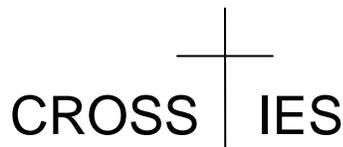


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February 2018

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sun	4	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels (VOA) Practice & Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship Service led by Gray Clark	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	5	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	6	B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
W	7	Circle	10:00 am
		B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
		Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Th	8	Tutoring	4:30 pm
		Future Hope Single Parents	7:00 pm
Sun	11	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		VOA Practice & Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship Service led by Vicki McCain	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	12	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	13	B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
W	14	<i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
		B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
Th	15	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Sun	18	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		VOA Practice & Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship Service led by Vicki McCain	11:00 am
		Gospel Celebration	3:30 pm
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	19	Tutoring	4:30 pm
		Renaissance Co-op	7:00 pm
Tu	20	Salem Presbytery Meeting	
		B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
W	21	B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
		Choir Practice	6:30 pm
		Session	7:00 pm
Th	22	Tutoring	4:30 pm

### A VISITOR'S VIEW OF PCC

After visiting with us on October 29, 2017, Mark and Sveta Koehler spoke to us on November 5 during our worship service about their mission with children, Mission Ukraine Children's Hope (MUCH). Several donations were made and I would like to share with you some of what was in a thank you note from them.

"Our visit to your church was a great experience. In my search for a church community during my pre-Ukraine years, I was looking for community that fit the Biblical structure that I learned in campus ministry. My fault was that I missed the concept of community.

When Sveta and I visited your adult Bible study, we began to connect with the hearts of the people. We began to understand the community of your church. The first Sunday of our visit, the [fellowship] hall was a very peaceful experience, although a formal setting. Formal is good...

When we shared on the following week, the fellowship hall was set up for our video presentation. That put me at ease. Even so, it was the fact that we had met many of the congregation already...When Sveta gave the children's sermon [she] was very much at peace...

When I find a community that is so filled with love for visitors, I know that I have found a living church. Our time with your church community was our best experience this visit to America..."

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR, Continued

Sun	25	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		VOA Practice & Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship Service led by Gray Clark	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	26	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	27	B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
W	28	B Natural Academy Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
		Choir Practice	6:30 pm

## GET INVOLVED!

PCC has six committees that that oversee various areas of its work and ministry. Right now, only Session members (Elders) are on them, but we need some church members to help. If you would like more information or would like to work on one of these committees, please speak with Gray Clark or Vicki McCain. Where do you fit in?

**Caring:** visitation, mission, prayer, etc. – Jane Manley, Joanne Miles, Gloria Nichols

**Fund Raising:** tithes and donations – Jane Manley, Bud Miles, Joanne Miles

**Finance & Resourcing:** maintaining and finding the resources for all areas, overseeing upkeep of building and grounds – Bud Miles, Sharon Ozment, Harry Patterson, Kelly Patterson

**Outreach:** ministry to the community – Elaine Morehead, Kaye Peeples

**Celebration:** worship, events where we gather, meals, etc. – Sharon Ozment, Kelly Patterson, Kaye Peeples, Georgia Stevenson

**Growing:** spiritual growth, inviting members, education, etc. – Joanne Miles, Elaine Morehead, Jennifer Rierson

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We need **children** to sing in our Voices of Angels choir! The few we have that practice and sing most every Sunday are wonderful, but just think how marvelous they would sound if there were more of them – and how much more fun they would have...the more the merrier! John Huskey works to have appropriate music that they will enjoy. They practice each Sunday at 10:00 am and usually sing during the 11:00 am worship service. Following practice, the children meet with Elaine Morehead for a lesson, craft, or activity. Please bring your children and invite their friends!

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Our **adult choir** has quite a few empty seats. Come claim one of them. All parts needed! Don't worry if you can't read music, you'll learn your part at practice and have fun to boot! Practice is (most) every Wednesday at 6:30-7:30 pm; and also meets on Sundays at 10:40 am to prepare for the worship service.

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Our **adult Sunday School class** has been meeting in Gray Clark's office on Sundays at 9:45 am for a lesson and discussion. They are in the process of fixing up a classroom so Gray won't have to share space and they hope to have it ready before too much longer. All adults are welcome to participate!

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**Women** have their own Bible study, discussion, fellowship, and service opportunities. The Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month at the church at 10:00 am. Ladies, come be a part of this group.

## CONCERNS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

- Bob and Irene Phoenix (Carlton Phoenix's parents)
- Brenda Cox (knee replacement)
- Peggy Regan (hip replacement)
- Jim (Bo) Miller, Jr.
- Sandy Tew

## GOSPEL CELEBRATION

After missing a year or two, Robert Johnson is again having the Gospel Celebration on Sunday, February 18, at 3:30 pm in our sanctuary. All are invited.

## SALEM PRESBYTERY

Salem Presbytery will meet on Tuesday, February 20, 9:00 am at Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. Kaye Peeples will represent our Session.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Several sets of assigned offering envelopes for use in 2018 can still be found in the hall outside the sanctuary. If you haven't picked yours up, please do so as soon as possible. You are asked to dispose of all envelopes from previous years. If there is not a set of envelopes with your name on it, please notify the church office and some will be ready for you to pick up the next Sunday.

## 2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Be on the lookout for it! It's happening this year – I promise! Our 2018 Church Directory which contains names, mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of active members and friends will be ready by the first of March.

Does the church office have your correct information? If not, or if you're not sure, PLEASE call or email the church. Not a member but are active and would like to make your contact information available so you can be reached? Again, let the church office know you want to be included and give us your information.

Note: These directories will not be mailed except to a few who have no one who can come by the church to pick up a copy.

***"The power of love is that it sees all people." — DaShanne Stokes***



## **WELCOME!**

Vicki McCain is already well known and loved by many of us at PCC. We first met her when she did an internship with us for one of her seminary classes. Even after completing her internship, she has continued her involvement with us by leading our worship services numerous times when Gray had the day off. She has also served on the Board of Directors of our B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts for several years.

Vicki is in the process of setting up her office here at the church and she and Gray are dividing leading worship services. She encourages you to contact her anytime: email: vmccain@triad.rr.com, cell: 336-420-9421, home: 336-852-7366.

## **MEET VICKI HINTON McCAIN**

Vicki H. McCain is a native of Rocky Mount, NC and attended Rocky Mount Senior High School. She is a graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University with a B.S. in Accounting and Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC. She is a certified Chaplain for Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and is the first Clinical Pastoral Education Chaplain for Greensboro Urban Ministry where outreach services are provided for persons in need, as well as the home of the Weaver House Homeless Shelter.

Vicki was employed with AT&T, Lucent and General Dynamics as a Financial Manager for 18 years. Currently, she is the Royalty Auditor for Global Brands Group managing over 300 licensor contracts worldwide. Additionally, she serves as financial consultant for several churches in Greensboro, NC. Vicki served as the Financial Secretary for St. James Presbyterian in excess of 22 years. As a member of Saint James, she has served in the following capacities: Elder, Choir Member, Sunday School Teacher, and as Chair of the Financial Management Team. As an active Elder, she led the Christian Education & Discipleship Ministry. Currently, she is the Assistant Director of Vacation Bible School and Chair of the Saint James Scholarship Team.

Vicki's civic and social involvement includes serving as Chaplain for the Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Board Member for B Natural Academy of Music & the Arts, and Member of Girlfriends, Inc.

In her leisure time she enjoys reading, home decorating, and the company of family and friends.

Vicki is married to Franklin E. McCain, Jr. and they are parents of one daughter, Taylor Davis McCain, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill who works and resides in Miami, Florida and one son, Franklin Eugene McCain, III, also known as "Mac", a Dean's list Junior and Scholar Football Player at North Carolina A&T State University.

## **TRANSITION UPDATE**

We provided information previously about the contract approved for Gray to provide part-time/interim pastoral services to PCC as we navigate the next chapter of our faith journey as a church. We have been blessed by his service and leadership for eight years and are thankful for his willingness to continue to serve this congregation beyond his retirement. During the January 21, 2018 worship service, Gray was presented gifts of acknowledgement and appreciation from the Women of the Church and the congregation. A retirement reception was held in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. The reception included comments from Gray, light refreshments and an opportunity for Gray to mix and mingle with those in attendance. In the words of the South, "a good time was had by all!"

On 11/15/17, the Session approved our entering into a contract with Vicki McCain to serve in a Stated Student Supply capacity with PCC. The Session held a special called meeting on November 28, 2017 to approve the contract once it was finalized. The contract has been reviewed/approved by the Salem Presbytery Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. This contractual relationship allows Vicki to provide pastoral services to PCC while she completes her final exam and satisfies other Presbytery ordination requirements. The contract is written for a one-year term commencing in January of 2018 and is renewable indefinitely. However, once Vicki is ordained we will determine next steps and options available to her and to us of a more formal nature.

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Gray will be a mentor to Vicki and will work with Vicki to provide pastoral services to PCC. We are truly blessed and very excited about their willingness to serve PCC. They are quite the dynamic duo!

### CONGREGATIONAL HELP NEEDED

In the near future, the Session, along with Vicki McCain and Gray Clark will be inviting you to give us ideas for our church. You might be thinking about this and what we could do to improve our ministry in every area. Please start putting some thought into this.

### THANKS FROM GRAY CLARK

I want to thank you for the many, many gracious words, cards and gifts from so many people, young and old alike, members and non-members. It was heartwarming to know that I am blessed with so many good friends and supporters.

I am not “running for the hills” and deserting you, but will be actively involved in the transition process as Vicki takes over. I pray that her experience here will be a powerful and blessed as mine was. Thanks again from me and my family!

### What Is Love Word Search

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