

# Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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Dr. James A. Moran, Pastor

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## OUR KNOWN ILL:

Katherine Stewart - Wilmington

Others:

Pat Whitfield - (Mother of Annette Newton)

James Faircloth - (Father of Nancy Johnston)

Angie Prucha - (Daughter of Edwin Danford)

Bill Hawkins - (Former Pastor of GMPC)

## AT HOME

Jimmy Naylor      Martha Dunn

Burl Williamson      Barbara Kerr

## SYMPATHY TO:

*Debbie Martin and family* on the passing of her brother, Elliott L. (Pee Wee) Spell, Jr. and on the passing of her sister, Martha Joyce Campbell.

**Please continue to stop by the bulletin board outside the church office, for the latest updates/news from our missionaries, Andy and Ellen Collins in Chiang Mai Thailand.**

**Stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to view recent Information and News from our Presbytery Office. To view the Coastal Carolina Newsletter visit [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org).**

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

March 29th is **Palm Sunday.** We ask that all children who would like to participate in this year's processional to assemble in the Banner Room, prior to worship on the 29th. Palm fronds will be passed out at this time. (\*Children will return to sit with their parents after the processional.) We thank you in advance for your participation.

**GMPC youth will host a Seder Service on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 5:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. The Seder is a Jewish service that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. The service is the retelling of the Passover, when the Jews were liberated from being slaves in Egypt. A meal will be served that represents what happened as the Israelites left Egypt. We invite and encourage you all to join us.

**Wednesday Lenten Luncheons at First United Methodist Church** will conclude at Noon on Wednesday, April 1st). The cost of lunch is \$4.00 per plate. We are grateful to FUMC for hosting these meditations and lunches for the community during the Lenten season.

**First Wednesday Fellowship Covered Dish** will be hosted by the Presbyterian Men on April 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the MacQueen Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dishes to share! We thank the Congregational Care Committee and all Volunteers!

April 2nd is **Maundy Thursday.** Service will be held in the GMPC Sanctuary beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend!

April 5th is **Easter/Resurrection of the Lord.** We will begin our day with an **Easter Sunrise Service** to be held at the Clinton Cemetery beginning at 6:30 a.m. We will also **Recognize Our Confirmands** as they reaffirm their Baptismal covenant and publicly profess their faith during our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Special envelopes will be available for receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.**

The **GMPC Talent Extravaganza FUN(d) Raiser** will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2015** (Please Note Change of Date), beginning with a hotdog dinner at 6:00 p.m. and followed by performances at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Tickets are now available in the church office.

Our Youth will lead us in Worship on **May 10th—Youth Sunday.** Please keep them in your prayers as they plan and prepare for this special day.

Clear your clutter and help support GMPC's Building Fund! GMPC will hold a public **"Yard Sale" on Saturday, June 6th, 7:00 AM-NOON.** All proceeds will benefit our Building Fund. So ... clean your attic, garage, closets, etc. & bring any items you would like to donate to the fellowship hall beginning the week of Mon., June 1st. *Items accepted: gently used children's clothes (NO shoes or adult clothing), Books (No magazines), household items, furniture, dishes, pictures, decorative items, etc.* Volunteers needed to help with: sorting, pricing, arranging items, advertising, attendants, clean-up. Contact Brenda Nordin 990-1668 to assist in this project or if you need assistance in getting your items to the church.

**WORDS FROM DR. JIM MORAN:**

My friends,

The CBS Sunday Morning News told a story about Chris Rosati and the “Butterfly Effect” on March 15. “It’s always been a mystery to me how someone not long for this world,” reporter Steve Hartman said, “could care so much for it.” Suffering from ALS and barely able to talk, Chris Rosati proved the butterfly effect really exists. The butterfly effect, a physics concept, hypothesizes that a single butterfly flapping its wings on one side of the globe can start a hurricane on the other side of the globe. Rosati wondered if it could be applied to kindness, “An act of kindness, how far could it go?” At Elmo’s Diner in Durham, North Carolina, his hometown, he saw two girls at a table next to his. After introducing himself, he gave them each \$50 with one very simple instruction: “do something kind with it.” Then he left and forgot all about it. Later he got this e-mail from a village in Sierra Leone with picture of a group of villagers holding a note: “Thanks a lot for spreading kindness Chris Rosati.” Kate, 13 years old, and her ten year old sister, Anna, sent their \$100 to a village their father had worked in as a Peace Corps volunteer many years ago. They told them the gift was to be used to celebrate their village now being Ebola free. Rosati said with his fading voice so full of life, “We need to get a whole lot of butterflies to flap their wings, hundreds of butterfly grants (\$50) to any child who wants to change the world.” The reporter Steve Hartman ended with, “America, get ready for a hurricane.” What a difference one man’s kindness can make!

Easter is coming! First, we have to make it through Holy Week and the betrayal, suffering, and death; then, the resurrection. Christians, we do know what a difference one man can make. Out of the great love with which God loved the world, God sent Jesus so that the world might be saved through him. Talk about the butterfly effect! Tell the good news of God’s love this Easter as we remember the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. Let the wind of resurrection blow across the globe. Easter is coming!

May the Easter joy be in all of us,  
Jim

**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 piggy banks every day for a month! Bring your cup of coins each week and dump it in the container located in the narthex. This special project will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**OUR CHILDREN –**

~**April 22nd will be our last PresbyCrew of the Spring.** On the 22nd we will learn about “The Good Shepherd” John 10:11-18, following school from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Joy Ringers: Children’s Handbell Choir** will also meet on April 22nd, for our last meeting of the spring, following PresbyCrew from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you all here on the 22nd! Bring a friend!

Be sure to tell Ms. Mariana Sanderson, Ms. Myrtle Petty, Ms. Bonnie Barr, Dr. Jim Moran, Ms. Mary Doyne, Ms. Dorothy Sue Faison, Ms. Betty Blue Packard, Ms. Nancy Perry, Ms. Amelia Surratt, Ms. Kathy Peay, Ms. Mary Aycok, Ms. Joni Fay Fetterman, Ms. Darby Scott, Ms. Susan Bristow and everyone else what a wonderful time you have had with them this year. ~*Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.* 1 John 3:18

~It’s not too early to start thinking about **GMPC Vacation Bible School 2015** scheduled to be held June 22nd - 25th. Mark Your Calendars Now! Last years *Workshop of Wonders (WOW)*, taught us how the ordinary becomes the extraordinary with God, the one who works wonders, as we used our imaginations and creativity to build our faith. I can not wait to see what we learn about this year! Details Coming Soon!

\***Adults/Youth: Interested in assisting or volunteering** ... contact James Dodson or the Church Office today.

**DON’T FORGET SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY AT 9:45**

**Youth Groups**

—A SUPER FUN time was had at Camp

Kirkwood this past weekend, as 13 of GMPC's Jr. High Youth & 2 of GMPC's PYC members attended the Presbytery's *Frozen Chosen* overnight bible study camp! (They even received a visit from Dr. Moran!) We can not wait to hear about your many adventures and new experiences! A special thank you goes out to our Leaders: Ms. Bonnie Barr, Ms. Joy Dodson & Mr. James Dodson, Ms. Lisa Green & Allie Green.

**Coming Events / LOOKING AHEAD :**

- March 29** - Confirmation class w/ Session / 4:30 pm Seder Meal (set-up)
- April 5** - (Easter) NO YOUTH; Confirmation class received during worship
- April 12** - Youth Talent Extravaganza Rehearsal
- April 19** - Talent Extravaganza Fundraiser (No Youth Group)
- April 26** - Youth: World Religions
- May 3** - Youth Sunday Practice
- May 10** - Youth Sunday (Mother's Day) (No Youth Group)

- May 17** - Youth H2O Mission Fundraiser Begins: \*More Info. Coming Soon!
- June 14 - 19** - Raleigh Youth Mission Trip: \*More Info. Coming Soon!
- July 26 - August 1** - Montreat Youth Conference: \*More Info. Coming Soon!

**\*Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (weekly)**

**\*Sunday Night Youth 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (weekly)**

Sr. & Jr. High Youth gather weekly in the fellowship hall for dinner from 5:30 - 6 p.m., before separating into youth groups for various activities. Please join us on Sundays!

**Lectionary Text for April:**

- 05)** Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9; 1 Cor. 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8;
- 12)** Ps. 133; Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
- 19)** Ps. 4; Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
- 26)** Ps. 23; Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Sunday, March 15, 2015

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

My Presence: Sunday School Attendance 49  
Worship Attendance 135

My Gifts: Weekly Year-To-Date

Tithes and Offerings:  
\$ 4,862.00 \$71,119.68

Building Fund Offerings:  
\$ 10,950.00 \$19,570.00

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN OR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:**

~ The Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meeting for April will be held on Sunday, April 12th here at GMPC, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We hope all men will join us as we once again combine with our neighbors for a wonderful time of fellowship!

~ April PW Circle Meetings are as follows, Bible Leader: Julie Stefanovich;  
Circle #1 will meet on the 6th at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Amelia Surratt (804 Coharie Drive);  
Circle #2 will meet on the 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room  
Circle #3 will meet on the 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Room

~ Our PW Missions Committee is in the process of gathering items for our college student "goodie boxes" ... just in time for their busy year-end responsibilities and preparations for finals. We thank Mary Aycock & Anne Price, P.W. Mission Communicators Co-Chairs, and all volunteers for their dedication to missions.

**OTHER NEWS:**

~**We Thank our Presbyterian Women** for the wonderful job they did preparing and serving lunch at the FUMC Lenten Luncheons on March 18th. Dr. Moran's message was inspiring, and the meal was delicious as always.

~**We would like to thank all of our volunteers** who helped at this years Church Spring Work Day. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our awesome Scouts for their assistance.

~**Thank you all** for your cards, meals, calls, flowers, donations, thoughts, and prayers during the recent illness and death of my brother, Charles R. "Chuck" Joseph. Our entire Joseph family appreciates all that you have done to help make this time an easier one for us. We will be eternally grateful to all of you for your many kindnesses. How blessed we are to feel such love and caring from our wonderful church family! God bless you all!  
Kathy Joseph Peay and Family

~**2015 Summer Camp Information:** Please visit the following links for camp details/dates:

Camp Kirkwood: <http://www.campkirkwoodnc.org/summer-camps.html> (910)251-9622, ext. 223 or  
Monroe Camp & Retreat Center: <http://www.monroecamp.org/> (910)276-1654.

## OTHER NEWS (Continued):

~During the Congregational Meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2015, the 2015 Nominating Committee was elected. They are as follows: Chuck Spell, Chair (Elder), Curtis Lindsay, Vice-Chair (Elder), John Fox & Henry Faison (Deacon Representatives), Stan Mertz (Presbyterian Men Rep.), Trish Sessoms (Presbyterian Women Rep.), Nicole Spell (Youth Rep.), Deborah Hall, Mary Doyne & Jimmy Sinclair (Congregational Members)

~GMPC's Prayer Request Cards are located in the pews for your convenience. If you have a prayer request, simply fill out the prayer request card and place it in the offering plate or contact the office to get a prayer started.

~Graduation Time is approaching ... Don't forget to call the church office to share the news. We love announcing all high school, college and graduate school scholars.

~Copies of These Days, April - June, are available in the Narthex and outside the church office.

~Copies of the GMPC Newsletter are always available outside of the church office for your convenience.

## EDUCATIONAL / SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 2015:

<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
<b>Crib Nursery: (Nancy &amp; Jack Perry, Claire Fox) 9:30 - 12:15 p.m.</b>			
Allison & Ruthie Brock	Mary Doyne	Charlotte Harrell	Laurie Vreugdenhil
Robin Palmer	Addie Sessoms	Jane Langston	Lizzy Tart
<b>Toddler Nursery: (Kathy Day &amp; Mary Doyne) 9:30 - 12:15 p.m.</b>			
Emily Wilmot	Anne Price	Ruthie Brock	Jane Langston
<b>Acolytes: (Brenda Nordin)</b>			
Julian Beaujeu-Dufour	Olivia Williford	Holly Weaver	Isabella Faison
Silas Bradley	Emily Wilmot	Addie Sessoms	Ruthie Brock
<b>Worship Readiness: (Tami Warren) April Leader: Hollis White</b>			
<b>Memorial Room: (Dorothy Sue Faison)</b>			
Diane Westerbeek	Bill Scott	Anne Price	Melvin Weaver
<b>Care Class: (Brenda Nordin)</b>			
Bill/ Nita Aiken	Melvin Weaver	Tommy Newton	Kathy Peay
<b>Young Adult Class:</b>			
Lee Howard	Nita Aiken	Paul Viser	Justin Lockamy
<b>PresbyCrew: (Mariana Sanderson &amp; Myrtle Petty)</b> We always welcome extra volunteers ... come any time you can!			
04/22 Team 1: Mariana & Myrtle, Mary Aycok, Bonnie Barr, Dorothy Sue Faison, Betty Blue Packard, Darby Scott			
Snacks: 04/22 Nancy Perry			
<b>Meals-on-Wheels: (Nancy Perry)</b>			
04/07 Bonnie Barr & Diane Westerbeek			
04/21 Bonnie Barr & Delores Murphy			
<b>Ushers: (Edwin Danford)</b> <i>Note: A yearly list is posted on the bulletin board outside the office</i>			
Richard Bryan, Chris Berendt, Chris Bouchard, Michael Bradley, Plato Faison, Wyman Faison, Harry Sinclair, Aaron Viser			
<b>Flower Committees: (Mac Spell)</b>			
04/05 (Communion) Easter Flower Committee: * <u>Peggy Lindsay</u> , Delores Murphrey, Noelle Apolinario, Glenice Webster, Kathy Mertz; * <u>Mac Spell</u> , Kim Bouchard, Mary Harrington, Lynne Pridgen, Sarah Lane; * <u>Bonnie Barr</u> , Fay Gaddy, Lee Howard, Margaret Jania, Susan Tucker, Nancy Perry; * <u>Melissa Nimmo</u> , Carol Wilson, Laurie Vreugdenhil, Kitty Peak, Sara Rosario, Karen Shankweiler			
04/12 Memorial for Mr. Sam Foushee, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foushee and Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Woodard by Mrs. Jinx Foushee			
04/19 Memorial for Mr. John T. Denny, III, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Denny, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lester Fulghum by Mrs. Lois Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. James Dodson and Grandchildren			
04/27 Memorial for Mrs. Laura Campbell Ray Walls and Mr. Louis Jackson Walls, Jr. by their children			

**Happy Birthday During April:** 01) Burl Williamson, Ronnie Honeycutt; 02) Fred Beaujeu-Dufour, Elizabeth Williamson; 04) Ryan Nimmo; 05) Matthew Fulton, Lizzy Tart; 06) Fay Gaddy; 07) Bill Peak, Gary Wayne Hall; 08) Brooks Barwick, IV; 10) Evan Lamb; 11) Andrew Lamb; 12) Andy Rives; 13) Hollis White; 14) Annabelle Fetterman, Carol Fussell, Nancy Cowand, Amaya Apolinario; 15) Jimmy Sinclair, Alice Rose, Corkey Boyette; 16) Richard Bryan; 17) James Hardee, II; 18) Karen Shankweiler; 19) Lee Howard; 20) Kitty Peak; 23) Linda Williamson; 24) Holly Weaver; 25) Lynne Pridgen; 26) Anne Kerr, Ben Harrington; 27) Erin Spell, Katie Brown; 28) Trent Williamson; 29) Debbie Sinclair, Isabella Faison; 30) Natalie Berendt