

Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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OUR KNOWN ILL:

AT HOME

Barbara Kerr
Martha Dunn
Tink Purcell
Margaret Register
Katie Brown
Vickie Boyette

Doc Fields—Southwood; Rm. 109
Fay Gaddy—Rolling Ridge, Newton Grove
Frances Hubbard—GlenAire

Others:

Angie Prucha -(Daughter of Edwin Danford)
Betty Hairr-(Mother of Vickie Pope)
Catie Ross-(Friend of Lou Johnson)
William Dodson-(Father of James Dodson)
Joyce Carlton-(Former GMPC member)

SYMPATHY TO:

Deborah Hall and family on the passing of her mother, N. Lucille Jackson Sessoms.

Lara Capparuccia and family on the passing of her brother, Charles Alfred Davis.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Keith & Nancy Lamb Monroe on the birth of their daughter Adelaide Marie Monroe Born February 3, 2017.

Grandparents are Henry & Linda Lamb.

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Will & Landis Chamblee on the birth of their son MacDaniel James Chamblee born February 12, 2017.

Grandparents are Hal & Anne Price.

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

**Wednesday Lenten Luncheons at First United Methodist Church** will begin on March 1st at Noon (each week through Wed., April 12th). The cost of lunch will be \$5.00 per plate. GMPC will host lunch on the 22nd of March. We are grateful to FUMC for hosting these meditations and luncheons for the community during the Lenten season. Come out and show your support!

Please join us on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for **GMPC's Ash Wednesday Service**, lead by Rev. Jerry Bron, as we begin our journey through the season of lent.

**GMPC will celebrate World Day of Prayer between 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017.** This worldwide prayer time is not a structured service; therefore, we encourage families to join us any time between 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. as we join Christians around the world affirming that prayer and service are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting and Pig Picking** is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at 6:00 PM in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall. The orders of business include: 1) Review of the 2016 Year End Financial and Statistical Report and 2) Election of the 2017 Nominating Committee. This is also the time we look forward to recognizing and introducing all new members received and all babies and children baptized during the past year. \*(This Year's Church Spring Work Day will be held on Saturday, May 6th.)

There **will not** be a First Wednesday Fellowship Covered Dish Meal for March, due to the Annual Pig Picking.

**Listening Sessions with the Administrative Commission assigned to work with GMPC will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 1:30 - 7:30 p.m. here at GMPC.** The purpose of these conversations is to allow as many of the GMPC congregation as possible who desire to talk with the AC team members a chance to do so. They encourage groups of no more than 3-4 people to come together to fill each 30 minute time slot or you may choose to speak alone for privacy. They will do their best to stay as long as necessary to meet with as many people who desire to be heard. A sign up sheet can be found outside the church office.

**COMING SOON: Friends in Faith Ministry (formerly Shepherding Families).** If you are interested in serving as part of this new ministry, please contact Brenda Nordin for more information or to share your willingness.

**Coffee Hour at GMPC** will be held each Sunday, between Sunday School and worship, in the fellowship hall. We hope everyone will come for a time to visit before worship.

**A Spaghetti Fundraiser to benefit Margaret Register will be held at GMPC on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 11:00—7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in helping with this event please contact the church office.

**GMPC Youth will be hosting a Chili & Baked Potato Luncheon Fundraiser on Sunday, March 26, 2017, following worship, in the GMPC Fellowship Hall. Susie Watson Burns, Youth Outreach Director from Montreat Conference Center will join us as our guest speaker.** Susie will share with us about the Montreat Youth Conference experience and how now more than ever it is critical to claim that in the lives of our teenagers. \*Cost: \$5.00 per ticket (Additional donations will be greatly appreciated and gladly accepted!) Proceeds will help to cover the cost of those attending the Montreat Youth Conference this summer. We hope you will come out and support our youth in such a worthy cause! They are the FUTURE of our church!

**We look forward to welcoming Susie Burns to GMPC!**

Susie Burns grew up in a rural community of Indiana approximately 60 miles from Bloomington IN, where, as a youth, your social life revolved around your extended family and church community. Susie moved to Atlanta GA as a young adult, eventually owning her own floral and event design. It was when she reached the height of her professional career that she realized a much deeper call into youth and family ministry. Susie worked for two years in the northern Atlanta area as a Youth and Family Director. In 2005, a young widow mother of two young boys and older daughter, she re-located to Montreat, NC to marry her current husband and now father to her teenage boys. As Montreat became Susie's home she came to understand it as "a thin place," a place where the veil between heaven and earth is almost nonexistent and people of faith gather to rest, renew, and listen for God's call. This was her first exposure to the PC(USA). Her family joined Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and she connected with others who were also questioning and seeking out the 'sacred' in everyday life. As a parent of three children, Susie realizes now more than ever the necessity for her as a parent to claim the time for faith in their busy day-to-day lives.

Susie now serves as Youth Outreach Director at Montreat where she gets to travel to share Montreat's ministry with churches across the country in support of their youth program. She also finds herself helping people experience the 'Holy' in less formal ways, like through relationships.

Susie is sustained by the vibrant conversation in her heart and among creative Christians about what God is calling the church to do in the lives of families. It is this work that affirms her call. Susie believes in co-creating God's beloved kingdom by finding new life within the bounds of religion.

## **Young@HEART**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**- 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Games in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks & drink will be available. Bring a friend!

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**- "The Message of Easter" is a 90 minute outdoor Easter drama in Williamston, NC. The performance begins at 8 p.m. If interested please let Lou Johnson know ASAP so she can make arrangements for our group to attend.

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**- The March 11<sup>th</sup> trip to Duplin Winery was sold out and we were not able to obtain tickets. The same Golden Oldies Show is offered again on June 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in going please let Lou Johnson know ASAP so we can secure tickets. Cost: \$50 (Dinner & Show)

## **OUR CHILDREN** —

~ **Children's Sunday school:** Interesting, activity based lessons are taught each week for children in Kindergarten - 5th grade. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about God's love for them, and to become familiar with Bible stories and characters. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School.

~ **PresbyCrew** (2nd & 4th Wednesdays going with the school calendar from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.) will meet on March 8th & 22nd. We hope to see you all at PresbyCrew! Bring a friend!

~ **PresbyMusic** (1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays going with the school calendar from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.) will meet on March 1st, 15th & 29th. We hope to see you all at PresbyMusic! Bring a friend!

## Youth Happenings –

GMPC youth are invited to join the Presbytery youth for the Montreat Youth Conference on July 30th – August 5th. Cost: \$480 per youth (includes housing, meals, registration fee & transportation). The group will stay at Chestnut Lodge in Montreat on the grounds of the conference center. It is not too late to sign up and become part of this “Mountain Top” experience. If you wish to sign up or need more information please contact Lou Johnson for more details.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Mission Outreach Project
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Middle School Retreat at Camp Kirkwood
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** – Rescheduled Ski Trip
- March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Youth will meet at church
- March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Fundraiser lunch and guest speaker from Montreat.

*“May God walk with you, work in you, and speak through you because of the life you live”.*

*GMPC youth are making a difference in the lives of others...*



## PRESBYTERIAN MEN *OR* PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

~The **Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast Meeting** for March will be on the 12th, at 8:15 a.m. at First Baptist Church. We hope all men will join us as we combine with our neighbors from FUMC & 1st Baptist for a wonderful time of fellowship!

~**March PW Circle Meetings** are as follows:  
(Bible Leader: Diane Viser)

**Circle #1** will meet on the 6th at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Nita Aiken;

**Circle #2** will meet on the 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room;

**Circle #3** will meet on the 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Room.

~The **PW Quarterly Gathering / Birthday Observance** will be held on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.  
Program Coordinator: Annette Newton

**Presbyterian Penny Pincher Project:** A coin collection challenge to the GMPC congregation, for our annual March fundraiser, has been issued. Get your special “collection cup” from the church, put it in a prominent place at home and empty your pockets, purses and piggybanks every day for a month! Bring your cup of coins each week and dump it in the container located in the narthex, to be counted. This special project will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. So start collecting loose change from the sofa, the car, the laundry room and *become a ‘penny-pincher’ every day!* Everyone can participate – it will be fun to guess the total amount we can raise for the building fund – every little bit helps . . . even pennies, dimes and quarters -lots of them, we hope! (Of course, bills and checks will also be accepted!)

## OTHER NEWS:

~ **CAKES NEEDED** for the March 9<sup>th</sup> First Baptist Soup Kitchen. We ask that all cakes be delivered to the GMPC kitchen by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. \*Please contact Anne Price to sign up/place your name on the March list.

~ The **GMPC Prayer Quilt Ministry** will not meet in March. **Next opportunity: April 18, 2017 (last of the program year).**

~ **Mission Opportunity: Diaper Bank of Sampson County.** Donations of diapers (all brands and sizes, to include adult diapers), diaper wipes and diaper rash cream are collected. A collection bin is located in the GMPC fellowship hallway for your convenience.

~ **MISSIONS: Christian Food Bank of Salemburg,** every third Saturday, monthly, bags of food are given to those in need beginning at 9:00 a.m. What you can do to help: *Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items!* **Next Food Bank: March 18, 2017.**

~ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at First Baptist Soup Kitchen (408 College Street) on Thursdays, Weekly from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. \*11:00 – 3:00: Cooking, \*3:00 – 5:00: Deliveries, \*5:00 – 7:00: Serving. (Volunteer for the whole day or as your schedule allows.)

~ **Backpack Buddies Program:** Volunteers meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Sunset Avenue School to pack food bags for over 250 “food insecure” Clinton City School children, ages Pre K - 8th grade. **What you can do to help: Volunteer Your Time! Donate Food Items!** (\*Food drop off container located in the Fellowship Hallway.)

~ **FREE BOOKS AVAILABLE!** Please stop by the fellowship hall to browse an assortment of free books, courtesy of Dr. Moran. Left over books will be donated to the public library.

~ **Requested Addresses:** Joyce Carlton, 111 Wyncrest Lane, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303, Jim and Denise Moran, 341 Tuscan Way, Apt. 209, Melbourne, FL 32940, and Margaret Register, 407 W. Cornwall Road, Cary, N.C. 27511.

~ **Boy Scouts of America Troop 27 thank you for your continued support!** Your generous support and donations helped make this year’s Scout Sunday, held on February 5th, a success for the boy scouts and families in our community. They plan to give back to the community through service projects, character growth, and good deeds. THANK YOU!

## EDUCATIONAL / SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 2017:

**05**

**12**

**19**

**26**

**Crib/Toddler Nursery: (Nancy & Lauren Perry, Mary Doyne & Sarah Day) 9:30 - 12:15 p.m.**

Dale Purcell

Nita Aiken

Mac Spell

Jennifer Bradley

**Acolytes: (Brenda Nordin)**

Spencer Westerbeek

Melina Matthews

Walker Spell

John Barwick

Jase Westerbeek

Anna Perry Sinclair

Austin Spell

Silas Bradley

**Worship Readiness: March Leader: Darby Scott**

**Kindergarten—2nd Grade Class:**

Penny Horne

Computer Lab

Najshula Lassiter

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**3rd - 5th Grade Class:**

Computer Lab

Kristi Williford

Diane Viser

Linda Jewell Carr

**Sr. & Jr. High Youth Class:**

Charlotte Harrell

Diane Viser

Paul Viser

James Dodson

**Memorial Room: (Dorothy Sue Faison)**

Ronnie Honeycutt

Paul Viser

TBA

Bill Scott

**Care Class: (Brenda Nordin)**

Linda Williamson

Anne Price

James Dodson

Nita Aiken

**Literature Class (Lauren Perry)**

**PresbyCrew: (Lou Johnson)** We always welcome extra volunteers ... come any time you can!

03/08 Team 1: Mary Aycok, Penny Horne, Darby Scott, Mac Spell, Claire Tart, Lizzy Tart, Jan Tart

03/22 Team 2: Annette Newton, Betty Blue Packard, Nancy Perry, Amelia Surratt, Claire Tart, Lizzy Tart, Diane Viser

Snacks: 03/08 Linda Jewell Carr & 03/22 Glenda Underwood

**Meals-on-Wheels: (Anne Price)**

03/07 Barbara Taylor & Anne Price

03/21 John & Amelia Surratt

**Ushers: (David Brock)** Note: A yearly list is posted on the bulletin board outside the office

David Brock, Brooks Barwick, III, Fred Beaujeu-Dufour, Bill Fulton, Hampton Brock, Bill Prestage

**Flower Committees: (Mac Spell)**

05 (Communion)

12 Memorial for Mr. Lewis M. Fetterman, Sr., Dr. Lewis M. Fetterman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Burrows T. Lundy, Sr., Mr. B. T. Lundy, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Fetterman by the family

19 Memorial for Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Peay, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas A. Joseph by Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Peay, Jr. and family

26 Memorial for Mr. Sam Foushee, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foushee and Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Woodard by Mrs. Jinx Foushee

~ Sunday, February 12, 2017 ~

**I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...**

My Presence: Sunday School Attendance 57  
Worship Attendance 117

| My Gifts:               | Weekly     | Year-To-Date |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Tithes and Offerings    | \$3,411.00 | \$81,463.95  |
| Building Fund Offerings | \$ 465.00  | \$10,796.66  |

### **Lectionary Text for March:**

**05) Ps. 32; Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7;  
Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11;**

**12) Ps. 121; Gen. 12:1-4a;  
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17**

**19) Ps. 95; Ex. 17:1-7;  
Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42;**

**26) Ps. 23; 1 Sam. 16:1-13;  
Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41**

### **Happy Birthday During March:**

02) John Surratt; 03) David Brock, Madeline Pope; 04) Susan Bristow; Carson Wicke-Bass; Barry Almand; 06) Ellen Collins, Mary Carol Todd; 07) Ashton Apolinario; 12) Brenda Nordin; 13) Robert Sink; 14) Kayla Miller, Susan Westerbeek, Kendall Tidey; 15) Joni Fay Fetterman, Lenny Stephenson; 17) Marsha Prestage, Melissa Nimmo, Neill Westerbeek, Josie Butler; 18) April Sinclair, James Warren Sinclair; 19) Dan Aycok; 22) Gary Boone; 23) Hugh Barwick Jr., Trey Bryan, Rick Green; 24) Nancy Johnston; 25) Paul Viser, Brian Harrington, Ethan Donatelli; 26) Andy Woods, Austin Spell, Sawyer Miller; 27) Jase Westerbeek; 28) Molly Held; 29) Chris Bouchard, Iva Miller; 30) Barbara Taylor; 31) Jeff Vreugdenhil; Raleigh Williamson