

THE LANTERN

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Saint Giles Presbyterian Church

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FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 2

Christian Education: 9:15am

Worship: 10:30am

Sunday, February 9

Christian Education: 9:15am

Worship: 10:30am

Sunday, February 16

Christian Education: 9:15am

Worship: 10:30am

Sunday, February 23

Christian Education: 9:15am

Worship: 10:30am

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A Message from Katherine

Friends,

February 2020 is a slow-ish month, UNTIL the last week of the month. So, while the last week is VERY full, we have three full weeks to take some deep breaths and consider what we will do (or not do) to observe the season of Lent.

Lent is a forty-day season of reflection and preparation that precedes the celebration of Easter. It mirrors the forty-days Jesus spent in the wilderness – days of fasting, days of solitude, days of temptation – a entire season of spiritual practice and preparation for ministry.

How will you observe the season of Lent? I suggest choosing one thing – something you can “stick with” for forty days. Here are some ideas:

Try something new like: daily prayer or meditation, daily exercise, no-meat Mondays (or Fridays or any day), donating one box/bag a week to charity, reading a 40-day devotional, writing hand-written notes to people who have impacted your life, creating art or music, a weekly service project of sometime, deepening a particular relationship or practicing forgiveness – these are just a few.

Set something aside like: electronics (or electronics at mealtime), toxic relationships, self-doubt, diet drinks, chocolate, shopping beyond absolute necessities, over-functioning, minimizing or shaming self-talk, texting while driving (doing so is illegal in NC) – these are just a few.

Commit to a simple daily devotional: I am going to try “Pauses for Lent: 40 Words for 40 Days” by Trevor Hudson (Upper Rooms Press: Nashville, 2015.) He assigns each day a “word” (e.g. choose, rest, water, prune), provides a short devotion and suggests a simple practice.

And when life sneaks up on you? **Remember: Lent is about practice, not perfection.**

Here’s what’s happening the last week of February:

Tuesday, February 25th @ 5:30 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall – all are welcome!

Wednesday, February 26th – Ash Wednesday – the labyrinth will be available in the Fellowship Hall from 10am – 7:30pm. We will provide resources for individual reflection and prayer. Ashes will be available.

Saturday, February 29th @ 6:30pm – Saint Giles Talent Show! Please see the article on page 4 of the newsletter. All talents are encouraged and invited! Bakers are needed to provide desserts for all who attend. Woodworkers, writers, artists and more are encouraged to exhibit their work. And performers are invited to sing, play, act, dance, and more to round out a wonderful evening that you won’t want to miss. **Please reach out to Jean Smith to say “yes!”**

Peace to you,
Katherine

COMMUNITY CARE

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends

Pat Lindsay, Rachel Williams, Sandra Richbourg, **Charolette Brown**, Libby Morton, Dan Grassi, Dick Grassi, **Earl MacCormac**, **Paula Hagler**, Dave Smith, Carol Pope, Aleta Wheeler, Marie Minani, Inez Ruchte, Andrew Scharfe, **Peggie Bell**, Jeane Nagel, Lori Coble, **Elizabeth Norris**

- Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Teresa Johnson's cousin, Kaitlyn
- Charolette Brown's friend, Jaqueline
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Fran
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- The Tatum-Carter family's friend, Matthew
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, **niece Stephanie & family, & friend Ann Weber**
- Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, niece Sourour Dehnadi, & friend Paul Hutter & family
- Dave & Rita Hart's friends **Max**, Terry, & Gerhard, neighbor Mary & her family
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & **Allen Lee & Family**
- Jo Lourens' father Flip Viviers
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Lisa, coworker of Koreen Thomasson, & Lisa's husband Ed
- Sara Monazah's grandmother Zary
- Carol Pope's brother, David
- Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy
- John Lavender's brother Don Allen Lavender, & John & Susie's niece's husband Ben Cooper
- Nicole Goolsby's mother Lyn Rion
- Joe Moody's sister Mary Lynn
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Erin Tracy's friend Tony
- The family and friends of Robert "Mack" Hanks Sr. following his death
- The family and friends of Barbara Renfrew following her death
- The family and friends of Bob Garrigus following his death
- **Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner**
- **Sondra Nevitt and her father as they travel to El Salvador**
- **Mary Ellen Jackson and her family following the death of her uncle Brantley Jefferson**
- **Donald and Nancy Ross' friends Salima & Fazelah Girnary, following the death of their mother, Naseem Girnary, and friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Ben Watson
3	Gerry Vick
6	Andy Gospodarek
7	Selo Kuvuna Elana Kuvuna
9	Sondra Nevitt Matt Morgan
11	Samantha Johnson
13	Susie Lavender
15	Susan King
18	Caroline Tatum-Carter
20	Abel Boyd
24	Molly Wakeford
26	Millie Davis Steve Hess Maria Scharfe Heather Grassi

*requests in **bold** have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

Youth Group Says Thank You

The Saint Giles Youth Group would like to thank everyone that provided food, made a donation, or supported us in any other way at the Chili Luncheon on Sunday, January 26th! This was one of our most successful fundraiser events in recent years because of all your support! The youth of Saint Giles appreciate the congregation's response and we thank you all! We received just over \$1,000 in donations, which will sponsor our trips to the summer conferences at Massanetta and Montreat.

Saint Giles Talent Show coming on Leap Day

Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Everyone has talents and this is your chance to demonstrate yours.

Please "**get your act together**" and email or call Jean Smith (787-6279) if you would like to participate. We need at least a dozen acts. Some suggestions include singing, dancing, instrumental music, skits or short plays, impersonations, comedy, dramatic readings/performance, etc. These are just some suggestions, we're certainly not limiting you, and you may perform as groups or individuals. Be creative. Think of things that family and friends say you do well.

We want you to bring your creative crafts, artwork, or writing also. So if you have quilts, cross-stitch, clothing, costumes, sculptures, pottery, carvings, baskets, woodworking, photography, calligraphy, poetry, short stories, or even novels please bring them. We will have tables in the Fellowship Hall on which you may display them. Bring a label with your name on it to go with your creations. Dessert donations are also requested to provide yummy treats for all who attend!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us for a pancake supper and unlimited fun! Come to the Fellowship Hall on February 25th from 5:30-7 p.m. We will join together and enjoy pancakes, bacon, egg-casseroles, & fruit. There will be gluten-free & healthy choices available.

New and Prospective Members Classes

There are two upcoming opportunities to get better acquainted with Saint Giles. This two-session course is designed for anyone who wishes to learn more about what it is to be part of the community of this church. We will explore Presbyterian theology: the 'what we believe', as well as take a tour of the church property, and learn more about what makes Saint Giles who we are today. Upcoming classes will be February 16th and 23rd and will meet in the Sanctuary Parlor during the Sunday School hour at 9:15am. Please speak with Katherine or contact the church office to sign up.

Farewell to Vanna

We have been blessed by the ministry of Vanna Fox, our Pastor for Children's Ministry and Creative Transformation, who has accepted a full time position as the Director for Development at the North Carolina Council of Churches. Vanna's last Sunday was Sunday, January 26th, and her last day at Saint Giles was Wednesday, January 31st. Our prayers go with her!

Discretionary Fund

Thanks to all of our members who designated funds to the discretionary fund during 2019. Here is where we spent these funds: Assistance with electric bills, \$1,777; Food Lion Coupons, \$2,488; These Days Devotionals, \$178; Food bags for Homeless, \$58; Expenses for Joy Carroll, \$407; Other miscellaneous, \$227. Total spent, \$5,135. Thank you, Dave Gospodarek, Treasurer.

Youth Ministry

Here's what's going on in February this year!

Lock-in at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church

Friday, February 7 at 8pm to Saturday, February 8 at 9am

It's time for another fun lock-in at WRPC! We will play group games, have a devotional, go to Insomnia Cookies, and finish the night off with a movie. In the morning we will go to Bruegger's Bagels to eat breakfast. Parents will pick up at 9AM. What to bring: A sleeping bag, pillow, personal items, and money. You'll need money for Insomnia Cookies Friday night and money for breakfast. Talk to James if you have questions! Please sign up here so we can get a head count: <https://forms.gle/FWRCmZaRi6RpSHs29>

Muffins 4 Love

We will be baking muffins during the Sunday school hour on February 16th. We will decorate bags with love to put them in. Then, during youth group we will deliver them to members of the community in Raleigh Gardens.

Faith and Sexuality Series: You are Empowered

Saturday, February 29: 9am-2pm at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, 12605 Capital Blvd, Wake Forest, NC 27587

For Youth, Parents and Guardians, and Youth Leaders.

Leaders: Gair McCullough and Rev. Katherine Kussmaul

COST: \$5/session which includes dinner or lunch. Payment will be received at each location.

We will meet at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church. James will be there to meet everyone.

This third session will include a BRIEF overview of the first two sessions. Then we will spend time exploring communication (youth-adult as well as consent), anatomy/physiology, sexual identity/ expression and gender identity/pronouns. This session will include lunch and conclude with a time of worship. This is designed for youth and the adults who love and support them (advisors, parents, guardians, aunts/uncles, etc.).

Game Night at Trinity Presbyterian

On Sunday March 1st we will be meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 5pm-7pm for a game night and dinner! (Bring \$3 to help cover dinner cost). They have invited us and West Raleigh to help grow our relationships between churches. As some of you know, we continue to share housing with both churches at Montreat over the summer. This will be an awesome evening of games and fellowship! Mark your calendars because this is a new event!

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

2-2-20

Sunday School 9:15am-10:15am No YG

2-7-20 & 2-8-20

Lock-in 8pm-9am at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, 27 Horne St, Raleigh, NC 27607

2-9-20

Sunday School 9:15am-10:15am No YG

2-16-20

Baking Muffins 4 Love 9:15am-10:15am Deliver Muffins meet at Youth Center 5pm-7pm

2-23-20

ETS Lesson 9:15am-10:15am Escape Room w/ West Raleigh - location, cost, time TBA

2-29-20

Saturday 9am-2pm

Presbytery Faith and Sexuality Retreat (Parents invited) at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, 12605 Capital Blvd, Wake Forest, NC 27587 (cost \$5)

3-1-20

Sunday School 9:15am-10:15am

Game Night 5pm-7pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3120 N New Hope Rd, Raleigh, NC 27604 (cost \$3)

Children's Ministry

February Sunday School schedule for Children's Ministry

February 2nd

9:15 - 10:15

Craft Time with Elise, Joyce, Mary Byrd & Sara

February 9th

9:15 - 9:30

Music Time with Pat & Janet

9:30 - 10:15

Whirl – Worship and Justice - Isaiah 42:1-9 with Karen & Roberta

Joy Journeys – Jesus in the Wilderness with Erin & Jennifer

February 16th

9:15 - 9:30

Music Time with Pat & Janet

9:30 - 10:15

Whirl – Life with God – Deuteronomy 30:15-20 with Peg & Roberta

Joy Journeys – The Good Samaritan with Rita & Teresa

February 23rd

9:15 - 9:30

Music Time with Pat & Janet

9:20 - 10:15

Kids4Mission – Care Packages for College Students

Adult Education Ministry

Sunday Morning Weekly Bible Study

Meeting Sunday morning during the Christian Education hour, this class is a traditional bible study that explores the book of Acts. The study is written by Charles C. Williams.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are not the end of the Good News, but only the beginning. In Acts, Luke tells the story of workings of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the apostles and in the early church. The ascension of Jesus becomes, then, the beginning of the life of believers, who are empowered by the Spirit to follow their Lord and make known the message of God's saving acts in Christ.

Faith in Contemporary Life

This class meets in the Adult Center during Sunday Christian Education Hour. This class discusses contemporary topics with the assistance of youtube videos and TEDTalks. They meet in the Adult Center on Sunday mornings.

Another Adult Education Opportunity

Do you drop your child off for Sunday School?

If you drop your child off but do not want to participate in formal adult Christian Education you can stop by the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour for conversation and light refreshments. Jennifer Gospodarek is hosting this informal discussion group. Discussions may include parenting concerns but the content is entirely up to you!

Time and Talent - February 2020

	Sunday, February 2	Sunday, February 9	Sunday, February 16	Sunday, February 23
C. H. Host	Jean Smith	Lib McClenny	Nancy Ross	
Nursery Volunteer	Karen Patterson	Sallie Taylor	Elizabeth Abernathy	Kathy Matthews
Liturgist	Jean Evans	Donald Ross	Shirley Sprinkle	Peg Forster
Offering Counters	Mark Evans Ron Strand	Steve Allison Marilyn Brodd	John Tracy Elizabeth Abernathy	Mark Evans Ron Strand
Usher		Steve Allison		
Soundboard	N/A			Bob Lindsay

February Communion Preparation: Joyce Strand

Elders serving communion: Chris Gospodarek, Jennifer Gospodarek, Susie Lavender, Chris Maxwell, Marie Minani, and Joe Moody

Upcoming Deadlines:

Session Packet Deadline: **Wednesday, February 12 at 12pm**

Newsletter Article Deadline: **Wednesday, February 19 at 12 pm**

Session Highlights

At the January stated session meeting, the Saint Giles Session:

- Reviewed and approved the 2020 operating budget
- Approved a recommendation to the congregation to make a change to the Pastor's Terms of Call—an increase of 2% in compensation.
- Approved a carry-over of two weeks of vacation from 2019 to 2020 for Katherine
- Presented the slates of 2020 nominees for the Congregational Nominating Committee
- Approved a new curriculum for the Youth Ministry Sunday School
- Accepted with regret the resignation of Rev. Vanna Fox, effective January 31, 2020
- Shared Joys and Concerns
- Adjourned with Prayer

February 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

915am.....Christian Education
1030amWorship
8pm.....AA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9amChildren's Ministry
9amHoly Cow Presbytery
.....Training
615pm.....Girl Scouts
7pmBoy Scouts
8pm.....NA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9amHoly Cow Presbytery
.....Training
4pmVoices Together
420pm.....Community Hope
6pmCHC Rehearsal
7pmGirl Scouts

WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 5

7am.....Centering Prayer
9amHoly Cow Presbytery
.....Training
930amQuilting Group
730pmChoir Practice
8pmAA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9amTriangle Recorder
.....Society
930amTLC Homeschool
.....Group
430pm.....Community Hope
615pm.....Girl Scouts

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8pmYouth Group Lock-
.....In at West Raleigh

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8amCarolina Harmony
.....Chorus Coaching
.....Session
10am.....Girl Scouts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

915am.....Christian Education
1030amWorship
1130amSenior Adult
.....Ministry
12pm.....Music Team
.....Planning Meeting
8pmAA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7pmBoy Scouts
8pmNA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1130amWomen's Circle
4pmVoices Together
430pm.....Community Hope
6pmCHC Rehearsal
630pm.....Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 12

7am.....Centering Prayer
930amQuilting Group
12pm Session Packet
..... Deadline
730pmChoir Practice
8pmAA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

930amTLC Homeschool
.....Group
430pm.....Community Hope

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

915am.....Christian Education
1030amWorship
2pmTriangle Recorder
.....Society
5pmYouth Group
8pmAA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

615pm.....Girl Scouts
7pmSession Meeting
7pmBoy Scouts
8pmNA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

1130amDaytime Book Group
4pmVoices Together
430pm.....Community Hope
6pmCHC Rehearsal
7pmGirl Scouts

WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 19

7am.....Centering Prayer
930amQuilting Group
12pm Newsletter
..... Article Deadline

630pm.....AA Business
.....Meeting
730pmChoir Practice
8pmAA

THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 20

930amTLC Homeschool
.....Group
430pm.....Community Hope
615pm.....Girl Scouts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

915am.....Christian Education
1030amWorship
5pmYouth Group
8pm.....AA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7pmBoy Scouts
8pm.....NA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4pmVoices Together
430pm.....Community Hope
530pm.....Pancake Supper
6pmCHC Rehearsal
7pmGirl Scouts

WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 26

7amCentering Prayer
930amQuilting Group
730pmChoir Practice
8pm.....AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

930amTLC Homeschool
.....Group

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

630pm.....Talent Show