The Philagram

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From Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

Lent

Genesis 3:19
By the sweat of your face
You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return."

This year, Wednesday March 1st is the first day of Lent. If you are unfamiliar with this time of the Christian year, it is basically a dedicated time of reflection and dedication of one's self to God and the Christian life.

Lent has its roots in a few places in scripture. In the Genesis passage above, we are reminded that we (people) were made from the dust of the earth and given life by God. We are God's creations and are blessed to be given life. However that life "of dust" is temporary and like all things in our world, our physical being will return to the ground. In short, one day, like all living things, we will all die.

Lent also has its roots in the New Testament story of Jesus' 40 days (hence the 40 day observance of lent) of testing and sacrifice in the desert. Jesus is our model for life. The way that he lived his life is the way that we should strive to live ours. Granted, most of us are not going to wander into our local desert once a year in late winter/early spring, but the idea behind the practice of Lent is to realize the Jesus found person sacrifice to be important. If Jesus chose this path, then it has merit for us too.

Even if someone is unaware of what Lent is all about, chances are they have seen others engaged in some of the practices of Lent. The most common practice is referred to as "giving something up" for the 40 day Lenten season. The official term for this practice is called "fasting." (This is that Jesus in the desert stuff) In short, this focuses on utilizing the 40 days of Lent to try to remove things from our lives that might be a distraction for us in our practice of the Christian faith. The most common Lenten give ups include meat, (Roman Catholics may come to mind here) chocolate, soda, and watching tv.

Initially, the idea of self-sacrifice may not sound like something people would want to rush out and get involved in. But, when we have an intentionally deeper relationship with God as the goal of our sacrifice and fasting, we can be strengthened in our resolve and purpose knowing that the end justifies the means.

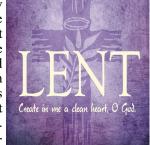
Lent can be such a wonderful time in our lives as it gives us the opportunity to remove distraction that can take away from our quality of live and seek out a deeper level of faith that will, as opposed to those distractions, add to it. May we all hear and respond to God's call to that deeper life of faith this Lenten season. And, in the time that we have been given to share with each other and God, may we make the most of what God has created us to be.

From Katie Sloan, Outreach Minister

Lent, It's Not About the Chocolate

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Lent, as a season of preparation, is traditionally focused on repentance. Speaking biblically, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words, and

lifestyles. As 16th century reformer Martin Luther taught, the Christian life in its totality is a life of repentance. Beginning when we first trust Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, we begin to gradually turn more and more from self-centeredness and sin, and more to our Lord Jesus Christ. Even though a repentant spirit should mark all we do, it is still appropriate that certain times be set aside for a particular focus on repentance. During lent many of us think about something to "give up." Unfortunately, these



things often have little impact on our life and walk with Christ, and they rarely last past the lent season.

With that said, I would like to offer up 20 things for you to consider giving up for Lent. But this list is different. It is not the typical things like soda or chocolate. And these are things to give up not just for Lent, but for the rest of your life.

- 1. Your Comfort Zone It's outside our comfort zones where new discoveries are made.
- 2. Feelings of Unworthiness You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator.
 - 3. Impatience God's timing is the perfect timing.
- 4. People Pleasing I can't please everyone anyways. There is only one I need to strive to please.
- 5. Comparison I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
- $\,$ 6. Blame I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
- 7. Guilt I am loved by Jesus and he has forgiven my sins. Today is a new day and the past is behind.
 - 8. Over commitment Do less better and accomplish more.
- 9. Entitlement The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
- 10. Excuses- A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
- 11. Hatred Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good
- 12. Negativity I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic.
- 13. Going Through the Motions The more you invest yourself, the more you will get back.
- 14. Bitterness The only person I am hurting by holding on to this is myself.
 - 15. Giving up God never gives up on us.
- 16. Busyness It is a badge of honor to be busy. But that does not always translate to abundance.
- 17. Distraction Life is filled with distractions that will take our eyes off the prize.
- 18. Doubt- Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.
- 19. Resistance to Change Change is certain. It is not if we will change, but how we will change.
- 20. My Life Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

I wish you peace as you journey to the cross..... Katie



On Sunday, March 19, Philadelphia volunteers will gather in the Kerr Building to help construct at least 12,000 meals to be sent overseas to needy families in poverty stricken countries. This mission is called **STOP HUNGER NOW**, and our participation will help offset one of the biggest problems in the world today.

We will need at least 80 volunteers to complete this project that should take about two hours from start to finish. Lunch for the volunteers will be provided. Your support of this mission will be deeply appreciated by those facing hunger on a daily basis.

It's the 500th Anniversary of the European Reformation!

Yes it's been 500 years since Martin Luther started the Reformation which led to our Presbyterian roots. There is a *unique* opportunity to visit many sites important to Martin Luther from **July 8-19**, **2017** on a Globus Tour.

The trip to Germany will begin in Berlin and end in Munich with stops at the Martin Luther family home, his birthplace, the Gutenberg Museum for original copies of the Bible, St Jacobs church to see the Blood Altar and many other historic locations. This trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit sites important to our Presbyterian history as well as have a great time with some brothers & sisters in Christ.

There are ONLY 22 spaces available at a cost of \$2,366 PLUS airfare (currently being determined). Contact Emily Davis for more details.

Ten Cents a Meal offering received on second Sundays

The offering continues to be received on the second Sunday of each month to support hunger-fighting programs within the Presbytery of Charlotte bounds, and to feed the mind, body and spirit of people in our communities to include hunger related and "atrisk" youth programming.



Presbyterian Women Circle opportunities

Listed below are the choices you ladies have to attend and be active in a circle at PPC. Watch the bulletin announcements each month



for meeting announcements. Pick a circle and come join us! Circles do not meet in July and August.

Circle 1 & 2—meets first Tuesday morning of the month in the Heritage Room at church at 10:30—Moderator Jean Lamb, Bible Moderator Susan Griffin

Circle 4—meets first Tuesday morning of the month at 10:00 at various homes— Moderator Emily Davis, Bible Moderators Ellen Street and Gale Baker

Circle 5—meets second Tuesday morning of the month at 10:00 mostly in various homes—Moderator Millie Mullis, Bible Moderators Grace Phillips and Marlene Jones

Circle 6—meets second Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 in the Session Room—Moderator Ann Pearce, Bible Moderators Janet Daniel, Ann Pearce, Caroline McGahey

Circle 7—meets first Saturday morning of the month at 9:00—Moderator Shirley Simmons, Bible Moderator Cindi Hoffner

Mark your calendars for Easter Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 8 at the Park in Wilgrove!

Families are invited to bring their 3 year olds through 5th grade children for games, crafts, face painting, and of course, an egg hunt! Activities begin at 10:00 am with the egg hunt at 10:30 am. Bring your friends and come enjoy this annual Easter



celebration!!

If you are interested in helping with Easter Eggstravaganza please contact Shirley Simmons, Beth Barnes, or Susan Griffin.

Thank you!

We would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful send-off we received on January 1st, our last Sunday as Director of Music at Philadelphia Presbyterian. We were so humbled by the kind words from Becky and Melinda and the generous love offering that we received. The stain glass creation, created by Susan Griffin, was such a wonderful surprise and now occupies a special place in our home. It will remain a constant reminder of our tenure at PPC and the love and friendships that we treasured for the 24 years that we were there. Last, but not least, we thank those involved for the lovely reception which gave us the opportunity to express our love and gratitude to many of you.

Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you.

Gary & Sheila Forbis



- 1 Ney Freeman
- Bill Johnston
- 2 Bill Griffin
- Cora Lee Lonon
- 2 Pam Martin
- 3 Jennifer Fauser
- 3 Bill Hawkins, Jr.
- 3 Lynette Pritchard
- Leila Campbell
- 4 **Ashley Cummings**
- Jackson Lohrer
- 5 Linda Little
- Joe McManus
- 5 CJ Thomas
- 6 7 Keith Ensley
- Joyce Kjos
- Emily Dee
- 8 Hilary Hall 8 Mark Jetton
- Carly Szymanski 8
- Clark Davenport
- Dean Ferguson
- 10 Austin Griffin
- Alana White 10
- 12 Larry Black
- 12 Benny Davis
- Tom Duke 12
- 12 Aaron Ferguson
- 13 Martha Benenhaley
- 13 Lucille Furr
- 13 Claudia Long
- 14 Cathy Davis
- 14 Julie Duke
- 14 Ike Griffin 14 Sherry Knotts
- 14 Jamie Porter
- 18 Ginger Bourgeois
- 19 Sandra Ferguson
- 18 Becky Hamilton
- 20 Tommie Boon
- 20 Janean Flowe
- 20 Jason Flowe
- 20 Jean Taber
- 21 Adam Cervantes
- Elijah Cervantes 21
- 21 Linda Cummins
- 22 Avery Starnes
- 25 Linda Davenport
- **Taylor West** 26
- 27 Jody Briner
- 28 Gary Brown
- 29 Eric Jaeger
- 30 David Andrews
- 31 Gale Baker
- 31 Clint Bartlett
- Chuck Taylor

March Anniversaries

- Keith & Jennifer Perkins
- 15 Steve & Emily Davis
- 15 Dave & Marnie Gallagher
- Mert & Janet O'Prey
- 19 Charlie & Marlene Jones
- 25 Joy & Claudia Long 31 James & Catherine Blanchard

If your name was omitted from the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.

We extend sympathy for the following deaths

- Nell Eudy on January 21
- [Raymond Holiday] brother of Gypsy Flowe on January 23
- [Anna Ross Hill] sister of Nona Pourlos on January 26
- [Frank Llewelyn Hastings] father of Mike Hastings on February 6
- Bill Furr on February 6
- Joe Smith on February 14
- [Mac Brown] cousin of Janice Wilson on February 17
- [Myra Gore] wife of Dave Gore on February 22



Come join the Celebration Singers

on Sunday, March 26, during the Worship hour as they present their spring musical,

"His Song",

a collection of hymns sung in a special and unique way. These third through seventh grade singers have joy in their hearts and can't wait to share "His Song" with you!

PPC Birthday Endowment Fund

Celebrate your big day by sharing your blessings. Or remember anyone you love by giving a gift to the PPC Birthday Endowment Fund. Each donor and honoree will be acknowledged in the Philagram. By growing this fund, our church will be able to use the interest for much needed improvements and repairs to the buildings and grounds of our campus. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex of the sanctuary and chapel and outside the church office.

The following donations have been made to the Birthday **Endowment Fund:**

In Honor of:

Sylvia Gill—from Herb Gill

In Memory of:

Bob Funderburk—from Brenda Funderburk

If you made a donation to the Birthday Endowment and it is not listed, please contact the church office.

Gifts to the church

In memory of...

Nell Eudy—Dolores Childers, Elaine Mullis, Mr. & Mrs. William Kiser Troy Lumber Co., Mickey & Anne Ellington, The Fred Brown Class, Sonny & Angie Ross, Rosemary Hess, Sue Howell, JT & Martha Nance, Presbyterian Women (Music Fund)

Bill Furr—Jean Fortner, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cooper, Perry & Sue Davis, Peggy Graham, Joe & Phyllis Freeze (Endowment Fund); Herb & Sylvia Gill (Capital Needs); Sue Tilley, Dolores Childers (Current Fund)

Benny Joe Smith—The Fred Brown Class, Reba White (Endowment Fund)



PPC Kindergarten News

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is underway! If you are planning to register your child for next year, please send in your application as soon as possible. Classes are filling up! You may obtain an application from our website: philadelphiachurch.org or from Vicki Crossman.



Wednesday, March 1

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:10 p.m.—Let's Connect Program

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

MARCH 6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

 $6{:}00$ p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

6:45 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service—Chapel

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, March 2

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Admin. Meeting—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.(women's closed)—AA Building

Friday, March 3

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Saturday, March 4

8:30 a.m.—Women's Retreat—Bigham Hall

Women's Sunday, March 5

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

9:30 a.m.—Connection's Class—Session Room

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service--Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class—Room In The Inn Lounge

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Mtg.—Youth Room

5:15 p.m.—Inspiration Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

5:45 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

 $6{:}45~p.m.{\longrightarrow} High \ School \ Youth \ Mtg.{\longrightarrow} Youth \ Room$

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

Monday, March 6

6:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (new comers)—AA Building

Tuesday, March 7

10:30 a.m.—Circle 1 & 2—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (men's closed)—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, March 8

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:10 p.m.—Let's Connect Program

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, March 9

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Finance Ministry Meeting—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg. (women's closed)—AA Building

Friday, March 10

6:00 p.m.—Poor Man's Supper—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Saturday, March 11 No Meetings

Sunday, March 12

 $9{:}00$ a.m.—Coffee & Fellowship—Bigham Hall

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class—Room In The Inn Lounge

5:00 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Room

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Kerr Building

5:15 p.m.—Inspirations Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

5:45 p.m.--Youth Snack Supper--Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

6:45 p.m.—High School Youth Meeting—Youth Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, March 13

3:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room

 $6{:}00~p.m.—Evangelism \,\& \,Outreach \,Ministry—Session \,Room$

7:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 a.m.—Circle 5—Heritage Room

 $6{:}00$ p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.--Circle #6--Session Room

Tuesday, March 14 Continued

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.(men's closed)—AA Building

Wednesday, March 15

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:10 p.m.—Let's Connect Program

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

 $6{:}00$ p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, March 16

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (women's closed)—AA Building

Friday, March 17

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Saturday, March 18 No Meetings

Sunday, March 19

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

12:00 p.m.—Stop Hunger Now—Kerr Building

4:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class—Room In The Inn Lounge

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, March 20

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.(new comers)—AA Building

Tuesday, March 21

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—Believe Group—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (men's closed)—AA Building

Wednesday, March 22

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, March 23
10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

7 p.m.—AA Mtg. (women's closed)—AA Building Friday March 24

Friday, March 24

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building **Saturday, March 25** No Meetings

Sunday, March 26

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Children's Program—Sanctuary

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Youth Room

5:45 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

6:45 p.m.—High School Youth Meeting—Youth Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, March 27

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Session Room 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (new comers)—AA Building

Tuesday, March 28

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (men's closed)—AA Building

Wednesday, March 29

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building 6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building **Thursday, March 30**

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—(women's closed) AA Building

Friday, March 31 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Let Wednesday night be your favorite night!

Let's Connect, our Wednesday night program continues through March and is for every person at every age! Come fellowship, eat, study, play, sing, and learn together each week from 5:30-7:30 with dinner at 6:00 pm. Room in the Inn also continues through March. Our neighbors need our love and attention. Sharing bread together is a great way to demonstrate the love of Christ.



Alternative worship opportunity coming to PPC!

It is our mission at PPC to reach all people for Christ. To that end, we are excited to be developing an alternative worship service aimed to serve our members and our community. The tentative start date is Sunday, June 18, 2017.

Below is the current and proposed schedule that has gone before the Worship and Music Committee. We have looked at the times that most people are already attending worship at PPC. We would love to have your input. You may place comments in Box 18 or speak to any of us. Let us know how you want to serve!

CURRENT SCHEDULE

9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30-11:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

9:30-10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 10:45-11:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Alternative Worship

Thank you!

Marnie Gallagher, Cathy Snelson, Kevin Linscheid, Melissa Tamez, Terry Sinagra and Linda Davenport



Poor Man's Supper

The Presbyterian Men will hold a fundraiser dinner on March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kerr Building. On the menu will be pinto beans, rice, slaw, cornbread, and dessert.

Proceeds from the event will go toward church and community projects. Tickets are \$7.00. Contact Jerry Mullis (704-545-5313) if you need more information.



It is time to start planning your table for our Claire's Army event on the morning of May 20. Many more details will follow, but if you have questions, please contact Millie Mullis - 704-545-5313, or Tina Ross-704-545-6231.

Attention, High School Seniors!

Application forms for the Elizabeth Caldwell Junker, the Frances McEwen Hunter, and the Jimmy Miller Scholarships are available in the information rack outside the church office. Deadline for their return is April 1.

Ash Wednesday Service

The service will be in the Chapel at 6:45 p.m. following Let's Connect dinner in the Kerr Building.

Backpacks of Love

Huge thanks to the Kingdom Kids who collected over \$700 on Souper Bowl Sunday to help provide weekend food for the children of Clear Creek Elementary. With these funds we can refill our inventory when certain categories are low, and occasionally include a piece of fresh fruit or special treats around holiday times. You all are a blessing!

Special Church Bond Repayment Fund—One (\$) Donation, Triple (\$\$\$) the Impact!!!

In 2012, after a congregational vote, the Session voted to issue \$150,000 in church bonds to finance the purchase of the house and property next door to the church. Those bonds mature on June 1 with a total payout of \$180,000. The Session and the Finance Committee are preparing to apply for a 15-year loan at a local bank. But recently, an anonymous donor pledged to match each contribution to a bond payback fund two-for-one. This means that every \$1 you donate to the payback fund is effectively multiplied to \$3.

If we can raise \$60,000 by May 1 (the deadline for the matching funds), we will own the house and property free and clear and will be able to allocate the already budgeted bond payments to the work of the church instead of a mortgage. Even if we don't raise the entire \$60,000, our loan will be much less thanks to this person's generosity.

We are asking each member to prayerfully consider a way to contribute to the bond payback fund if at all possible. Any amount, no matter how small, will go three times further in paying off our bonds.

We will keep you posted as the fund grows each week, and, hopefully, we can all rejoice together when we reach our \$60,000 goal. Thanks in advance for your support as we all take advantage of this special offer to help Grow the Kingdom of God times 3!!!





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Order your Easter lilies!

As has been our tradition, we will once again have lilies to adorn our chancel on Easter Sunday. Be watching for order forms coming soon. The six inch potted lilies are \$11.00 each.

Important information for van drivers

The Buildings and Grounds Committee Guidelines require that all drivers of church vans must have a copy of their driver's license on file with the church office. Before driving the vans, make a copy of your drivers license and send to the church office.

PPC Mission Statement

Growing the Kingdom of God by Spreading the Good News, Serving the least among us, Working for justice, and Teaching future generations



If you are a widower, come have breakfast at Showmars at 8:00 the third Friday of each month. It would be helpful to let Tony Baker know (704-545-4730) that you will be there, but it's not necessary. Just come around to the back room at Showmars in Mint Hill.

The Morning Glories meet the last Monday of the month at Showmars in Mint Hill at 9:15 a.m. If you are a widow lady, please join this group for breakfast..

All announcements or inserts to be included in the weekly bulletin MUST be received in the office by noon on Thursday of each week. Announcements or inserts received after noon will be included in the following week's bulletin. Please be aware that any submissions may need to be edited for space!

Text Alerts

You may sign up to receive text alerts of service and activity changes or closing due to bad weather by going to wsoctv.com/s/closings. Look for the "School closings and delays text alerts" link.

Dates to keep in mind

April 30—Cancer Awareness Sunday

May 19—Relay for Life—details coming in the near future

Old Irish Blessings

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!



May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor Katie Sloan, Outreach Minister Judy Clinton, Office Manager Cynthia Stokes, Secretary Linda Cummins, Webmaster/Administrative Assistant



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