

The Music Committee will meet this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the church library.

We welcome you to join us this Wednesday. The adult Handbell Choir meets at 6:40 p.m., and the Chancel Choir gathers at 7:30 p.m. New singers and ringers are always welcome! The Wednesday Night Fellowship covered dish meal begins at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall and the "Love Does" study will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Session Room.

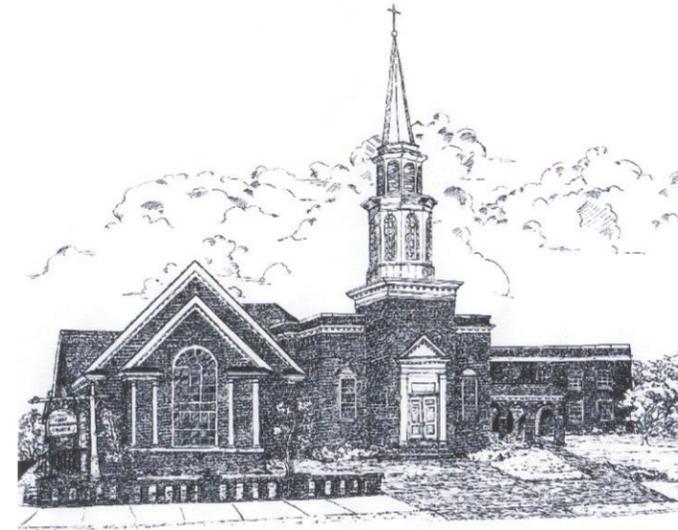
The Outreach Committee invites one and all to a special luncheon following worship on Sunday, March 17 in the fellowship hall in order to receive an update about the ministry of Agape Village Orphanage and school from its founders, Jackie and Mickey Bailey. The lunch menu will include chicken, corn, butter beans, potato salad, deviled eggs, rolls and sheet cake. There will be a bucket brigade during worship to collect change (and cash) for this special ministry. **Please notify the church office** if you can attend by signing "Agape Lunch" by your name in the friendship pad. We also have a blue shipping barrel in the narthex vestibule that we plan to fill and ship to Agape Village – be sure to check out the list of needed items on the barrel display.

The Lunch Bunch fellowship group will gather on Monday, March 18 at noon in the church parlor. The menu will include bbq, baked beans, slaw, hushpuppies and dessert. If you are not already on the "permanent list" and wish to be added, please notify the church office by writing Lunch Bunch by your name on the friendship pad.

Please make plans to attend the "Fifth Sunday" gathering planned for March 31, 2019. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship, food, and worship as we discuss ways to grow in fellowship and tell the story of who we are as a congregation. In preparation for this gathering, daily prayers are being emailed to the congregation. If you do not have email, copies of these daily prayers from Week One are located in the narthex.

Bingo prizes for Covenant Homes are still being collected in the volunteer office. Useful items such as small containers of clothing or dish detergent, dryer sheets, food items - cookies, candy, crackers, bars, etc. are very much appreciated.

Tar River Academy would greatly appreciate donations of drawstring backpacks for their students. Please leave donations in the TRA bin in the narthex or in the volunteer office.



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Our Mission:

"To be a congregation of believers carrying out the Word of God and joyfully bringing the community to the church and the church to the community."

March 10, 2019
First Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m.

Hearing assistance and large print hymnals are available upon request from any usher.

"Jesus answered him, 'It is said, Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
Luke 4:12

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

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APPROACHING THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Solether

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

"Come, All You Servants of the Lord"

DANBY, hymn #242

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Brooks Gaynor

One: In the season of Lent, we lay down our heavy burdens,

All: for the weight of the world is not ours to carry, and the life of the church is not ours to save.

One: Repent and believe,

All: for the calling of Christ leads us to follow, and the grace of God offers us transformation.

One: Let us worship God.

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 77 "Forty Days and Forty Nights" AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call through our action or inaction. Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world in the light of your great love. Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Hymn 574

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.* Hymn 579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

All children are invited to come forward at this time and may bring their offering for collection.
After the closing prayer, children kindergarten age and younger will be escorted to the Children's Nursery using the door closest to the baptismal font. Scott Solether

ANTHEM

"O Holy Jesus" Willcocks
*O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, may I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Pew Bible, OT pg.180)
Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible, NT pg.61)
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Response to Temptation" Scott Solether

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 80 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" LONESOME VALLEY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" arr. Shute
*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
As thou didst hunger, bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passion tide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.*

*DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 414 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" FOREST GREEN

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN
*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins and close by Thee to stay.*

*POSTLUDE

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Bach
**Those who are able, please stand
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are welcome who are gathered here today for worship. Everyone is invited to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, passing it down and back so that after the service, we may greet one another by name.

Ushers: Tim Lane, Jeannie Lane, John Etheredge, Randy Evans, Anne Mosley

Greeter: Linda Evans

Liturgist: Anna Brooks Gaynor

Children's Sermon: Scott Solether

Acolytes: Mari Robin Tharin, Frances Tharin

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip Edwards by Amine and John Morgan, and Ruth and Paul Nicholson.

Our middle and high school youth will have Devo @Dunkin this afternoon. Middle School meets at 3:00 p.m. and High School at 4:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet this Monday at noon in the Session Room. Bring your lunch and enjoy a time of discussion with the pastor.

The Circle of Friends will gather at 7:00 p.m. this Monday in the home of Mary Lou Fountain, along with co-hosts Bridget Hathaway and Myra Richardson.

The Circle of JOY will gather Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Session room with the Rev. Bettie Kirkpatrick leading the lesson.

Join us for a five-week Lenten Bible Study beginning March 13 and ending April 10 based on the book Love Does by Bob Goff. This DVD and discussion based study will be offered on Wednesdays at either noon for the Ladies Bible Study or at 6:45 p.m. as part of the Wednesday Night Fellowship programming. If you ordered the optional book, Reading the book is optional and you can purchase it on your own. Contact the facilitator, Dionne Seale, if any questions.