

PRESBYTERIAN CHIMES

March 2019

NEWSLETTER

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United Presbyterian Church of Randolph

Dear Church Family and Friends,

The word, "Spring" is starting to creep into the vocabulary of newscasters and people just getting tired of the winter. I will plant my seedlings for my garden this week and hope for some tomatoes to be ready when our weather is finally warm enough to plant them. I am not much of a gardener and it usually turns from a garden of hope to a hopeless weed patch. I like to think that I just don't have the gene for a green thumb, but my grandfather and grandmother were master gardeners. The problem is not genetic but commitment. I enjoy getting my tiller out and digging up the garden and planting it, but I tend to get busy, lose interest and don't take daily care of my garden until it is just too late. The weeds win out! It is crucial to take the time to water, weed and feed the plants until it is time to take out the garden in the late fall. I can't just plant and pray that everything grows right.



A garden is a lot like faith. Seed are planted in lots of ways. Children come to church with parents/grandparents, a conversation with a friend, a tragedy that caused someone to look for faith or many other ways. The church is a garden and the long-time members are the gardeners. We have the responsibility for helping the seeds to sprout and the seedlings to grow strong until they start producing fruit themselves.

We are in a time of growth in the life of this congregation. Two babies born in the last few months and one Sunday during February, 25% of the congregation was under the age of 10! God is entrusting these children to our keeping. We need to care for them and meet their needs just as much as we meet the needs of those who have worshipped with us for years. It is crucial that people step forward to help these children to be part of our church today. We need people who will be willing to take a turn in the nursery. Young families need the support of the church family. There will be many opportunities to help our babies, children and youth. Also, we need to be watching for young Christians - those new to the faith.



Can we be a church full of gardeners? During the mini mission trip, I had time to have some really good conversation with the teens. They have much on their minds. They are seedlings, trying to find their way in the world.

As we enter the season of Lent, it is great time to pray about how God is calling us to be gardeners. Let's give good spiritual soil, water and food so God can grow an amazing garden in our midst.

With peace and hope,

Pastor Molly



Lectionary for Sundays March 2019

Transfiguration of the Lord—March 3

Exodus 34:29–35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Luke 9:28–36 [37–43]

First Sunday in Lent—March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalms 91:1–2, 9–16

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13

Second Sunday in Lent—March 17

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36

Third Sunday in Lent—March 24

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalms 63:1–8

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 31

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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be given to Mary by March 19th.**

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL PRAYER

BREAKFAST SATURDAY

MARCH 9



The ladies of the Grace Episcopal Church will be the hostesses of the Women's breakfast this month. It will be on Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 till 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend and share the fellowship with the other women of our community.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**Tuesdays— March 12,
19, 26, April 2, & 9**



We are returning to our soup suppers in the evening for Lent. Starting at 5:30 with Lenten Study "Holy Week". We will study one day of the last week of Jesus' life each week.

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex if you would like to share your favorite homemade soup with us. Also there is a place to sign up for bread to go with the meal or to help set up.

With Sympathy to the family and friends of

Leona Marrano
(Cindy Burdic's mother)



SPECIAL SERVICES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

Soup Suppers are back!!!

Tuesday's March 12, 19, 26, April 2, & 9

5:30 p.m. with Lenten Study "Holy Week"

We will study one day of the last week of Jesus' life each week.

6:45 – Choir practice



PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 14

Maundy Thursday Service — April 18

Seder Dinner 5:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

April 19

The Randolph Community *Way of the Cross* procession through the Hamlets of Randolph and East Randolph beginning at 12 noon at Randolph Cemetery Entrance.



EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH CELEBRANTS



WORSHIP TEAMS FOR MARCH

March 3—TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood

Sound— Mary Myers

Nursery -

Communion— Connie Lockwood, Nancy Pihlblad
Andrew Pihlblad, Mary Myers,
Dan Pihlblad, Tom Wade

March 10 —1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgist— Dan Pihlblad

Sound— Mike Frame

Nursery -

March 18— 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgist— Stacy Halla

Sound— Mary Myers

Nursery -

March 25— 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgist—Ruth Wahl

Sound- Mike Frame

Nursery -

March 31— 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgist—Barry Shields

Sound- Mary Myers

Nursery -

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

April 7 —5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Liturgist— Connie Lockwood

Sound— Mike Frame

Nursery -

DEACONS FOR MARCH

Connie Lockwood

Marta Johnson

If you know of anyone in our church family who
needs support or help, please contact one of them.

March 4	Amber Riddell
March 6	Diane Carpenter
March 8	Alice Stoddard
	Erik Connor
March 9	Evelyn Whitney
	Brianna Hetrick
March 13	Elise Pihlblad
	Jay Ashdown
March 17	Linda Inkley
March 23	Lynn Myers
March 27	Dan McLaughlin
March 29	Sean Connor

General Fund Treasurer's Notes

	January 2018	January 2019
Total Expenses	\$ 9,484.84	\$11,023.08
Total Receipts	\$ 5,002.00	\$ 4,069.00
Gain or (Loss)	(4,482.84)	(6,054.08)
Investments —		
Balance of Investments		\$ 69,141.94
Capital Fund		\$ 9,713.91
Paying Forward Fund		\$ 807.05
Deacons Fund		\$ 700.13

For further information ask a member of session or
the treasurer, Reg Boutwell.





Sunday,
March 10



MILITARY PERSONNEL
MEN AND WOMEN



Remember them with a card or note though-out the year.

Mike Fleischmann: Michael C. & Candy Fleischmann
3801 Barbed Wire Drive
Killeen, TX 76549-3955

Aaron Wellman Major Aaron & Jacki Wellman
350 Princeton Circle
Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Nate Booker

Jeffrey Clauson

Erin Connor Erin Connor/Matt Kinahan
Matt Kinahan PSC 3 Box 7036
APO AP 96266

Erik Connor Erik & Maggie Connor
6448 Lionheart Park
San Antonio, TX 78240

Who are we missing from the list?

We need to keep updating addresses for our service personnel. Please call Mary at the office 358-4255 or her home 358-9405 with the information. Thanks

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GOD HAS BLESSED US

March has arrived.

Crazy as it is,

I always look forward to it.

January and February left behind:

Cold, stormy, dark and sunless—

“Great Lakes Gray” it’s called.

March, with its ups and downs

Gives hope for the coming of spring.

Try to overlook a March snowstorm,

Slippery roads and such:

Start looking at seed catalogs;

Make plans for easy living.

We have the change of seasons

According to God’s plan.

We’ve learned to adapt.

With God’s help, we enjoy

Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall—

God has blessed us all.

Ann Dahl Luce 2019

SESSION NOTES

FEBRUARY

- * Goals updated. Balcony de-cluttered. March 31 will be Capital Fund Sunday. Communication information coming in better.
- * Hoping to have baptisms on Palm Sunday.
- * Permission for Relax/Meditation class 1st Thursday of month for Connie Dalbo given.
- * Personnel committee will be set up with a team of three.
- * Plans from Worship committee for Lent were discussed.
- * Check list for Sunday needs will be set up.



Choir practice for March and April

During Lent the choir will be practicing on Tuesday evenings following the soup suppers. Practice starts at 6:45 p.m.

DEACON'S CORNER:

The Deacons met on January 12:

- * Plans are being made to take the children to see how maple syrup is made.
- * The deacon's of the month schedule was worked on.
- * Marta Johnson was elected as deacon for the class of 2021.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION TIME

The Women's Association sponsors our "coffee and conversation" after church services each Sunday. If you would like to help with these please sign up on the hostess sheet by the hospitality room or let the church office know. The hostess makes the coffee and sets out the goodies for the day. (The goodies are provided by Women's Association and other donations- you do not have to bring the food). Your help will be much appreciated. This has become a wonderful time of fellowship for our church family.

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Congratulations

James and Breanna Halla

New parents of

Rhys (Pronounced "Reese") Kade

Born February 15, 2019

and

Grandparents Stacy and Bob Halla

NEW BABY UPDATE:

Grandma Erika shared some pictures of

Grandson Sullivan & Daddy Erik



Monitor and Adjust, Report on the Niagara Falls Mission Trip

The title words have been the theme of many a mission trip. RUPC took a group of 8 to the Niagara Fall Community Mission on February 19. The weather tried to keep us out by sending predictions of freezing rain, so we waited a day. This became a one-day trip instead of two, but what a great trip. 5 middle school youth and 3 adults awoke to one of the coldest days of the season, -4, burrrrr! With a prayer, we were off at 7:20 am, when it was just getting light!



We arrived at 9:00 am and were greeted by Rev. Mark Breese, the spiritual director who gave us a brief history and scope of the mission which was started in the 1920's after a Crusade by Billy Sunday. The mission has many facets and is in the 95% of the largest mission of this type. There are 140 full time employees! The outreach consists of a food pantry, a soup kitchen - open 6 days a week, a clothing and furniture closet and a homeless shelter. This shelter is not the typical over night shelter, but one that works with helping people in every way to get their own permanent shelter. Their primary focus is on those dealing with mental illness and those released from prison. They work with many other agencies to help the whole person and family. This is an ecumenical ministry and spiritual services and counseling are offered to anyone who want it, but is not a requirement. No one is turned away for religious reasons.

Our team was divided into two groups. Tracy Carlson, Anna Carlson, Tyler Welch and James Ashdown were on the kitchen team. They helped prepare and serve the meal for the soup kitchen. James also helped unload a truck, deliver food to a food pantry and was "promoted?!?!!" to the dish room. They served 94 meals.



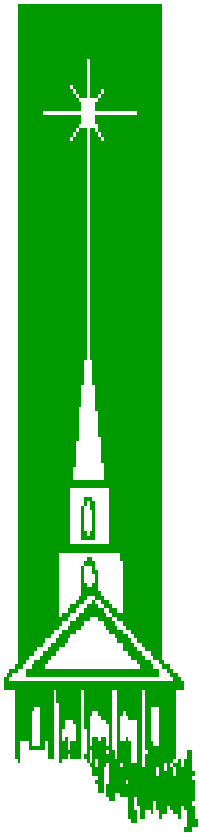
The other group became the "Master Trashers." Pastor Molly, Garret Carlson, Jacob Clark and Alex Hudson worked with the clothing closet, toting items that were donated but not usable to the outside dumpsters. Dumping, crashing, and smashing became the theme of the day. Although it was cold, this team filled two dumpsters and part of a large truck. A big help to the people sorting all the donations.

Everyone joined together for lunch in the soup kitchen. The youth commented on how good the lunch was, pizza, four bean salad, green salad, pie or cupcakes and drink. They wished that their school lunches were that good. After lunch the work projects were finished and the team was thanked by the director, Grant Babcock.

Everyone was tired but there was still energy to take a very cold sight seeing trip to view Niagara Falls. The day ended with a nice warm dinner at the Hard Rock Café. Thanks to everyone for donating time and energy to helping others!



PRAYER CONCERNS



Health

Alan J
 Alice F
 Aurora B
 Betty B
 Bob S
 Bob & Sandy C
 Carl B
 Carrie C
 Carol S
 Carol B
 Catherine S
 Cindy H cancer
 Chloe C
 Cody H
 Dan B
 David R. M
 David S cancer
 Debbie M
 Debbie (Jim's Mom)
 Derek M leukemia
 Dick A
 Donna C
 Eileen N
 Fletcher

Gabriel
 Gene J
 Howard V
 Howard (Buzz) M
 James B cancer
 Jamie C
 Jan C
 Jason
 Jay A
 Jeff
 Judy S heart
 Justin
 June B
 Kay A
 Katherine (Michelle's mom)
 Keith G. cancer
 Keith A
 Laurel P cancer
 Linda I
 Logan
 Madison
 Mel L
 Merle F
 Nick K
 Pat K

Pat (Jill's step Mom)
 Richard J
 Robert R
 Ron B lung cancer
 Rosamond F
 Rusty F
 Scott J
 Sharon
 Sue L. kidney
 Syd E
 Tim A
 Tracy H cancer
 Verna M new born

Encouragement:

Haitian Sewing Women
 Those rebuilding from disasters
 Tammy & Moses M
 Teri N
 Ruth & Dan M
 Care Givers
 EMT's
 Families dealing with addictions
 Prison Ministry (CCM)
 Foster Care Parents/children

EASTER LILIES / FLOWERS Order Form

Name _____

Ordering:

_____ Lilies tulips hyacinths in memory of:

_____ Lilies tulips hyacinths in honor of :

Total of _____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____

Orders are needed by Sunday, April 7

The proceeds from the flowers will go to the Capital Project fund. Since not everyone wishes to have a flower to take home we are offering to do memorials and honor without actually getting the flower (total gift goes to Capital Project).

Name _____

in memory of:

in honor of :

Total gifts @ \$ 10.00 = _____

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March



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 Transfiguration Sunday 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Communion	4 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	5 PASTOR 9—NOON	6 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	7 6:00 p.m. VBS Meeting Here at UPC	8	9 9 am Women's Prayer Breakfast Grace Episcopal
10 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 9:00 adult class 9:00 Time of Prayer 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 1 pm Open Knit	11 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	12 PASTOR 9—NOON 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 pm CHOIR 7:00 SESSION	13	14	15	16
17 MISSION SUNDAY 9:00 adult class 9:00 Time of Prayer 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	18 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	19 PASTOR 9—NOON 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 pm CHOIR	20	21	22	23
24 9:00 adult class 9:00 Time of Prayer 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Prayer Time	25 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting	26 PASTOR 9—NOON 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 pm CHOIR	27	28	29	30
31 CAPITAL SUNDAY 8:30 am Choir 9:00 adult class 9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship						

CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR

Rev. Molly T. Golando

CORPORATION OFFICERS

President—Reg Boutwell **V. President**— Kay Wade
Treasurer—Rosie Swan

CLERK OF SESSION

Mary Myers

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2019
Jim Roberts
Andrew Philblad
Rosie Swan

CLASS OF 2020
Dan Philblad
Mike Frame

CLASS OF 2021
Tom Wade
Mary Myers

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2019
Connie Lockwood
Bettie Alexander

CLASS OF 2020
James Ashdown
Louise Boutwell

CLASS OF 2021
Donna Chubon
Kay Wade
Marta Johnson

STAFF

MUSIC MINISTRY—Carol Brown, choir director/organist
CHURCH SECRETARY—Mary Myers
CUSTODIANS—Susan Ashdown & Jim Ashdown
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To celebrate and continue the work of Christ by ministering to all people, supporting each other as a loving family, and working together in Christian service.

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