



The CORNERSTONE

Elkin Presbyterian Church

"You are members of the household of God... with Jesus Christ himself being the cornerstone." (Ephesians 2.19-20)

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T O T H O S E W H O S H A R E T H E J O U R N E Y

Creek Week at the Reeves Theater

This is the fifth Creek Week in Elkin sponsored by Watershed Now. But this year will be special. In addition to the school educational events that happen in the park, we will have a very unique evening at the Reeves Theater on Thursday, April 12. The first part of this evening, from 5:00-6:00, will be a School Showcase highlighting student achievements around a water theme from all three Elkin City Schools. In the second half, from 6:30 to 8:00, there will be a musical concert by Julian Charles and Naomi Orr, as well as the debut of a film that Julian has produced of the Big Elkin Creek and our beautiful watershed using drone photography. This film will eventually be part of the watershed exhibit in the new Trails and Heritage Center in downtown Elkin. You will want to see this work of art! Finally, capping the evening at the Reeves will be the a keynote address from Ms. Janisse Ray, a riverkeeper, author and professor from Georgia, who through story-telling will extol the beauty of water and quicken our love for it. The event is free of charge and you can come for either half or for the whole event.

Earth Day at Elkin Presbyterian Church

Session has approved doing another Earth Day Celebration on Saturday April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A planning committee of Karen Chandler, Vicky Tysor, Rob Libbert, Dee Neil, Abby Catoe, Misty Cranford (our preschool director) and I are working together with our preschool to make this a child-friendly event as we celebrate nature and cultivate our stewardship of the created world. There will be barbecue for sale, music from our congregational musicians, educational booths and games for all ages. Come and hang out with us!

Sabbatical Plan

At our March meeting, Session approved a plan for my three-month sabbatical per my terms of call. This will involve a week, May 9-16, to attend my daughter Rachel's graduation in Oregon, and a week in October. The longest stretch of 2 ½ months will be from June 3-August 13 in which I will let the field lie fallow and restore and rejuvenate. I have applied to Mepkin Abbey, a Cistercian monastery near Charleston, SC, to participate in a one-month immersion experience in being a monk. In this month, if my application is accepted, I would participate fully in the work and prayer and discipline of the monastery. Other things I hope to do during the sabbatical will be spending time at my cabin with my daughters, sermon planning for 2018-19, as well as preparation for teaching at Wake Forest School of Divinity (Fall Semester 2018). Hopefully, I will return to my ministry refreshed and with new vigor. I am grateful for to the Session and the congregation for making this happen.

Yours on the journey,

Stuart

MISSIONS

One of our “outreach” and “growth” opportunities is our upcoming Earth Day Celebration to be held at our church on April 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are working to repeat the success that we experienced last year as dozens of folks visited and enjoyed our activities. An extension of our 2018 celebration for our church will be to integrate our PCUSA’s Earth Care Congregation program into our church worship, education, facilities, and continued outreach programs.



Earth care is a central theme in the Bible. The Presbyterian Church has many policies calling the church to care for the earth. The main policy is “Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice,” which was approved by the 1990 General Assembly. This policy includes the “Call to Restore the Creation,” which was reaffirmed by the 2010 General Assembly. The Call to Restore the Creation stated that the 1990 General Assembly:

1. Recognizes and accepts restoring creation as a central concern of the church, to be incorporated into its life and mission at every level.
2. Understands this to be a new focus for initiative in mission programs and a concern with major implications for infusion into theological work, evangelism, education, justice and peacemaking, worship and liturgy, public witness, global mission, and congregational service and action at the local community level.
3. Recognizes that restoring creation is not a short-term concern to be handled in a few years, but a continuing task to which the nation and the world must give attention and commitment, and which has profound implications for the life, work, and witness of Christian people and church agencies.
4. Approaches the task with covenant seriousness –“If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God... then you shall live” (Deuteronomy 30:16) – and with practical awareness that cherishing God’s creation enhances the ability of the church to achieve its other goals.

We will affirm the Earth Care Pledge in our Earth Care worship service on April 22, 2018. Our focus will be to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all facets of our church life and complete projects and activities in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

I hope you will join us on April 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for Elkin Presbyterian Church’s second Annual Earth Day Celebration.

~ Karen Chandler

PRESCHOOL



What a busy March we have had at EPCP. We had so much fun celebrating Dr. Seuss, as well as celebrating St. Patrick’s Day and Easter! Our egg hunt is always a favorite with everyone. We also challenged the preschool to read 800 books in the month of March. As of March 26th, our kids have read 1,080 books!! We will be celebrating with a pizza party! We are so proud of these kids and hope they will always have a love for reading!

We are looking forward to warmer temperatures in April! Our Pre-K class will be exploring its community with a field trip to downtown Elkin. We are also excited about a special visitor coming to speak during the week of Earth Day about “Goods from the Woods!”

~ Misty Cranford

LOVE AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Church Family:

Lowell Bushong
Howard Campbell
Bob and Joan Garwood
Ralph Lanier
Bettie Motsinger

Extended Care:

Fran Greene
Linda Habershaw
Jean York (Hugh Chatham Nursing Center)

Extended Family:

Owen Henning (Father of Kate Henning)
Alice Lewis (Daughter of Joe & Pam Mickey)
Mary Mayhew (Linda Brown's Sister)
Jodie O'Connell (Son of John O'Connell)
Mary Gale Price
Priscilla Hague Smith (Friend of Sharon Jones)

Military Personnel & Families:

Tyler Darden (Hunter Darden's Son)
Richard Gwyn (Will & Lori Gwyn's Son)
Christopher Habershaw (Bob & Linda Habershaw's Son)
Andrew Reece (BD & Tiffany Reece's Son)



MINISTRY OF THE MEMBERS – APRIL

<u>Announcements/</u>					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
1	Andrew Mackie	Will, Lori & Alice Gwyn	Kathy Neumark	Sybil Myers Vicky Tysor	Miner Flynt , Jeff Collins, Debbie Collins, Charles Gilreath
8	Dee Ripley	Pat Cosby	Karen Alley Caroline Alley	Sam Bishop Rob Libbert	Claire Sellars , Rob Libbert, Andras Neumark, Dee Ripley
15	Wayne Stone	Mary Ellyn Humiston Bonita Ford	Kate Henning	Karen Alley Beth Garner	Shelby O'Toole , Ron Ashman, Susan Stewart, Wayne Stone
22	Sherry Berman	Ken & Man-Shun Hon	Stacey Libbert Harper Lee Libbert	Ken Hon Rusty Tysor	Billy Ford , Jennifer Ratledge, Brian Ratledge, Rusty Tysor
29	Jane Riley	Perry & Carol Jernigan	Polly Kreh	Karen Alley Courtney Snyder	Joe Mickey , Pam Mickey, Don Garner, Beth Garner

EPC CALENDAR – APRIL

Sunday, 01:	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Church-wide Breakfast Sunday School - Easter Story & Butterfly Release Worship Service - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Monday, 02:		Easter Holiday – Office Closed
Monday – Friday, (2nd - 6th):		Elkin City Schools/EPC Preschool - Spring Holidays
Wednesday, 04:		No Kirk Night Activities
Sunday, 08:	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service - Communion Sunday Session
Monday, 09:	7:00 pm	Elkin City Schools/EPC Preschool Start-up after holidays Women's Night Bible Study
Monday - Friday, (9th-16th)		Watershed Now Creek Week & Celebration
Thursday, 12:	11:00 a.m. 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study Creek Week Celebration—Reeves Theater
Saturday, 21:	10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Earth Day 2018 Celebration
Sunday, 22:	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, 29:	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

*** Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. ***



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