

March 2017
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Lent Sermon Series
8:45 am in Forest Chapel
11 am in the Sanctuary

This Lenten season, I am inviting each of you to write about failure—the time you had one job, and messed up. Or the time someone failed you. What happened? What did it cost you? What did it feel like? How did it change you? How did you move on, if you did? What did you learn about yourself, your friends and family, your God? When did you have something meaningful to do, and you missed it? What does that failure mean to you now, if anything? It can be a small failure or a big one. Where does failure factor into your following Jesus? How does God deal with your failings, in your opinion?

Five-, six-, seven hundred words. You can write them to share or just to keep private, if you prefer. **I hope we'll have enough to share from now** into the summer, either in worship times or in the Collage and online.

Pastor Michael Usey

March Events:

Wednesday, March 15
 Bible Study with Ralph & Tammy Stocks at 6:30 pm in Forest Chapel

Thursday, March 16

- Forever 39 11:30 am K&W
- Zumba 6:00 pm, Chapel

Sunday, March 19

- GUM Donations—Dried Beans
- Business Meeting after 11 am service in Sanctuary
- 3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am service

Tuesday, March 21
 PFLAG 7:00 pm in Forest Chapel

Wednesday, March 22

- Bible Study with Kerri Gibbs at 6:30 pm in Forest Chapel
- Zumba Fundraiser 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 29
 Bible Study with Kerri Gibbs at 6:30 pm in Forest Chapel

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Mostly Men's Bake-Off 2017



Best of Show & People's Choice #2
Mike Kirkman



Mike Kirkman & David Soyars
Top Winners



Judges' Award
David Soyars



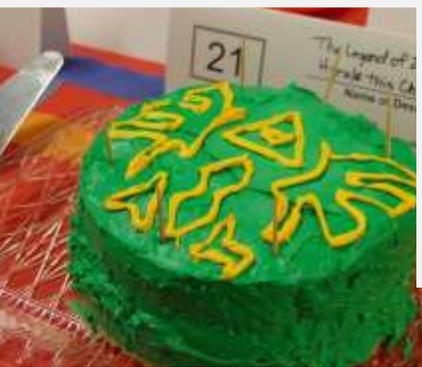
Most Mythological & People's Choice #3
Ryan Shaney



Engineering Marvel (Best Presentation) &
People's Choice #1 Wayne Jones



Most Legendary Kids & People's Choice #4
Isaac Cravey



Mostly Men's Bake-Off

2017 Awards

Judges' Award	Granny's Legendary Chess Pie	David Soyars
Quite Legendary	The Legend of Zelda-Hyrule the Church	Stephen Jones
Most Mythological & People's Choice #3	Open Mouth & Insert "Bigfoot"	Ryan Shaney
Engineering Marvel & People's Choice #1	LCBC Legendary Coke Bottle Cake	Wayne Jones
Most Calories in One Bite	Legendary Peanut Butter Cake	Kate Jones
Like Grandma Used to Make	Mama Lane's Cake	Charlie Wilson
So Good It Will Make You Hit Your Mama	Salted Caramel Butter Bars	Tim Lowrance
Best Presentation	Petite Peanut Butter Pies	Mike Bauman
Served in Valhalla's Buffet	Baclowah Goraeban	Ravene
Delicious but I'm Only Eating One	Hunka Hunka Banana Peanut Cake	Randy Henderson
Coollest Use of Candy	The Wall	Sidney Goetz
Most Colorful	Yummy Cupcakes	Grey Cockerhan
Most Lemony	Lemony Snicket Bars	Zach Usey
Empty the Liquor Cabinet	Bread Pudding with Bourbon	Brad Guyer
Best Twist on a Classic	Legendary Banana Pudding Cupcakes	Lee Carter
Most Exotic Ingredients	Earthquake Cheesecake	Pat Barket
Discomfort by Chocolate	3 Nut Vanilla Hero Brownie	Keith Burkhead
Totally Nuts	Cher the Legend the Brownie	Lee Carter
Peanut Butter Lover	Peter Pan Peanut Butter Pie	Anna Hicks
Most Fruits on One Plate	Paul Bunyan Banana Pudding Poke Cake	Paul Hicks
Most Historical	General Patton	Matthew Rodgers
Most Musical	Bieber Fever Brownies	Ann Usey
1st Place Kids	Chocolate Éclair Cake	Brody Calvert
2nd Place Kids	Legendary Chocolate Eclairs	Maura Toole
3rd Place Kids	The Real Source of Superman Superpower Cupcake	Andrew Miller
4th Place Kids	Iris's Legendary Chocolate Cake	Iris Pickard
Most Creative Kids	Gluten Free Orangin of Love Cookie	Elijah Pickard
Best Kids Cupcake	Legend of Zelda Triforce Cupcakes	Ben Kirkman
Kids' Most Colorful	These are Not Legendary Polamon Brownies	Atticus O'Brien
Best Presentation Kids	Legend of Blackbeard Treasure Cake	Grant Kirkman
Most Legendary Kids & People's Choice #4	Legend of Zelda	Isaac Cravey
Best of Show & People's Choice #2	Don't Trifle with the Gods	Mike Kirkman

Three Nickels Program

College Park's Three Nickels program is one way that we demonstrate our love for people living and dying in extreme poverty around the world.

The yearly goal of Three Nickels is to have 100 College Park families or individuals pledge to give at least \$1 per week, which equals 15¢ (three nickels) per day. In **the past eight years, we've supported Heifer International, Pennies for Peace, Haiti earthquake relief, Syrian refugee relief, Watering Malawi, Soles 4 Souls, Food for the Poor, Micro loans for villages in Northern Thailand, Operation Smile, Doctors Without Borders and many other worthy programs. Last year, we gave \$5,710!**

For 2017, the Missions Committee decided to support international charities with strong local ties to our church and community:



Support Faith Action International. While Faith Action is based in Greensboro, its work extends our support of immigrants from all over the world who have settled in Greensboro. Faith Action helps immigrants meet their basic needs of food, housing, healthcare and a valid form of identification in partnership with several local agencies. Recent experience with our Syrian families underscores our desire to further support all who need our help trying to establish a new home here.



Support **Jacob Borders' Peace Corps** work in Kungi, Cameroon Africa. His current projects include **installing a watering system on his "model farm,"** which means villagers will have an option for fresh drinking water other than lugging pails and buckets from the nearby stream. (Jacob is on the far right of photo above.)



Support **Nate Usey's Peace Corps** work in Grenada, West Indies, and his desire to build a computer lab for his school students. (Photo above: Nate teaching his class.)



In order to have money to send to these programs, we need your support. Simply fill out a Three Nickels pledge form and place it in an offering plate or return it to the church office. You can give weekly, monthly or for the entire year up front (\$52). If you want to pay online with a credit card, **just select the "3 Nickels"** fund. Help fight poverty around the world by giving just three nickels a day.

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- Support Doctors without Borders in its work to stem the spread of Ebola and prepare for future outbreaks
- Aid Next Generation Nepal in its mission to rescue, rehabilitate and reconnect trafficked and exploited children with their families
- Provide clean, sustainable drinking water to rural communities through Watering Malawi
- Support the International Rescue Committee in its work to offer emergency and long-term assistance to refugees and people displaced by war, persecution and natural disaster.

From Watering Malawi:

Dear College Park Baptist,

Thank you for choosing to give the gift of clean water again this year.

Partnerships within country NGO's and individual communities allow us to accomplish new wells, irrigation for gardens, fishponds, latrines and hand washing stations. **Communities, NCO's, and the school districts are working together** to educate their people. Healthy children make better students. Your gifts are helping keep children in school.

This year's projects include the repair and maintenance of wells, Mother's Clubs, bathrooms in schools, and community-wide sanitation programs. We're even sending girls to school through our Girl Power program. The projects we fund are both life giving and life changing.

Thanks again for sharing life through access to safe water in Malawi. We truly believe that sharing a cup of clean **water in Jesus' name is a beautiful way to share Living Water** with a thirsty world. We are so grateful to partner in ministry with you in such a tangible way.

Grace & Peace

Colleen Burroughs
Founder, Watering Malawi

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Fighting Poverty Around The World With Just 3 Nickels a Day

I _____
pledge to help fight poverty around the world by giving at least One Dollar per Week. I understand that this pledge is above and beyond my normal giving. I would like to make my donation as follows:

- Single 2017 payment of \$52.00
- Weekly payments of \$1.00
- I'd like to give more: \$ _____ (specify amount)

Signature _____

Be sure to write “Three Nickels” on your check memo line or giving envelope.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Sunday
April 9th
after the
11 am worship
service

The Children's
Committee would
appreciate donations of
wrapped candy for the
Easter Egg Hunt.

The donation box is
in the parking lot
entrance.



Passportkids

This Summer our 3rd-5th graders will spend June 20-23 with Passport at Eagle Eyrie, VA. The theme this year is "Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly." During the week of camp, the kids will consider how following Jesus with our lives demands action. You can sign your child up here, on this website. There will be a meeting immediately following the 11 am service on April 2 for all families interested in participating. To signup:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094fa9a728a02-passportkids3>

College Park VBS

August 14-17

Come join us for a week of exploring the depths of God's oceans and the wideness of God's love. Campers 4-years-old through 5th grade (rising 6th grade) are welcome to join us. Please register your camper on the College Park website.

This year our camp will run Monday - Thursday evening, 5:30 - 7:45 pm. We will offer childcare for children birth - 18 months, a toddler class for children 2 - 3 yrs, and an adult bible study 6:00 - 7:00 pm that will cover the same stories your children are learning in VBS.

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please visit the signup page or email linbunce@gmail.com.

VBS Kickoff

August 13

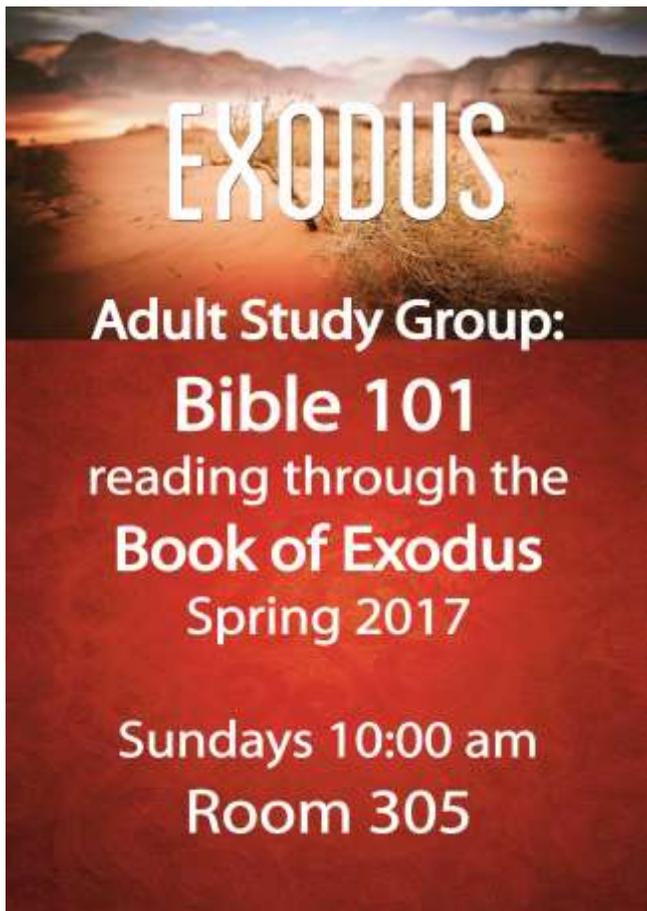
Sunday afternoon, August 13, your families are invited to join us for our VBS kickoff party at the Natural Science Center Aquarium. Cost per ticket is \$8.00/child, \$12.00/ adult. If you have a NSC membership, you can use that toward your admission cost.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094fa9a728a02-deep>

Bikes & Helmets Needed



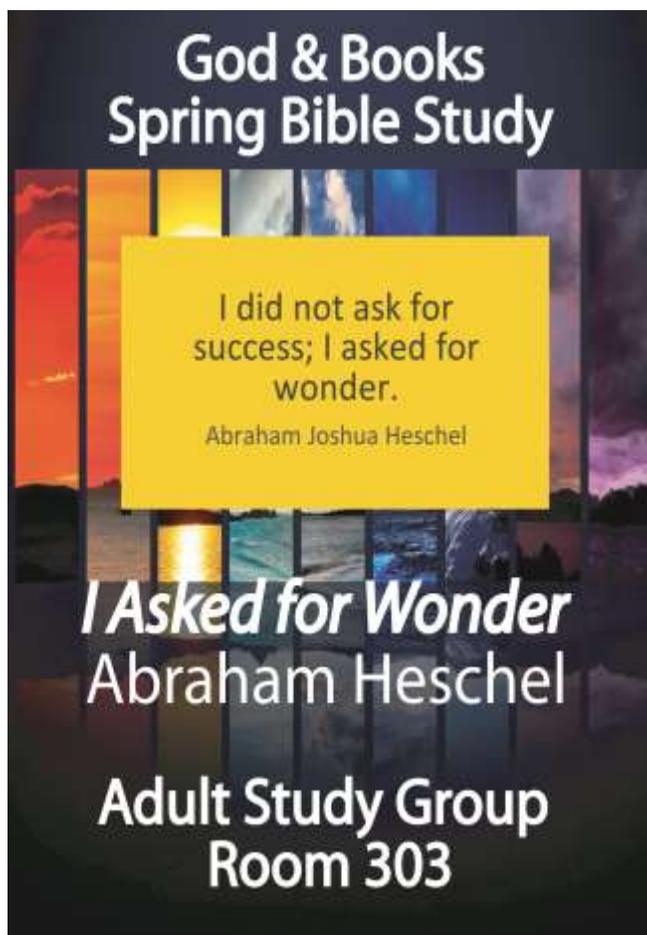
There are students at Peck Elementary who would love to have a bike to ride this spring and summer. If you have a bike or **bike helmet that you don't need anymore**, please contact Tammy Shaney: tammy-shaney@gmail.com or 336-340-3593.



EXODUS

Adult Study Group:
Bible 101
 reading through the
Book of Exodus
 Spring 2017

Sundays 10:00 am
 Room 305



God & Books
Spring Bible Study

I did not ask for
 success; I asked for
 wonder.
 Abraham Joshua Heschel

I Asked for Wonder
Abraham Heschel

Adult Study Group
Room 303



American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

Give Blood • Give Life

We hope to arrange a Red Cross Blood Drive at College Park on June 5, 2017 (tentative date). But we need a certain number of people to indicate an interest in donating before we can make final arrangements (including date & time of day). If you are interested go to: <http://www.collegeparkchurch.com/blood/> – you are not making an actual reservation. Please support this effort to give the gift of life. It only takes **about an hour. It's open to all in our community.**

See Keith Burkhead or Kate Jones for questions. Keith says: **“I give blood because it is an easy way to give back to the community. And here’s something else to consider, blood, like breathe, is required to live. It is profound in the obviousness of it; having access to blood can make the difference between life and death. Please consider making the gift of life possible for someone in need.”**

Why Donate?

Every two seconds someone in America gets a blood transfusion. Five million patients will need blood this year. Summer can be a difficult collection time for blood donations because of busy schedules, traveling, time spent on vacations, and students being out of school. So blood-product donors are especially needed during this time.

Benefits of Donating

- It feels great to donate!
- You get free juice and delicious cookies.
- **It's something you can spare** – most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around.
- You will help ensure blood is on the shelf when needed – **most people don't think they'll ever need blood**, but many do.
- **You will be someone's hero** – in fact, you could help save more than one life with just one donation.

Blood and Platelet Donors Must

- Be in good general health and feeling well
- Be at least 17-years-old
- Weigh at least 110 lbs.

Come prepared

- Have a light meal and plenty to drink.
- Wear Something Comfortable with sleeves that can easily be rolled up above the elbow.
- **Bring your donor card, driver's license or two other forms of identification.**

Bring the names of medications you are taking.

TOTAL KITCHEN REBUILD



After four months of construction, the kitchen rebuild project is finally completed. The new kitchen facilities include: waterproofing, electrical and plumbing, complex range exhaust system with fire suppression, dedicated HVAC, flooring and ceiling, commercial equipment including a Hobart dishwasher, on-demand hot water, stainless steel shelves, dish carts (reduce paper plate waste) and work tables.

Thanks to everyone who has given to make this possible. However, there is still a balance owed on the project, so don't stop giving!

Capital Campaign Update March 12, 2017

(Kitchen Renovation)
\$205,000 Total Cost
\$77,168 Available Funds
\$127,832 Amount Needed

WOMEN OF VALOR

NEW BOOK

Outcasts United

NATIONAL BESTSELLER

"Outcasts United... is a shining example of the redemptive power of love, faith, and hope." —The Washington Post

Outcasts United

An American Team, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference

Warren St. John

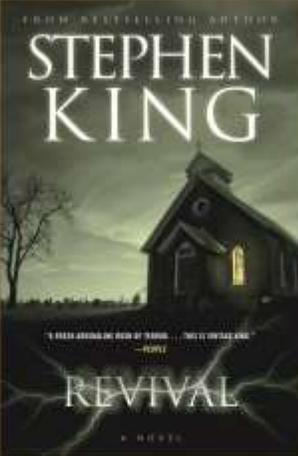
"Outcasts United succeeds so emphatically because, just as the Pigeons are so much more than a football team, this is much more than a sports book. St. John has produced a brave and judgmental portrait of America in the 21st century." —The Observer(UK)

Next Meeting
April 18, 7 pm
Location TBD

MOSTLY MEN'S OCCASIONAL BOOK CLUB

FROM BESTSELLING AUTHOR

STEPHEN KING



REVIVAL

A NOVEL

"A BEER DRINKING THE BEER BY THOMAS... THIS IS THE BEST KING..." —HORN

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16
STICKS & STONES
7 PM

College Park Sunday School Opportunities

Nursery
 Birth-23 months (Parking Lot Entrance) Childcare provided by both Preferred Childcare, Inc. employees and College Park volunteers.

Toddlers
 2—3 1/2 yrs. (Parking Lot Entrance)
 1st, 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes
 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Children's Sunday School
 PreK—1st, 2nd—**5th (Children's Library & Youth Room)**
 1st & 3rd Sundays—Music & Tone Chimes
 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays—Hands-on Faith Lessons

Sunday Morning Youth Gathering
 6th—12th grades (Fellowship Hall) For more information:
<https://cpbcyouthchaos.wordpress.com/youth-Sunday-school/>

Adult Study Groups

God in Books—(Room 303)
 Class reads & discusses a variety of Christian literature. This spring the class will be reading *I Asked for Wonder* by Abraham Heschel.

Bible 101—(Room 305)
 Class is reading the book of Exodus this spring.

Pathfinders—(Fellowship Hall)
 Class explores a variety of faith topics.

Adult 3—(Parlor)
 Class uses the Smith & Helwys Sunday school curriculum to guide conversations of faith, Bible and life.



THANK YOU for the tremendous outpouring of love for the HJazi/Albardan family after their toddler Montasur was mauled by pit bulls on Valentines Day. With the hard work of many CP members and friends this week, their new apartment is set-up and their previous home cleaned out so they don't have to return there.

The GoFundMe campaign has reached over \$50,000. To view updates from the N&R, Yes Weekly, and the TV news go to: www.collegeparkchurch.com/syrian-family/

Announcements

College Park Website

Our redesigned church website is now very mobile friendly with several new features. To keep better informed about happenings of the church, check out the online

Collage blog that is updated frequently. And see a weekly calendar of events. The "Library" is an archive of memoirs, sermons, etc. Give your offering online, read about our latest mission projects or the capital campaign, and share the site as you try to explain our uniqueness to your friends and family.



www.collegeparkchurch.com

Options for Children during the Worship Service

There are several child care Options during the worship service: Nursery (birth—24 months) Room 201 main floor, Toddlers (2-3 yr.) Room 104 lower level, Wee Worship (PreK -1st grade) Room 110 lower level. Your child is also welcome to stay in the service with you. Kids Worship binders are available with activities related to the sermon. Look for the bins at the front and back of the sanctuary.



Nate Usey's Peace Corp Address:

PCV Nate Usey
Peace Corps, P.O. Box 766
St. George's, Grenada, West Indies

Courtnee Hummel's New Address:

8 EAMS/TRP, UNIT 61233, APO, AE 09309

Choir Rehearsal

Adult Choir Practice has moved to Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm;

Youth Choir—6:00 pm, Sunday evenings



Licensed Instructors



ZUMBA
fitness
Thursdays 6:00 pm
Forest Chapel
\$5.00 Drop in Rate

Consider joining us at least once (\$5.00) or commit to 5 classes and save \$5.00 (5 classes card for \$20). Brisa, the instructor is fun and inspiring.

Zumba for a Cause—Wed. March 22

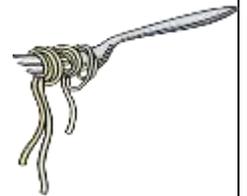
In honor of The Human Race 5k, Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, CSDHH, is hosting a Zumba fundraiser on Wed., March 22 from 6—7 pm in the College Park Fellowship Hall. ALL the proceeds collected will go to support the Teamwork Alliance Guidance (TAG) Mentoring program. This program is designed to promote self advocacy, resource sharing and community engagement for K-12 students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf/Blind. Mentors and students are paired for monthly activities that are sponsored in full by CSDHH. Water and healthy snacks will be provided.

The Human Race event will have a superhero themed costume contest, this event will follow the same idea. We encourage our participants to dress up as their favorite superhero and enjoy the Zumba class. We will recognize 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for the best costume! Please go to Event Bright to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/csdhh-superhero-zumba-tickets-32596661492>

Senior Wheels Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Please support the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Friday, March 31, 5:30—7:00 pm, benefitting Senior Resources of Guilford Senior Wheels Medical Transportation Program. There will also be door prizes and a silent auction for specialty baskets. Location: Christ United Methodist Church, 410 N. Holden Rd., Greensboro, 27410. Eat in or carry out. Tickets are \$8.00, see Darcie Thompson.



3 Ways 2 Give

For added convenience, we have three ways for you to give to the church general budget or special offerings:

- Write a check or give cash at one of our Sunday services or at the office during the week. If you **don't have envelopes with an assigned number (for better record keeping)**, contact the church office.
- **Set up bill pay through your bank online. It's a favorite since there are usually no fees to you or the church, and it's very easy.**
- Pay online with a credit card at: www.CollegeParkChurch.com. Choose the option to cover the credit card fees or let the church pay them.

March GUM Donation:

Dried Beans (1-lb. bag of larger)

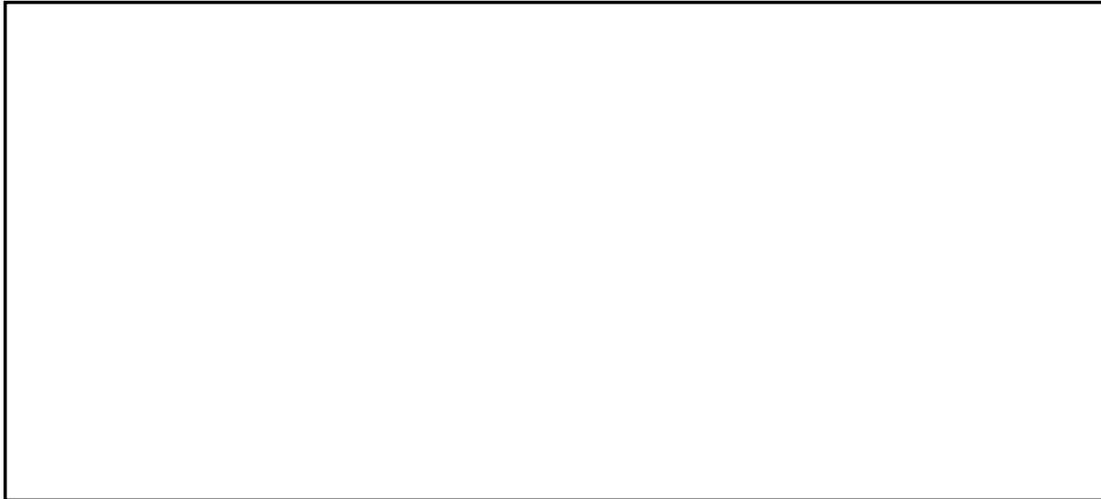
Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead—March

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- 15 NA Noon, Chapel; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, Board Room; Bible Study 6:30 pm Chapel
- 16 Forever 39 11:30 am at K&W; NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:30—9 pm FH; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 17 Al-Anon Noon, Chapel
- 19 Sunday Activities; GUM Sunday; 3rd Sunday Refreshments after 11 am service; Business Meeting after 11 am service
- 20 NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:30—9 pm, FH
- 21 NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:30-9 pm; PFLAG 7:30 pm Chapel
- 22 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba Fundraiser 6-7 pm, FH; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel
- 23 NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:30—9 pm FH; Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, Board Rm.; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 24 Al-Anon Noon, Chapel
- 25 Foster Care Chronicles 12-4 pm, FH
- 26 Sunday Activities
- 27 NA Noon, Chapel
- 28 NA Noon, Chapel
- 29 NA Noon, Chapel
- 30 NA Noon, Chapel, Zumba 6 pm, Chapel
- 31 Al-Anon Noon, Chapel; Girl Scout Sleepover 6 pm—8:30 am Sat.

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2017 Total Food Donations = 479 Pounds

Every Member a Minister

Phyllis Calvert, Treasurer
Kerri Gibbs, Pastoral Intern, WFU Divinity School
Diane Ingold, Retired Drug Queen
Darlene Johnson, Sexton
Keith A. Menhinick, Minister to Young Adults
David Soyars, Organist
Ralph & Tammy Stocks, Missionaries
Lin Story-Bunce, Associate Minister
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