugees shelter and aid. Victims of terrorism within our borders, and around the world.

We Extend Our Christian Sympathy . . .

to
the family and friends of
Shirley Miller,
who died recently,
requested by Mili Collins,
and to
the family and friends of
Lowndes County Deputy Chris Butler,
who died recently,
requested by Anghaarad Teague Dees
and to
the family and friends of
Joseph Driggers,
who died recently,
requested by Jeff Bickers.

Our Wednesday Schedule:

For Wednesday, **March 8, 2017**
5:30 p.m. – KOW for Children or Music with Makinsey Rosser
5:45 p.m. – Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. – Supper is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning with a prayer of thanksgiving in the Atrium
7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
SMASH for Youth

Supper will be provided by Jan Hobson's cooking team. The menu will include Tomato-Basil Marinara over meatballs . Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for children.

The charge for the meal will be as follows:
\$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students (pre-k through high school), with a \$12.00 Maximum per family.
Carry-outs – meal cost above plus 25¢ per carry-out tray.

SMASH Report

We will visit the Prayer Centers and possibly bag some items for the Food Pantry. Youth who plan to attend Dogwood Acres this summer need to go ahead and register TODAY at www.dogwoodacres.org for the Flint River Presbytery week which is June 25-30. We have priority registration for this week through April 15th...please secure your spot today by registering and paying your deposit.

A Message from the Wilderness

Since I left Valdosta my time in Atlanta has been relaxing and stress-free, except whenever I have to go somewhere in Atlanta traffic! As you are aware, I am doing what I can to learn about the religion of Islam. I am doing this by reading many books on the subject. I have read the entire Qur'an (an English translation, or course.)

I am also learning by meeting Muslims who live and work in Atlanta. So far I have visited two mosques, one of which included observing Friday prayers. I have visits to two more mosques scheduled. There are over 75 mosques in Atlanta. I had a casual conversation at a local Arabian restaurant with the Imam of the Madina Institute Mosque, along with several of his members, and 7 college age students (3 men and 4 women) who are doing graduate studies at the Institute in Arabic. The Imam travels the world to oversee a network of Institutes he has founded. He had returned the day before from Malaysia and was leaving the next morning for Toronto, Canada to participate in a conference on peace and non-violence. He told me that they focus on educating young men and women in a diligent effort to keep them from being radicalized in militant and hostile environments.

I have also had opportunity to attend meetings and panel discussions focused on interfaith relationships. One panel included two rabbis, a Muslim woman and a Muslim man, and a Christian life-coach. It was organized by Dr. Deanna Womack who teaches at Emory's Candler School of Theology. The other panel was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Faith Alliance of Metro Atlanta (FAMA), an interfaith organization. It included a woman who is an American citizen from India and is the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Chairman of the Fulton County Commission; an Atlanta businessman active in interfaith dialog; and a woman who is Director of Sponsorships for Atlanta Habitat for Humanity.

I have enjoyed immensely the chance to be a worship participant and to do so at different churches. In addition to Sunday service at Shallowford Presbyterian Church, I have also attended worship at Northside Drive Baptist Church (a sojourn among the dunked that did not result in a lightning strike from heaven) and at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta – where, incidentally (or providentially) I met up with Mike Dover and his wife. He is the lawyer in Valdosta who did the closing on our house. They were visiting in Atlanta for the weekend and came to worship at First Presbyterian where his sister and brother-in-law are members.

This is a mere thumbnail sketch of what I have been doing with my time here. In summary, here are a few of the things I am coming to know more fully in these experiences:

- ~ A firmer grasp of the hope and joy I have in the Gospel of Christ.
- ~ The importance of knowing what I believe and why I believe it.
- ~ The increasingly important task of knowing Islam and our Muslim neighbors.
- ~ The conviction that engaging in thoughtful and respectful contact with Muslims and people of other faiths, from the standpoint of my faith in Christ, will in fact deepen my faith, not threaten it.

I am sincerely thankful for the opportunity you have given me for this experience of and growth in grace. It is all that I had hoped for and more (so far – and it only promises to be get better!)

Grace and peace to you all in Christ.

Pastor Hart

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **March 9, 2017**. We are studying a book titled, *Waking up white*, written by Debby Irving. The meeting will last one hour, and coffee will be served. All are welcome to attend.

Save the Date – Washington DC Adult Mission Trip

Plans are underway for a return trip to our nation's capitol next fall. The trip will be for adults at Trinity interested in working in various service agencies in Washington. We will be staying at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, just a three block walk from the US Capitol. This trip is being jointly held with Memorial Presbyterian Church, St Augustine, Florida, where Jim and Julie Reffel are members. They are helping to organize their end of the trip and will be attending. This Mission Trip will cost \$400 per person plus airfare. Save the dates, **October 15-21, 2017**.