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The Rev. Wes Shields

I want to take a minute to talk about something that I feel is pertinent to the Easter Season. Lately I have been noticing just how fragile life can be. Sound like a joyous Easter topic? I certainly intend it to be, because I want to talk about appreciating the simple joys of life. In the last month I have been with people dealing with the death of a loved one, aging and all that goes along with that, divorce, serious medical scares, and a number of other issues that all have me thinking just how precious life really is. The common denominator in all of these situations is people trying to cope with the idea of living in close relationship with another human being, or in some cases thinking about living without those relationships.

It occurs to me that all the great memories and fun times in my life are truly great because of the people that I shared them with. Many of those memories are with Laura, but there are also many with my family, friends, and the church. Most of these memories happened in the process of just living my life. Granted they tended to occur when I put myself in a situation to have some fun, but none the less, none of them were on some grand trip to Europe, or backbacking in South America. They happened with the people I see all the time. My point is that living a life that is aware of the fact that life is precious, doesn't mean doing grand things, or fulfilling all your dreams, it means living everyday as through it is precious. It means appreciating and reciprocating the love of those around you, and it means not always thinking about what we would like to do, but rather thinking about how much we like what we are doing.



Service 6:00 PM, March 1



Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 pm

The M&M club (Mature and Motivated) sponsored a game day on February 15 and 27 members of the community gathered in the newly renovated parish hall for games, prizes, and snacks! Stay tuned for more exciting events from M&M! Next M&M event is on Wednesday, March 15th.
Love, Julie



This is your newsletter, so please share your photos and stories by sending them to

mransom1@bellsouth.net

The Messenger's next deadline will be

March 25, 2017

Thanks, mary ann



Spring Begins March 20th



The Sunday School teachers are in the process of fine tuning the weekly instruction we present to the children. As the children get older they are more able to retain what is taught to them. This means that we can establish monthly themes where one Sunday's lesson is built on what was learned the previous week. We are excited to bring a deeper sense of continuity to the program.

Several Sundays ago we were faced with a situation we had never experienced before. There was no one available to teach Sunday School! We teachers have known that this was bound to happen one day. Wes is very supportive of our personal situations and understands that there are times when class cannot meet. The question for us though is this: Are the times other than scheduled holidays (such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, July 4) when there is no Sunday School good for our church? We feel that they are not; not good for our usual attendees and not a good impression to project to new or visiting families. With that said we have spoken with the Vestry and have asked them to recruit people from the congregation who are willing to jump in on short notice to fill in the gaps. We don't expect this to happen often, especially considering that it has occurred once in almost 3 years. Emergency lesson plans and a detailed schedule of our routine activities will be provided. Please speak with any of our Vestry members to offer your time and talents. As always, we thank all of you for the kindness, patience, concern, and love you show us as we build this important church ministry.

Carlann, Gloria, and Amy

MARCH

- 02 Saundra Nelson
- 06 Lori Loftus
- 08 Alice Garrard
- 11 Dan Talvacchio
- 13 Emma Shields
- 18 Tony Mauldin
- 19 Jerry McAninch
- 20 Julia Taylor
- 23 Watts Stroman
- 26 Jeanette Auld
- 26 Barbara Mauldin
- 31 Hope Wittmer



March 12



Time to Spring Ahead

MARCH

- 01 ZT and Jennifer Whiteside
- 12 Mike and Kathy Boff
- 18 Don & Connie Connell
- 21 Charlene and David Barnett



Please pray for members who are in the hospital and who are sick.

Gertrude, Ackie Okpych, Berta Whitt, JoAnne Woodcock, Anne Hinton, Barbara Freeman, Sam Fine, Betty Zieger, Gloria Anders, Charlene Efrid, Fred Wilson, Nathan Scruggs and Dean Egly.



Events for March

TCW

Meeting March 14 at 12:30 in the Parish Hall

Firewood Ministry

Every Monday at 1 pm
Cutting and delivering
firewood to those in need
Call Wes for more information

Bare Necessities Group

March 1 and April 5 from 4-6 pm in the newly
expanded parish hall.

Vestry Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month
12:30 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome

Wed. Night Covered Dish Dinner

March 8, 5:30 pm Lenten Potluck Suppers begin.
Please mark your calendars to attend.

M&M Group

Wednesday, March 15

Friendship Dinners' Schedule:

Sundays - March 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 4:30, please
come and bring a friend.

Church's Cleaning Rotation Schedule

3/6 – 3/12 Julie & Mike Maziarka
3/13 – 3/19 Gary Seymour
3/20 – 3/26 Sandra & Carl Nelson
3/27 - 4/1 Nancy & Heyward Nettles

If you cannot make it, contact Patrick Warncke:
pcwarncke@gmail.com or 828-772-9258



Please pray for our men and women
in the military and those serving in
other areas of conflict. Daniel Crane,
Ralph Salamone, Hamilton, Jordan,
Hunter Fitzpatrick, Benjamine St.
Pierre & Zach Poole.



Healthcare
Services
Outreach
Ministry -

A group of
parishioners are
building a group

whose aim is addressing specific healthcare
needs within our larger community (Hickory Nut
Gorge and surrounding area). This would include
evaluating current programs already available in
the community, as well as identification of gap
areas that the church could help fill with specific
events (i.e. resource guide creation, health
screening events at the church, education events
at the church). Dawn Milachouski, Maryann
Ransom, and Marian Wilson along with a team of
others have begun work collecting data and pre-
planning information about events that could be
coordinated with partnering organizations.
Additional meetings will be held in the coming
months. Anyone interested in joining this group
should contact Dawn Milachouski at
abbaschilddkm@att.net

We haven't done a ton of stuff so I just wanted to
communicate our goals and what we are looking
to do. Dawn

Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

March 17th



TCW

The TCW celebrated Valentine's Day with a tea party at Carlann's home. Carlann presented thirteen teas from ten countries around the world ranging from white tea to Puehr. Ladies brought their favorite tea cup and several people brought tea pots. Home made cookies rounded out the afternoon.



TCW Meeting March 14 at 12:30 in the Parish Hall

We will begin our project making shoes for Sole Hope, an organization out of Salisbury, NC that works to eliminate a parasite called jiggers that infects the feet of children and the elderly in Uganda. Jiggers burrow into feet and can only be removed by cutting them out. Unless they are removed, the resulting blister that forms is painful and eventually makes it almost impossible for the child to walk. Wearing shoes is the best way to avoid these parasites, but shoes are not easy to come by in Uganda. This is where Sole Hope comes in. They go into villages to remove jiggers and treat the infected feet, and teach people there how to assemble the shoes that we will be helping to make.

The TCW will be cutting uppers for shoes out of denim (old blue jeans) using a template provided by Sole Hope. These uppers are then sent to Uganda where people there finish the shoes by adding the soles made from tires and putting it all together. The shoes provide employment in Uganda and are helping to keep jiggers away from the children.

Join us for our March meeting and help us cut out shoes. If you have sharp fabric scissors, bring those. We also need old denim jeans, large safety pins, sharpies, and a bunch of clean milk jugs. (Part of the shoe needs a plastic reinforcement). Look for an email with more information or go to solehope.org to learn more about their organization.

Rotation Schedule for 10 am Services



March 5 Harriet T & Merri F.



March 5 Mike Boff; Harriet Taylor

March 12 The 8 O'Clockers

March 12 Susan Brooks; Marily Floyd

March 19 Nancy McNary

March 19 Tim Turner; Susan Brooks

March 26 Gloria & Norman Lyda

March 26 Harriet Taylor; Marily Floyd



March 5 Barbara M & Wendy F

March 5 Robert Taylor



March 12 Gary S. & Linda M.

March 12 Wendy Field

March 19 Lauren & Casey Ward

March 19 Jack Stanier

March 26 Fred & Marion Wilson

March 26 Veryle Lynn Cox



March 5 Marily Floyd

March 5 Marta & Kielely

WELCOME to NURSERY!

March 12 Dave Scherping

March 12 Kathy & Sara



March 19 Mike Maziarka

March 19 JoAnne & Barbara

March 26 Dawn Milachouski

March 26 Nancy & Heyward

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Vestry 2017

Please pray daily for the leaders of our church.

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Weekly Services

Holy Eucharist: Sundays 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist and Healing: Wednesdays 10:00 am

Bible Study:

Sundays 9:00 am & Wednesdays 11:00 am

Children's Sunday School 10am

Choir Rehearsal: Sunday 9:15 am