

WBPC Weekly Update ♦ March 8, 2020

Welcome visitors! As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people. Let us know how we can be of assistance to you!

CALENDAR: March 1—March 8

Sunday, March 8

Parlor Class, Rm 207	9:20
Sunday School	9:30
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
Fellowship Committee, Fellowship Hall	11:45
Deacons, Parlor	2:00
Confirmation Class, Parlor	3:30
Biblical Justice Forum, Library	3:30
@The Table Worship, Fellowship Hall	5:00
Session, Parlor	6:30
Youth Fellowship, Youth Room	6:30

Tuesday, March 10

AWCM, Fellowship Hall	4:00
Session examination, Library	6:00
FAP Committee, Parlor	6:30

Wednesday, March 11

Prayer and Bible Study, Parlor	9:30
Wednesday Night Live, Fellowship Hall	5:45
Chancel Choir, choir room	7:30

Thursday, March 12

AWCM, Fellowship Hall	4:00
Stephen Ministers, Library	6:30
Chancel Ringers, Sanctuary	7:00

Sunday, March 15

Parlor Class, Rm 207	9:20
Sunday School	9:30
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
Christian Ed Committee, Parlor	11:45
Confirmation Class, Parlor	3:30
Biblical Justice Forum, Library	3:30
@The Table Worship, Fellowship Hall	5:00

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Gwen Orilio, Dottie Dubose-Blum, Margaret Cox, Peggy Stevens, Lori Grippo, Jack Gebbie, Greg Griffith, John Woodruff, Robert Owens, Edith Crawford

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Al Matthews (nephew of Barbara Tierney), Nadine Smith, Marilyn Lynch (mother of Christie Ebert)

OAK HILL ASSISTED LIVING: Margaret Pittman

Wednesday Night Live!

Dates: January 8—March 11

Time: Dinner: 5:45~6:30; Program: 6:30~7:30

No cost for dinner! Please consider bringing food items for the Urban Ministries food bags. Please bring in your items for March Madness Join in the fellowship, fun and good food.

Sign up on the Sunday attendance form or call/email the church office by 1PM on Monday the week of the event. Please note there will be no child care provided during these sessions.

Wednesday's Dinner (3/11): Chicken and rice with sides

Program: Have you seen "Just Mercy"? This book, translated to film, is a provocative story about social justice that is now showing in theaters across the country. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. WBPC will be hosting a panel discussion during WNL on this masterpiece.

Confirmation Class, 2020

All youth attending grades 6—8 currently: please join Bruce Grady for 2020 confirmation classes being held on Sunday, March 1 each Sunday through Sunday, May 31 from 3:30—4:30 PM in the parlor of WBPC's education building. Please note that there will **be no** class on Easter Sunday (April 12) and Youth Sunday (April 26). Please contact Bruce, bgrady9039@gmail.com with any questions.



Nursery - A nursery is provided for infants through three year olds during morning Sunday School & worship. (Room 201)

Children's Worship Kits, Bulletins and Story Bibles - Available in the narthex and fellowship hall.

Children's Chapel

All children in 4 year old preschool thru 2nd grade are invited to attend children's Chapel (Room 211). An adult will meet the children in the narthex following the children's message to lead them to the chapel. Please pick up your child immediately following the service.

Children's Chapel Schedule

Today's Story

Jesus and Zaccheus

Greeter: *Evelyn Earnhardt*
Storyteller: *Judy Shelton*

Next Week's Story

Jesus the King

Greeter: *Colista Freeman*
Storyteller: *Elizabeth Allen*

Join us for @The Table Worship at 5:00 PM Every Sunday

Our afternoon worship service is more contemporary, informal and intimate as we sit around tables to praise God together. Light refreshments are served. The service is located in the fellowship hall (downstairs in the education building). Use the outside fellowship hall entrance.



Youth Fellowship News

Middle and high school youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday at 6:30 PM for dinner, games & a program. Hope to see you there!

March Madness Food Bag Challenge

Our March Madness Food Bag Challenge is here. It is time to show our school loyalty and help those who are not as fortunate as we are. All of those who can are encouraged to pick up a food list in the narthex or outside the fellowship hall and fill a doubled brown paper bag full of the items on the list. By purchasing store brands you can fill a bag for less than \$23.00. Then you can decorate your bag in your school colors and bring it any time during the month of March and leave it in the narthex. We will have ribbon in the narthex if you need to decorate your bag at church. Please also put your school name on the outside of the bag as some schools, like Syracuse and Clemson, have the same color. At the end of the month we will deliver our bags to Urban Ministries where we already provide 25 bags every month as part of our Mission Outreach. If you are unable to bring a full bag, please bring one or more of the items on the list and put it in the basket in the narthex or in the food bins outside the fellowship hall. Let's make this the best March Madness Challenge ever!



Ringers and Singers - We Need You!

Have you previously been a ringer/singer or been interested in giving it a try? Spring is the perfect opportunity to sing or ring with us as we prepare for the Lenten/Easter season over the next 8 weeks. No previous experience needed- we would love to have you in Chancel Choir (Wednesdays at 7:30-9:00pm) or Chancel Ringers (Thursdays at 7:00-8:00pm). See Elizabeth with any questions. Come make a joyful noise with us!



Earth Care Lenten Calendar and Devotional

In preparation for Lent, the PC(USA) is offering a couple of inspiring resources to aid us in moving towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. The first of these is a calendar, with daily action items, that can be found at https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2020_Lent.pdf, and the second is a weekly devotional titled "God Provides Enough for All," that can be found at presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-Lenten-Study-012920-web.pdf. Please take this opportunity to join your brothers and sisters in faith by honoring God's creation this holiday season and beyond.



Large print bulletins and hymnals, listening devices, and back pillows are available upon request from the ushers

WBPC office hours M-F 9-1; phone: 919-851-4713; website: www.wbpresbyterian.org

Communications Survey Results

Thank you to all whom made their voices heard with the communications survey. Among a few changes, you'll notice the newsletter will now come out quarterly. The new schedule will be as follows: newsletter coming out in **March** will contain information for March, April and May. Newsletter coming out in **June** will contain information for June, July and August. Newsletter coming out in **September** will contain information for September, October and November. Newsletter coming out in **December** will contain information for December, January and February. Please let us know if you have any questions, amy@wbpresbyterian.org, 919-851-4713.

Panel Discussion at WBPC about "Just Mercy"

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Endowment Fund Requests

WBPC's Endowment Fund currently has \$4,000 available for utilization to support the benevolent, education, and mission work of the church. These funds cannot be used for the operation of the church or its regularly budgeted program. Requests for these monies should be made by March 31, 2020. If you would like an Endowment Fund Request form or have any questions, please contact Phil Westerman (Email: westerma@ncsu.edu; Phone: 919-851-1332). The Endowment Fund was started in 1998 with monies from sale of the manse and undesignated memorial funds. It has grown from \$36,516 in 1998 to \$81,006 at end of 2019, while distributing \$48,956 for benevolent, education and mission work. Please consider contributing to the Endowment Fund.

Spotlight on Sunday School

The Youth Sunday school Class has been exploring the PCUSA Curriculum entitled Faith Questions. Currently the class is studying Politics and the Church. These lessons are based on faith questions youth have posed and are deeply rooted in scripture and the Presbyterian faith. Each lesson has a clear objective, at least one Bible verse, and a faith statement (usually coming from the Book of Confessions).



Biblical Justice Forum Update

Please join us in the church library at 3:30 PM to continue our discussion on the book, *Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein. Our discussion will center on local actions we might take in a corrective vein – one might call it how to repent which is perfect timing for Lent.



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Deacons:

John Clapp, Moderator
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Judy Shelton
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Easter Lilies 2020

As we begin our planning and preparation for Easter, the Worship Committee would like to offer the congregation an opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one by putting a traditional lily in the sanctuary. The cost of a lily is \$12.00. Please complete the form below and put it in the collection plate with your payment or return it to the church office **no later than Monday, April 6**. Please indicate *Easter Lilies* on the memo line of your check.



Given by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of (1) _____ (2) _____

In Honor of (1) _____ (2) _____

Number of Lilies requested: _____ x \$12.00 each = \$ _____

Paid by ___ check ___ cash