

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

April 2 Steve & Paulette Turner
April 9 Pete & Betty Kiep
April 16 Carole & Donnie Barron
April 23 Ronald & Sandra McDonald
April 30 Ron & Linda Dunivant
May 7 Steve & Paulette Turner

CONTACT VISITORS

April 2 Betty Kiep
April 9 Jean Moore
April 16 Carole Barron
April 23 Steve & Paulette Turner
April 30 Mae Todd
May 7 Betty Kiep

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

April 2 Sandra McDonald
April 9 Anita Raby
April 16 Carole Barron
April 23 Brenda Gilmore
April 30 Linda Faulk
May 7 Sandra McDonald

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Children's Sermon

April 2 Sandra McDonald
April 9 Tom Lewis
April 16 Linda Faulk
April 23 Anita Raby
April 30 Barbara Lewis
May 7 Sandra McDonald

Pot Luck Luncheon Sunday, April 2nd

Join us for lunch after worship service. Please bring your favorite dishes to share and in enjoy the fellowship.

Copeland Logistics

The Session has created a tasks list for all the things that have to be done at Copeland to keep the church functioning. We appreciate all the volunteers that do all these things, but we need to get others to help out with various tasks. Please see Brenda Gilmore to sign up for what you could do to help.

The Copeland Chimes



seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ

April 2017
Copeland Presbyterian Church
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FROM TOM'S DESK

One of the things I like about the bible study we have been doing is that we are asked to think about the people with whom we can share what we learned. I want to talk about this with you for a moment. For all my life, I have watched Christians coming faithfully to church, going about committee work, participating in the activities of the church, and putting their dollars in the plate. Often, I hear complaints that, after all of that, the church continues to decline. I want to address that today.

One of the things I hope to help you with this year, is learning a language to share your faith. There are two reasons for this. First, each of us has contact with people in the community that the rest of us never get to meet. As the book Unbinding the Gospel puts it, "People see **you**, not your pastor, as the person with the "real" faith life. You have credibility. You are the one with friends in the neighborhood. You are the one with a job in town, friends in classes. And no one sees you as the hired gun, paid to talk about God. Think of the people in your life who have no one to pray for them. People you know, people you run into every day need different types of help. Many have no church to turn to. Could you start by praying for them?"

Secondly, I want you to be able to talk about your faith for yourself. One of my mentors told me that I would never really know what I believed until I had to preach it. By the same token, you won't know what you truly believe about God until you try to explain it to someone else. Your explanation doesn't have to be perfect, and it doesn't have to lead someone else to a decision. It just has to be sincere. We'll talk more about this as the year progresses. *Tom*

SESSION MEETING NOTES

- No Session meeting in March. Our next meeting is April 2, 2017, please see a Session member if you have concerns or comments.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us for Maundy Thursday service on April 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Institution of the Lord's Supper, the washing of the disciples' feet, and the new commandment of love. On this night Jesus and his disciples participated in the Passover meal, recalling the deliverance of the Israelite first-born from the angel of death, and the deliverance of the Israelite people from Egyptian bondage. The washing of feet is not often observed among Presbyterians, but, with Christians from the earliest days, we are called to be known for our love.

Box Tops for Schools

Please save your box tops to help our local schools. A labeled drop off box is in the kitchen. Thank you for your support!

MISSIONS

Volunteers packed food boxes for 10 families to have while the children were home during Spring Break in March, and they were greatly appreciated. A letter was placed in each families box to let them know that Copeland Presbyterian Church has offered to help any or all of them with food items during the summer if they need help and are willing to allow our church to contact them. We will know soon how many families will need our help. A food pantry is being set up in the closet in the Fellowship Hall for family sized items to be used for this purpose. Each family in need will come to the church every two weeks for food. More information will be given next month.

Thank you all for your generous donations for the weekend Backpack Program. We have been sending home food with 25 children each weekend during the school year. This program has received a food donation from a local Rotary Club that will carry it through the end of this school year and hopefully start off next year's program in the fall. At this time we don't need any food for the weekend backpacks, but will let you know when we start collecting again.

LCCI is still in need of our help with food and personal items. Please place any donated items in the LCCI basket in the vestibule.

Children's Corner

EASTER PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

God made you and God made me,
He made the world for us to see.
God loves you and long ago,
He sent his Son to tell us so.

Jesus showed us many things,
To love and share and dance and sing.
To learn and pray, to help and care,
He promised he'd always be there.

He died but then came back to life,
Let's celebrate for he's alive!

Amen.

FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on Friday, April 14th at 7:00, for an Easter story, craft and egg hunt. Bring a basket and a flashlight. Each family is asked to bring one dozen of plastic eggs filled with candy or prizes to the church by April 9th.

CMMT

CMMT will meet in April date to be announced.

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Children’s Mission

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Linda Faulk & Roger Faulk

Missions

Misty King, Carole Barron

Outreach/Fellowship

Mae Todd & Stephen Guess

Presbyterian Women

Susanne Slaten

Scholarship

Susanne Slaten

Stephen Ministry

Cindy Saseen & Mae Todd

Worship

Emily Johnson & Janice Hutton

Birthdays



- April 9 Paulette Turner
- April 12 Jean Moore
- April 16 Anna Taylor
- April 23 Anita Raby
- April 23 Chuck Moore
- April 24 Roger Faulk

Anniversaries



- April 3 Anna & Ed Taylor
- April 13 Diane & Morris Powers
- April 28 Mae & Russell Todd

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Stephen Ministers

Grief, cancer, divorce, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, financial stress, and other life difficulties can turn life upside down and bring challenges and difficult emotions. These struggles and feelings can be difficult to deal with alone, or to talk about with others. One of the most valuable gifts you can offer to someone at such a critical time is to listen in a caring way in a safe, accepting space where the person can let it all out without fear of being judged or criticized. This is the service that Stephen Ministers provide. They are there for you when you need them.

Leaders: Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen.