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Dear Family and Friends of SPC,

As the soft light of spring begins to peek through the winter chill, we prepare to embark on the Lenten journey. Ash Wednesday, on March 5th, marks the beginning of a season dedicated to reflection, introspection, and a deeper connection with our faith. This year, our Lenten theme, "*The Hardest Part, Hurt We Carry, Hope We Find*," invites us to confront the fragility and fears that often weigh us down, and to discover the transformative power of hope found in Christ.

In 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10, the Apostle Paul speaks of the paradoxes inherent in a life of faith. He writes of being "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything." These words resonate deeply with our Lenten theme, reminding us that life is not always linear, and that our strength is often found in our vulnerability.

We are, as humans, inherently fragile. We carry hurts, anxieties, and uncertainties. There is no cure for being human, no magic wand to erase our pain. But we are not meant to navigate these challenges alone. Lent reminds us that we are part of a community, a body of believers who support and uplift one another. And, most importantly, we are held by a God who understands our struggles, who walks with us through our darkest valleys.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive the symbol of reality on our foreheads—a reminder of our mortality, our human limitations. This act, while somber, is also profoundly liberating. As writer James Finley observes, "God is the presence that spares us from nothing, even as God unexplainably sustains us in all things." This is the heart of the Lenten paradox: in acknowledging our brokenness, we open ourselves to God's boundless grace.

Think about the paradoxes that are central to a life of faith. We find strength in surrender, hope in despair, and life in death. How do you experience the tenderness of love? Is it in the quiet moments of prayer, in the embrace of a loved one, or in the beauty of creation that surrounds us?

Mary Oliver, in her poem, reminds us, "it is a serious thing just to be alive on this fresh morning in this broken world." Indeed, it is. But it is also a gift, a sacred opportunity to witness and experience God's presence in the midst of our brokenness.

This Lent, let us embrace the journey with open hearts. Let us confront the hurts we carry, share our fears, and seek the hope that Christ offers. Let us remember that our fragility is not a weakness, but a testament to our humanity, and that in God's love, we find the strength to endure.

We invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday service (5:30pm Pancake Dinner and 6:30pm Worship), and for the various Lenten programs and studies that will be offered throughout the season. May this Lent be a time of profound transformation, as we journey together toward the hope we find in Christ.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Kim

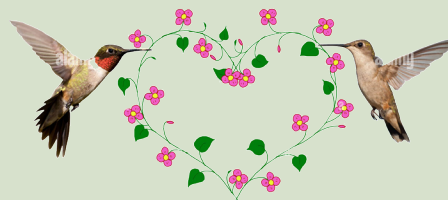




- 2 Mason Slomka
- 4 Sonya Charters
- 5 Cindy Bilbro
- 10 Kim Ambrosio
- 11 Leisa Huddleston
Doug Younts
- 12 Eric Hayes
- 13 Barbara Barker
- 14 Jonathan Perry
- 18 Cassandra Angelo
Beth Berry
- 20 Anna Matto
- 24 Wade Burch
- 28 Eric Wilkerson
Kate Priddy
Aleesia Ambrosio
- 30 Page Hyers
- 31 Gene Lester



Happy Anniversary



March 12
Norma & Rosalino Matto

March 20
Jennifer & Joe Messer



Worship Assistants



March	Lay Reader	Usher(s)
3/2	Zoe	Barb
3/9	Nancy	Nancy
3/16	David	
3/23	Hattie & Katie	Reece
3/30		

Elders

Session Class of 2025:

Meghan Hadley
Zoe Dillard

Session Class of 2026:

Drake Mitchell
Ellen Morton

Session Class of 2027:

Reece Craven
Nancy Halpin

This Month's Highlights

- Every First Sunday, Pennies for Hunger, Communion
- Every 4th Sunday, Benevolence Basket passed,
- Every Tuesday evening, Boy Scout Troop 8 meets

- Sunday, 3/2 Transfiguration of the Lord; Communion; Sunday Serve
- Wednesday, 3/5 Ash Wednesday; 5:30 Pancake Supper, Worship after
- Sunday, 3/9 1st Sunday in Lent; DST Spring Forward
- Sunday, 3/16 2nd Sunday in Lent; Sunday Serve
- Monday, 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- Saturday, 3/22 9 am Men's Group Meets
- Sunday, 3/23 3rd Sunday in Lent; ECC Distribute Plant Supplies
- Tuesday, 3/25 6 pm Women's Dinner at Blue Rock
- Thursday, 3/27 Earth Care Committee meets
- Sunday, 3/30 4th Sunday in Lent; Sunday Serve

MARCH 5, 2025



ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us at 5:30 for a Pancake Supper.
Worship will follow at 6:30.



Worship News

Worship begins at 11 am



Ash WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025

5:30 Pancakes

6:30 Worship Service

Prayer LIST

God calls us to be a praying people. Being in a faith community together, we join our hearts and voices to offer our prayers for one another. Continue to keep these people in your prayers.

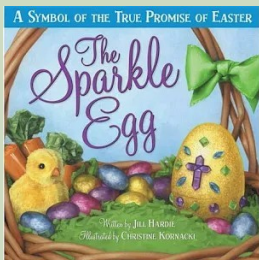


- Judy Gibbons (Kelsy Mitchell's Aunt)
- Debbie Long (friend of Kym Stone)
- Lia Ines Huddleston (Leisa Huddleston's granddaughter)
- Donna Bennett (open heart surgery on 1/9/25)
- Linda Otis, Jef Morgan's sister, in hospice care
- Liz & Mickey Humble
- Joan Ryan (sister of Barbara Haynes)
- Valsa Lawrence
- Nick Doss
- Jean Stewart
- Phil Martin
- Billy O'Brien (Britt Styers' husband)
- Pete McMillian
- Ned McMillian
- Shirley Bell (Sheryl Bell's mother)
- Daniel Wilkerson (Tim's nephew)
- Lee Oliver
- Classie Meredith
- Joann Smith
- Helen Boyer (Karen Johnson's mother)
- Judy Spillers (sister of Teresa Caine)
- Glenda Neal (friend of Teresa Caine)

Note: Prayer requests should be sent to the church office at office@sedgefieldpresbyterian.org.



The Faith Formation Team is excited to offer a variety of Lenten activities and resources to deepen your spiritual journey this season. From reflective practices to family-friendly activities, these materials will be available throughout Lent to help you engage with the themes of reflection and renewal. We encourage you to explore these opportunities for growth and connection during this sacred time. Please make sure to check out the table in the back of the Sanctuary.



Also here is the link if you want devotionals delivered to your inbox each day:
https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-hardest-part/#individual

WHAT IS LENT?

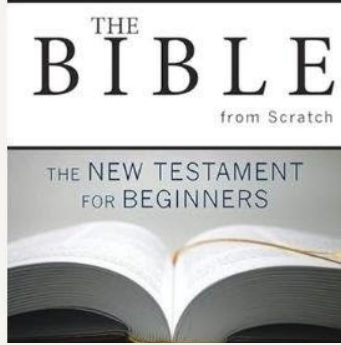


Lent is a solemn period in the Christian calendar lasting 40 days (excluding Sundays) that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Saturday.

It is a time for believers to reflect on their own mortality, repentance, and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Through acts of self-discipline and spiritual contemplation, individuals seek to purify their hearts and draw closer to God.

By participating in the Lenten journey, Christians aim to deepen their faith, seek forgiveness, and experience personal transformation as they prepare to celebrate the joyous resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10 am in the library



WE'LL BEGIN OUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE FROM SCRATCH: THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR BEGINNERS BY DONALD GRIGGS. WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED SCHOLAR OR NEW TO THE BIBLE, THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. JOIN US SUNDAYS IN THE LIBRARY!

Children's CHURCH

All children are invited to join us for worship in the sanctuary. After the Time for Children, they are invited to leave with their teacher for a special lesson and/or craft.

SEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



We enjoyed **Dental Health Month** with a visit from Mrs. Davis. She talked about what to expect at the dentist and handed out dental supplies for each student.

We are "marching" into spring with many fun activities. We celebrated **Dr. Seuss' birthday** with a visit from Cat In the Hat and enjoyed a special Dr. Seuss snack.

St. Patrick's Day will be filled with shamrocks, green things and of course our **Leprechaun hunt!**

Preschool Fall registration is now open for 18 months -5 years old. Contact Korina McGill at 336-210-2132 for information and a tour.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14-17, 2025 | Sedgefield Presbyterian
5:30pm - 7:30 pm | 4216 Wayne Road





Congregational Care



CHURCH CONNECTION

We have a great group of church members that work to keep our youth that are away from home connected to Sedgefield Presbyterian Church. Each group takes a month or two and reminds these youth that we are thinking of them. One month may be a card; another may be a gift card or goodie box. Are you interested in this mission? Let Linda Price know. lindaprice452@gmail.com



All women are invited to join us for our monthly Fellowship Dinner on the last Tuesday of each month.

Mark your Calendar for **Tuesday March 25th at 6pm!**

Let's plan to meet at **Blue Rock Pizza and Tap (5710 W Gate City Blvd).**

Sedgefield Pres WOMENS RETREAT August 8-10



Join us for meaningful fellowship, inspiring study, and moments of relaxation and joy. Come and rejuvenate your spirit while making lasting connections and unforgettable memories!



Women's Connection 2025 at Montreat

Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine, a trailblazing scholar and acclaimed author, bridges the worlds of New Testament and Jewish Studies, fostering interfaith understanding through her teaching, extensive publications, and dedication to countering exclusionary biblical interpretations.

Details:

- Amy-Jill Levine's keynote Friday evening
- We'll stay in a local rental
- We'll enjoy meals together
- Pricing will be determined based on interest

RSVP with serious interest prior to Friday, Feb 7. We will book a home based on this number.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE



INSPIRO: The Triad Youth Choir is a 6th-12th grade community chorus based in Greensboro, NC. Students in this ensemble represent 18 schools from the Piedmont region and beyond. Valuing equity, representation, belonging, empowerment, and excellence, **INSPIRO** seeks to build

community through music for the good of all people.

The choir joined us for Worship on Feb 23. If you did not get to see it in person, please make sure to check it out on YouTube.

See <https://triadyouthchoir.org/> for more information.





Benevolence Ministry



‘Souper ‘ Bowl Sunday

The “Souper” Bowl began in 1990 in a Presbyterian church in Columbia, SC and our church began participating a few years later. A simple prayer by a young intern, “let us not forget those who do not have a bowl of soup to eat” began a movement on Super Bowl Sunday. On the Sunday the Super Bowl is played, youth throughout the US began collecting money in “soup pots” at the end of worship to be donated to a local food pantry. For many years, our contributions went to Greensboro Urban Ministry, For the last five years, our Benevolence team has chosen **Spartan Open Pantry (UNCG Food Pantry)** as the recipient of SPC “Souper Bowl” offering .

Thank you to **Charlotte and Hattie Craven and Ava and Genevieve Hadley**, who held the soup pots as members gave generously to this important offering. **\$491 was received and sent to the Spartan Open Pantry.** Thank you to our congregation for supporting this ministry each year which enables many students at UNCG who have very limited income to be able to have food.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Church World Service (CWS) Response to Federal Grant Cuts

As of 5:00 pm, Feb. 3rd, Church World Service Greensboro had to furlough 2/3 of their staff. The impact of this loss in federal funds is devastating for the over 3,000 refugees and immigrants whom CWS Greensboro serves annually. Without CWS Greensboro’s programming, these individuals are at risk of losing their housing, health care, benefits, employment, and educational services.

At its winter meeting on February 11th, Salem Presbytery heard a heart-rending and moving report from Mary Ellen Poe, Associate Director of Development for Church World Service (CSW) and a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, on the adverse impacts of federal policy changes on refugee resettlement programs that our churches—among others—have supported for decades since the end of World War II. Her words and witness will be a lasting memory for all who attended the Presbytery meeting.

Later, Tony De La Rosa, Salem Presbytery Executive Presbyter, reported that in light of CWS’s extraordinary plea for support, the Committee on Church Growth and Transformation (CGAT) of Salem Presbytery pledged to match gifts from Salem Presbytery congregations to CWS dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars). If donations and a full match are secured, Salem Presbytery alone can provide at least ten percent of CWS’s half-million dollar goal for this campaign. Tony De La Rosa urged Salem congregations to prayerfully consider support of CWS during this pivotal and challenging time.

Kim requested that our Benevolence Team contribute to this appeal. The Team agreed and a check for \$1,000 was mailed on Feb. 23rd.

The highest benevolence acts without purpose.

Mark 12:30-31

³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”



This is the second part of our monthly series, “50 Ways to Help Save the Earth, How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference”. These ideas are from the book of the same name, by Rebecca J. Barnes. If you’d like more information, consider purchasing this (or another) book, available wherever you buy books. It is also available at the PCUSA Store, <https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664262554/50-ways-to-help-save-the-earth-revised-edition.aspx>



Consider using one or more of these ideas as a family discussion and project!

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Much of the fossil fuel energy used to produce food is consumed through the transportation of food from far distances. Did you know that food travels, on average, more than **1,500 miles** to your table? Energy is also consumed in large-scale industrial agriculture by the heavy use of pesticides and the fuel for farm equipment.

Eating locally and seasonally supports your local economy and ensures the livelihood of local family farmers.

How To's:

- **Find out where and when your town has farmers' markets or farm stands and support them!** Search <http://www.localharvest.org> to find the ones closest to where you live.
- **Talk to local farmers.** Ask what led them to farming, what their farms are like, and what farming methods they use to treat pests and weeds. Knowing this information can help you make decisions as to what to buy.
- **Find out if any local farms sponsor a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.** In a CSA, you pledge an advance commitment to buy direct from that particular farm during its growing season. In return, you are ensured a regular supply of fresh product and the farm is ensured a predictable and sustainable customer. Most CSAs are open to your visiting the farm to become even more familiar with the food you eat. Search <http://www.localharvest.org> to find a CSA near you.
- **Ask your grocery stores when and where they stock local produce.** If they do not, ask them why and would they consider doing so in the future.
- **Eat at restaurants that cook with local ingredients.**

We are not the owners of creation; rather, “the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1).




Our Servant Garden at SPC

Take a look at our Servant Garden at the back of our property. Jef Morgan, Zoe Dillard, and a number of other volunteers tend our vegetable garden. We are able to donate fresh vegetables to our local food pantries to go along with the canned and boxed goods they receive.

Want to volunteer? Contact Jef, Zoe or another member of the Earth Care Committee!!



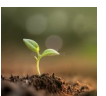
The ECC would like to share this interesting video with the congregation... **The Story of Plastic** looks at the man-made crisis of plastic pollution and the worldwide effect it has on the health of our planet and its people.

THE STORY OF PLASTIC

https://youtu.be/N6rFLNvMqns?si=N4vYlusF_RM3t2qJ



OUR ANNUAL PLANT SALE will be May 3rd this year. We need volunteers to grow plants for the sale. We will provide the items you will need to grow the plants and will be distributing these items on **Sunday March 23.**





Sunday, May 18, 2025

Celebrate and Rejoice
as we hold
Rededication of SPC and Homecoming.

Further details will be available as time grows closer.



**NEW
ADDRESS!**

Classie Meredith
9 Folkstone Dr
Greensboro NC 27403



The pastor's new toilet! Thank you to the Earth Care Team for purchasing a more environmentally friendly toilet!

Thank you, Drake Mitchell, for installing it!



2024 Financial Statements are completed and ready for you to pick up.

There continue to be neighbors in downtown Greensboro that are hungry and unhoused; the **SUNDAY SERVE** group feeds them every other Sunday. In March the dates are the 2nd, 16th, and 30th. Meal prep will be done on March 1, 15, and 29. Many hands are needed to help in the SPC Kitchen. You can follow the **SUNDAY SERVE** page on Facebook for a list of needs and other information.

Thanks,
Karen



Use this QR Code to sign up with SPC for text messages!



Important

We will now be using our Youtube Channel :

<https://www.youtube.com/@sedgefieldpresbyterianhur7026>

to stream our service.

Peace, Kim



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