

MARCH 2017

North Spray News



A LINE FROM LEM

By Lem Hardison, Minister

Leadership Class

"THE HEALTHY ELDER, Vital Signs of a Strong Leader" is the title of the textbook that we will be using for our leadership class, beginning Sunday, March 12th. The class will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m., for seven months. Even though the book was written primarily for elders, it is really about **leadership**. The class is open to all who have a desire to improve their spiritual lives and leadership skills.

We will also learn to draw and share a simple diagram to show people how to become a Christian. It will amaze you how simple it is.

I have ordered some extra books so there is still time to sign up. Just give me a call. (The books have increased in price but are only eleven dollars.) This course is guaranteed to be a blessing to you or I'll give you your money back! We just ask that you begin **reading** and **studying** the first chapter in preparation for the first class.

See You Sunday,
Lem

P.S. Paul White will be serving pizza at the first class on March 12th!

Special Happenings...

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

A Valentine Breakfast was held on Sunday, February 12. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and fellowship before going to Sunday School! Thanks to Sylvia Wilson and her crew for their work in preparing the food!



All of our elders are invited to come and join our pastor in prayer at 9:30 each Sunday morning as we prepare for the day ahead.

Ash Wednesday Service
March 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Spray
United Methodist Church
This begins the season of Lent



Daylight Saving Time Begins
 (Turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before going to bed on Saturday.)
Sunday, March 12

St. Patrick's Day
Friday, March 17



Spring Begins!
Monday, March 20

Birthdays for March

Vera Mae Morris	2
Heather Robertson, Charlie Smith	3
Kena Sawyers	8
Aubrey Bailey	15
Mark Butler	16
Larry Tolbert	20
Annette White	21
Misty Parker	22
Thomas Knight	24
Caitlyn Neal	26



Service for March

Communion

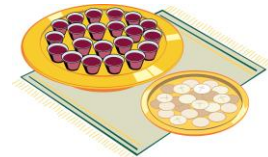
- 5 – Heather & Jake Wakefield
- 12 – Ray & Angie Strader
- 19 – Roger & Lugene Compton
- 26 – Debra Moore/Sydney & Sierra Butler

Note: You do not have to be here early to prepare communion. We have a volunteer that does that.

You are only responsible for cleaning up after service.

Deacons

- Bill Bailey
- Marilyn Hardison
- Sam Robertson
- Annette White



Elders

- Stephanie Merrick
- Cecil Stewart

Money Counters

- Michelle Walker
- Brenda Southard

Greeters

- 5 – Melvin Wood
- 12 – Annette White
- 19 – Clay Perkins
- 26 – Barney & Lou Strutton



Worship Leader

- 5 – Logan Boothe
- 12 – Faye Wood
- 19 – Bill Koontz
- 26 – Frankie White



Children's Church

- 5 – Barbara Spurlin/Sierra Butler
 - 12 – Mary Lee Perkins/Maddie Boothe or Glenda Clark
 - 19 – Michelle Walker/Sydney Butler
 - 26 – Heather Wakefield/Wesley Strader
- (See new guidelines below)**

Youth Teachers

- Younger Youth – Lugene Compton
- Older Youth – Angie Strader
- Pre-teen/Teens – Beth Lewis

Bulletin Board for March/April

Worship Committee

Note: If you are unable to be present on your designated Sunday for any of the above services, please call someone to fill in for you.

Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please call the church office and let our secretary know the date and all pertinent

information. (Please note that there are standing dates for Easter lilies and poinsettias at Christmas)

New Children's Church Guidelines

Beginning on Sunday, March 5, these will be the guidelines for Children's Church:

An assigned adult with 1 teen will take the small children out of worship after the Youth Sermon.

All children 2nd grade and up will stay in the sanctuary for the entire service. The only exception will be if you are the assigned teen helper for that Sunday. Helpers are 6th to 12th grade teens.

We are hoping that you will only have to serve once every 2 or 3 months. This is dependent upon whether we get the additional help we need. We are still looking for **3 additional adults** to help. If you are willing to help, please see Debra Moore.

Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

The CCM food pantry is located at the Leaksville Moravian Church. The food pantry is open 9:30-12:00 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. They are no longer taking calls before distributing food bags. Those in need should just go to the church and they will be assisted once a month.

We are asked to bring food on the **first Sunday of each month** and place it in the box in the hallway. There is



always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits.**

You may also give monetary donations to help with medications, utilities, and purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931.

We thank you for the food you give each month. **Please continue to bring food items as often as you can. Thanks also to Barney & Lou Strutton for delivering our donations to the food closet each month.**

Salvation Army Service

We are serving meals at the **Salvation Army** on the 3rd and 5th Fridays each month. This month our date

will be **Fridays, March 17 & 31.** Our thanks to those who serve so faithfully. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please see Bobbie Hill.

Youth Yak. . .

By Heather Wakefield

A **Faithraiser stew** has been set for **March 11.** The proceeds will go toward the General Fund. The youth will also have a **Bake Sale** to raise money to help with their Destination Unknown trips. Baked goods for the sale will be accepted on Friday, March 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We request that they be priced when you bring them.

Women at Work. . .

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President



We will have a **clothes closet** for winter clothes you would like to donate. It will be set up on the stage in the fellowship hall. Bring your winter clothing items **on hangers** and hang them on the bars provided. Clothes must be in good shape. Church members and regular attendees who need them can come at any time and pick out what you want. On the last Saturday of the month, the closet will be opened to anyone. At the end of the day, remaining items will be given to Goodwill. We will do a spring/summer closet in May or June.

The CWF has **boxed greeting cards** (priced on box), **lemon flavoring** (\$2.50 per bottle), and **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. These may be purchased from any member of the CWF. Money can be given to Michelle Walker or the church office. These items are in the closet just beyond the coat rack in the hallway. **Check out the new designs that have been ordered in the cards.**

Men at Work. . .

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

By Charles Washburn, President



Another stew date is set for **March 11** (see article in Youth Yak). If you are available to help with preparation, join us on Friday, March 10 at 8:30 a.m. Stew orders may be given to Michelle Walker.

The **CMF** will meet again on **Monday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Church Street Station**. All of our men are encouraged to attend. Prayer meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

F.Y. I. (For Your Information)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

Our adult destination unknown trip on February 5 was lunch at Clarence's in Ridgeway. Everyone enjoyed a good time of fellowship and a good meal.



Join us for our Fellowship Reception, each Sunday, 10:30-10:55 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Doughnuts, biscuits, and drinks are available, along with great fellowship before worshipping together.

Each Monday night some of our members are meeting at the church to pray for our church. We share prayer concerns, pray, and share communion beginning at **6:30 p.m. Come, join us!**

Paul White, one of our elders, is available each Sunday after worship service in the Searchers' classroom to pray with you or for you and any special needs you may have.

A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair

In the event of inclement weather, please watch WXII News 12 or FOX 8 WGHP for closing information. You may also check your e-mail, the church website, or the church's Facebook and Twitter pages.

The annual **Elders and Deacons Workshop** is **Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4**.

The major sessions this year will be led by Dr. Charisse Gillett, President of Lexington Theological Seminary. She is also the associate minister of East Second Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Lexington, KY.

We will leave the church **on Friday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m.** and return Saturday evening after dinner.

Leadership Class

A leadership class will begin on **Sunday, March 12**. We will be using the book, "The Healthy Elder: Vital Signs of a Strong Leader" as our text. Along with the elders, the class is open to the deacons and anyone else interested in being an elder or improving your leadership skills. The cost of the text is only \$11.00 and we have a few available. The class will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

The next **meeting of the board** will be on **Monday, March 20, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** All committee chairs are encouraged to attend or send a report from your committee. Prayer meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

The Thursday Bible Study group is meeting each week for Bible study, discussion, and prayer. We meet in the conference room every **Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Join us!**

If your group wants to use the **church bus** for transportation to an event, please fill out a Bus Usage Permission Form, located in the office, and give it to Thomas Knight or Heather Wakefield. A calendar that includes the dates the bus is scheduled to be used is available on our website at northspraychristianchurch.com/bus.

REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

(*NSCC members)

Immediate Needs:

*Tim Bailey – PO Box 1004 (443 Washburn Ave.)

*Peggy Bowers – 170 Daisy Road

Roy Campbell – 726 Rhodes Road

Ben Davis – Friend of Larry Tolbert

*Betty Eggleston, Rm. 155, MNC

Carlton Estes – 5185 NC 700

*June Gatewood – 517 Cedar Street

Danny Harris – Obera's Son – 286 Meadowood Rd.

*Betty Hicks – 171 Windy Road

*Bob Johnson – 140 W. W. Irvin Road, Stoneville

Brenda Johnson – Marcia McQueen's sister –

cancer – 6205 Gough Court, Clemmons, NC 27012

*Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive



*Beth Lewis – 574 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148

*Ralphine Light – 443 Lawrence Street

*Pauline Litaker – Room 133, MNC

Jim McBride – 3206 Trow Bridge Road, Albany, GA 31721

*Lillie Meeks – Room 15, Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Hwy.

Jeannie O'Leary – 432 Palmer Court

*Kena Sawyers – 411 Sherwood Court

Arlene Shively – Betty's daughter –in-law

Bobbie Shough – 236 Harrison Street

*Van Shropshire – Room 501, Brian Center

Jill Slaughter – Room 306, Brian Center

*Charlie Smith – 230 Hidden Valley Dr., Apt. 113

Melvin Smith – 110 Meeks Road

Bill Southard – Brenda's Husband – 1144 Ellett Ave.

Susan Talley – Friend of several church members – cancer – 213 Portsmouth Street

Gary "Mullet" Warren – esophageal cancer – 675 Westerly Park Road

*Charles & *Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148

*Foot Washburn – 1229 Harris Street

Joan Washburn – Charles' sister-in-law - Brian Center, 226 N. Oakland Ave.

Joyce White – Frankie's mother/Nancy's sister – 120 Edgar Alan Drive, Stoneville, 27048

Margaret Willard – Friend of Sylvia Brown – 501 Barnwell Street, Thomasville, NC 27360

*Faye Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville, 27320

Ongoing Needs/Homebound:

Jean Anderson

Alger Baker – Brenda Southard's uncle - 1210 Ellett Ave.

*Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street

Marjorie Carter – Highgrove Long Term Care, 2135 S. Scales St., Reidsville

*Jewel Cooper – Room 103, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center, 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, NC 27025

Lynda Cuthbertson – 404 Ziglar Road, Ridgeway, VA 24148

Tootsie Dyson – 714 Church Street

Jim Goode – 526 N. Bridge Street

*Mike Gray – 502 Carolyn Court, Unit B5

Gayle Hand – Chris' mother – Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Highway

*Nancy Hankins – 402 The Boulevard

*Marissa Hernandez – 914 Central Ave.

Sue Hicks – Laura Hamilton's sister-in-law – 2615 Glen Eden Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612 (Note on card that you are from Betty Shively's church)

*Diane Kennon – 340 Daniel Adkins Street

Madeleine Lee – (Sylvia Brown's aunt) - Room 601B, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center, 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, NC 27025

*Jerine Patterson – 403 Monroe Street

Peggy Pendleton – Room 405, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville

*Macon & *Marcy Reid Smith – 705 Yeoman Lane, Greensboro, 27409

*John & *April Stacey – 1106 Harris Street

*Nathan Townsend – 657 County Line Rd., Reidsville

Tammy Vernon – Arbor Glen Apartments

Also remember Jeremy Stewart, who is currently in boot camp in Parris Island, SC. He will be graduating on Friday, March 3.

Stewart, Jeremy T.

1st BN Delta Co. Plt 1009

Parris Island, SC 29905

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Paul White in the death of his brother, Raymond, on Sunday, February 19.

Coming in April...

Sun., Apr. 2 – Faithraiser Walk-A-Thon, Freedom Park

Sun., Apr. 9 – Palm Sunday – Hotdog luncheon & Easter Egg Hunt after service

Thurs., Apr. 13 – Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00

Sun., Apr. 16 – Easter Sunday

Sat., Apr. 22 – Earth Day

Sun., Apr. 23 – Earth Stewardship Sunday

Wed., Apr. 26 – Administrative Assistants' Day



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An Early Start to Spring Cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, *Lent* comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some *spiritual* spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.



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