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MARCH 2024

Reflections

This month is a time to celebrate. On the final day of the month we will gather together to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. To add to the importance of that day, we will have not one, not two, but three baptisms that morning as Leslie Amos, Kellyn Eanes, and Max Mitchell are all scheduled to be initiated into the church. March 31st is going to be a really big deal!

But there is still a lot to do prepare for our celebration of Jesus' resurrection. The rest of the month contains the remainder of the church season of Lent. It is a time for us to examine our sins and prepare to remember not just Jesus' resurrection, but his death to redeem those sins. To help with this reflection, the church will be hosting several events on Holy Week.

We will start off with a bit of an early celebration. Because of scheduling conflicts with some folks, we will host our annual children's Easter Egg Hunt a week early on Saturday, March 23rd starting at 10. There will be crafts, stories, lunch, and, of course, Easter eggs for the younger kids and also an escape room for youth middle school ages and up. If you have grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbors, start spreading the word as this is always an enjoyable day for young and old alike.

The next day, Palm Sunday, March 24th, then officially begins Holy Week. There we will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but also remember the turn towards suffering and death that it will take following Jesus' Last Supper. Instead of a sermon that Sunday I am anticipating having our three potential new members help me to share the story of Jesus' Passion as told in the Gospel of Mark.

Later in the week, the church will once again host a joint Lenten service with the good folks from Pleasant Grove United Methodist on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00. That will be here at Snow Creek Christian Church where we will commemorate Jesus' Last Supper. Then we will turn around the next day and go to Pleasant Grove for a joint Good Friday service also at 7:00 to commemorate the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

March is always a transitional month. The hints of spring start to pop up all around, but the gloominess of winter still hangs around. It is a time to prepare for the new life and growth that we know to be coming. I would invite everyone to join us in the doing the same in your spiritual lives. Take time this Lenten season to reflect on your own mortality and on the relationship of your own baptism to Jesus' death and resurrection. Take time to build a stronger connection with the Spirit. The more we

prepare ourselves and our church, the more we will appreciate the celebration of new life that is coming. God be with you. Scott

March Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

March 3 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

- Exodus 20:1-17
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- *John 2:13-22*

March 17 (5th Sunday in Lent)

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 51:1-12 OR Psalm 119:9-16
- Hebrews 5:5-10
- *John 12:20-33*

March 10 (4th Sunday in Lent)

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- *Ephesians 2:1-10*
- John 3:14-21

March 24 (Palm Sunday)

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Mark 11:1-11 OR John 12:12-16

March 31 (Easter)

- Acts 10:34-43 OR Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 OR Acts 10:34-43
- *John 20:1-18* OR Mark 16:1-8

Easter Special Offering

The Easter Offering, received by congregations on Palm Sunday March 24 and Easter Sunday 31, 2024, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

Verdaderamente, Cristo ha resucitado. ¡Aleluya!

예수님은 진실로 부활하셨습니다. 할렐루야!

Le Christ est vraiment ressuscité ! Alléluia !

Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Five words. Our united and active response to Easter.

"Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia!" is an affirmation of faith. It is our faithful response to the power of resurrection at work in our congregations, communities, and ministries across the world. Because Jesus is risen, we are set free, indeed, to share the limitless love of God, set free from the grip of sin and death, set free to rise together in shared ministry, language, and service.

CHRIST IS
RISEN
INDEED,
ALLELUIA!
MARK 16:1-8



Church Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting January 14

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott had our opening prayer. The December meeting minutes were reviewed. Joyce Ingram made a motion to approve the minutes, Janet Purdue seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bud Hippisley reported for December; it was a huge month for both income and expenses. There were five weeks for donations. The Backpack Program had a big month as well, from the lodge and the church's fifth Sunday donation. We had the normal expenses, plus the Christmas gifts, outreach to eight local organizations and the Backpack Program. Expenses were greater than income during December, but we will make up for that during the rest of the year. January is when we will show the \$10,000 donation to the Snow Creek Rescue Squad. Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Vivian Doyle second, the motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- The Baptism class for several middle schoolers began in January and will culminate on Easter Sunday.
- Compensation for visiting preachers. The rule of thumb, according to Bob Moody, is to plan for how long of a sermon the church wants and then allow for hour of preparation per minute of sermon. Then determine how much the church wants to pay per hour. Use these two numbers to calculate the compensation.
- I'm meeting with Pastor Steve Weedling at Pleasant Grove UMC to plan joint Lenten services this year. Ash Wednesday will be held at Pleasant Grove, Maundy Thursday at Snow Creek, and Good Friday at Pleasant Grove.
- Pastor Weedling asked if Snow Creek would like to participate in a Rise Against Hunger initiative, which packages food to be sent to disaster areas. This would involve the church providing a \$1,000 donation toward food stuffs (rice, beans, etc.) and 10 volunteers for the event. The event is scheduled for April 20 at the Figsboro Ruritan Club. The goal is to have event planning finalized by the end of March.
- It was a blessing to welcome Adam Eller into the congregation through baptism on Sunday, January 7. In addition to the Bible provided to Adam, Pastor Scott provided a Bible Commentary. Joyce Ingram moved to reimburse Pastor Scott for the commentary, Linda Hippisley seconded, the motion carried.
- VBS: Snow Creek hosts VBS this year. It is normally held the second week in July.

I will begin meeting with the five local churches (Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren, Trinity Baptist, Pleasant Grove UMC, Covenant Community, Snow Creek Christian) soon and plan to propose July 7-11 for the dates. Since this will be right before our Homecoming, we need to prepare for cleaning up after VBS to get ready for Homecoming.

Committee Reports • Property

- G.B. expressed appreciation to Joyce for getting the apparatus for the sink in the Nursery and to Adam Eller for installing.
- It was noted that there are roof leaks in the men's room, the Sanctuary and the steeple.

Old business

- Copier- The problem is that the spring on the side door has come off; the maintenance company should be able to repair that. We paid the yearly maintenance in Nov 2023, so we need to get the return on our investment for this year.
- We are still waiting to hear back from Piedmont Community Services about their plans to use the church as a host site for their mobile unit.

New Business

- Sound System- There were problems right before Christmas. Do we need to pursue any upgrades? Pastor Scott reported that the problem before Christmas was a mistake with the mute button, not with the equipment. We have a top-of-the-line sound board, but the speakers, which are 30 years old, and microphone are causing the sound problems.
- Backpack - Because of Debbie Hayne' s health issues, Veronica Doyle has been assisting with the Backpack Program. Debbie is continuing to order the food and have it delivered to her home. Veronica picks it up and brings it to church to have it packed.

Pastor Scott said a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Wanda Damon, Secretary



Baptism



BAPTISM OF LUKAS PERDUE AND ALLEY DESHAZO



Kids Time





CONGRATULATIONS



Dr. Morgan Washburn is a member of the Snow Creek Community and teacher at Franklin County Schools. During the Annual Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education (Virginia ACTE) Conference in Richmond in January, Dr. Morgan Washburn was recognized as Virginia ACTE Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year. This award recognizes the finest career and technical education teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities. Morgan's application will move forward to the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region II judging. Region II winners will be announced in late September at their Annual Conference held in Florida for this year.

Upcoming Events

March 3 at 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

March 3 at 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class

March 3, 12:00 After the Worship Service Board meeting

March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Snow Creek Christian Church and Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church will have joint services for Lenten and Easter services.

Maundy Thursday will be at Snow Creek Christian Church on **March 28th at 7 p.m.**

Good Friday will be Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church on **March 29 at 7 p.m.**

Snow Creek Church will be hosting an **Easter egg hunt** for youth on **Saturday, March 23th** at the Church. ***All Kids welcome. MORE DETAILS ABOVE IN Scotts REFLECTIONS MESSAGE Begins at 10 am.***

Date in Snow Creek Times has been changed from March 30 to March 23 for hunt.

March 31th Easter Sunday Baptism of several Youth at the Church

Leslie Amos, Kellyn Eanes, Max Mitchell

Snow Creek Christian Church will host a **COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** this Summer at the Church. Participating Churches are Covenant Community Church, Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren, and Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. More details will be available in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS NICK AND EMILY

ON THE BIRTH OF BABY DELIAH JANE DOYLE ON DECEMBER 18, 2023

SHE WILL BE 3 MONTHS OLD MARCH 8TH

HER WEIGHT WAS 8 POUNDS AND 1 OZ. $\frac{3}{4}$ INCHES LONG.





LET'S CELEBRATE



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kellyn Eanes
- 5 Doug Davidson,
- 5 Ryland Mitchell
- 6 Bryce Mitchell
- 9 Joshua Washburn
- 11 Nancy Robertson
- 20 Stevie & Davy Mitchell
- 24 Louise Washburn
- 30 Breanna Robertson
- 31 Todd Martin

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eddie Brown
- 3 Joyce Ingram
- 7 Isaiah Jordan
- 10 Tressi Mitchell
- 12 Asher Hippisley
- 17 Tim Scott
- 22 Whitney Eanes
- 22 Pam Gabriel
- 23 Betty Lou Cooper
- 25 Walker Pruett
- 30 Josh Washburn

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Tony & Nancy Plybon

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Todd & Melody Martin
- 4 Terry & Crystal Davidson
- 15 Jarrett & Patti Amos
- 21 Josh and Morgan Washburn

Please email me any additions or corrections to the birthday or anniversaries list.

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