

The Sampler

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Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and God will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

The title is a greeting that the congregation will begin using on March 27, Resurrection Sunday. We can rely on the certainty of using it with the trust expressed in my favorite scripture from Proverbs.

From Resurrection Sunday, as the season of Easter continues, until Pentecost on Sunday, May 15, the greeting will be part of worship. The celebration of Jesus' return from the dead and proof as the Messiah, the Christ, will be maintained as we move into the season of hope and renewal, both physical with the blooming of spring and spiritual with praise and thanksgiving.

For the next few weeks, we will continue the walk toward Jerusalem with Jesus, many using the Lenten Devotional *Be Holy*. The Season of Lent began on February 10 with the Ash Wednesday service and reciting Psalm 51. This time of journey encourages us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ, just as he spent forty days in the wilderness after his baptism and before he began his ministry.

However, even during our time of study, reflection and preparation for Easter, we need to be active with spreading the good news. One important change I made upon my arrival eleven years ago was the inclusion in the bulletin the following:

Ministers: All Members of the Church **Participating in Leadership of Today's Worship Services** The Reverend Barbara R. Johnson

Worship Leader: -----

Every one of us is a minister with the directive to share the Good News:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Be intentional so Jesus will not be speaking of you when he says: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Keep Jesus in your heart and mind and soul during this very special time and throughout the joyous Easter season.

Pastor Barb

NEWS FROM THE SESSION

At the January 13 Session meeting:

- \$185.00 was taken from the 2015 C&W Outreach budget to pay the outstanding Christmas Food Box debt.
- The Souper Bowl Special offering was approved.
- The Sampler will be published less frequently than every month.
- The CAT report was reviewed.

At the February 17 Session meeting:

- The new heat pump for the library, choir room and nursery was affirmed
- Money will be withdrawn from the Helen Rinehart Herriott trust fund.
- Sheri Coleman agreed to direct VBS in 2016.
- 2016 Agreement with the Presbyterian Foundation New Covenant Trust Company was affirmed
- A Called Meeting for studying the CAT report will be February 24.

FINANCIAL REPORT as of February 17, 2016

Expenses - \$22,305.07 Income - \$8,222.25 Deficit - \$14,082.82

MEMORIAL GIFTS for Magdalene Sitar were given by Gennie Heatwole, Martha Shrewsbury and Juanita Timbrook.



SOUPER BOWL... From its beginning in 1990 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina with a prayer by Rev. Brad Smith, then a seminary intern: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat,” the Souper Bowl of Caring has become the largest North American Youth-led mission to collect monetary and food donations to assist local food charities. Many thanks go to our Youth leaders, David and Gayle Allen, for organizing creative and motivating skits presented by the Youth during our Worship Services. The first quarter skit on January 17 was The Shuffling Chef with Kaitlyn Hartman, Emily Pownell and Evan Staley as the actors. After a “snow day” on January 24 for the second quarter, the Souper Bowl Commercial starring Emily Pownell, Katherine Corbin, Kaitlyn Hartman and Trevor Shaffer was featured during the third quarter. The final quarter skit, Souper Bowl Sunday, was performed by Emily Pownell, Ella Staley and Kaitlyn Hartman on February 7. Quarterly updates of donations received were also reported each week. Thanks go to the members of the congregation who generously contributed a total of 2,071 points which includes actual food items and money, along with a gracious donation of \$300 from St. Luke Chapel and \$500 from our Sunday School. This surpasses the goal of 2,000! Our successful Souper Bowl was celebrated at a tailgate luncheon after the Worship Service on February 7, which was also planned and prepared by David and Gayle Allen and Ted and Noni Heckert from the First United Methodist Church. We are abundantly blessed!



Youth Feature

Bailey Coleman is a Junior at Alderson -Broaddus University. She is studying Music Education with an emphasis in Voice. Through this program she has done many performances and recitals through the college and elsewhere. Last Fall, Bailey performed her junior recital with the Alderson- Broaddus School of Music Production "The Messiah." She was also a soloist during this production. Bailey says that she is already working on repertoire for her senior recital for Fall of 2016. This recital is based around the Romantic Period arias and will feature Puccini, Cilea, Bach and other composers. She is also going to be performing in an upcoming production of "Mame" at her school in April.

Through her major in Music Education, Bailey has already begun to do student observations at schools throughout West Virginia. She also serves as a Choral Librarian for the School of Music, and was elected president of her fraternity, Sigma Alpha Lota, which is a women's music fraternity. She will graduate in 2017, and plans to attend graduate school. Bailey says that she has a few ideas as far as careers, one of which being opera performance. However, she has a passion for education and wants to pursue teaching as well. Whatever Bailey's bright future holds, she says that she will leave her pathway for God because she knows that he has a plan for her.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jane and Micah Burgess and big brother, Charlie, on the birth of "Pete", Peter James Burgess on February 3. Don and Paula Cookman are the proud and loving grandparents.



The memorial service for Magdalene Sitar will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of Romney Presbyterian Church. We encourage members of our congregation and others to attend since Magdalene was such a vital, active and loving member of our church family for so many years. A meal will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Our members: David Allen, Judy Buckbee, Diane Crane, Anne Hill, Sally Kuykendall, John and Margaret Mason, Beulah Mayhew, Barbara and John Pancake, Joe Pancake, Ray Stein, Ward Voit, Tim Walls

Missionary Support: Mark Hare in Haiti and Kristi Van Nostran in El Salvador

Our congregation extends its deepest Christian sympathy to the families and friends of our member, Magdalene Sitar, and also June Cunningham, Forrest Grady, Eugene Henderson, Charlie Pritt and Rusty Rice.



Also: Mary Margaret Barbe, Steward Bigger, John Bowers, Gemma Brombach, Dona Brown, Cheryl Buck, Gabrielle Clower, Boyd Corbin, Elsa Culler, John Duncan, Sr., Landon Eversole, Ella Mae Frye, Harriet Griffith, Vicki and Carl Haines, Mary Alice Bonar Hannah, Shirley Heavner, Marguerite Henderson, Joann Hogbin, Barbara Jamerson, Make Jenkins, Junior Kuykendall, Alma Lear, Harriet Lewis, John McWhorter, Stacey Morgan, Lexi Orndorff, Maria Reppert, Landon and Nolan Rinker, Steven Rogers, Reva Mae Smith, Barbara Steele, Zanna Stonebreaker, Michael Terry, Ashley Vestal, Joshua Wagner, Grant Walls, Emily Warner, Addie Wood, Charlotte Wood

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

12:00 noon at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

March 2, 2016 - Rev. Gary Smith , Romney Church of the Nazarene

March 9, 2016 - Rev. Kenneth (Cappy) Caplinger , Springfield & Ebenezer United Methodist Charge

March 16, 2016 - Rev. Steve Wilson, Romney Baptist Church

March 23, 2016 (Holy Week) - Father Paul, Our Lady of Grace Church

CHRISTIAN SEDER DINNER /COMMUNION

Maundy Thursday

March 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Romney Presbyterian Church

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, March 27 — 7:00 p.m.

Romney Presbyterian Church

Speaker — Pastor Jordan Trumble

Breakfast will be provided

Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies is March 13. The price is \$12.50.

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