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Join us for

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Worship

11:00 a.m.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY/LITERACY PROJECT

Little Free Libraries are a grassroots movement to bring books into neighborhoods and make them accessible to all. They are set up on a "take a book, leave a book" system. However, if books remain in low income homes, that is fine as it brings reading into the home. Little Free Libraries are registered and you can look on the website to find where they are located. You may have even seen some of them around town.



I hope everyone has had a chance to watch the progress on the building of the Little Free Libraries. A great group has been hard at work building our three libraries. One will be placed at Burkhead for members and neighbors from the community to use. The second one will be placed at Open Arms Community, our United Methodist outreach in the Waughtown neighborhood. The third Library will be placed at the Potter's House, another outreach ministry in Winston-Salem located on 25th Street. The libraries will hold both adult and children's books.

Our involvement will not end with the building of the libraries. We will also be setting up story times at each of these locations to encourage children and families to read. We are signing up volunteer readers now. After the libraries are in place, we will hold a dedication ceremony for each one as a kick-off for the story times.

Literacy is critical for children to have success in school. Success in school leads to success in life. Many children do not get read to at home and they come into school already at a disadvantage. Reading to children helps them learn the mechanics of reading plus increasing vocabulary and socialization skills. This is a place where we can make a difference in the community!

If you are interested in being a story time reader, contact Gale Sink. We don't have a start date yet because we don't know exactly how long it will take to finish the libraries. Thank you to Murray Sink and his great crew of volunteers who are building our Little Free Libraries! We will also be collecting books to put in the libraries. If you have books you would like to donate, bring them to the church.



I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and alms giving; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

Year after year, we hear these words of invitation in the traditional Ash Wednesday worship. Nonetheless, every year, I am caught off guard as though I've heard them for the first time, and hearing them for the first time, I find myself recoiling from what feels like a

challenge. The plan presented seems straightforward: "...by prayer, fasting and alms-giving..." yet I am left to fill in the blanks regarding the details. What follows is that year after year, I wonder if I'm getting it right.

Searching for suggestions of how to observe Lent results in a plethora of suggestions about what to give up or take on, opinions regarding the efficacy of singling out a specific practice, and debates about which Christian tradition is best at Lent (an ironic twist toward pride rather than humility!) My response: this isn't helping at all!

This year, I start over—again. In parsing out the words, I am struck by the very first words: "I invite you..." I have always heard this a challenge; however, the holiest traditions of the church are not condemning, but grace giving. I call to mind the invitation of Jesus, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:29-30) This tradition of Lent and the journey to the cross is above all an invitation to experience grace through an intentional surrendering of my will to the will of Christ. This is not a challenge, but an invitation that I can joyfully receive.

Having been invited to the journey, as with any invitation, leaves me wondering how I fully engage in the experience. Here is where the specifics of the invitation provide guidance (again, invitations provide guidance, whereas challenges establish rules.) The traditional guidance of the church calls me to the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Notice how these three disciplines put me into a holy relationship with every aspect of living. The discipline of prayer is specifically about full orientation to God. Only after I fully experience the presence of God in prayer and contemplation can I turn to the practice of fasting and self-denial which is about reorienting my relationship with self; fasting and self-denial reveals both my self-idolatry and personal needs and dependence upon grace. The discipline of alms-giving reminds me that any act of fasting is self-aggrandizing if it isn't followed by and orientation toward the other, specifically, through sharing the grace of God with "the hungry, the naked, the sick, the stranger, the imprisoned..." (Matthew 26).

The invitation of the Lenten season provides us an opportunity to discern where God is working in our lives: to accept the call to follow Jesus to the cross and

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experience the grace and victory of the resurrection. The specifics of how we will fast and practice alms-giving will be revealed as I experience the presence of God in prayer. I have spoken often over the past eighteen months about discerning where God is working in the life of this church. During this season, we are invited once again to walk with Christ in this practice of discernment.

Will you R.S.V.P. to your invitation?

Elizabeth

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

Our Wednesday Night Fellowship Suppers continue with much success. The cooking teams can always use more help and if you would like to be a member on one of the teams, please let Betty Bewley know. The cost remains \$6 for adults, children free. All first timers eat free. Betty Bewley will be stocking the pantry. Please check it out before you shop. You may sign up at the information center or call the church office no later than Monday of each week and leave a message. Our March menus are:

- March 1 Piizza & Salad
- March 8 Baked Chicken & Rice
- March 15 Chicken Pie
- March 22 To be announced
- March 29 Fried or Rosemary Chicken

FINANCIAL UPDATE—JANUARY 2017

Total Funds Received: \$25,837
 Total Annual Budget Funds Received: \$21,383
 Total Annual Budget Funds Spent: \$14,020
 End of January Operating Balance: \$66,429

WE OFFER OUR LOVE AND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY . . .

- to the family of Jennifer Gentry following the death of her Mother, Norma Gentry of King on February 2.

May the presence and peace of God be with them in the days to come as they cope with the loss of their loved ones.

MISSION TRIP

We are in discussions with the Greater Greenbrier Long Term Recovery Committee for Burkhead members to provide flood relief help. The weeks that we have ask them to review are the last week in March or the first week of April.

The Amish are building new homes in the area and there are many opportunities to finish these houses. They have a church and a motel for lodging. One church is providing cooking facilities as well as lunch each day.

Can you go? If so which week are you available? Please provide your answers to these questions to: Barry Crotty at 336-765 4615.

COMMUNITY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study will begin on Thursday, March 9 at 9:30. All women are invited to participate and invite their friends and neighbors. We will meet on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the fellowship hall.

Our Spring study is called Seamless, a video study by Angie Smith. It is 7 sessions and will help us understand the Bible as one complete story. Seamless covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Whether you have grown up hearing Bible stories or you are exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the Bible may be hard to piece together. As we experience the Bible as a whole, we will discover a biblical context that reshapes and brings to life stories from the Old and New Testaments.

Plan to join us and bring a friend on March 9 at 9:30!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

(Helpers should report at 10:45 a.m.)

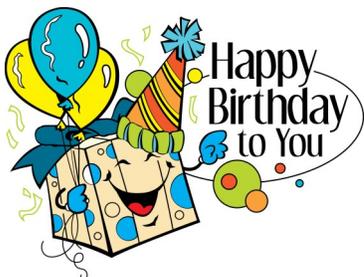
- March 5 Becky & Keith Arnott
- March 12 Gale Sink & Lynn B.
- March 19 Lynn Blumenthal & Helper
- March 26 Barry Crotty & Helper

This Month's Birthdays



March Birthdays

- 1 Lori Howell
- 2 Marty Covington
- 8 Michael Frizzell
Scott Grisct
- 9 Jessica Sink
- 14 Mitch Mende
- 19 Jo Thomas
- 20 Mary Elizabeth Shough
- 22 Marge Serrano
- 26 Murray Sink
Ansley Spencer
- 31 Logan Friddle
Bobbie Futrell
John Hedrick, Jr.



Memorial Gifts

January 1 — February 28



In memory of **Doris Nifong:**

by Murray & Gale Sink
 Rick Mende
 Aaron & Mary Elizabeth Shough
 Jean Hole
 Bill & Peggy Bishop
 Nancy Boyles
 Ralph & Bobbie Futrell

In memory of **Evelyn Kinder:**

(Brenda Barlow's Mother)

by Taylor Crane
 Aaron & Mary Elizabeth Shough
 Murray & Gale Sink
 Seekers Sunday School Class
 Glenda Ketchie

In memory of **Norma Gentry:**

(Jennifer Gentry's Mother)

by Murray & Gale Sink



BOOKS FOR OLD TOWN SCHOOL SECOND GRADERS

We have again been asked to provide new books for each of the Second Graders at Old Town Elementary School for the end of the year. Books in the home make a big difference for children who are learning to read. For low income families, there is not a lot of money for extras like books. We will need about \$350 to purchase a new book for each of the Second Graders. If you would like to make a donation to help buy books, please put your check in the offering plate with "Old Town Books" in the memo line. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

PLANS FOR SUNDAY
APRIL 2, 2017

THE SEEKERS CLASS INVITES THE
ENTIRE CONGREGATION TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017, DURING THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR, BEGINNING AT
9:45 AM, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, TO
REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE 2016
CHICKEN BARBECUE.

BETH DIXON, BECKY ARNOTT, AND
MURRAY SINK WILL BE IN CHARGE OF
THE DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION
SHARING

COFFEE
DOUGHNUTS
AND ORANGE JUICE
WILL BE AVAILABLE



The Outreach Committee has started a new **Baking Ministry** to help sweeten life in our community. At our first event on February 25th we baked cookies for the SECU House and brownies for desert for Kingdom Meals for Open Arms. The next session will be on March 18th at 9:00 a.m. and we will be making Brownies for HOPE. We always make a few extra items for special events so we need lots of hands. Please join us on March 18th.

THE FOOD MINISTRY FOR IBRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL wanted to thank you for your generous donations of toilet paper for the 50 families they serve. As we continue to help with this project with the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany and the Food Ministry for Ibrahim, we will collect toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap for the month of March. The collection box will be labelled "Toiletries for Food Ministry." Thank you in advance for your support.



March
Anniversaries

- 13 Gale & Murray Sink
- 26 Jolynn & Michael Frizzell



The Salvation Army — March Events

Saturday, March 4

We are pleased to celebrate 110 years of Salvation Army Service to Greater Winston-Salem by presenting **The Southern Territorial Band** live in concert at First Presbyterian Church, along with the Southern Territorial Songsters and Southern Territorial Creative Arts Ensemble. Show time is 6:30pm. Admission is free and we will be accepting donations to help The Salvation Army Academy of Music and Arts reach its goal of matching a \$50,000 grant from the Reynolds American Foundation. We have until the end of March to raise \$50,000 to get another \$50,000 from the Foundation. Funds will be used to improve and expand music education at The Academy, where The Salvation Army has been providing instruction in brass, piano, guitar, percussion and violin for over 13 years.

Monday, March 13

12 Suppers at The Center of Hope. Jeffrey Adams on Fourth will prepare and serve dinner to families at The Center of Hope Family Residence.

Friday, March 17

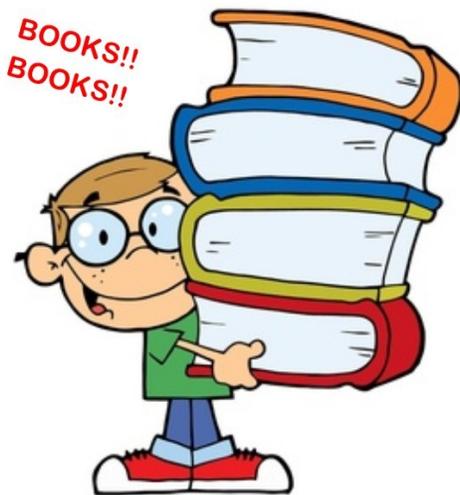
Happy St. Patrick's Day! This year it's even better as we celebrate the **Grand ReOpening of The Salvation Army Family Store** at 2688 Peters Creek Parkway.. If you haven't been in the store lately, it's been remodeled and re-styled and is now providing a much improved shopping experience. When your friends go "thrifting", tell them to make The Salvation Army Family Store their first stop! The Salvation Army Family Store, because helping others is always in style.

Saturday, March 18

The Salvation Army Washington Park Corps presents its second annual **Spaghetti Dinner** to benefit women's and childrens' programs. It's only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children for spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverage. Get your tickets now! Call Lt. Teresa Bush at 336-362-2635 or Lt. Karl Bush at 336-399-2328. Last year over 200 friends and neighbors attended!

The Salvation Army Wants You! To Volunteer

Volunteers are always needed for our many services and programs. The Family Store, the Boys & Girls Clubs, The Center of Hope, our Food Pantry and our Angel Tree Christmas programs all provide opportunities. For more information, go to our [website](#) and click on VOLUNTEER NOW, or contact Volunteer Resource Coordinator **Adrienne Smith** at 336-245-2083.



BOOKS!! I'VE GOT BOOKS!!!! DO YOU HAVE BOOKS?

We are going to have a book sale later in the year but we need books, books, books and more books. Take your books to the Fellowship Forum classroom. Thanks!



*Daylight Saving Time starts
Sunday, March 12, 2 a.m,
Be sure to set your clocks ahead
before you go to bed on
Saturday night.*