

# THE LANTERN

MARCH 2021

Saint Giles Presbyterian Church

## MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 7

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Worship Intro: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

### Sunday, March 14

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Worship Intro: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

### Sunday, March 21

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Worship Intro: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

### Sunday, March 28

Coffee Chat: 10:00am

Worship Intro: 10:15am

Worship: 10:30am

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Monday-Tuesday  
9am-4pm  
Via phone: Wednesdays & Thursdays



## Intentional Interim Update

Communication, communication, communication. Three times. That's what I was taught many years ago. If you want someone to get the message, they need to hear it at least three times in three different ways. I'm not sure if that strategy is still relevant. Maybe we need to hear it more than three, maybe one or two is enough because some of us put reminders in our phones when we first get the message, or maybe we ask Siri to remind us.

Since the beginning of COVID, churches have struggled with the shift in communication needs and modes of communication. Zoom has been great...and we are a little tired of it. Emails are great... but we have so many these days that we spend much more time searching for the ones we need.

Video messages are convenient...but we long for in-person connection. This being said, the session, the office, and Ministry Teams are working to creatively get the word out regarding St. Giles' worship, programs, and ministries through emails, this monthly newsletter, and video announcements. Please prayerfully plan to do your part and keep watch for information and opportunities to participate. Please also be patient as we try new things and seek to shift to in person gatherings slowly and safely.

We have made it through a year of COVID, and we surely now lament the milestone of 500,000 deaths in our country, and so many more around the world. We also trust that God has been with us, is with us, and will continue to give us the grace and strength we need to not only make it through, but also to find new life and new energy as we come out on the other side.

Lenten blessings,  
Lance

## Worship Volunteers

	<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	<b>Sunday, March 14</b>	<b>Sunday, March 21</b>	<b>Sunday, March 28</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pat Lindsay	Bob Lindsay	Jean Evans	Mark Evans

## Upcoming Deadlines:

Session Packet Deadline: **Wednesday, March 10 at 12pm**

Newsletter Article Deadline: **Wednesday, March 17 at 12 pm**

## Pastoral Care On-Call Schedule

March 5-7	Rev. Perry
March 12-14	Chris Maxwell
March 19-21	Chris Maxwell
March 26-28	Rev. Perry

# COMMUNITY CARE

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

Prayers for the family and friends of the Rev. Mickey Efrid.  
Rev. Efrid died at the age of 88 on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay	Rachel Williams
Sandra Richbourg	Charolette Brown
Libby Morton	Dick Grassi
Dan Grassi	Aleta Wheeler
Barbara Settlemeyre	Inez Ruchte
Jeane Nagel	Joe Moody
Donna Nichols	Andrew Scharfe
Dave Smith	Iris Morris
Chuck Nevitt	Mac McRackan

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

- Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- Paul Hutter & family
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois
- Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son
- Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
- Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne
- Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
- Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy
- Joel, nephew to Jean and Dave Smith, recovering from back surgery
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner, & niece Eloise Lindsay

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

7	Teresa Johnson
	Mick Wilber
11	Mary Ellen Jackson
17	Marcia Rentfrow
19	Gail Horner
20	Jim Hodge
21	Paul Goldsberry
	Bobbi Jo Boyd
22	Doug Bunn
	Andrew Black
24	Dave Hart
	Larry Watson
25	Mark Evans
26	Kelly Johnson
	Grace Fetvedt
	Bryson Longoria
28	Jeremy Fetvedt
	Jerry Watson
29	Ethan Hess
30	Jean Rick

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

### **Holy Week and Easter at St. Giles**

Maundy Thursday Worship will be a modified Tenebrae service. This service will be recorded and released on Facebook on Maundy Thursday evening, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. Music will begin at 6:45pm.

Easter Sunrise worship will be on-site at St. Giles on the Fellowship Hall porch on April 4 at 7:30 a.m. Worshipers will be social distanced, and masks will be required. Music staff will provide instrumental music and will sing with singing masks. Congregational singing is discouraged.

Easter Sunday worship will be recorded and released on Facebook with music beginning at 10:15 a.m. and the service beginning at 10:30 a.m.

### **Children's Ministry: Easter Egg Hunt**

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt.

It will take place at 10:00 am, in the area between the Children's Center, the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

Youth will be hiding the eggs beginning at 9:30, and the actual hunt will begin at 10:00. In case of inclement weather, we will use the Fellowship Hall and Porch. Bring your own baskets.

### **2021 Congregational Nominating Committee Beginning Work**

The 2021 Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) has begun its work to call three elders to the class of 2024 for the Session. Please pray for us as we go about the work of seeking elders for St. Giles Presbyterian Church. We will be in communication with you in the weeks ahead as we seek your suggestions for consideration.

In Christ,

Jennifer Gospodarek, Chair  
Rita Hart  
Bob Lindsay  
Chris Maxwell  
Sondra Nevitt  
Karen Patterson

### **Saint Giles Book Group Meeting**

The St. Giles Book Group will meet by zoom on Tuesday, March 16 at 12:30pm to discuss The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich. Contact Jean Smith if you wish to join, and you will be provided the Zoom link.



## MISSIONS UPDATE

### Urban Ministries

St. Giles has a long connection to Urban Ministries of Wake County (<https://urbanmin.org/>). We annually donate funds to support their work, and we have budgeted to do so again in 2021. In the past, our congregation has collected food for their pantry which through Covid continues to serve up to 90 cars a day in a drive-through format... helping 40,000 people in just the past 10 months. Back when in-person volunteering was safer, our members helped stock the food pantry as well as work the reception and intake desks at their Open Door walk in clinic / pharmacy (which serves more than 1,500 uninsured adults and provides about 39,000 prescriptions each year). While our in-person volunteering is restricted during the pandemic, know that that your offering helps financially support this mission and that we are in touch with Urban Ministries' leadership to explore how else we can work together when in-person volunteering is safer again. If you would like to help maintain that leadership connection, please contact Tom Augspurger ([jillandtom@aol.com](mailto:jillandtom@aol.com), 919-744-8510).



### Habitat for Humanity



Winter and the pandemic have not stopped the local Presbyterian coalition and Habitat for Humanity's work with Tenina Kennedy and her family. The new home your donations are building in the Dowling Ridge neighborhood is nearing completion! Since my December update, the siding has been installed and many of the interior features like cabinets, flooring, and lighting are installed. The house still needs exterior paint, the driveway poured, etc. Stay tuned for details of a planned virtual dedication and blessing of the new home and family in April or May. We are hopeful that Habitat will again be able to use our

volunteer labor on next fall's homebuilding, so contact Tom Augspurger ([jillandtom@aol.com](mailto:jillandtom@aol.com), 919-744-8510) if you would like to be more deeply involved with our Habitat partnership.

### Community Hope

Reunited in HOPE! The new year brings YMCA of the Triangle's Community HOPE program back to St. Giles' campus! Community HOPE provides learning, mentoring and enriching activities for children in Raleigh's affordable housing communities. St. Giles has a long history of financial support and volunteering with them. Last year, Community HOPE moved to meeting during school hours -- helping children in our neighborhood overcome the difficulties of remote learning through the pandemic. They needed a new place for that, and your session approved waiving Youth Center use fees starting in January. The YMCA staff are trained and experienced in serving students through the pandemic; they get to know each child's individual needs and support their learning. Warm lunches are provided by the county school system. The YMCA has a team that monitors rules and best-practices for student health, including densities to fit the space, health questionnaires, temperature checks, masking, hand washing, cleaning the space, etc. We look forward to deepening the already strong relationship with Community HOPE! If you would like to learn more about how to support this partnership, please contact Tom Augspurger ([jillandtom@aol.com](mailto:jillandtom@aol.com), 919-744-8510).

# Youth Ministry

## MONTHLY SCHEDULE

<b>3-7-21</b>	2pm - Bike Ride - Oak Park Green Way
<b>3-14-21</b>	9:15am - Zoom Sunday School
<b>3-21-21</b>	2pm in person Youth Group Meet up
<b>3-28-21</b>	TBD

## Monthly Bike Rides

On 1st Sundays of the month we meet at 2pm for group bike rides.

These usually last about 2 hours and will include a time to reflect on God and the world around us. Masks and helmets are required. It is recommended that you bring a water bottle and a small snack. Please make sure to have your Parental Consent and Release of Liability Forms ([available here](#)) filled out and turned into James.

Get on the day of text list for last minute changes by texting @STGBIKE to 81010.

If you would like to help chaperone this event or have any questions, please contact James Brown our Youth Program Director at jamesbrown@saintgiles.org.

## 2021 Graduate

Luke Carter graduated early from Needham B. Broughton High School last month. He plans to take the spring off from academics and gain some work experience.

Luke plans to finish his term as a team leader on our Presbytery Youth Council. He is looking forward to returning to Camp Albemarle this summer and possibly Montreat, depending on pandemic guidelines. In the fall, he has been accepted into East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He plans to study sociology but keeps an open mind for his calling.

Nicole Goodslby (Our Youth Elder) and James Brown (Youth Program Director) put together a graduation gift for him that was delivered the 1st of February. It consisted of a power drill and impact drill, drill bit set and snacks packed into a bucket, as Luke has an interest in learning how to use tools and fix things. *Congratulations, Luke!*



## **Adult Christian Education Class**

The TEDTalk Class that is so popular is continuing! Every other week, join teachers Tim Hoyt and Phill Stiles and other friends and members of Saint Giles for a look at a contemporary 'talk' - these can feature tough questions, fun anecdotes, or beautiful creative expressions; but all classes encourage us to take a fresh look at the world and reflect on our faith. The next class is March 14th, and the zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89656319586>

## **Children's Christian Education Classes**

The Children's Ministry is working diligently to provide online and (safe!) in-person opportunities for our youngest members to continue growing, learning, and having fun! Along with the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning, keep an eye out for more announcements and events, including Sunday School classes.

# March 2021 Calendar

## **MONDAY, MARCH 8<sup>1</sup>**

8pm .....NA

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

1pm.....Worship Video Recording

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**

7am.....Centering Prayer

530pm .....Personnel Meeting

7pm .....Worship Ministry Meeting

8pm .....AA

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

930am .....Lenten Study

1030am .....Children's Ministry Meeting

430pm.....Girl Scouts

730pm .....Transition Team Meeting

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

10am.....Coffee and Chat

1015am .....Worship

12pm.....Worship Staff Meeting

8pm .....AA

## **MONDAY, MARCH 8**

8pm .....NA

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

1pm.....Worship Video Recording

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

7am.....Centering Prayer

**12pm ..... Session Packet Deadline**

8pm .....AA

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

930am .....Lenten Study

730pm .....Transition Team Meeting

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

915am.....Christian Education

10am.....Coffee and Chat

1015am .....Worship

8pm .....AA

## **MONDAY, MARCH 15**

7pm .....Session Meeting

8pm .....NA

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

1130am .....St. Giles Book Group

1pm.....Worship Video Recording

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**

7am.....Centering Prayer

**12pm ..... Newsletter Article Deadline**

8pm .....AA

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

930am .....Lenten Study

430pm.....Girl Scouts

730pm .....Transition Team Meeting

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 21**

10am.....Coffee and Chat

1015am .....Worship

8pm .....AA

## **MONDAY, MARCH 22**

8pm .....NA

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

1pm.....Worship Video Recording

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**

7am.....Centering Prayer

8pm .....AA

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 25**

930am .....Lenten Study

730pm .....Transition Team Meeting

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

PALM SUNDAY

915am.....Christian Education

10am.....Coffee and Chat

1015am .....Worship

8pm .....AA

## **MONDAY, MARCH 29**

8pm .....NA

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

1pm.....Worship Video Recording

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

7am.....Centering Prayer

8pm .....AA